

# COMPSCI 326 - Web Programming

## JavaScript DOM events

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remember, you can ask questions of your teammates on your group Slack!

please **turn on your webcam** if you can

**mute at all times** when you aren't asking a question

(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PROSgwoJqY1M8xV3r6qU6ESD2ERdwkHX4ujZnkO2JMM/edit?usp=sharing>)

### Background resources:

*videos*

[35: What Are Event Listeners In JavaScript | JavaScript Events | JavaScript Tutorial | mmtuts](#)

*web sites*

[Events and the DOM - Web APIs | MDN](#)


[<script>: The Script element - HTML: Hypertext Markup Language](#)

## Today: JavaScript DOM Events

First: review last class

Exercise today: interactive encoder/decoder (demo)

### Encoder/decoder



Key:

Text to encode:  Encoded =

Text to decode:  Decoded =

### Events

- Last time, we had exactly one event: `onClick()`, when the button was pushed
- All DOM elements can have events and associated functions
- To trigger a function on an event, you add an *event listener*
  - `document.getElementById( 'key' ).addEventListener( 'eventname', yourFunction )`
  - [JavaScript DOM EventListener](#)
- NOTE! Can't do this at the top of your HTML in just a `<script>`
  - DOM still under construction
  - Browser executes scripts *concurrently* with rendering the page
  - Nice explanation here:  
<https://blog.logrocket.com/how-browser-rendering-works-behind-the-scenes-6782b0e8fb10/>
- Two options:
  - `<SCRIPT>` at the bottom of your HTML (just before `</BODY>`)
  - `<SCRIPT DEFER SRC=""></SCRIPT>` at the top (doesn't work for inline JavaScript) ← **strongly preferred, this is what we will do for realz**
    - It is bad practice to mix HTML and JavaScript; we're just doing this here for convenience in class. In your assignments, you will always use separate files

## HTML

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>My Web Page</title>
    <!-- this is a comment -->
    <!-- scripts go here -->
  </head>
  <body>
    <!-- your document goes here -->
    <h1>Hello, World!</h1>
    <script>ADD EVENT LISTENERS HERE</script>
  </body>
</html>
```

Many different kinds of events (irritatingly - in HTML, these are all prefixed with "on" -- onClick):

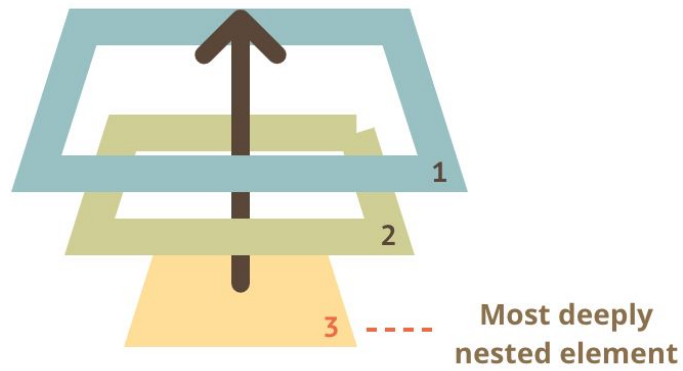
- click → duh
- change → also duh
- focus → arrow/tab has moved inside
- blur → arrow/tab has moved out
- input → whenever user input is received
- **keyboard**: keydown (any key), keypress (not ALT, CTRL), keyup (end)
- **mouse**: click, dblclick, mousedown, mousemove, mouseover
- **drag** events, **clipboard** events, **media** events like video...

[https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref\\_eventattributes.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref_eventattributes.asp)

Used for interactivity, validation, etc.

- Can have multiple event listeners on the same object (this can be tricky)
- Event "bubble up" → start with the nearest object (like an input) and go to the containing object, etc. etc.

*When an event happens on an element, it first runs the handlers on it, then on its parent, then all the way up on other ancestors.*



- You can explicitly stop propagation via `event.stopPropagation()`

### Exercise!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwrdoG\\_r7FLWIhzo4qIBUAHFZkT8ZeTdjaYKnK3FA-s/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwrdoG_r7FLWIhzo4qIBUAHFZkT8ZeTdjaYKnK3FA-s/edit?usp=sharing)