

## Event Handling:

### 1. What are events?

In the context of web development, events refer to user interactions with a web page or web application.

These interactions include actions like clicking a button, moving the mouse, pressing keys on the keyboard, submitting a form, and more. Events are a fundamental part of creating interactive and dynamic web experiences.

They allow developers to respond to user input and trigger specific actions in response to those inputs, making web applications responsive and engaging.

### 2. What is event handling:

Event handling is a fundamental aspect of DOM (Document Object Model) manipulation in JavaScript.

It allows you to respond to user interactions, such as clicks, keyboard input, mouse movements, and more, by attaching event listeners to HTML elements. When an event occurs, the associated event listener function is executed, enabling you to perform specific actions or trigger functions in response to the event.

Here's an explanation of event handling in DOM manipulation:

**Common Events:** Common events are user interactions that occur frequently in web development. Here are a few examples:

- Click Event: This event is triggered when an element is clicked. It's often used for buttons, links, and interactive elements.
- Mouseover Event: It occurs when the mouse pointer enters an element, making it useful for implementing hover effects.
- Keydown Event: This event is triggered when a keyboard key is pressed. It's used for handling keyboard input.
- Submit Event: It is often used with HTML forms to handle form submissions. It's triggered when a form is submitted, either by clicking a submit button or pressing Enter.

**3. Event Target:** An event target is the HTML element to which you attach an event listener. You can target specific elements using their IDs, classes, or HTML tags.

**4. Event Listener:** Event listeners are JavaScript functions or code snippets that you attach to HTML elements to "listen" for specific events. These listeners are responsible for handling events when they occur.

In JavaScript, the `addEventListener` method is commonly used to attach event listeners to HTML elements.

It takes two main arguments: the event type (e.g., "click," "keydown") and the function to execute when the event occurs.

## **5. Event Object:**

The event object provides information about the event when it occurs. It includes properties like the event type, the target element that triggered the event, and additional data specific to the event.

You can access event properties within event handler functions using the event object.

## **6. Event Propagation:**

Events in the DOM can propagate in two phases: *capturing phase* and *bubbling phase*. You can control which phase to listen to by passing a third argument to `addEventListener`.

By default, most event listeners use the bubbling phase.

## **7. Preventing Default Behavior:**

Some events have default behaviors associated with them. For example, clicking a link navigates to a new page.

You can prevent these default behaviors using the `preventDefault()` method of the event object.

## **8. Event Delegation:**

Event delegation is a technique where you attach a single event listener to a common ancestor of multiple elements.

This is particularly useful when working with dynamically generated elements, as it reduces the number of event listeners.

## **9. Removing Event Listeners:**

To avoid memory leaks, it's important to remove event listeners when they are no longer needed.

This can be done using the `removeEventListener` method, providing the same function and event type that was used to add the listener.

Event handling is crucial for creating interactive and responsive web applications. Understanding how to attach, remove, and manage event listeners is a key skill in JavaScript and essential for DOM manipulation.

This example shows how to prevent the default behavior of a link when it is clicked.

We select an HTML link element with the ID "myLink" and add a "click" event listener.

When the link is clicked, the provided function is called.

Preventing Default Behavior

```
10 const link = document.getElementById('myLink');
11 link.addEventListener('click', function(event) {
12     event.preventDefault();
13     // Custom code to execute
14 });
15
```

The event.preventDefault() method is used to prevent the default behavior of following the link and navigating to another page. After preventing the default action, you can perform custom actions as needed.

In this example, we use event delegation to efficiently handle click events on multiple elements with a common ancestor, such as items inside a container.

adding a "click" event listener to the container.

When a click event occurs, we check if the event's target (the element that was clicked) has a class name "item."

Event Delegation

```
16 const container = document.getElementById('container');
17 container.addEventListener('click', function(event) {
18     if (event.target.classList.contains('item')) {
19         // Handle the click on an item
20     }
21 });
22
```

If it does, we handle the click event for that specific item.

This approach is helpful for improving performance and reducing the number of event listeners, especially when dealing with a large number of elements.

adding an event listener to it, listening for the "click" event

retrieving an HTML button element with the ID "myButton" using document.getElementById

Event Listener on a Button:

```
1 const button = document.getElementById('myButton');
2 button.addEventListener('click', function() {
3     // Code to run when the button is clicked
4 });
5
```

When the button is clicked, the provided anonymous function is executed, allowing you to perform specific actions, like updating the UI or handling user input.

Here, we continue with the previous example, but we also pass an event object as a parameter to the event listener function.

Event Object:

```
6 button.addEventListener('click', function(event) {
7     console.log('Button clicked!', event.target);
8 });
9
```

This object contains information about the event, such as the target property, which refers to the element that triggered the event. In this case, it logs a message to the console when the button is clicked, including the target element.

```
1 button.addEventListener('click', function() {
2   // Code to run when the button is clicked
3 });
4
5 element.addEventListener('mouseover', function() {
6   // Code to run when the mouse enters the element
7 });
8
9 document.addEventListener('keydown', function(event) {
10  // Code to run when a key is pressed
11  console.log('Key pressed:', event.key);
12 });
13
14 const form = document.getElementById('myForm');
15 form.addEventListener('submit', function(event) {
16   // Code to run when the form is submitted
17   event.preventDefault();
18 });
19
20 button.addEventListener('click', function(event) {
21   console.log('Button clicked!');
22   console.log('Event type:', event.type);
23   console.log('Target element:', event.target);
24 });
25
26
```

Annotations in the image:

- click event**: Points to the 'click' event type in line 1.
- Mouseover Event**: Points to the 'mouseover' event type in line 5.
- Keydown Event**: Points to the 'keydown' event type in line 9.
- Submit Event**: Points to the 'submit' event type in line 15.
- Prevent the default form submission behavior**: Points to the `event.preventDefault();` call in line 17.
- Event Object**: Points to the `event` parameter in the function signature of line 20.
- any**: Points to the `event` parameter in the function signature of line 20.

In this example, we access the event type and the target element that triggered the click event. This information can be used to customize the behavior of your application based on the event's context.

Day 12 of JS30Xplore:

## 1. What is scope?

Scope in programming refers to the context in which variables and functions are defined and can be accessed.

It determines the visibility and lifespan of these identifiers. Understanding scope is crucial for writing bug-free and maintainable code.

## 2. Local Scope:

Local scope refers to the visibility of variables and functions within a specific block of code, typically within a function. In local scope, variables and functions are only accessible from within the block where they are defined.

This isolation helps prevent naming conflicts and allows for encapsulation.

**3. Global Scope:** Global scope refers to the outermost scope of a program. Variables and functions defined in the global scope are accessible from any part of the code, including inside functions. While global variables are convenient, they can lead to unintended side effects and naming conflicts.

## 4. Why Scope Matters in JavaScript:

Scope is essential in JavaScript for several reasons:

- **Variable Isolation:** Local scope helps prevent variable name collisions and allows for the encapsulation of data within functions.
- **Access Control:** It defines where a variable or function can be accessed.

This control is critical for managing the flow of data and preventing unintended modifications.

- **Memory Management:** Variables defined in local scope are automatically destroyed when the function exits, freeing up memory.

This is not the case with global variables.

- **Maintainability:** Proper scope usage enhances code clarity and maintainability by limiting the reach of variables to where they are needed.

**5. Block Scope (ES6 and Later):** Block scope was introduced in JavaScript with the `let` and `const` keywords.

Variables declared with `let` or `const` have block scope, which means they are limited to the block in which they are defined.

This is particularly useful within conditional statements and loops.

**6. Variable Hoisting:** Variable hoisting is a JavaScript behavior where variable declarations are moved to the top of their containing function or global scope during execution. However, the initializations remain in place.

## **7. Common Scope Issues:**

### **- Accidental Global Variables:**

Creating a variable without the `var`, `let`, or `const` keyword in a function can unintentionally create a global variable, leading to unexpected behavior.

### **- Variable Shadowing:**

When a variable in a local scope has the same name as a variable in an outer scope, it can lead to confusion.

The inner variable "shadows" the outer one, making it inaccessible within the local scope.

*To avoid scope-related bugs, it's crucial to follow best practices, use meaningful variable names, and be aware of where variables are defined and how they are accessible throughout your code.*



localVar is a local variable

```
1 function myFunction() {  
2   let localVar = 10;  
3   console.log(localVar);  
4 }  
5  
6 console.log(localVar);  
7  
8  
9 let globalVar = 20;  
10  
11 function myFunction() {  
12   console.log(globalVar);  
13 }  
14  
15 console.log(globalVar);  
16
```

→ Accessible inside myFunction

→ Error: localVar is not defined here

→ globalVar is a global variable

→ Accessible inside myFunction

→ Accessible anywhere in the code

blockVar is a block-scoped variable

```
1 if (true) {  
2   let blockVar = 30;  
3   console.log(blockVar);  
4 }  
5  
6 console.log(blockVar);  
7  
8 function example() {  
9   console.log(hoistedVar);  
10  var hoistedVar = 50;  
11 }  
12  
13 example();  
14
```

→ Error: blockVar is not defined here

→ undefined

In the above code, the variable declaration var hoistedVar is hoisted to the top of the function, making it accessible throughout the function. However, its value is only assigned at the line where hoistedVar is initialized.

```
15 function example() {  
16   globalVar = 100;  
17 }  
18  
19 example();  
20 console.log(globalVar);  
21  
22 let x = 10;  
23  
24 function example() {  
25   let x = 20;  
26   console.log(x);  
27 }  
28  
29 example();  
30 console.log(x);  
31
```

→ This becomes a global variable unintentionally

→ Accessible globally

→ Global variable

→ Local variable, shadows the global one

→ Accesses the global variable

Day 13 of JS30Xplore:

## 1. What are Closures:

Closures are a fundamental concept in JavaScript that allows functions to remember and access their lexical (surrounding) environment even after the outer function has completed its execution.

A closure is created when an inner function is defined within an outer function and references variables from the outer function.

## **2. Components of a Closure:**

A closure consists of two main components:

- Function: This is the inner function that is defined within another function, creating the closure.
- Lexical Environment: The lexical environment includes all the variables and parameters in the outer function's scope when the closure is created.

This environment is retained by the inner function, allowing it to access those variables even after the outer function has finished executing.

## **3. How Closures Work:**

Closures "remember" their outer variables because they retain a reference to the lexical environment in which they were created.

## **4. Practical Use Cases:**

- Encapsulation and Data Privacy:

Closures are commonly used to encapsulate variables and functions within a limited scope, providing data privacy.

This is useful for implementing private properties and methods in JavaScript objects. - Callback Functions:

Closures are frequently used in callbacks, particularly in asynchronous operations.

They help in maintaining context and preserving data between the setup and execution of asynchronous tasks.

## **5. Creating Closures:**

Closures can be created intentionally by returning functions from other functions

## **6. Data Privacy and Encapsulation:**

Closures enable data privacy and encapsulation by allowing you to create private variables and methods within objects.

This prevents direct access to these members from outside the object.

## **7. Callbacks and Asynchronous Operations:**

Closures are essential in callback functions, especially in asynchronous operations like event handling and AJAX requests.

They capture the current state and context, allowing data to persist between the setup and execution of asynchronous tasks.

## 8. Garbage Collection:

Closures can impact memory management, as they can prevent variables from being garbage collected when they are no longer needed.

To avoid memory leaks, it's essential to be mindful of retaining closures and to clean up references when they are no longer required.

## 9. Real-World Examples:

Real-world examples of closures can be found in various JavaScript libraries and frameworks.

For instance, in React, closures are used to maintain component state, and in jQuery, they are employed extensively in event handling.

Closures contribute to the modularity, privacy, and flexibility of these projects.

```
1 function outerFunction() {  
2   let outerVar = 10;  
3  
4   function innerFunction() {  
5     console.log(outerVar);  
6   }  
7  
8   return innerFunction;  
9 }  
10  
11 const closure = outerFunction();  
12 closure();
```

innerFunction has access to outerVar

outerFunction returns innerFunction.  
This is crucial for understanding closures.  
The inner function is returned but retains access to outerVar even after outerFunction has finished executing.  
This means that outerVar is still in memory and can be accessed by the returned function.

const closure = outerFunction();  
executes outerFunction, which creates a closure.  
The variable closure now holds a reference to innerFunction, which has captured outerVar.

Outputs 10,  
even though outerFunction has finished executing

In this example, innerFunction retains access to outerVar even after outerFunction has finished executing.



createCounter is a function that defines a variable called count and returns an anonymous inner function. This inner function is defined inside createCounter but is returned to the outside world, effectively creating a closure.

```
1 function createCounter() {  
2   let count = 0;  
3  
4   return function() {  
5     return ++count;  
6   };  
7 }
```

The inner function, which doesn't take any arguments, contains the expression `return ++count;`. This function captures (closes over) the count variable from the outer scope.

It's important to note that the count variable is not accessible from the global scope; it's hidden within the closure created by createCounter.

`const counter = createCounter();` invokes createCounter, which initializes the count variable to 0 and returns the inner function. The inner function is assigned to the counter variable. At this point, the count variable and the inner function are still linked together within the closure.

```
9 const counter = createCounter();  
10 console.log(counter());  
11 console.log(counter());  
12
```

The first `console.log(counter());` call increments the count variable from 1 to 2 and prints 1 to the console because the pre-increment (`++count`) operation returns the value before incrementing.

The second `console.log(counter());` call increments the count variable from 2 to 3 and prints 2 to the console in a similar way.

When you call `counter()`, you're actually invoking the inner function returned by createCounter. The inner function increments the count variable by one and returns the updated value. Since the inner function maintains access to the count variable due to the closure, it can modify and access count.

`getName` and `getAge` are methods that are defined within the returned object. These methods are closures because they capture the name and age variables from their containing scope. This means they have access to the name and age values even after the `createPerson` function has finished executing.

```
1 function createPerson(name, age) {  
2   return {  
3     getName: function() {  
4       return name;  
5     },  
6     getAge: function() {  
7       return age;  
8     },  
9   };  
10 }  
11  
12 const person = createPerson("Sanjana", 19);  
13 console.log(person.getName());  
14 console.log(person.getAge());  
15 console.log(person.name);  
16  
17
```

When you create a person object by calling `createPerson("Sanjana", 19)`, it encapsulates the name and age values within the object.

The `console.log(person.getAge());` line calls the `getAge` method, which returns the age value from the closure. It will log 19 to the console.

The `console.log(person.getName());` line calls the `getName` method, which returns the name value from the closure. It will log "Sanjana" to the console.

However, if you attempt to access `person.name`, you'll get undefined. This is because name and age are private variables encapsulated within the closure of the methods, and they are not exposed as properties of the person object.

`document.querySelector("button")` is used to select an HTML button element on the web page. It finds the first button element it encounters in the DOM.

`.addEventListener("click", function() { ... })` is used to add an event listener to the selected button element. It listens for the "click" event, and when that event occurs on the button, it will execute the provided function.

```
17 document.querySelector("button").addEventListener("click", function() {
18     // This function is a closure that has access to the DOM element
19     console.log("Button clicked!");
20 });
21
```

When the button is clicked, the closure function is executed. It logs "Button clicked!" to the console

The closure here is created because the function inside `addEventListener` retains access to the DOM element, in this case, the button element, even though it is executed in response to the click event. This allows you to interact with the DOM element and perform actions on it when the event occurs.

Day 14 of JS30Xplore:

Lexical and Dynamic Scope:

### 1. What is Lexical scope:

Lexical scope, also known as static scope or function scope, is a concept in JavaScript that determines how variable and function declarations are resolved in a program based on where they are defined in the source code.

It is an essential aspect of JavaScript's scoping rules and plays a crucial role in how variables and functions are accessed and used within a program. In lexical scope:

- Variables are resolved based on the location of their declaration in the source code, not where they are used.
- The scope of a variable is determined by the function or block in which it is declared. Lexical scope ensures that variables declared in a higher-level scope (such as an outer function) are available to the inner functions, but not the other way around.

It forms a hierarchical structure where inner scopes can access variables from outer scopes, but not the other way around.

### 2. What is Dynamic scope:

Dynamic scope is a scoping concept used in some programming languages where the resolution of variables is based on the call stack or the current execution context rather than the lexical structure of the code.

In dynamic scope, the value of a variable is determined by the sequence of function calls in the program's execution, and it looks for variables "dynamically" as it traverses the call stack. In dynamic scope:

- The value of a variable is determined by the most recent function call in the call stack that defines the variable, rather than where the variable is declared in the source code.
- When a function is executed, it can access variables from the context of the calling function, not just the context where the function is defined.

It's important to note that JavaScript does not use dynamic scope by default. JavaScript uses lexical scope, also known as static scope, where variables are resolved based on their location in the source code, as explained earlier.

### **3. Advantages of Lexical Scope in JavaScript:**

- Predictable Variable Resolution: Variables are resolved based on their position in the source code, making code more understandable.
- Closures: Lexical scope enables closures, allowing functions to maintain access to surrounding variables, supporting data encapsulation.
- Modular Code: Encourages modular and organized code by encapsulating variables and functions within specific scopes.

### **4. Disadvantages of Lexical Scope in JavaScript:**

- Global Scope Issues: Variables declared without proper keywords can become global unintentionally, leading to unexpected side effects.
- Memory Management: Closures can pose memory management challenges, potentially causing memory leaks if not managed properly.
- Variable Shadowing: Inner scopes can shadow variables from outer scopes, potentially leading to confusion and unexpected behavior.

### **5. Dynamic Scope and Its Implications:**

- Unpredictable Variable Resolution: Dynamic scope makes it hard to predict where a variable's value will be fetched from as it depends on the call stack.
- Debugging Challenges: Code with dynamic scope can be difficult to debug, as variable values can change unexpectedly.



- Encapsulation Difficulties: Dynamic scope makes encapsulation and data hiding more challenging due to looser variable access.

```

1  var x = 10;
2
3  function foo() {
4    console.log(x);
5  }
6
7  function bar() {
8    var x = 20;
9    foo();
10 }
11
12 bar();
13

```

→ This defines a function named foo that logs the value of the variable x to the console. The x variable inside the foo function is not explicitly declared within the function, so JavaScript will look for it in the outer scope (lexical scope). In this case, it will find the global variable x, which has a value of 10.

→ Here, we define a function named bar. Inside bar, a local variable x is declared and initialized with the value 20. This local x variable shadows the global x variable within the scope of the bar function. Then, the foo function is called from within bar.

→ This line calls the bar function, which, in turn, calls the foo function.

Now, let's break down the execution:

When bar is called, it declares a local variable x with a value of 20 within its scope.

It then calls the foo function.

Inside the foo function, it tries to log the value of x. Since x is not declared locally in the foo function, JavaScript looks in the lexical scope for a variable named x. It finds the global x variable, which has a value of 10.

As a result, when you call bar(), it logs 10 to the console because the foo function accesses the global x variable, not the local x variable declared in the bar function.

```

1  function outerFunction() {
2    var outerVar = "I am from the outer function";
3
4    function innerFunction() {
5      var innerVar = "I am from the inner function";
6      console.log(outerVar);
7    }
8
9    innerFunction();
10   console.log(innerVar);
11
12   outerFunction();
13
14

```

→ Inside outerFunction, a variable named outerVar is declared and initialized with the string "I am from the outer function." This variable is local to outerFunction, and it's not accessible outside of this function because of lexical scoping.

→ innerFunction is another function defined inside outerFunction. It declares a variable named innerVar and initializes it with the string "I am from the inner function."

→ Inside innerFunction, there's a console.log(outerVar) statement. This line attempts to access the outerVar variable from the outer scope, demonstrating lexical scope. Because outerVar is declared in the outer scope (i.e., in outerFunction), it's accessible to innerFunction.

→ However, this line will result in an error because innerVar is declared within the scope of innerFunction, and it's not accessible outside of that function. This demonstrates the concept of variable scope. innerVar is limited to the scope of the innerFunction and cannot be accessed in the outer scope, which includes the body of outerFunction.

→ This line calls the innerFunction from within outerFunction, which in turn logs the value of outerVar to the console.

→ This line initiates the execution of the outerFunction, which in turn calls innerFunction, and the code within these functions runs accordingly.

In summary, the code illustrates how variables declared in an outer function are accessible to inner functions due to lexical scope, while variables declared in an inner function are not accessible in the outer function. The attempt to log innerVar outside of innerFunction results in an error.

## 1. What is this keyword?

The "this" keyword in JavaScript is a special identifier that refers to the current execution context, specifically, the object that is currently executing the function.

It is not determined by the scope in which the function is declared but rather by how the function is called.

## 2. Key points about this and its relationship to scope:

- this and Scope: Unlike variables that are determined by lexical (static) scope, the value of this is not based on the function's position in the code.

It depends on the dynamic context in which the function is invoked. - Invocation Context: The value of this is determined by how a function is called.

There are several ways to call a function in JavaScript, and each way affects the value of this.

## 3. Key aspects of the "this" keyword in more detail:

- Dynamic Binding: Unlike regular variables, the value of this is not determined by the lexical (static) scope where a function is defined. Instead, it's determined dynamically based on how the function is called at runtime.

- Invocation Context: The value of this is highly dependent on the context of the function's invocation. Different ways of calling functions in JavaScript yield different values for this.

- Global Context: In the global context (i.e., not within a function or object), this refers to the global object. In a web browser, this is typically the window object. In Node.js, it's the global object.

- Method Context: When a function is invoked as a method of an object, this refers to the object itself. This is particularly useful for object-oriented programming.

- Event Handlers: In event handlers, such as those used in web development, this typically refers to the DOM element that triggered the event.

- Constructor Functions: When a function is used as a constructor with the new keyword, this refers to the newly created instance.

- Arrow Functions: Arrow functions have a different behavior regarding this. They do not have their own "this" binding but instead capture the "this" value from the enclosing lexical (static) scope.

In the global context, 'this' refers to the global object (e.g., 'window' in a browser, 'global' in Node.js).

When `person.sayHello()` is called, `this` within the `sayHello` method refers to the object on which the method is called, which is the `person` object in this case.

Specifically, `this.name` accesses the `name` property of the `person` object, resulting in "Sanjana".

When the button is clicked, and the event handler is executed, `this` points to the button element that was clicked. This behavior allows you to access and manipulate the properties and attributes of the button element or perform other actions specific to that button.

For example, you might use `this` to change the button's text, color, or perform some action related to that specific button when it's clicked.

In the constructor function `Dog`, `this` refers to the instance of the `Dog` object being created. When you use `this.name = name;`, it sets the `name` property on that specific instance.

When you log `myDog.name`, you are accessing the `name` property of the `myDog` instance, which was created with the constructor function. In this context, `this` refers to the `myDog` instance, so it prints "Buddy" to the console, which is the value of the `name` property for that specific instance.

Inside the arrow function used for `sayHello`, `this` does not have its own binding. Instead, it captures the value of `this` from the surrounding lexical (static) scope. In this case, the surrounding scope is the global scope because arrow functions do not have their own `this`.

In the global scope, `this` typically refers to the global object (window in a browser or global in Node.js).

```
1 console.log(this);
2
3 const person = {
4   name: "Sanjana",
5   sayHello: function() {
6     console.log("Hello, " + this.name);
7   }
8 };
9
10 person.sayHello(); // Here, 'this' refers to the 'person' object.
11
12 const button = document.getElementById("myButton");
13
14 button.addEventListener("click", function() {
15   console.log(this); // Inside an event handler,
16 }); // 'this' refers to the element that
17 // triggered the event (the button).
18
19 function Dog(name) {
20   this.name = name;
21 }
22
23 const myDog = new Dog("Buddy");
24 console.log(myDog.name); // In a constructor function,
25 // 'this' refers to the new instance being created.
26
27 const obj = {
28   name: "Aina",
29   sayHello: () => {
30     console.log("Hello, " + this.name);
31   }
32 };
33
34 obj.sayHello(); // In this case, 'this' inside the arrow function will be the
35 // same as in the outer scope,
36 // which is the global object.
```