

DOM: Towards a Formal Specification

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DOM

(Document Object Model)

Current Spec.

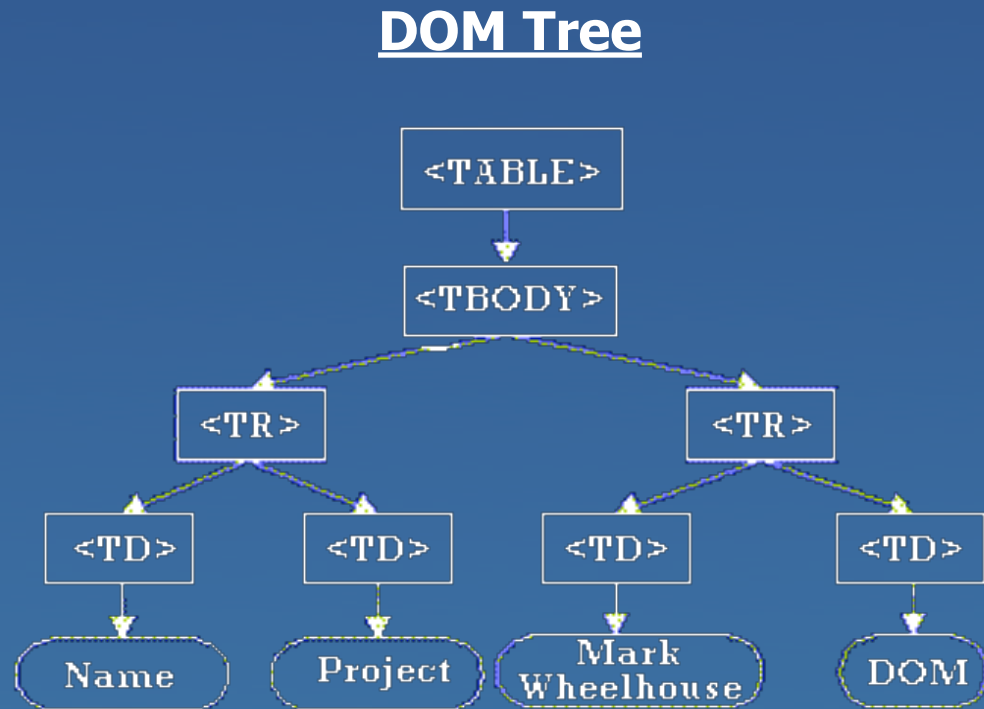
- English
 - Verbose
 - Ambiguous
- Automated Verification
 - Not Possible
- Extensions
 - Hard
 - Time-consuming

What We Want

- Formalism
 - Data Structure
 - Logical Framework
- Automated Verification
 - Possible
- Extensions
 - Easier
 - Quicker

What is DOM?

- High Level XML Update
- W3C
- Aimed at Object Orientated Programmers
- Stores XML in Tree Structure



Minimal DOM

DOM Core Level 3

DOM Core Level 2

DOM Core Level 1



Application Based



Consider Structural
Behaviour Only

Minimal DOM

createNode

getParentNode

append

getNodeName

insertBefore

getLength

getChildNodes

removeChild

getItem

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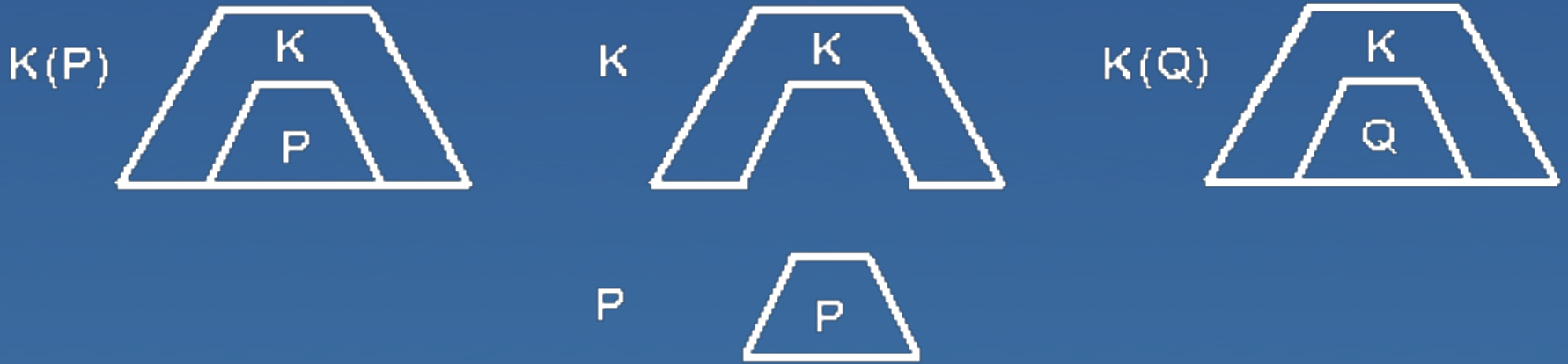
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Context Logic

- Local Reasoning Tool for Tree Update
- Proved Correct
- Used on Toy Examples
- Provides Compositional Reasoning
- First Real-World Test

Context Logic - Application



Pre: P

Command: C

Post: Q

Context Logic – Right Triangle

$$K = (P \triangleright Q)$$



Data Structure

Grove $G ::= \emptyset \mid G \oplus G \mid T$

Tree $T ::= \text{tag}_{\text{id}}[F]_{\text{fid}}$

Forest $F ::= \emptyset \mid F \times F \mid T$

Grove Context $CG ::= _ \mid CG \oplus G \mid CT$

Tree Context $CT ::= \text{tag}_{\text{id}}[CF]_{\text{fid}}$

Forest Context $CF ::= _ \mid CF \times F \mid F \times CF \mid CT$

Command Axioms

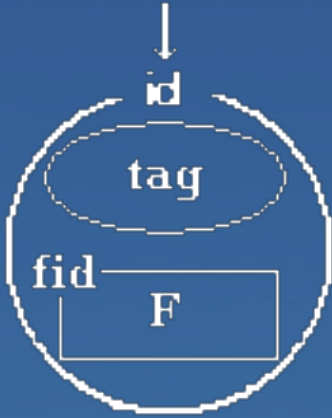
Specifying the Local Behaviour of the commands:

{ Pre-condition }

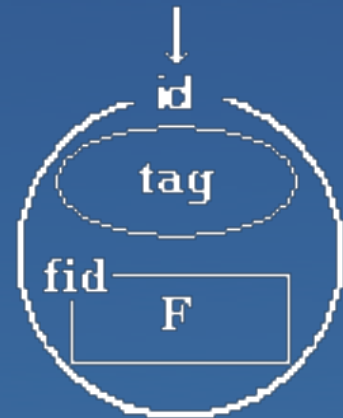
Command

{ Post-condition }

getNodeName



→
`tag' = getNodeName(id);`



tag' = tag

getNodeName - Small Axiom

$$\{\text{tag}_{\text{node}}[\mathbf{F}]_{\text{fid}}\}$$
$$\text{tag}' = \text{getNodeName}(\text{node});$$
$$\{\text{tag}_{\text{node}}[\mathbf{F}]_{\text{fid}} \wedge \text{tag}' = \text{tag}\}$$

Weakest Pre-condition

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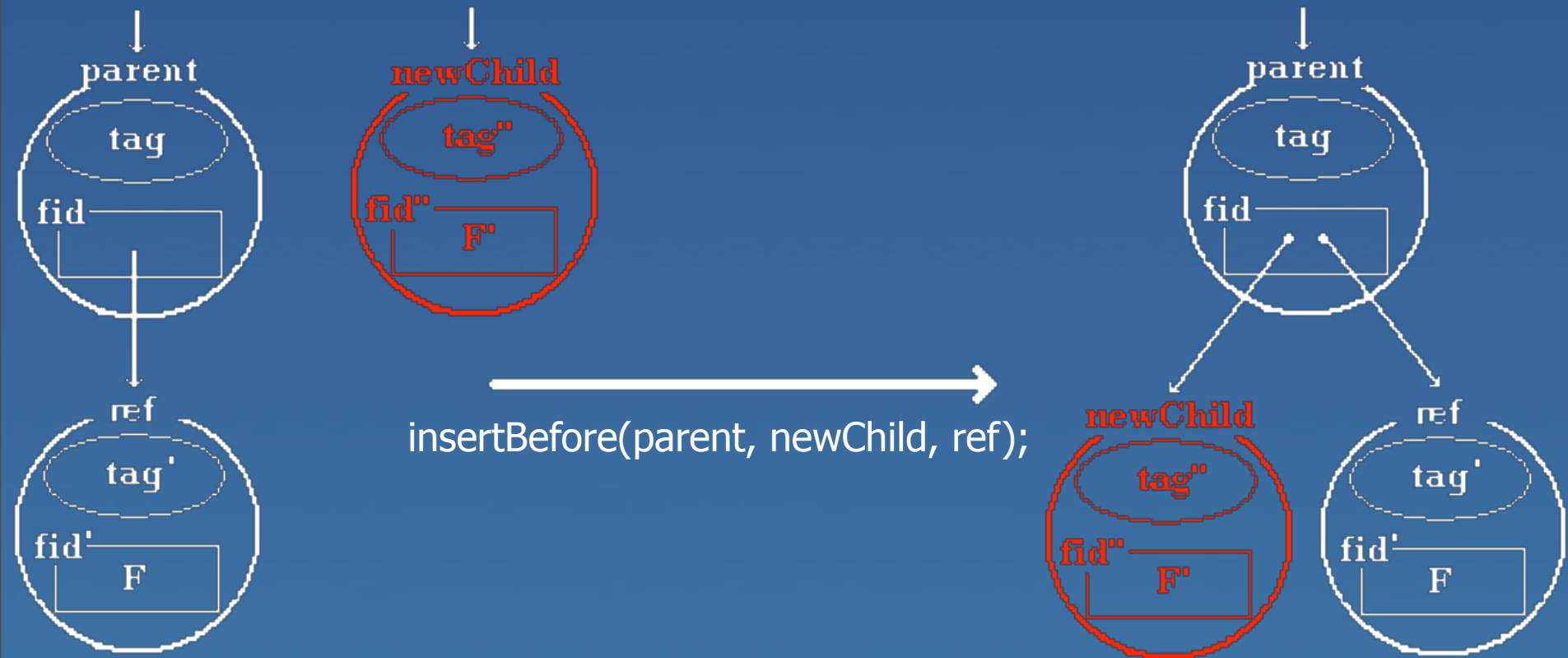
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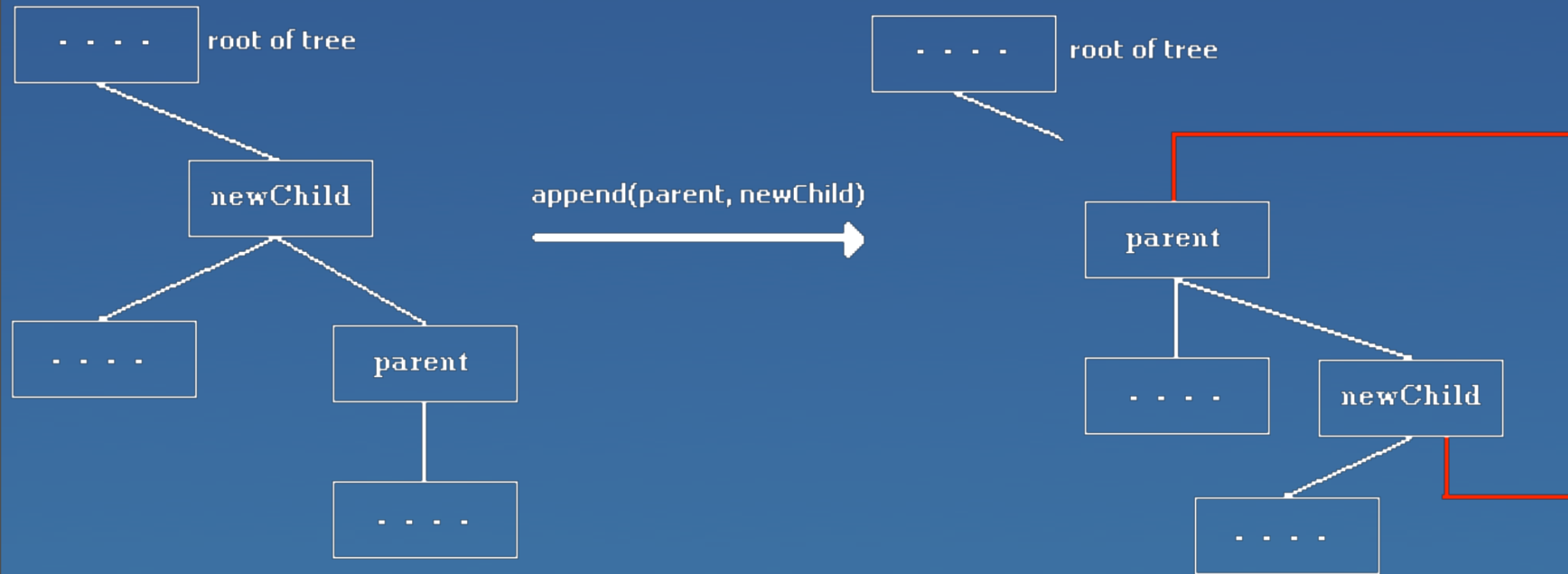
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$\{\underline{P}\}$

insertBefore



Ancestor Issue



insertBefore - Axiom

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Why not Small ?

Weakest Pre-condition

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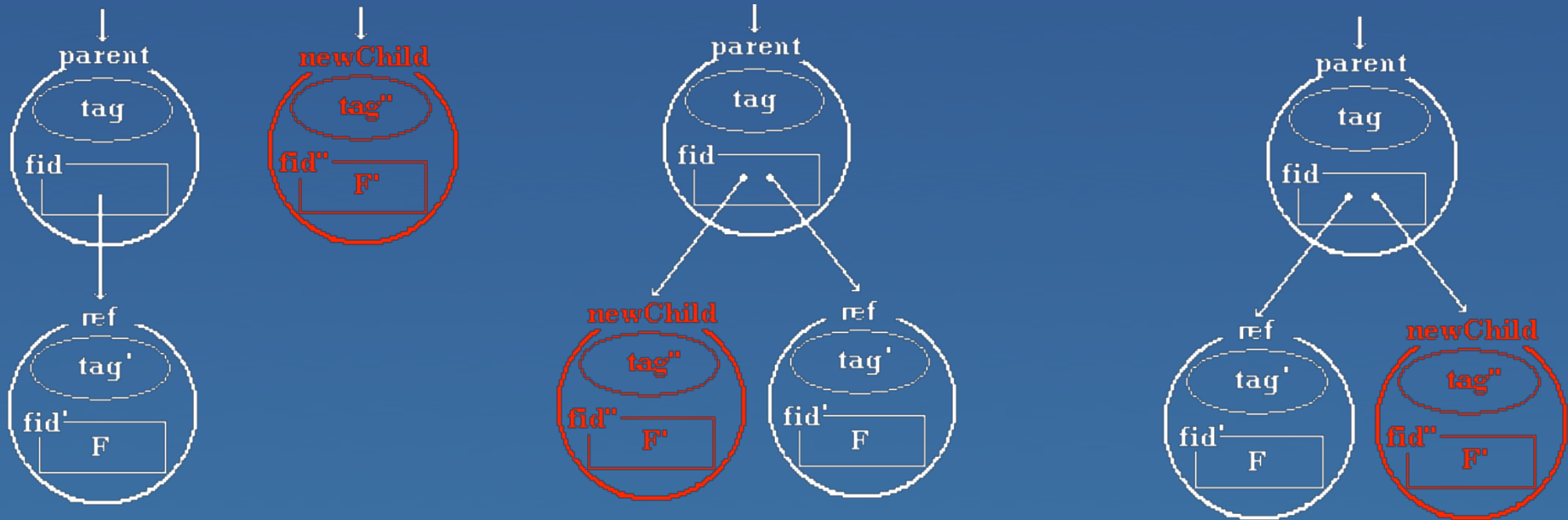
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{P}

Axiom Composition - insertAfter



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More than Minimal DOM

DOM Core Level 1: { cloneNode
replaceChild
hasChildNodes

insertAfter

nodeEquality

Conclusion

- Complete Spec. for Minimal DOM
- Complete Spec. for Structural DOM Core Level 1
- Highly Extendable
- Automated Verification now possible

Future Work

- Automated Verification Tool
- Getting it Small
- The Rest of Core Level 1
- Higher Levels of DOM
- Concurrent DOM