

CS193X: Web Programming Fundamentals

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Schedule

Today:

- More custom events
- `this` and `bind()` revisited
- First-class functions

Friday:

- Asynchronous JavaScript
- `fetch`
- Promises

Today: Open your mind



Open your mind

The next few lectures are probably the most conceptually difficult in the entire quarter.

We are going to be exploring a few ways in which JavaScript is very, very different from other programming languages you know.

We will likely push on your understanding of how programming languages work!



But first, Custom Events

Custom Events

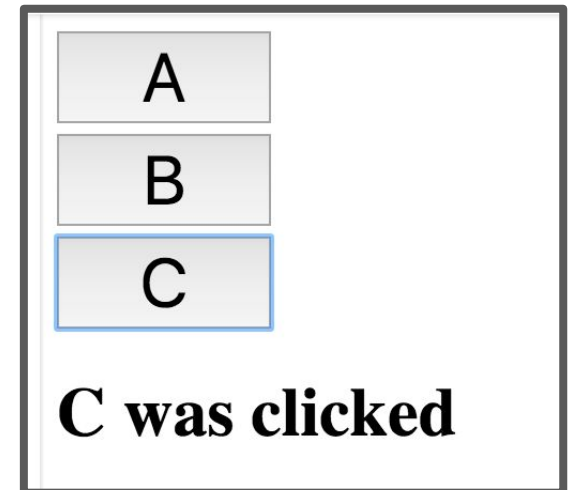
You can listen to and dispatch Custom Events to communicate between classes ([mdn](#)):

```
const event = new CustomEvent(  
    eventNameString, optionalParameterObject);  
element.addEventListener(eventNameString);  
element.dispatchEvent(eventNameString);
```

However, CustomEvent **can only be listened to / dispatched on HTML elements**, and not on arbitrary class instances.

Example: Buttons

```
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>Menu and buttons examples</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div id="menu"></div>
    <h1 id="status-bar"></h1>
  </body>
</html>
```



We want to:

- Fill the `<div id="menu"></div>` with buttons A, B, and C
- Update the `<h1>` with the button that was clicked

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
}  
  
const buttonContainer = document.querySelector('#menu');  
const button1 = new Button(buttonContainer, 'A');  
const button2 = new Button(buttonContainer, 'B');  
const button3 = new Button(buttonContainer, 'C');
```

Partial solution: Create a Button class and create three Buttons. ([CodePen](#))

(Contrived) OO example

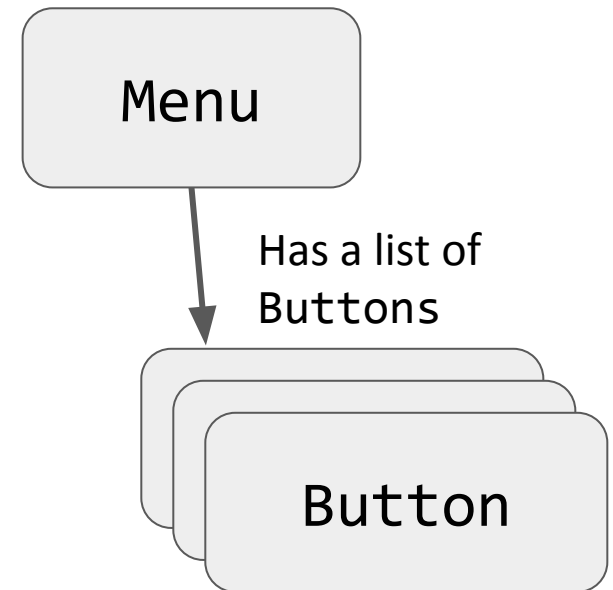
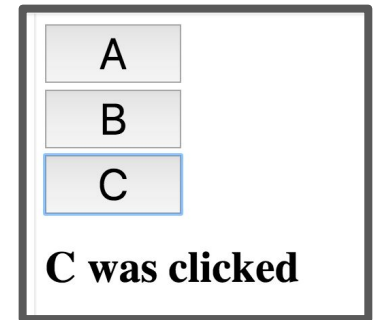
For practice, we'll write this using 2 classes:

Menu:

- Has an array of Buttons
- Also updates the <h1> with what was clicked

Button:

- Notifies Menu when clicked, so that Menu can update the <h1>



```
class Menu {  
  constructor() {  
    this.buttonContainer = document.querySelector('#menu');  
    this.statusBar = document.querySelector('#status-bar');  
  
    this.buttons = [  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'A'),  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'B'),  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'C')  
    ];  
  }  
}
```

Partial solution: We create a Menu class, which creates the Buttons ([CodePen](#))

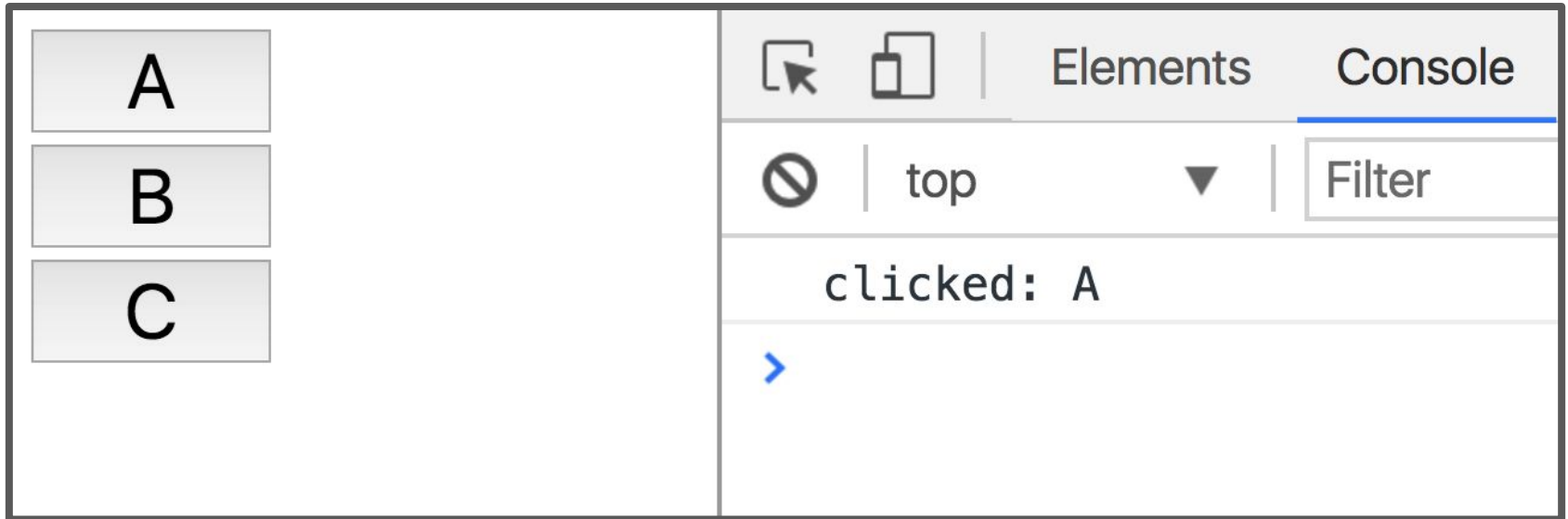
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  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
}
```

Our definition of Button looks the same ([CodePen](#))

```
const menu = new Menu();
```

Then we create the Menu (and the menu creates the Buttons) when the page loads. ([CodePen](#))

Click handler for Button



Let's make it so that every time we click a button, we print out which button was clicked in the console.

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
}
```

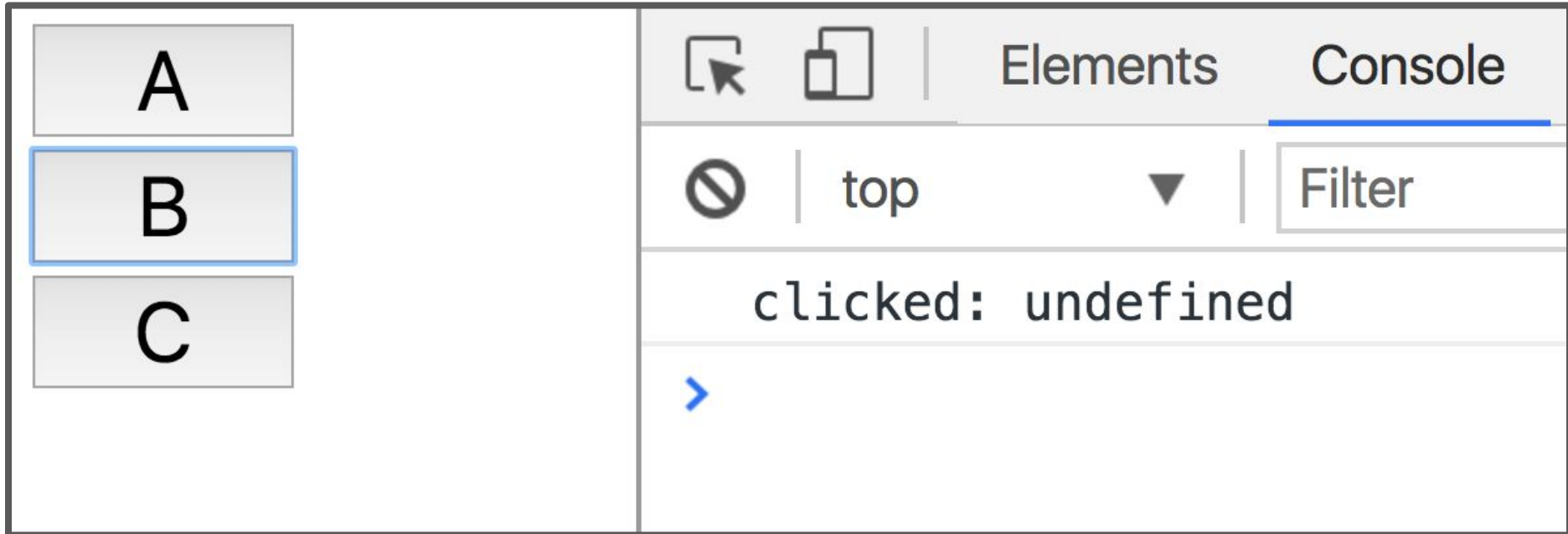
Starting with this definition of Button...

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
    this.text = text;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick);  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
  
  onClick() {  
    console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
  }  
}
```

An initial attempt might look like this. ([CodePen](#))

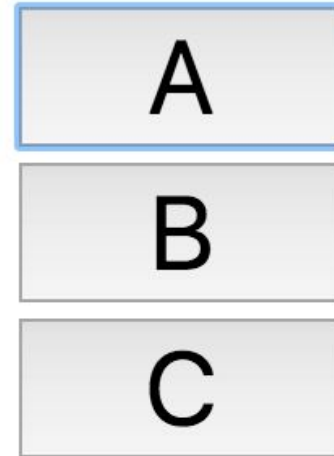

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
    this.text = text;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick)  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
  
  onClick() {  
    console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
  }  
}
```

An initial attempt might look like this. ([CodePen](#))



But when we run it, that gives us "clicked: undefined" ([CodePen](#)) **Why?**

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
    this.text = text;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick);  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
  
  onClick() {  
    console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
    console.log(this);  
  }  
}
```



```
clicked: undefined  
<button>A</button>  
>
```

That's because the value of `this` in `onClick` is not the `Button` object; it is the `<button>` element to which we've attached the `onClick` event handler.

What?!?

this in JavaScript

this in the constructor

```
class Point {  
    constructor(x, y) {  
        this.x = x;  
        this.y = y;  
    }  
}
```

In the constructor of a class, `this` refers to the new object that is being created.

That's the same meaning as `this` in Java or C++.

this in the constructor

// Java

```
public class Point {  
    public Point(int x, int y) {  
        this.x = x;  
        this.y = y;  
    }  
  
    public int x;  
    public int y;  
}
```

Here's roughly the equivalent code in Java. `this` refers to the new object that is being created.

this in Java

```
// Java
```

```
public class Point {  
    ...  
  
    String toString() {  
        return this.x + ", " + this.y;  
    }  
}
```

In Java, **this** **always** refers to the new instance being created, no matter what method you're calling it from, or how that method is invoked.

this in JavaScript

```
class Point {  
    ...  
  
    toString() {  
        return this.x + ", " + this.y;  
    }  
}
```

But in JavaScript, **this** can have a different meaning if used outside of the constructor, depending on the **context** in which the function is called.

this in JavaScript

```
toString() {  
    return this.x + ", " + this.y;  
}
```

In JavaScript, `this` is:

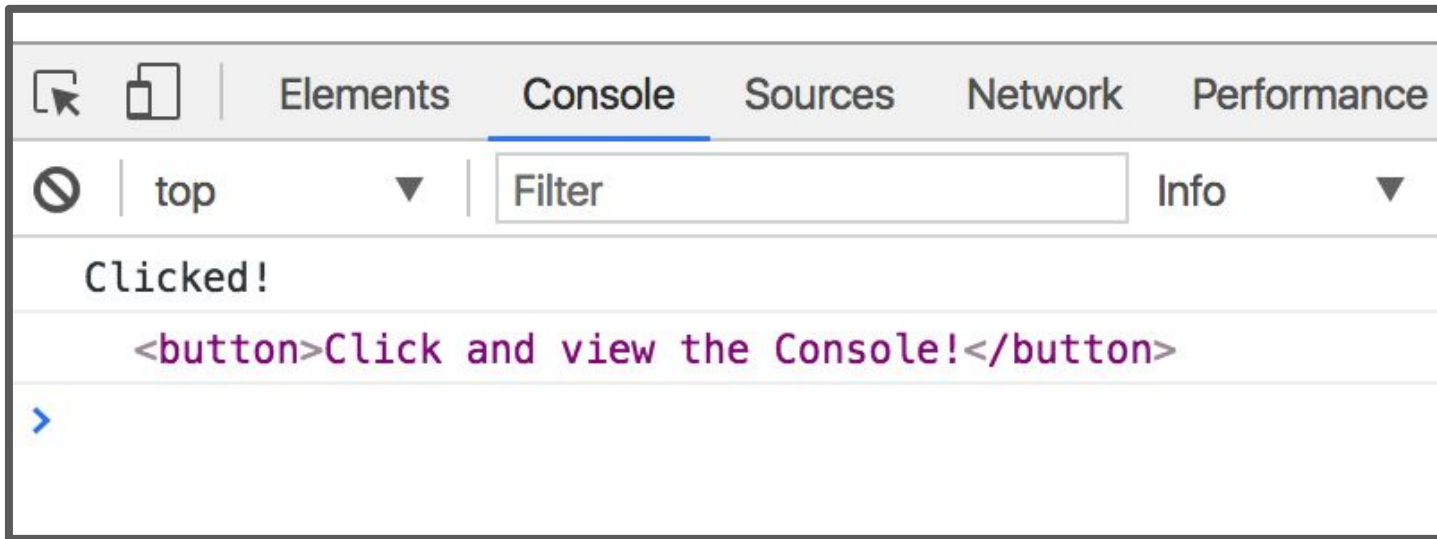
- A implicit **parameter** that is passed to **every JavaScript function**, including functions not defined in a class!
- The value of the `this` parameter changes depending on how it is called.

this in addEventListener

```
function onClick() {  
  console.log('Clicked!');  
  console.log(this);  
}
```

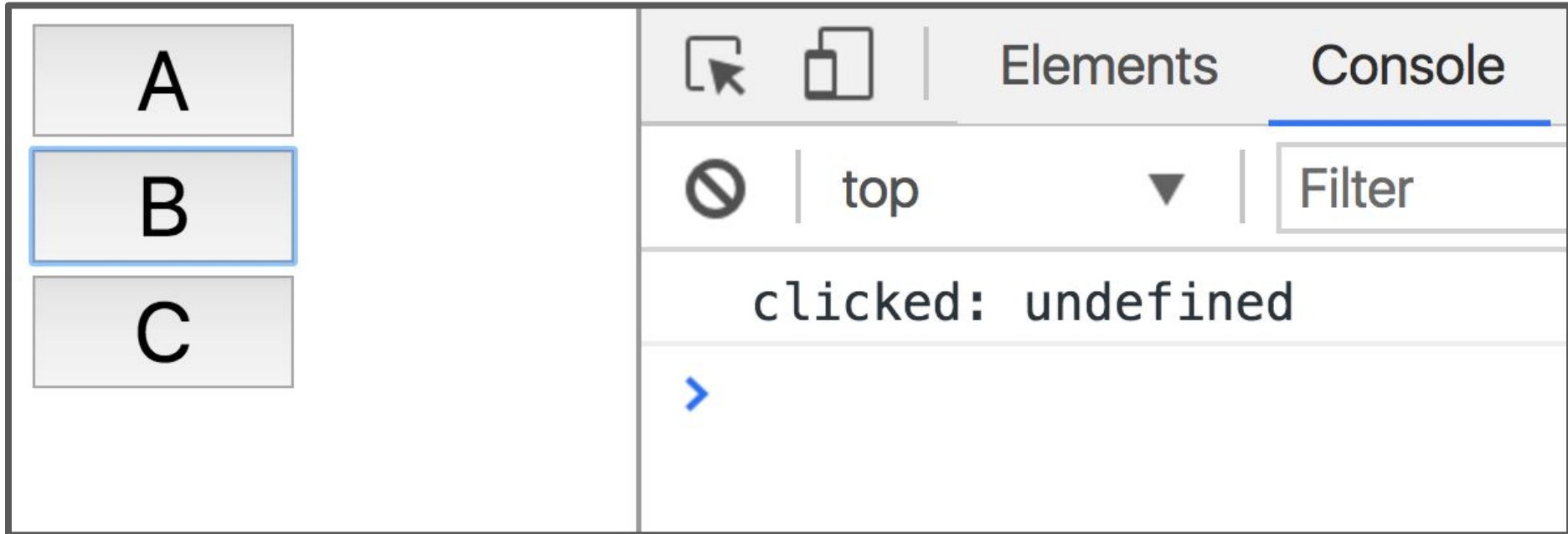
```
const button = document.querySelector('button');  
button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

When used in an event handler, **this** is set to the **element to which that the event was added**. ([mdn](#) / [CodePen](#) / [live](#))



```
function onClick() {  
  console.log('Clicked!');  
  console.log(this);  
}  
const button = document.querySelector('button');  
button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

In `onClick`, `this` refers to `<button>` because it `onClick` was invoked by `addEventListener`.



Let's revisit our undefined text... ([CodePen](#))

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
    this.text = text;  
  
    const button = document.createElement('button');  
    button.textContent = text;  
    button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick);  
    this.containerElement.append(button);  
  }  
}
```

In the constructor, `this` refers to the new object we're creating. No problems here.

```
onClick() {  
  console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
}  
}
```

But in `onClick`, `this` will mean something different depending on how the function is called.

That is because we are using `this` in a function that is **not** a constructor.

```
button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick);  
this.containerElement.append(button);  
}  
  
onClick() {  
  console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
}  
}
```

Specifically, because `onClick` is attached to the `<button>` via `addEventListener...`

```
button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick);  
this.containerElement.append(button);  
}  
  
onClick() {  
➡ console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
}  
}
```

...we know the value of `this` will be the `<button>` element when the click event is fired and invokes `onClick`.

Since [HTMLButtonElement](#) doesn't have a `text` property, `this.text` is undefined.


```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
    this.text = text;  
  }  
}
```

...

```
onClick() {  
  console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);  
}  
}
```

It'd be nice if we could set the value of "this" in onClick to be the Button object, like it is in the constructor.

"Bind" the value of this

```
class Button {  
  constructor(containerElement, text) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
    this.text = text;  
  
    this.onClick = this.onClick.bind(this);  
  }  
}
```

That is what this line of code does:

"Hey, use the current value of `this` in `onClick`"

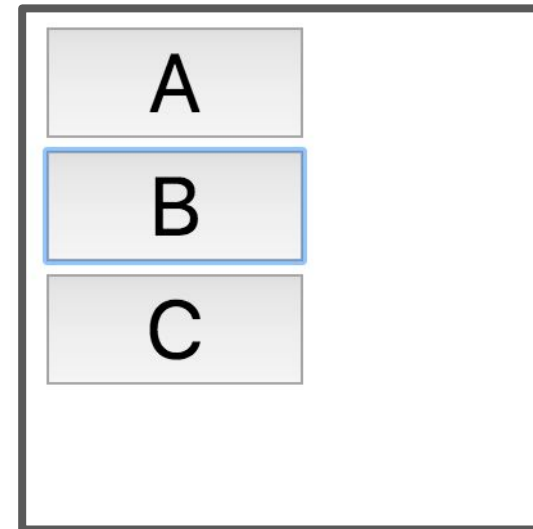
(And the current value of `this` is the new object, since we're in the constructor)

[CodePen](#) / [Live](#)

Back to Custom Events

Update Menu when Button clicked

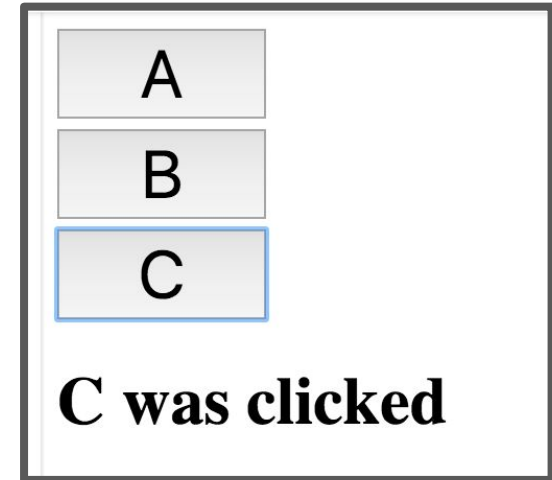
```
class Menu {  
  constructor() {  
    this.buttonContainer = document.querySelector('#menu');  
    this.statusBar = document.querySelector('#status-bar');  
  
    this.buttons = [  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'A'),  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'B'),  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'C')  
    ];  
  }  
}
```



Our current Menu doesn't do much.

Update Menu when Button clicked

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      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'C')  
    ];  
  }  
  
  // ??? How to call this?  
  showButtonClicked(buttonName) {  
    this.statusBar.textContent = buttonName + ' was clicked';  
  }  
}
```



We want the Menu to update the `<h1>` when one of the Buttons are clicked. **How do we do this?**

Define a custom event

We'll define a custom event called 'button-click':

Menu will listen for the event:

```
document.addEventListener(  
    'button-click', this.showButtonClicked);
```

Button will dispatch the event:

```
document.dispatchEvent(  
    new CustomEvent('button-click'));
```

```
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    ];  
  }  
}
```

A first attempt: We should listen for the custom
'button-click' event in Menu.


```
class Menu {  
  constructor() {  
    this.buttonContainer = document.querySelector('#menu');  
    this.statusBar = document.querySelector('#status-bar');  
  
    this.showButtonClicked = this.showButtonClicked.bind(this);  
  
    this.buttons = [  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'A'),  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'B'),  
      new Button(this.buttonContainer, 'C')  
    ];  
  
    document.addEventListener('button-click', this.showButtonClicked);  
  }  
  
  showButtonClicked(event) {  
    console.log("Menu notified!");  
    const buttonName = event.currentTarget.textContent;  
    this.statusBar.textContent = buttonName + ' was clicked';  
  }  
}
```

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```
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class Button {
  constructor(containerElement, text) {
    this.containerElement = containerElement;
    this.text = text;

    this.onClick = this.onClick.bind(this);

    const button = document.createElement('button');
    button.textContent = text;
    button.addEventListener('click', this.onClick);
    this.containerElement.append(button);
  }

  onClick() {
    console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);
  }
}
```

Then we want to dispatch the 'button-click' event in the onClick event handler in Button.

```
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    this.text = text;

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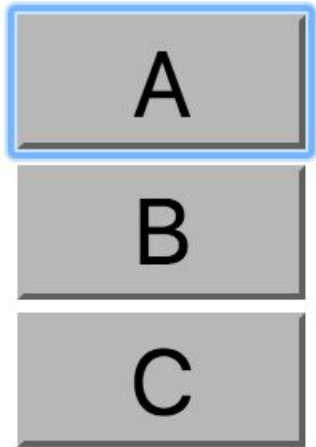
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    this.containerElement.append(button);
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  onClick() {
    console.log('clicked: ' + this.text);
    document.dispatchEvent(new CustomEvent('button-click'));
  }
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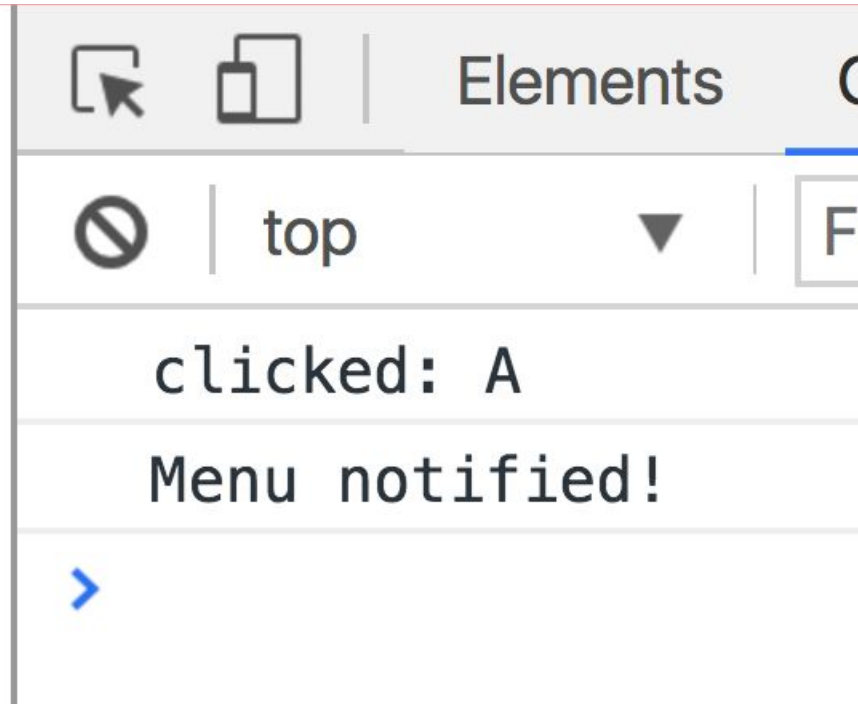
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  }  
}
```

Dispatch the 'button-click' event in the onClick event handler in Button ([CodePen](#)).



null was clicked



When we try it out, the event dispatching seems to work... but our output is "null was clicked"

([CodePen](#) / [Live](#))

```
class Menu {
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    this.statusBar = document.querySelector('#status-bar');

    this.showButtonClicked = this.showButtonClicked.bind(this);

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    ];

    document.addEventListener('button-click', this.showButtonClicked);

    showButtonClicked(event) {
      console.log("Menu notified!");
      const buttonName = event.currentTarget.textContent;
      this.statusBar.textContent = buttonName + ' was clicked';
    }
  }
}
```

The problem is we are adding custom event listeners to document, meaning `event.currentTarget` is going to be document, and not `<button>`

Custom event parameters

You can add a parameter to your [CustomEvent](#):

- Create an object with a `detail` property
- The value of this `detail` property can be whatever you'd like.

```
onClick() {  
  const eventInfo = {  
    buttonName: this.text  
  };  
  document.dispatchEvent(  
    new CustomEvent('button-clicked', { detail: eventInfo }));  
}
```

Custom event parameters

You can add a parameter to your [CustomEvent](#):

- The event handler for your CustomEvent will be able to access this detail property via `Event.detail`

```
document.addEventListener('button-clicked', this.showButtonClicked);  
}  
  
showButtonClicked(event) {  
  this.statusBar.textContent = event.detail.buttonName + ' was clicked';  
}  
}
```

[Finished CodePen](#)

First-class functions

Recall: addEventListener

Over the last few weeks, we've been using **functions** as a parameter to `addEventListener`:

```
dragon.addEventListener(  
    'pointerdown', onDragStart);
```

```
image.addEventListener(  
    'click', this._openPresent);
```

Q: How does this actually work?

First-class functions

Functions in JavaScript are objects.

- They can be saved in variables
- They can be passed as parameters
- They have properties, like other objects
- They can be defined without an identifier

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???

Isn't there like... a fundamental difference between "code" and "data"?



Be prepared to let go of some assumptions
you had about programming languages.

Let's take it all the way
back to first principles...

Back to the veeeeery basics

What is code?

- A list of instructions your computer can execute
- Each line of code is a statement

What is a function?

- A labeled group of statements
- The statements in a function are executed when the function is invoked

What is a variable?

- A labeled piece of data

Recall: Objects in JS

Objects in JavaScript are sets of property-value pairs:

```
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing']  
};
```

- Like any other value, Objects can be saved in **variables**.
- Objects can be passed as parameters to functions

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What is a variable?

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What could it mean for a function to be an object, i.e. a kind of data?

Function variables

You can declare a function in several ways:

```
function myFunction(params) {  
}
```

```
const myFunction = function(params) {  
};
```

```
const myFunction = (params) => {  
};
```

Function variables

```
function myFunction(params) {  
}
```

```
const myFunction = function(params) {  
};
```

```
const myFunction = (params) => {  
};
```

Functions are invoked in the same way, regardless of how they were declared:

```
myFunction();
```

```
const x = 15;
```

```
let y = true;
```

```
const greeting = function() {  
  console.log('hello, world');  
}
```

"A function in JavaScript is an object of type Function"

➡ `const x = 15;`
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```

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In the interpreter's memory:

x

15

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```

➔

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x	15
y	true

```
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```

➔

```
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}
```

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In the interpreter's memory:

x 15

y true

greeting ...

```
const x = 15;  
let y = true;
```

```
const greeting = function() {  
  console.log('hello, world');  
}
```



"A function in JavaScript is an object of type Function"

What this really means:

- When you declare a function, there is an object of type `Function` that gets created alongside the labeled block of executable code.

Function properties

```
const greeting = function() {  
  console.log('hello, world');  
}
```

```
console.log(greeting.name);  
console.log(greeting.toString());
```

When you declare a function, you create an object of type Function, which has properties like:

- name
- toString

Function properties

```
const greeting = function() {  
  console.log('hello, world');  
}
```

```
greeting.call();
```

Function objects also have a call method, which invokes the underlying executable code associated with this function object.

Function properties

```
const greeting = function() {  
  console.log('hello, world');  
}
```

```
greeting.call();  
greeting();
```

- () is an operation on the Function object ([spec](#))
- When you use the () operator on a Function object, it is calling the object's `call()` method, which in turn executes the function's underlying code

Code vs Functions

Important distinction:

- **Function, the executable code**
 - A group of instructions to the computer
- Function, the object
 - A JavaScript object, i.e. a set of property-value pairs
 - Function objects have executable code associated with them
 - This executable code can be invoked by
 - *functionName()*; or
 - *functionName.call()*;

Note: Function is special

Only Function objects have executable code associated with them.

- Regular JS objects **cannot** be invoked
- Regular JS objects **cannot** be given executable code
 - I.e. you can't make a regular JS object into a callable function

```
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing']  
};
```

```
bear(); // error!
```

✖ ▶ Uncaught TypeError: bear is not a function

Function Objects vs Objects

```
function sayHello() {  
  console.log('Ice Bear says hello');  
}
```

```
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: sayHello  
};  
bear.greeting();
```

[CodePen](#)

But you can give your object Function properties and then invoke those properties.

Function Objects vs Objects

```
function sayHello() {  
  console.log('Ice Bear says hello');  
}
```

```
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: sayHello  
};  
bear.greeting();
```

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The **greeting** property is an object of Function type.

Why do we have Function objects?!

Callbacks

Function objects **really** come in handy for event-driven programming!

```
function onDragStart(event) {  
    ...  
}  
dragon.addEventListener('pointerdown', onDragStart);
```

Because every function declaration creates a Function object, we can pass Functions as parameters to other functions.

Simple, contrived example

```
function greetings(greeterFunction) {  
  greeterFunction();  
}  
  
const worldGreeting = function() {  
  console.log('hello world');  
};  
  
const hawaiianGreeting = () => {  
  console.log('aloha');  
};  
  
greetings(worldGreeting);  
greetings(hawaiianGreeting);
```

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```

This example is really contrived!

Aside from
addEventListener,
when would you ever
want to pass a
Function as a
parameter?

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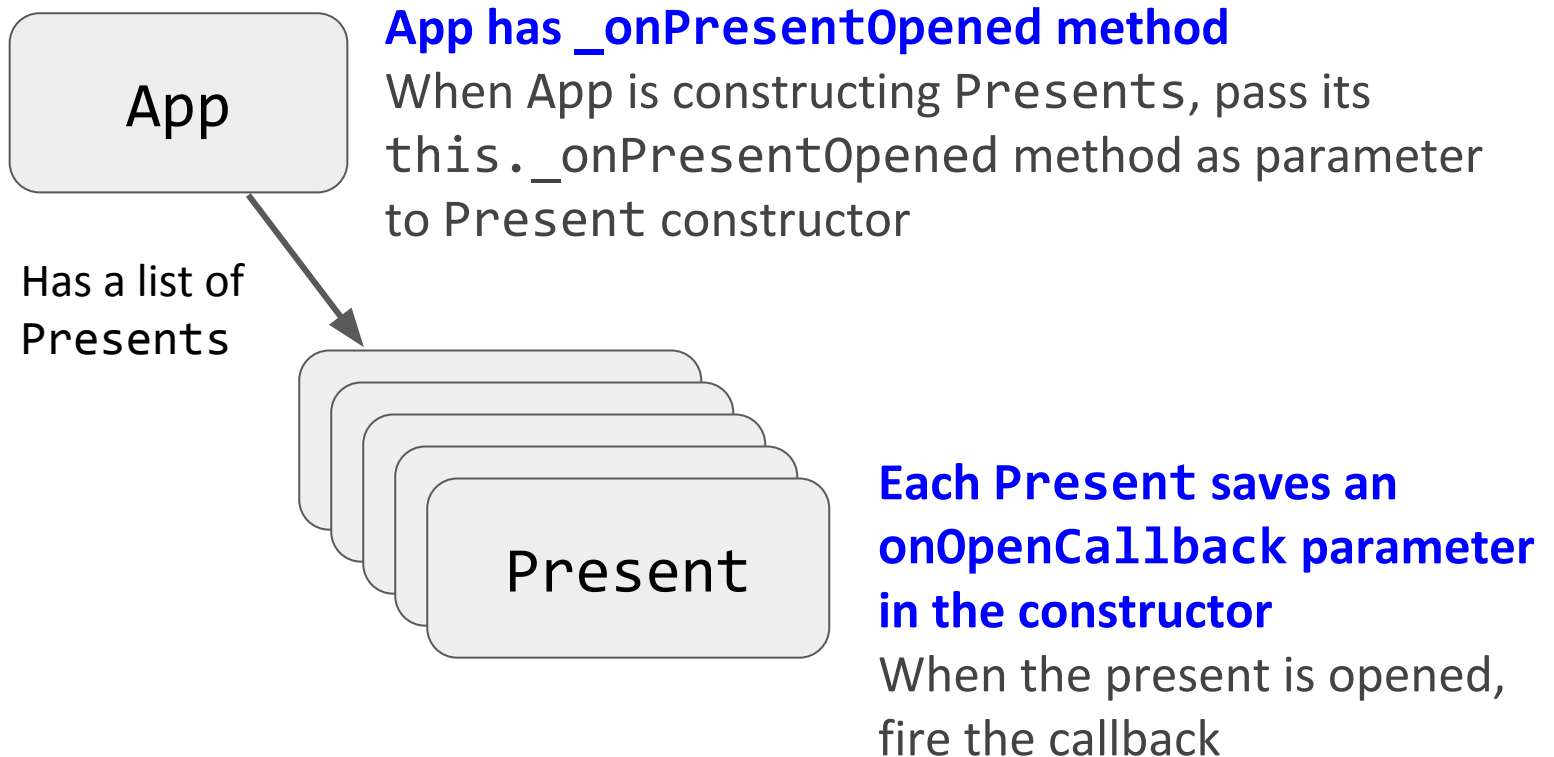
A real example: Callbacks

Another way we can communicate between classes is through [callback functions](#):

- **Callback:** A function that's passed as a parameter to another function, usually in response to something.

Callback: Present example

Let's have Presents communicate with App via callback parameter: ([CodePen attempt](#))



this in event handler

```
✖ ▶ Uncaught TypeError: Cannot read app.js:21  
property 'length' of undefined  
    at Present._onPresentOpened [as  
onOpenCallback] (app.js:21)  
    at Present._openPresent (present.js:20)
```

Say, it's another error in our event handler...

this in a method

```
function sayHello() {  
  console.log(this.name + ' says hello');  
}
```

```
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: sayHello  
};  
bear.greeting();
```

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When we use `this` in a function that is not being invoked by an event handler, **this is set to the object on which the method is called.**

this in a method

```
function sayHello() {  
  console.log(this.name + ' says hello');  
}
```

```
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
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bear.greeting();
```



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Ice Bear says hello

```
function sayHello() {  
  console.log(this.name + ' says hello');  
}  
  
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: sayHello  
};  
bear.greeting();  
  
const mario = {  
  name: 'Mario',  
  helloFunction: bear.greeting  
};  
mario.helloFunction();
```

What is the output of the code above?

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```
function sayHello() {  
  console.log(this.name + ' says hello');  
}  
  
const bear = {  
  name: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: sayHello  
};  
bear.greeting();  
  
const mario = {  
  name: 'Mario',  
  helloFunction: bear.greeting  
};  
mario.helloFunction();
```

Ice Bear says hello

Mario says hello

```
const bear = {  
  characterName: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: function() {  
    console.log(this.characterName + ' says hello');  
  }  
}  
bear.greeting();  
  
const button = document.querySelector('button');  
button.addEventListener('click', bear.greeting);
```

```
<button>Bear, say hi!</button>
```

Bear, say hi!

What is the output of the code above, if we click the button?
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```
const bear = {  
  characterName: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: function() {  
    console.log(this.characterName + ' says hello');  
  }  
}  
bear.greeting();  
  
const button = document.querySelector('button');  
button.addEventListener('click', bear.greeting);
```

```
<button>Bear, say hi!</button>
```

Bear, say hi!

Ice Bear says hello

undefined says hello


```
const bear = {  
  characterName: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: function() {  
    console.log(this.characterName + ' says hello');  
  }  
}  
bear.greeting();  
  
const button = document.querySelector('button');  
button.addEventListener('click', bear.greeting);
```

Ice Bear says hello

When called as a method, the value of `this` is the object on which the method was called.

```
const bear = {  
  characterName: 'Ice Bear',  
  hobbies: ['knitting', 'cooking', 'dancing'],  
  greeting: function() {  
    console.log(this.characterName + ' says hello');  
  }  
}  
bear.greeting();  
  
const button = document.querySelector('button');  
button.addEventListener('click', bear.greeting);
```

undefined says hello

But when called from an event handler, this is the DOM object to which the event was attached.

Since `<button>` doesn't have a `characterName` property, we see "undefined says hello"

bind, revisited

- `this` is a **parameter** to be passed to every function in JavaScript.
- JavaScript assigns `this` to be a different value depending on how it is used.
 - When called as a **method**, `this` is the object on which the method was called
 - When called from an **event handler**, `this` is the DOM element on which the event handler was attached

bind, revisited

```
someFunction.bind(valueOfThis);
```

The `bind()` method:

- Returns a new function that is a copy of ***someFunction***
- But in this new function, `this` is always set to ***valueOfThis***, no matter how the function is invoked

bind in classes

```
constructor() {  
  const someValue = this;  
  this.methodName = this.methodName.bind(someValue);  
}
```

This is saying:

- Make a copy of *methodName*, which will be the exact same as method name except this in *methodName* is always set to the someValue
- The value of someValue is this to bind(), which is the value of the new object since we are in the constructor

bind in classes

```
constructor() {  
    this.methodName = this.methodName.bind(this);  
}
```

And of course, you don't need the intermediate `someValue` variable.

Callback: Present example

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```

We can fix this error message by binding the method:

[CodePen solution](#)