

Events

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Learning Objectives

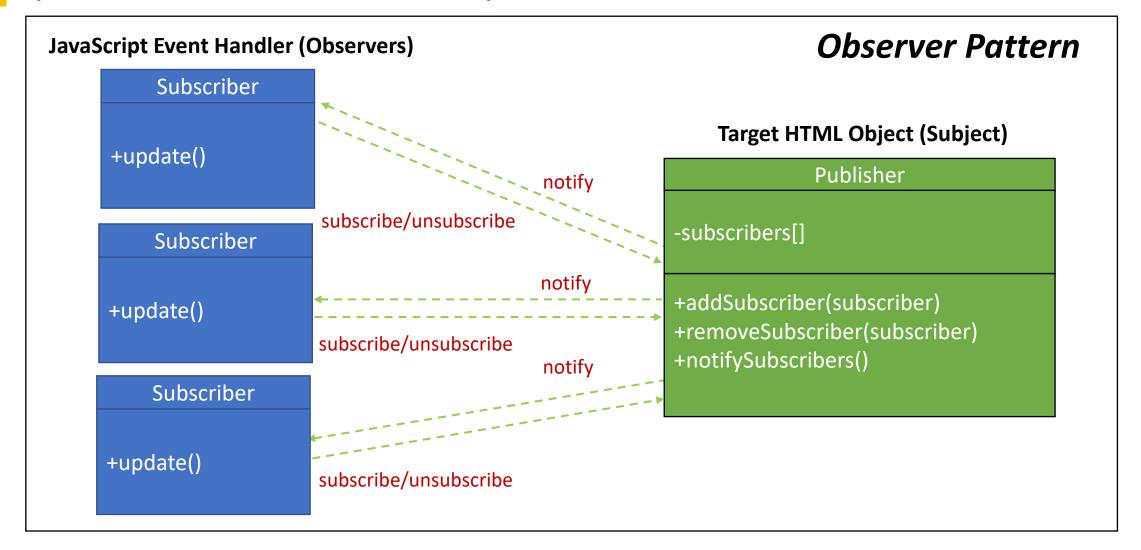
- Understanding event propagation: distinguish between event capturing and bubbling and describe how each affects even handling.
- Access and manipulate event object properties such as target, type, currentTarget etc.
- Attach and remove event handlers using JavaScript methods.
- Identify and categorize common event types in JavaScript, including mouse, keyboard, and form events.



Introduction

- JavaScript's interaction with HTML is handled through events, which indicate when particular moments of interest occur in the document or browser window.
- Events can be subscribed to using **listeners** (also called **handlers**) that execute only when an event occurs.
- This model, called the "observer pattern" in traditional software engineering, allows a loose coupling between the behavior of a page (defined in JavaScript) and the appearance of the page (defined in HTML and CSS).

The event and event-handler paradigm in JavaScript is the manifestation of the Observer design pattern. Another name for the Observer pattern is Publisher/Subscriber.



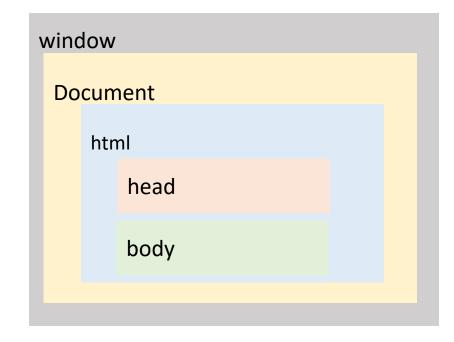


Event Propagation



Event Flow Concepts

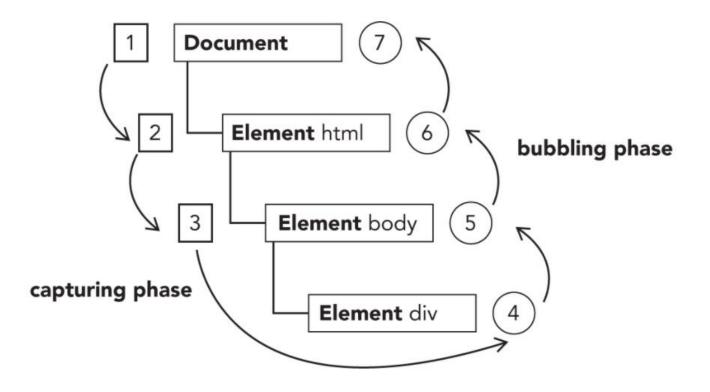
- Event flow describes the order in which events are received on the page.
 - 1. Event Bubbling Flow start at the most specific element and then flow upward toward the least specific node.
 - 2. Event Capturing Flow the least specific node should receive the event first and the most specific node should receive the event last.
- All modern browsers support event bubbling, although there are some variations on how it is implemented. By default, all event handlers are registered for the bubbling phase.
- Modern browsers continue event bubbling up to the window object.





Three Phases Event Flow

- When an event is fired on an element that has parent elements, modern browsers run three different phases
 - 1. In the capturing Phase
 - 2. In the target Phase
 - 3. In the Bubbling Phase



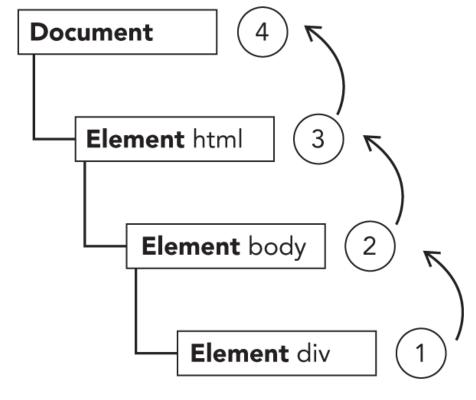


Event Bubbling

• When you click the <div> element in the page, the **click** event occurs in the following order:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
        <title>Event Bubbling Example</title>
        </head>
        <body>
            <div id="myDiv">Click Me</div>
        </body>
        </html>
```

```
1. <div>
2. <body>
3. <html>
4. document
```

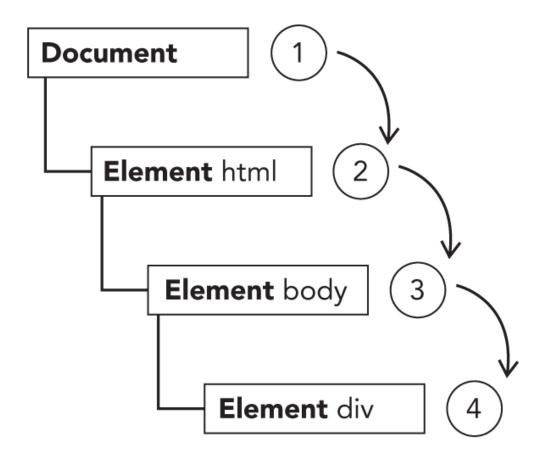




Event Capturing

```
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<html>
<head>
    <title>Event Bubbling Example</title>
</head>
<body>
    <div id="myDiv">Click Me</div>
</body>
</html>
```

- 1. Document
- 2. <html>
- 3. <body>
- 4. <div>





Event Handlers



Ways of Using Web Events

1. Event Handlers Properties have less power and options, but are easier to use such as onclick, onfocus, onmouseover.

Do not use Inline event handlers, it mixes up your HTML and your JavaScript and becomes unmanageable and inefficient

```
<input type="button" value="Click Me" onclick="console.log('Clicked')"/>
<input type="button" value="Click Me" onclick="showMessage()"/>
```

However, you can use event handlers' properties by writing event handler functions separately

```
const btn = document.getElementById("myBtn")
btn.onclick = function() {
   console.log(btn.id) // "myBtn"
}
```

- 2. Adding and removing event handlers: addEventListener() and removeEventListener() is more complex, but also more powerful. The main advantages are that:
 - You can remove event-handler code if needed, using removeEventListener().
 - You can add multiple listeners of the same type to elements, if required.



Adding and removing event handlers

- There are two methods to deal with the assignment and removal of event handlers: addEventListener() and removeEventListener().
- These methods exist on all DOM nodes and accept three arguments:
 - the event type's name to handle
 - 2. the event handler or event listener function
 - a Boolean value indicating whether to call the event handler during the capture phase (true) or during the bubble phase (false). Bubble phase is default.



Adding event handlers: addEventListener()

 To add an event handler for the click event on a button, you can use the following code:

```
const btn = document.getElementById("myBtn")
btn.addEventListener("click", () => {
   console.log(btn.id)
}, false)
```

• This code adds an on click event handler to a button that will be fired in the bubbling phase (since the last argument is false).



Adding multiple event handlers

The major advantage is that multiple event handlers can be added.
 Consider the following example:

```
const btn = document.getElementById("myBtn")
btn.addEventListener("click", () => {
   console.log(btn.id)
}, false)
btn.addEventListener("click", () => {
   console.log("Hello world!")
}, false)
```

• Here, two event handlers are added to the button. The event handlers fire in the order in which they were added, so the first log displays the element's ID and the second displays the message "Hello world!"



Removing event handlers: RemoveEventListener()

• Event handlers added via addEventListener() can be removed only by using removeEventListener() and passing in the same arguments as were used when the handler was added.

```
const btn = document.getElementById("myBtn")
let handler = function() {
  console.log(btn.id)
};
btn.addEventListener("click", handler, false) // other code here
btn.removeEventListener("click", handler, false) // works!
```

• anonymous functions added using addEventListener() cannot be removed,

```
const btn = document.getElementById("myBtn")
btn.addEventListener("click", () => {
  console.log(btn.id)}, false) // other code here
btn.removeEventListener("click", function() { // won't work!
  console.log(btn.id)}, false)
```



Event Objects



Event Objects

- When an event related to the DOM is fired, all the relevant information is gathered and stored on an object called event.
- In DOM-compliant browsers, the event object is passed in as the argument to an event handler function.
- This object contains basic information such as the element that caused the
 event, the type of event that occurred, and any other data that may be relevant
 to the particular event.
- For example, an event caused by **a mouse action** generates information about **the mouse's position**, whereas an event caused by **a keyboard action** generates information about the **keys that were pressed**.

```
let btn = document.getElementById("myBtn")
btn.addEventListener("click", (event) => {
      console.log(event.type) // "click"}, false)
```



	PROPERTY/METHOD	TYPE	READ/WRITE	DESCRIPTION
	bubbles	Boolean	Read only	Indicates if the event bubbles.
	cancelable	Boolean	Read only	Indicates if the default behavior of the event can be canceled.
	currentTarget	Element	Read only	The element whose event handler is currently handling the event.
	defaultPrevented	Boolean	Read only	When true, indicates that preventDefault() has been called (added in DOM Level 3 Events).
	detail	Integer	Read only	Extra information related to the event.
	eventPhase	Integer	Read only	The phase during which the event handler is being called: 1 for the capturing phase, 2 for "at target," and 3 for bubbling.
	preventDefault()	Function	Read only	Cancels the default behavior for the event. If cancelable is true, this method can be used.

Event Properties and Methods



	stopImmediatePropagation()	Function	Read only	Cancels any further event capturing or event bubbling and prevents any other event handlers from being called. (Added in DOM Level 3 Events.)
	stopPropagation()	Function	Read only	Cancels any further event capturing or event bubbling. If bubbles is true, this method can be used.
	target	Element	Read only	The target of the event.
	trusted	Boolean	Read only	When true, indicates if the event was generated by the browser. When false, indicates the event was created using JavaScript by the developer. (Added in DOM Level 3 Events.)
	type	String	Read only	The type of event that was fired.
	View	AbstractView	Read only	The abstract view associated with the event. This is equal to the window object in which the event occurred.

Event Properties and Methods

The preventDefault() method is used to prevent the default action of a particular event.

```
const createBtn = document.getElementById('submit')
createBtn.addEventListener('click', (event) => {
    event.preventDefault()
    const allInputEles = document.querySelectorAll('input')
    const isValidInput = Array.from(allInputEles).every(
        (inputEle) => inputEle.value.length !== 0
    )
    const pEle = document.querySelector('p')
    if (isValidInput) {
        pEle.textContent = 'your account has been created!'
        pEle.style = 'color:green'
    } else {
        pEle.textContent = 'missing some values, please try again'
        pEle.style = 'color:red'
    }
})
```



Event Types



Event Categories

- All major browsers support events specifies the following event groups:
 - State change events some events are not triggered directly by user activity but by life cycle or state-related change.
 - Focus events are fired when an element gains or loses focus.
 - Mouse events are fired when the mouse is used to perform an action on the page.
 - Keyboard events are fired when the keyboard is used to perform an action on the page.
 - Input events are fired when text is input into the document.



State Change Events

- **DOMContentLoaded** event DOM is ready, DOM tree is built but external resources such as images or stylesheets may not have loaded.
- load event all external resources such as images are loaded
- **beforeunload** event the user is leaving the page; we can check if the user saved the changes and ask them whether they really want to leave.
- Unload (deprecated) the user almost left, developers should avoid using this event
- resize—Fires on a window or frame when it is resized.
- scroll—Fires on any element with a scrollbar when the user scrolls it.



Focus Events

- Focus events are fired when elements of a page receive or lose focus.
- The two primary events of this group are focus and blur, both of which have been supported in browsers since the early days of JavaScript.
 - blur—Fires when an element has lost focus.
 - focus—Fires when an element has received focus.



Mouse Events

- A click event can be fired only if a mousedown event is fired and followed by a mouseup event on the same element; if either mousedown or mouseup is canceled, then the click event will not fire.
- The **mouse events** fire in the following order:

```
mousedown -> mouseup -> click
```



Mouse Events

- click—Fires when the user clicks the primary mouse button (typically the left button) or when the user presses the Enter key.
- mousedown—Fires when the user *pushes any mouse button down*. This event cannot be fired via the keyboard.
- mouseup—Fires when the user releases a mouse button. This event cannot be fired via the keyboard.
- mouseout—Fires when the mouse cursor is over an element and then the user moves it
 over another element. The element moved to may be outside of the bounds of the
 original element or a child of the original element. This event cannot be fired via the
 keyboard.
- mouseover—Fires when the mouse cursor is outside of an element and then the user first moves it inside of the boundaries of the element. This event cannot be fired via the keyboard.
- mousemove—Fires repeatedly as the cursor is being moved around an element. This
 event cannot be fired via the keyboard.



Keyboard Events

- Keyboard events are fired when the user interacts with the keyboard.
- There are three keyboard events, when the user presses a character key once on the keyboard, the keydown event is fired first, followed by the keypress event, followed by the keyup event.

```
keydown -> keypress -> keyup
```

• Note that both keydown and keypress are fired before any change has been made to the text box, whereas the keyup event fires after changes have been made to the text box.



Enter keyup Example

```
<input type="text" id="message" />
```

```
const inputMessage = document.getElementById('message')
inputMessage.addEventListener('keyup', (event) => {
  if (event.code === 'Enter')
      console.log(event.target.value)
  else
      console.log('no input')
})
```



Input Events

- The input event fires when the value of an <input>, <select>, or <textarea> element has been changed.
- The **input** event fires just before text is inserted into a text box.

```
<input id="message"/>
```

```
const message = document.querySelector('#message')
const display = document.querySelector('p')
message.addEventListener('input', function () {
         display.textContent = message.value
})
```