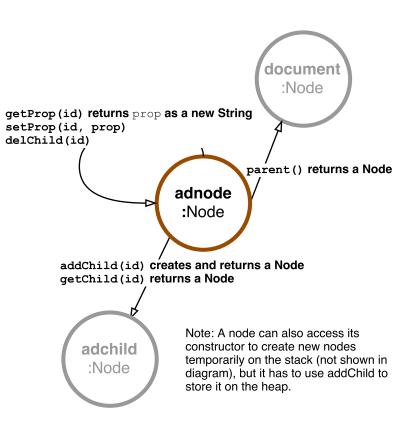
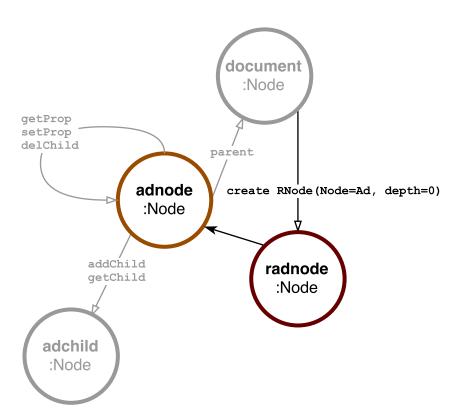
1) A simplified representation of a Javascript HTML DOM tree. A node can perform 6 functions and the result of each function call is pointed to by empty arrowheads. Notice below that giving away the capability of **adnode** to a third-party is unsafe, because using the parent() function call on the **adnode** returns **document**, the root node, from which all nodes and their capabilities in the entire DOM tree can be accessed.



3) A ReNode has all the functions of a Node, and it forwards all capability-insensitive messages (that return a non-capability type - getProp, setProp, delChild) to the Node that it wraps over , and returns Node's results. For capability-sensitive functions that return a capability (addChild, getChild, parent), ReNode always checks some condition and if successful, always creates and return a new ReNode imbued with an adjusted depth so as to protect the access integrity of the tree. The function parent succeeds only if the ReNode has sufficient depth access to call its immediate parent (depth>0).

2) A Node can now construct an attenuating ReNode over a child Node it has created, and also specify an integer variable depth to restrict how far up in a tree the newly created ReNode can travel. A ReNode with depth=0 means that it cannot access its immediate parent. Also, depth can only be declared once in the ReNode constructor and cannot be subsequently changed or redeclared (depth is of a Javascript let type). The ReNode possesses the capability of the Node that it wraps over (filled arrowhead in diagram below) but this is stored in a private field. Therefore the capability of Node is not accessible externally and can only be used internally by ReNode's functions.



4) In the final diagram below, notice how it is safe now to give away the capability of the RNode RAd to a third-party, when RAd is constructed by Document with depth=0. The wrapper guarantees that the user of RAd cannot modify the properties of Document through the chained function call parent().setProp(id, prop) because parent() will first fail. Consequently, the wrapper also prevents RAd's user from accessing any other node descended from Document.

