

Document Object Model (DC

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HTML DOM (Document Object Model)

- Standard to construct "objects" from an HTML document
- HTML document is converted to a tree-like model
 - "DOM tree"
- JavaScript manipulates elements on a Web page through DC

Adding JavaScript to a Web page

- Use <script> tag
 - Direct embedding

```
<script>
    ... javascript code ...
</script>
```

Linking to a separate file

```
<script src="script.js"></script>
```

<script> may appear anywhere on a page

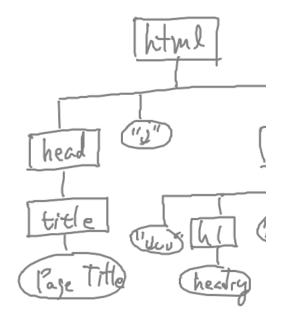
Document to DOM Tree

Three key node types

- 1. Element node: An HTML element
 - Every HTML tag creates an element node
- 2. Text node: Text enclosed in an element
 - Text node becomes a child of the element node
- 3. Attribute node: Attribute of an element
 - An attribute node is associated with the element node, but is not a c

DOM Conversion Example

 White spaces are preserved from <head> through </body>



DOM Tree in JavaScript

- Every DOM node becomes a JavaScript object
 - with properties, methods, and associated events
- document object
 - "root" object that has the parsed DOM tree as its "child"
- DOM object properties for tree structure
 - childNodes: the node's children
 - parentNode: the node's parent
 - attributes: the node's attribute

DOM Object Properties

- nodeType: Node type
 - 1: Element, 2: Attribute, 3: Text, ...
- nodeName
 - Tag name for element node (e.g., HEAD)
 - Attribute names for and attribute node (e.g. href)
 - #text for text node, ...
- nodeValue
 - Enclosed text for text and comment nodes
 - Attribute value for attribute nodes
 - null otherwise

Accessing DOM Node

- Traverse the tree using the childNodes property starting fro document
- 2. Get node(s) directly

```
document.getElementByID('id');
document.getElementsByTagName('h1');
document.getElementsByClassName('class');
document.querySelectorAll('body > a')
```

DOM traversal using Chrome Developer Console

Manipulating DOM Nodes

- JavaScript objects corresponding to DOM nodes have
 - Properties
 - Methods
 - Associated events
- By changing the property values, calling the methods, we ca the HTML element dynamically

DOM Manipulation Example (1)

```
document.body.style.background = "yellow";
document.getElementById('warning1').style.color = "red";
document.body.innerHTML = "new text";
```

• innerHTML value is parsed into a "DOM tree" and replaces the child(ren)

DOM Manipulation Example (2)

```
let newP = document.createElement("p");
let newText = document.createTextNode("new text");
newP.appendChild(newText);
document.body.replaceChild(newP);
```

 document.createElement(), createTextNode(), appendCh: removeChild(), and replaceChild() can be used to add an DOM objects

DOM Manipulation Example (3)

```
document.getElementById('myform1').reset();
document.getElementById('myform1').submit();
```

• Object method can be called to take a certain action

Event-Driven Programming

- To dynamically update a Web page based on user action, Jav program must
 - 1. "Wait for" relevant "events"
 - 2. Take appropriate actions given an event

Event Handling in JavaScript

- Every DOM object is associated with a set of "events"
 - e.g., load, click, input, mouseover, ...
- An object has an associated event handler for each event
 - A function to be invoked when the event is triggered
 - We can customize its action by setting the event handler
- When an event is fired (= triggered) on an object (= event target associated callback function (= event handler) is called (= inverse)

Setting Event Handler

1. In JavaScript: obj.addEventListener(event, handler)

```
function ChangeColor(event) {
    document.body.style.color = "red";
}
document.body.addEventListener("click", ChangeColor);
```

2. In HTML: onevent="stmt;" attribute:

```
<body onclick="ChangeColor();">
```

Not recommended

Our Demo Code

```
<html>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<head><title>JavaScript Example</title></head>
<body>Click on this document!</body>
<script>
    let colors = [ "yellow", "blue", "red" ];
    let i=0;
    function ChangeColor(event) {
        document.body.style.backgroundColor = colors[i++%3];
    }
    document.body.addEventListener("click", ChangeColor);
</script>
</html>
```

References

- W3C DOM
- W3C DOM Events
- More accessible reference for common JavaScript and DOM