

Why is it important to learn about inline event listeners?

Inline event listeners are old-school

Inline event handling ... it's very mention brings shivers up developers' backs! Most developers will say you should never use inline event handlers.

As a web developer, you may be wondering why you need to learn about old-school approaches such as the inline event listener.

Well, my philosophy is that you need to understand the old, in order to understand the new. Yes, there are limitations to this of course - none of us want to learn web development techniques that are out-dated and redundant. But, you will commonly see inline event listeners in your career, so this becomes really important for you to understand. It also sets the base for the new `addEventListener()` method which we will be getting into shortly.

Should you **never** use inline event handlers

Remember what Charles Dickens said:

Never say never.

In other words, whenever there are thousands of good reasons not to do something, there are times when doing that very thing is exactly what's needed.

Now, I'm not here to tell you to start using inline event handlers in your apps, but I will venture to say that is that there is a real possibility that you'll have to deal with them at some point. When that time comes, you should be aware of inline event handlers' numerous caveats.

