

Browsers

★ How browsers render websites?

↳ It is a simple software that can load some files from your computer (HDD/SSD) or it can load some file from remote server.

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something not present initially with you.

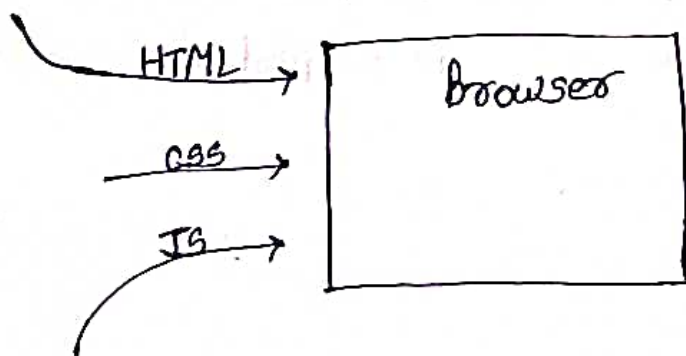
↳ Then browsers figure out how to display your content.

★ How browsers compute how to display any files?

↳ Browsers have an engine, that decides algorithmically how to display content??

Gecko → Browser Engine → Used in Fire Fox

★ How browsers loads the file → (HTML, CSS, JS)



Tokenization → abc, def, g, hi
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HTML file

Browser reads
this html
file in bytes

Bytes are
converted to
characters

Tokenization
↓ using a parser

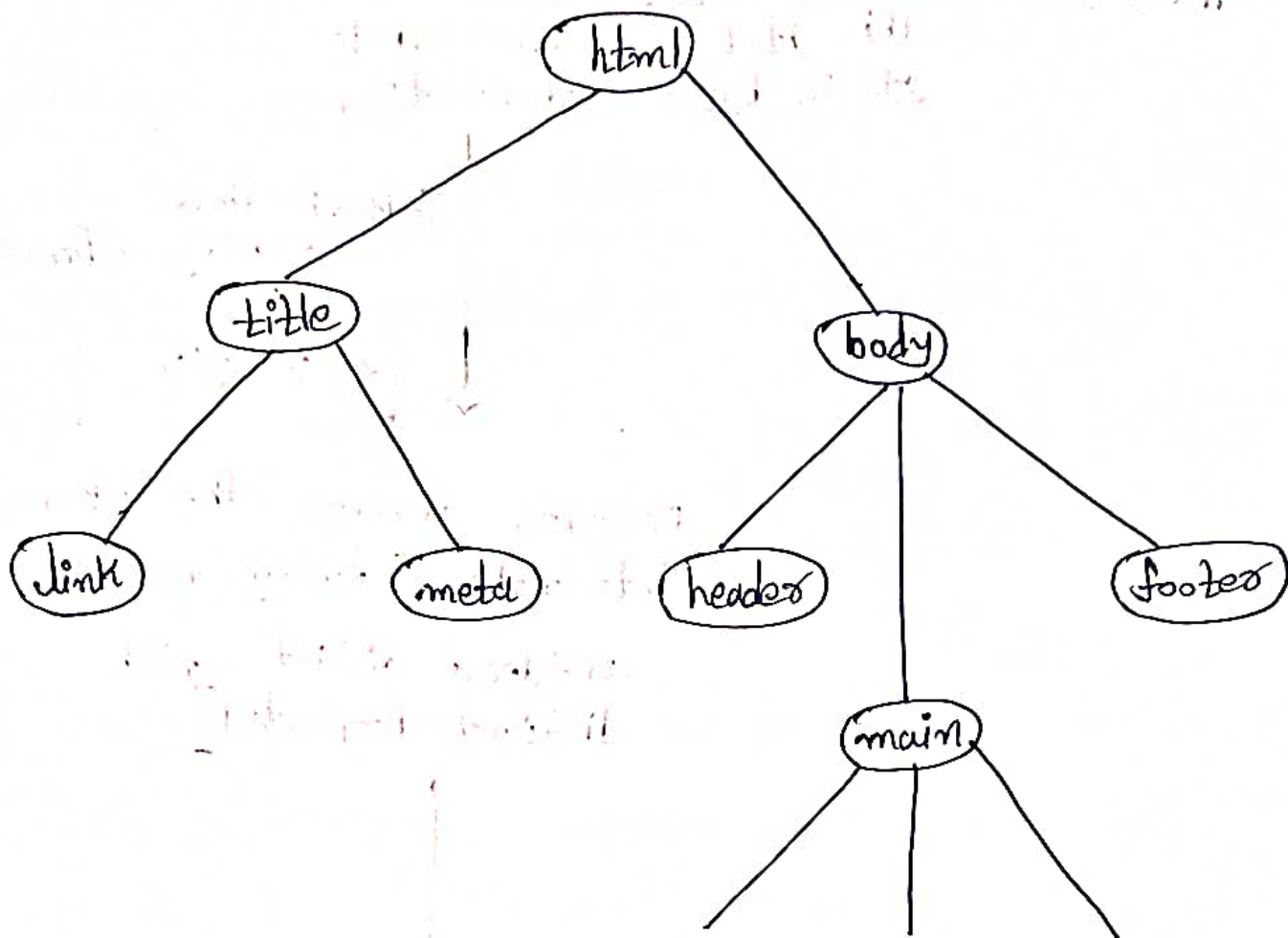
< > </>

Browser converts the tokens
into nodes. [every node is,
considered distinct with
distinct property]

Represent these node in
the node form of tree.

DOM Tree

Document object
Model



↳ This is not a final result that renders in your browser.

↳ How designing comes in the picture?

HTML → Hyper Text - - -

↓
some other documents/objects
link with html

CSSOM \rightarrow CSS object Model

\downarrow
tree data structure

\rightarrow Cascading Style Sheet

\rightarrow cascading algo.
that CSS follows

CSS bytes \rightarrow character \rightarrow tokenized

\downarrow
nodes

\downarrow
CSSOM

\downarrow
what styles
finally applied

DOM + CSSOM \Rightarrow Render tree

`display: none;`

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It is present in DOM tree,
but not in Render tree

Render Tree

Before we draw the Render tree on the browser's viewport, one more step is involved called Layout.

In this step browser calculate the sizes, position & other metrics for each element.

Reflow
Step

Painting

→ dom construction is paused when browser hits a script tag.

→ Why ~~if~~ you should write script tag in the last of body tag?

→ HTML

⌘

script

body

Script → DOM construction halts
→ What about CSSOM ??

↑
In most engines, JS is halted until CSSOM is constructed.