

JavaScript and the DOM

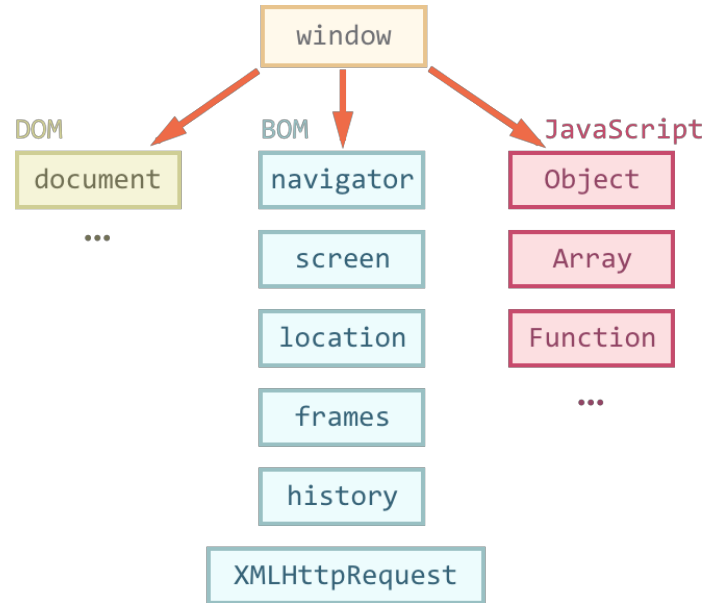
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Browser Environment

- ▶ The JavaScript language was initially created for web browsers
- ▶ Since then, it has evolved and become a language with many uses and platforms
- ▶ A platform may be a browser, a web-server, or a washing machine, or another *host*
- ▶ The JavaScript specification calls that a *host environment*.
- ▶ A host environment provides platform-specific objects and functions additional to the language core.
 - ▶ Web browsers give a means to control web pages
 - ▶ Node.JS provides server-side features, and so on

Browser Environment

- ▶ Here's a bird's-eye view of what we have when JavaScript runs in a web-browser:



- ▶ There's a “root” object called window. It has two roles:
 - ▶ First, it is a global object for JavaScript code
 - ▶ Second, it represents the “browser window” and provides methods to control it

The window Object

- ▶ For instance, here we use the window as a global object:

```
function sayHi() {  
    alert("Hello");  
}  
  
// global functions are accessible as properties of window  
window.sayHi();
```

- ▶ And here we use it as a browser window, to see the window height:

```
alert(window.innerHeight); // inner window height
```

Document Object Model (DOM)

- ▶ The **document** object gives access to the page content
- ▶ We can change or create anything on the page using it
- ▶ For instance:

```
// change the background color to red
document.body.style.background = "red";

// change it back after 1 second
setTimeout(() => document.body.style.background = "", 1000);
```

- ▶ The **DOM specification** explains the structure of a document and provides objects to manipulate it
- ▶ It is being developed by two groups:
 - ▶ W3C – the documentation is at <https://www.w3.org/TR/dom>
 - ▶ WhatWG – publishing at <https://dom.spec.whatwg.org>

Browser Object Model (BOM)

- ▶ **Browser Object Model (BOM)** are additional objects provided by the browser (host environment) to work with everything except the document
- ▶ For instance:
 - ▶ The [navigator](#) object provides background information about the browser and the OS
 - ▶ The [location](#) object allows us to read the current URL and redirect the browser to a new one
- ▶ Here's how we can use the location object:

```
alert(location.href); // shows current URL
if (confirm("Go to wikipedia?")) {
    location.href = "https://wikipedia.org"; // redirect the browser to another URL
}
```

- ▶ BOM is the part of the general [HTML specification](#)

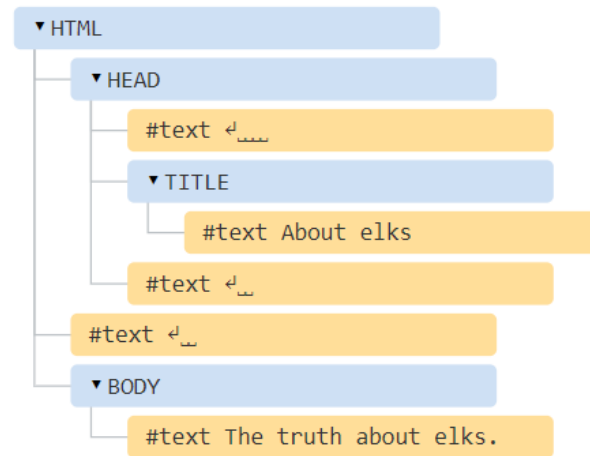
DOM Tree

- ▶ The backbone of an HTML document are tags
- ▶ According to Document Object Model (DOM), every HTML tag is an object
- ▶ Nested tags are called “children” of the enclosing one
- ▶ The text inside a tag it is an object as well
- ▶ All these objects are accessible using JavaScript

Example of DOM

- ▶ For instance, let's explore the DOM for this document:

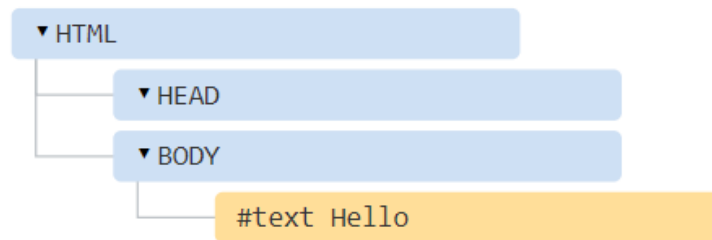
```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
<head>
  <title>About elks</title>
</head>
<body>
  The truth about elks.
</body>
</html>
```



- ▶ We have a tree of elements: `<html>` is at the root, then `<head>` and `<body>` are its children, etc.
- ▶ The text inside elements forms *text nodes*, labeled as `#text`
 - ▶ A text node contains only a string. It may not have children and is always a leaf of the tree.
 - ▶ Spaces and newlines – form text nodes and become a part of the DOM

Autocorrection

- ▶ If the browser encounters malformed HTML, it automatically corrects it when making DOM
- ▶ For instance, the top tag is always `<html>`
 - ▶ Even if it doesn't exist in the document - the browser will create it
 - ▶ The same goes for `<body>`
- ▶ As an example, if the HTML file is a single word "Hello", the browser will wrap it into `<html>` and `<body>`, add the required `<head>`, and the DOM will be:

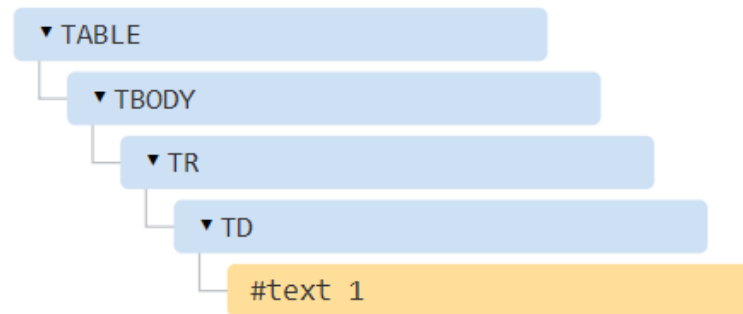


Autocorrection

- ▶ An interesting “special case” is tables
- ▶ By the DOM specification they must have <tbody>, but HTML text may (officially) omit it. Then the browser creates <tbody> in DOM automatically.
- ▶ For the HTML:

```
<table id="table"><tr><td>1</td></tr></table>
```

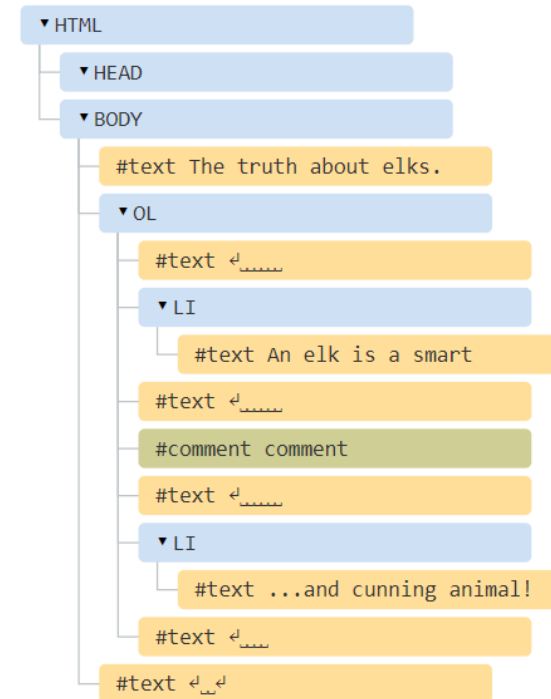
- ▶ DOM-structure will be:



Other Node Types

- ▶ Let's add more tags and a comment to the page:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
<body>
  The truth about elks.
  <ol>
    <li>An elk is a smart</li>
    <!-- comment -->
    <li>...and cunning animal!</li>
  </ol>
</body>
</html>
```



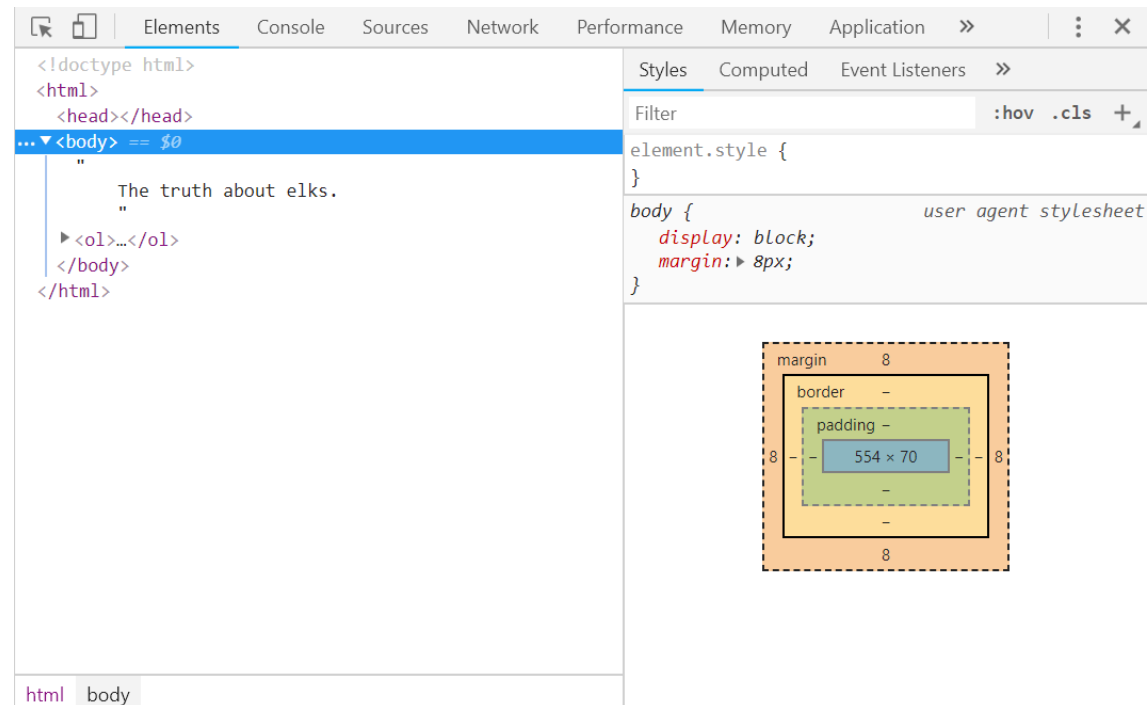
- ▶ Everything in HTML, even comments, becomes a part of the DOM

Other Node Types


- ▶ There are 12 node types
- ▶ In practice we usually work with 4 of them:
 - ▶ document – the “entry point” into DOM
 - ▶ element nodes – HTML-tags, the tree building blocks
 - ▶ text nodes – contain text
 - ▶ comments – sometimes we can put the information there, it won't be shown, but JS can read it from the DOM

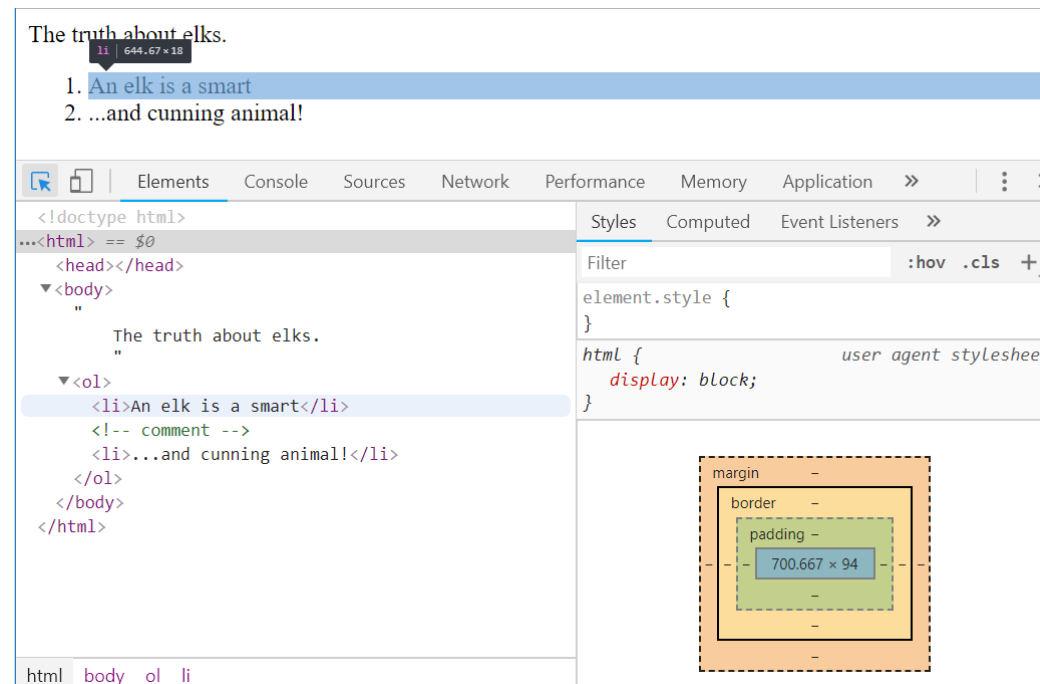
The Browser Inspector

- ▶ You can use the browser developer tools to explore the DOM
- ▶ To do so, open the web-page, turn on the browser developer tools (F12 in Chrome) and switch to the Elements tab
- ▶ You can see the DOM, click on elements, see their details and so on



The Browser Inspector

- ▶ Clicking the  button in the left-upper corner allows to choose a node from the webpage using a mouse and “inspect” it (scroll to it in the Elements tab)
- ▶ Another way to do it would be just right-clicking on a webpage and selecting “Inspect” in the context menu



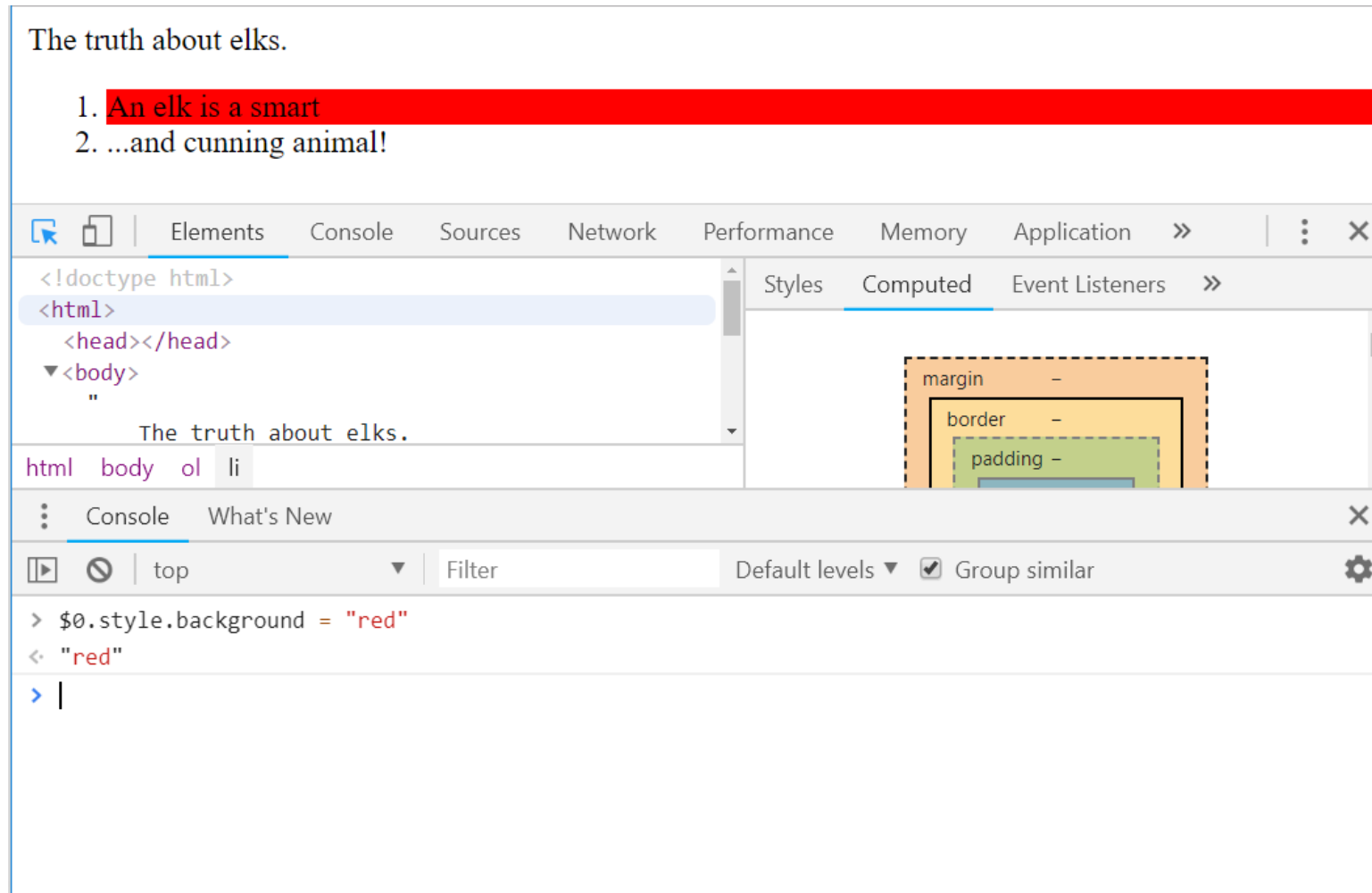
The Browser Inspector

- ▶ At the right part of the tools there are the following subtabs:
 - ▶ **Styles** – we can see CSS applied to the current element rule by rule, including built-in rules (gray). Almost everything can be edited in-place, including the dimensions/margins/paddings of the box below.
 - ▶ **Computed** – to see CSS applied to the element by property: for each property we can see a rule that gives it (including CSS inheritance and such).
 - ▶ **Event Listeners** – to see event listeners attached to DOM elements
 - ▶ ...and more
- ▶ The best way to study them is to click around. Most values are editable in-place.

Interaction with Console

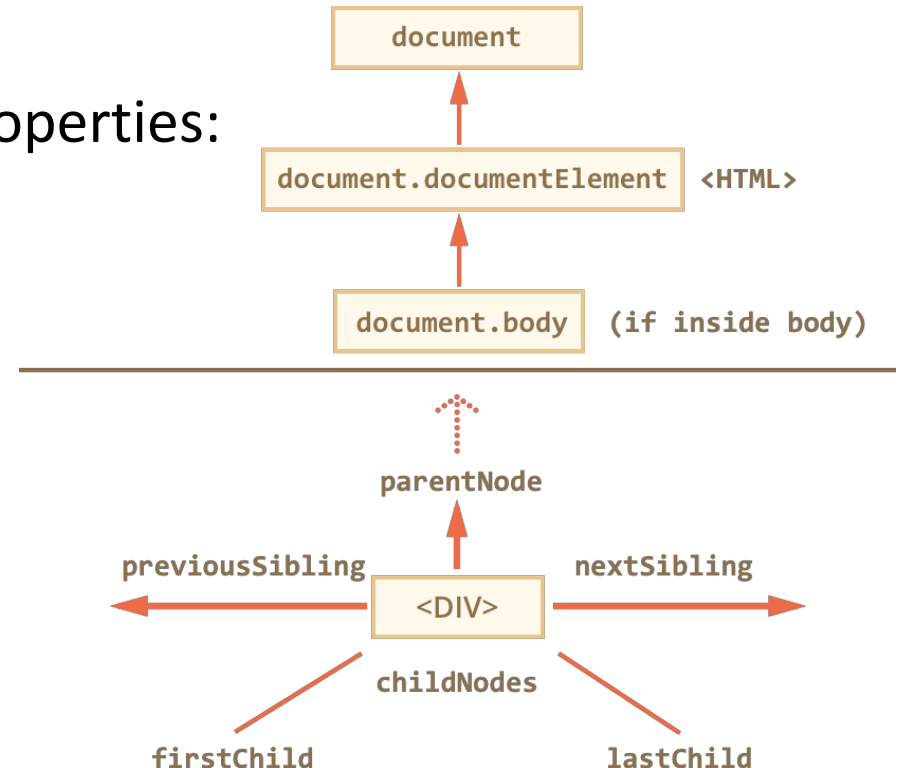
- ▶ As we explore the DOM, we also may want to apply JavaScript to it
 - ▶ Like: get a node and run some code to modify it, to see how it looks.
- ▶ Here are few tips to travel between the Elements tab and the console:
 - ▶ Select the first `` in the Elements tab
 - ▶ Press Esc – it will open console right below the Elements tab
 - ▶ Now the last selected element is available as `$0`, the previously selected is `$1` etc
 - ▶ We can run commands on them
 - ▶ For instance, `$0.style.background = 'red'` makes the selected list item red

Interaction with Console



Walking the DOM

- ▶ The DOM allows to do anything with elements, but first we need to reach the corresponding DOM object, get it into a variable, and then we are able to modify it
- ▶ All operations on the DOM start with the document object
- ▶ From it we can access any node
- ▶ The topmost tree nodes are available as document properties:
 - ▶ `<html>` = `document.documentElement`
 - ▶ `<body>` = `document.body`
 - ▶ `<head>` = `document.head`



Walking the DOM

- ▶ For example, the following script changes the background color of the body:

```
<html>
<head>
  <title></title>
</head>
<body>
  <script>
    document.body.style.backgroundColor = "red";
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Walking the DOM

- ▶ Note that a script cannot access an element that doesn't exist at the moment of running
- ▶ In particular, if a script is inside <head>, then document.body is unavailable, because the browser did not read it yet

```
<html>
<head>
  <title></title>
  <script>
    document.body.style.backgroundColor = "red";
  </script>
</head>
<body>
</body>
</html>
```

✖ Uncaught TypeError: Cannot read property 'style' of null
at DocumentBody.html:7

Child Nodes

- ▶ **Child nodes (or children)** – elements that are direct children, i.e., they are nested exactly in the given one
 - ▶ For instance, <head> and <body> are children of <html> element
- ▶ The `childNodes` collection provides access to all child nodes, including text nodes
- ▶ The example below shows the children of `document.body`:

```
<body>
  <div>Begin</div>
  <ul>
    <li>Information</li>
  </ul>
  <div>End</div>
  <script>
    for (let i = 0; i < document.body.childNodes.length; i++) {
      alert(document.body.childNodes[i]); // Text, DIV, Text, UL, ..., SCRIPT
    }
  </script>
  ...more stuff...
</body>
```

Child Nodes

- ▶ Properties **firstChild** and **lastChild** give fast access to the first and last children
- ▶ If there exist child nodes, then the following is always true:

```
elem.childNodes[0] === elem.firstChild  
elem.childNodes[elem.childNodes.length - 1] === elem.lastChild
```

- ▶ There's also a special function **elem.hasChildNodes()** to check whether there are any child nodes

DOM Collections

- ▶ `childNodes` looks like an array, but it is rather a *collection* – a special array-like iterable object
- ▶ There are two important consequences:

- ▶ We can use `for..of` to iterate over it:

```
for (let node of document.body.childNodes) {  
    alert(node); // shows all nodes from the collection  
}
```

- ▶ Array methods won't work, because it's not an array:

```
alert(document.body.childNodes.filter); // undefined (there's no filter method!)
```

- ▶ DOM collections are read-only
 - ▶ We can't replace a child by something else, assigning `childNodes[i] =`
- ▶ Almost all DOM collections are *live*
 - ▶ They reflect the current state of DOM

Siblings and the Parent

- ▶ **Siblings** are nodes that are children of the same parent
 - ▶ The next node of the same parent is available as **nextSibling**
 - ▶ The previous node of the same parent is available as **previousSibling**
- ▶ The parent is available as **parentNode**

```
<html><head></head><body><script>
  // HTML is "dense" to evade extra "blank" text nodes.

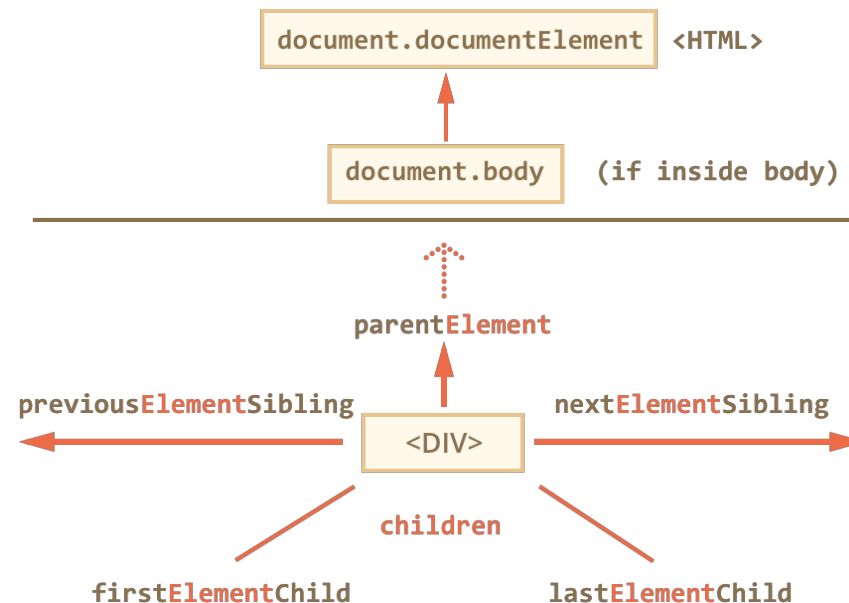
  // parent of <body> is <html>
  alert(document.body.parentNode === document.documentElement); // true

  // after <head> goes <body>
  alert(document.head.nextSibling); // HTMLBodyElement

  // before <body> goes <head>
  alert(document.body.previousSibling); // HTMLHeadElement
</script></body></html>
```


Element-Only Navigation

- ▶ Navigation properties listed above refer to *all* nodes
 - ▶ For instance, in `childNodes` we can see text nodes, element nodes, and even comment nodes if there exist
- ▶ But for many tasks we want to manipulate only element nodes that represent tags
- ▶ The following navigation links take only *element nodes* into account:



Element-Only Navigation

- ▶ For example, the following script it shows only the child elements of document.body:

```
<html>
<body>
  <div>Begin</div>
  <ul>
    <li>Information</li>
  </ul>
  <div>End</div>

  <script>
    for (let elem of document.body.children) {
      alert(elem); // DIV, UL, DIV, SCRIPT
    }
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Exercise (1)

► For the page:

```
<html>
<body>
  <div>Users:</div>
  <ul>
    <li>John</li>
    <li>Adam</li>
  </ul>
</body>
</html>
```

► How to access:

- The <div> DOM node?
- The DOM node?
- The second (with Adam)?

Exercise (2)

- Write the code to paint all diagonal table cells in red:

- The result should be:

1:1	2:1	3:1	4:1
1:2	2:2	3:2	4:2
1:3	2:3	3:3	4:3
1:4	2:4	3:4	4:4

- Hint: Use the browser inspector to examine the DOM tree structure

```
<html>
<body>
  <table>
    <tr>
      <td>1:1</td>
      <td>2:1</td>
      <td>3:1</td>
      <td>4:1</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>1:2</td>
      <td>2:2</td>
      <td>3:2</td>
      <td>4:2</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>1:3</td>
      <td>2:3</td>
      <td>3:3</td>
      <td>4:3</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>1:4</td>
      <td>2:4</td>
      <td>3:4</td>
      <td>4:4</td>
    </tr>
  </table>
</body>
</html>
```

Searching Elements

- ▶ DOM navigation properties are great when elements are close to each other
- ▶ What if they are not? How to get an arbitrary element of the page?
- ▶ There are additional searching methods for that, which we'll see on the next slides

getElementById

- ▶ If an element has the **id** attribute, then there's a global variable whose name is identical to that id
- ▶ We can use this variable to access the element, like this:

```
<div id="elem">Some element</div>

<script>
  alert(elem); // DOM-element with id="elem"
  alert(window.elem); // accessing global variable like this also works
</script>
```

- ▶ However, if we declare another variable with the same name, it shadows the variable created by the browser
- ▶ Also, when we look in JS and don't have HTML in view, it's not obvious where the variable comes from

getElementById

- ▶ The better alternative is to use a special method `document.getElementById(id)`:

```
<div id="elem">Some element</div>

<script>
  let elem = document.getElementById("elem");
  elem.style.background = "red";
</script>
```

- ▶ The id must be unique
 - ▶ If there are multiple elements with the same id, the behavior of the corresponding methods is unpredictable
 - ▶ The browser may return any of them at random
 - ▶ So please stick to the rule and keep id unique

getElementsByTagName*

- ▶ There are also other methods to look for nodes:
 - ▶ **elem.getElementsByTagName(tag)** looks for elements with the given tag and returns the collection of them
 - ▶ **elem.getElementsByClassName(className)** returns elements that have the given CSS class
 - ▶ **document.getElementsByTagName(name)** returns elements with the given name attribute
 - ▶ Exists for historical reasons, very rarely used

```
<div>First</div>
<div>Second</div>
<div>Third</div>

<script>
  // get all divs in the document
  let divs = document.getElementsByTagName("div");
  for (let div of divs) {
    alert(div.innerHTML); // First, Second, Third
  }
</script>
```


QuerySelectorAll

- ▶ **elem.querySelectorAll(css)** returns all elements inside elem matching the given CSS selector (elem can also be the document itself)
- ▶ That's the most often used and powerful method
- ▶ For instance, here we look for all elements that are last children:

```
<ul>
  <li>The</li>
  <li>test</li>
</ul>
<ul>
  <li>has</li>
  <li>passed</li>
</ul>
<script>
  let elements = document.querySelectorAll('ul > li:last-child');

  for (let elem of elements) {
    alert(elem.innerHTML); // "test", "passed"
  }
</script>
```

QuerySelector

- ▶ **elem.querySelector(css)** returns the first element for the given CSS selector
 - ▶ The result is the same as `elem.querySelectorAll(css)[0]`, but the latter is looking for all elements and picking one, thus `elem.querySelector` is faster and shorter to write

```
<ul>
  <li>The</li>
  <li>test</li>
</ul>
<ul>
  <li>has</li>
  <li>passed</li>
</ul>
<script>
  let firstList = document.querySelector('ul:first-child');
  firstList.style.color = "red";
</script>
```

- The
- test
- has
- passed

Live Collections

- ▶ All methods "getElementsByTagName*" return a *live* collection
- ▶ Such collections always reflect the current state of the document and “auto-update” when it changes.
- ▶ In the example below, there are two scripts:
 - ▶ The first one creates a reference to the collections of <div>. As of now, its length is 1.
 - ▶ The second script runs after the browser meets one more <div>, so its length is 2.

```
<div>First div</div>
<script>
  let divs = document.getElementsByTagName('div');
  alert(divs.length); // 1
</script>

<div>Second div</div>
<script>
  alert(divs.length); // 2
</script>
```

Live Collections

- ▶ In contrast, `querySelectorAll` returns a *static* collection
- ▶ It's like a fixed array of elements
- ▶ If we use it instead, then both scripts output 1:

```
<script>
  let divs = document.querySelectorAll('div');
  alert(divs.length); // 1
</script>

<div>Second div</div>

<script>
  alert(divs.length); // 1
</script>
```

Summary

- ▶ There are 6 main methods to search for nodes in DOM:

Method	Searches by...	Can call on an element?	Live?
getElementById	id	-	-
getElementsByName	name	-	√
getElementsByTagName	tag	√	√
getElementsByClassName	class	√	√
querySelector	CSS-selector	√	-
querySelectorAll	CSS-selector	√	-

- ▶ Note that methods `getElementById` and `getElementsByName` can only be called in the context of the document: `document.getElementById(...)`, while other methods can be called on elements too, e.g., `elem.querySelectorAll(...)` will search inside `elem` (in the DOM subtree)

Exercise (3)

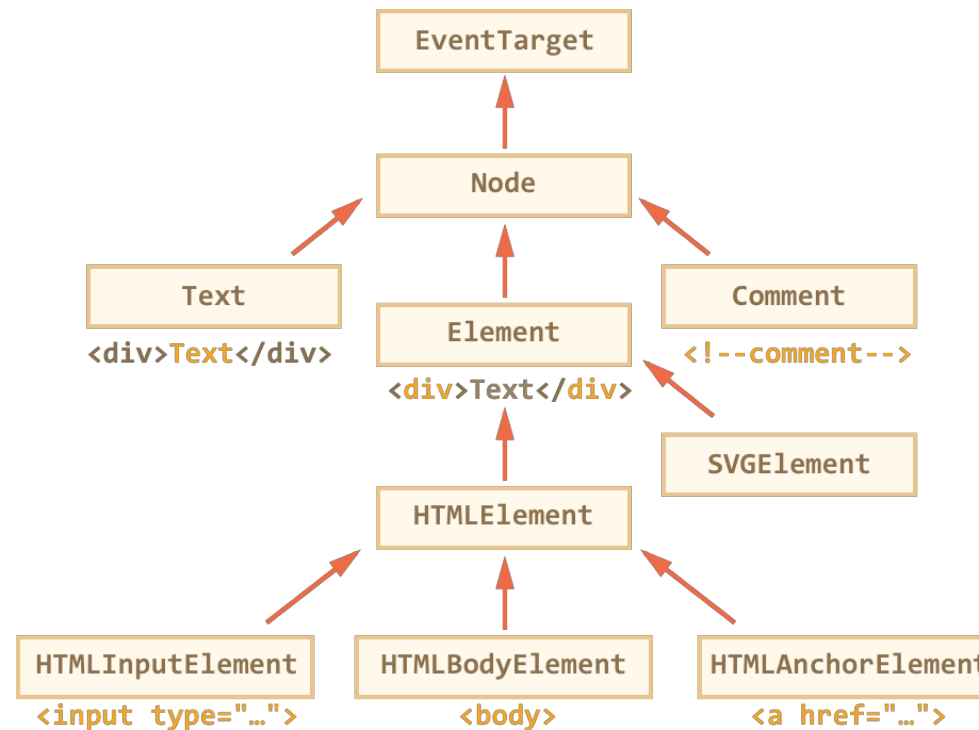
- ▶ Here's a document with a table and a form:
- ▶ How to find?
 - ▶ The table with id="age-table"
 - ▶ All label elements inside that table (there should be 3 of them)
 - ▶ The first td in that table (with the word "Age")
 - ▶ The form with the name search
 - ▶ The first input in that form
 - ▶ The last input in that form

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
<body>
  <form name="search">
    Search the visitors:
    <table id="age-table">
      <tr>
        <td>Age:</td>
        <td id="age-list">
          <label>
            <input type="radio" name="age" value="young">less than 18
          </label>
          <label>
            <input type="radio" name="age" value="mature">18-50
          </label>
          <label>
            <input type="radio" name="age" value="senior">more than 50
          </label>
        </td>
      </tr>
      <tr>
        <td>Additionally:</td>
        <td>
          <input type="text" name="info[0]">
          <input type="text" name="info[1]">
          <input type="text" name="info[2]">
        </td>
      </tr>
    </table>

    <input type="submit" value="Search!">
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

DOM Node Classes

- ▶ Each DOM node belongs to the corresponding built-in class
- ▶ The root of the hierarchy is EventTarget, that is inherited by Node, and other DOM nodes inherit from it



DOM Node Classes

- ▶ To see the DOM node class name, we can recall that an object has the constructor property, which references to the class constructor:

```
alert(document.body.constructor.name); // HTMLBodyElement
```

- ▶ We also can use **instanceof** to check the inheritance:

```
alert(document.body instanceof HTMLBodyElement); // true
alert(document.body instanceof HTMLElement); // true
alert(document.body instanceof Element); // true
alert(document.body instanceof Node); // true
alert(document.body instanceof EventTarget); // true
```

- ▶ To inspect a DOM element in the console, use:
 - ▶ **console.log(elem)** shows the element DOM tree
 - ▶ **console.dir(elem)** shows the element as a DOM object, good to explore its properties

DOM Node Properties

- ▶ DOM nodes have different properties depending on their class
- ▶ The full set of properties and methods of a given node comes as the result of the inheritance hierarchy
- ▶ For example, let's consider the DOM object for an <input> element
- ▶ It belongs to the **HTMLInputElement** class
- ▶ It gets properties and methods as a superposition of:
 - ▶ HTMLInputElement – this class provides input-specific properties
 - ▶ HTMLElement – provides common HTML element methods (and getters/setters)
 - ▶ Element – provides generic element methods
 - ▶ Node – provides common DOM node properties
 - ▶ EventTarget – gives the support for events (to be covered)
 - ▶ and finally it inherits from Object, so “pure object” methods like toString are also available

innerHTML

- ▶ The **innerHTML** property allows to get the HTML inside the element as a string
- ▶ We can also modify it, so it's one of most powerful ways to change the page.
- ▶ The example shows the contents of document.body and then replaces it completely:

```
<body>
  <p>A paragraph</p>
  <div>A div</div>

  <script>
    alert(document.body.innerHTML); // read the current contents
    document.body.innerHTML = 'The new BODY!'; // replace it
  </script>
</body>
```

- ▶ We can append “more HTML” by using `elem.innerHTML+="something"`
 - ▶ However, we should be very careful about it, because this causes a full overwrite of the element's content

textContent: pure text

- ▶ The **textContent** provides access to the *text* inside the element: only text, minus all <tags>
- ▶ Compare the two:

```
<body>
  <div id=""></div>
  <div></div>

  <script>
    document.body.children[0].innerHTML = "Hello<br/>World";
    document.body.children[1].textContent = "Hello<br/>World";
  </script>
</body>
```

Hello
World
Hello
World

- ▶ The first <div> gets the text “as HTML”: all tags become tags, so we see the line break
- ▶ The second <div> gets the name “as text”, so we literally see Hello
World

The “hidden” Property

- ▶ The “hidden” attribute and the DOM property specifies whether the element is visible or not
- ▶ We can use it in HTML or assign using JavaScript, like this:

```
<body>
  <div>Both divs below are hidden</div>
  <div hidden>With the attribute "hidden"</div>
  <div id="elem">JavaScript assigned the property "hidden"</div>
  <script>
    elem.hidden = true;
  </script>
</body>
```

Both divs below are hidden

- ▶ Technically, hidden works the same as style="display:none". But it's shorter to write.

More Properties

- ▶ DOM elements have additional properties, many of them provided by their class:
 - ▶ **value** – the value for <input>, <select> and <textarea>
 - ▶ **href** – the “href” for
 - ▶ **id** – the value of “id” attribute, for all elements
 - ▶ and many more...

```
<input type="text" id="elem" value="5"/>
<script>
  alert(elem.type); // text
  alert(elem.id); // elem
  alert(elem.value); // 5
</script>
```

- ▶ Most standard HTML attributes have the corresponding DOM property, and we can access them using JavaScript
- ▶ You can output the full list of properties of a given element using **console.dir(elem)**

Exercise (4)

- ▶ What does this code show?

```
<html>
<body>
  <script>
    let body = document.body;

    body.innerHTML = "<p>My paragraph</p>";

    alert(document.body.lastChild.constructor.name); // what's here?
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Exercise (5)

- ▶ Create a colored clock like here:

11:08:42

Custom DOM Properties

- ▶ DOM nodes are regular JavaScript objects
- ▶ We can add our own properties and methods to them
- ▶ For instance, let's create a new property in document.body:

```
document.body.myData = {  
  name: 'Ceaser',  
  title: 'Emperor'  
};  
alert(document.body.myData.title); // Emperor
```

- ▶ We can also modify built-in prototypes like Element.prototype, and add new methods to all elements:

```
Element.prototype.sayHi = function () {  
  alert(`Hello, I'm ${this.tagName}`);  
};  
  
document.documentElement.sayHi(); // Hello, I'm HTML  
document.body.sayHi(); // Hello, I'm BODY
```


HTML Attributes

- ▶ When the browser loads the page, it “parses” HTML text and generates DOM objects from it
- ▶ For element nodes most standard HTML attributes automatically become properties of their corresponding DOM objects
- ▶ But the attribute-property mapping is not one-to-one!
 - ▶ For example, HTML attribute values are always strings while DOM properties are typed
 - ▶ If an HTML attribute is non-standard, there won't be DOM-property for it
- ▶ All HTML attributes are accessible using following methods:
 - ▶ **elem.hasAttribute(name)** – checks for existence
 - ▶ **elem.getAttribute(name)** – gets the value
 - ▶ **elem.setAttribute(name, value)** – sets the value
 - ▶ **elem.removeAttribute(name)** – removes the attribute

HTML Attributes

- ▶ Example for working with HTML attributes:

```
<div id="elem" about="Elephant"></div>
<script>
  alert(elem.getAttribute("about")); // 'Elephant', reading
  elem.setAttribute("Test", 123); // writing

  for (let attr of elem.attributes) { // list all attributes
    alert(`${attr.name} = ${attr.value}`);
  }
</script>
```

- ▶ The HTML attribute may differ from its corresponding DOM property, for example the style attribute is a string, but the style property is an object:

```
<div id="div" style="color:red;font-size:120%">Hello</div>
<script>
  alert(div.getAttribute('style')); // color:red;font-size:120%
  alert(div.style); // [object CSSStyleDeclaration]
  alert(div.style.color); // red
</script>
```

HTML Custom Attributes

- ▶ There is a possible problem with custom attributes
- ▶ What if we use a non-standard attribute for our purposes, and later the standard introduces it and makes it do something?
- ▶ To avoid conflicts, there exist **data-*** attributes
- ▶ All attributes starting with “data-” are reserved for programmers’ use
- ▶ They are available in the **dataset** property:

```
<div id="elem" data-about="Elephants">  
  <script>  
    alert(elem.dataset.about); // Elephants  
  </script>  
</div>
```

- ▶ Multiword attributes like data-order-state become camel-cased: dataset.orderState

Exercise

- ▶ Write the code to select the element with data-widget-name attribute from the document and to read the attribute's value

```
<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>
<body>
  <div data-widget-name="menu">Choose the genre</div>

  <script>
    /* your code */
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Element Style

- ▶ The property `elem.style` is an object that corresponds to what's written in the "style" attribute
 - ▶ Setting `elem.style.width="100px"` works as if we had in the attribute `style="width:100px"`
- ▶ For multi-word property, camel casing is used:

```
background-color => elem.style.backgroundColor  
z-index => elem.style.zIndex  
border-left-width => elem.style.borderLeftWidth
```

- ▶ For instance, the following script lets the user change the page's background color:

```
<script>  
  document.body.style.backgroundColor = prompt('Background color?');  
</script>
```

Mind the Units

- ▶ CSS units must be provided in style values
- ▶ For instance, we should not set `elem.style.top` to 10, but rather to 10px

```
<div id="elem">
  Hello world
</div>

<script>
  // doesn't work!
  elem.style.margin = 20;
  alert(elem.style.margin); // '' (empty string, the assignment is ignored)

  // now add the CSS unit (px) - and it works
  elem.style.margin = '20px';
  alert(elem.style.margin); // 20px

  alert(elem.style.marginTop); // 20px
  alert(elem.style.marginLeft); // 20px
</script>
```

Styles and Classes

- ▶ There are generally two ways to style an element:
 - ▶ Create a class in CSS and add it: `<div class="...">`
 - ▶ Write properties directly into style: `<div style="...">`
- ▶ CSS is always the preferred way – not only for HTML, but in JavaScript as well
- ▶ We should only manipulate the style property if classes “can’t handle it”
- ▶ For instance, style is acceptable if we calculate coordinates of an element dynamically and want to set them from JavaScript, like this:

```
let top = /* complex calculations */;  
let left = /* complex calculations */;  
elem.style.left = left; // e.g '123px'  
elem.style.top = top; // e.g '456px'
```

className

- ▶ In the ancient time, there was a limitation in JavaScript: a reserved word like "class" could not be an object property
- ▶ So the property "className" was introduced: **elem.className** corresponds to the "class" attribute
- ▶ For instance:

```
<h1 id="elem" class="header main"></h1>  
<script>  
    alert(elem.className); // header main  
</script>
```

- ▶ If we assign something to elem.className, it replaces the whole strings of classes

classList

- ▶ Sometimes we only want to add/remove a single class
- ▶ There's another property for that: **elem.classList**
- ▶ Methods of classList:
 - ▶ **elem.classList.add/remove("class")** – adds/removes the class
 - ▶ **elem.classList.toggle("class")** – if the class exists, then removes it, otherwise adds it
 - ▶ **elem.classList.contains("class")** – returns true/false, checks for the given class
- ▶ For instance:

```
<h1 id="elem" class="header main"></h1>
<script>
  elem.classList.add("article");
  alert(elem.className); // header main article
</script>
```

Computed Styles

- ▶ The **style** property operates only on the value of the "style" attribute, without any CSS cascade
- ▶ So we can't read anything that comes from CSS classes using `elem.style`
- ▶ For instance, here style doesn't see the margin:

```
<head>
  <style>
    body {
      color: red;
      margin: 5px
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  The red text
  <script>
    alert(document.body.style.color); // empty
    alert(document.body.style.marginTop); // empty
  </script>
</body>
```

Computed Styles

- ▶ The method **getComputedStyle(element)** returns an object with style properties, like `elem.style`, but with respect to all CSS classes:

```
<head>
  <style>
    body {
      color: red;
      margin: 5px
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  The red text
  <script>
    let computedStyle = getComputedStyle(document.body);

    // now we can read the margin and the color from it
    alert(computedStyle.marginTop); // 5px
    alert(computedStyle.color); // rgb(255, 0, 0)
  </script>
</body>
```

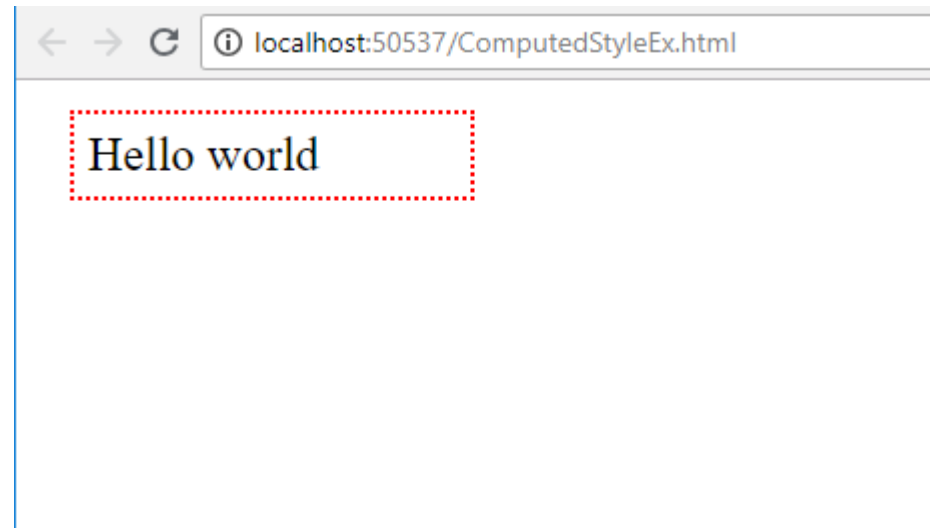
Computed and Resolved Values

- ▶ There are two concepts in CSS:
 - ▶ A *computed* style value is the value after all CSS rules and CSS inheritance is applied, as the result of the CSS cascade. It can look like height:1em or font-size:125%.
 - ▶ A *resolved* style value is the one finally applied to the element. Values like 1em or 125% are relative. The browser takes the computed value and makes all units fixed and absolute, for instance: height:20px or font-size:16px
- ▶ Originally, getComputedStyle() was created to get computed values, but it turned out that resolved values are much more convenient, and the standard changed
- ▶ Nowadays getComputedStyle() returns the resolved value of the property

Exercise (7)

- ▶ Move the following div 20px to the right, by increasing its margin-left property
 - ▶ Hint: first use `getComputedStyle()` to get its current `marginLeft` value

```
<head>
  <style>
    #div1 {
      border: red dotted 1px;
      width: 20%;
      margin: 10px;
      padding: 5px;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="div1">
    Hello world
  </div>
</body>
```



Creating Elements

- ▶ **document.createElement(tag)** creates a new element with the given tag:

```
let div = document.createElement("div");
```

- ▶ After that, we have a ready DOM element
- ▶ To make the element show up, we need to insert it somewhere into document
- ▶ There are several methods for inserting a node into a parent element

Method	Description
parentElem.appendChild(<i>node</i>)	appends <i>node</i> as the last child of <i>parentElem</i>
parentElem.insertBefore(<i>node</i> , <i>nextSibling</i>)	inserts <i>node</i> before <i>nextSibling</i> into <i>parentElem</i>
parentElem.replaceChild(<i>node</i> , <i>oldChild</i>)	replaces <i>oldChild</i> with <i>node</i> among children

Creating Elements

- ▶ The following example adds a new `` to the end of ``:

```
<ol id="list">  
  <li>0</li>  
  <li>1</li>  
  <li>2</li>  
</ol>
```

```
<script>  
  let newLi = document.createElement("li");  
  newLi.innerHTML = "Hello, world!";  
  
  list.appendChild(newLi);  
</script>
```

```
1. 0  
2. 1  
3. 2  
4. Hello, world!
```

Creating Elements

- ▶ The following code inserts a new list item before the second :

```
<ol id="list">
  <li>0</li>
  <li>1</li>
  <li>2</li>
</ol>

<script>
  let newLi = document.createElement("li");
  newLi.innerHTML = "Hello, world!";

  list.insertBefore(newLi, list.children[1]);
</script>
```

```
1. 0
2. Hello, world!
3. 1
4. 2
```


Insertion Methods

- ▶ There is another set of methods that provide more flexible insertions:

Method	Description
<code>node.append(...nodes or strings)</code>	appends <i>nodes</i> or <i>strings</i> at the end of node
<code>node.prepend(...nodes or strings)</code>	inserts <i>nodes</i> or <i>strings</i> into the beginning of node
<code>node.before(...nodes or strings)</code>	inserts <i>nodes</i> or <i>strings</i> before the node
<code>node.after(...nodes or strings)</code>	inserts <i>nodes</i> or <i>strings</i> after the node
<code>node.replaceWith(...nodes or strings)</code>	replaces node with the given <i>nodes</i> or <i>strings</i>

Insertion Methods

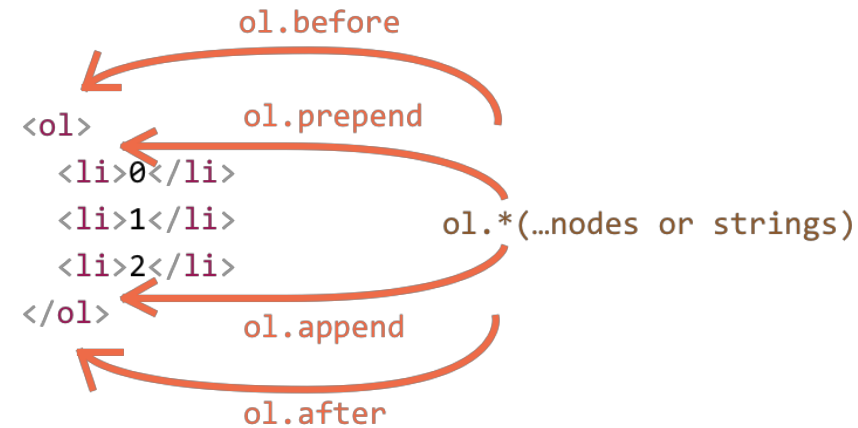
- ▶ Here's an example of using these methods to add more items to a list and the text before/after it:

```
<ol id="list">
  <li>0</li>
  <li>1</li>
  <li>2</li>
</ol>

<script>
  list.before("before");
  list.after("after");

  let prepend = document.createElement("li");
  prepend.innerHTML = "prepend";
  list.prepend(prepend);

  let append = document.createElement("li");
  append.innerHTML = "append";
  list.append(append);
</script>
```



before

1. prepend
2. 0
3. 1
4. 2
5. append

after

Cloning Nodes

- ▶ Sometimes when we have a big element, it may be faster and simpler to clone it rather than create a new element
- ▶ **elem.cloneNode(true)** creates a “deep” clone of the element
 - ▶ with all attributes and subelements
- ▶ **elem.cloneNode(false)** creates a clone without child elements

Cloning Nodes

- ▶ An example of copying a <div> tag showing a message:

```
<head>
  <style>
    .alert {
      padding: 15px;
      border: 1px solid #d6e9c6;
      border-radius: 4px;
      color: #3c763d;
      background-color: #dff0d8;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="alert" id="div">
    <strong>Hi there!</strong> You've read an important message.
  </div>
  <script>
    let div2 = div.cloneNode(true); // clone the message
    div2.querySelector('strong').innerHTML = 'Bye there!'; //
change the clone
    div.after(div2); // show the clone after the existing div
  </script>
</body>
```

Hi there! You've read an important message.

Bye there! You've read an important message.

Removal Methods

- ▶ To remove nodes, there are the following methods:

Method	Description
<code>parentElem.removeChild(<i>node</i>)</code>	removes <i>elem</i> from <i>parentElem</i> (assuming it's a child)
<code>node.remove()</code>	Removes the node from its place

- ▶ The second method is much shorter. The first one exists for historical reasons.
- ▶ For example, let's make our message disappear after a second:

```
<div class="alert" id="div">
  <strong>Hi there!</strong> You've read an important message.
</div>

<script>
  setTimeout(() => div.remove(), 1000);
</script>
```

Moving Nodes

- ▶ If we want to *move* an element to another place – there's no need to remove it from the old one.
- ▶ All insertion methods automatically remove the node from the old place
- ▶ For instance, let's swap elements:

```
<div id="first">First</div>
<div id="second">Second</div>

<script>
  // no need to call remove
  second.after(first); // take #second and after it - insert #first
</script>
```

Second
First

Exercise (8)

- ▶ Create a function **clear(elem)** that removes everything from inside the element (but keeps the element itself)

```
<ol id="list">
  <li>Hello</li>
  <li>World</li>
</ol>

<script>
  function clear(elem) { /* your code */ }

  clear(list); // clears the list
</script>
```

Exercise (9)

- ▶ Write the code to insert the elements `2` and `3` between the two `` here:

```
<ul id="ul">  
  <li id="one">1</li>  
  <li id="two">4</li>  
</ul>
```


Exercise (10)

- ▶ Write a function **createCalendar**(elem, year, month)
- ▶ The call should create a calendar for the given year/month and put it inside elem
- ▶ The calendar should be a table, where a week is <tr>, and a day is <td>
- ▶ The table top should be <th> with weekday names
- ▶ For instance, createCalendar(cal, 2018, 6) should generate in element cal the following calendar:

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30