COMP335 Web Application Development

JavaScript

· Group Project

- group name and short (one paragraph) description
- http://goo.gl/forms/eo5wnbMtXf
- Today
 - JavaScript
- Assignment#2-CSS
- by Friday 2/26
- · Next class
 - JQuery
- In-class programming exam (tentative)
 - 3/14 (M)

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Introduction

- History
 - Originally developed by Netscape
 - Joint Development with Sun Microsystems in 1995
 - JavaScript was influenced by many languages and was designed to look like Java
 - JavaScript was a trademark of Sun Microsystems, now is a trademark of Oracle.
- HTML to define the **content** of web pages
- · CSS to specify the styles of web pages
- · JavaScript to program the behavior of web pages

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Where does JavaScript go?

At the end of body tag

External

<script src="basic.js"></script>

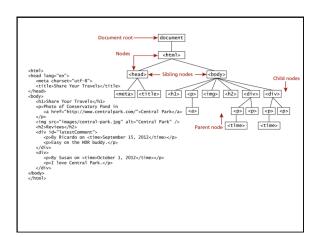
</body>

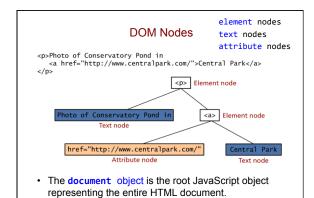
Example: basic.html

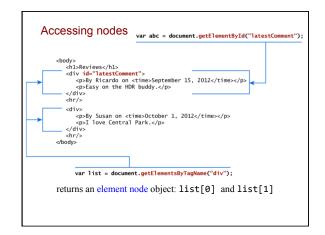
Document Object Model (DOM)

- JavaScript is almost always used to interact with the HTML document through Document Object Model.
- According to the W3C, the DOM is a:

Platform- and language-neutral interface that will allow programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents.







Modify a DOM element

- Using the DOM document and HTML DOM element objects, we can do exactly that using the innerHTML property.
- Although the innerHTML technique works well (and is very fast), there is a more verbose technique available to us that builds output using the DOM.
 - DOM functions createTextNode(), removeChild(), and appendChild() allow us to modify an element in a more rigorous way

Example: node.html

Mini exercise

- · Changing an element's style
 - Open your browser and go to http://www.bridgew.edu
 - get all <div> nodes and change its font color to "blue"

```
var divs = document.getElementsByTagName("div");
for(each in divs){
   if (divs[each].style) {
      divs[each].style.color = "blue";
   }
}
```

JavaScript Events

- A JavaScript event is an action that can be detected by JavaScript.
- We say then that an event is triggered and then it can be caught by JavaScript functions, which then do something in response.

Listener Approach

var greetingBox = document.getElementById('example1');
greetingBox.onclick = alert('Good Morning');

The "original" style of registering a listener

In the original JavaScript world, events could be specified right in the HTML markup with *hooks* to the JavaScript code (and still can).

var greetingBox = document.getElementById('example1');
greetingBox.addEventListener('click', alert('Good Morning'));
greetingBox.addEventListener('mouseOut', alert('Goodbye'));

The "new" DOM2 approach to registering listeners

example: listener.html

Validating Forms

- Writing code to pre-validate forms on the client side will reduce the number of incorrect submissions, thereby reducing server load.
- There are a number of common validation activities including email validation, number validation, and data validation.

```
example: form.html
               What does this code do?
function chkName() {
  var myName = document.getElementById("custName");
// -1 if no match was found
  var pos = myName.value.search(
      /^{[A-Z][a-z]+}, ?[A-Z][a-z]+$/);
  if (pos == -1) {
    alert("The name you entered (" + myName.value +
           ") is not in the correct form. \n" +
           "The correct form is: " +
           "Last-name, First-name, Middle-Initial \n" +
           "Please go back and fix your name");
    return false; 🔪
                           To keep the form active after the
                          event handler is finished, the
  else
                          handler must return false
    return true;
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