Element: prepend() method

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{{APIRef("DOM")}}

The `Element.prepend()` method inserts a set of {{domxref("Node")}} objects or strings before the first child of the {{domxref("Element")}}. Strings are inserted as equivalent {{domxref("Text")}} nodes.

Syntax

```
prepend(param1)
prepend(param1, param2)
prepend(param1, param2, /* …, */ paramN)
```

Parameters

- `param1`, ..., `paramN`
  - : A set of {{domxref("Node")}} objects or strings to insert.

Return value

None ({{jsxref("undefined")}}).

Exceptions

- `HierarchyRequestError` {{DOMxRef("DOMException")}}
  - : Thrown when the node cannot be inserted at the specified point in the hierarchy.

Examples

Prepending an element

```
let div = document.createElement("div");
let p = document.createElement("p");
let span = document.createElement("span");
div.append(p);
div.prepend(span);

console.log(div.childNodes); // NodeList [ <span>, <p> ]
```

Prepending text

```
let div = document.createElement("div");
div.append("Some text");
div.prepend("Headline: ");

console.log(div.textContent); // "Headline: Some text"
```

Prepending an element and text

```
let div = document.createElement("div");
let p = document.createElement("p");
div.prepend("Some text", p);
```

```
console.log(div.childNodes); // NodeList [ #text "Some text", <p> ]
```

The prepend method is unscopable

The `prepend()` method is not scoped into the `with` statement. See {{jsxref("Symbol.unscopables")}} for more information.

```
let div = document.createElement("div");

with (div) {
  prepend("foo");
}
// ReferenceError: prepend is not defined
```

Specifications

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Browser compatibility

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See also

- {{domxref("Element.append()")}}
- {{domxref("Node.appendChild()")}}
- {{domxref("Node.insertBefore()")}}
- {{domxref("Element.before()")}}
- {{domxref("Element.insertAdjacentElement()")}}
- {{domxref("NodeList")}}

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