It can be anything

* Text
* Element
* Attribute

etc

**Text Node**

<div id="demo">some text</div>

**<script type="text/javascript">**  
 var getParentNode = function(){ alert(document.getElementById('demo').firstChild.nodeType);  
 }   
 **</script>**

**Element Node**

<div id=”myDiv”></div>

**Js** : document.getElementById(“myDiv”).nodeType;

**Attribute Node**

<h1 class="democlass">Hello World</h1>

**<script>**

function myFunction() {

var elmnt = document.getElementsByTagName("H1")[0];

var attr = elmnt.getAttributeNode("class");

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = attr.nodeType;

}

**</script>**