

Events and Event Registration

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Understanding events

JavaScript code runs sequentially

Events can trigger scripts

Browsers trigger events

Events may happen anytime

Event Registration

- For telling browsers what to do when an event occurred, we have to do event registration.
- There are many ways of doing this, like

Using tag attributes

- We can simply add an event handler(present as tag-attribute) to any **tag**.

HTML allows event handler attributes, **with JavaScript code**, to be added to HTML elements.

With single quotes:

```
<some-HTML-element some-event='some JavaScript'>
```

Example - **onclick**

```
<li></li>
```

Using dot notation

- we can give an event to any tag using DOM.
- We first grab that element and then using dot(.) assign it's event handler some function.
- Grabbing of element can be done easily by giving id to that element.

Example -

```

<ul>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>

<script>
  document.getElementById('pink_image').onclick=function(){
    alert('pink is clicked');
  }

```

NOTE - We have added an id, so we can grab element easily, then assign function to onclick.

Using addEventListener ()

- This is more modern way of handling event.

syntax - `addEventListener(event_type, JS_function, boolean propagation_type)`

- We learn propagation type later.

```

<li></li>
<li></li>
<li></li>
</ul>

<script>
  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function() {
    alert('clicked on pink');
  }, false);
</script>

```

- ADVANTAGE - allow check for many event for same function, this is called event propagation.

`addEventListener ()` has several benefits over using the DOM event attributes:

- ✓ You can apply more than one event listener to an element.
- ✓ It works on any node in the DOM tree, not just on elements.
- ✓ It gives you more control over when it's activated.

The `addEventListener()` method is implemented by using three arguments.

The first argument is the event type. Unlike the other two event handling methods, `addEventListener()` just wants the name of the event, without the `on` prefix.

The second argument is the function to call when the event happens. As with the `event properties` method of event handling, it's important to not use the parentheses here in order for the function to be assigned to the event handler, rather than the result of running the function.

The third argument is a Boolean value (`true` or `false`) that indicates the order in which event handlers execute when an element with an event has a parent element that also is associated with an event.

Handling event in IE8 and older browsers

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Legacy Browsers

Support for legacy browsers

Special problem for events

IE8 and earlier use different model

- IE8 and older browsers use different model for event handling, so we have to take care of them specially.
- IE8 uses **attachEvent()** method instead of **addEventListener()**

IE9>-- use `addEventListener()`

```
<script>
  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function() {
    alert('clicked on pink');
  }, false);
</script>
```

IE8-- use `attachEvent()`

```
<script>
  document.getElementById('pink').attachEvent('onclick', function() {
    alert('clicked on pink');
  });
</script>
```

- Main difference btw functions
 - There is full name of event in **attachEvent()** like 'onclick', but only 'click' in **addEventListener()**.
 - Event propagation is not passed in 'attachEvent()', there is a different method of passing this.

Cross Platform Example

```
<script>
if (window.addEventListener) {
  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function() {
    alert('clicked on pink');
    console.log('addEventListener');
  }, false);
} else if (window.attachEvent) {
  document.getElementById('pink').attachEvent('onclick', function() {
    alert('clicked on pink');
    console.log('attachEvent');
  });
}
</script>
```

- If 'addEventListener' is present than use this, and same for attachEvent.

Using jQuery

```
<script src="http://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.10.1.min.js"></script>
<script>
  $('#pink').on('click', function(event) {
    alert('clicked on pink');
  });
</script>
```

- We can also use JQuery to handle the events, so we do not need to care about the problem.

Event Properties

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The event object

Capturing an event returns an object

May be different in browsers

Data will depend on type of event

Lots of browser and environment info

- Event object can be used to get the properties of an event.
- If we pass a variable in the **handler function** of **addEventListener()** only, then this object will automatically be passed to the function. which we can use for some query.

```
<ul>

  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e);
  }, false);
```

- Now here 'e' is passed to handler function, so when it event occurred information of event is passed into this variable 'e'.

OUTPUT -

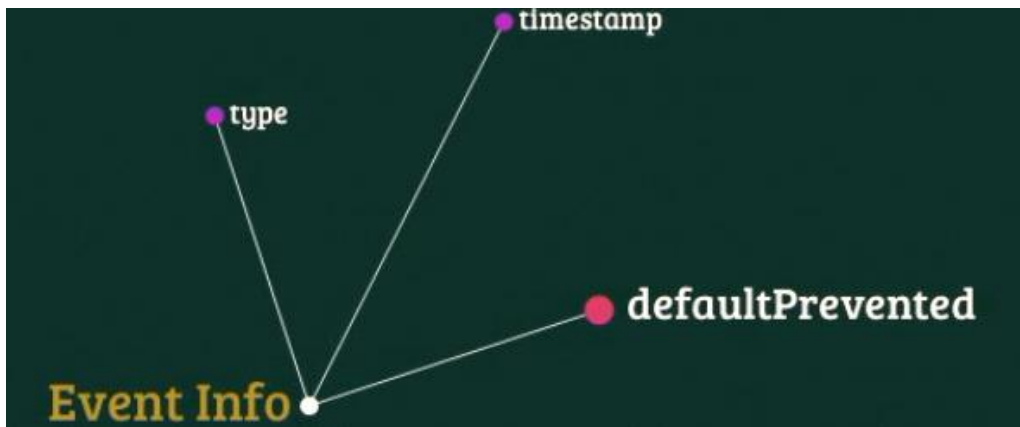
- Each time we click we get the following output, which contain all information about the event.

```
index.html:17
▶ MouseEvent {isTrusted: true, screenX: 254, screenY: 153, clientX: 254, clientY: 87...}
index.html:17
▶ MouseEvent {isTrusted: true, screenX: 224, screenY: 158, clientX: 224, clientY: 92...}
index.html:17
▶ MouseEvent {isTrusted: true, screenX: 223, screenY: 158, clientX: 223, clientY: 92...}
>
```

Getting Information

- We can get many type of information from 'event object', some of them are as follows.

Event Info



Type - event type ex-click(whatever you have passed as first argument in addActionEvent())

Time Stamp- when something happened

DefaultPrevented- we can prevent default behaviour of event.

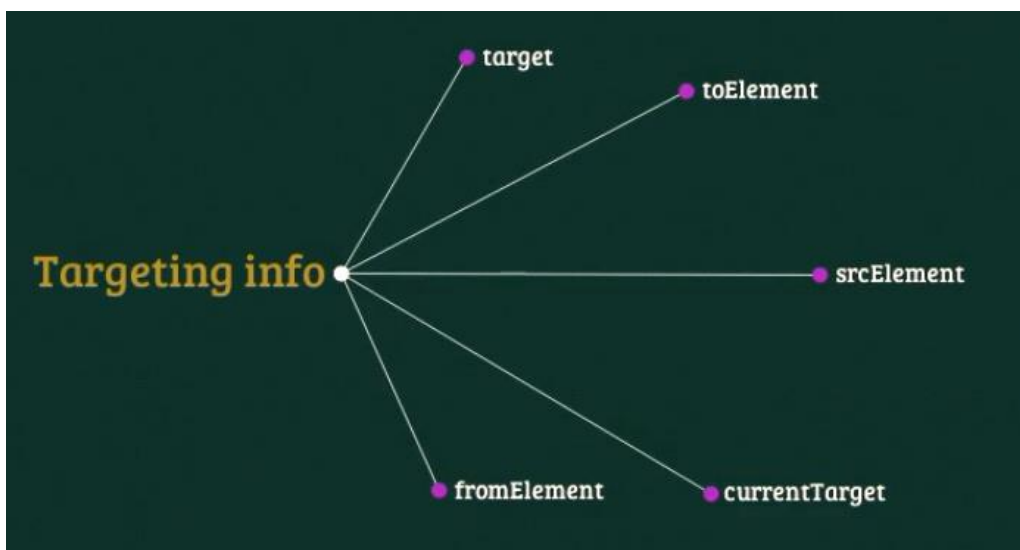
Example -

```
<ul>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e);
    console.log(e.type);
    console.log(e.timeStamp);
    console.log(e.defaultPrevented);
  }, false);
</script>
```

Output-

```
► MouseEvent {isTrusted: true, screenX: 553, screenY: 189, clientX: 553, clientY: 123...}
click
1570.845
false
```

Targeting info



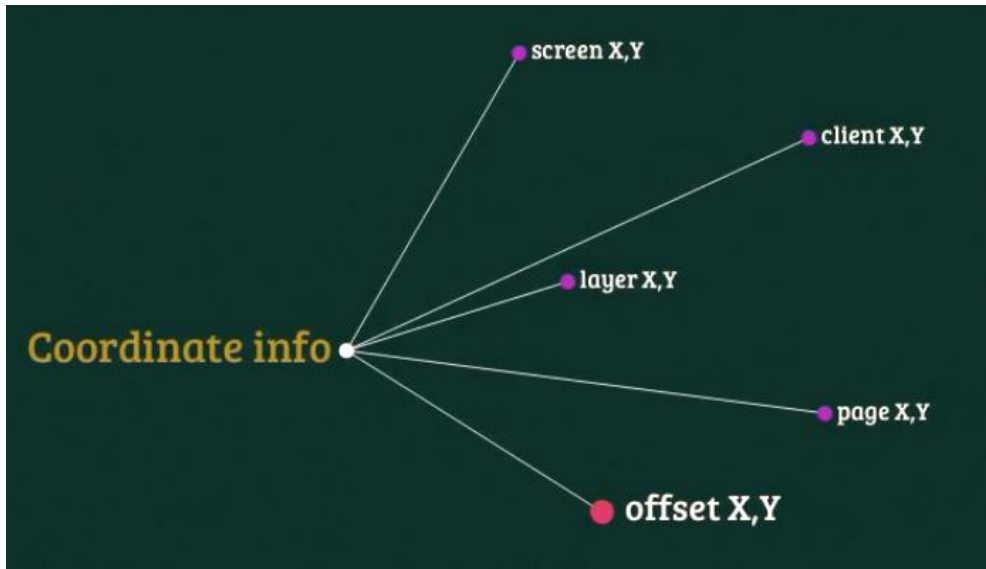
- Target gives node which has generated event.

- We can use it to check type at run time, like

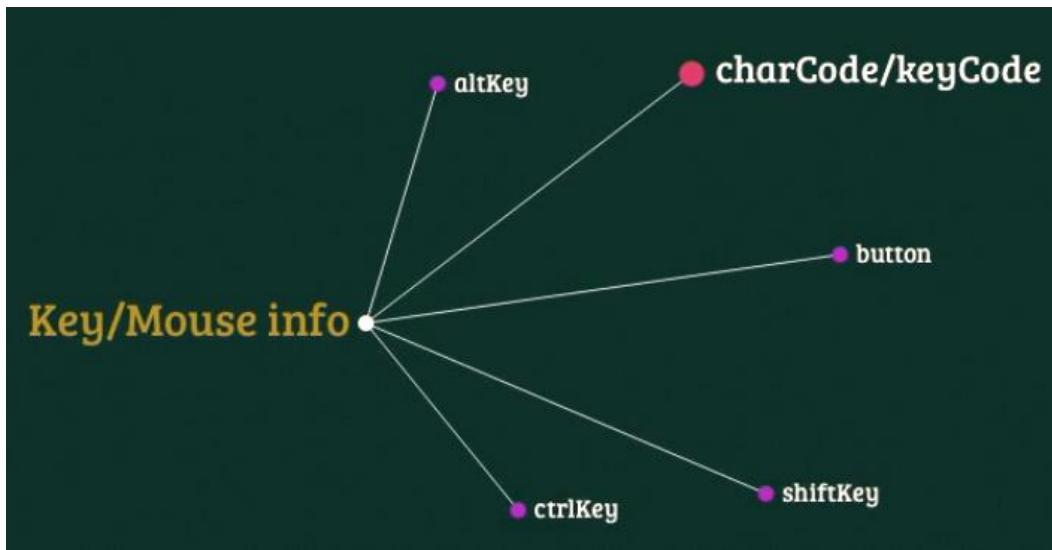
```
if (e.target.tagName === 'IMG') {
```

- tagName will give name of tag.

Coordinate info



Key and Mouse info



Event Propagation

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- Event propagation allows an element to handle events of its child.

Event propagation

An element can capture child events

A good reason to use `addEventListener()`

Not compatible with <IE8

- Event propagation works with `addEventListener()` only.

Example -

```
<ul>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e);
  }, false);
</script>
```

- Here have event for '#pink' only, so if we wanted to have same event to all images, we have two ways
 - Make for every one
 - Use event propagation i.e. give event to parent instead.

event propagation

```
<ul id="grid">
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e);
  }, false);
</script>
```

- Now we have make that event to all's parent, which will automatically propagates to its children.

OUTPUT - on clicking any of the image.

```
▶ MouseEvent {dataTransfer: null, toElement: img, fromElement: null, y: 216, x: 613...}
```

- Notice here the attribute '**toElement**', which contain all information about the event invoker.

```

▼ toElement: img
  accessKey: ""
  align: ""
  alt: "ygreen"
  ▶ attributes: NamedNodeMap
    baseURI: "file:///Users/rayvillalobos/Desktop/events/index.html"
    border: ""
    childElementCount: 0
    childNodes: NodeList(1)

```

- Here we can see we can get information about the actual invoker using property inside **toElement**.

```

<ul id="grid">
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e.toElement.alt);
  }, false);
</script>

```

- Here we are accessing the 'alt' of element which has encountered the event.

PROBLEM WITH EVENT PROPAGATION

Capturing vs Bubbling

Browsers disagree on the order

Capturing goes down the DOM

Bubbling goes up the DOM

- Different browsers have different mechanism for event propagation.
 - 1- Capturing (event noticed at uppermost level and goes down)
 - 2- Bubbling (event noticed at the lowermost level and goes up)
- For example in example above '**capturing**' starts goes in following order
'**ul->li->img**'
- In '**Bubbling**' it goes from lowermost label to the uppermost side.
'**img->li->ul**'

SOME THEORY

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The third argument is a Boolean value (`true` or `false`) that indicates the order in which event handlers execute when an element with an event has a parent element that also is associated with an event.

When elements are nested, it's important to know which one will happen first. Figure 11-2 illustrates a common problem: The outer square is clickable, but so is the inner circle. When you click on the inner circle, should the event attached to the square happen first, or should the event attached to the circle happen first?

Most people would say that it makes sense that the circle event should happen first. However, when Microsoft implemented its version of events in Internet Explorer, it decided that the outer event (the square) should happen first.



- Microsoft IE follow **capturing** by default (when we use other methods to register other than `addEventListener()`), and chrome uses **bubbling** by default so it is good practice to handle it by ourself using `addEventListener()`'s third argument.
 - `False` - bubbling up (going upward toward parents)
 - `True` - capturing (going down)

The most common way for events to be handled in a situation like the one in Figure 11-2 is called *bubbling up*. Events on the inside-most element happen first and then bubble up to the outermost elements. To use the bubble up method, set the last argument of the `addEventListener()` method to `false`, which is also the default value.

The other way to handle this scenario is called the *capture* method. In capture mode, the outermost events happen first, and the innermost events happen last.

Example - Bubbling

- Of course the problem happens only when there is nested event registration for same event, then we have to decide which one to invoke first.

```

<ul id="grid">
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log("Clicked inside the UL");
  }, false);

  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e.target.alt);
  }, false);
</script>

```

- Now as third element is false, so bubbling will happen, as 'click' is here for grid and pink.
- So when click occurs it first come to img and then come to #grid

OUTPUT -

Case 1 - when element other than #pink is clicked

```

    Clicked inside the UL
  >

```

Case 2 - when element #pink is clicked(bubbling will happen)

```

    pink
    Clicked inside the UL
  >

```

Example - Capturing

- By setting parameters to 'true'.

```

<ul id="grid">
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log("Clicked inside the UL");
  }, true);

  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e.target.alt);
  }, true);
</script>

```

OUTPUT -

Case 1 - when element other than #pink is clicked

```

    Clicked inside the UL
  >

```

Case 2 - when element #pink is clicked

```

    Clicked inside the UL
    pink
  >

```


Stopping Propagation

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Stopping propagation

Propagation saves time

It can be stopped

use the `stopPropagation()` method

`cancelBubble = true` for <IE8

Example -

```
<ul id="grid">
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
  <li></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log("Clicked inside the UL");
  }, false);

  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e.target.alt);
    e.stopPropagation();
  }, false);
</script>
```

- Here we have added `stopPropagation()` on event object.

OUTPUT -

Case 1 - when element other than #pink is clicked

Clicked inside the UL

>

Case 2 - when element #pink is clicked(bubbling will happen)

pink

- So we have successfully stopped the propagation of event.

Prevent Default Behaviour

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Preventing default behavior

Events can have consequences

Clicking on links

Submitting forms

Prevent a behavior with `preventDefault()`

- Many items have default behaviour like
 - Link - took us to that website/target
 - Submit Form - take data and pass to Post
 - When we right-click it comes default context-menu
- Actually when we click link, event is occurred and that event have default behaviour of going to that target.
- Some time we wanted to prevent default behaviour of events.

Example -

```
<ul id="grid">
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log("Clicked inside the UL");
  }, false);

  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    console.log(e.target.alt);
    e.stopPropagation();
  }, false);
</script>
```

- Now if we click the image it will take us to the website, we will prevent it by telling to prevent default behaviour.


```

<ul id="grid">
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
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  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
  <li><a href="http://iviewsource.com"></a></li>
</ul>
<script>
  document.getElementById('grid').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    e.preventDefault();
    console.log("Clicked inside the UL");
  }, false);

  document.getElementById('pink').addEventListener('click', function(e) {
    e.preventDefault();
    console.log(e.target.alt);
    e.stopPropagation();
  }, false);

```

Removing Events

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HTML DOM removeEventListener() Method

Example

Remove a "mousemove" event that has been attached with the addEventListener() method:

```
// Attach an event handler to <div>
document.getElementById("myDIV").addEventListener("mousemove", myFunction);

// Remove the event handler from <div>
document.getElementById("myDIV").removeEventListener("mousemove", myFunction);
```

Definition and Usage

The removeEventListener() method removes an event handler that has been attached with the [addEventListener\(\)](#) method.

Note: To remove event handlers, the function specified with the addEventListener() method must be an external function, like in the example above (myFunction).

Anonymous functions, like "element.removeEventListener("event", function(){ myScript });" will not work.

NOTE -

- So for working of removeEventListener(), the function passed to it should be same as addEventListener(), so obviously it need to be named otherwise we can't pass as we will loose it's reference.
- So the parameters of **addEventListener()** and **removeEventListener()** need to be matched **perfectly**.

Syntax

```
element.removeEventListener(event, function, useCapture)
```

Parameter Values

Parameter	Description
<i>event</i>	Required. A String that specifies the name of the event to remove. Note: Do not use the "on" prefix. For example, use "click" instead of "onclick".
<i>function</i>	Required. Specifies the function to remove.
<i>useCapture</i>	Optional. A Boolean value that specifies the event phase to remove the event handler from.

Removing DOM elements with events

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See video in which we see how to remove element with click

Creating Element with event

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