

The DOM (Document Object Model)

This is the representation of an HTML document as a network of connected nodes forming a tree-like structure.

The DOM treats everything as a node. The HTML tag is the root node.

Legacy DOM Shortcut Methods

There are some methods from DOM Level 0 that can still be employed to access commonly used elements. These include:

`Document.body` returns the body element of a web page, as we saw in the previous example.

`Document.images` returns a node list of all the images contained in the document.

`Document.links` returns a node list of all the `<a>` elements and `<area>` elements that have an href attribute.

`Document.anchors` returns a node list of all the `<a>` elements that have a name attribute.

`Document.forms` returns a node list of all the forms in the document. This will be used when we cover forms in Chapter 8.

Other important document methods

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document.getElementById() - got it
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document.getElementsByTagName() - returns list of all elements with the  
tag name provided in the argument. Use index notation find an  
individual member of the list.
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document.getElementsByClassName() - returns a list of all elements that  
have the class name provided in the argument.
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Query Selectors

The `document.querySelector()` method allows you to use CSS notation to find the first element in the document that matches that matches a CSS selector provided as an argument. If no elements match, it will return null .

The `document.querySelectorAll()` method also uses CSS notation but returns a node list of all the elements in the document that match the CSS query selector. If no elements match, it will return an empty node list.

There will be a DOM exercises page.