

# [MS-DOM1X]: Microsoft XML Document Object Model (DOM) Level 1 Standards Support

---

## Intellectual Property Rights Notice for Open Specifications Documentation

- **Technical Documentation.** Microsoft publishes Open Specifications documentation for protocols, file formats, languages, standards as well as overviews of the interaction among each of these technologies.
- **Copyrights.** This documentation is covered by Microsoft copyrights. Regardless of any other terms that are contained in the terms of use for the Microsoft website that hosts this documentation, you may make copies of it in order to develop implementations of the technologies described in the Open Specifications and may distribute portions of it in your implementations using these technologies or your documentation as necessary to properly document the implementation. You may also distribute in your implementation, with or without modification, any schema, IDL's, or code samples that are included in the documentation. This permission also applies to any documents that are referenced in the Open Specifications.
- **No Trade Secrets.** Microsoft does not claim any trade secret rights in this documentation.
- **Patents.** Microsoft has patents that may cover your implementations of the technologies described in the Open Specifications. Neither this notice nor Microsoft's delivery of the documentation grants any licenses under those or any other Microsoft patents. However, a given Open Specification may be covered by Microsoft's Open Specification Promise (available here: <http://www.microsoft.com/interop/osp>) or the Community Promise (available here: <http://www.microsoft.com/interop/cp/default.mspx>). If you would prefer a written license, or if the technologies described in the Open Specifications are not covered by the Open Specifications Promise or Community Promise, as applicable, patent licenses are available by contacting [iplq@microsoft.com](mailto:iplq@microsoft.com).
- **Trademarks.** The names of companies and products contained in this documentation may be covered by trademarks or similar intellectual property rights. This notice does not grant any licenses under those rights.
- **Fictitious Names.** The example companies, organizations, products, domain names, e-mail addresses, logos, people, places, and events depicted in this documentation are fictitious. No association with any real company, organization, product, domain name, email address, logo, person, place, or event is intended or should be inferred.

**Reservation of Rights.** All other rights are reserved, and this notice does not grant any rights other than specifically described above, whether by implication, estoppel, or otherwise.

**Tools.** The Open Specifications do not require the use of Microsoft programming tools or programming environments in order for you to develop an implementation. If you have access to Microsoft programming tools and environments you are free to take advantage of them. Certain Open Specifications are intended for use in conjunction with publicly available standard specifications and network programming art, and assumes that the reader either is familiar with the aforementioned material or has immediate access to it.

## Revision Summary

Date	Revision History	Revision Class	Comments
03/17/2010	0.1	New	Released new document.
03/26/2010	1.0	None	Introduced no new technical or language changes.
05/26/2010	1.2	None	Introduced no new technical or language changes.
09/08/2010	1.3	Major	Significantly changed the technical content.
02/10/2011	2.0	No change	Introduced no new technical or language changes.

# Table of Contents

<b>1 Introduction .....</b>	<b>4</b>
1.1 Glossary .....	4
1.2 References.....	4
1.2.1 Normative References.....	4
1.2.2 Informative References .....	4
1.3 Microsoft Implementations.....	4
1.4 Standards Support Requirements .....	4
1.5 Notation .....	5
<b>2 Standards Support Statements.....</b>	<b>6</b>
2.1 Normative Variations.....	6
2.2 Clarifications .....	6
2.2.1 [DOM Level 1] Section 1.1.5, The DOMString type.....	6
2.2.2 [DOM Level 1] Section 1.2, Fundamental Interfaces .....	6
2.2.3 [DOM Level 1] Section 1.3, Extended Interfaces.....	19
2.2.4 [DOM Level 1] Section 2.1, Introduction.....	22
2.3 Error Handling .....	22
2.4 Security.....	22
<b>3 Change Tracking.....</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>4 Index .....</b>	<b>24</b>

# 1 Introduction

This document describes the level of support provided by the Microsoft XML Core Services (MSXML) 3.0 and 6.0 for the *Document Object Model (DOM) Level 1 Specification Version 1.0* [\[DOM Level 1\]](#), W3C Recommendation 1 October, 1998.

The [\[DOM Level 1\]](#) specification may contain guidance for authors of webpages and browser users, in addition to user agents (browser applications). Statements found in this document apply only to normative requirements in the specification targeted to user agents, not those targeted to authors.

## 1.1 Glossary

**MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT:** These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

## 1.2 References

### 1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact [dochelp@microsoft.com](mailto:dochelp@microsoft.com). We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, <http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624>, as an additional source.

[DOM Level 1] Worldwide Web Consortium (W3C), "Document Object Model (DOM) Level 1 Specification", Version 1.0 W3C Recommendation 1 October, 1998, <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-DOM-Level-1/>

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

### 1.2.2 Informative References

None.

## 1.3 Microsoft Implementations

Throughout this document, Microsoft XML Core Services (MSXML) 3.0 is referred to as *MSXML3* and Microsoft XML Core Services (MSXML) 6.0 is referred to as *MSXML6*.

MSXML3 is the only version of MSXML that is implemented in Windows® Internet Explorer® 7 and Windows® Internet Explorer® 8. Both MSXML3 and MSXML6 are implemented in Windows® Internet Explorer® 9.

## 1.4 Standards Support Requirements

To conform to [\[DOM Level 1\]](#), a user agent must implement all required portions of the specification. Any optional portions that have been implemented must also be implemented as described by the specification. Normative language is usually used to define both required and optional portions. (For more information, see [\[RFC2119\]](#).)

The following table lists the sections of [\[DOM Level 1\]](#) and whether they are considered normative or informative.

Chapters	Normative/Informative
1-2	Normative
Appendices A-E	Informative

## 1.5 Notation

The following notations are used in this document to differentiate between notes of clarification, variation from the specification, and extension points.

Notation	Explanation
C####	This identifies a clarification of ambiguity in the target specification. This includes imprecise statements, omitted information, discrepancies, and errata. This does not include data formatting clarifications.
V####	This identifies an intended point of variability in the target specification such as the use of MAY, SHOULD, or RECOMMENDED. (See <a href="#">RFC2119</a> .) This does not include extensibility points.
E####	Identifies extensibility points (such as optional implementation-specific data) in the target specification, which can impair interoperability.

## 2 Standards Support Statements

This section contains a full list of variations, clarifications, and extension points in the Microsoft implementation of [\[DOM Level 1\]](#).

- Section [2.1](#) includes only those variations that violate a MUST requirement in the target specification.
- Section [2.2](#) describes further variations from MAY and SHOULD requirements.
- Section [2.3](#) identifies variations in error handling.
- Section [2.4](#) identifies variations that impact security.

### 2.1 Normative Variations

There are no variations from [\[DOM Level 1\]](#).

### 2.2 Clarifications

The following subsections identify clarifications to recommendations made by [\[DOM Level 1\]](#).

#### 2.2.1 [DOM Level 1] Section 1.1.5, The DOMString type

C0001:

The specification states:

```
A DOMString is a sequence of 16-bit quantities. This may be expressed in IDL terms as:  
typedef sequence<unsigned short> DOMString;
```

*MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **DOMString** data type is not supported; instead, the **BSTR** data type is supported.

#### 2.2.2 [DOM Level 1] Section 1.2, Fundamental Interfaces

C0002:

The specification states:

```
Some languages and object systems do not support the concept of exceptions.  
For such systems, error conditions may be indicated using native error reporting  
mechanisms. For some bindings, for example, methods may return error codes similar  
to those listed in the corresponding method descriptions.
```

*MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **DOMException** interface is not supported; instead, an **HRESULT** value is supported.

C0003:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
exception DOMException {
    unsigned short    code;
};
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **DOMException** interface is not supported; instead, an **HRESULT** value is supported.

C0004:

The specification states:

```
hasFeature Method
Test if the DOM implementation implements a specific feature.

Parameters
feature  The package name of the feature to test. In Level 1, the legal values are
"HTML" and "XML" (case-insensitive).
version  This is the version number of the package name to test. In Level 1, this
is the string "1.0". If the version is not specified, supporting any version of the
feature will cause the method to return true.

Return Value
true if the feature is implemented in the specified version, false otherwise.

This method raises no exceptions.
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **hasFeature** method of the **DOMException** exception does not return `true` when the version parameter is not specified even if the feature is supported.

For example, the following method call returns `false`:

```
hasFeature("XML", "");
```

However, the following method call returns `true`:

```
hasFeature("XML", "1.0");
```

E0001:

The specification states:

```
interface Document : Node {
    readonly attribute DocumentType      doctype;
    readonly attribute DOMImplementation implementation;
    readonly attribute Element           documentElement;
    Element                          createElement(in DOMString tagName)
                                      raises(DOMException);
    DocumentFragment                  createDocumentFragment();
    Text                              createTextNode(in DOMString data);
```

```

Comment          createComment(in DOMString data);
CDATASection      createCDATASection(in DOMString data)
                  raises(DOMException);
ProcessingInstruction
createProcessingInstruction(in DOMString target,
                           in DOMString data)
                           raises(DOMException);
Attr              createAttribute(in DOMString name)
                  raises(DOMException);
EntityReference   createEntityReference(in DOMString name)
                  raises(DOMException);
NodeList          getElementsByTagName(in DOMString tagname);
};

```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The following additional attributes are supported on the **Document** interface:

- **async**
- **parseError**
- **preserveWhiteSpace**
- **readyState**
- **resolveExternals**
- **url**
- **validateOnParse**

The following additional methods are supported on the **Document** interface:

- **abort**
- **createNode**
- **load**
- **loadXML**
- **nodeFromID**
- **save**

The following additional events are supported on the **Document** interface:

- **ondataavailable**
- **onreadystatechange**
- **ontransformnode**

The **documentElement** attribute is read/write, not read-only.

C0005:

The specification states:



Attribute  
documentElement  
This is a convenience attribute that allows direct access to the child node that is the root element of the document. For HTML documents, this is the element with the tagName "HTML".

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The value of the **documentElement** attribute of the **Document** interface is not read-only.

E0002:

The specification states:

#### IDL Definition

```
interface Node {
    // NodeType
    const unsigned short    ELEMENT_NODE        = 1;
    const unsigned short    ATTRIBUTE_NODE       = 2;
    const unsigned short    TEXT_NODE            = 3;
    const unsigned short    CDATA_SECTION_NODE   = 4;
    const unsigned short    ENTITY_REFERENCE_NODE = 5;
    const unsigned short    ENTITY_NODE          = 6;
    const unsigned short    PROCESSING_INSTRUCTION_NODE = 7;
    const unsigned short    COMMENT_NODE         = 8;
    const unsigned short    DOCUMENT_NODE        = 9;
    const unsigned short    DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE   = 10;
    const unsigned short    DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT_NODE = 11;
    const unsigned short    NOTATION_NODE        = 12;

    readonly attribute DOMString    nodeName;
    attribute DOMString             nodeValue;
    // raises(DOMException) on setting
    // raises(DOMException) on retrieval

    readonly attribute unsigned short    nodeType;
    readonly attribute Node               parentNode;
    readonly attribute NodeList           childNodes;
    readonly attribute Node               firstChild;
    readonly attribute Node               lastChild;
    readonly attribute Node               previousSibling;
    readonly attribute Node               nextSibling;
    readonly attribute NamedNodeMap       attributes;
    readonly attribute Document           ownerDocument;
    Node                                  insertBefore(in Node newChild,
                                                       in Node refChild)
                                           raises(DOMException);
    Node                                  replaceChild(in Node newChild,
                                                       in Node oldChild)
                                           raises(DOMException);
    Node                                  removeChild(in Node oldChild)
                                           raises(DOMException);
    Node                                  appendChild(in Node newChild)
                                           raises(DOMException);
    boolean                               hasChildNodes();
    Node                                  cloneNode(in boolean deep);
};
```

The following additional attributes are supported on the **Node** interface:

- **baseName**
- **dataType**
- **definition**
- **namespaceUri**
- **nodeTypeString**
- **nodeTypedValue**
- **parsed**
- **prefix**
- **specified**
- **text**
- **xml**

The following additional methods are supported on the **Node** interface:

- **selectNodes**
- **selectSingleNode**
- **transformNode**
- **transformNodeToObject**

NODE\_XXX values are defined instead of XXX\_NODE values. The **NodeType** constants are replaced with a **DOMNodeType** enumeration.

```
enum tagDOMNodeType
{
    NODE_INVALID, // = 0
    NODE_ELEMENT, // = 1
    NODE_ATTRIBUTE, // = 2
    NODE_TEXT, // = 3
    NODE_CDATA_SECTION, // = 4
    NODE_ENTITY_REFERENCE, // = 5
    NODE_ENTITY, // = 6
    NODE_PROCESSING_INSTRUCTION, // = 7
    NODE_COMMENT, // = 8
    NODE_DOCUMENT, // = 9
    NODE_DOCUMENT_TYPE, // = 10
    NODE_DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT, // = 11
    NODE_NOTATION // = 12
} DOMNodeType;
```

C0006:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
nodeValue
The value of this node, depending on its type.
```

#### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **DOMSTRING\_SIZE\_ERR** error code is not implemented. The value of the **nodeValue** attribute of the **Node** interface is constrained only by the size limit of physical memory.

C0007:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
attributes
A NamedNodeMap containing the attributes of this node (if it is an Element) or null
otherwise.
```

#### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **attributes** attribute returns an **IXMLDOMNamedNodeMap** object that contains a collection of attributes for nodes of types:

- **Element**
- **DocumentType**
- **Entity**
- **Notation**

For nodes of type **ProcessingInstruction**, the value returned by the **attributes** attribute is null except for the XML declaration that appears as the first line in an XML document, for example `<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>`.

C0008:

The specification states:

```
Methods
insertBefore
Inserts the node newChild before the existing child node refChild. If refChild is
null, insert newChild at the end of the list of children.
If newChild is a DocumentFragment object, all of its children are inserted, in the
same order, before refChild. If the newChild is already in the tree, it is first removed.

Parameters
newChild The node to insert.
refChild The reference node, i.e., the node before which the new node must be inserted.

Return Value
The node being inserted.

Exceptions
```

DOMException  
HIERARCHY\_REQUEST\_ERR: Raised if this node is of a type that does not allow children of the type of the newChild node, or if the node to insert is one of this node's ancestors.  
WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR: Raised if newChild was created from a different document than the one that created this node.  
NO\_MODIFICATION\_ALLOWED\_ERR: Raised if this node is readonly.  
NOT\_FOUND\_ERR: Raised if refChild is not a child of this node.

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

With the **insertBefore** method of the **Node** interface, the **WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR** error is not raised if the new child node (**newChild**) was created in a different document than the one that contains the reference node (**refChild**). The **newChild** and **refChild** parameters can represent nodes in the same document or in different documents.

C0009:

The specification states:

Method  
replaceChild  
Replaces the child node oldChild with newChild in the list of children, and returns the oldChild node. If the newChild is already in the tree, it is first removed.

Parameters  
newChild The new node to put in the child list.  
oldChild The node being replaced in the list.

Return Value  
The node replaced.

Exceptions  
DOMException  
HIERARCHY\_REQUEST\_ERR: Raised if this node is of a type that does not allow children of the type of the newChild node, or it the node to put in is one of this node's ancestors.  
WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR: Raised if newChild was created from a different document than the one that created this node.  
NO\_MODIFICATION\_ALLOWED\_ERR: Raised if this node is readonly.  
NOT\_FOUND\_ERR: Raised if oldChild is not a child of this node.

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

With the **replaceChild** method of the **Node** interface, the **WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR** error is not raised if the new node (**newChild**) was created in a different document than the one that contains the reference node (**refChild**). The **newChild** and **refChild** parameters can represent nodes in the same document or in different documents.

C0010:

The specification states:

Method  
appendChild  
Adds the node newChild to the end of the list of children of this node. If the

newChild is already in the tree, it is first removed.

#### Parameters

newChild The node to add.

If it is a DocumentFragment object, the entire contents of the document fragment are moved into the child list of this node

#### Return Value

The node added.

#### Exceptions

DOMException

HIERARCHY\_REQUEST\_ERR: Raised if this node is of a type that does not allow children of the type of the newChild node, or if the node to append is one of this node's ancestors.

WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR: Raised if newChild was created from a different document than the one that created this node.

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

With the **appendChild** methods of the **Node** interface, the **WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR** error is not raised if the **newChild** was created in a different document than the one to which it is being appended.

E0003:

The specification states:

#### IDL Definition

```
interface NodeList {
    Node                item(in unsigned long index);
    readonly attribute unsigned long    length;
};
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **NodeList** interface supports the **item** Method.

The additional following methods are supported:

- **nextNode**
- **reset**

The **length** attribute and **index** of **item** method is of type long instead of unsigned long.

E0004:

The specification states:

#### IDL Definition

```
interface NamedNodeMap {
    Node                getNamedItem(in DOMString name);
    Node                setNamedItem(in Node arg)
                        raises(DOMException);
    Node                removeNamedItem(in DOMString name)
```

```

        raises(DOMException);
    Node item(in unsigned long index);
    readonly attribute unsigned long length;
};

```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **IXMLDOMNamedNodeMap** interface contains four additional methods:

- **getQualifiedItem**
- **removeQualifiedItem**
- **nextNode**
- **reset**

The **length** attribute is of type **long** instead of **unsigned long**.

C0012:

The specification states:

```

Method
setNamedItem
Adds a node using its nodeName attribute.
As the nodeName attribute is used to derive the name which the node must be stored
under, multiple nodes of certain types (those that have a "special" string value)
cannot be stored as the names would clash. This is seen as preferable to allowing
nodes to be aliased.

Parameters
arg A node to store in a named node map. The node will later be accessible using
the value of the nodeName attribute of the node. If a node with that name is
already present in the map, it is replaced by the new one.

Return Value
If the new Node replaces an existing node with the same name the previously
existing Node is returned, otherwise null is returned.

Exceptions
DOMException
WRONG_DOCUMENT_ERR: Raised if arg was created from a different document than the
one that created the NamedNodeMap.
NO_MODIFICATION_ALLOWED_ERR: Raised if this NamedNodeMap is readonly.
INUSE_ATTRIBUTE_ERR: Raised if arg is an Attr that is already an attribute of
another Element object. The DOM user must explicitly clone

```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The following variations apply:

- The **setNamedItem** method of the **NamedNodeMap** interface returns the attribute that is successfully added to the collection. If the new Node replaces an existing Node with the same name, the new Node will be returned instead of the previously existing Node.

- With the **setNamedItem** method of the **Node** interface, the **WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR** error is not raised if the new node (**arg**) was created in a different document than the one that contains the previously existing node. The new node and previously existing node can represent nodes in the same document or in different documents.

C0013:

The specification states:

```
Method
removeNamedItem
Removes a node specified by name. If the removed node is an Attr with a default
value it is immediately replaced.

Parameters
name    The name of a node to remove.

Return Value
The node removed from the map or null if no node with such a name exists.

Exceptions
DOMException
NOT_FOUND_ERR: Raised if there is no node named name in the map.
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **removeNamedItem** method of the **NamedNodeMap** interface returns null if there is no node for the specified name; the expected NOT\_FOUND\_ERR exception is never thrown.

C0014:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
interface CharacterData : Node {
    attribute DOMString          data;
                                // raises(DOMException) on setting
                                // raises(DOMException) on retrieval
    readonly attribute unsigned long length;
    DOMString substringData(in unsigned long offset,
                           in unsigned long count)
                           raises(DOMException);
    void appendData(in DOMString arg)
                  raises(DOMException);
    void insertData(in unsigned long offset,
                   in DOMString arg)
                   raises(DOMException);
    void deleteData(in unsigned long offset,
                   in unsigned long count)
                   raises(DOMException);
    void replaceData(in unsigned long offset,
                    in unsigned long count,
                    in DOMString arg)
                    raises(DOMException);
};
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **length** attribute of the **CharacterData** interface is of type `long` instead of `unsigned long`. Long integers are used for the **offset** and **count** parameters in the following methods:

- **substringData**
- **insertData**
- **deleteData**
- **replaceData**

C0015:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
data
The character data of the node that implements this interface. The DOM
implementation may not put arbitrary limits on the amount of data that may be
stored in a CharacterData node. However, implementation limits may mean that the
entirety of a node's data may not fit into a single DOMString. In such cases, the
user may call substringData to retrieve the data in appropriately sized pieces.

Exceptions on setting
DOMException
NO_MODIFICATION_ALLOWED_ERR: Raised when the node is readonly.

Exceptions on retrieval
DOMException
DOMSTRING_SIZE_ERR: Raised when it would return more characters than fit in a
DOMString variable on the implementation platform.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The value for the **data** attribute of the **CharacterData** interface is of type `BSTR`. The **DOMSTRING\_SIZE\_ERR** error code is not implemented. The value of the **data** attribute is constrained only by the size limit of physical memory.

C0016:

The specification states:

```
Method
substringData
Extracts a range of data from the node.

Parameters
offset  Start offset of substring to extract.
count  The number of characters to extract.

Return Value
The specified substring. If the sum of offset and count exceeds the length, then
all characters to the end of the data are returned.

Exceptions
DOMException
INDEX_SIZE_ERR: Raised if the specified offset is negative or greater than the
```



number of characters in data, or if the specified count is negative.  
DOMSTRING\_SIZE\_ERR: Raised if the specified range of text does not fit into a DOMString.

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The return value for the **substringData** method of the **CharacterData** interface is of type **BSTR**. The **DOMSTRING\_SIZE\_ERR** error code is not implemented. The **BSTR** data type is constrained only by the size limit of physical memory.

C0017:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
interface Attr : Node {
    readonly attribute DOMString      name;
    readonly attribute boolean       specified;
    attribute DOMString              value;
};
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The following clarifications apply:

- The **value** attribute of the **CharacterData** interface returns a value of type **VARIANT**.
- The **specified** attribute value is of type **VARIANT\_BOOL**.

C0018:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
interface Element : Node {
    readonly attribute DOMString tagName;
    DOMString getAttribute(in DOMString name);
    void setAttribute(in DOMString name,
                     in DOMString value)
        raises(DOMException);
    void removeAttribute(in DOMString name)
        raises(DOMException);
    Attr getAttributeNode(in DOMString name);
    Attr setAttributeNode(in Attr newAttr)
        raises(DOMException);
    Attr removeAttributeNode(in Attr oldAttr)
        raises(DOMException);
    NodeList getElementsByTagName(in DOMString name);
    void normalize();
};
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The following clarifications apply:

- The **getAttribute** method of the **Element** interface returns a value of type **VARIANT**.

- The **setAttribute** method requires that the **value** attribute be of type `VARIANT`.

C0019:

The specification states:

```
Method
getAttribute
Retrieves an attribute value by name.

Parameters
name    The name of the attribute to retrieve.

Return Value
The Attr value as a string, or the empty string if that attribute does not have a
specified or default value.

This method raises no exceptions.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **getAttribute** method of the **Element** interface returns null if the attribute does not have a specified or default value.

C0020:

The specification states:

```
Method
setAttributeNode
Adds a new attribute. If an attribute with that name is already present in the
element, it is replaced by the new one.

Parameters
newAttr  The Attr node to add to the attribute list.

Return Value
If the newAttr attribute replaces an existing attribute with the same name, the
previously existing Attr node is returned, otherwise null is returned.

Exceptions
DOMException
WRONG_DOCUMENT_ERR: Raised if newAttr was created from a different document than
the one that created the element.
NO_MODIFICATION_ALLOWED_ERR: Raised if this node is readonly.
INUSE_ATTRIBUTE_ERR: Raised if newAttr is already an attribute of another Element
object. The DOM user must explicitly clone Attr nodes to re-use them in other elements.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

With the **setAttributeNode** method of the **Element** interface, the **WRONG\_DOCUMENT\_ERR** exception is not raised if the new node (which is specified by the **newAttr** parameter) is created in a different document than the one that created the element. The **newAttr** node and element can represent nodes in the same document or in different documents.

C0021:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
interface Text : CharacterData {
    Text          splitText(in unsigned long offset)
                  raises(DOMException);
};
```

#### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

For the **splitText** method of the **Text** interface, the **offset** parameter is of type `long integer` instead of an `unsigned long integer`.

C0022:

The specification states:

```
Method
splitText Breaks this Text node into two Text nodes at the specified offset,
keeping both in the tree as siblings. This node then only contains all the content
up to the offset point. And a new Text node, which is inserted as the next sibling
of this node, contains all the content at and after the offset point.

Parameters
offset The offset at which to split, starting from 0.

Return Value
The new Text node.
```

#### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **splitText** method returns null when the **offset** parameter contains a value equal to the length of the **Text** node.

### **2.2.3 [DOM Level 1] Section 1.3, Extended Interfaces**

C0023:

The specification states:

```
A Notation node does not have any parent.
```

#### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The parent of **Notation** node is the **DocumentType** node that contains the **Notation** node.

C0024:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
interface Notation : Node {
    readonly attribute DOMString      publicId;
    readonly attribute DOMString      systemId;
```

```
};
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The values of the **publicId** and **systemId** attributes of the **Notation** interface are of type `VARIANT` instead of a string type.

C0025:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
publicId
The public identifier of this notation. If the public identifier was not specified,
this is null.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

If the public identifier is not specified, the **publicId** attribute of the **Notation** interface returns an empty string.

C0026:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
systemId
The system identifier of this notation. If the system identifier was not specified,
this is null.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

If the public identifier is not specified, the **systemId** attribute of the **Notation** interface returns an empty string.

C0027:

The specification states:

```
An XML processor may choose to completely expand entities before the structure
model is passed to the DOM; in this case there will be no EntityReference nodes in
the document tree.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

Instead of providing **EntityReference** nodes in the **Entity** interface, the entities are completely expanded before the structure model is passed to the DOM.

C0028:

The specification states:

```
An Entity node does not have any parent.
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The parent of **Entity** node is the **DocumentType** node that contains the **Entity** node.

C0029:

The specification states:

```
IDL Definition
interface Notation : Node {
    readonly attribute DOMString    publicId;
    readonly attribute DOMString    systemId;
    readonly attribute DOMString    notationName;
};
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

The **publicId** and **systemId** attribute values are of type VARIANT.

C0030:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
publicId
The public identifier associated with the entity, if specified. If the public
identifier was not specified, this is null.
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

If the public identifier is not specified, **publicId** returns an empty string.

C0031:

The specification states:

```
Interface Notation

Attribute
systemId
The system identifier associated with the entity, if specified. If the system
identifier was not specified, this is null.
```

### MSXML3 and MSXML6

If the system identifier is not specified, instead of returning null, **systemId** returns an empty string.

C0032:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
notationName
For unparsed entities, the name of the notation for the entity. For parsed
```

entities, this is null.

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

For parsed entities the **notationName** attribute of the **Entity** interface returns an empty string.

C0033:

The specification states:

```
Attribute
data
The content of this processing instruction. This is from the first non white space
character after the target to the character immediately preceding the ?>.

Exceptions on setting
DOMException
NO_MODIFICATION_ALLOWED_ERR: Raised when the node is readonly.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

The **data** attribute of the **ProcessingInstruction** interface contains the content from the first non-white-space character that follows the `target` declaration to the last non-white-space character that precedes the closing `?>` characters.

## 2.2.4 [DOM Level 1] Section 2.1, Introduction

C0034:

The specification states:

```
This section extends the Level 1 Core API to describe objects and methods specific
to HTML documents. In general, the functionality needed to manipulate hierarchical
document structures, elements, and attributes will be found in the core section;
functionality that depends on the specific elements defined in HTML will be found
in this section.
```

### *MSXML3 and MSXML6*

None of the interfaces in section 2 of the [\[DOM Level 1\]](#) specification are supported.

## 2.3 Error Handling

There are no additional considerations for error handling.

## 2.4 Security

There are no additional security considerations.

### 3 Change Tracking

No table of changes is available. The document is either new or has had no changes since its last release.

## 4 Index

### A

#### Attributes

- [async](#) 6
- [attributes](#) 6
- [baseName](#) 6
- [data](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.3](#) 19)
- [dataType](#) 6
- [definition](#) 6
- [documentElement](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [namespaceUri](#) 6
- [nodeTypedValue](#) 6
- [nodeTypeString](#) 6
- [nodeValue](#) 6
- [notationName](#) 19
- [parsed](#) 6
- [parseError](#) 6
- [prefix](#) 6
- [preserveWhiteSpace](#) 6
- [publicId](#) ([section 2.2.3](#) 19, [section 2.2.3](#) 19)
- [readyState](#) 6
- [resolveExternals](#) 6
- [specified](#) 6
- [systemId](#) ([section 2.2.3](#) 19, [section 2.2.3](#) 19, [section 2.2.3](#) 19)
- [text](#) 6
- [url](#) 6
- [validateOnParse](#) 6
- [value](#) 6
- [xml](#) 6

### C

[Change tracking](#) 23

### E

#### Events

- [ondataavailable](#) 6
- [onreadystatechange](#) 6
- [ontransformnode](#) 6

[Extended Interfaces](#) 19

### F

[Fundamental Interfaces](#) 6

### G

[Glossary](#) 4

### I

[Informative references](#) 4

#### Interface

- [Document](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [Node](#) 6

#### Interfaces

- [CharacterData](#) 6
- [DocumentType](#) 6
- [DOMException](#) 6
- [Element](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [Entity](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.3](#) 19, [section 2.2.3](#) 19)
- [NamedNodeMap](#) 6
- [Node](#) 6
- [NodeList](#) 6
- [Notation](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.3](#) 19, [section 2.2.3](#) 19, [section 2.2.3](#) 19)
- [ProcessingInstruction](#) 19
- [Text](#) 6

[Introduction](#) ([section 1](#) 4, [section 2.2.4](#) 22)

### M

#### Methods

- [createNode](#) 6
- [deleteData](#) 6
- [getAttribute](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [getQualifiedItem](#) 6
- [hasFeature](#) 6
- [insertBefore](#) 6
- [insertData](#) 6
- [item](#) 6
- [nextNode](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [nodeFromID](#) 6
- [removeNamedItem](#) 6
- [removeQualifiedItem](#) 6
- [replaceData](#) 6
- [reset](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [save](#) 6
- [selectNodes](#) 6
- [selectSingleNode](#) 6
- [setAttribute](#) 6
- [setAttributeNode](#) 6
- [setNamedItem](#) 6
- [splitText](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [substringData](#) ([section 2.2.2](#) 6, [section 2.2.2](#) 6)
- [transformNode](#) 6
- [transformNodeToObject](#) 6

### N

[Normative references](#) 4

### R

#### References

- [informative](#) 4
- [normative](#) 4

### T

- [The DOMString type](#) 6
- [Tracking changes](#) 23