

Document Object Model

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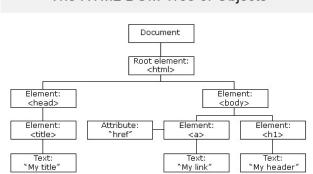
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Introduction



- We've seen JavaScript core
 - provides a general scripting language
 - but why is it so useful for the web?
- Client-side JavaScript adds collection of objects, methods and properties that allow scripts to interact with HTML documents
 - O dynamic documents
 - O client-side programming
- This is done by bindings to the *Document Object Model* (DOM)
 - "The Document Object Model is a platform- and language-neutral interface that will allow programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents."
 - "The document can be further processed and the results of that processing can be incorporated back into the presented page."

 The HTML DOM Tree of Objects
- DOM specifications describe an abstract model of a document
 - API between HTML document and program
 - Interfaces describe methods and properties
 - Different languages will bind the interfaces to specific implementation
 - Data are represented as properties and operations as methods
- https://www.w3schools.com/js/js htmldom.asp



The DOM Tree



- DOM API describes a tree structure
 - reflects the hierarchy in the XTML document
 - example...

```
<html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
 <head>
  <title> A simple document </title>
 </head>
 <body>
                                              Document
Breakfast
                     <head>
                                                   <body>
      0
      1
   <title>
                                                   Lunch
                     "A simple document"
                                                           1
      0
   >
                                  >
</body>
                                "Breakfast"
                                         "0"
                                                      "Lunch"
</html>
```

Execution Environment

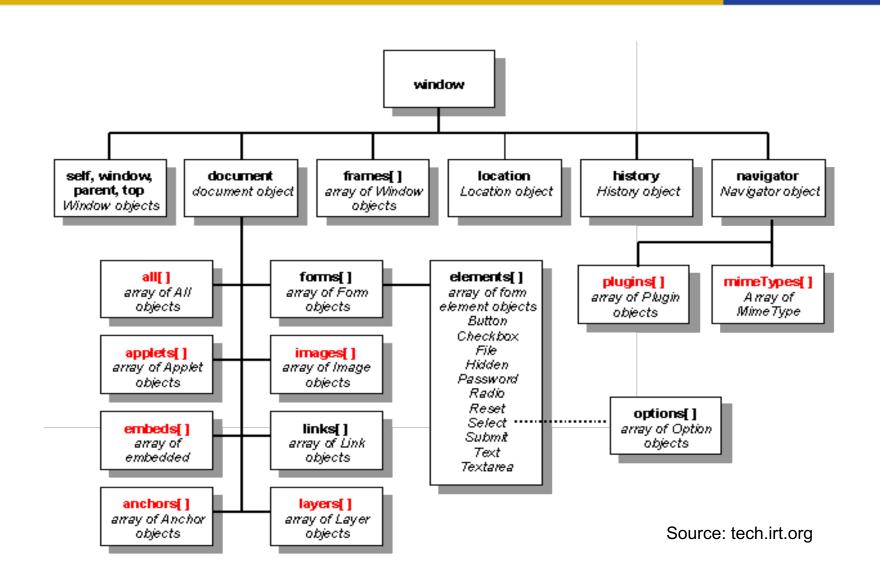


- The DOM tree also includes nodes for the execution environment in a browser
- Window object represents the window displaying a document
 - All properties are visible to all scripts
 - Global variables are properties of the Window object
- Document object represents the HTML document displayed
 - Accessed through document property of Window
 - Property arrays for forms, links, images, anchors, ...
- The **Browser Object Model** is sometimes used to refer to bindings to the browser, not specific to the current page (document) being rendered. This includes:
 - Type of browser
 - User's history
 - Cookies
 - Screen size
 - Location (url)
 - Geolocation
 - Local (browser) storage

```
Will you allow www.w3schools.com to access your
                               location?
                               Learn more...
                               Remember this decision
                                Don't Allow
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
Click the button to get your coordinates.
<button onclick="getLocation()">Try It</button>
var x = document.getElementById("demo");
function getLocation() {
 if (navigator.geolocation) {
    navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(showPosition);
    x.innerHTML = "Geolocation is not supported by this browser.";
```

DOM Tree in More Detail





JavaScript and the DOM



- *Elements* in HTML document correspond to *nodes* on the tree
- These nodes bind to JavaScript Element objects
- Attributes of elements become named properties of element node objects
 - <input type="text" name="address">
 - The object representing this node will have two properties
 - type property will have value "text"
 - name property will have value "address"
- Node objects can be addressed in several ways:
 - arrays defined in DOM 0
 - forms, elements, images, links,...
 - individual elements are specified by index
 - by name
 - by *id*

Method 1: Using DOM Address



Consider this simple form:

• The *input* element can be referenced (assuming this is the first form in the document) as

This example finds the form element with id="frm1", in the forms collection, and displays all element values:

Example

```
var x = document.forms["frm1"];
var text = "";
var i;
for (i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {
  text += x.elements[i].value + "<br>};
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text;
```

Try it Yourself »

Method 2: Using Name Attributes or Type



- Using the name attributes for form and form elements
 - Reference using Java/JavaScript "." notation
- Example

```
<form name = "myForm" action = "">
     <input type = "button" name = "pushMe">
     </form>
```

Referencing the input

```
document.myForm.pushMe
```

- In order to work, all elements from the reference element up to, but not including, the body must have a name attribute
- Names are required on form elements by server-side scripts
- You can also select all elements by tag name.

```
This example

| var x = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
| Try it Yourself >> |
| Try it Yourself >> |
| var x = document with id="main", and then finds all | elements inside "main":
| Example |
| var x = document.getElementById("main");
| var y = x.getElementsByTagName("p");
| Try it Yourself >> |
| Var x = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
| Try it Yourself >> |
| Try it Yourse
```

Method 3: Using ID



- Using getElementById with id attributes (cf CSS)
 - id attribute value must be unique for an element
- Example:
 - Set the id attribute of the input element

- Then use getElementById

```
document.getElementById("on")
```

html <html> <body></body></html>
<h2>Finding HTML Elements Using document.forms</h2>
<pre><form action="/action_page.php" id="frm1"> First name: <input name="fname" type="text" value="Donald"/> Last name: <input name="lname" type="text" value="Duck"/> <input type="submit" value="Submit"/> </form></pre>
Click "Try it" to display the value of each element in the form.
<pre><button onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button></pre>
<pre></pre>
<pre> <script> function myFunction() { var x = document.forms["frm1"]; var text = ""; var i; for (i = 0; i < x.length ;i++) { text += x.elements[i].value + " } document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text; } </pre></th></tr><tr><th></script></pre>

Finding HTML Elements Using document.forms

First name:	Donald	
Last name:	Duck	
Submit		
Click "Try it	" to display the value of eac	ch element in the form.
Try it		
Donald		
Duck		
Submit		

Other Access Methods



- A range of other "short cut" methods may be provided
- Eg. getElementsByTagName

```
var tables = document.getElementsByTagName("table");
alert("This document contains " + tables.length + " tables");
```

Checkboxes and radio buttons have an implicit array, which has their name as the array name

DOM Tree Traversal and Modification



- As we've seen each element in an HTML document has a corresponding Element object in the DOM representation
- The Element object has methods to support
 - Traversing the document
 - that is, visiting each of the document nodes
 - Modifying the document
 - for example, removing and inserting child nodes
- Various properties of Element objects are related nodes, eg:
 - parentNode references the parent node of the Element
 - previousSibling and nextSibling connect the children of a node into a list
 - firstChild and lastChild reference children of an Element
 - These would be text nodes or further element nodes contained in the element
 - childnodes returns a NodeList (like an array) of children

Example



```
<script>
// This recursive function is passed a DOM Node object and checks to see if
// that node and its children are XHTML tags; i.e., if the they are Element
// objects. It returns the total number of Element objects
// it encounters. If you invoke this function by passing it the
// Document object, it traverses the entire DOM tree.
function countTags(n) {
                                            // n is a Node
   var numtags = 0;
                                            // Initialize the tag counter
   if (n.nodeType == 1 /*Node.ELEMENT NODE*/) // Check if n is an Element
       numtags++;
                                            // If so, increment the counter
   var children = n.childNodes;
                                            // Now get all children of n
   for (var i=0; i < children.length; i++) { // Loop through the children
       return numtags;
                                            // Return the total number of tags
</script>
<!-- Here's an example of how the countTags( ) function might be used -->
<body onload="alert('This document has ' + countTags(document) + ' tags')">
This is a <i>sample</i> document.
</body>
<!-- From: JavaScript: The Definitive Guide (4th Ed) -->
```

Example: JavaScript vs DOM



Blue JavaScript, red DOM...

```
// point anchorTags to a DOM NodeList
var anchorTags = document.getElementsByTagName("a");
// display the href attribute of each element in the NodeList
for (var i = 0; i < anchorTags.length ; i++) {
   alert("Href of this a element is : " + anchorTags[i].href + "\n");
}</pre>
```

From: The DOM and JavaScript: http://developer.mozilla.org/en/The_DOM_and_JavaScript

DOM Tree Modification



- There are also methods that allow you to modify or construct a DOM tree. eg:
 - The insertBefore method inserts a new child of the target node
 - replaceChild will replace a child node with a new node
 - removeChild removes a child node
 - appendChild adds a node as a child node at the end of the children

you can construct part or whole document dynamically!

This is what front-end frameworks like Angular or React do: they dynamically build the

entire document on the client side.

- Document writing methods include:
 - open()
 - close()
 - write()
 - writeln()

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/angularjs/1.6.9/angular.min.js"></script>
<body>
<div ng-app="myApp" ng-controller="customersCtrl">
<l
  ng-repeat="x in myData">
   {{ x.Name + ', ' + x.Country }}
  </div>
<script>
var app = angular.module('myApp', []);
app.controller('customersCtrl', function($scope, $http) {
  $http.get("customers.php").then(function (response) {
      $scope.myData = response.data.records;
 });
});
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Example



```
<script type="text/javascript">
function createNewDoc() {
   var newDoc=document.open("text/html","replace");
   var txt="<html><body>Learning about the DOM is FUN!</body></html>";
   newDoc.write(txt);
   newDoc.close();
}
<!-- From: http://www.w3schools.com -->
```

The canvas Element



- The canvas Element
 - Creates a rectangle into which bit-mapped graphics can be drawn using JavaScript
 - Optional attributes: height, width, and id
 - Default value for height and width are 150 and 300 pixels
 - The id attribute is required if something will be drawn



 This can be used to create interactive animations and games in just HTML and javascript:

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Games/Tutorials/2D Breakout game pure JavaScript

https://www.w3schools.com/graphics/tryit.asp?filename=trygame_default_gravity

Example



- The navigator Object
 - Properties of the navigator object allow the script to determine characteristics of the browser in which the script is executing
 - The appName property gives the name of the browser
 - The appVersion gives the browser version

```
[JavaScript Application]
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!-- navigate.html
                                             The browser is: Netscape
     A document for navigate.js
                                             The version number is: 5.0 (Windows; en-US)
<html lang = "en">
  <head>
                                                            OK
    <title> navigate.html </title>
    <meta charset = "utf-8" />
    <script type = "text/javascript" src = "navigate.js" >
    </script>
  </head>
  <body onload = "navProperties()">
  </body>
</html>
```

Navigator



- In addition to the *Document Object Model* there is also a *Browser Object Model* (BOM).
- This is not supported by a fixed standard, but is a set of features most browsers support, to let developers tailor apps for different browser contexts.

 BIG BROTHER
- These include:
 - Browser type and version (typically misreported)
 - The language used in the browser
 - The geolocation of the user (https and with user consent)
 - The History of the user.
 - Any cookies associated with the current domain.
- These properties are access through document.navigator.

Navigator Object Properties

Property	Description
<u>appCodeName</u>	Returns the code name of the browser
appName	Returns the name of the browser
<u>appVersion</u>	Returns the version information of the browser
cookieEnabled	Determines whether cookies are enabled in the browser
geolocation	Returns a Geolocation object that can be used to locate the user's position
language	Returns the language of the browser
onLine	Determines whether the browser is online
<u>platform</u>	Returns for which platform the browser is compiled
product	Returns the engine name of the browser
userAgent	Returns the user-agent header sent by the browser to the server



History Object Properties

Property	Description
length	Returns the number of URLs in the history list

History Object Methods

Method	Description
back()	Loads the previous URL in the history list
forward()	Loads the next URL in the history list
go()	Loads a specific URL from the history list

Cookies



- Cookies are a way of websites identifying returning users. As HTTP requests are stateless, the server normally won't remember any previous requests from a client.
- A cookie is a small text file containing key-value pairs that is stored in the browser.
- The cookie will be sent with a request to the website it is associated with (and only that website).
- Cookies for the current web-page are accessible through the DOM/BOM.

www.w3school.

www.w3school... /js/

firstname

https://googleads.g.doubleclick.net

https://www.w3schools.com

• Cookies are specified with an expiry date or will be deleted when the broswer is closed.

```
document.cookie = "username=John Doe; expires=Thu, 18 Dec 2013 12:00:00 UTC";
                                                                                 function getCookie(cname) {
 function setCookie(cname, cvalue, exdays) {
                                                                                   var name = cname + "=";
    var d = new Date();
                                                                                   var decodedCookie = decodeURIComponent(document.cookie);
    d.setTime(d.getTime() + (exdays*24*60*60*1000));
                                                                                   var ca = decodedCookie.split(';');
    var expires = "expires="+ d.toUTCString();
                                                                                   for (var i = 0; i < ca.length; i++) {
    document.cookie = cname + "=" + cvalue + ";" + expires + ";path=/";
                                                                                     var c = ca[i];
                                                                                      while (c.charAt(0) == ' ') {
                               { } Style Editor
                                            c = c.substring(1);
             Console
                      □ Debugger
                              + C
Cache Storage
Cookies
                                 Name
                                            Domain
                                                        Path
                                                                                      if (c.indexOf(name) == 0) {
                                                                    Expires on
                                         .w3schools.com
                                                               Tue, 27 Oct 2020 08:38:35.
 https://tpc.googlesyndication.com
                              _gads
                                                                                        return c.substring(name.length, c.length);
                              _gat
 https://s0.2mdn.net
                                         .w3schools.com
                                                               Fri. 12 Mar 2021 04:47:55 ..
 https://cdn.bannerflow.com
                                                               Thu, 14 Mar 2019 04:47:5...
                                         .w3schools.com
 https://pagead2.googlesyndication.com
                              ASPSESSIONID...
                                                               Session
                                                                                   return "";
                                         www.w3school...
```

Session

Session

Web Storage



- A larger and more secure alternative to cookies is Web Storage (new since HTML5).
- This allows a website to store information about a user within the users browser and retireve it at a later time.
- This can be particularly useful for large forms where there is a chance a session could end before the user submits the form.

```
if (localStorage.clickcount) {
  localStorage.clickcount = Number(localStorage.clickcount) + 1;
} else {
  localStorage.clickcount = 1;
}
document.getElementById("result").innerHTML = "You have clicked the button " + localStorage.clickcount + " time(s).";
```

Event-Driven Programming



- Event-driven programming or event-based programming
 - programming paradigm in which the flow of the program is determined by sensor outputs or user actions (mouse clicks, key presses) or messages from other programs
 - not new from hardware interrupts to multi-process operating systems to distributed programming to Java listeners to Exceptions...
- Fundamental to web-based programming
 - client-server model
 - stateless programming
 - controlled from browser (user) end
- Event driven programming drives many of the technologies we will cover in this unit:
 - Sockets
 - AJAX
 - Javascript callbacks

Event-Driven Programming



Batch program

```
read a number (from the keyboard) and store it in variable A[0] read a number (from the keyboard) and store it in variable A[1] print A[0]+A[1]
```

- synchronous (program waits for input)
- Event-driven program

```
set counter K to 0
repeat {
  if a number has been entered (from the keyboard) {
    store in A[K] and increment K
    if K equals 2 print A[0]+A[1] and reset K to 0
}

- asynchronous (program polls for input)

EventEmitters

Events

Event Handlers

| Event Loop | Event Lo
```

Event-Driven Programming



- Program "loop" divided into two distinct tasks
 - event detection
 - event handling
- Application programmer may be freed from event detection (and hence loop) in a number of ways
 - embedded programs may use interrupts handled by hardware (no loop needed)
 - programming environment or execution environment may do this for you in our case the browser
 - O allows programmer to focus on event handling
- Browser "listens" (polls or interrupts) for events
 - user actions (eg. <enter>, mouse clicks, ...)
 - server responses (eg. page loaded, AJAX responses, calculation, ...)
- When it recognises an event, it invokes the appropriate code to handle the event (event handler), passing information about the event as required
- But how does the browser know what code to call?
- For the browser to know what code to invoke for different actions, code elements must be registered with, or bound to, events
- What defines the events, their meanings, and parameters?
 - O the DOM!

Event Registration



- DOM 0 provides two ways to register an event handler:
- 1. Assign the event handler script to an event tag attribute

Usually the handler script is more than a single statement and called as a function:

2. Assign the event handler to the appropriate property of the element 's object

- statement must follow both handler function and form element so (JavaScript) interpreter has seen both
- note: just function name, not function call (or string)

Events and their Tag Attributes



Event	Tag Attribute	html
blur	onblur	<html> <body></body></html>
change	onchange	Cody
click	onclick	Click the button to display the date.
dblclick	ondblclick	<pre><button onclick="displayDate()">The time is?</button></pre>
focus	onfocus	
keydown	onkeydown	<pre><script> function displayDate() {</pre></td></tr><tr><td>keypress</td><td>onkeypress</td><td><pre>document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = Date();</pre></td></tr><tr><td>keyup</td><td>onkeyup</td><td>} </script></pre>
load	onload	75C11pt>
mousedown	onmousedown	<pre></pre>
mousemove	onmousemove	
mouseout	onmouseout	
mouseover	onmouseover	Click the button to display the date.
mouseup	onmouseup	
reset	onreset	The time is?
select	onselect	Wed Mar 13 2019 13:12:10 GMT+0800
submit	onsubmit	
unload	onunload	

Tag Attributes and their Tags



- Most event tag attributes can appear in several tags
- Meaning (action) depends on both the tag attribute and the tag in which it appears. Eg.
 - an element gains "focus" when the mouse is passed over it and left clicked, or user tabs to element
 - lose focus when it passes to another element called blurring
 - different meaning (action) for <a> and <textarea>

Attribute	Tag	Description	help3403			
onblur	<a>	The link loses the input focus	csmarks Week WED (Robert Street		(Pohort Street LT 2 2nm)	
	<button></button>	The button loses the input focus	cssubmit	WEEK	WED (Robert Street LT, 2-3pm)	
	<input/>	The input element loses the input focus		1	Feb 27	Introduction
	<textarea></td><td>The text area loses the input focus</td><td></td><td>2</td><td>Mar 6</td><td>CSS</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><select></td><td>The selection element loses the input focus</td><td>a 150 × 34.65
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and DOM Quick Reference9</td><td>5</td><td>Mar 27</td><td>JQuery</td></tr><tr><td>onclick</td><td><a></td><td>The user clicks on the link</td><td>☐ Inspector ☐ Console ☐</td><td>> Debugger</td><td>{ } Style Edit</td><td>or @ Performance # Memory</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><input></td><td>The input element is clicked</td><td>Inspector Console</td><td>) bebugger</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>ondblclick</td><td>Most elements</td><td>The user double clicks the left mouse button</td><td>+
</td><td></td><td>Q S</td><td>earch HTML</td></tr><tr><td>onfocus</td><td><a></td><td>The link acquires the input focus</td><td></ti></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><input></td><td>The input element receives the input focus</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><textarea></td><td>A text area receives the input focus</td><td>><ti><ti><ti><ti><ti><ti><ti><ti><ti><t</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><select></td><td>A selection element receives the input focus</td><td><h3>Useful Resource</td><td>es</h3></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>onkeydown</td><td><body>, form elements</td><td>A key is pressed down</td><td rowspan=2 colspan=5>▼ ▼CanIUse.com - cross browser support</td></tr><tr><td>onkeypress</td><td><body>, form elements</td><td>A key is pressed down and released</td></tr><tr><td>onkeyup</td><td><body>, form elements</td><td>A key is released</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>onload</td><td><body></td><td>The document is finished loading</td><td>></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table></textarea>					

Handling Events from Body Elements





Mouseover events



Any HTML element can be have a mouseover event associated with it.

Mouse Over Me

Handling Events from Text Box and Password Elements



 An important use of events is to validate the content of forms, without using bandwidth and time to access a remote server.

By manipulating the focus event the user can be prevented from changing the amount in a

text input field

Note: this is possible to work around

- Copy the page but leave out the validation code
- Simulate an HTTP request directly with socket-level programming

If the validity of data is important, the server needs to check it

```
JavaScript Example

function validateForm() {
  var x = document.forms["myForm"]["fname"].value;
  if (x == "") {
    alert("Name must be filled out");
    return false;
  }
}
```

The function can be called when the form is submitted:

DOM 2 Event Model



- DOM 2 is defined in modules
- The *Events* module defines several submodules
 - HTMLEvents and MouseEvents are common
- An event object is passed as a parameter to an event handler
 - Properties of this object provide information about the event
 - Some event types will extend the interface to include information relevant to the subtype. For example, a mouse event will include the location of the mouse at the time of the event

<u>blur</u>	The event occurs when an element loses focus	FocusEvent
canplay	The event occurs when the browser can start playing the media (when it has buffered enough to begin)	<u>Event</u>
canplaythrough	The event occurs when the browser can play through the media without stopping for buffering	<u>Event</u>
change	The event occurs when the content of a form element, the selection, or the checked state have changed (for <input/> , <select>, and <textarea>)</td><td><u>Event</u></td></tr><tr><td>click</td><td>The event occurs when the user clicks on an element</td><td>MouseEvent</td></tr><tr><td>contextmenu</td><td>The event occurs when the user right-clicks on an element to open a context menu</td><td>MouseEvent</td></tr><tr><td>сору</td><td>The event occurs when the user copies the content of an element</td><td>ClipboardEvent</td></tr><tr><td>cut</td><td>The event occurs when the user cuts the content of an element</td><td>ClipboardEvent</td></tr><tr><td>dblclick</td><td>The event occurs when the user double-clicks on an element</td><td>MouseEvent</td></tr><tr><td>drag</td><td>The event occurs when an element is being dragged</td><td>DragEvent</td></tr><tr><td>dragend</td><td>The event occurs when the user has finished dragging an element</td><td>DragEvent</td></tr><tr><td><u>dragenter</u></td><td>The event occurs when the dragged element enters the drop target</td><td>DragEvent</td></tr><tr><td>dragleave</td><td>The event occurs when the dragged element leaves the drop target</td><td><u>DragEvent</u></td></tr></tbody></table></textarea></select>	

Event Flow



- DOM 2 defines a process for determining which handlers to execute for a particular event
- The event object representing the event is created at a particular node called the target node
- The process has three phases...
- In the *capturing phase* each node from the document root to the target node, in order, is examined.
 - If the node is not the target node and there is a handler for that event at the node and the handler is enabled for capture for the node, the handler is executed
- Then all handlers registered for the target node, if any, are executed
- In the bubbling phase each node from the parent of the target node to the root node, in order, is examined
 - if there is a handler for that event at the node and the handler is *not* enabled for capture for the node, the handler is executed

Some event types are not allowed to bubble: load, unload, blur and focus among the HTML event types

Event Propagation



- As each handler is executed, properties of the event provide context
 - The currentTarget property is the node to which the handler is registered
 - The target property is the node to which the event was originally directed
 - currentTarget is always the object listening for the event; target is the actual target that received the event
- One major advantage of this scheme over DOM 0 is that event handling can be centralized in an ancestor node
- For example, a calculator keyboard will have a number of digit buttons
 - In some GUI frameworks, a handler must be added to each button separately
 - In DOM 2, the buttons could be organized under a single node and the handler placed on the node

```
document.getElementById("myP").addEventListener("click", myFunction, true);
document.getElementById("myDiv").addEventListener("click", myFunction, true);
```

Event Handler Registration



- Handlers are called *listeners* in DOM 2
- addEventListener is used to register a handler, it takes three parameters
 - A string naming the event type
 - The handler
 - A boolean specifying whether the handler is enabled for the capture phase or not

```
A function is triggered when the user
is pressing a key in the input field.
<input type="text" onkeydown= f(event)">
<script>
function f(e) {
  alert("You hit the "+e.keyCode+" key");
}
</script>
```

```
window.addEventListener("keydown", moveSomething, false);
function moveSomething(e) {
    switch(e.keyCode) {
        case 37:
            // left key pressed
            break;
        case 38:
            // up key pressed
            break;
        case 39:
            // right key pressed
            break;
        case 40:
            // down key pressed
            break;
    }
```