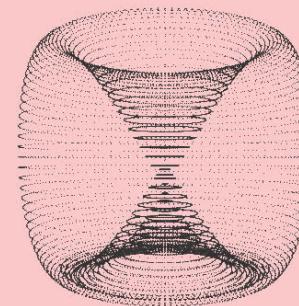




Events

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What is an Event?

An *event* is a signal that a "thing" has happened to a DOM element

This "thing" can be the element *loading*, a *click*, or a *key press*

We can use events to run JavaScript code in response to user actions

What are some examples of events?

Mouse events

- click
- dblclick
- mouseup
- mouseenter
- mousedown
- mouseleave

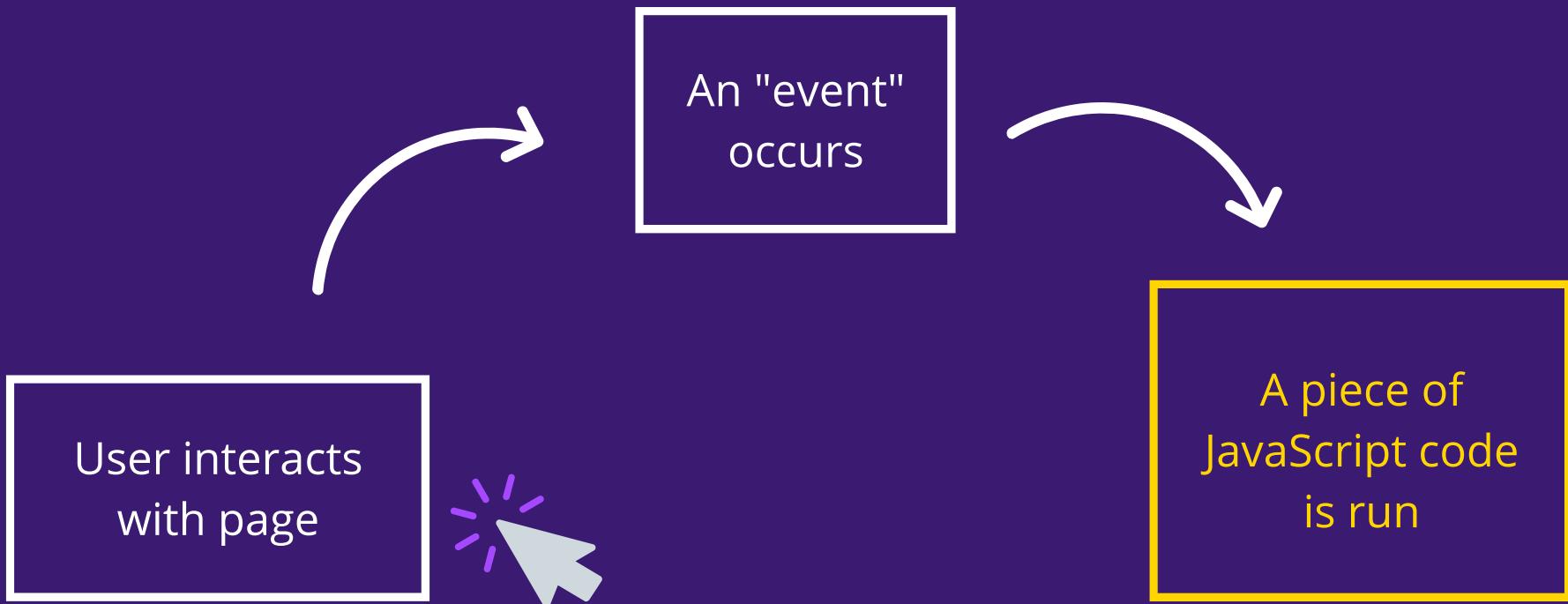
Keyboard events

- keydown
- keypress
- keyup

...and more!

- error
- load
- fullscreenchange
- submit
- canplay
- canplaythrough
- animationstart

Event Handlers



Adding Event Handlers

- 1) In HTML
- 2) DOM Property
- 3) addEventListener

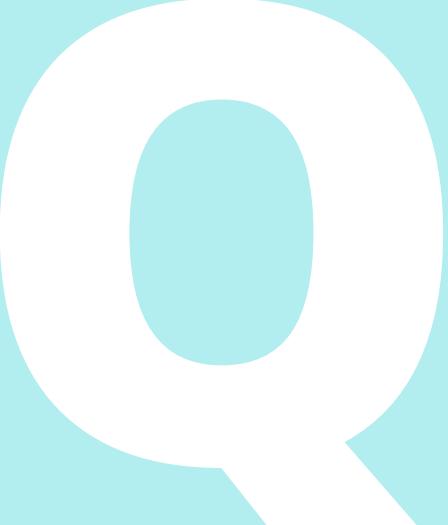
```
<input  
    value="Click me"  
    onclick="alert('Clicked!')"  
    type="button"  
>
```

Adding Event Handlers

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```
let element = document.getElementById('btn');

element.onclick = () => {
    alert('Button was clicked!');
};
```



**What's wrong
with this code?**

```
function doSomething() {  
    alert('hello');  
}  
  
element.onclick = doSomething();
```

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```
// Definition:  
target.addEventListener(  
  type, // e.g. 'click', 'mousemove'  
  listener, // the callback  
  [options]  
);  
  
// Example:  
let element = document.getElementById('btn');  
let handler = () => {  
  alert('button was clicked');  
}  
  
element.addEventListener('click', handler);  
element.removeEventListener('click', handler);
```

Event Interface

The parameter to an event handler is an event object

```
document.addEventListener('mousemove', (event) => {  
  console.log(event.clientX);  
  console.log(event.clientY);  
});
```



The event object represents the event that has taken place, and has properties describing details of the event

Event Interface Properties

Some of the properties on the event interface include:

```
event.currentTarget // current element handler is running on  
event.timeStamp // time the event was created (in ms)  
event.type // name of the event, e.g. 'click'
```

Different types of events have specific properties:

```
event.clientX // A MouseEvent has the X and Y coordinate  
event.key // A KeyboardEvent has the keycode of the key that was pressed
```

Keyboard Events

Example

The screenshot shows a browser window with the address bar set to 'Story Mode'. The main content area displays a code editor with a dark theme. The code is a JavaScript file named 'keyboard_example.js' located at 'events > JS'. The code defines a function to move a square element based on arrow key input:

```
1 const square = document.getElementById('square');
2
3 const moveSquare = (left, top) => {
4   const currentSquareLeft = parseInt(square.style.left, 10);
5   square.style.left = currentSquareLeft + left + 'px';
6
7   const currentSquareTop = parseInt(square.style.top, 10);
8   square.style.top = currentSquareTop + top + 'px';
9 };
10
11 const handler = (event) => {
12   switch (event.key) {
13     case 'ArrowDown':
14       moveSquare(0, 1);
15       break;
16     case 'ArrowUp':
17       moveSquare(0, -1);
18       break;
19     case 'ArrowLeft':
20       moveSquare(-1, 0);
21       break;
22     case 'ArrowRight':
23       moveSquare(1, 0);
24       break;
25   }
26 };
27
28 document.addEventListener('keydown', handler);
29
```

The Event Loop

- The event loop is a single-threaded loop which runs in the browser, and manages all events.
- When an event is triggered, the event is added to the queue.

```
while (queue.waitForMessage()) {  
    queue.processNextMessage();  
}
```

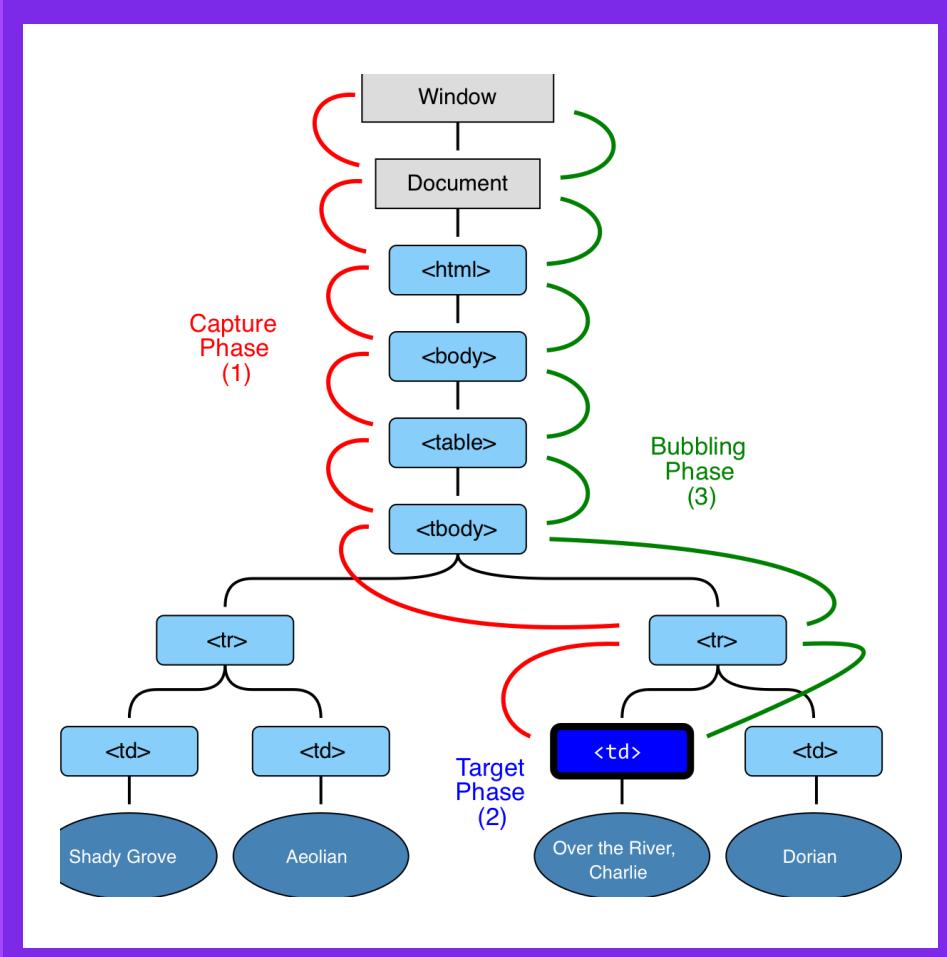
The Event Loop

JavaScript uses a run-to-completion model,
meaning it will not handle a new event until the
current event has completed.



Event Capturing and Bubbling

Image Source: <https://javascript.info/bubbling-and-capturing>



Event Capturing and Bubbling Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <style>
      #first {
        width: 150px;
        height: 150px;
        background-color: blue;
      }

      #second {
        width: 100px;
        height: 100px;
        background-color: pink;
      }

      #third {
        width: 50px;
        height: 50px;
        background-color: purple;
      }
    </style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div id="first">
      FIRST
      <div id="second">
        SECOND
        <div id="third">THIRD</div>
      </div>
    </div>
    <script src="bubbling_example.js"></script>
  </body>
</html>
```

click third
will alter THIRD
SECOND
FIRST

```
let first = document.getElementById('first');
let second = document.getElementById('second');
let third = document.getElementById('third');

first.onclick = () => {
  alert('FIRST');
}

second.onclick = () => {
  alert('SECOND');
}

third.onclick = (event) => {
  event.stopPropagation();
  alert('THIRD');
}
```

Prevent Default

Some types of DOM elements have default behaviour, e.g.

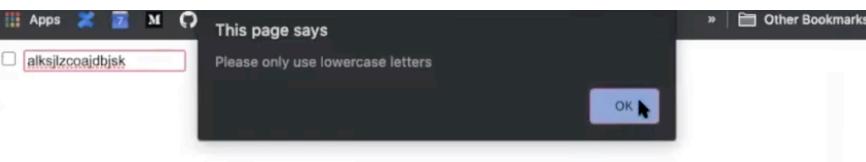
1. Clicking an input checkbox toggles the checkbox
2. Images have a default drag and drop behaviour to allow you to drag them into another location
3. Key presses into a text input field has the default behaviour of entering that text into the input field

To stop the default behaviour of an event, use:

```
event.preventDefault()
```

Prevent Default Example

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <body>
4     <input type="checkbox" id="checkbox">
5     <input type="text" id="textbox">
6     <script src="prevent_default_example.js"></script>
7   </body>
8 </html>
```



```
1 const checkbox = document.getElementById('checkbox');
2
3 checkbox.addEventListener('click', (event) => {
4   // event.preventDefault();
5 });
6
7 const textbox = document.getElementById('textbox');
8
9 textbox.addEventListener('keypress', (event) => {
10   if (event.charCode < 97 || event.charCode > 122) {
11     event.preventDefault();
12     alert('Please only use lowercase letters');
13   }
14 });
15
```

Basketball drag and drop game