# JavaScript on the Client Side

#### **Outline**

- 1. DOM Manipulation using JavaScript
- 2. Consume Web API using Fetch



# DOM Manipulation using JavaScript





#### What Can JavaScript Do?

#### Server Side Web applications

Write server-side application logic and Web API (using Node.js)

#### Client Side Dynamic Behavior

- React to user input i.e., handle client side events such as button clicked event. e.g., Changing an image on moving mouse over it
- Updating the page
  - Add/update page content: Manipulate the Document Object Model (DOM) of the page: read, modify, add, delete HTML elements
  - Change how things look: CSS updates
- Validate form input values before being submitted to the server
- Perform computations, sorting and animation
- Perform asynchronous Web API calls (AJAX) to get or submit JSON data to the server without reloading the page

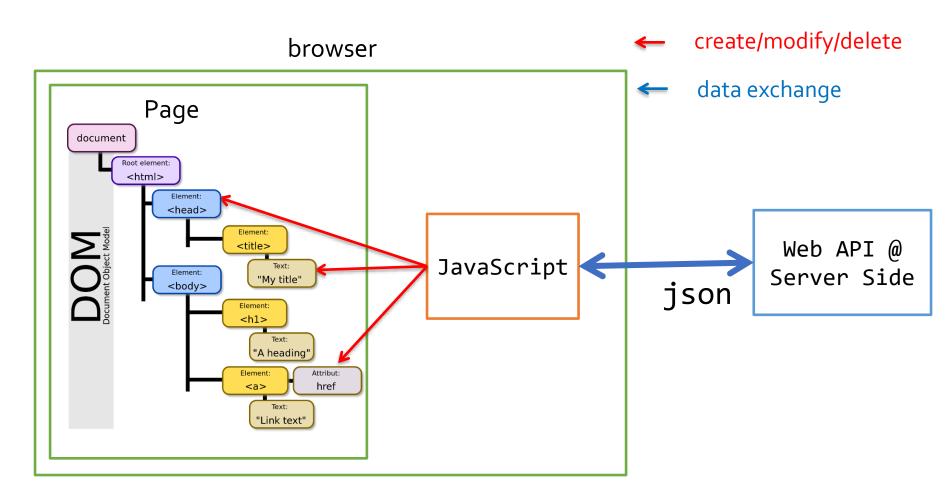
# Where to place JavaScript Code?

- The JavaScript code can be placed in:
  - <script> tag in the head
  - In an external file and add a reference to it in the HTML file. This is the recommended way
    - Reference via <script> tag in the head or at the end of the body

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

- JavaScript files usually have .js extension
- The .js files get cached by the browser

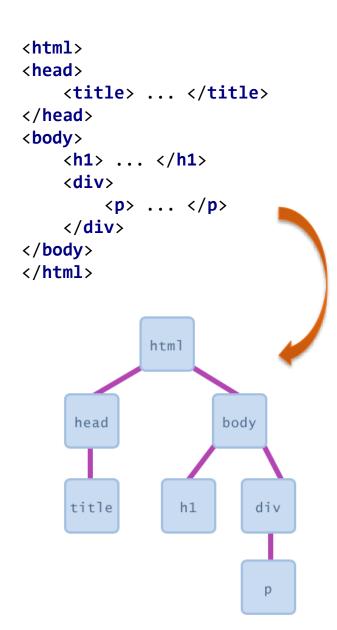
# Role of JavaScript on the Client Side



- DOM = A tree structure built out of the page HTML elements
- Use JavaScript to manipulate the DOM by changing the properties of DOM elements

# **Document Object Model (DOM)**

- DOM API consist of objects and methods to interact with the HTML page
  - Select page elements
  - Add, update or remove page elements
  - Apply styles dynamically
  - Listen to and handle events



# **Example DOM Element**

#### HTML

```
>
  Look at this octopus:
  <img src="octopus.jpg" alt="an octopus" id="icon01" />
  Cute, huh?
DOM Element Object
                              Value
                  Property
                  tagName
                              "IMG"
                              "octopus.jpg"
                  src
                  alt
                              "an octopus"
                              "icon01")
                  id
JavaScript
var icon = document.getElementById("icon01");
icon.src = "kitty.gif";
```

# **Selecting HTML Elements**

- Elements must be selected first before changing them or listening to their events
  - querySelector() returns the first element that matches a specified CSS selector in the document
  - querySelectorAll() returns all elements in the document that matches a specified CSS selector

#### **Example CSS selectors:**

- By tag name: document.querySelector("p")
- 2. By id : document.querySelector("#id")
- By class: document.querySelector(".classname")
- 4. By attribute: document.querySelector("img[src='cat.png']")
  - Return the first image whose src attribute is set to cat.png
- Examples
- https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/met\_document\_queryselector.asp
- https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/met\_document\_queryselectorall.asp

# Selecting Elements – old way!

Access elements via their ID attribute

```
let element = document.getElementById("some-id")
```

Via the name attribute

```
let elArray = document.getElementsByName("some-name")
```

Via tag name

```
let imgTags = document.getElementsByTagName("img")
```

Returns array of <img> elements

#### **DOM Manipulation**

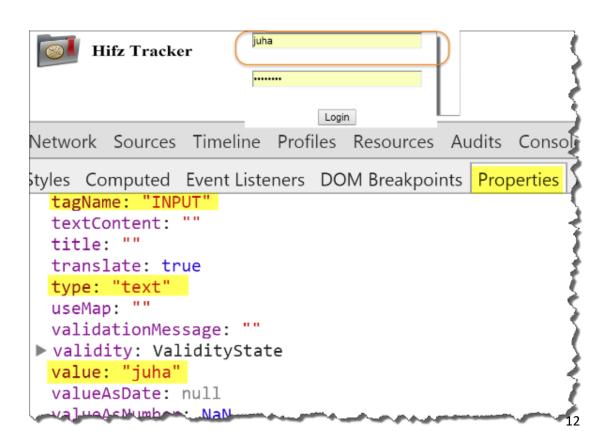
 Once we select an element, we can read / change its attributes

```
function change(state) {
  let lampImg = document.querySelector("#lamp")
  lampImg.src = `lamp_${state}.png`
  let statusDiv =
    document.querySelector("#statusDiv")
  statusDiv.innerHTML = `The lamp is ${state}`
<img src="test_on.gif" id="lamp"</pre>
  onmouseover="change('off')"
  onmouseout="change('on')" />
```

#### **Common Element Properties**

- value get/set value of input elements
- innerHTML get/set the HTML content of an element
- className the class attribute of an element

User Chrome
Dev Tool to see
the Properties of
Page element



# **Events Handling**

- JavaScript can register event handlers
  - Events are fired by the Browser and are sent to the specified JavaScript event handler function
  - Can be set with HTML attributes:

```
<img src="test.gif" onclick="imageClicked()" />
```

Can be set through the DOM:

```
const img = document.querySelector("#myImage")
img.addEventListener('click', imageClicked)
```

#### **Event Handler Example**

```
<script>
document.querySelector("#btnDate").
   addEventListener("click", displayDate)
function displayDate() {
   document.querySelector("#date").innerHTML = Date()
</script>
```

Try it @ <a href="http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\_addeventlist">http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\_addeventlist</a> ener\_displaydate

#### **Common DOM Events**

- Mouse events:
  - onclick, onmousedown, onmouseup
  - onmouseover, onmouseout, onmousemove
- Key events:
  - onkeypress, onkeydown, onkeyup
  - Only for input fields
- Interface events:
  - onblur, onfocus, onscroll
- Form events
  - onsubmit : allows you to cancel a form submission if some input fields are invalid

#### **DOMContentLoaded**

- DOMContentLoaded is fired when the DOM tree is built, but external resources like images and stylesheets may be not yet loaded
  - Best event for adding event listeners to page elements

```
//When the document is loaded in the browser then listen to studentsDD on change event
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", () => {
    console.log("js-DOM fully loaded and parsed");
    document.querySelector('#studentsDD').addEventListener("change", onStudentChange)
})
```

# **The Event Object**

```
function name (event) {
    // an event handler function...
}
```

- Event handlers can accept an optional parameter to represent the event that is occurring
- Event objects have the following properties/methods:

Property	Description
type	what kind of event, such as "click" or "mousedown"
target	the element on which the event occurred
timestamp	when the event occurred

# **Stopping an Event**

- <u>preventDefault()</u> stops the browser from doing its default action on an event.
  - for example, stops the browser from following a link when <a> tag is clicked
  - Or return false in an event handler to stop an event

```
<a href="#" onclick="onAddHero(event)">Add Hero</a>
async function onAddHero(event) {
    event.preventDefault();

const heroesDiv = document.querySelector("#heroes");
    const heroEdtior = await getHeroEditor();
    heroesDiv.innerHTML = heroEdtior;
}
```

# **Commonly used methods**

#### Add Element

```
e.g., add div element and assign it alert-success css class
let newDiv = document.createElement('div')
newDiv.innerText = 'Div added by script'
newDiv.classList.add('alert-success')
document.body.appendChild(newDiv)
```

#### DOM Traversal

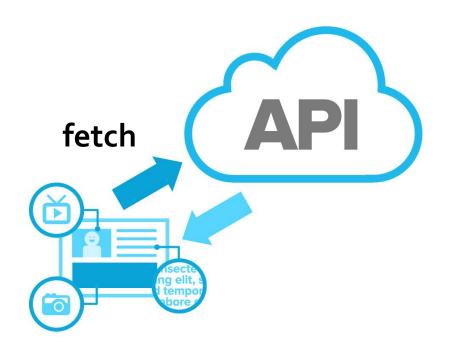
```
let parent = document.querySelector('#about').parentNode
let children = document.querySelector('#about').children
```

#### Hide & Show

```
document.querySelector('#myDiv').style.display = 'none';
document.querySelector('#myDiv').style.display = '';
```



# **Consume Web API using Fetch**







- AJAX is acronym of Asynchronous JavaScript and XML JSON
  - AJAX is used for asynchronously fetching (in the background) of dynamic Web content and data from Web API
  - Allows dynamically adding elements into the DOM
- Two styles of using AJAX for partial page update
  - Load an HTML fragment and inject it in the page
  - Call Web API then use the received JSON object to update the page at the client-side using JavaScript

#### Web API Get Request using Fetch

Fetch content from the server

```
async function getStudent(studentId) {
   let url = `/api/students/${studentId}`
   let response = await fetch(url)
   return await response.json()
}
```

 .json() method is used to get the response body as a JSON object

#### Web API Post Request using Fetch

Fetch could be used to post a request to the server

```
let email = document.querySelector( "#email" ).value,
  password = document.querySelector("#password").value
fetch( "/login", {
    method: "post",
    headers: { "Accept": "application/json",
               "Content-Type": "application/json" },
    body: JSON.stringify({
        email,
        password
    })
//headers parameter is optional
```

#### Resources

DOM

<a href="https://developer.mozilla.org/en-">https://developer.mozilla.org/en-</a>
US/docs/Web/API/Document Object Model/Introduction

Fetch API

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch API