

# Web Programming

# **JavaScript Part II.**

# Outline

- So far
  - JavaScript syntax, control statements, variables, functions, objects
  - Built-in objects (Math, Array, etc.)
- Today
  - Event-driven programming
  - Manipulating the DOM

# Events and event handling

- *Event-driven programming*: execution is triggered by user actions
- *Event* is a notification that something specific has occurred
- *Event handler* is a script that is executed in response to the appearance of an event
- HTML tags are used to connect events to handlers

```
<div class="green" ondblclick="myEvent('green double clicked');"></div>
```

event (double click)

event handler

# Events

- Mouse events
- Keyboard events
- Frame/object events
- Form events
- ... and more
  - Clipboard, print, media, animation, etc.
- See [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_event.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_event.asp) for the full list

# Mouse events

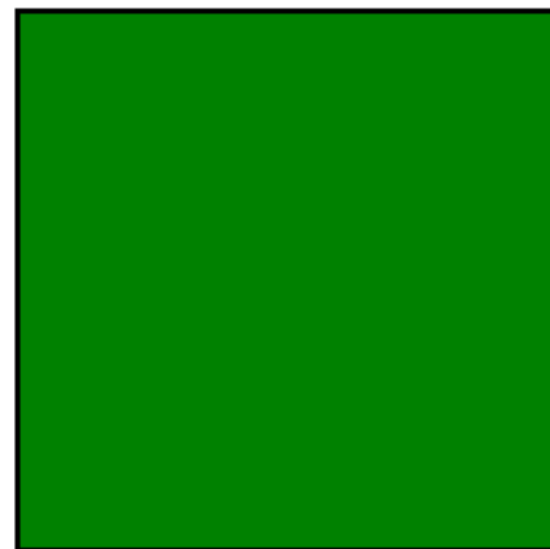
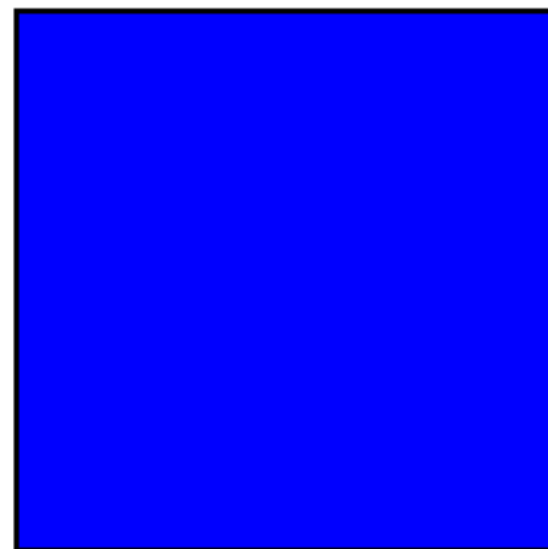
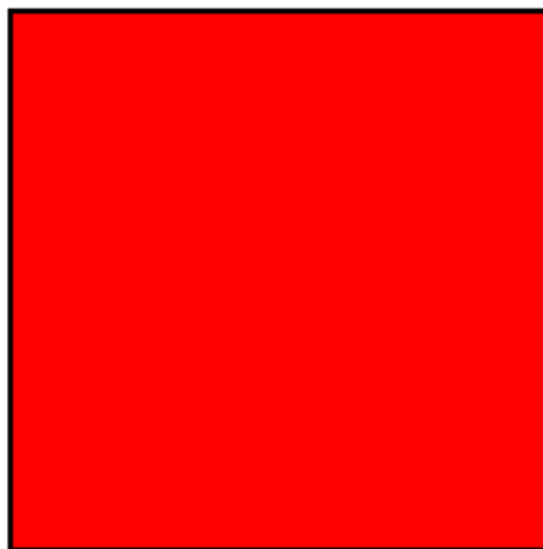
- **onclick** — click on an element
- **ondblclick** — double click on an element
- **onmousedown** — mouse button pressed over an element
- **onmouseup** — mouse button released over an element
- **onmouseover** — when the pointer is moved onto an element, or onto one of its children
- **onmouseout** — when a user moves the mouse pointer out of an element, or out of one of its children

# Example

🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/mouse\\_events.html](examples/js/events_dom/mouse_events.html)

```
<script>
  function myEvent(message) {
    alert(message);
  }
</script>
```

```
<div class="red" onmouseover="alert('red alert');"></div>
<div class="blue" onclick="alert('blue clicked');"></div>
<div class="green" ondblclick="myEvent('green double clicked');"></div>
```



# Mouse event properties

- Further properties of the event can be accessed
  - **button** — which mouse button was pressed
  - **clientX, clientY** — coordinates of the mouse pointer, relative to the current window
  - **screenX, screenY** — coordinates of the mouse pointer, relative to the screen
  - **shiftKey, ctrlKey, altKey, metaKey** — boolean properties, reflecting the state of corresponding key: Shift, Ctrl, Alt or Command (Mac only)

# Example

🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/mouse\\_event\\_logger.html](examples/js/events_dom/mouse_event_logger.html)

```
<script>
  function mhandle(event) {
    let msg = event.type
      + " button=" + event.button
      + " clientCoord=(" + event.clientX + ", " + event.clientY + ")"
      + " screenCoord=(" + event.screenX + ", " + event.screenY + ")"
      + (event.shiftKey ? " +shift" : "")
      + (event.ctrlKey ? " +ctrl" : "")
      + (event.altKey ? " +alt" : "")
      + (event.metaKey ? " +meta" : "");
    document.getElementById("log").innerHTML += msg + "\n";
  }
</script>
```

```
<div onclick="mhandle(event);"></div>
```



# Keyboard events

- **onkeydown** — when the user is pressing a key
- **onkeypress** — when the user presses a key (triggers after keydown)
- **onkeyup** — when the user releases a key

# Working with keyboard events

- Keydown/keyup are for any keys
- Keypress is for characters
- Key event properties
  - **keyCode** — the scan-code of the key (i.e., which key was pressed; it's the same for "a" and "A")
  - **charCode** — the ASCII character code
  - **shiftKey**, **ctrlKey**, **altKey**, **metaKey** — boolean properties, reflecting the state of corresponding key: Shift, Ctrl, Alt or Command (Mac only)

# Example

🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/keyboard\\_event\\_logger.html](#)

```
<script>
  function khandle(event) {
    let msg = event.type
      + " keyCode=" + event.keyCode
      + " charCode=" + event.charCode
      + (event.shiftKey ? " +shift" : "")
      + (event.ctrlKey ? " +ctrl" : "")
      + (event.altKey ? " +alt" : "")
      + (event.metaKey ? " +meta" : "");
    document.getElementById("log").innerHTML += msg + "\n";
  }
</script>
```

```
<input type="text" id="kinput" onkeydown="khandle(event);"
onkeyup="khandle(event);" onkeypress="khandle(event);"/><br/>
Log:<br/>
<textarea rows="18" id="log"></textarea>
```

# Frame/object events

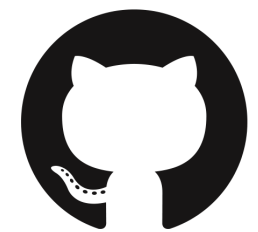
- **onload** — when an object has loaded
  - Most common usage: **<body onload="...">**
- **onpageshow** — when the user navigates to a webpage
- **onpagehide** — when the user navigates away from a webpage
- **onresize** — when the document view is resized
- **onscroll** — when an element's scrollbar is being scrolled

# Example

🔄 [examples/js/events\\_dom/frame\\_events.html](#)

```
<body onload="alert('page loaded');"  
  onpageshow="console.log('navigated to page');"  
  onpagehide="console.log('navigated away from page');">
```

# Exercises #0, #1



[github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/](https://github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/exercises/js/events_dom)  
**exercises/js/events\_dom**

# Form events

- **onfocus** — when an element gets focus
- **onblur** — when an element loses focus
- **onchange** — when the content/state of a form element has changed (for `<input>`, `<select>`, and `<textarea>`)
- **oninput** — when an element gets user input (for `<input>` and `<textarea>`)
- **onsubmit** — when a form is submitted
- **onreset** — when a form is reset

# onchange vs. oninput

- **oninput** occurs immediately after the value of an element has changed
- **onchange** occurs when the element loses focus, after the content has been changed
- **onchange** also works for <select> (not just <input> and <textarea>)



# Example

🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/form\\_events.html](examples/js/events_dom/form_events.html)

```
<script>
  function setfocus(element) {
    element.style.backgroundColor = "yellow";
  }
  function input(element) {
    console.log(element.name + " oninput: " + element.value);
  }
</script>
```

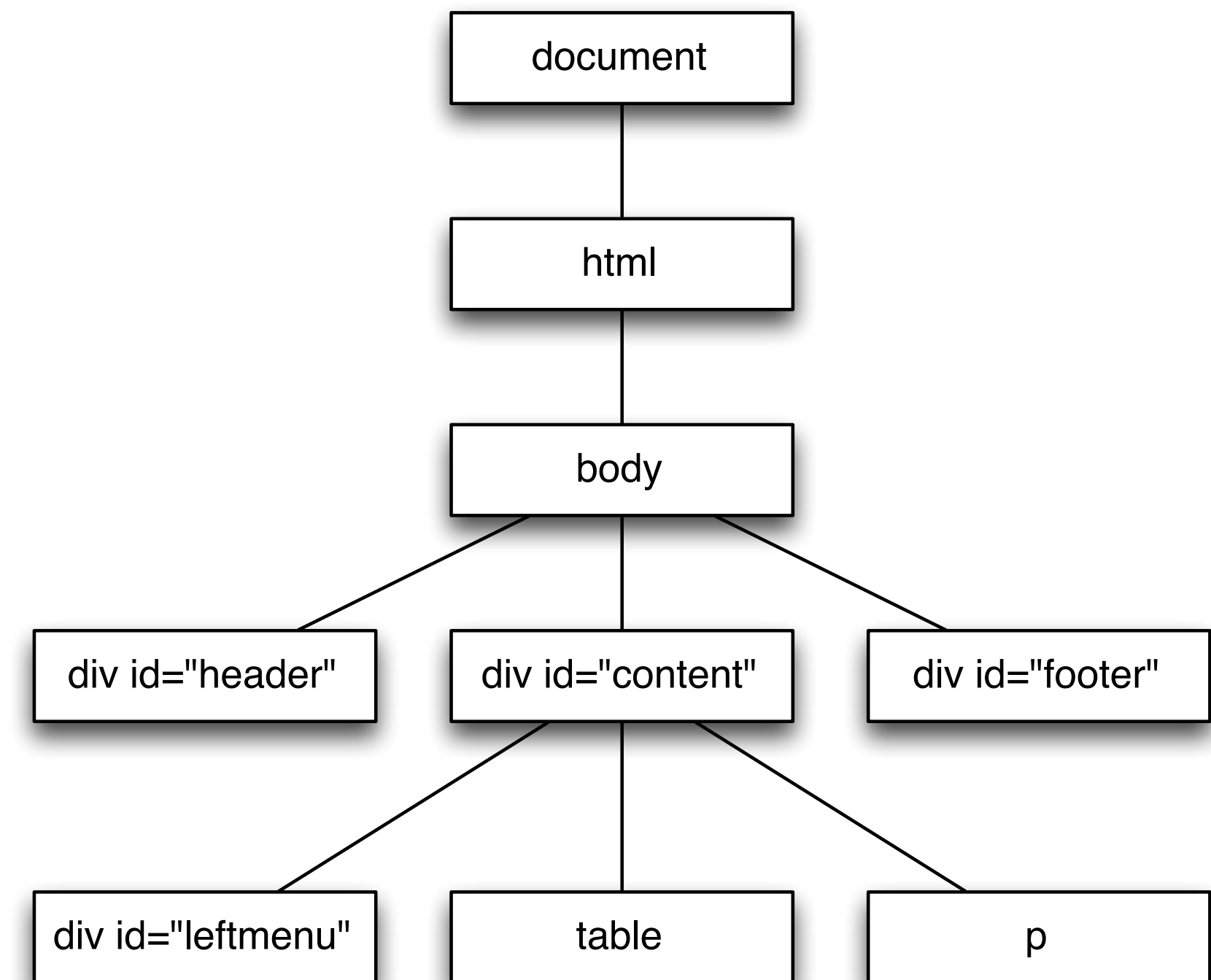
```
<form name="test" onsubmit="alert('form submitted');">

<input type="text" name="name" size="20" placeholder="Firstname, lastname"
  onfocus="setfocus(this);"
  onblur="losefocus(this);"
  oninput="input(this);"
  onchange="change(this);"/>
```

**this** refers to the this particular <input> element

# Document Object Model (DOM)

- Internal model of the HTML page
- Consistent way (across all browsers) to gain access to the structure and content of HTML
- A tree of HTML elements
- **Object** model
  - Each HTML elements is an object (with methods and properties)
  - Plus two additional objects: document and window



# Interacting with the DOM

- JavaScript can interact with the DOM to get access to the elements and the content in them
  - Getting and setting the attributes of elements
  - Creating or adding elements
  - Removing elements

# Wait until the page has fully loaded!

- In most cases, we need to wait for the DOM to be fully created before start executing JavaScript code

```
<script>
  function init() {
    ...
  }

  window.onload = init;
</script>
```

The ***init*()** function is assigned to the onload event of the (browser) window.

# Wait until the page has fully loaded!

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```
<script defer src="myfile.js"></script>
```

Scripts with **defer** will be executed  
after DOM is loaded.

**Only for external files!**

# Finding HTML elements

- Finding elements by ID
  - Typically saved to a variable so that we can refer to the element throughout the code

```
let element = document.getElementById("someid");
```

- Finding elements by tag/class name
  - E.g., listing names and values of all input elements

```
let x = document.getElementsByTagName("input");
for (let i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {
    console.log(x[i].name + ": " + x[i].value);
}
```

# Getting properties of HTML elements

- **id** — the value of the id attribute
- **innerHTML** — the HTML content (between the opening and closing tags)

```
let mydiv = document.getElementById("mydiv");  
console.log("HTML content: " + mydiv.innerHTML);
```

- **tagName** — the name of the HTML tag (in uppercase, e.g., P, DIV, H1, etc.)
- **getAttribute()** — a specific attribute's value
- See a full list of properties and methods of the element object  
[http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_all.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_all.asp)

# Changing HTML elements

- Change the inner HTML

```
document.getElementById("mydiv").innerHTML = "new content";
```

```
document.getElementById("mydiv").innerHTML = "<p>new content</p>";
```

- Change the text inside the element

```
document.getElementById("mydiv").textContent = "new content";
```

- cannot add new HTML elements

- Change the value of a specific attribute

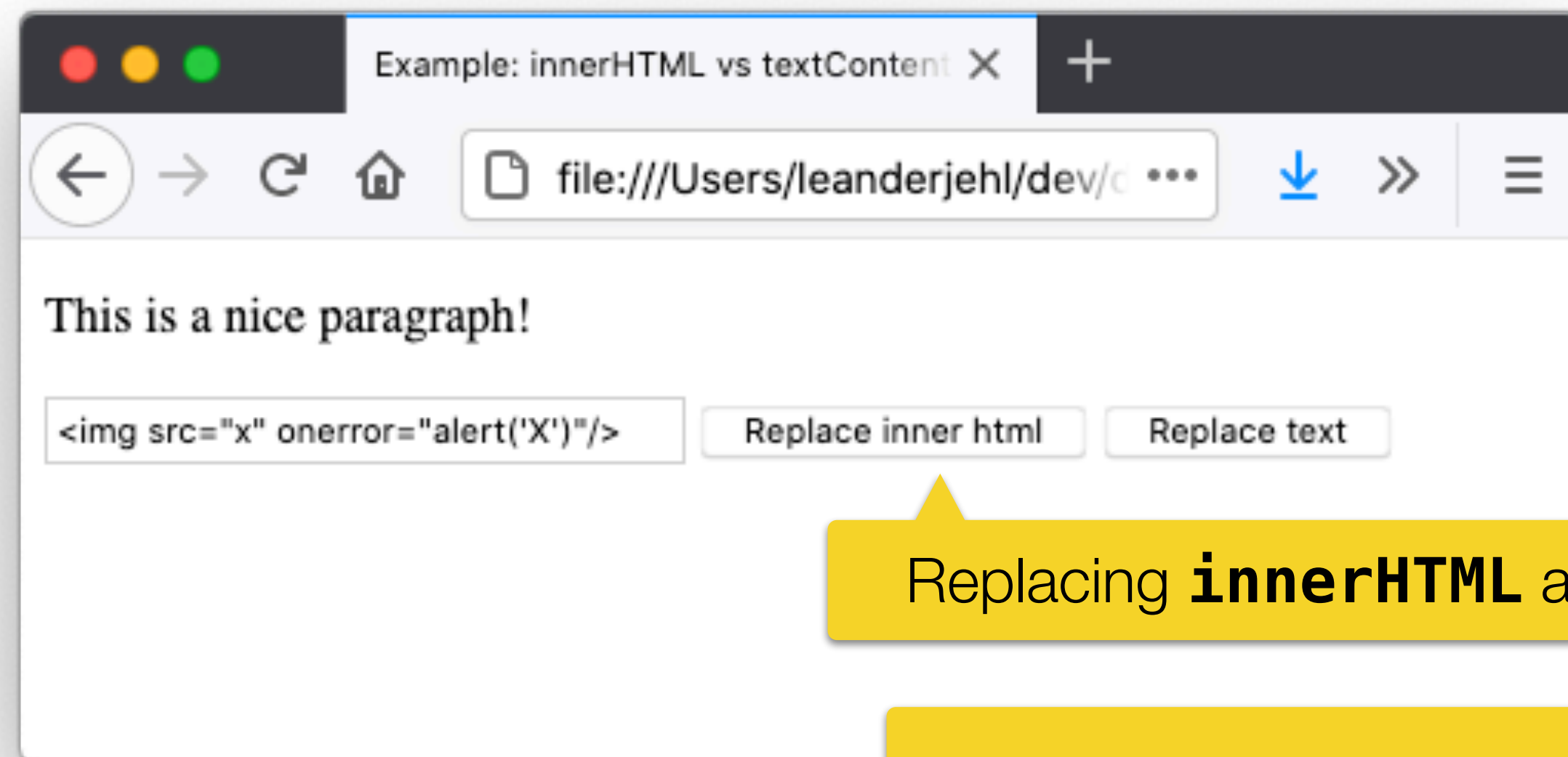
```
document.getElementById("myImage").src = "landscape.jpg";
```

```
document.getElementById("myImage").setAttribute("src", "landscape.jpg");
```



# Example

🔗 [Examples/js/events\\_dom/innerHTML.html](Examples/js/events_dom/innerHTML.html)



Replacing **innerHTML** allows to inject JS code.

Do not insert user input using **innerHTML**!

# Changing CSS properties

- **style.x** — the value of a style property **x**
  - See [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_style.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_style.asp)
- Change the style property of an HTML element

```
document.getElementById("mydiv").style.height = "200px";
```

```
document.getElementById("mydiv").style.backgroundColor = "blue";
```

**camelCase:** backgroundColor in JS  
background-color in CSS

- Add/remove classes assigned to a HTML element

```
let div = document.getElementById("mydiv");

if (!div.classList.contains("border")) {
    div.classList.add("border");
}
else {
    div.classList.remove("border");
}
```

# Assigning events to elements (1)

- Setting the element's **on...** attribute in HTML

```
<script>  
  function dosomething() {  
    ...  
  }  
</script>
```

```
<div id="mydiv" onclick="dosomething()"></div>
```

# Assigning events to elements (2)

- Modifying the element's **on...** property

```
<script>
  function dosomething() {
    ...
  }
  function init() {
    document.getElementById("mydiv").onclick = dosomething;
  }
  window.onload = init;
</script>
```

```
<div id="mydiv"></div>
```

# Assigning events to elements (3)

- Using event listeners
  - Attaches an event handler to an element without overwriting existing event handlers
  - Multiple event handlers might be added to one element

```
document.getElementById("myBtn").addEventListener("click", showAlert);  
document.getElementById("myBtn").addEventListener("click", log);
```

- Event listeners can be removed too

```
document.getElementById("myBtn").removeEventListener("click", showAlert);
```

- See [http://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_htmlDOM\\_eventlistener.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmlDOM_eventlistener.asp)

# Passing parameters to event handlers

- Functions assigned to events from JS cannot take arguments
  - Otherwise the function is immediately executed

```
function changeColor(element) {  
    ...  
}  
function init() {  
    let mydiv = document.getElementById("mydiv");  
    mydiv.style.backgroundColor = "blue";  
    mydiv.onclick = changeColor(mydiv);  
}
```

**Wrong!** changeColor() executes immediately

- Solution: use an "anonymous function" that calls the specified function with the parameters

```
mydiv.onclick = function() {changeColor(mydiv);}
```

# Example

🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/event\\_listeners.html](examples/js/events_dom/event_listeners.html)

```
function init() {  
    // assign showAlert() and log() to all divs  
    let x = document.getElementsByTagName("div");  
    for (let i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {  
        x[i].addEventListener("click", showAlert);  
        x[i].addEventListener("click", log);  
    }  
  
    // remove log() from elements that have the nolog class  
    x = document.getElementsByClassName("nolog");  
    for (let i = 0; i < x.length; i++) {  
        x[i].removeEventListener("click", log);  
    }  
}
```

# Exercises #2 (#2b)



[github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/](https://github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/exercises/js/events_dom)  
**exercises/js/events\_dom**



# Working with forms

- Different element properties, depending on the type of input
- Common
  - **name** — name attribute
  - **type** — which type of form element it is
  - **disabled** — whether the element is disabled or not
  - **form** — reference to the form that contains the element
  - **required** — whether the input must be filled out before submitting the form

# Input text object

- <input> and <textarea> elements
  - **value** — get or set the value of the element
- See
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_text.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_text.asp)
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_textarea.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_textarea.asp)

```
<script>  
  let name = document.getElementById("name");  
  console.log("Name: " + name.value);  
</script>
```

```
<input type="text" name="name" id="name"/>
```

# Select list

- Properties
  - **length** — number of options in the list
  - **value** — value of the selected option
  - **selectedIndex** — index of the selected option
  - **options[index].value** — value of the option at a given index pos.
  - **options[index].text** — text corresponding to the option at a given index position
- See
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_select.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_select.asp)

# Select list example

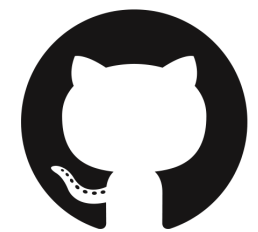
🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/form\\_elements.html](examples/js/events_dom/form_elements.html)

```
<script>
  function processForm() {
    let name = document.getElementById("name");
    console.log("Name: " + name.value);

    let country = document.getElementById("country");
    for (let i = 0; i < country.length; i++) {
      console.log "[" + country[i].value + "]" + country[i].text
        + (country[i].selected ? " selected" : "");
    }
    console.log("Selected: " + country.options[country.selectedIndex].text);
  }
</script>
```

```
<select name="country" id="country" onchange="processForm();">
  <option value="--">Select</option>
  <option value="NO">Norway</option>
  <option value="SE">Sweden</option>
  <option value="DK">Denmark</option>
</select>
```

# Exercises #3



[github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/](https://github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/exercises/js/events_dom)  
**exercises/js/events\_dom**

# Input checkbox and radio

- Properties
  - **checked** — sets or returns the checked state
- See
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_checkbox.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_checkbox.asp)
  - [http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\\_obj\\_radio.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom_obj_radio.asp)

# Checkbox example

🔗 [examples/js/events\\_dom/form\\_events.html](examples/js/events_dom/form_events.html)

```
<script>
  function processForm() {

    let delivery = document.getElementsByName("delivery");
    for (let i = 0; i < delivery.length; i++) {
      console.log "[" + (delivery[i].checked ? "X" : " ") + "]" +
        delivery[i].value);
    }
  }
</script>
```

```
<label>Delivery
  <input type="radio" name="delivery" value="normal">Normal
  <input type="radio" name="delivery" value="extra">Extra
  <input type="radio" name="delivery" value="hyper">Hyper
</label>
```

# Form validation using JavaScript

```
<script>
  function checkForm() {
    let valid = true;

    // perform input check
    // set valid to false if it fails

    return valid;
  }
</script>
```

```
<form name="test" action="..." onsubmit="return checkForm();">
...
</form>
```

If the **checkForm()** function returns **true** the form will submit. If **false**, the form does nothing.



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</script>
```

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<form name="test" action="..." onsubmit="return checkForm();">
...
</form>
```

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# Process form only in Javascript

- When submitting a form with `action=""`, the page is reloaded

```
<form action="">
```

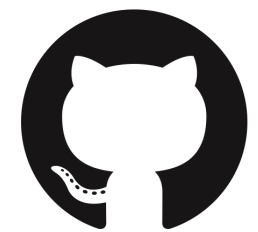
- To avoid this you can
  - Specify the form is submitted to Javascript:

```
<form action="javascript:handle()">
```

- Use a button instead of a submit element:

```
<input type="button" value="button">
```

# Exercises #4



[github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/](https://github.com/dat310-2024/info/tree/master/exercises/js/events_dom)  
**exercises/js/events\_dom**

# Source of truth

- Can be in the DOM or in JS

```
// This function uses the DOM (html) as source of truth
function add(){
  counter = document.getElementById("count");
  count = parseInt(counter.innerText) + 1;
  counter.innerText = count;
}

// a global variable
let count = 0;
// increment uses the global count
function increment(){
  count += 1;
  document.getElementById("count_2").innerText = count;
}
```

# Example

🔗 [Examples/js/more/source\\_of\\_truth.html](#)

Use JS as source of truth in  
Assignment 4!

```
// This function uses the DOM (html) as source of truth
function add(){
  counter = document.getElementById("count");
  count = parseInt(counter.innerText) + 1;
  counter.innerText = count;
}

// a global variable
let count = 0;
// increment uses the global count
function increment(){
  count += 1;
  document.getElementById("count_2").innerText = count;
}
```

2 Add

3 Add

# References

- W3C JavaScript and HTML DOM reference  
<http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/default.asp>
- W3C JS School  
<http://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp>
- Mozilla JavaScript reference  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference>