

# Shadow DOM Fundamentals

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# Agenda

The scoping problem

Today's Hacks

Shadow DOM vs Light DOM

Terminology

- Shadow Root

- Shadow Boundary

- Shadow Host

- DOM Subtrees

# **We Need Scoping**

**How do I avoid accidentally styling other parts of the page?**

**How do I avoid other people accidentally styling my component?**

**How do I hide away my markup from accidental manipulation?**

# A Tale of Two DOM's

## Light DOM

The DOM you know today

## Shadow DOM

The DOM that hides away complexity



Logical DOM

# Shadow DOM is Already Used Today

```
<input type="range">
```

```
<video controls width="250"></video>
```

```
<input type="date" />
```

Shadow DOM in Native HTML Elements

Demo

# Shadow DOM Hacks

Shadow DOM encapsulates DOM Subtrees and styles

Today's ways to get similar behavior:

`<iframe>`

Clunky to read

Undescriptive

Excessive encapsulation

No clean API

`<canvas>`

Accessibility issues

SEO issues

Can't easily compose

Can't extend existing elements

# Create Shadow DOM

1. Select shadow host
2. Create a shadow root
3. Add elements
  - innerHTML
  - appendChild



Creating Shadow DOM

Demo

# Shadow Host

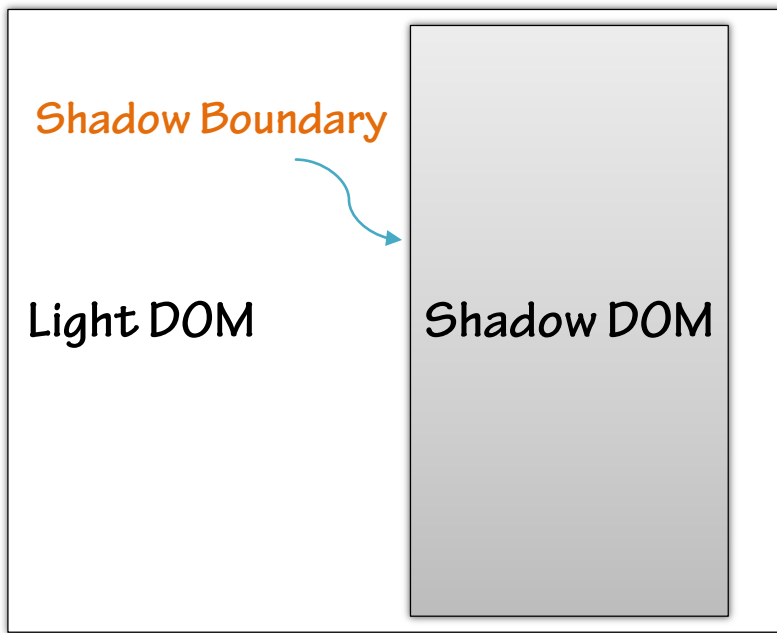
The element in the Light DOM that is hosting the Shadow DOM.

```
▼ <html>
  ► <head>...</head>
  ▼ <body>
    ▼ <div id="shadow-host"> ← Shadow Host
      ▼ #shadow-root
        |   <h1>Hello World from Shadow DOM!</h1>
      </div>
    ► <script>...</script>
  </body>
</html>
```

# Shadow Boundary

Ordinary CSS selectors inside shadow root only match/style the Shadow DOM.

Why? The Shadow Boundary.



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Shadow Boundary

# Shadow Boundary

Barrier that separates the light DOM from the shadow DOM

Encapsulates DOM Subtree

Keeps styles in main doc from styling the shadow DOM and vice versa\*

\*There's some ways around it

# Shadow Boundary Benefits

Simpler Selectors

Simpler Markup

Enhanced Readability

Avoids Accidental Styling

```
<style>  
  body { color: red }  
</style>
```



<br/>



Shadow Host

Shadow Root and Shadow Boundary

```
<head></head>
<body>
  <video controls width="250">
    #shadow-root (user-agent)
      <div>
        <div>
          <div>
            <input type="button">
              <input type="range" step="any" max="0">
                #shadow-root (user-agent)
                  <div>
                    <div pseudo="-webkit-slider-runnable-track" id="track">
                      <div id="thumb"></div>
                    </div>
                  </div>
                </input>
                <div style="display: none;">0:00</div>
                <div>0:00</div>
              <input type="button">
              <input type="range" step="any" max="1" style="display: none;">
              <input type="button" style="display: none;">
              <input type="button" style="display: none;">
            </div>
          </div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </video>
  <br>
</body>
</html>
</iframe>
</div>
```

Shadow Tree / DOM Subtree

# ShadowRoot DOM Methods

`getElementById()`

`getElementsByClassName()`

`getElementsByTagName()`

`getElementsByTagNameNS()`

`querySelector()`

`querySelectorAll()`

ShadowRoot DOM Methods

Demo



# Is JavaScript Encapsulated in the Shadow DOM?

**Nope.**

Shadow DOM JavaScript is not encapsulated

Demo

# Summary

Light DOM vs Shadow DOM

Shadow DOM provides encapsulation for DOM and styles

Many new terms!

Shadow Root

Shadow Boundary

Shadow Host

DOM Subtrees

JavaScript is *not* encapsulated