

Javascript DOM Events

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Events are fired to notify code of "interesting changes" that may affect code execution. These can arise from user interactions such as using a mouse or resizing a window, changes in the state of the underlying environment (e.g., low battery or media events from the operating system), and other causes.

<https://codepen.io/FARZANA-TABASSUM-Lecturer-CSE/pen/PwNrmQY>

Examples of HTML events:

- When a user clicks the mouse
- When a web page has loaded
- When an image has been loaded
- When the mouse moves over an element
- When an input field is changed
- When an HTML form is submitted
- When a user strokes a key

Think of it like this:

Event = Doorbell rings

Event listener = You get up and open the door

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Add an Event Handler to an Element



You can add many event handlers to one element.

Passing Parameters

```
element.addEventListener(event, function(){ myFunction(p1, p2); });
```

Event Bubbling or Event Capturing

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There are two ways of event propagation in the HTML DOM, **bubbling** and **capturing**.

Event propagation is a way of defining the element order when an event occurs. If you have a `<p>` element inside a `<div>` element, and the user clicks on the `<p>` element, which element's "click" event should be handled first?

In **bubbling** the **inner most element's event is handled first and then the outer**: the `<p>` element's click event is handled first, then the `<div>` element's click event.

In **capturing** the **outer most element's event is handled first and then the inner**: the `<div>` element's click event will be handled first, then the `<p>` element's click event.

With the `addEventListener()` method you can specify the propagation type by using the `"useCapture"` parameter:

```
addEventListener(event, function, useCapture);
```

The default value is `false`, which will use the **bubbling propagation**, when the value is set to `true`, the event uses the capturing propagation.

Remove an Event Handler to an Element

<https://codepen.io/FARZANA-TABASSUM-Lecturer-CSE/pen/OPNegWb>

The `removeEventListener()` method removes event handlers that have been attached with the `addEventListener()` method:

`element.removeEventListener(event, eventHandler)`



This is the element you want to remove the eventListener from

This is the event name you want to remove the eventListener for

This is the name of the function you have used as the eventHandler for the eventListener you want to remove

When should YOU use removeEventListener()?

- Preventing duplicate actions (forms, payments)
- Temporary listeners (drag, resize, hover)
- Performance optimization
- State-based UI behavior