Lecture 07: Intro to JS, JS Events and Traversal

ITP 303 Full-Stack Web Development

Intro to JavaScript

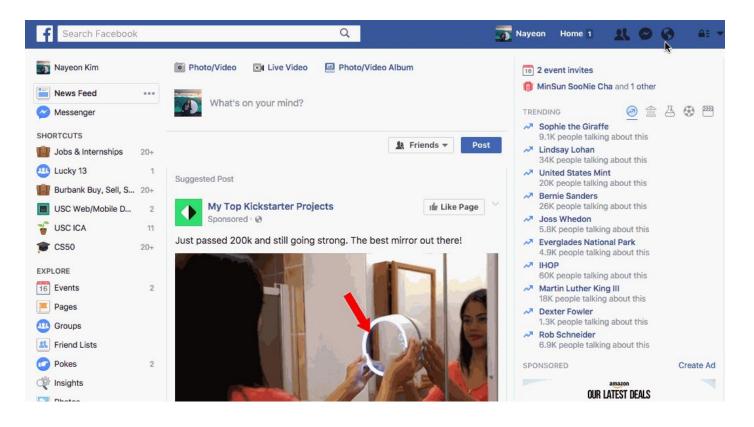
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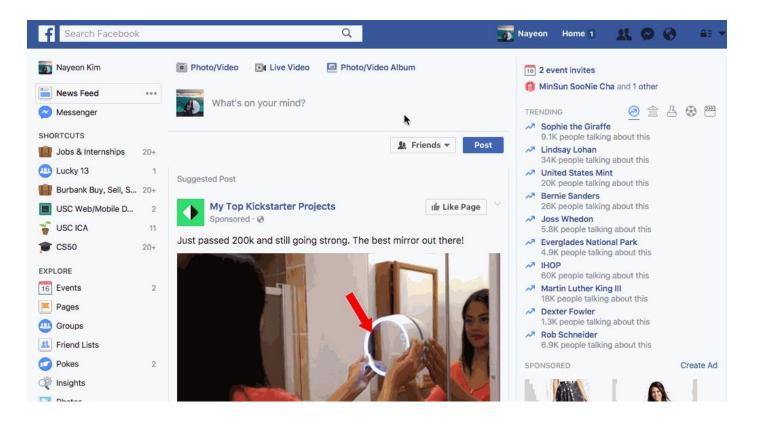


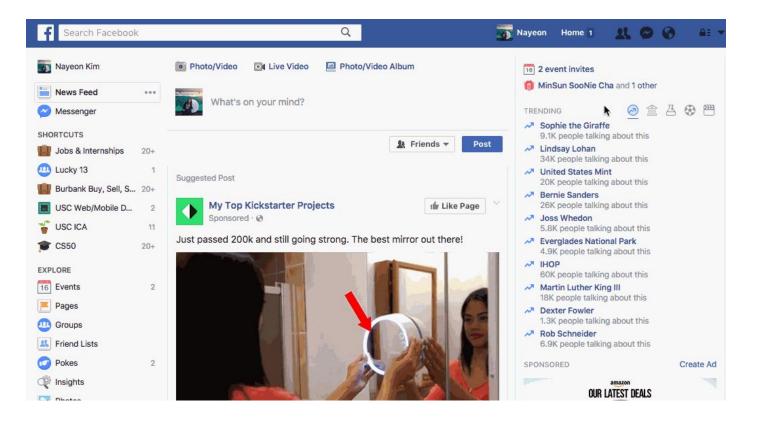
JavaScript (JS)

- A programming language that can be read and executed by the browser.
- While many ideas are borrowed from the language Java, Java and JavaScript are are two entirely different languages.
- Primarily used on client-side, but with NodeJS on the backend, it's possible to build an entire web application with just JavaScript
- Some key things JS is good at:
 - DOM manipulation
 - Listening to user events (click, hover, keypress, etc)
 - Client-server communication without reloading pages
 - And more...

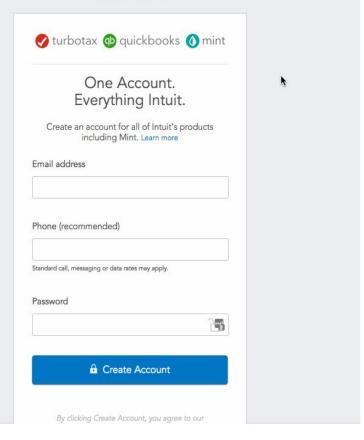












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Resource: More on <u>let</u>

```
let book = {
  title: "Jane Eyre",
  author: "Charlotte Bronte",
  published: 1847
}
```

```
if(5 > 7) {
  // some code
else {
  // some code
```

```
for (let i = 0; i<list.length; i++) {
   // code to iterate here
}</pre>
```

```
let numberArray = [1,2,3,4,5];
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let numberArray = [1,2,3,4,5];
numberArray.push(6);
// now numberArray is has 1,2,3,4,5,6
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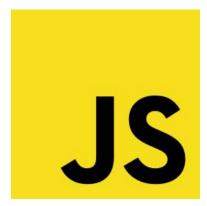
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  console.log("Hello!");
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// To call the function
sayHello();
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Two key features of JS

- 1. Searching and changing elements in the DOM
- 2. Listening to user events



Searching elements??? What does that mean?

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<body>
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JavaScript allows us to easily **find** any specific element in our HTML file.

To fully understand this, we need to first learn about the **Document Object Model**

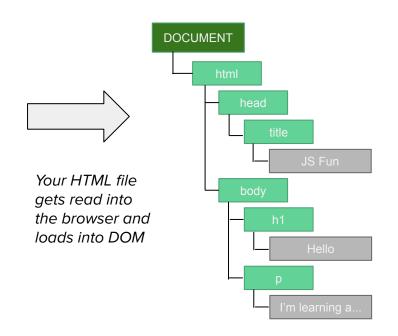
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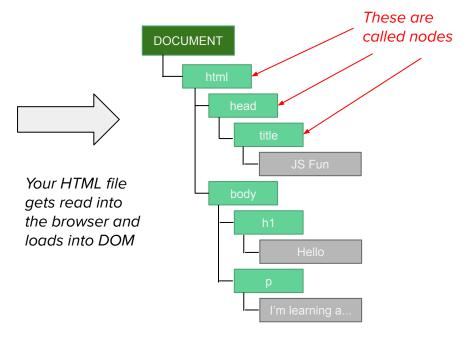
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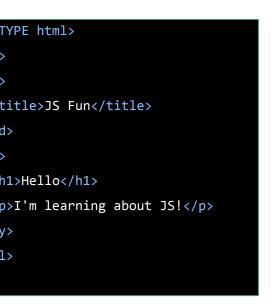
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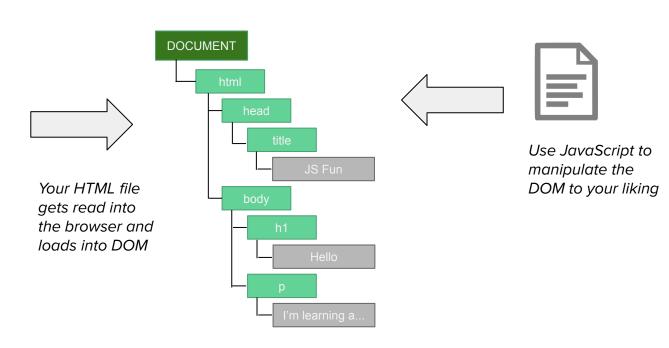
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Ok... so what does JS do?

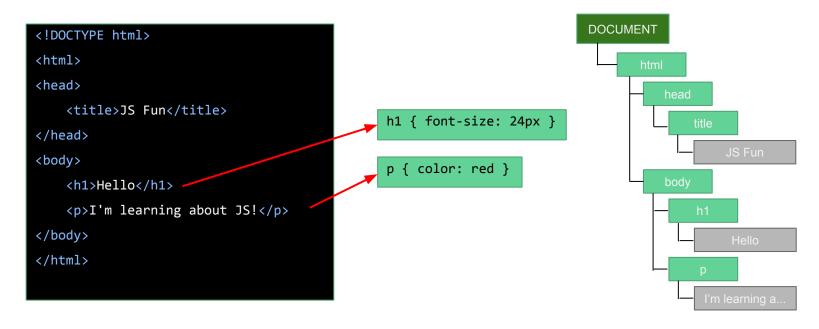
JavaScript gives us a language to interact with the DOM





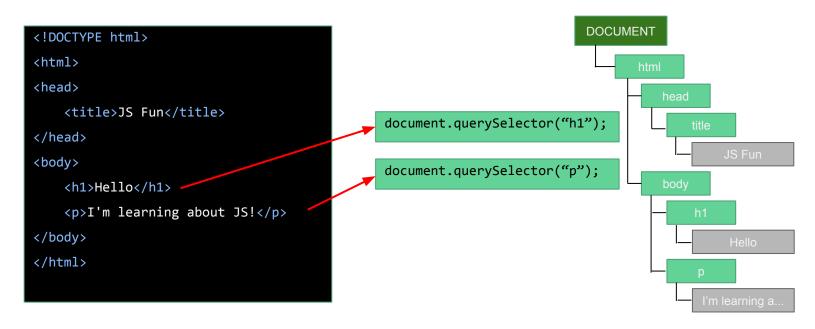
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Accessing DOM Nodes

There are several ways to select DOM Nodes (HTML Elements) using JS:

- document.querySelector(CSS Selector)
- document.querySelectorAll(CSS Selector)
- document.getElementById(ID)
- document.getElementsByClassName(*Class*)
- document.getElementsByTagName(*Tag*)

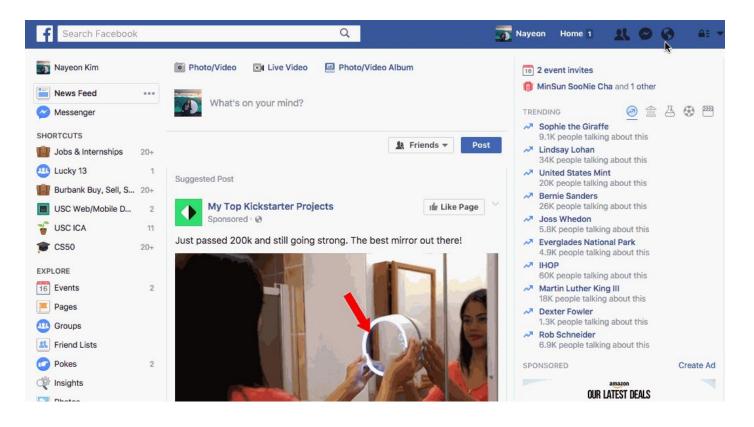
DOM Events

Now that we can "find" elements, we can also wait and listen for an event to trigger the element.

onclick	Mouse right-click on an element.
onmouseenter	Mouse enters an element.
onmouseleave	Mouse leaves an element.
onmouseover	Mouse enters an element or its children.
onmouseout	Mouse leaves an element or its children.

Resource: Full list of DOM Events.

```
document.querySelector('#content').onclick = function(){
  this.style.backgroundColor = '#FC0';
};
document.querySelector('div').onmouseenter = function(){
  document.querySelector('#name').innerHTML = 'Tommy';
};
var items = document.querySelectorAll('.item');
for (var i=0; i < items.length; i++) {</pre>
  items[i].onmouseleave = function(){
   this.href = 'https://www.usc.edu/';
```



DOM Traversal is possible too

 Without specifying an element, can find neighboring elements like sibling, parent, child, etc



DOM Traversal properties

parentNode	Parent element.
children	Children elements.
nextSibling	Next sibling, including whitespace (text) nodes.
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