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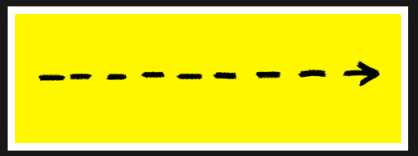

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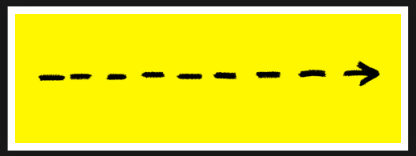

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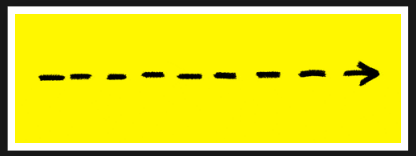

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But until now we didn't know how to listen to the DOM

Introducing *Event Listeners!*

...or "how to listen to the browser"

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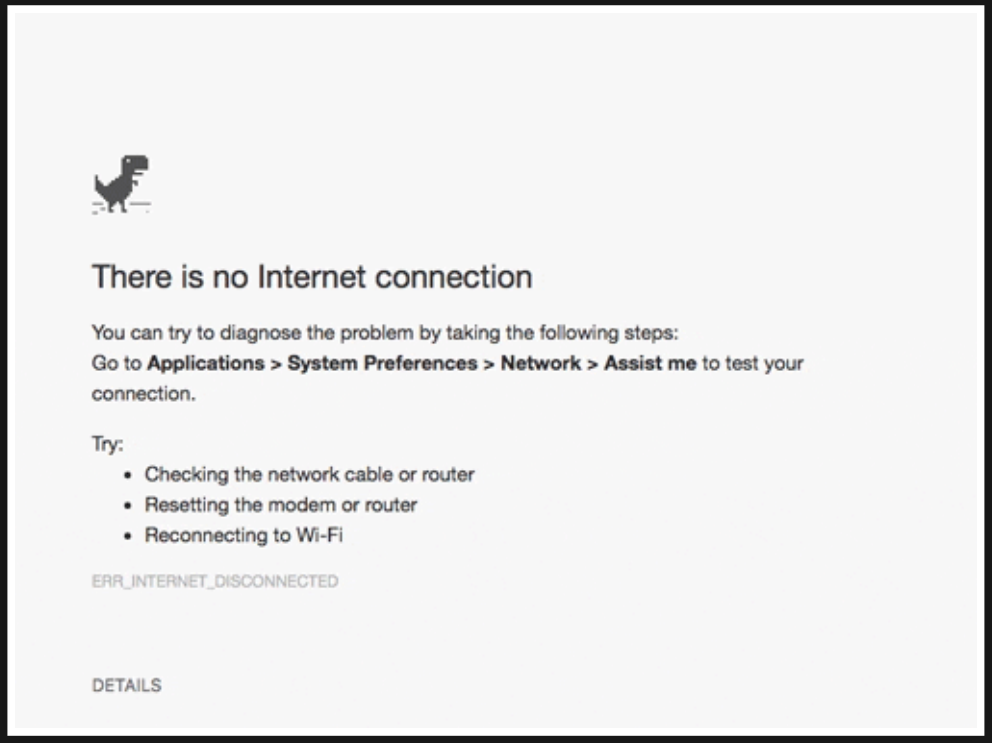
A few examples of where we would do this:

- Listen to the **mouse**
- Listen to the **keyboard**
- Listen for **media playback** (video or audio, for example is it being played or paused)
- Listen for **internet connectivity**

Have you all seen this before?



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3. We run the callback when the "click" event fires

When the event fires, it also returns to us an object, which we can use:

```
document.addEventListener('click', (event) => { console.log(event); });
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document.addEventListener('dblclick', (event) => { event.preventDefault(); console.log(event); });
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Adding event listeners is great, but if we add too many we soak up too much memory / resources from the browser. It's a good idea to remove unused listeners with `removeEventListener()`

Further reading:

MDN Event Reference

Custom events (also known as synthetic events)