

HTML Drag and Drop API



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In HTML, any element can be dragged and dropped.

Example



Drag the W3Schools image into the rectangle.

Drag and Drop

Drag and drop is a very common feature. It is when you "grab" an object and drag it to a different location.

Browser Support

The numbers in the table specify the first browser version that fully supports Drag and Drop.

API					
Drag and Drop	4.0	9.0	3.5	6.0	12.0

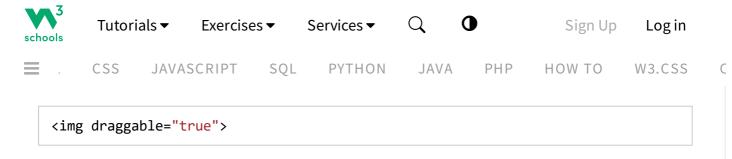


Example

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
<head>
<script>
function allowDrop(ev) {
  ev.preventDefault();
}
function drag(ev) {
  ev.dataTransfer.setData("text", ev.target.id);
}
function drop(ev) {
  ev.preventDefault();
  var data = ev.dataTransfer.getData("text");
  ev.target.appendChild(document.getElementById(data));
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
<div id="div1" ondrop="drop(event)" ondragover="allowDrop(event)"></div>
<img id="drag1" src="img_logo.gif" draggable="true" ondragstart="drag(event)"</pre>
width="336" height="69">
</body>
</html>
```

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It might seem complicated, but lets go through all the different parts of a drag and drop event.



What to Drag - ondragstart and setData()

Then, specify what should happen when the element is dragged.

In the example above, the ondragstart attribute calls a function, drag(event), that specifies what data to be dragged.

The dataTransfer.setData() method sets the data type and the value of the dragged data:

```
function drag(ev) {
  ev.dataTransfer.setData("text", ev.target.id);
}
```

In this case, the data type is "text" and the value is the id of the draggable element ("drag1").

Where to Drop - ondragover

The ondragover event specifies where the dragged data can be dropped.

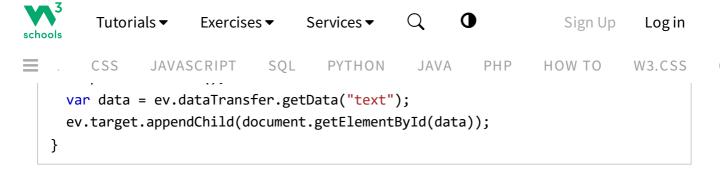
By default, data/elements cannot be dropped in other elements. To allow a drop, we must prevent the default handling of the element.

This is done by calling the event.preventDefault() method for the ondragover
event:

```
event.preventDefault()
```

Do the Drop - ondrop

When the dragged data is dropped, a drop event occurs.



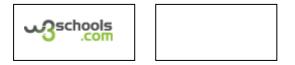
Code explained:

- Call preventDefault() to prevent the browser default handling of the data (default is open as link on drop)
- Get the dragged data with the dataTransfer.getData() method. This method will return any data that was set to the same type in the setData() method
- The dragged data is the id of the dragged element ("drag1")
- Append the dragged element into the drop element

More Examples

Example

How to drag (and drop) an image back and forth between two <div> elements:



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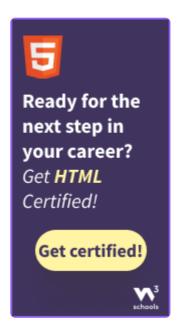


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