CSE417: WEB ENGINEERING

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I hear, and I forget.
I see, and I remember.
I do, and I understand.
-Chinese Proverb

Learning Outcome

- ✓ Use DOM to manipulate your content
- ✓ Make your page dynamic
- ✓ Use Forms
- ✓ Handle events

Contents

- Window Object
- DOM and Events
- Class and Objects
- HTML Form
- Events

Window Object

- Represents an open window in a browser
- Many window object properties and methods area available
- No public standard but major browsers support it
- If a document contain frames, then there is
 - one window object, window, for the HTML document and one additional window object for each frame,
 - accessible via an array window.frames
 - Methods provided by a window object include
 - close() closes a browser window/tab
 - focus() give focus to a window (bring the window to the front)
 - blur() removes focus from a window (moves the window behind others)
 - print() prints (sends to a printer) the contents of the current window
- Window Object: Dialog Boxes
 - Example:

```
alert("Local time: " + (new Date).toString())
```

And many more...

navigator Object

navigator.appName
property that gives the browser
name

navigator.appVersion property that gives the browser version

```
<!-- MSIE.css -->

a {text-decoration:none;
  font-size:larger;
  color:red;
  font-family:Arial}
a:hover {color:blue}
```

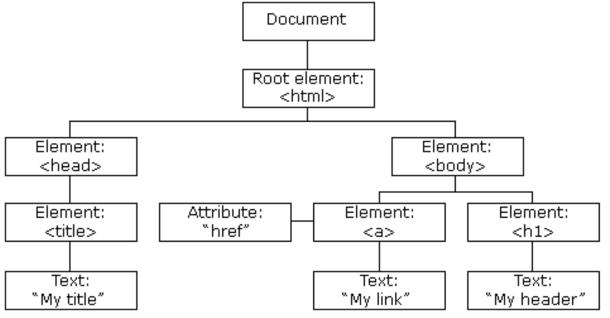
```
<!-- Netscape.css -->
a {font-family:Arial;
   color:white;
   background-color:red}
```

```
<html>
<!-- CSE391
             js14.html
                          -->
<head>
  <title>Dynamic Style Page</title>
  <script type="text/javascript">
    if (navigator.appName == "Netscape") {
      document.write('<link rel=stylesheet '+</pre>
        'type="text/css" href="Netscape.css">');
    else {
      document.write('<link rel=stylesheet ' +</pre>
        'type="text/css" href="MSIE.css">');
  </script>
</head>
<body>
Here is some text with a
<a href="javascript:alert('GO AWAY')">link</a>.
</body>
</html>
```

view page

The HTML DOM (Document Object Model)

- When a web page is loaded, the browser creates a Document Object Model of the page.
- The HTML DOM model is constructed as a tree of Objects:



- Standard object model and programming interface for HTML.
- It defines:
 - The HTML elements as **objects**
 - The properties of all HTML elements
 - The methods to access all HTML elements
 - The events for all HTML elements

Document Object

Acces information about an HTML document using the document object (Note: not a class!)

```
<ht.ml>
<!-- CSE391 js13.html
<head>
 <title>Documentation page</title>
</head>
<body>
 \langle tr \rangle
    <i>>
      <script type="text/javascript">
          document.write(document.URL);
      </script>
     </i></small>
     <small><i>
      <script type="text/javascript">
          document.write(document.lastModified);
      </script>
     </i></small>
   </body>
</html>
```

```
document.write (...)
  method that displays text in
  the page
```

```
property that gives the location of the HTML document
```

```
property that gives the date & time the HTML document was last changed
```

view page

Reacting to Events

- JavaScript's interaction with HTML is handled through events that occur when the user or the browser manipulates a page.
 - a page loads, user clicks a button, press any key, closing a window, resizing a window, etc.
- Developers can use these events to execute JavaScript coded responses,
 - which cause buttons to close windows, messages to be displayed to users, data to be validated, and virtually any other type of response imaginable.
- Events are a part of the DOM
- JavaScript can be executed when an event occurs
 - To execute code when a user clicks on an element, add JavaScript code to an HTML event attribute:

```
onclick=JavaScript'
```

- onsubmit, onmouseover and onmouseout etc are different event type.
- One example in next slide!

Example

Before

What Can JavaScript Do?

JavaScript can change HTML content.

Click Me!

After

What Can JavaScript Do?

Hello JavaScript!

Click Me!

User-Defined Classes

- JavaScript is an object-oriented language, but one without classes
- Instead of defining a class, we can define a function that acts as object constructor
 - specify data fields & methods using this
 - no data hiding: can't protect data or methods

define Die function (i.e., constructor)

initialize data fields in the function, preceded with this

similarly, assign method to separately defined function (which uses this to access data)

```
<ht.ml>
<!-- js15.html
<head>
 <title>Dice page</title>
 <script type="text/javascript"</pre>
        src="Die.js">
 </script>
</head>
<body>
<script type="text/javascript">
   die6 = new Die(6);
   die8 = new Die(8);
   roll6 = -1; // dummy value to start loop
   roll8 = -2; // dummy value to start loop
   while (roll6 != roll8) {
     roll6 = die6.Roll();
     roll8 = die8.Roll();
     document.write("6-sided: " + roll6 +
                     "      " +
                     "8-sided: " + roll8 + "<br />");
   document.write("<br />Number of rolls: " +
                  die6.numRolls);
 </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Class Example

create a Die object using new (similar to String and Array)

here, the argument to Die initializes numSides for that particular object

each Die object has its own properties (numSides & numRolls)

Roll(), when called on a particular Die, accesses its numSides property and updates its NumRolls

ECMAScript 2015

- ES6, also known as ECMAScript2015, introduced classes.
- A class is a type of function, but instead of using the keyword function to initiate it, we use the keyword class, and the properties are assigned inside a constructor() method.
- Class Definition
 - Use the keyword class to create a class, and always add the constructor() method.
 - The constructor method is called each time the class object is initialized.

```
class Car {
      constructor(brand) {
           this.carname = brand;
      }
    }
mycar = new Car("Ford")
```

- We will not go into further details...
- Question to ponder:
 - What are the other OOP properties you can have?

https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_classes.asp

Again, what is ECMAScript?

Event-driven programs

- with C++ or Java, programs are usually serially executed
 - start with main function, execute sequentially from first statement
 - may loop or skip sections of code, but the program generally proceeds step-by-step

the programmer specifies the sequence in which execution occurs (with some variability due to input values)

there is a beginning and an end to program execution

- computation within a Web page is rarely serial instead, the page *reacts* to events such as mouse clicks, buttons, ...
 - much of JavaScript's utility is in specifying actions that are to occur in the page as a result
 of some event

the programmer may have little or no control over when code will (if ever) be executed, e.g., code that reacts to a button click

there is no set sequence, the page waits for events and reacts

OnLoad & OnUnload

```
<ht.ml>
<!-- form01.html 12.10.2006 -->
<head>
  <title>Hello/Goodbye page</title>
  <script type="text/javascript">
     function Hello()
       globalName=prompt("Welcome to my page. " +
                         "What is your name?","");
     function Goodbye()
       alert("So long, " + globalName +
             " come back real soon.");
 </script>
</head>
<body onload="Hello();" onunload="Goodbye();">
   Whatever text appears in the page.
</body>
</html>
```

the simplest events are when the page is loaded or unloaded

- the onload attribute of the <body> tag specifies JavaScript code that is automatically executed when the page is loaded
- the onunload attribute similarly specifies JavaScript code that is automatically executed when the browser leaves the page

HTML forms

- most event-handling in JavaScript is associated with form elements
- an HTML form is a collection of elements for handling input, output, and events in a page

```
<form name="FormName">
...
</form>
```

form elements might include:

for input: <u>button</u>, selection list, radio button, check box, password, ...

for input/output: text box, text area, ...

Button Element

- the simplest form element is a button
 - analogous to a real-world button, a click can be used to trigger events

```
<input type="button" value="LABEL" onclick="JAVASCRIPT_CODE"/>
```

```
<html>
<!-- form02.html 12.10.2006 -->
<head>
 <title> Fun with Buttons</title>
 <script type="text/javascript"</pre>
     src="JS/random.js">
 </script>
</head>
<body>
 <form name="ButtonForm">
   <input type="button" value="Click for Lucky Number"</pre>
           onclick="var num = RandomInt(1, 100);
                     alert('The lucky number for the day is ' + num);" />
 </form>
</body>
</html>
```

Buttons & Functions

```
<ht.ml>
<!-- form03.html 13.10.2006 -->
<head>
  <title>Fun with Buttons</title>
  <script type="text/javascript">
      function Greeting()
      // Results: displays a time-sensitive greeting
        var now = new Date();
        if (now.getHours() < 12) {</pre>
          alert("Good morning");
        else if (now.getHours() < 18) {</pre>
          alert("Good afternoon");
        else {
          alert("Good evening");
  </script>
</head>
<body>
  <form name="ButtonForm">
    <input type="button" value="Click for Greeting"</pre>
           onclick="Greeting();" />
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

for complex tasks, should define function(s) and have the onclick event trigger a function call

Buttons & Windows

- alert boxes are fine for displaying short, infrequent messages
 - not well-suited for displaying longer, formatted text
 - not integrated into the page, requires the user to explicitly close the box

QUESTION: could we instead use document.write?

NO -- would overwrite the current page, including form elements

but could open a new browser window and write there

```
var OutputWindow = window.open();

// open a window and assign
// a name to that object
// (first arg is an HREF)
OutputWindow.document.open();

OutputWindow.document.write("WHATEVER");

// write text to that
// window as before
OutputWindow.document.close();

// close the window
```

Window Example

```
<html>
<!--form04.html 13.10.2006 -->
<head>
 <title> Fun with Buttons </title>
 <script type="text/javascript">
   function Help()
    // Results: displays a help message in a separate window
     var OutputWindow = window.open();
      OutputWindow.document.open();
      OutputWindow.document.write("This might be a context-" +
               "sensitive help message, depending on the " +
               "application and state of the page.");
      OutputWindow.document.close();
 </script>
</head>
<body>
 <form name="ButtonForm">
    <input type="button" value="Click for Help"</pre>
           onclick="Help();" />
 </form>
</body>
</html>
```

Text Boxes

- a text box allows for user input
 - unlike prompt, user input persists on the page & can be edited

JavaScript code can access the contents as document.BoxForm.userName.value

Read/Write Text Boxes

• similarly, can change the contents with an assignment

Note: the contents are raw text, no HTML formatting

Also: contents are accessed as a string, must parseFloat or parseInt if want a number

```
<html>
<!--form07.html 13.10.2006 -->
<head>
 <title> Fun with Text Boxes </title>
</head>
<body>
  <form name="BoxForm">
     Enter a number here:
     <input type="text" size="12" name="number" value="2" />
     <br /><br />
     <input type="button" value="Double"</pre>
            onclick="document.BoxForm.number.value=
                       parseFloat(document.BoxForm.number.value) * 2;" />
   </form>
 </body>
</html>
```

Text Box Events

```
<ht.ml>
<!-- CSE391 form08.html 13.10.2006 -->
<head>
 <title> Fun with Text Boxes </title>
  <script type="text/javascript">
   function FahrToCelsius(tempInFahr)
   // Assumes: tempInFahr is a number (degrees Fahrenheit)
    // Returns: corresponding temperature in degrees Celsius
      return (5/9) * (tempInFahr - 32);
  </script>
</head>
<body>
 <form name="BoxForm">
    Temperature in Fahrenheit:
    <input type="text" name="Fahr" size="10" value="0"</pre>
     onchange="document.BoxForm.Celsius.value =
       FahrToCelsius(parseFloat(document.BoxForm.Fahr.value));" />
      <tt>----></tt> &nbsp;
    <input type="text" name="Celsius" size="10" value=""</pre>
           onfocus="blur();" />
    in Celsius
  </form>
</body>
</ht.ml>
```

onchange
triggered when
the contents of
the box are
changed

onfocus
triggered when
the mouse clicks
in the box

blur()
removes focus

Text Areas

- a TEXT box is limited to one line of input/output
- a TEXTAREA is similar to a text box in functionality, but can specify any number
 of rows and columns

```
<textarea name="TextAreaName" rows="NumRows" cols="NumCols">
Initial Text
</textarea>
```

- Note: unlike a text box, a TEXTAREA has a separate closing tag initial contents of the TEXTAREA appear between the tags
- as with a text box, no HTML formatting of TEXTAREA contents

Better (and easier?) methods to access data

- So far, we have been accessing data input fields by giving them names, and using the "dotted" names from the Document Object Model tree structure.
- What if someone modifies the HTML document?
- Then, all those multiply referenced items can no longer be accessed.
- A more reliable manner (more resistant to changes in the webpage code) would be to give each element an ID (using the "id" attibute) and use the JavaScript getElementById method.

Using getElementById

```
<html>
<!--form09.html 16.10.2008 -->
<head>
 <title> Fun with Text Boxes </title>
 <script type="text/javascript"</pre>
      src="JS/verify.js">
 </script>
 <script type="text/javascript">
    function FahrToCelsius(tempInFahr)
      return (5/9) * (tempInFahr - 32);
 </script>
</head>
<body>
 <form name="BoxForm">
   Temperature in Fahrenheit:
    <input type="text" id="Fahr" size="10" value="0"</pre>
       onchange="if (VerifyNum(this)) { // this refers to current element
                 var F=document.getElementById('Fahr');
                 document.BoxForm.Celsius.value =
                     FahrToCelsius(parseFloat(F.value));
                 }" />
      <tt>----></tt> &nbsp;
   <input type="text" name="Celsius" size="10" value=""</pre>
                     onfocus="getElementById('F').focus();" />
    in Celsius
 </form> </body>
</ht.ml>
```

Check Boxes and Radio buttons

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                                                     Show Checkboxes
<html>
<body>
<h1>Show Checkboxes</h1>

    I have a bike

                                                                      ☐ I have a car
<form action="/action page.php">
 <input type="checkbox" id="vehicle1" name="vehicle1" value="Bike"> [] I have a boat
 <label for="vehicle1"> I have a bike</label><br>
 <input type="checkbox" id="vehicle2" name="vehicle2" value="Car">
                                                                      Submit
 <label for="vehicle2"> I have a car</label><br>
 <input type="checkbox" id="vehicle3" name="vehicle3" value="Boat">
 <label for="vehicle3"> I have a boat</label><br><br></pr>
 <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

- Radio buttons are similar to check boxes, but only one of them can be selected at any time.
- They are defined by <input type="radio"> tags (similar to the checkbox tags in the previous example, with similar properties) and accessed in the same manner.

JavaScript & Timeouts

the setTimeout function can be used to execute code at a later time

setTimeout(JavaScriptCodeToBeExecuted, MillisecondsUntilExecution)

example: forward link to a moved page

```
<html>
 <!-- form13.html 13.10.2006 -->
<head>
 <title> Fun with Timeouts </title>
 <script type="text/javascript">
   function Move()
   // Results: sets the current page contents to be newhome.html
        self.location.href = "newhome.html";
  </script>
 </head>
<body onload="setTimeout('Move()', 3000);">
   This page has moved to <a href="newhome.html">newhome.html</a>.
 </body>
</html>
```

Exercise

- Exercise
- Design a form which calculate sum of two integers given by the user
- How to access Cookie with JS?
- READINGS/Practice
 - M Schafer: Ch. 19, 20, 22
 - https://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp
 - http://www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~martin/teaching/comp519/NOTES/JavaScript.pdf

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