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currentStyle, and run-timeStyle)
return a style object with properties that expose
CSS style attributes, the situation is a little more complex on the
Netscape 6 side. On the one hand, Netscape 6 implements a version of
the W3C DOM CSSStyleDeclaration object that
exposes all the CSS attributes as properties. This is the version
accessed through an element object's
style property (just like IE, thus making an
element object's style property
work cross-browser). But when you read the effective style sheet (via
window.getComputedStyle( )), the object that comes
back does not expose the CSS attributes directly as properties.
Instead, you must use the CSSStyleDeclaration
methods (listed below) to inspect a specific attribute value by name.
It's a longer way to reach a particular effective
style attribute value, but very much in keeping with other
attribute-reading syntax deployed throughout the W3C DOM. The only
time this cross-browser disconnect affects you is when you need to
view the effective style attribute for an unmodified style. Once you
set an attribute value via the element object's

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