

Riddle

A father and his son are in a car accident. The father dies at the scene and the son, badly injured, is rushed to the hospital. In the operating room, the surgeon looks at the boy and says, “I can’t operate on this boy. He is my son.”

Theeeeeee HTML `iframe` element represents a nested browsing context, effectively embedding another HTML page into the current page. In HTML 4.01, a document may contain a head and a body or a head and a frameset, but not both a body and a frameset. However, an `iframe` can be used within a normal document body. Each browsing context has its own session history and active document. The browsing context that contains the embedded content is called the parent browsing context. The top-level browsing context (which has no parent) is typically the browser windowwwwwwwwwww.

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What's in a name

Inline Frame

Floating Frames

Inline Floating frames

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Of all the features I created (e.g., dhtml, 2d positioning), this is probably one of the less interesting but seems to be a favorite to talk about :-).

The iframe evolved from the frame in the original frameset. The intent was to allow the injection of a document directly into another document (content transclusion). The "i" in the spec stood for "inline", although Douglass Crockford claims it stands for "Isaacs" :-).

The attributes of the IFrame were much different than those of the existing Frame tag. We should not have elements with mutually exclusive attributes depending on the context they are used within - hence I felt a new element needed to be created. A more interesting question is why did I create a "legend" tag for fieldset and a label tag for labeling input elements, instead of reusing the "caption" tag from tables since all three of those are semantically very similar.

At the time, the IFrame was key to experimenting and helping us figure out many later innovations. We used the IFrame to create the original DHTML-based editors before contenteditable, dynamically load content before scripts could be dynamically created, creative cross-domain messaging before cross-domain xmlhttp (and postMessage), and one of my favorite hacks was using rotating sub-domains via Iframes to leverage multiple cookies for larger local storage (before we had the IE "super-cookie" and local storage APIs).

The IFrame was (and still is) one of the easiest ways to reasonably safely inject (clickjacking was an interesting exploit) external content into the page but the security aspects of sandboxing content still has never been fully realized (the iframe security attributes that were added are wholly inadequate). The now defunct web sandbox project I did at Microsoft (and Google Caja) did explore adding more comprehensive protection for untrusted code and content.

I don't recall any deep debates on the IFrame element within the standards committee. The concept of transclusion was a known sgml construct so introducing a derivative of it into HTML at that time was fairly straightforward. We had much more debates of the seemingly simple button element I pushed through with a bunch of new form-related elements, the css 2d layout proposal, and what was I thinking introducing a global "event" object in the DOM instead of passing it as the first argument to event handlers as it is done today.

Attributes

- align *3
- allowfullscreen *5
- frameborder *4
- height
- longdesc *4
- marginheight *4
- marginwidth *4
- name
- referrerpolicy *5
- scrolling *4
- sandbox *5
- seamless *5
- src
- srcdoc *5
- width

`align= ... _horizontal_ alignment`

“This attribute specifies the horizontal alignment of its element with respect to the surrounding context.”

As specced in by html 3 (deprecated in html 4, obsoleted in 5)

- `left`
- `center`
- `right`
- `justify`

~~align= ... horizontal alignment~~

Current reality... (chrome/firefox)

- `left`
- `center`
- `right`
- `justify`
- `top`
- `texttop`
- `middle`
- `absmiddle`
- `bottom`
- `absbottom`

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allowfullscreen=

Only “true” without value or with its own name (allowfullscreen="allowfullscreen")

Note: “true” and “false” are invalid values

“Taints” the tree

border=

0 or 1, defaults to enabled

border=

DOES NOTHING! (in firefox/chrome at least)

(It's only for image, table, and object ;)

frameborder=

Firefox: only disables border with the value “0”

Chrome: only enables border without attr or with value “1”

Great.

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width= height=

... “it depends”

<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#adef-width-IFRAME>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/embedded-content.html#attr-dim-width>

width= height=

... “it depends”

HTML4: explicitly % or implicitly px

HTML5: always px, regardless of suffix / unit

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Lazy eval

1. <https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/embedded-content.html#attr-dim-width>
2. <https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/infrastructure.html#valid-non-negative-integer>
3. <https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/infrastructure.html#rules-for-parsing-integers>
4. <https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/infrastructure.html#collect-a-sequence-of-characters>

Value is not required to be consumed entirely

“50em” still becomes “50”, still becomes 50px

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longdesc=

- Describes contents for screen readers etc
- Supposed to be downloaded when main content fails
- Deprecated in html5
- Chrome / Firefox don't do this atm (even under html4 doctype)

<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#edef-IFRAME>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/obsolete.html#attr-iframe-longdesc>

Long url

Converts value to absolute path (like <a> tags)

```
<iframe longdesc="foo.txt"></iframe>
```

iframe.longDesc -> <http://localhost/foo.txt>

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms534132\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms534132(v=vs.85).aspx)

marginwidth= marginheight=

```
iframe { margin: 0 10px; }
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<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#adef-marginwidth>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/obsolete.html#attr-iframe-marginheight>

Out of the box

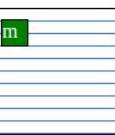
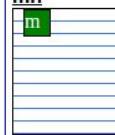
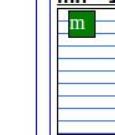
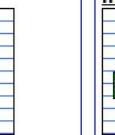
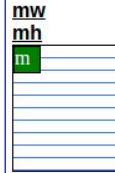
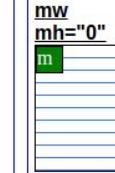
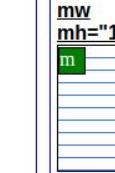
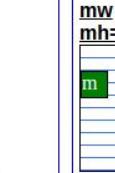
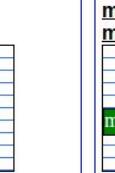
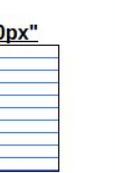
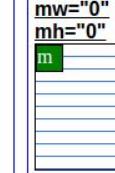
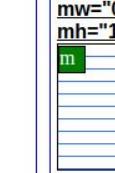
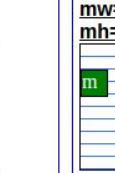
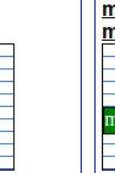
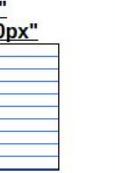
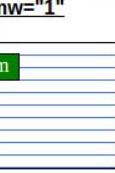
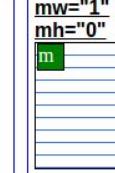
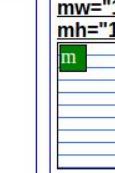
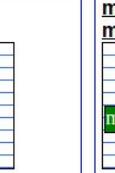
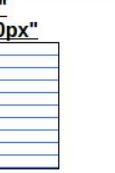
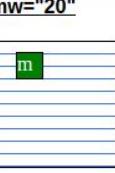
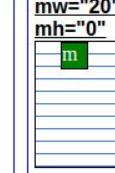
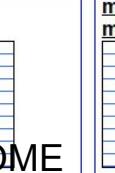
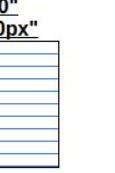
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iframe { margin: 0 10px; }
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Attributes sets margins inside the iframe

Can only be overridden by css inside the iframe

<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#adef-marginwidth>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/obsolete.html#attr-iframe-marginheight>

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name=

- Allows you to `target=` the iframe by name
- Cannot hijack _blank, _parent, _self, or _top
- Paved way for early “ajax” way of SPA
- First element in the tree wins
- Unknown names open in a new window (“_new”)
- Cannot target shadowed names
- Name can be anything even numbers or emoji

<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#adef-name-IFRAME>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/embedded-content.html#attr-iframe-name>

Target it

It's... complex.

Keyword	Ordinary effect	Effect in an <code>iframe</code> with...					
		<code>seamless=""</code>	<code>sandbox=""</code>	<code>sandbox=""</code>	<code>sandbox="allow-seamless"</code>	<code>sandbox="allow-top-navigation"</code>	<code>sandbox="allow-top-navigation seamless=""</code>
none specified, for links and form submissions	current	master	current	master	current	current	master
empty string	current	master	current	master	current	current	master
<code>_blank</code>	new	new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new
<code>_self</code>	current	current	current	current	current	current	current
<code>_parent</code> if there isn't a parent	current	current	current	current	current	current	current
<code>_parent</code> if parent is also top	parent/top	parent/top	none	none	parent/top	parent/top	
<code>_parent</code> if there is one and it's not top	parent	parent	none	none	none	none	none
<code>_top</code> if top is current	current	current	current	current	current	current	current
<code>_top</code> if top is not current	top	top	none	none	top	top	
name that doesn't exist	new	new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new	
name that exists and is a descendant	specified descendant	specified descendant	specified descendant	specified descendant	specified descendant	specified descendant	specified descendant
name that exists and is current	current	current	current	current	current	current	current
name that exists and is an ancestor that is top	specified ancestor	specified ancestor	none	none	specified ancestor/top	specified ancestor/top	
name that exists and is an ancestor that is not top	specified ancestor	specified ancestor	none	none	none	none	
other name that exists with common top	specified	specified	none	none	none	none	
name that exists with different top, if <code>familiar</code> and <code>one</code> permitted sandboxed navigator	specified	specified	specified	specified	specified	specified	specified
name that exists with different top, if <code>familiar</code> but not one permitted sandboxed navigator	specified	specified	none	none	none	none	
name that exists with different top, not <code>familiar</code>	new	new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new	maybe new

CHROME

	name	name="name"	name="foo"	name=""	name=" blank"	name=" self"	name=" parent"	name=" top"	name=" new"	name=" nope"	name="123"	name="Ω"		

FIREFOX

	name	name="name"	name="foo"	name=""	name=" blank"	name=" self"	name=" parent"	name=" top"	name=" new"	name=" nope"	name="123"	name="Ω"		

Nameology

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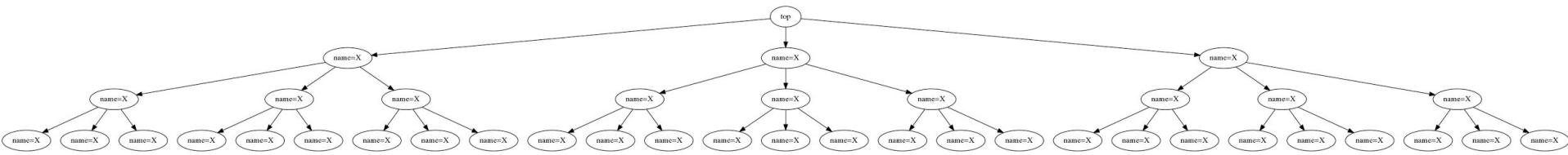
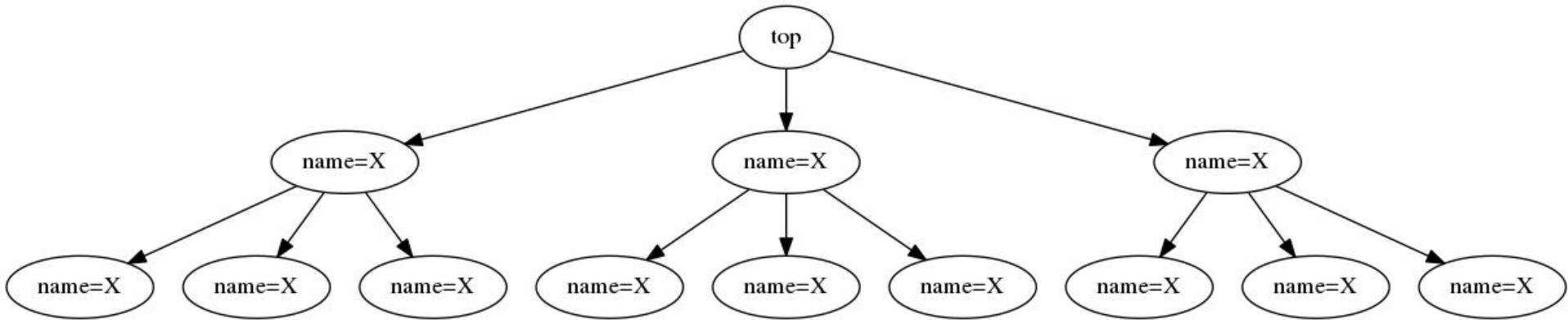
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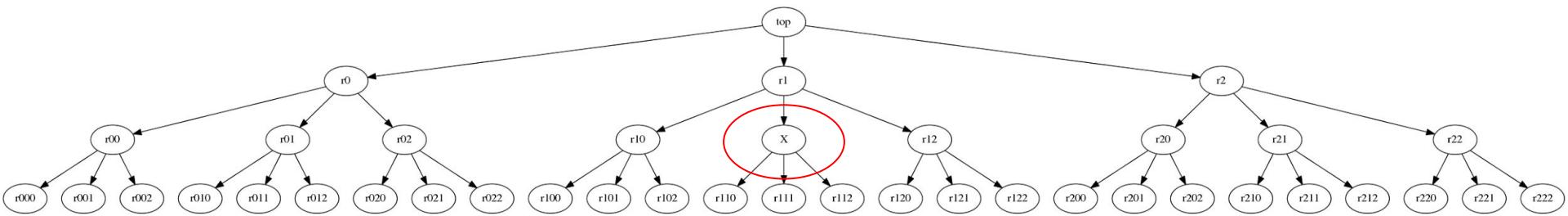


<form target=X>



All frames target themselves. Top targets first child.

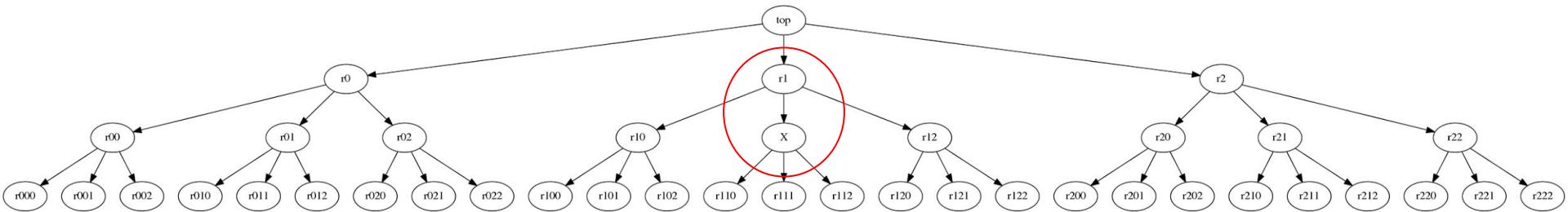
When only the center most frame has name=x



All buttons lead to it. Ancestry tree is irrelevant.

Same as previous but r1 is cross-domain...

python -m SimpleHTTPServer



It... works all the same? Firefox and Chrome, at least

Submit Query

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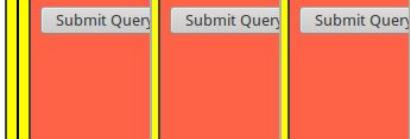
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XHTML

Name deprecated in XHTML

Requires id

Set id to name (matching case!) for full support

<https://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/#h-4.10>

referrerpolicy=

“A referrer policy modifies the algorithm used to populate the Referer header when fetching subresources, prefetching, or performing navigations. This document defines the various behaviors for each referrer policy.”

<https://www.w3.org/TR/referrer-policy/>

Valid values

- no-referrer (never)
- no-referrer-when-downgrade (default)
- same-origin
- origin
- origin-when-cross-origin
- unsafe-url (always)
- empty string (becomes “no-referrer-when-downgrade”) (*not same as no value!*)
- No value becomes “no-referrer” unless overridden
- Invalid values become empty string

<https://w3c.github.io/webappsec-referrer-policy/#determine-policy-for-token>

https://wiki.whatwg.org/wiki/Meta_referrer

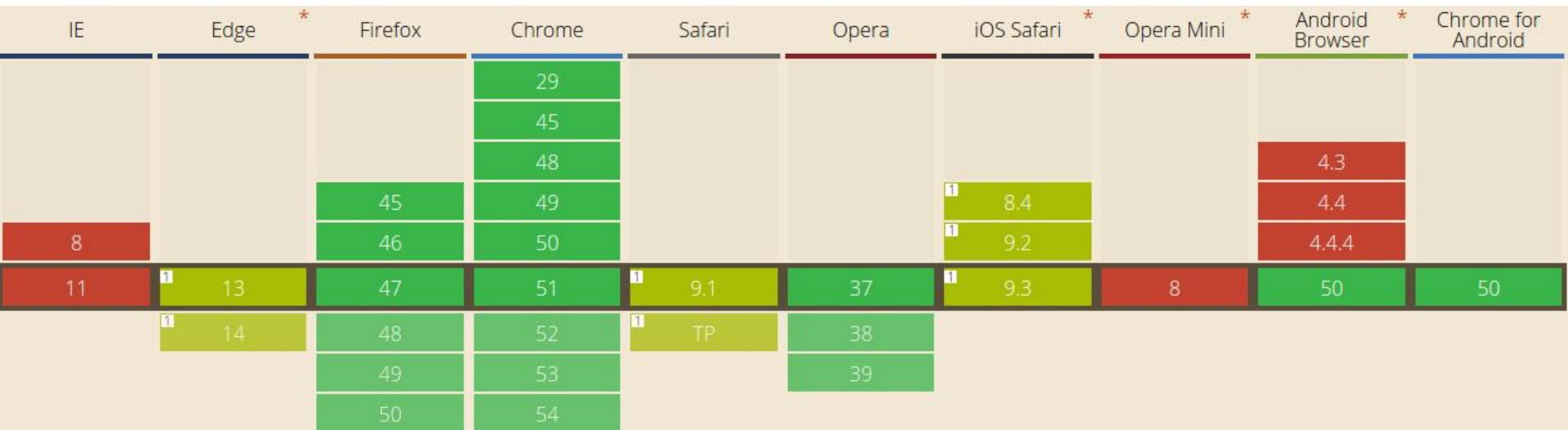
Determining the referrer policy

- Referrer-Policy http header (explicitly NOT “Referer”)
 - Works even with redirects, last header wins but otherwise previous sets it
- `<meta name="referrer" content="unsafe-url">` (*only in head*)
- `referrerpolicy` html attribute (only `<a>`, `<area>`, ``, `<iframe>`, or `<link>`)
- `noreferrer` html attribute (`<a>` and `<area>` only)
- via “inheritance” (nested browsing contexts like nested iframes)
- The empty string value is a valid value (and means “no-referrer”)
- If still *no value*, use “no-referrer-when-downgrade”

<https://w3c.github.io/webappsec-referrer-policy/#referrer-policy-delivery>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/semantics.html#meta-referrer>

Support seems okay-ish



Chrome (no flags)

0=referrer.frame.html

1=http://localhost:8000/referrer.frame.html (python -m SimpleHTTPServer)

2=http://qfox.nl/frame.html (may disappear at some point)

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Firefox + enablePerElementReferrer flag

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1= http://localhost:8000/referrer.frame.html (python -m SimpleHTTPServer)

2= http://qfox.nl/frame.html (may disappear at some point)

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Ignores attribute name `referrer` and the old keywords

From https, Chrome, has no-referrer in http header (Dropbox)

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Same page in Firefox

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Github pages, Chrome

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Github pages, Firefox

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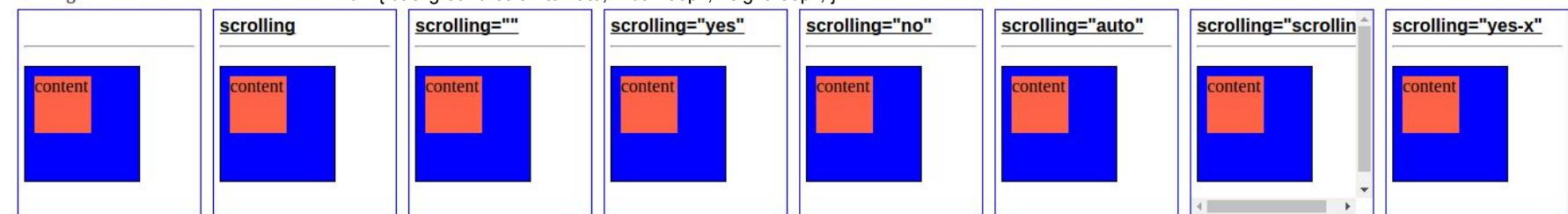
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Yes, no, auto

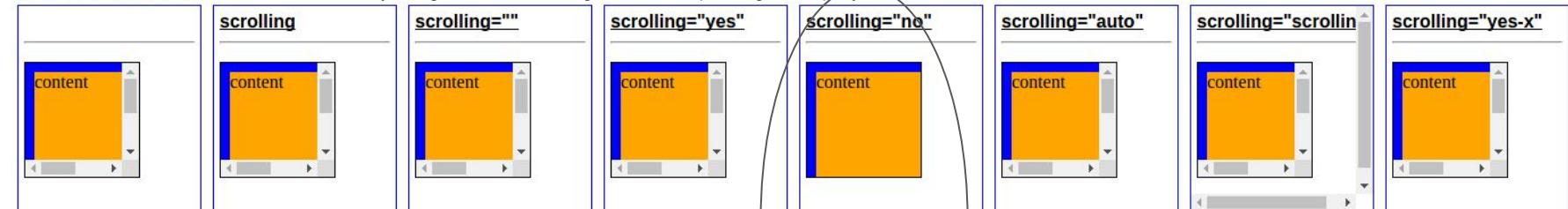
<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#adef-scrolling>

CHROME

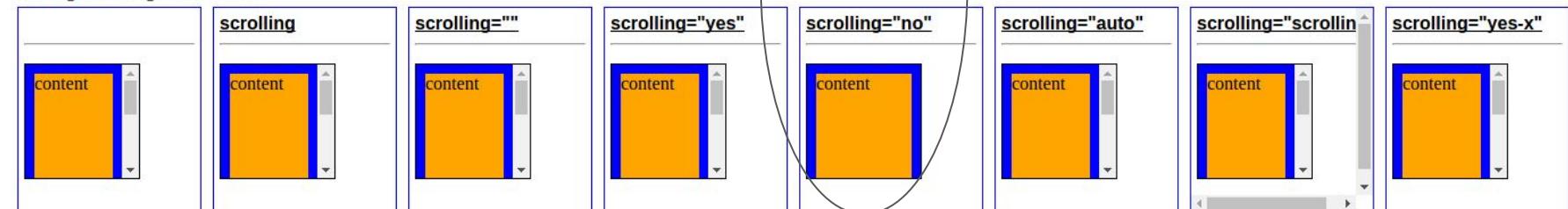
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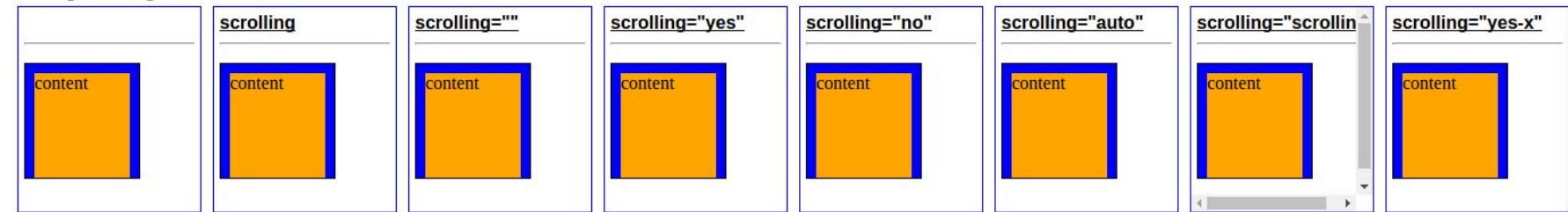
scrolling.frame.large.html



scrolling.frame.large.css-auto.html



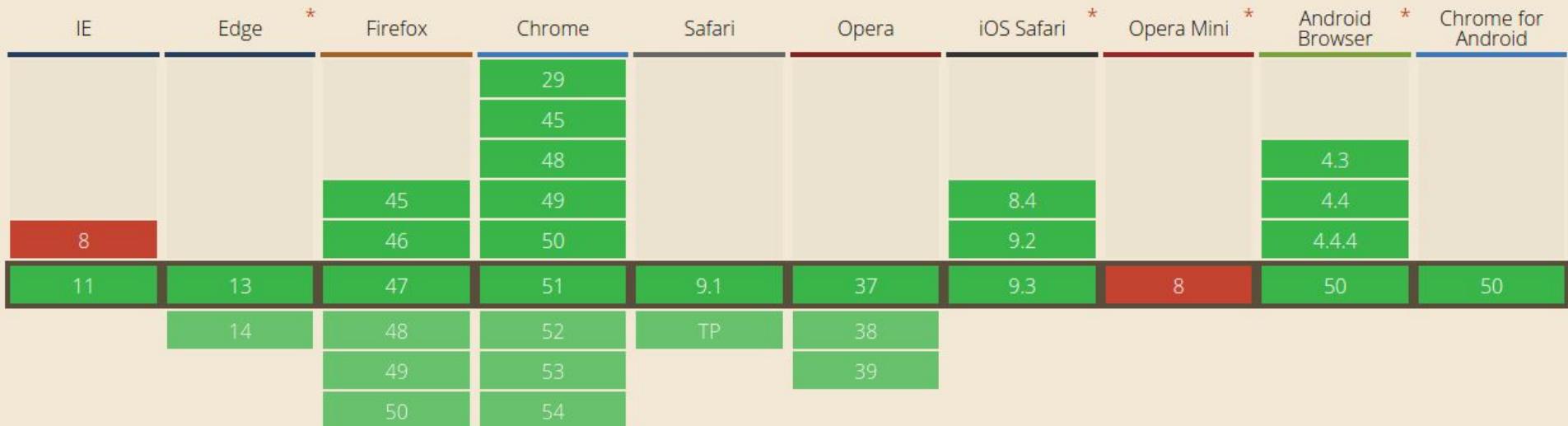
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sandbox=

- allow-forms
- allow-modals
- allow-orientation-lock
- allow-pointer-lock
- allow-popups
- allow-popups-to-escape-sandbox
- allow-same-origin
- allow-scripts
- allow-top-navigation

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/embedded-content.html#attr-iframe-sandbox>



<http://caniuse.com/#search=sandbox>

Browser compatibility

Feature	Chrome	Edge	Firefox (Gecko)	Internet Explorer	Opera	Safari (WebKit)
Basic support	1.0	(Yes)	(Yes)[3]	(Yes)	(Yes)	(Yes)
sandbox	4.0	(Yes)	17.0 (17.0)	10	15	5
seamless		No support	No support	No support	No support	No support
srcdoc	20.0	No support	25.0 (25.0)	No support	15	6
allowfullscreen	17.0 webkit 27.0	(Yes)	9.0 (9.0) moz 18.0 (18.0)	11 ms	(Yes)	(Yes) webkit 7
sandbox="allow-popups"	?	(Yes)	27.0 (27.0)	?	?	?
sandbox="allow-popups-to-escape-sandbox"	46.0	No support	49.0 (49.0)	?	32	?
sandbox="allow-modals"	?	?	49.0 (49.0)	?	?	?
referrerpolicy	46.0 [1]	No support	42.0 (42.0) [2]	?	?	?

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element/iframe#Browser_compatibility

Targeting



_parent in a sandbox

- Unable to target _parent frame
- Allow-top-navigation will not unblock _parent unless _top == _parent

Additionally

- Popup names are not remembered (_new and _parent behave like _blank)

(at least in chrome / firefox)

sandbox=allow-fullscreen

No.

Iframes have this disabled by default. Absence of sandbox would (“should”) mean iframes can be fullscreened by default.

<https://fullscreen.spec.whatwg.org/#fullscreen-enabled-flag>

Sandbox only applied on navigation

Dynamic changes only reflected after navigating

Bad synergies

Allow-scripts + allow-same-origin with a same origin url allows frame to remove its own sandbox and reload to escape the sandbox

seamless=

- Like inlining a template...
- Support retracted or never existed
- Scrapped from html5 spec

<https://developers.whatwg.org/the-iframe-element.html#attr-iframe-seamless>

<https://github.com/whatwg/html/issues/331>

src=

- Regular urls
- JavaScript urls
- Empty
- Special urls
- Data-uri

<https://www.w3.org/TR/html4/present/frames.html#adef-src-FRAME>

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/embedded-content.html#attr-iframe-src>

`src="javascript:'foo'"`

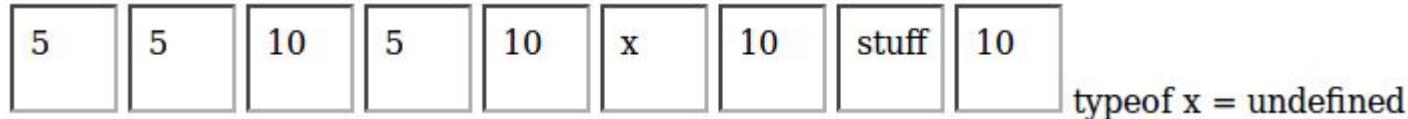
- Evals your code and display the result if it is a string, 204 otherwise
- Return value is used as html document
- Can be used to generate complete html pages, inc doctype!
- Requires html encoding of the outer quote, js encoding of inner quote
- URL length limits
- js1k.com used this for demo frames in a frameset for a long time
- Not restricted to a string...

- <iframe src="javascript:**5**"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:**5**"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:**5+5**"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:**5,'5**"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:**x=5+5, String(x)**"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:if(true)'x';else 'y';"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:if(true)'x';else 'y';**5+5**;"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:**for(var i=0;i<10;++i)'stuff'**;"></iframe>
- <iframe src="javascript:**x=5+5,'<script>alert(x)</script>'"></iframe>
<script>document.write('typeof x = ' + typeof x)</script>**

Chrome:



Firefox:



javascript: url spec

Parse url:

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/browsers.html#javascript-protocol>

<https://w3c.github.io/html/browsers.html#javascript-urls>

Run “classic” script:

<https://w3c.github.io/html/webappapis.html#run-a-classic-script>

- Content type is text/html
- If not string, considered “undefined” with http status 204
- Globals owner is not obvious from the spec

Must dig deeper

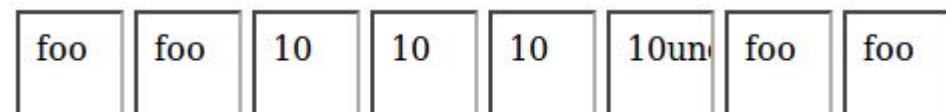
```
<iframe src="javascript:document.write('<body><div>foo</div>'),document.querySelector('div').innerHTML"></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:document.write("<body><div>foo</div>"),document.querySelector("div").innerHTML"></iframe>

<iframe src="javascript:x=10;x+""></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:x=10;'<script>document.write(x);</script>""></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:this.x=10;'<script>document.write(x);</script>""></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:document.x=10;document.x + '<script>document.write(document.x);</script>'"></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:document.write('foo')"></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:document.write('foo'),document.close(),'bar'"></iframe>
```

Chrome:



Firefox:



The other way around

```
<script>function foo(){}</script>
<iframe src="javascript:foo();"></iframe>
<iframe src="javascript:parent.foo();"></iframe>
```

[source](#)

Data-uri

```
<iframe src="data:text/html,foo"></iframe>
```

Works as you'd expect. Well, except in IE.

Outer frame runs/continues first... (race condition? Seems consistent)

Considered cross domain; we can't access the frame from JS in parent.
It looks that way but that's only the race condition.

```
<iframe id=A src="data:text/html;charset=utf-8,<!DOCTYPE html><html><head></head><body><h1>FAIL</h1></body></html>"></iframe>
<script>
  console.log(A.contentDocument.body.innerHTML); // ""
  A.contentDocument.body = 'PASS 1'; // works because data uri has not yet resolved. Will be overwritten.
  setTimeout(function(){ A.contentDocument.body = 'PASS 2'; }, 10); // throws security error
</script>
```

Special urls

- about:blank
- about:invalid
- about:
- about:html
- about:"html"

Behave the same. Accessible from parent frame. Chrome will create a body, Firefox does not until onload. All iframes are empty.

The quoted html version reports “about:” for url... the others as is.

- chrome://about

Special to Chrome, won't load it. Firefox acts as about:blank

Empty pages

- No src <iframe></iframe>
- No value <iframe src></iframe>
- Empty string as value <iframe src=""></iframe>

Acts similar to about:blank.

When src is omitted, iframe.src is empty.

When src is present but empty, iframe.src is parent url...

srcdoc=

It's like a javascript:"string" url but just the string sans quotes

Prevents a fetch in certain cases

Fallback should be the src

Designed to be used in conjunction with sandbox (*and seamless*)

Requires script tags to be closed in order for them to execute

Not in Edge (yet)

<https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/embedded-content.html#attr-iframe-srcdoc>

Double edged syntax

- Doctype is optional
 - Title is optional
 - Only body is required, rest is implied
-
- Content has to be doubly encoded

Anti-climactic

The location.href of a srcdocced iframed is ... “about:srcdoc”

Cross frame navigation in JS

- window -> iframe: **window.frameElement**
- document -> window: **document.defaultView**
- iframe -> window; **iframe.contentWindow**
- iframe -> document: **iframe.contentDocument**
- window -> parent: **parent**
- iframe -> top: **top**
- window -> document: **window.document**
- element -> document: **el.ownerDocument**

(the last one is the doc that created it, not the doc who has the frame in its DOM!)

Stones unturned

- document.domain
- onload
- onerror
- contenteditable
- document.write
- xml
- Global attributes
- postMessage
- Other cross domain stuff
- More javascript urls
- X-Frame-Options
- Iframes in svg

Thank you

<http://qfox.nl>

<http://c80.nl>

[@kuvos](#)

<http://github.com/qfox/htmlday16>

Riddle

From a presentation at JSConf.eu ‘15

Lieke Boon: “Unconscious Bias: we’re all guilty”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mcyUUf20Ng>