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JavaScript Events

By using JavaScript, we have the ability to create dynamic web pages. Events are actions that can be detected by JavaScript. Every element on a web page has certain events which can trigger a JavaScript. For example, we can use the onClick event of a button element to indicate that a function will run when a user clicks on the button. We define the events in the HTML tags. Examples of events include:

- A mouse click
- A web page or an image loading
- Mousing over a hot spot on the web page
- Selecting an input box in an HTML form
- Submitting an HTML form
- A keystroke

Events are normally used in combination with functions, and the function will not be executed before the event occurs! Below is a list of the attributes that can be inserted into HTML tags to define event actions where

FF: Firefox, N: Netscape, IE: Internet Explorer

Attribute	The Event Occurs When	FF	N	ΙE
<u>onabort</u>	Loading of an image is interrupted.	1	3	4
<u>onblur</u>	An element loses focus.	1	2	3
<u>onchange</u>	The user changes the content of a field.	1	2	3
<u>onclick</u>	Mouse clicks an object.	1	2	3
<u>ondblclick</u>	Mouse double-clicks an object.	1	4	4
<u>onerror</u>	An error occurs when loading a document or an image.	1	3	4
<u>onfocus</u>	An element gets focus.	1	2	3
<u>onkeydown</u>	A keyboard key is pressed.	1	4	3
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<u>onkeypress</u>	A keyboard key is pressed or held down.	1	4	3
<u>onkeyup</u>	A keyboard key is released.	1	4	3
<u>onload</u>	A page or an image is finished loading.	1	2	3
<u>onmousedown</u>	A mouse button is pressed.	1	4	4
<u>onmousemove</u>	The mouse is moved.	1	6	3
<u>onmouseout</u>	The mouse is moved off an element.	1	4	4
onmouseover	The mouse is moved over an element.	1	2	3
<u>onmouseup</u>	A mouse button is released.	1	4	4
<u>onreset</u>	The reset button is clicked.	1	3	4
<u>onresize</u>	A window or frame is resized.	1	4	4
<u>onselect</u>	Text is selected.	1	2	3
<u>onsubmit</u>	The submit button is clicked.	1	2	3
<u>onunload</u>	The user exits the page.	1	2	3

Demonstration

The following demonstration shows how the script of HTML and JavaScript is displayed on the Web.



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