

Cheatsheet: Working with DOM in JavaScript

| JavaScript Debugging, BOM and DOM Terminologies | Description | Code Example |
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| try{....} block | The code that might generate an error is enclosed within a try block. This block helps to monitor for errors. | <pre>const obj = undefined; try { const propertyValue = obj.property; // Attempting to access a property of an undefined object console.log("Property Value: " + propertyValue); console.log("This message will be reached."); } catch (error) { console.error("An error occurred while accessing the property:", error.message); } console.log("Program continues after error handling.");</pre> |
| catch{....} block | The catch block in JavaScript catches and handles errors that occur within a try block. | <pre>try { // Code that might throw an error const result = nondeclaredFunction(); // Assuming someFunction() is not defined console.log(result); // This line won't execute due to the error } catch (error) { // Code to handle the error console.log('An error occurred:', error.message); }</pre> |
| getElementById() Method | getElementById is a method in JavaScript used to access a specific HTML element within the Document Object Model (DOM) based on its unique id attribute. | <pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>getElementById Example</title> </head> <body> <h1 id="main-heading">Welcome to the Example Page</h1> <p id="content-paragraph">This is some content.</p> <script> const headingElement = document.getElementById('main-heading'); console.log(headingElement) </script> </body> </html></pre> |

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| getElementsByClassName() Method | getElementsByClassName is a method in JavaScript that is used to access multiple HTML elements within the Document Object Model (DOM) that share the same class name. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>getElementsByClassName Example</title> </head> <body> <p class="highlighted">This is a highlighted paragraph.</p> <p class="highlighted">This is another highlighted paragraph.</p> <p>This is a regular paragraph.</p> <script> const highlightedElements = document.getElementsByClassName('highlighted'); // Modify the text content of each element for (let i = 0; i < highlightedElements.length; i++) { highlightedElements[i].textContent = `This paragraph is highlighted! for c } </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| getElementsByTagName() Method | getElementsByTagName is a method in JavaScript that is used to access multiple HTML elements within the Document Object Model (DOM) based on their tag name. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>getElementsByTagName Example</title> </head> <body> <h2>Heading 2</h2> <p>This is a paragraph.</p> <p>This is another paragraph.</p> <script> const paragraphElements = document.getElementsByTagName('p'); console.log(paragraphElements); console.log(paragraphElements[0]); console.log(paragraphElements[1]); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| querySelector | querySelector is a method used to access HTML elements within the Document Object Model (DOM) based on CSS-like selectors such as class, ID, or tag name. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>querySelector Example</title> </head> <body> <p class="highlighted">This is a highlighted paragraph.</p> <p id="my-paragraph">This is a paragraph with an ID.</p> <div>This is a regular paragraph.</div> <script> const elementByClass = document.querySelector('.highlighted'); // Log the selected element to the console console.log(elementByClass); // Select the element with the ID "my-paragraph" using querySelector const elementByID = document.querySelector('#my-paragraph'); // Log the selected element to the console console.log(elementByID); // Select the first <p> element using querySelector const elementByTag = document.querySelector('p'); // Log the selected element to the console console.log(elementByTag); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| querySelectorAll | querySelectorAll is a method used to select multiple HTML elements based on CSS-like selectors such as class, ID, or tag name and returns a collection of array Node- | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>querySelectorAll Example</title> </head> <body> <p id="highlight">This is a highlighted paragraph.</p> <p class="highlighted">This is a highlighted paragraph.</p> <p class="highlighted">This is another highlighted paragraph.</p> </pre> |

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| | List elements that match the specified selector. | <pre> <section>This is a regular paragraph.</section> <script> const elementsById = document.querySelectorAll('#highlight'); const elementsByClass = document.querySelectorAll('.highlighted'); const elementsByTag = document.querySelectorAll('section'); // Log the selected elements to the console console.log(elementsById); console.log(elementsByClass); console.log(elementsByTag); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| textContent() Method | It can modify or change the text or HTML content of elements. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>textContent Example</title> </head> <body> <p id="my-paragraph">This is some text.</p> <script> const paragraph = document.getElementById('my-paragraph'); paragraph.textContent = 'This is updated text.'; </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| setAttribute() Method | It is used to alter the attributes (for example, src, href, class, id) of elements, which can affect their behavior or appearance. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>setAttribute Example</title> </head> <body> <script> const image = document.getElementById('my-image'); image.setAttribute('src', 'your-new-image.jpg'); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| Adding Elements | Dynamically adding new elements to the page based on user interactions or other conditions. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>createElement Example</title> </head> <body> <ul id="my-list"> Item 1 Item 2 <script> const list = document.getElementById('my-list'); const newItem = document.createElement('li'); newItem.textContent = 'Item 3'; list.appendChild(newItem); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |

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| cloneNode() Method | Creating copies of existing elements that can be inserted elsewhere in the document. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>createElement Example</title> </head> <body> <ul id="my-list"> Item 1 Item 2 <script> const list = document.getElementById('my-list'); const firstItem = list.querySelector('li'); const clonedItem = firstItem.cloneNode(true); list.appendChild(clonedItem); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| window Object | The global window object represents the browser window or tab and serves as the root of the BOM. | <p> window.alert(message): Displays a simple alert dialog with the specified message. window.confirm(message): Shows a confirmation dialog with "OK" and "Cancel" buttons ar window.open(url, name, specs, replace): Opens a new browser window or tab. window.close(): Closes the current window or tab. window.location: Provides information about the current URL and allows navigation. window.setTimeout(function, delay): Executes a function after a specified delay. window.localStorage and window.sessionStorage: Allow data storage on the client side. window.history: Provides access to the browser's session history. </p> |
| navigator Object | The navigator object provides information about the client's browser, such as the browser's name, version, and supported features. | <pre> const browserName = navigator.appName; const browserVersion = navigator.appVersion; </pre> |
| screen Object | The screen object gives details about the user's screen, including its dimensions and color depth. | <pre> const screenWidth = screen.width; const screenHeight = screen.height; </pre> |
| history Object | The history object represents the browser's session history, allowing you to navigate backward and forward in the user's browsing history. | <pre> history.back(); // Navigates back one page history.forward(); // Navigates forward one page </pre> |
| location Object | The location object provides information about the current URL and allows you to manipulate the URL, redirecting the user to other web pages. | <pre> const currentURL = location.href; location.href = 'https://example.com'; // Redirects the user to a new URL </pre> |

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| BOM Example | This represents the combined example of above BOM methods. | <pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>BOM Example</title> </head> <body> <button id="alertButton">Show Alert</button> <button id="openWindowButton">Open Window</button> <button id="navigateBackButton">Go Back</button> <button id="changeURLButton">Change URL</button> <script> // Access HTML elements const alertButton = document.getElementById('alertButton'); const openWindowButton = document.getElementById('openWindowButton'); const navigateBackButton = document.getElementById('navigateBackButton'); const changeURLButton = document.getElementById('changeURLButton'); // Attach event listeners alertButton.addEventListener('click', () => { window.alert('Hello, this is an alert!'); }); openWindowButton.addEventListener('click', () => { window.open('https://example.com', '_blank'); }); navigateBackButton.addEventListener('click', () => { history.back(); // Navigates back one page in the user's browsing history. }); changeURLButton.addEventListener('click', () => { location.href = 'https://example.com'; // Redirects the user to a new URL. }); </script> </body> </html></pre> |
| firstElementChild() and lastElementChild() | It uses the firstElementChild and lastElementChild properties to access the first and last child nodes of any element. | <pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Traversing Example</title> </head> <body> <div id="parent"> <p>Child 1</p> <p>Child 2</p> </div> <script> const parent = document.getElementById("parent"); const firstChild = parent.firstElementChild; const lastChild = parent.lastElementChild; console.log(firstChild.textContent); // Outputs: "Child 1" console.log(lastChild.textContent); // Outputs: "Child 2" </script> </body> </html></pre> |
| container Element | To find elements within a container, you typically use methods that allow you to query elements based on various criteria, such as tag name, class, or other attributes. | <pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Traversing Example</title> </head> <body> <div id="container"> <p class="myClass">Paragraph 1</p> <p class="myClass">Paragraph 2</p> <p>Paragraph 3</p> </div> <script> const container = document.getElementById("container"); const singleElement = container.querySelector(".myClass"); const multipleElements = container.querySelectorAll(".myClass"); console.log(singleElement.textContent); // Outputs: "Paragraph 1" console.log(multipleElements[1].textContent); // Outputs: "Paragraph 2" </script> </body> </html></pre> |

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| element.style.property = value | A way to access and modify the inline styles of an HTML element using the style property. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Styling Example</title> </head> <body> <button id="myButton">Click Me</button> <script> const button = document.getElementById("myButton"); button.style.backgroundColor = "blue"; button.style.color = "white"; button.style.fontSize = "16px"; </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| element.classList | You can use the classList property to add, remove, or toggle CSS classes on an element. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Styling Example</title> </head> <body> <div id="myDiv" class="active">This is a div</div> <button id="myButton">Toggle Class</button> <script> const div = document.getElementById("myDiv"); const button = document.getElementById("myButton"); function toggleClassAndColor() { div.classList.toggle("active"); div.classList.toggle("inactive"); // Check if the "active" class is present and change the background color if (div.classList.contains("active")) { div.style.backgroundColor = "blue"; } else { div.style.backgroundColor = "red"; } } button.addEventListener("click", toggleClassAndColor); </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| element.setAttribute | A method to use the setAttribute method to set or modify the style attribute of an element, which is a string containing inline CSS. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Styling Example</title> </head> <body> <p id="myParagraph" style="color: red;">This is a red paragraph.</p> <button id="btn">Click to change Color of above paragraph</button> <script> const paragraph = document.getElementById("myParagraph"); const btn=document.getElementById('btn'); btn.addEventListener('click',()=>{ paragraph.setAttribute("style", "color: blue; font-size: 18px;"); }) </script> </body> </html> </pre> |
| element.style.cssText | The cssText property allows you to set the entire inline style of an element as a string. | <pre> <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Styling Example</title> </head> </pre> |

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| | | <pre><body> <p id="myText">This is a paragraph.</p> <button id="btn">Click to change Color and bold</button> <script> const text = document.getElementById("myText"); const btn=document.getElementById('btn'); btn.addEventListener('click',()=>{ text.style.cssText = "color: red; font-weight: bold;"; }) </script> </body> </html></pre> |
| element.style.setProperty | This method allows you to set a specific CSS property with an optional priority for an element's inline style. | <pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Styling Example</title> </head> <body> <h1 id="myHeading">This is a heading.</h1> <button id="btn">Click Here</button> <script> const heading = document.getElementById("myHeading"); const btn=document.getElementById('btn'); btn.addEventListener('click',()=>{ heading.style.setProperty("color", "violet", "important"); }) </script> </body> </html></pre> |
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| element.style.removeProperty | You can use the removeProperty method to remove a specific CSS property from an element's inline style. | <pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <title>DOM Styling Example</title> </head> <body> <p id="myParagraph" style="color: blue; font-size: 18px;">This is a styled paragraph. <button id="btn">Click Here</button> <script> const paragraph = document.getElementById("myParagraph"); const btn=document.getElementById('btn'); btn.addEventListener('click',()=>{ paragraph.style.removeProperty("color"); }) </script> </body> </html></pre> |



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