# DOM: Specification & Client Reasoning

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# Document Object Model (DOM)

- Cross-platform, language-independent, XML update library
- Standardised by W3C (and later WHATWG)
  - Written in English (informal, ambiguous)
  - Described in an OO fashion, in an **axiomatic** style
  - Followed by browser vendors

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  - Additional features:
    - Event model, XML namespaces, ... (Level 2)
    - Keyboard event handling, serialisation, ... (Level 3)
    - HTMLCollections, Elements, ... (Level 4)

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    - substantial overapproximation of e.g. appendChild footprint
  - **X** compositional (not known by authors claimed otherwise)
    - a simple (4 loc) client program requires 6 specifications!
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У

src

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goo.gl/K4S0d0

3

13

1

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800px

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