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JavaScript #8

DOM Navigation & Manipulation







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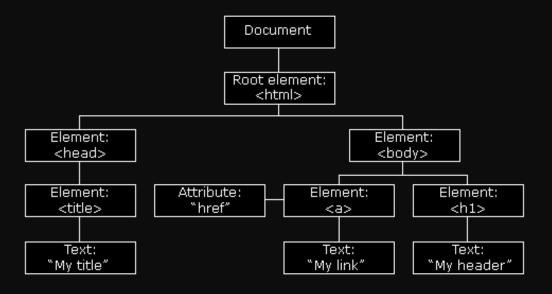
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HTML DOM (Document Object Model)

When a web page is loaded, the browser creates a **Document Object Model** of the page, as a tree of elements:



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HTML DOM API

The **HTML DOM API** is made up of the interfaces that define the functionality of each of the elements in **HTML**, as well as any supporting types and interfaces they rely upon.

This API allows JavaScript to:

- change all the HTML elements in the page
- change all the HTML attributes in the page
- change all the CSS styles in the page
- remove existing HTML elements and attributes
- add new **HTML** elements and attributes
- react to all existing HTML events in the page
- create new HTML events in the page





Types of DOM Nodes

The **DOM** tree is consists of different types of nodes, such as elements, text, comments, etc. Every node has a nodeType property that you can use to find out what type of node you are dealing with.

Constant	Value	Description
ELEMENT_NODE	1	An element node such as or
TEXT_NODE	3	The actual text of element.
COMMENT_NODE	8	A comment node i.e. some comment
DOCUMENT_NODE	9	document node i.e. the parent of https://document.com/html
DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE	10	A document type node e.g. html for HTML5 documents.

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Accessing child nodes

You can use the **firstChild** and **lastChild** properties of the **DOM** node to access the first and last direct child node of a node, respectively. If the node doesn't have any child element, it returns **null**.

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Text / Comment nodes

First-child node of a **DIV** element might return **#text** instead of an element.

That is because whitespace, such as spaces, tabs, newlines, etc. are valid characters and they form **#text** nodes and become a part of the **DOM** tree.

To avoid the issue with **firstChild** and **lastChild** returning **#text** or **#comment** nodes, you could alternatively use the **firstElementChild** and **lastElementChild** properties to return only the first and last element node, respectively.

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Παράδειγμα

```
<div id="main">
    <h1 id="title">My Heading</h1>
    <span>This is some text.</span>
</div>
</div>
</script>
    const main = document.getElementById("main");
    alert(main.firstElementChild.nodeName); // Outputs: H1
    main.firstElementChild.style.color = "red";

const hint = document.getElementById("hint");
    alert(hint.firstElementChild.nodeName); // Outputs: SPAN
    hint.firstElementChild.style.color = "blue";
</script>
```

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All Children

Similarly, you can use the **childNodes** property to access all child nodes of a given element, where the first child node is assigned index **0**.

The **childNodes** returns all child nodes, including non-element nodes like text and comment nodes.

To get a collection of only elements, use **children** property instead.

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Παράδειγμα #1

```
<div id="main">
 <h1 id="title">My Heading</h1>
 <span>This is some text.</span>
</div>
<script>
 const main = document.getElementById("main");
 if(main.hasChildNodes()) {
   const nodes = main.childNodes;
   for (const node in nodes) {
     alert(node.nodeName);
</script>
```

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Παράδειγμα #2

```
<div id="main">
 <h1 id="title">My Heading</h1>
 <span>This is some text.</span>
</div>
<script>
 const main = document.getElementById("main");
 if(main.hasChildNodes()) {
   const nodes = main.children;
   for (const node in nodes) {
     alert(node.nodeName);
</script>
```

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Accessing parent nodes

You can use the **parentNode** property to access the parent of the specified node in the **DOM** tree.

The **parentNode** will always return **null** for document node, since it doesn't have a parent.

However, if you want to get only element nodes you can use the **parentElement**.

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Παράδειγμα #1

```
<div id="main">
    <h1 id="title">My Heading</h1>
    <span>This is some text.</span>
</div>

<script>
    const hint = document.getElementById("hint");
    alert(hint.parentNode.nodeName); // Outputs: DIV
    alert(document.documentElement.parentNode.nodeName); // Outputs: #document
    alert(document.parentNode); // Outputs: null
</script>
```

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Παράδειγμα #2

```
<div id="main">
    <h1 id="title">My Heading</h1>
    <span>This is some text.</span>
</div>
</cript>
    const hint = document.getElementById("hint");
    alert(hint.parentNode.nodeName); // Outputs: DIV
    hint.parentNode.style.backgroundColor = "yellow";
</script>
```

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Accessing sibling nodes

You can use the **previousSibling** and **nextSibling** properties to access the previous and next node in the **DOM tree**, respectively.

Alternatively, you can use the **previousElementSibling** and **nextElementSibling** to get the previous and next sibling element skipping any whitespace text nodes.

All these properties returns **null** if there is no such sibling.

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Adding new elements

You can explicitly create new element in an **HTML** document, using the **document.createElement()** method. This method creates a new element, but it doesn't add it to the **DOM**; you'll have to do that in a separate step.

The **appendChild()** method adds the new element at the end of any other children of a specified parent node.

However, if you want to add the new element at the beginning of any other children you can use the **insertBefore()** method.

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Παράδειγμα #1

```
<div id="main">
 <h1 id="title">Hello World!</h1>
 This is a simple paragraph.
</div>
 const newDiv = document.createElement("div");
 const newContent = document.createTextNode("Hi, how are you doing?");
 newDiv.appendChild(newContent);
 const currentDiv = document.getElementById("main");
 document.body.appendChild(newDiv, currentDiv);
</script>
```

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Παράδειγμα #2

```
<div id="main">
 <h1 id="title">Hello World!</h1>
 This is a simple paragraph.
</div>
 const newDiv = document.createElement("div");
 const newContent = document.createTextNode("Hi, how are you doing?");
 newDiv.appendChild(newContent);
 const currentDiv = document.getElementById("main");
 document.body.insertBefore(newDiv, currentDiv);
</script>
```

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Getting / setting HTML content

You can also get or set the contents of the **HTML** elements easily with the **innerHTML** property. This property sets or gets the **HTML** markup contained within the element i.e. content between its opening and closing tags.

When inserting **HTML** into a page, be careful not to use user input that hasn't been escaped, to prevent **XSS** attacks.

Mote often than not, using **textContent** is a better choice than **innerHTML**, since works with plain text and not HTML.

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Παράδειγμα #1

```
<div id="main">
    <h1 id="title">Hello World!</h1>
    This is a simple paragraph.
</div>
</div>
</script>
    // Getting inner HTML contents
    const contents = document.getElementById("main").innerHTML;
    alert(contents); // Outputs inner html contents

    // Setting inner HTML contents
    const mainDiv = document.getElementById("main");
    mainDiv.innerHTML = "This is <em>newly inserted</em> paragraph.";
</script>
```

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Removing existing elements

Similarly, you can use the **removeChild()** method to remove a child node from the **DOM**. This method also returns the removed node.

It is also possible to remove the child element without exactly knowing the parent element. Simply find the child element and use the **parentNode** property to find its parent element.

This property returns the parent of the specified node in the **DOM** tree.

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```
<div id="main">
    <h1 id="title">Hello World!</h1>
    This is a simple paragraph.
</div>

<script>
    const parentElem = document.getElementById("main");
    const childElem = document.getElementById("hint");
    parentElem.removeChild(childElem);
</script>
```

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Παράδειγμα #2

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Replacing existing elements

You can also replace an element in **HTML DOM** with another using the **replaceChild()** method.

This method accepts two parameters: the node to insert and the node to be replaced.

parentNode.replaceChild(newChild, oldChild);

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Accessing / setting attributes

You can access or set the attributes of an element using the **getAttribute()** and **setAttribute()** methods.

The **getAttribute()** method of the Element interface returns the value of a specified attribute on the element.

If the given attribute does not exist, the value returned will either be **null** or "" (the empty string).

```
let attribute = element.getAttribute(attributeName);
```

Its complementary methods are: **setAttribute()**, **hasAttribute()** and **removeAttribute()**.

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Element properties

An easier way to access the attributes of an element, is directly as properties of the element.

Most attributes have a corresponding attribute with the exact same name.

If the attribute's name includes *hyphens*, then the property name is the *camel-cased* version of that name.

The **class** attribute is a special case. Since it is a reserved word, the property name is **className**.





Παράδειγμα

```
<div id="main" class="main">
 <h1>Hello World!</h1>
      <img src="img/affiliate.png">
   </a>
 </div>
<script>
 const div = document.getElementById('main');
 const a = div.querySelector('a');
 const img = div.querySelector('img');
 console.log(div.className);
 console.log(a.href);
 console.log(img.src);
 a.target = ' blank';
 img.alt = 'Affiliate link';
</script>
```

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style property

All rules in the **style** attribute, like **property: value**;, become "sub-properties" of the **style** property.

```
el.style.color = 'red';
el.style.backgroundColor = 'blue';
```

The same rule, for names with *hyphens*, applies here too.

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classList property

Although it is possible to alter styles through the **style** property, or access the **className** property directly, it is more convenient to use the **classList** property.

This property is a **DOMTokenList** object, which is a list of space-separated **CSS** classes.

You can add, remove or toggle classes using the add(), remove() and toggle() methods respectively, without having to worry about the existence / duplicity of class names, or splitting and concatenating them.





Παράδειγμα

```
<div id="main" class="black-bq">
 <h1>Hello World!</h1>
</div>
<script>
  const el = document.getElementById('main');
 el.classList.remove('black-bg');
 el.classList.add('main');
 el.classList.toggle('dark', (new Date()).getHours() > 18);
</script>
```

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- JavaScript DOM Navigation Tutorial Republic https://www.tutorialrepublic.com/javascript-tutorial/j...
- Node.textContent Web APIs | MDN https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/N...

- What's Best: innerText vs. innerHTML vs. textContent | by Annie Mester | Better Programming https://betterprogramming.pub/whats-best-innertext-...
- Element.getAttribute() Web APIs | MDN https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/El...
- Element.classList Web APIs | MDN https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/El...

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Extra info

(A) How to Manipulate the DOM - the Ultimate Beginner's Guide

https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/how-to-manip...

■ What is the Difference Between textContents, innerText, and innerHtml?

https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/silk-test...

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