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Tutorial 12

Working with Document Nodes and Style Sheets

Objectives

- Explore nodes and the node tree
- Create element and text nodes
- Append nodes to a web document
- Work with the properties and methods of element nodes
- Create attribute nodes

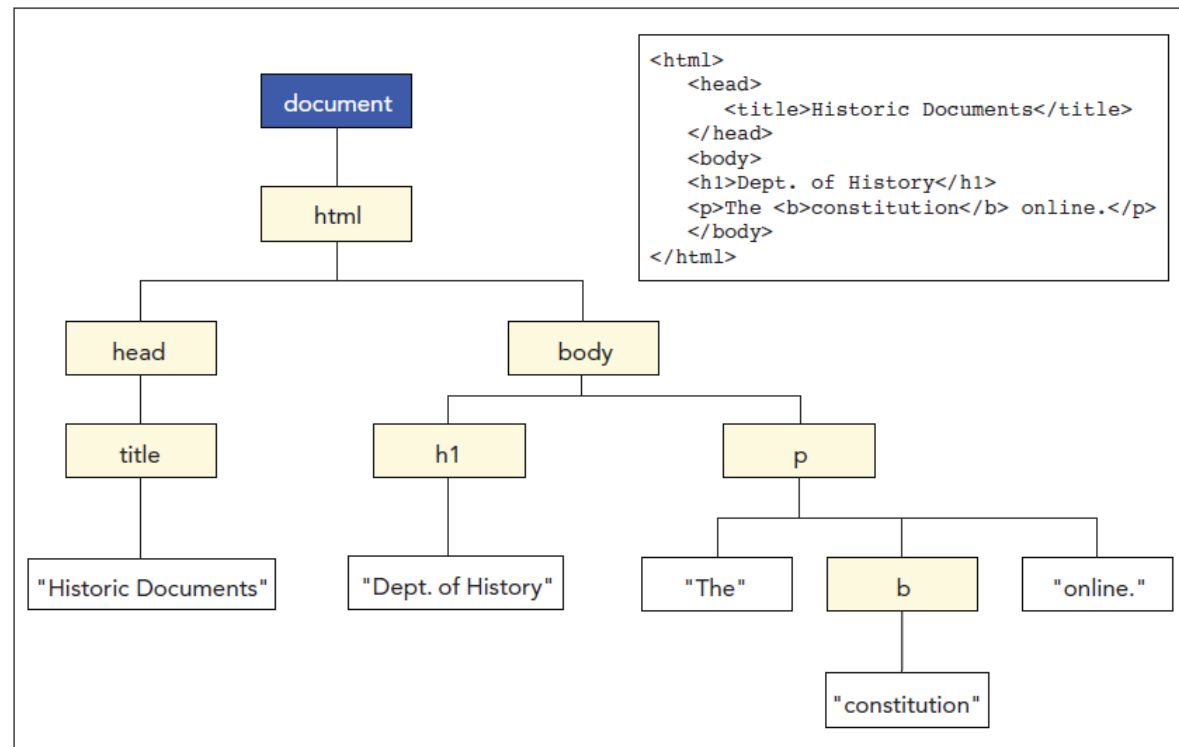
Objectives (continued)

- Add attribute nodes to page elements
- Create external and embedded style sheets with JavaScript
- Add style sheets to a web document
- Create a style rule for an embedded style sheet
- Enable and disable style sheets

Nodes and Document Structure

- **Node:** Any object within an HTML file
- **Node tree:** Hierarchical structure of nodes

Figure 12-1 A sample node tree



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Nodes and Document Structure (continued 1)

- Nodes in the node tree have a familial relationship
- Each node can be a parent, child, and/or sibling of other nodes
- Node relationship is indicated using the following expression:

node.relationship

where *node* is a currently selected node and *relationship* is the relationship of another node to the current node

Nodes and Document Structure (continued 2)

- **Root node** is the base node from which all other nodes originate
- Root node is an elementary node in the hierarchy of a node tree
- Each node can contain one or more **child nodes** to transfer the required information

Nodes and Document Structure (continued 3)

Figure 12-2 Node relationships

Expression	Description
<code>node.firstChild</code>	The first child of <i>node</i>
<code>node.lastChild</code>	The last child of <i>node</i>
<code>node.childNodes</code>	A collection of all of the nodes that are direct children of <i>node</i>
<code>node.previousSibling</code>	The sibling prior to <i>node</i>
<code>node.nextSibling</code>	The sibling after <i>node</i>
<code>node.ownerDocument</code>	The root node of the document
<code>node.parentNode</code>	The parent of <i>node</i>

Nodes and Document Structure (continued 4)

Figure 12-3 Element node relationships

Property	Description
<code>node.children</code>	A collection of all of the element nodes contained within <i>node</i>
<code>node.firstElementChild</code>	The first element within <i>node</i>
<code>node.lastElementChild</code>	The last element within <i>node</i>
<code>node.nextElementSibling</code>	The next sibling element to <i>node</i>
<code>node.previousElementSibling</code>	The previous sibling element to <i>node</i>
<code>node.childElementCount</code>	The number of child elements within <i>node</i>
<code>node.children.length</code>	The number of child elements within <i>node</i>

Restructuring the Node Tree

- Working with nodes is better than writing HTML code through the `innerHTML` property
- Node tree can be rearranged to form a new structure
- Restructuring a node tree helps in ordering an HTML content with more accuracy

Restructuring the Node Tree (continued 1)

Figure 12-5 Document headings restructured as an outline

```
<h1>Main I</h1>
...
<h2>Sub A</h2>
...
<h3>Minor 1</h3>
...
<h3>Minor 2</h3>
...
<h2>Sub B</h2>
...
<h1>Main II</h1>
...
<h2>Sub A</h2>
...
<h3>Minor 1</h3>
...
```

document content



```
<ol>
  <li>Main I
    <ol>
      <li>Sub A
        <ol>
          <li>Minor 1</li>
          <li>Minor 2</li>
        </ol>
      </li>
      <li>Sub B</li>
    </ol>
  </li>
  <li>Main II
    <ol>
      <li>Sub A
        <ol>
          <li>Minor 1</li>
        </ol>
      </li>
    </ol>
  </li>
</ol>
```

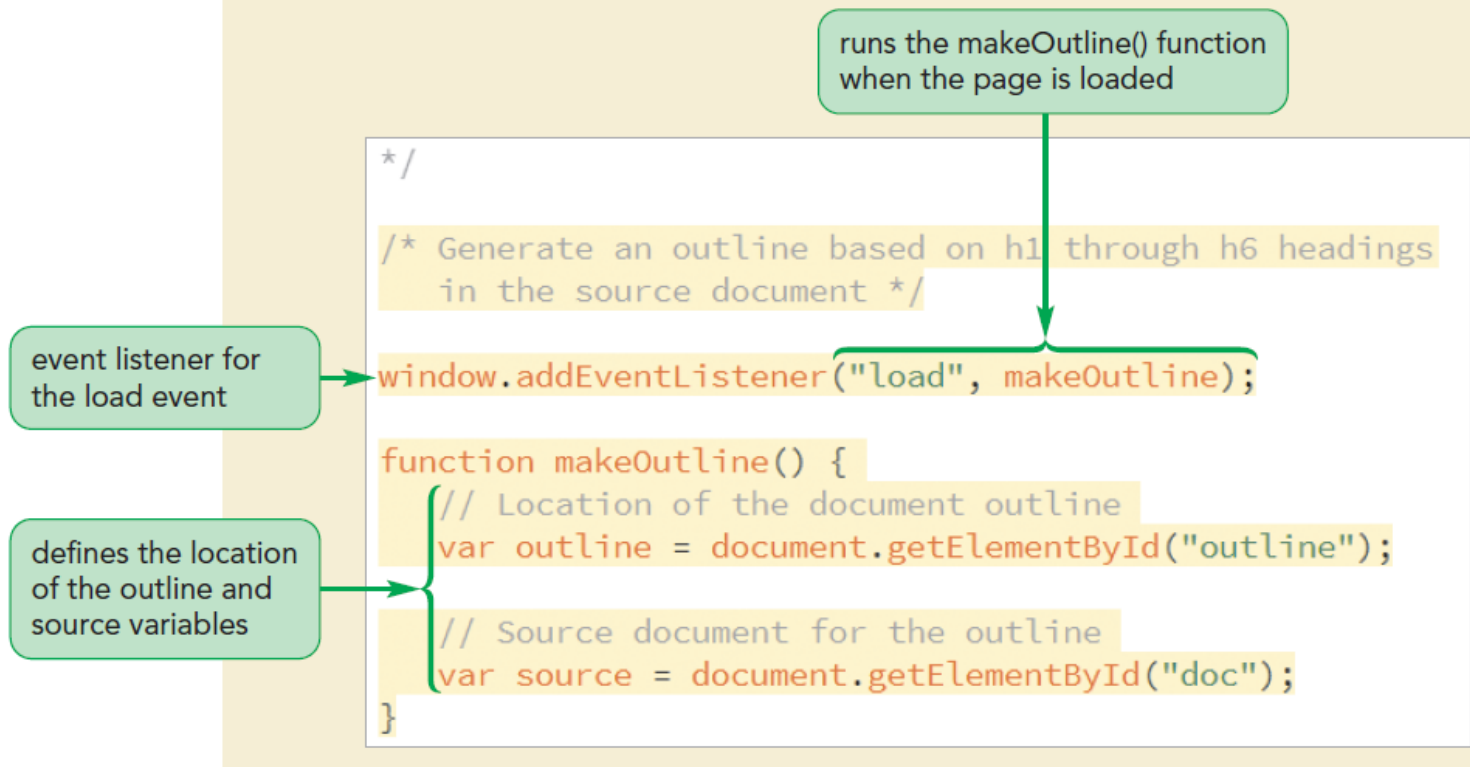
nested list generated by the outlining function

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Restructuring the Node Tree (continued 2)

- makeOutline() function is used to generate the code for the document outline

Figure 12-6 Adding the makeOutline() function



Creating and Appending Nodes

- JavaScript's document object model supports several methods to create nodes of different types

Figure 12-7 Methods to create nodes

Method	Description
<code>document.createAttribute(<i>att</i>)</code>	Creates an attribute node with the name <i>att</i>
<code>document.createComment(<i>text</i>)</code>	Creates a comment node containing the comment <i>text</i>
<code>document.createElement(<i>elem</i>)</code>	Creates an element node with the name <i>elem</i>
<code>document.createTextNode(<i>text</i>)</code>	Creates a text node containing the text string <i>text</i>
<code>node.cloneNode(<i>deep</i>)</code>	Creates a copy of <i>node</i> where <i>deep</i> is a Boolean value that indicates whether to copy all descendants of <i>node</i> (<code>true</code>) or only <i>node</i> itself (<code>false</code>)

Creating and Appending Nodes (continued 1)

Figure 12-8

Creating element and text nodes

```
function makeOutline() {  
    // Location of the document outline  
    var outline = document.getElementById("outline");  
  
    // Source document for the outline  
    var source = document.getElementById("doc");  
  
    var mainHeading = document.createElement("h1");  
    var outlineList = document.createElement("ol");  
    var headingText = document.createTextNode("Outline");  
}
```

creates element
nodes for the h1
and ol elements

creates a text node
containing the text
string "Outline"

Creating and Appending Nodes (continued 2)

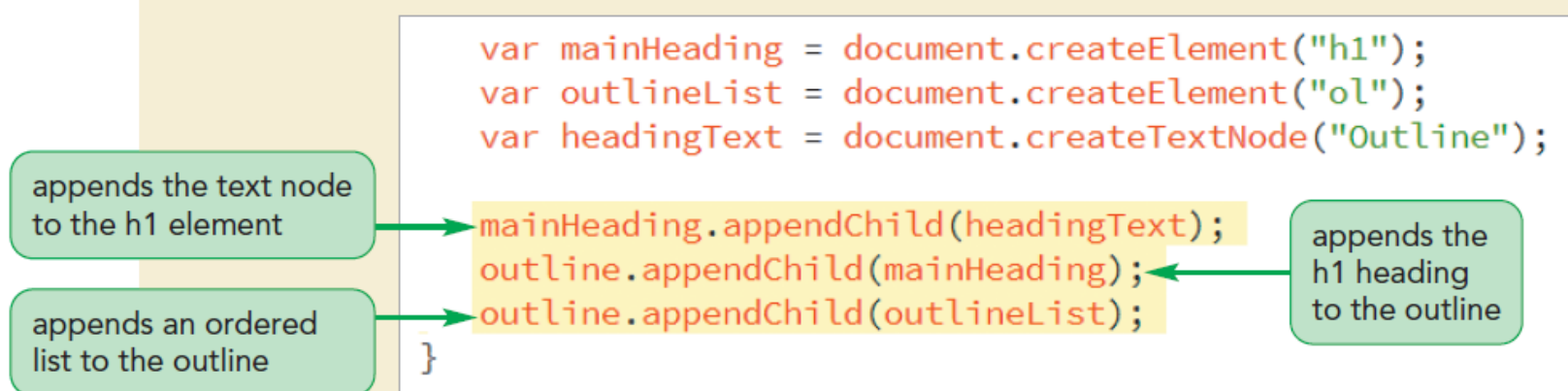
- Nodes that are created are added to the computer memory as a **document fragment**
- Document fragment is not a part of the document's node tree until it is appended to a node within the tree

Creating and Appending Nodes (continued 3)

Figure 12-9 Methods to append and replace nodes

Method	Description
<code>node.appendChild(new)</code>	Appends <i>new</i> node as a child of <i>node</i>
<code>node.insertBefore(new, child)</code>	Inserts <i>new</i> node directly before <i>child</i> node (if no <i>child</i> node is specified then <i>new</i> node is added as the last child node)
<code>node.normalize()</code>	Traverses all of the child nodes of <i>node</i> ; any adjacent text nodes are merged into a single text node
<code>node.removeChild(old)</code>	Removes <i>old</i> node from <i>node</i>
<code>node.replaceChild(new, old)</code>	Replaces <i>old</i> node with <i>new</i> node.

Figure 12-11 Attaching element and text nodes



Working with Node Types, Names, and Values

- Text for each entry in the outline list should match the text of a heading in the source article
- To maintain uniformity throughout a document, outlining app does the following:
 - Loops through the child nodes of the source article

Working with Node Types, Names, and Values (continued)

- Tests whether each child node represents an `h1` through `h6` element node
- Extracts the element's text if it is a heading and creates a list item containing that same text string
- Appends the list item as a new child of the outline's ordered list

Looping through the Child Nodes Collection

- Use a counter variable starting with a value of 0 and increase by 1 for each node, up to the length of the `childNodes` collection

```
for (var i = 0;  
      i < node.childNodes.length;  
      i++)  
{  
    Commands  
}
```

Looping through the Child Nodes Collection (continued 1)

- Object reference for child nodes in the `for` loop is

`node.childNodes[i]`

where *node* is the parent node of the child nodes collection, and *i* is the value of the counter variable in the `for` loop

Looping through the Child Nodes Collection (continued 2)

- Use familial references, starting with the first child of the parent node and traverse each subsequent sibling until no siblings remain

```
for (var n = node.firstChild; n !==  
null; n = n.nextSibling) {  
    commands  
}
```

- Object reference for child nodes in the `for` loop is `n` variable defined within the `for` loop expression

Looping through the Child Nodes Collection (continued 3)

Figure 12-14 Using sibling nodes in a for loop

```
outline.appendChild(outlineList);  
}  
  
function createList(source, outlineList) {  
    /* Loop through all of the child nodes of source  
       article until no child nodes are left */  
  
    for (var n = source.firstChild; n !== null; n = n.nextSibling) {  
  
    }  
}
```

starts the loop
with the first
child node

runs the loop as
long as the current
node is not null

goes to the next
sibling node each
time through the loop

Node Properties

- The node has the following properties:
 - *node.nodeType*: It indicates the type of node
 - *node.nodeName*: It indicates the node name
 - *node.nodeValue*: It indicates the node value for a *node* in the document
- To check whether a node refers to an element, attribute, text string, comment, document, or any other type of node, use
node.nodeType

Node Properties (continued 1)

- To retrieve the name of a node within a document, use

node.nodeName

- To retrieve a node's value, use

node.nodeValue

Node Properties (continued 2)

Figure 12-15 Node types, names, and values

Node	<i>node.nodeType</i>	<i>node.nodeName</i>	<i>node.nodeValue</i>
Element	1	<i>ELEMENT NAME</i>	null
Attribute	2	<i>attribute name</i>	<i>attribute value</i>
Text	3	#text	<i>text string</i>
Comment	8	#comment	<i>comment text</i>
Document	9	#document	null

Node Properties (continued 3)

Figure 12-17

Checking for article headings

array of headings
to be displayed in
the outline

retrieves the index
of the element
node name

tests whether the
element node
name appears in
the headings array

```
function createList(source, outlineList) {  
    // Headings for the outline  
    var headings = ["H1", "H2", "H3", "H4", "H5", "H6"];  
  
    /* Loop through all of the child nodes of source  
       article until no child nodes are left */  
    for (var n = source.firstChild; n !== null; n = n.nextSibling) {  
        // Examine only article headings  
        var headLevel = headings.indexOf(n.nodeName);  
  
        if (headLevel !== -1) {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Node Properties (continued 4)

- Text node can be referenced within an element in order to access the text contained within the element
- Example:

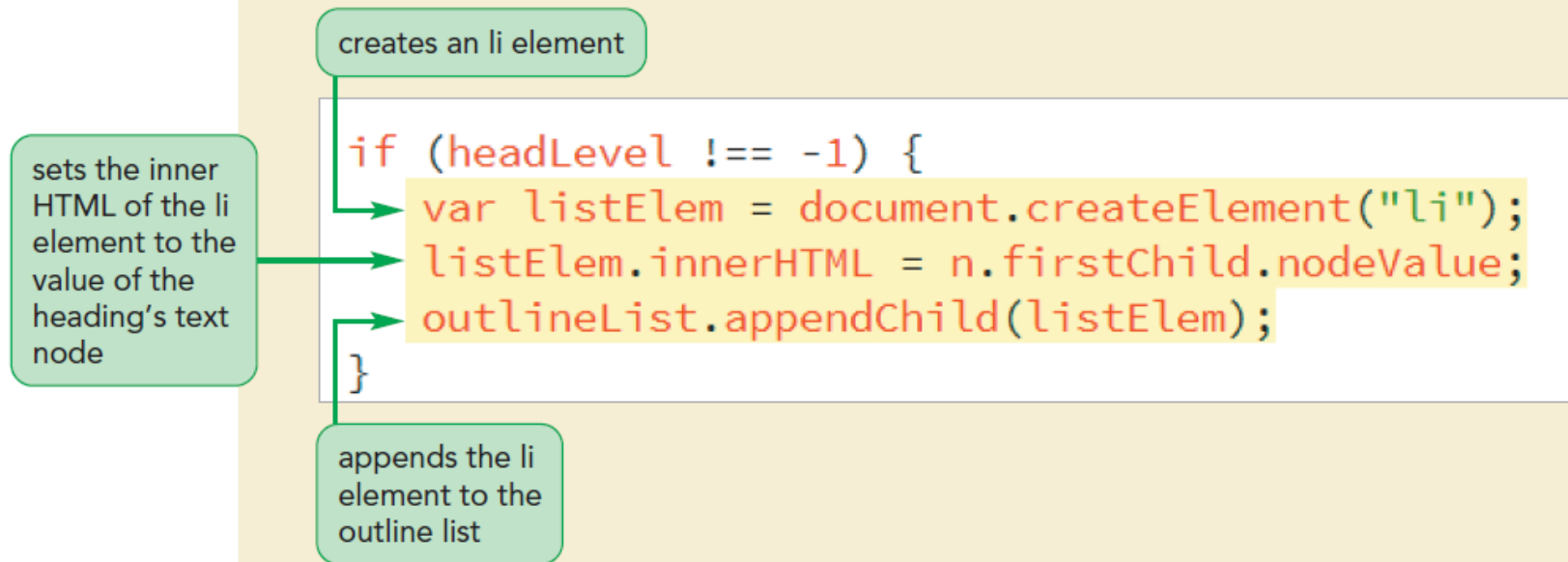
```
<h1 id="title">History Online</h1>
```

Text of the above h1 heading is obtained by

```
document.getElementById( "title" ).  
firstChild.nodeValue;
```

Node Properties (continued 5)

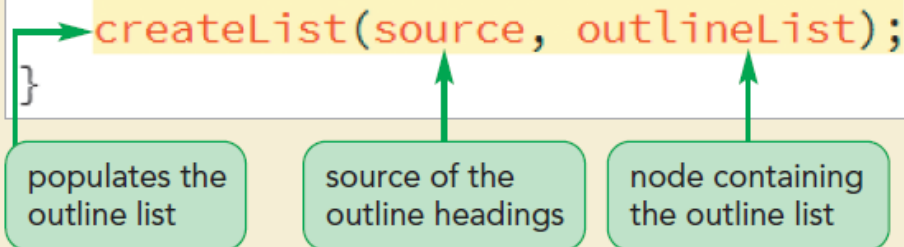
Figure 12-18 Adding a list item to the outline list



Node Properties (continued 6)

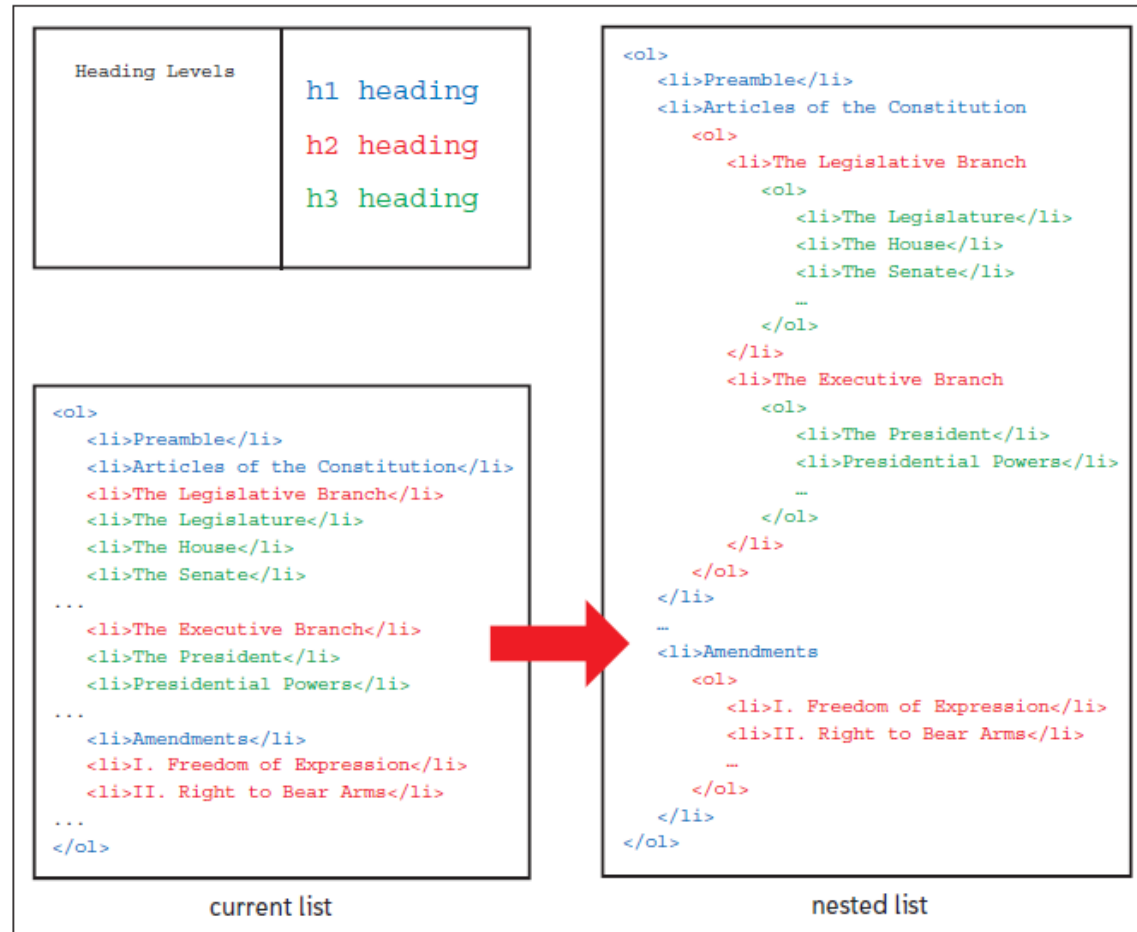
Figure 12-19 Displaying the outline

```
mainHeading.appendChild(headingText);  
outline.appendChild(mainHeading);  
outline.appendChild(outlineList);
```



Creating a Nested List

Figure 12-21 Creating a nested list



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Creating a Nested List (continued 1)

- In a nested list, lower-level headings are nested within upper-level headings
- All `h1` heading are placed at the top most level of the table of contents, all `h2` headings are placed at the next lower level, and so forth
- `indexOf ()` function is used to determine the level of each list item

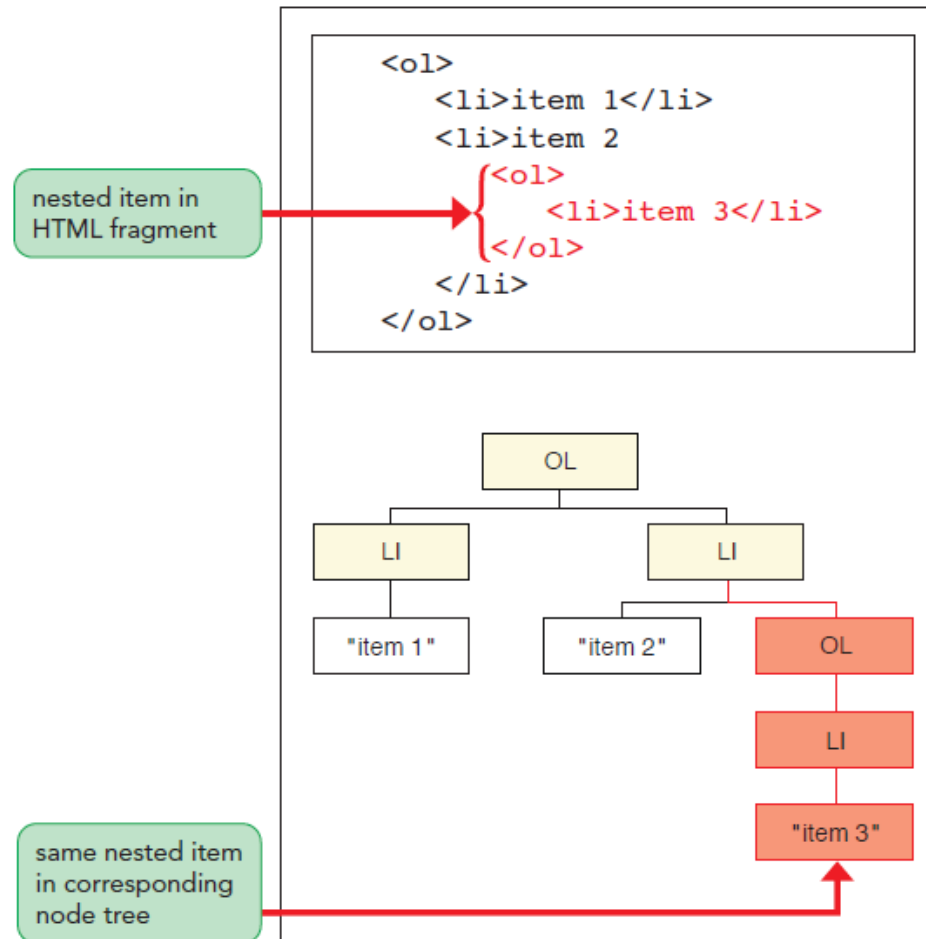
Creating a Nested List (continued 2)

- To test the three possibilities for the comparison of the index numbers, use:

```
if (headLevel === prevLevel) {  
    // Append the list item to the  
    current list  
} else if (headLevel > prevLevel) {  
    // Start a new nested list  
} else {  
    // Append the entry to a higher list  
}
```

Creating a Nested List (continued 3)

Figure 12-25 Appending a nested list



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Creating a Nested List (continued 4)

- In JavaScript, following commands are used to append a nested list:

```
var nestedList =  
document.createElement( "ol" );  
NestedList.appendChild(listElem);  
outlineList.lastChild.appendChild(ne  
stedList);  
outlineList = nestedList;
```

Creating a Nested List (continued 5)

- Use the following command to calculate the difference between the index number of the previous heading and the current heading:

```
var levelUp = prevLevel - headLevel;
```

- Use the `parentNode` property twice for each difference in level to move up the node tree, as shown below:

```
for (var i = 1; i <= levelUp; i++) {  
  outlineList =  
  outlineList.parentNode.parentNode;  
}
```

Creating a Nested List (continued 6)

```
for (var i = 1; i <= levelUp; i++)  
{  
  outlineList =  
  outlineList.parentNode.parentNode;  
}
```

- Use the following command to append a list item to a higher-order list:

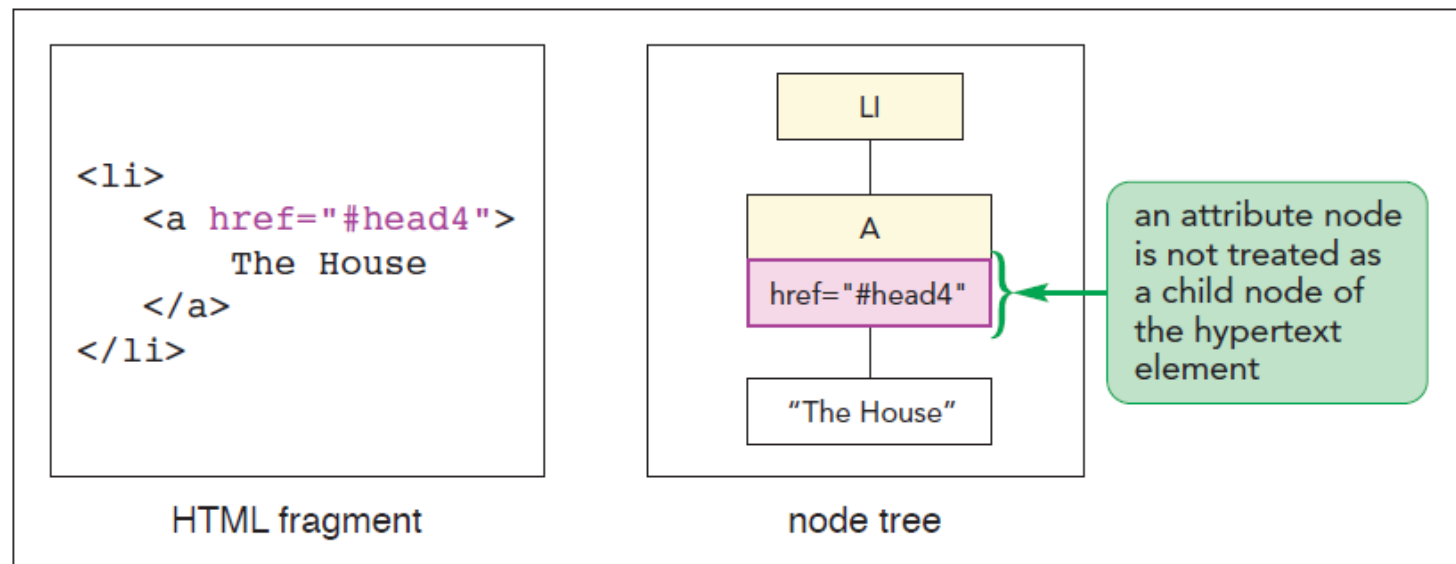
```
outlineList.appendChild(listElem);
```

Working with Attribute Nodes

- Attribute node contains an attribute that can be attached to an element node
- Attribute nodes are not part of the node tree because they are not the child or parent of any node
- Attribute nodes cannot be placed in a node hierarchy

Working with Attribute Nodes (continued 1)

Figure 12-31 Attribute nodes



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Working with Attribute Nodes (continued 2)

- Document object model supports several methods to create, attach, and set the values of attributes

Figure 12-32 Methods of attribute nodes

Method	Description
<code>node.attributes</code>	Returns the collection of attributes associated with <i>node</i>
<code>node.attributes[i].nodeName</code>	Returns the attribute name from an item in the <code>attributes</code> collection where <i>i</i> is the index number
<code>node.attributes[i].nodeValue</code>	Returns the attribute value from an item in the <code>attributes</code> collection
<code>document.createAttribute(att)</code>	Creates an attribute node with the name <i>att</i>
<code>node.getAttribute(att)</code>	Returns the value of the <i>att</i> attribute associated with <i>node</i>
<code>node.hasAttribute(att)</code>	Returns a Boolean value indicating whether <i>node</i> is associated with the <i>att</i> attribute
<code>node.removeAttribute(att)</code>	Removes the <i>att</i> attribute from the <i>node</i>
<code>node.removeAttributeNode(att)</code>	Removes <i>att</i> attribute node from the node
<code>node.setAttribute(att, value)</code>	Creates or changes the value of the <i>att</i> attribute of the <i>node</i>

Creating Heading IDs

- Creating hypertext links involves two steps,
 - Adding an ID attribute to each heading (if it doesn't already have one) to mark its location within the web page.
 - Changing the content of each list item to a hypertext link pointing to the corresponding heading

Creating Heading IDs (continued 1)

Figure 12-33 Linking list items to their headings

headings with
id values

```
<h1 id="head1">Preamble</h1>
...
<h1 id="head2">Articles of the Constitution</h1>
...
<h2 id="head3">Legislative Branch</h2>
...
<h3 id="head4">Section 1: The Legislature</h3>
...
<h3 id="head5">Section 2: The House</h3>
...
<h3 id="head6">Section 3: The Senate</h3>
...
```

outline with links to
each heading tag

```
<ol>
  <li><a href="#head1">Preamble</a></li>
  <li><a href="#head2">Articles of the Constitution</a></li>
  <ol>
    <li><a href="#head3">Legislative Branch</a></li>
    <ol>
      <li><a href="#head4">Section 1: The Legislature</a></li>
      <li><a href="#head5">Section 2: The House</a></li>
      <li><a href="#head6">Section 3: The Senate</a></li>
    </ol>
  </ol>
  ...
</ol>
```

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Creating Heading IDs (continued 2)

- Counter variable `headNum` is created to maintain the uniqueness of each ID
- `headNum` is set with initial value = 0, and it increases by 1 for each heading found in the source document
- Use the following code to create the `headNum` variable:

```
var headNum = 0;
```

Creating Heading IDs (continued 3)

Figure 12-35

Inserting heading ids

increases the value of headNum by 1

tests whether an id attribute already exists for the heading

if no id attribute exists, adds one using the headNum variable

```
if (headLevel !== -1) {  
    // Add an id to the heading if it is missing  
    headNum++;  
    if (n.hasAttribute("id") === false) {  
        n.setAttribute("id", "head" + headNum);  
    }  
    var listElem= document.createElement("li");  
    listElem.innerHTML = n.firstChild.nodeValue;  
}
```

Looping through the Attributes Collection

- To examine each HTML attribute associated with an element, use the following code:

`node.attributes`

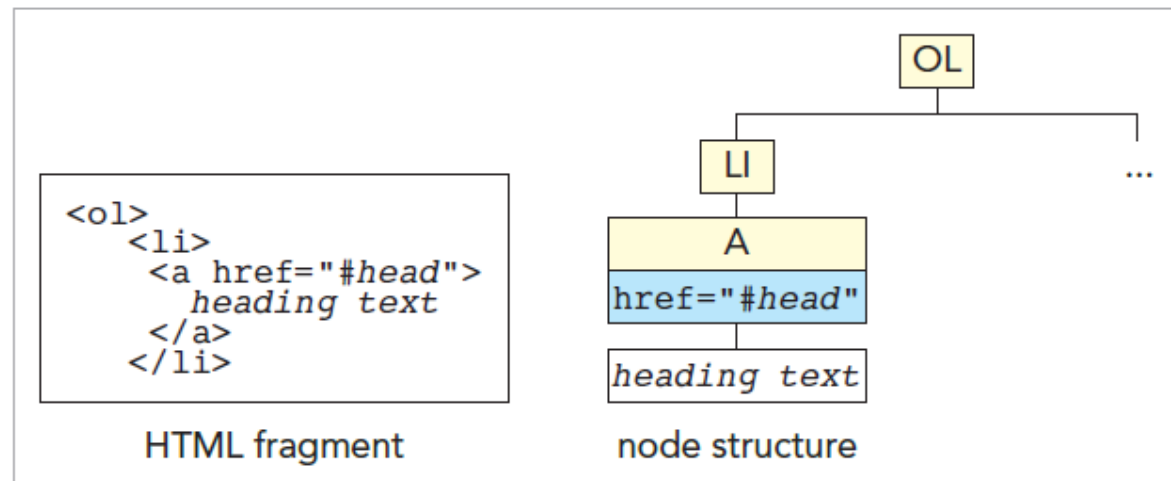
- Named node map is an unordered list of nodes that can be referenced by their names
- Named node map refers to the names of attributes in an attributes collection
- Index numbers are also used to refer to the attributes

Creating Hypertext Links

- Each list item can be changed to a hypertext link pointing to the corresponding heading using the `href` attribute
- Value of the `href` attribute for each list item is `#id` where `id` is the ID value assigned to the corresponding heading

Creating Hypertext Links (continued 1)

Figure 12-37 Node structure of the linked list items



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Creating Hypertext Links (continued 2)

Figure 12-38

Creating hypertext links

```
if (headLevel !== -1) {  
    // Add an id to the heading if it is missing  
    headNum++;  
    if (n.hasAttribute("id") === false) {  
        n.setAttribute("id", "head" + headNum);  
    }  
  
    var listElem= document.createElement("li");  
  
    // Create hypertext links to the document headings  
    var linkElem = document.createElement("a");  
    linkElem.innerHTML = n.innerHTML;  
    linkElem.setAttribute("href", "#" + n.id);  
  
    // Append the hypertext link to the list item  
    listElem.appendChild(linkElem);  
}
```

creates a hypertext
link within each list
item

appends the
hypertext link to
the list item

Working with Style Sheets

- Inline styles are created by modifying the `style` property of various page elements
- In inline styles, the `style` property is applied to specific elements in a document
- JavaScript can be used to create and modify style sheets that can be applied to an entire document

The styleSheets Collection

- Both external and embedded style sheets are part of the following object collection:

`document.styleSheets`

- Arrangement of style sheets within a collection follows their order of declaration within a document head
- First style sheet declared in a document is referenced as `document.styleSheets[0];`

The styleSheets Collection (continued 1)

- Subsequent style sheets would be referenced as `document.styleSheets[1]`, `document.styleSheets[2]`, and so forth
- Total number of style sheets in a document is given by the `document.styleSheets.length` property
- Last style sheet in a collection can be referred using the following property:
`document.styleSheets[document.styleSheets.length-1]`

The styleSheet Object

- Each style sheet in a styleSheets collection is a styleSheet object

Figure 12-41 styleSheet object properties

Property	Description
<code>sheet.cssRules</code>	The object collection of style rules within the style sheet
<code>sheet.disabled</code>	A Boolean value indicating whether the style sheet is disabled (<code>true</code>) or enabled (<code>false</code>)
<code>sheet.href</code>	The URL of the style sheet file or an empty text string for an embedded style sheet (read-only)
<code>sheet.media</code>	A text string containing the list of media types associated with the style sheet (read-only)
<code>sheet.ownerNode</code>	The <code>embed</code> or <code>link</code> element node that created the style sheet (read-only)
<code>sheet.parentStyleSheet</code>	The styleSheet object containing the style sheet inserted via the <code>@import</code> rule (read-only)
<code>sheet.title</code>	The title of the style sheet (read-only)
<code>sheet.type</code>	The MIME type of the style sheet (read-only)

The `styleSheet` Object (continued 1)

- To reference a specific style sheet, use the following code:

```
document.styleSheets[index]
```

where *index* is the index number of the style sheet, starting with 0 for the first style sheet

- **Style sheet switcher** is an application used to choose among different style sheets to display a web document

The styleSheet Object (continued 2)

Figure 12-43 Inserting the setupStyles() function

runs the setupStyles()
function when the
page is loaded

creates a link element

defines the source of
the style sheet file

defines the link
element as pointing
to a style sheet file

```
*/  
window.addEventListener("load", setupStyles);  
  
function setupStyles() {  
    // Create a link element for the page view styles  
    var pageStyle = document.createElement("link");  
    pageStyle.setAttribute("href", "bc_page.css");  
    pageStyle.setAttribute("rel", "stylesheet");  
  
    // Append the link element to the document head  
    document.head.appendChild(pageStyle);  
}
```

appends the link element to
the document head, adding it
to the styleSheets collection

The styleSheet Object (continued 3)

Figure 12-44 Disabling a style sheet

adds the disabled attribute to the link element

disables the page view style sheet object for browsers that don't support the disabled attribute

```
function setupStyles() {  
    // Create a link element for the page view styles  
    var pageStyle = document.createElement("link");  
    pageStyle.setAttribute("href", "bc_page.css");  
    pageStyle.setAttribute("rel", "stylesheet");  
    pageStyle.setAttribute("disabled", "disabled");  
  
    // Append the link element to the document head  
    document.head.appendChild(pageStyle);  
    pageStyle.disabled = true;  
}
```

The styleSheet Object (continued 4)

- Form buttons are used to switch between the two views of a page
- HTML code for the form buttons is as follows:

```
<div id="styleButtons">  
  <input type="button" value="Web  
View" />  
  <input type="button" value="Page  
View" />  
</div>
```

The styleSheet Object (continued 5)

Figure 12-46

Adding style buttons using the setupStyles() function



Working with Style Sheet Rules

- Style rules within the sheet are part of a following object collection:

`stylesheet.cssRules`

where `stylesheet` is a reference to a sheet within the `document.styleSheets` object collection

Working with Style Sheet Rules

(continued 1)

- Example: If the first style sheet contains the following rules:

```
<style id="hStyles">
    h1 {color: red;}
    h2 {color: blue;}
</style>
```

then the following object reference

```
document.styleSheets[0].cssRules[1]
```

points to the second style rule

```
h2 {color: blue;}
```

Style Rule Objects

- Each individual rule within a `cssRules` collection is treated as an object

Figure 12-48 `cssRule` object properties

Property	Description
<code>rule.cssText</code>	The contents of <i>rule</i> as a text string (read-only)
<code>rule.parentRule</code>	The style rule containing <i>rule</i> as a parent (read-only)
<code>rule.parentStyleSheet</code>	The style sheet containing <i>rule</i> (read-only)
<code>rule.selectorText</code>	The text of the selector for <i>rule</i>
<code>rule.style.property</code>	The value of a specific style <i>property</i> within <i>rule</i>
<code>rule.type</code>	An integer representing the type of <i>rule</i> where 0=unknown, 1=style rule, 2=@charset, 3=@import, 4=@media, 5=@font-face, and 6=@page (read-only)

Adding and Removing Style Rules

- To add a new rule at the end of a style sheet, use `sheet.cssRules.length` as the index value
- Once a rule has been removed, all subsequent rules move up in the `cssRules` collection and their index values change subsequently

Adding and Removing Style Rules (continued 1)

- Use the following code to insert a new style rule into a style sheet:

```
sheet.insertRule(rule, index)
```

where *sheet* is the style sheet, *rule* is the text of the style rule, and *index* is the index value of the new rule

- Use the following code to remove a rule from a style sheet:

```
sheet.deleteRule(index)
```

where *index* is the index value of the rule

Adding and Removing Style Rules (continued 2)

- JavaScript can be used to append an embedded style sheet to the end of a document head

Figure 12-49

Creating an embedded style sheet

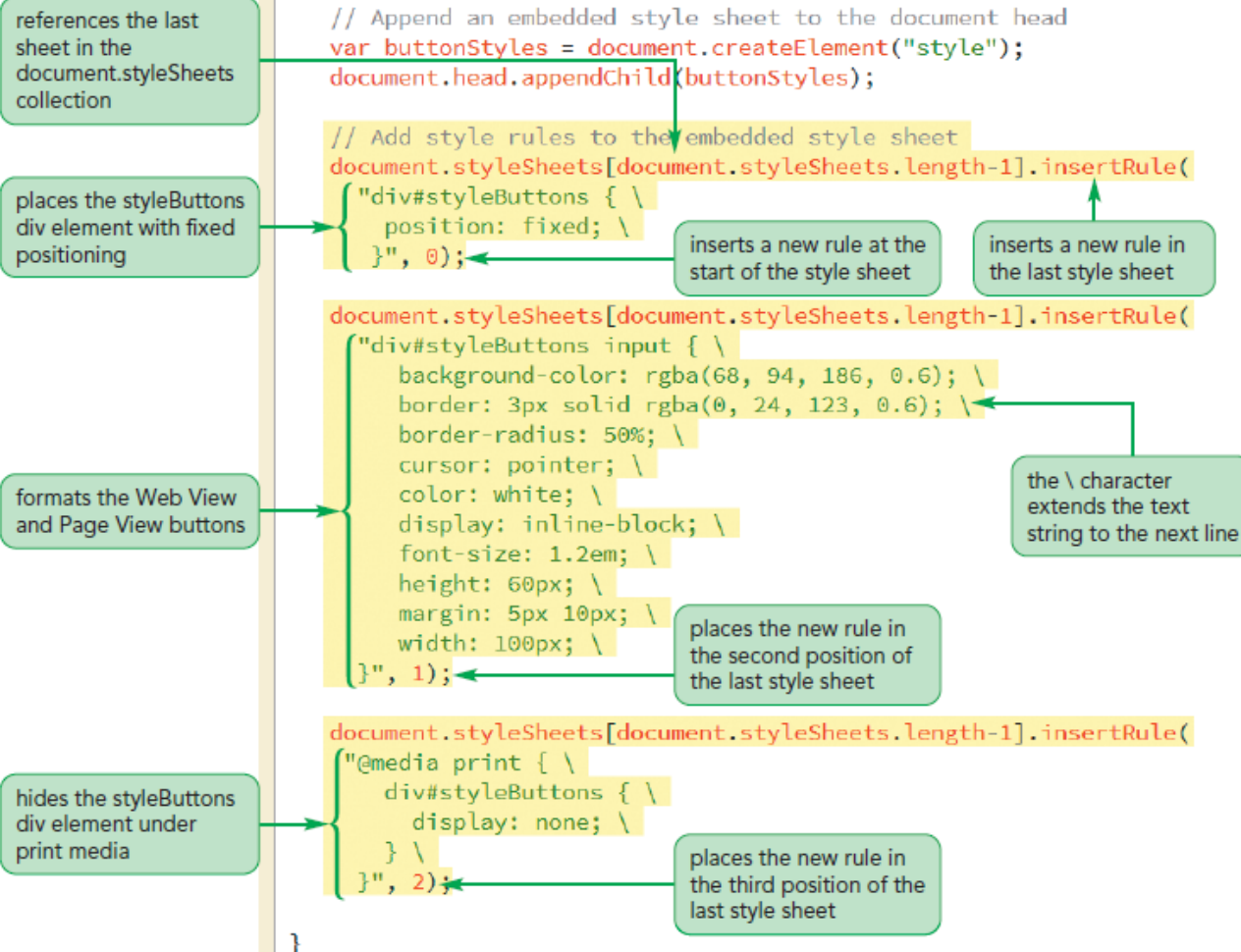
creates the style element

appends the style element to the end of the document head

```
document.body.insertBefore(buttonDIV, document.body.firstChild);  
  
// Append an embedded style sheet to the document head  
var buttonStyles = document.createElement("style");  
document.head.appendChild(buttonStyles);  
}
```

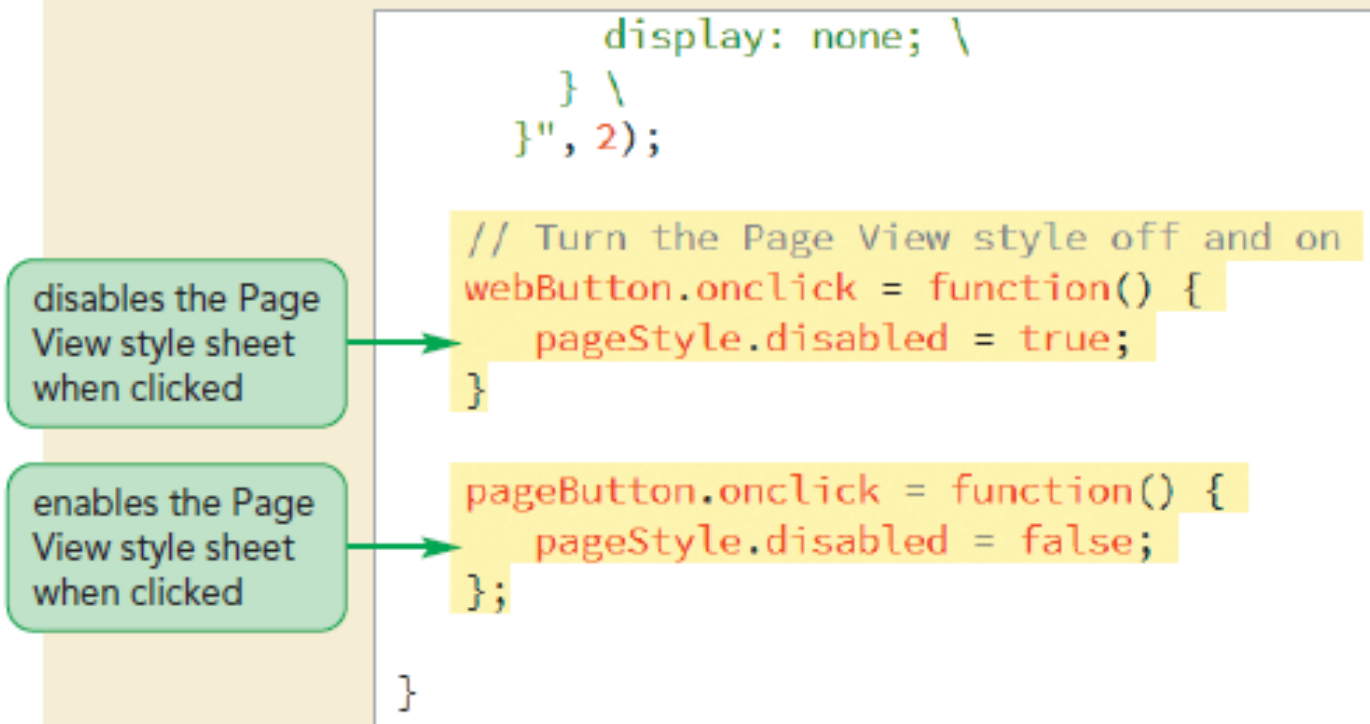
Adding and Removing Style Rules (continued 3)

Figure 12-50 Adding style rules to the embedded style sheet



Adding and Removing Style Rules (continued 4)

Figure 12-52 Disabling and enabling the Style Sheet



Exploring Calculated Styles

- Final appearance of any page element is a **calculated style** based on all the styles found within the following:
 - External style sheets
 - Embedded sheets
 - Inline styles
 - Styles built into the browser

Exploring Calculated Styles (continued 1)

- Following `getComputedStyle()` method can be used to retrieve the calculated styles:

```
document.getComputedStyle(object,  
                           pseudo)
```

where *object* is a page object, and *pseudo* is a text string containing a pseudo-element that is applied to the page object

- If no pseudo-element is used, set the *pseudo* value to null

Exploring Calculated Styles (continued 2)

- To retrieve the calculated styles for the first paragraph of the current document, use:

```
var p1 =  
document.getElementsByTagName( "p" )[ 0  
];  
  
var p1Styles =  
document.getComputedStyle(p1, null);
```

Exploring Calculated Styles (continued 3)

- To retrieve the calculated value of a specific style, use:

```
styleDeclaration.getPropertyValue  
(styleText)
```

or

```
styleDeclaration.style
```

where *styleDeclaration* is a `CSSStyleDeclaration` object, *styleText* is a text string, and *style* is the JavaScript name of a style property

Exploring Calculated Styles (continued 4)

- Calculated styles are read-only values and cannot be changed using JavaScript
- Values are expressed in absolute units
- Calculated property that measures a size is expressed only in pixels