

Before we begin ... take a step back

I like to start simple, before we start getting really advanced.

This is how I like to think about events

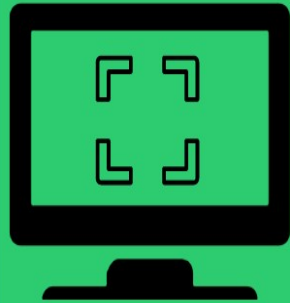
We know that the DOM API provides us with events.

In other words, the actual event itself has nothing to do with JavaScript. So then, where exactly does JavaScript fit in?

As soon as the event fires, we need to do something right? Yep, and that's where JavaScript comes to the rescue. After JavaScript executes, then the DOM API can continue to do its business and update the page if required.

The point to remember is that events and JavaScript are different, but very closely related.

Pictures are worth a thousand words



**EVENT IS
FIRED**

DOM API



A JavaScript function is
executed and tells the
DOM what to do



**PAGE
UPDATED**



DOM API

