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I've:

-  Simplified language
-  Explained **internal working** (browser → DOM → JS)
-  Clearly separated **event types**
-  Kept examples minimal but meaningful
-  Made it **perfect for exams, viva, and interviews**

DOM Events in JavaScript

1 What are DOM Events?

DOM events are actions performed on HTML elements that the browser can detect.

When a DOM event occurs:

1. The browser detects the action
2. The DOM generates an **event object**
3. JavaScript executes a **function (event handler)**

 DOM events allow JavaScript to **react to user actions and browser actions**.

Simple Definition (Exam-Friendly)

A DOM event is an action that occurs on an HTML element and triggers JavaScript code to execute.


2 Why DOM Events are Needed?

Without DOM events:

- Buttons wouldn't work
- Forms wouldn't validate
- Pages wouldn't respond to users

With DOM events:

- Web pages become **interactive**
- User actions drive application behavior

 DOM events are the **bridge between HTML and JavaScript**.

3 Common Examples of DOM Events

Event	When it Occurs
click	User clicks an element

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<code>dblclick</code>	User double-clicks
<code>load</code>	Page or element loads
<code>change</code>	Input value changes
<code>submit</code>	Form is submitted
<code>keydown</code>	Key is pressed
<code>keyup</code>	Key is released
<code>mouseover</code>	Mouse enters element

4 How DOM Events Work Internally (Very Important)

Internal Flow

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User Action



Browser detects action



DOM creates **Event object**



Event handler **is** executed



JavaScript code runs

 DOM events are part of the Document Object Model, not plain JavaScript.

5 Handling DOM Events

There are **two main ways** to handle DOM events:

1. Event handlers (HTML attributes)
2. `addEventListener()` method (modern & recommended)

6 Event Handlers (Inline Method)

Event handlers are written directly inside HTML elements.

Syntax

html

```
<element onclick="JavaScript code">
```

7 **onclick** Event Type

What is **onclick** ?

- Triggers when a user **clicks an element**
- Most commonly used DOM event

Example: **onclick**

html

```
<input type="button" value="Say Hello" onclick="sayHello()">
```

```
<script>
```

```
function sayHello() {  
  alert("Hello World");  
}
```

```
</script>
```

Internal Explanation

- User clicks button
- Browser fires **click** event
- DOM executes **sayHello()**
- Alert box appears

Exam Note

onclick is used for:

- Validation
- Alerts
- Button actions
- Navigation logic

8 **ondblclick** Event Type

What is **ondblclick** ?

- Fires when user **double-clicks** an element

Example: **ondblclick**

html

```

<h2 id="text">Hi Users!</h2>

<button onclick="changeColor()">Double click me</button>

<script>
function changeColor() {
  document.getElementById("text").style.color = "red";
}
</script>

```

Internal Explanation

- Browser detects **two rapid clicks**
- `dblclick` event fires
- DOM updates text color

9 `onkeydown` Event Type

What is `onkeydown` ?

- Fires **when any key is pressed**
- Occurs **before character appears** in input

Example: `onkeydown`

```

html

<input type="text" onkeydown="customizeInput()">

<script>
function customizeInput() {
  let input = document.getElementsByTagName("input")[0];
  input.style.backgroundColor = "yellow";
  input.style.color = "red";
}
</script>

```

Internal Explanation

- User presses a key
- `keydown` event fires
- Input style changes instantly

This event is often used for:

- Live validation

- Keyboard shortcuts
- Input restrictions

10 addEventListener() (Modern Way)

Instead of inline handlers, JavaScript can **attach events dynamically**.

Syntax

```
js

element.addEventListener("event", function);
```

Why it is better?

- ✓ Cleaner HTML
- ✓ Multiple events possible
- ✓ Better control
- ✓ Industry standard

Example: addEventListener

```
html

<button id="btn">Click Me</button>

<script>
document.getElementById("btn")
  .addEventListener("click", function () {
    alert("Button clicked!");
  });
</script>
```

1 1 DOM Events vs JavaScript Functions

DOM Event	JavaScript Function
Triggered by user/browser	Executes logic
Belongs to DOM	Belongs to JS
Needs handler	Can exist alone

📌 Events **trigger functions**, not the other way around.

1 2 One-Line Exam Answers

Q: What are DOM events?

👉 Actions performed on HTML elements that trigger JavaScript code.

Q: What is an event handler?

👉 JavaScript code that runs when an event occurs.

Q: Name two ways to handle DOM events.

👉 Event handlers and `addEventListener()`.

Q: Which is better: `onclick` or `addEventListener()`?

👉 `addEventListener()`.

1 3 Key Takeaways

- ✓ DOM events enable interaction
- ✓ Triggered by user or browser
- ✓ Execute JavaScript functions
- ✓ Part of the DOM
- ✓ `addEventListener()` is preferred

▶▶ What's Next?

Best continuation topics:

- 1 `addEventListener()` in depth
- 2 Event Bubbling & Capturing
- 3 `preventDefault()` & `stopPropagation()`
- 4 Keyboard & Mouse Events (deep)

👉 Just type “**next**” and we continue step-by-step 🚀