

JS Fundamentals

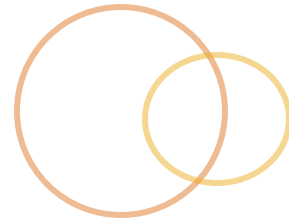
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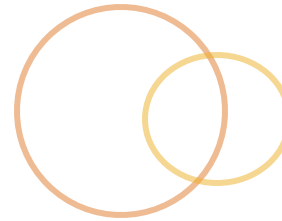
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# What we'll cover

- 🕒 HTML & CSS refresher
- 🕒 The DOM
- 🕒 Events
- 🕒 Ajax/XHR
- 🕒 Promises





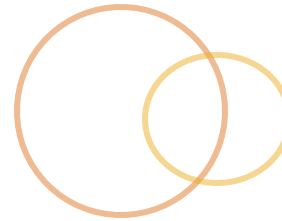
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**HTML**

# Wizard check



- ⦿ OK with basic HTML?
- ⦿ Can write a page in full?
- ⦿ Write a **<form>** and all necessary input controls?
- ⦿ Understand the difference between **<div>** and **<span>**?
- ⦿ Understand the usage of **attributes** on elements
- ⦿ When to use **id** versus **class**?



## ◎ HyperText Markup Language

◎ Browsers allow support for all sorts of errors –  
html is very error tolerant

◎ Structure of the UI and "view data"

◎ Tree of element nodes

## ◎ HTML5

- ◎ Rich feature set

- ◎ Semantic

- ◎ Cross-device compatibility

- ◎ Easier!

# Anatomy of a page



```
<!doctype html>
```

```
<html lang="en">
```

```
  <head>
```

```
    <meta charset="utf-8">
```

*...document info and includes...*

```
  </head>
```

```
  <body>
```

```
    <h1>Hello World!</h1>
```

```
  </body>
```

```
</html>
```

# Anatomy of an element



⦿ `<element attributeName="attributeValue">`

*Content of element*

`</element>`

⦿ Block vs inline

⦿ `<p></p>`

⦿ `<strong></strong>`

⦿ Self closing elements

⦿ `<input type="text" name="username" />`

# HTML Elements refresher



## Structure

- `<div>`
- `<span>`
- `<table>`
  - `<tr>`, `<td>`, `<thead>`, `<tbody>`
- `<form>`
  - `<fieldset>`, `<label>`, `<input>`, `<select>`, `<textarea>`

## Content

- `<h1>` through `<h6>`
- `<p>`
- `<ol>` or `<ul>` (with `<li>`)

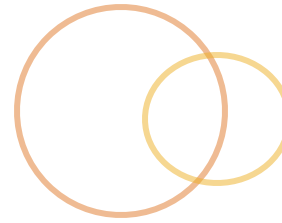
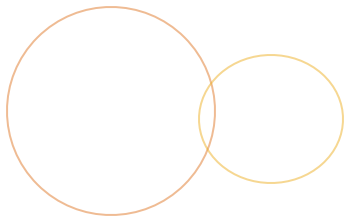
## Text modifiers

- `<em>`, `<strong>`

## A list of elements:

- <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element>





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**CSS**

# Wizard check



- ⦿ OK with basic CSS selectors?
- ⦿ Style a page in full?
- ⦿ Select an element using CSS?
- ⦿ Understand specificity?
- ⦿ Got a few special pseudo-selectors under your belt?

# Cascading Style Sheets



- Language for describing the look and formatting of the document
- Separates presentation from content

```
<!-- external resource -->  
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="theme.css">
```

```
<!-- inline block -->  
<style type="text/css">  
    span {color: red;}  
</style>
```

```
<!-- inline -->  
<span style="color:red">RED</span>
```

# Anatomy of a css declaration



```
◎ selectors {  
    /* declaration block */  
    property: value;  
    property: value;  
    property: val1 val2 val3 val4;  
}
```

```
◎ div {  
    color: #f90;  
    border: 1px solid #000;  
    padding: 10px;  
    margin: 5px 10px 3px 2px;  
}
```

# CSS Selectors



## By element

`h1 {color:#f90;}`

`<h1></h1>`

## By id

`#header {`

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

## By class

`.main {`

`<div class="main"></div>`

## By attribute

`div[name="user"] {`

`<div name="user"></div>`

## By relationship to other elements

`li:nth-child(2) {`

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

`p span {`

`<p><span><span></span></span></p>`

`p > span {`

`<p><span><span></span></span></p>`

# CSS Specificity



- ◎ Selectors apply styles based on its **specificity**
  - ◎ inline, id, pseudo-classes, attributes, class, type, universal
- ◎ **!important** allows you to override

```
html:
<div id="main" class="fancy">
    What color will I be?
</div>
```

```
css:
#main{
    color: orange;
}
.fancy{
    color: blue;
}
#main.fancy{
    color: red;
}
```

# Warm Up



## 🕒 [just js] JavaScript Basics

🕒 <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/a5v1p5by/>

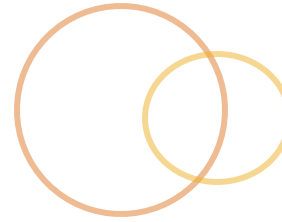
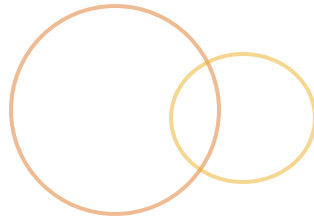
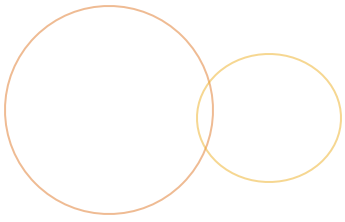
## 🕒 [dom + js] Input History

🕒 <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/t2wazjmg/>

### Solutions:

JavaScript Basics: <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/11u4vmkL/>

Input History: <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/0hvt7d9e/>



mini-module

# LOADING JS IN THE BROWSER



# Block and inline



## Script blocks

- ⦿ `<script>...</script>`

## Script resources

- ⦿ `<script src="filename.js"></script>`

# Scripts are blocking



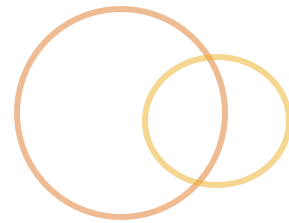
- 🕒 Browse loads resources top down
- 🕒 Browser will wait on js+css downloads
- 🕒 DOM is not parsed until scripts are loaded
- 🕒 So...
  - 🕒 Defer your `<script>` load
  - 🕒 Include at the bottom of `</body>`
    - 🕒 It won't block & the DOM is loaded
  - 🕒 Or leverage the `DOMContentLoaded` (ie9+) events

# Resource order matters



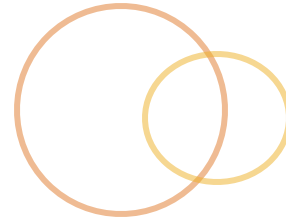
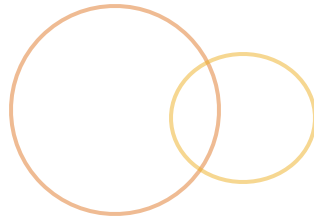
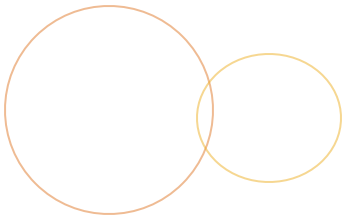
```
<html>
  <head>
    <!-- meta -->
    <!-- essential scripts? -->
    <!-- essential css/above-the-fold -->
  </head>
  <body>
    <!-- all your html -->
    <!-- non-essential css -->
    <!-- scripts -->
  </body>
</html>
```

# Selector Warmup



🕒 CSS Diner

🕒 <https://flukeout.github.io/>



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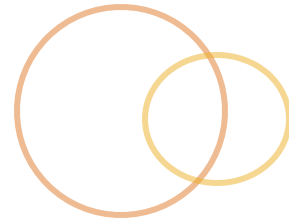
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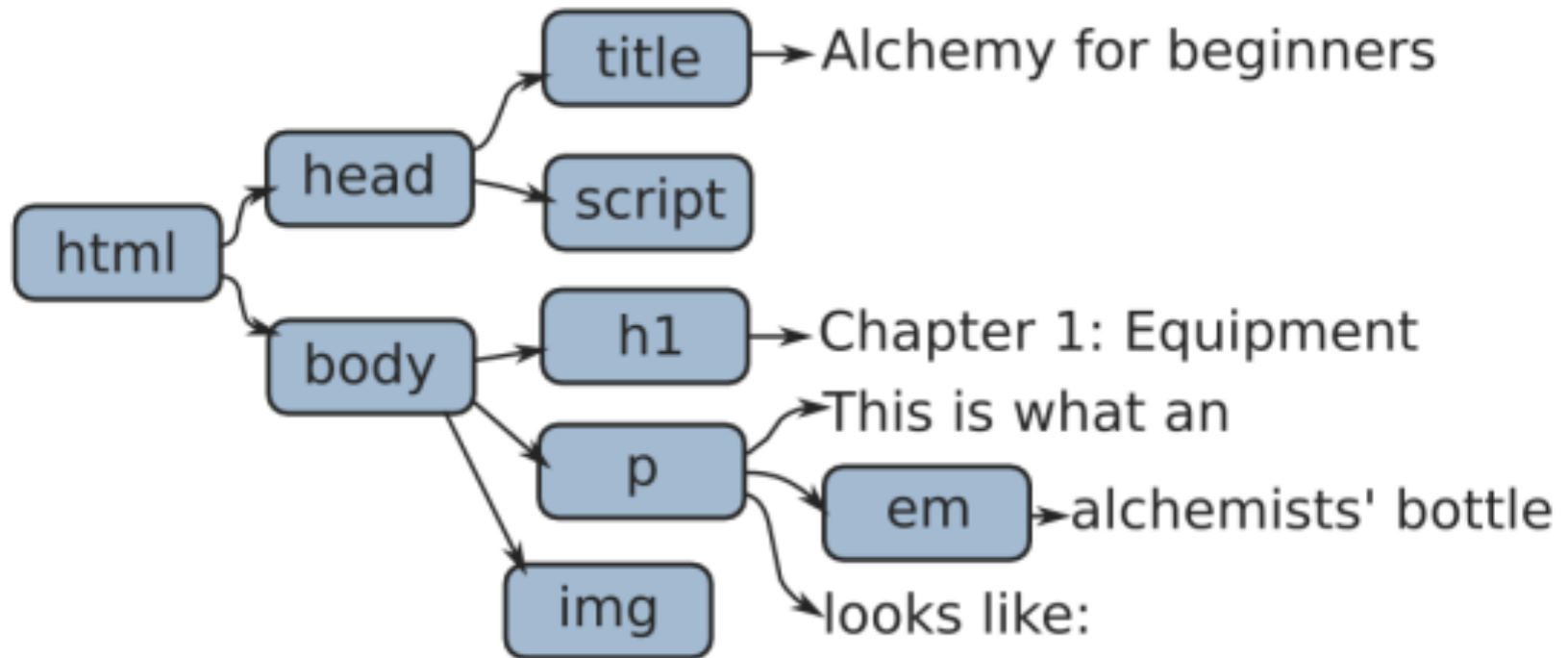
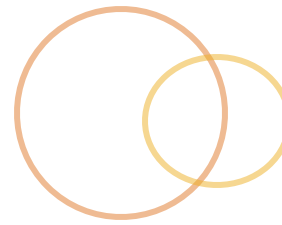
- ◎ **Document Object Model**
- ◎ What most people hate when they say they hate JavaScript
- ◎ The browser's API
  - ◎ JavaScript interface to the page
  - ◎ Browser parses our HTML and builds a model of the structure, then uses the model to draw it on the screen
- ◎ "Live" data structure

# A simple document



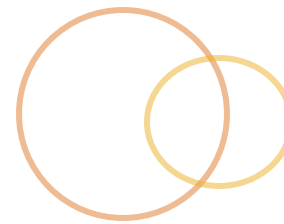
```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Alchemy for beginners</title>
    <script></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Chapter 1: Equipment</h1>
    <p>This is what an <em>alchemist's bottle</em>
looks like:</p>
    
  </body>
</html>
```

# Document Structure





# DOM Structure



- ◎ Global **document** variable gives us programmatic access to the DOM
  - ◎ It's a **tree-like** structure
  - ◎ Parent-Child relationships between nodes allow **traversal**
- ◎ Each node represents an **element** in the page, or **attribute**, or **content** of an element

# Document Nodes



## 🕒 HTML like:

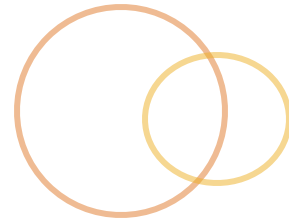
```
<p id="name" class="hi">My text</p>
```

## 🕒 Maps to an object like:

```
{  
  ...  
  childNodes: NodeList[1],  
  id: "name"  
  className: "hi",  
  innerHTML: "My text",  
  id: "name",  
  ...  
}
```

## 🕒 HTML attributes map **very loosely** to object properties

# Working with the DOM



- ⦿ Access the element(s)
  - ⦿ Select one
  - ⦿ Select many
  - ⦿ Traverse
- ⦿ Work with the element(s)
  - ⦿ Text
  - ⦿ Html
  - ⦿ Attributes

# Accessing individual elements



## 🕒 Starting at **document**

```
// returns first element with given id
.getElementById( "main" );
// <div id="main">Hi</div>

// returns first matching css selector
.querySelector( "p span" );
// <p><span>Me!</span><span>Not!</span></p>
```

<http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/wcff257b/>

# Accessing element lists



... or a previously selected element

```
.getElementsByTagName( "a" );  
// all <a> elements  
  
.getElementsByClassName( "fancy" );  
// all elements with specified class  
// <span class="fancy"></span>  
  
.querySelectorAll( "p span" );  
// all elements that match the css selector  
// <p><span>Me!</span><span>Me!</span></p>
```

# Node Types



☉ Nodes can be of different types, we are mostly concerned with element nodes...

☉ `anElement.nodeType`

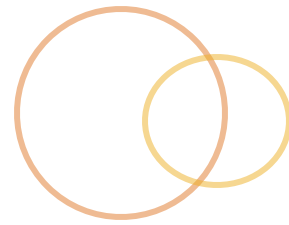
`// 1 = Element`

`// 3 = Text node`

`// 8 = Comment node`

`// 9 = Document node`

# Node Content



## ⦿ Text node content

- ⦿ `textNode.nodeValue`

## ⦿ Element node content

- ⦿ `el.textContent`

- ⦿ `el.innerText`

- ⦿ `el.innerHTML`

# Node Attributes



## ⦿ Accessor methods

```
el.getAttribute("title");  
el.setAttribute("title", "Hat");  
el.hasAttribute("title");  
el.removeAttribute("title");
```

## ⦿ As properties

⦿ **.href**

⦿ **.className**

⦿ **.id**

⦿ **.checked**

<http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/duopdjdb/>



# Traversal



- ◎ Move between nodes via their relationships
- ◎ Element node relationship properties
  - ◎ `.parentNode`
  - ◎ `.previousSibling, .nextSibling`
  - ◎ `.firstChild, .lastChild`
  - ◎ `.childNodes // NodeList`
- ◎ But... mind the whitespace!

<http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/dv13y28m/>

# Modern Element Traversal



- ◎ Old traversal methods get tripped up by text-nodes, line breaks and whitespace
- ◎ New methods avoid that
  - ◎ *Supported in ie9+*
- ◎ From an element node
  - ◎ **.children**
  - ◎ **.firstElementChild, .lastElementChild**
  - ◎ **.childElementCount**
  - ◎ **.previousElementSibling**
  - ◎ **.nextElementSibling**

# Lab - Selection & Traversal Practice

☉ Start your local server, then visit:

☉ <http://localhost:3000/exercises/dom/>

☉ Using the different selection methods, select:

☉ The **<header>**

☉ The **<nav>**

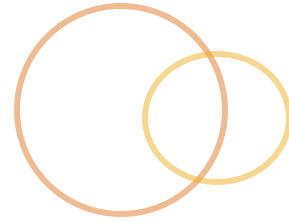
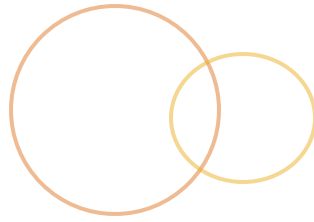
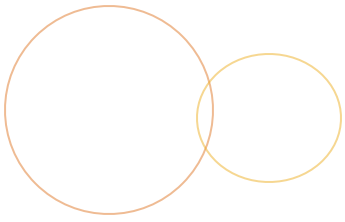
☉ Then use traversal to select the **<li>**s  
within the **<nav>**

☉ All **paragraphs**

☉ Log out the "innerHTML" property of the **first**  
paragraph

☉ Done? Experiment with traversal

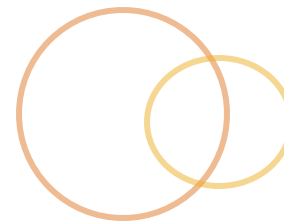
Tip: Keep  
references  
to your  
selections  
with  
variables!



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# DOM MANIPULATION

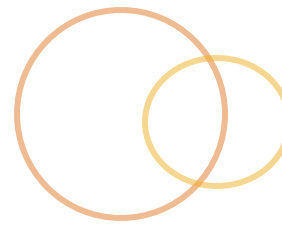
# Adding content



1. Create the container node
  - Insert additional content node(s)
  - Insert text node(s) if working with text
2. Determine *which pre-existing* node you can use to insert the *new* node
3. Insert it into the DOM (append, prepend, insert, replace)

<http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/ktwdye0w/>

# Creating new nodes

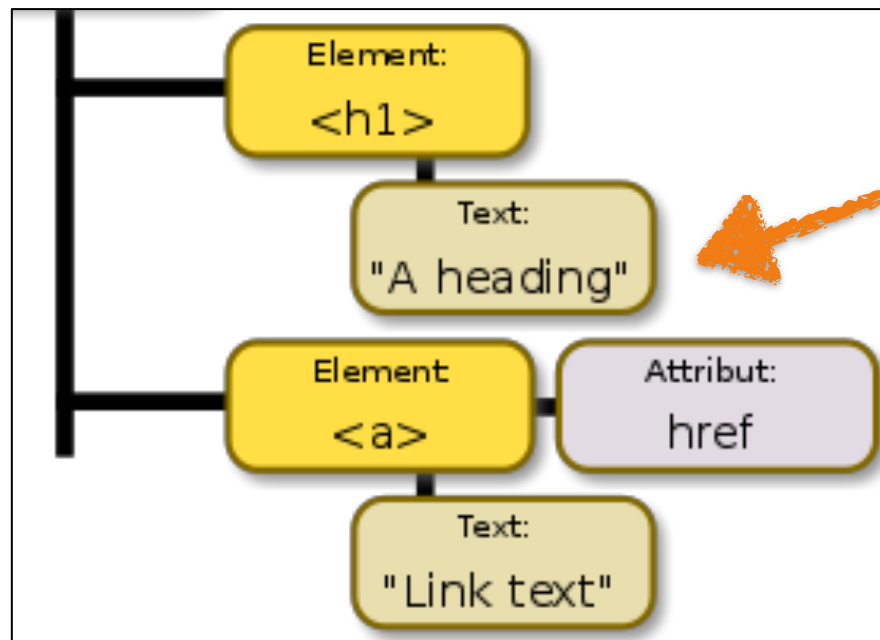


⦿ **document.createElement( "div" )**

⦿ creates and returns a new node without inserting it into the DOM

⦿ **document.createTextNode( "foo bar" )**

⦿ creates and returns a new text node with given content



# Set element content



## ⦿ **el.textContent**

- ⦿ text content of node and all children

## ⦿ **el.innerHTML**

- ⦿ html content of node and all children

## ⦿ **el.nodeValue**

- ⦿ text, comment, attribute node values

## ⦿ **el.value**

- ⦿ form input values

# Adding nodes to the tree



```
// given this set up
```

```
var parentEl = document.getElementById("users"),  
    existingChild = parentEl.firstElementChild,  
    newChild = document.createElement("li");
```

```
parentEl.appendChild(newChild);
```

```
// appends child to the end of  
parentEl.childNodes
```

```
parentEl.insertBefore(newChild, existingChild);
```

```
// inserts newChild in parent.childNodes
```

```
// just before the existing child node
```



# Moving and removing nodes



- ◎ Tree is “live”
  - ◎ **Selection then insertion** will **move** the element
  - ◎ **Removal** will **detach** it immediately

```
parentEl.replaceChild(newChild, existingChild);  
// removes existingChild from parent.childNodes  
// and inserts newChild in its place
```

```
parentEl.removeChild(existingChild);  
// removes existingChild from parentEl.childNodes
```

# Styling elements



- ☉ Use element's "style" property

- ☉ It's an object of style properties

```
e1.style.color = "black";  
e1.style.marginLeft = "50px";
```

- ☉ Some style names differ in JavaScript

- ☉ Hyphens become camelCase

- ☉ background-color => backgroundColor

- ☉ Some names were keywords

- ☉ float => cssFloat

<http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/hJwCj/>

# classList API



- 🕒 Ability to get, set and toggle classes on element(s)

```
el.classList.add("class");  
el.classList.remove("class");  
el.classList.toggle("class");  
el.classList.contains("class");
```

# DOM Performance



- ◎ DOM interaction comes with performance costs
  - ◎ *Searching*
  - ◎ *Accessing*
  - ◎ Anything that triggers a "*redraw*"
- ◎ How to address this:
  - ◎ Store a reference rather than re-selecting
  - ◎ Reduce the number of insertions; build up a set and do it in bulk

# DOM basics - Recap



- ◎ The **DOM** is a model of the web page document.
- ◎ Browsers offer a **JavaScript API** to interact with the DOM
  - ◎ You can access, manipulate, create any content
- ◎ ***jQuery*** is a lib that serves as an abstraction of the DOM
- ◎ Pay attention to DOM **performance** issues

# Exercise: Find the flags



- 🕒 Open the following file:

`public/exercises/flags/flags.js`

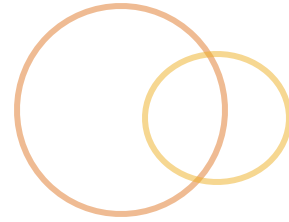
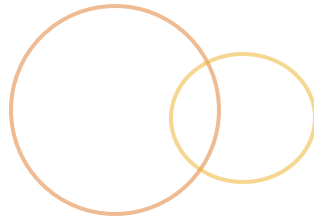
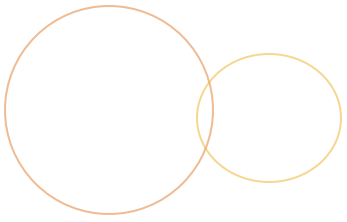
- 🕒 Complete the exercise

- 🕒 Run the tests by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/exercises/flags/>

## Solutions:

<https://github.com/rm-training/web-dev-bc/tree/master/public/solutions/flags>



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# EVENTS

# JavaScript Programming Model



JavaScript engine has an **single-threaded, event-driven, asynchronous** programming model

- Single-threaded

- One script runs top to bottom
- Blocking!

- Event-driven

- Flow of the program is determined by events
- Events happen and we can subscribe (listen) to them

- Asynchronous

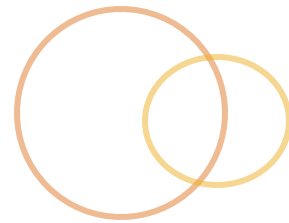
- You can schedule future behavior
- A block of code can run *later*
- ~~Multiple operations can run at the same time~~

JS is ***still***  
single-  
threaded



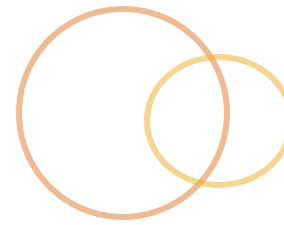


# Event-driven



- As things happen
  - A user clicks a link
  - or a page completes loading
  - or a form is submitted
- Events are fired
  - click
  - or load
  - or submit
- Which triggers functionality
  - *On click change my color to blue*

# So many events...



## 🕒 UI

- 🕒 load, unload, error, resize, scroll

## 🕒 Keyboard

- 🕒 keydown, keyup, keypress

## 🕒 Mouse

- 🕒 click, dblclick, mousedown, mousemove mouseup  
mouseover, mouseout

## 🕒 Focus

- 🕒 focus, blur

## 🕒 Form

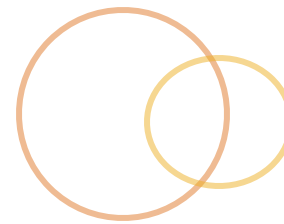
- 🕒 input, change, submit, reset, select, cut, copy, paste

# Basic Event Handling



1. Select an element
  - The element that triggers the event
  - or element that event passes through
2. Determine which event you want to listen for
3. Define an *event handling function* to respond to the event when it occurs

# Event Handling



🕒 Use the **addEventListener** method to register a function to be called when an event is triggered

🕒 ie9+

```
var el = document.getElementById("main");  
  
el.addEventListener("click", function(event) {  
    console.log("Clicked!");  
});
```

# Handler options



## ◎ Inline

```
<p onclick="function(e){}"><p>
```

All handlers are passed an "event" object as the first argument

## ◎ Traditional DOM event handlers

```
el.onclick = function(e){}
```

## ◎ Event listeners (ie9+)

```
el.addEventListener(event, function [, flow]);  
el.removeEventListener(event, function);  
el.attachEvent(); // ie8- only
```

# Event handler context



- 🕒 Functions are called in the context of the DOM element

```
el.addEventListener("click", myHandler);

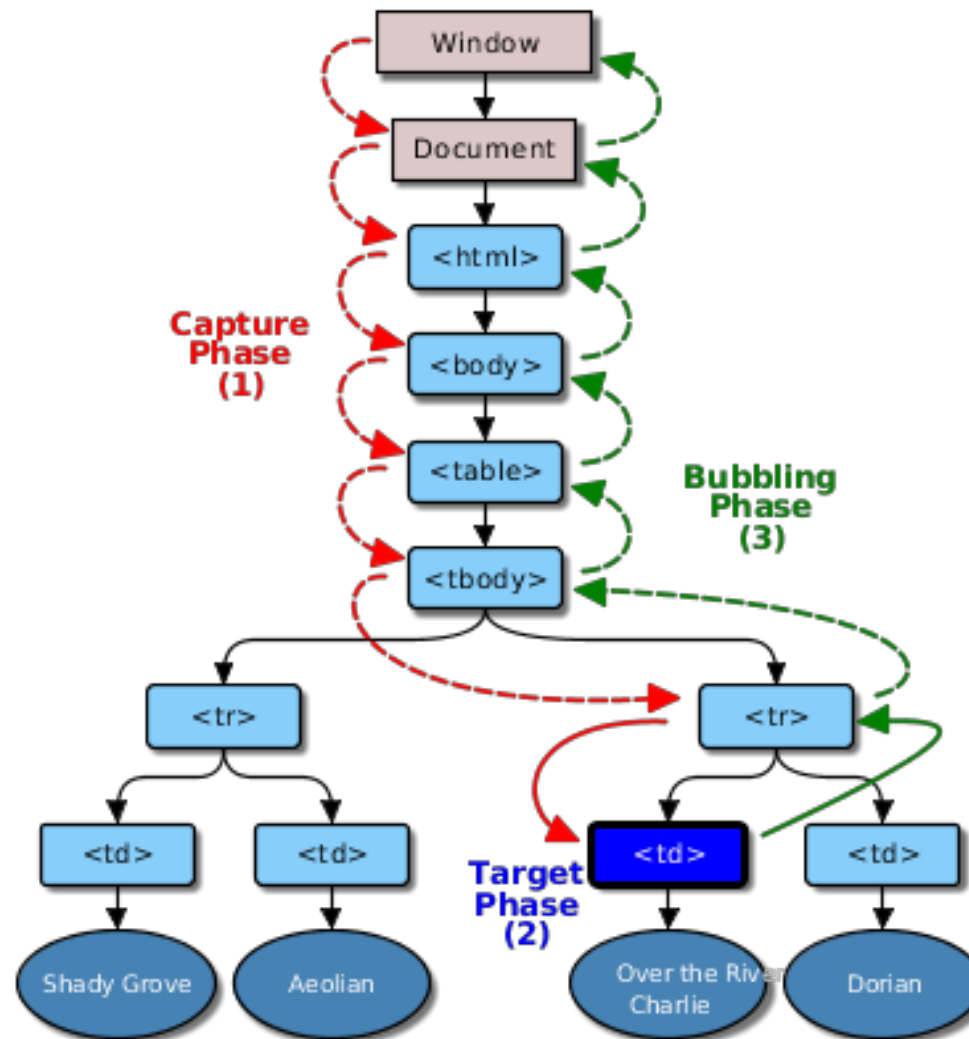
function myHandler(event) {
  this; // equivalent to el
  event.target; // what triggered the event
  event.currentTarget; // where handler is bound
}
```

# Event Propagation



- ⦿ An event triggered on an element is also triggered on all “ancestor” elements
- ⦿ Two models
  - ⦿ Trickling, aka Capturing (Netscape)
  - ⦿ Bubbling (MS)

# Event Propagation





# Controlling Events



## 🕒 Event handlers can affect propagation

```
// no further propagation
event.stopPropagation();

// no browser default behavior
event.preventDefault();

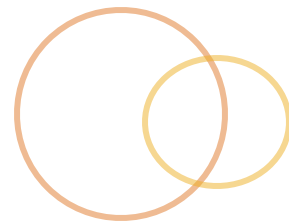
// no further handlers
event.stopImmediatePropagation();
```

# The event object



- ◎ Handlers are passed event object with lots of info about the event/user
  - ◎ Event.screenX
  - ◎ Event.screenY
  - ◎ Event.pageX
  - ◎ Event.pageY
  - ◎ Event.clientX
  - ◎ Event.clientY
- ◎ Key events include a “keyCode” property
- ◎ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/8htsexcg/>

# Complete example



```
const el = document.getElementById("some-id");
el.addEventListener("click", function(event) {

    // "this" represents the element
    // handling the event
    this.style.color: "#ff9900";

    // "target" represents the element
    // that triggered
    event.target.style.color: "#ff9900";

    // you can stop default browser behavior
    event.preventDefault();

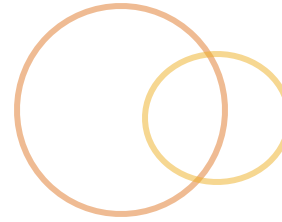
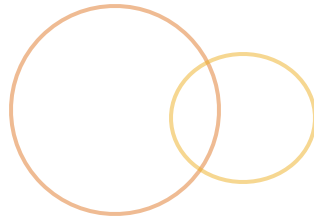
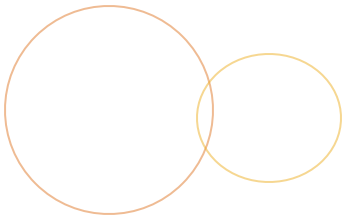
    // or you can stop the event from bubbling
    event.stopPropagation();

});
```

# Debugging - Events



- ⦿ View Event Listeners registered in the page
  - ⦿ Event Listeners Panel
  - ⦿ `getEventListeners(document)`
- ⦿ Monitor events on an element
  - ⦿ `monitorEvents(node, eventType);`
  - ⦿ `unmonitorEvents(node);`



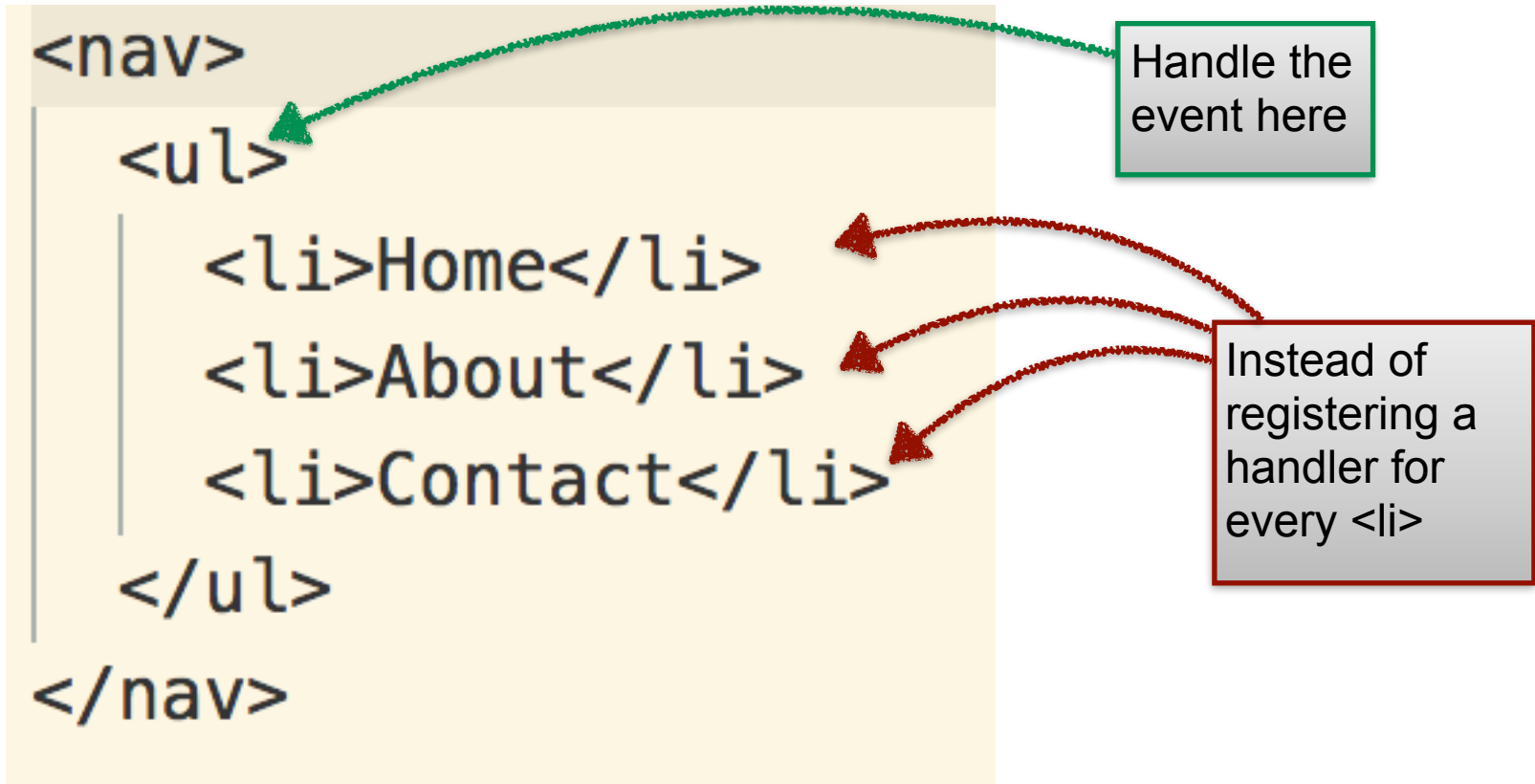
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# DELEGATION

# Event Delegation



- When a parent element is responsible for handling an event that bubbles up from its children



# Event Delegation



## Why delegate?

- New child content can be added w/out a new handler
- Fewer handlers registered, easier on memory

## Relies on some event object properties

- `target`, which references the originating node of the event
- `currentTarget` property refers to the element currently handling the event (where the handler is registered)

# Example: Event Delegation



```
document
  .querySelector("ul")
  .addEventListener("click", myLiHandler);

function myLiHandler(event) {
  if (e.target && e.target.nodeName == "LI") {
    console.log(
      e.target.innerHTML, " was clicked!"
    );
  }
}
```



# Exercise: Events



- 🕒 Open the following file:

`public/execises/events/events.js`

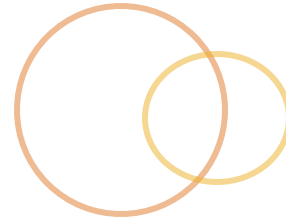
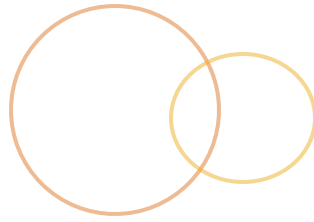
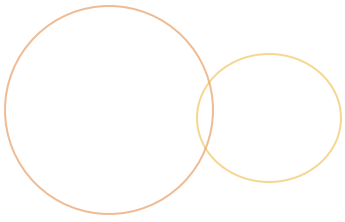
- 🕒 Complete the exercise

- 🕒 Run your tests by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/exercises/events/>

## Solutions:

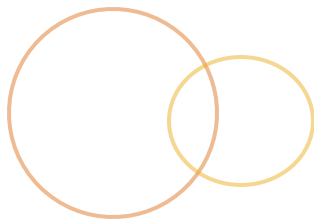
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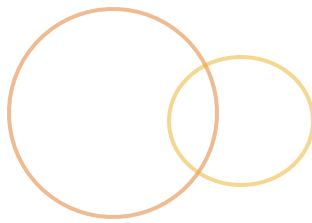
# AJAX/XHR

# AJAX/XHR



- ⦿ Interface through which browsers can make HTTP Requests
- ⦿ Handled by the **XMLHttpRequest** object
- ⦿ Introduced by Microsoft in the 90s for ie, taken from there...
- ⦿ ...There is a new `fetch()` API in ESNext
  - ⦿ Not widely supported, lacks some features
  - ⦿ Polyfill: <https://github.com/github/fetch>
  - ⦿ [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch\\_API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch_API)

# AJAX/XHR



## Why use it?

- Non-blocking
- Dynamic page content/interaction
- Supports many formats

## Limitations

- Same-origin policy
- History management

# XHR– Step by step

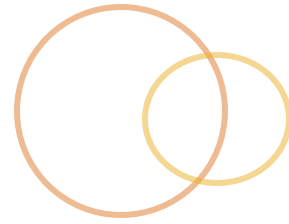


1. Browser makes a request to a server
2. And the script continues along it's merry way

*...some time later...*

3. the server responds in xml/json/html
4. Browser parses and processes response
5. Browser invokes our JavaScript callback

# Making the request



```
// create the request object
var req = new XMLHttpRequest();

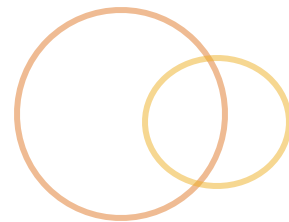
// ...todo: attach listener (next slide)...

// initialize the request
req.open("GET", "url.json");

// set header (after open but before send)
// defaults to Accept */*
req.setRequestHeader("Accept", "application/json");

// then send it!
req.send(null);
```

# Handle the response



- 🕒 “load” event will fire when response is received
- 🕒 Request object will have `responseText` and `status`

```
req.addEventListener("load", function(e) {  
    // HTTP status codes  
    if (req.status == 200) {  
        console.log(req.responseText);  
    }  
});
```

# XHR Example

- Loading content from a weather API

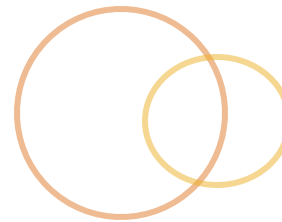
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/cfwa8v92/>



# Data formats



Format	Summary	PROS	CONS
HTML	Easiest for content in page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easy to parse</li><li>• No need to process much</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Server must produce the HTML</li><li>• Data portability is limited</li><li>• Limited to same domain</li></ul>
XML	Looks similar to HTML, more strict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flexible and can handle complex structure</li><li>• Processed using the DOM</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very verbose, lots of data</li><li>• Lots of code needed to process result</li><li>• Same domain only</li></ul>
JSON	Similar object literal syntax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• concise! Small</li><li>• Easy to use within JavaScript</li><li>• Any domain, w/ JSONP or CORS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Syntax is strict</li><li>• Can contain malicious content since it can be parsed as JavaScript</li></ul>



## ◎ JavaScript Object Notation

◎ Most commonly used web data communication format

◎ Like an object literal, except:

- ◎ Property names must be surrounded by double quotes

- ◎ No function definitions, function calls or variables

## ◎ Methods

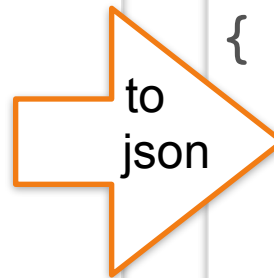
- ◎ `JSON.stringify(object);`

- ◎ `JSON.parse(string);`

# JSON



```
{  
  name: "Jason",  
  trophies: [  
    "trophy1",  
    "trophy2"  
  ],  
  sayHi: function() {  
    console.log('hi');  
  },  
  age: user.age,  
  car: {  
    name: "toyota",  
    year: 1985  
  }  
}
```



```
{  
  "name": "Jason",  
  "trophies": [  
    "trophy1",  
    "trophy2"  
  ],  
  "age": 40,  
  "car": {  
    "name": "toyota",  
    "year": 1985  
  }  
}
```

# XHR with JSON



- ◎ It is sent and received as a string and will need to be de-serialized

```
var data = JSON.parse(xhr.responseText);
var newContent = "";

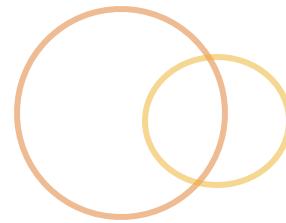
for (var i=0; i< data.length; i++) {
    newContent += "<div class='event'>";
    newContent += "<img src='" + data[i].val+ "' />";
}

document
    .getElementById('content')
    .innerHTML = newContent;
```

# Cross-origin

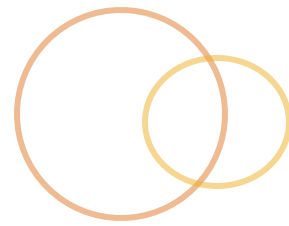


- ◎ By default, ajax requests must be made on the same domain
- ◎ Alternatives to this are:
  - ◎ A proxy file on the server
  - ◎ JSON/p “Json with padding”
  - ◎ CORS (Cross-origin resource sharing), which involves new http headers between browser and server – ie10+
- ◎ For later: <http://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/>



- ◎ Cross-Origin Resource Sharing
- ◎ A set of headers sent by the requesting client (XHR) and the responding server that can negotiate whom can request what from where
- ◎ Caveats
  - ◎ Supports **all** HTTP verbs
  - ◎ Usable with XMLHttpRequest
  - ◎ Simple in theory, complex in practice

# XHR Recap



- ◎ A means for the browser to make additional requests without reloading the page
- ◎ Enables very **fast** and **dynamic** web pages
- ◎ Best with small, light transactions
- ◎ **JSON** is the data format of choice
- ◎ **Requests across domains** are possible but require jumping through some extra hoops (and your server must support it)

# Exercise: Making Ajax Requests



- Open the following file:

`public/exercises/ajax/ajax.js`

- Complete the exercise

- Run it by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/exercises/ajax/>

- We'll use a public API that supports CORS

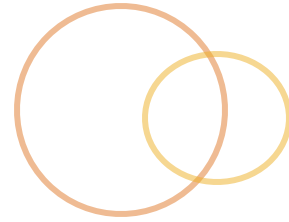
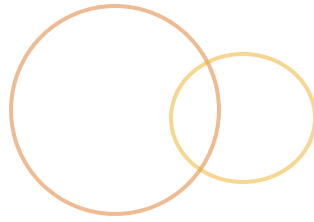
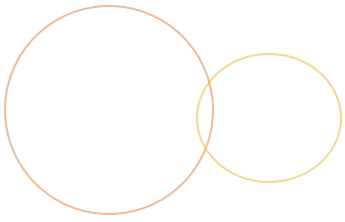
- <https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts>

- ...Or we could use a local, fake API...

## Solutions:

<https://github.com/rm-training/web-dev-bc/tree/master/public/solutions/ajax>





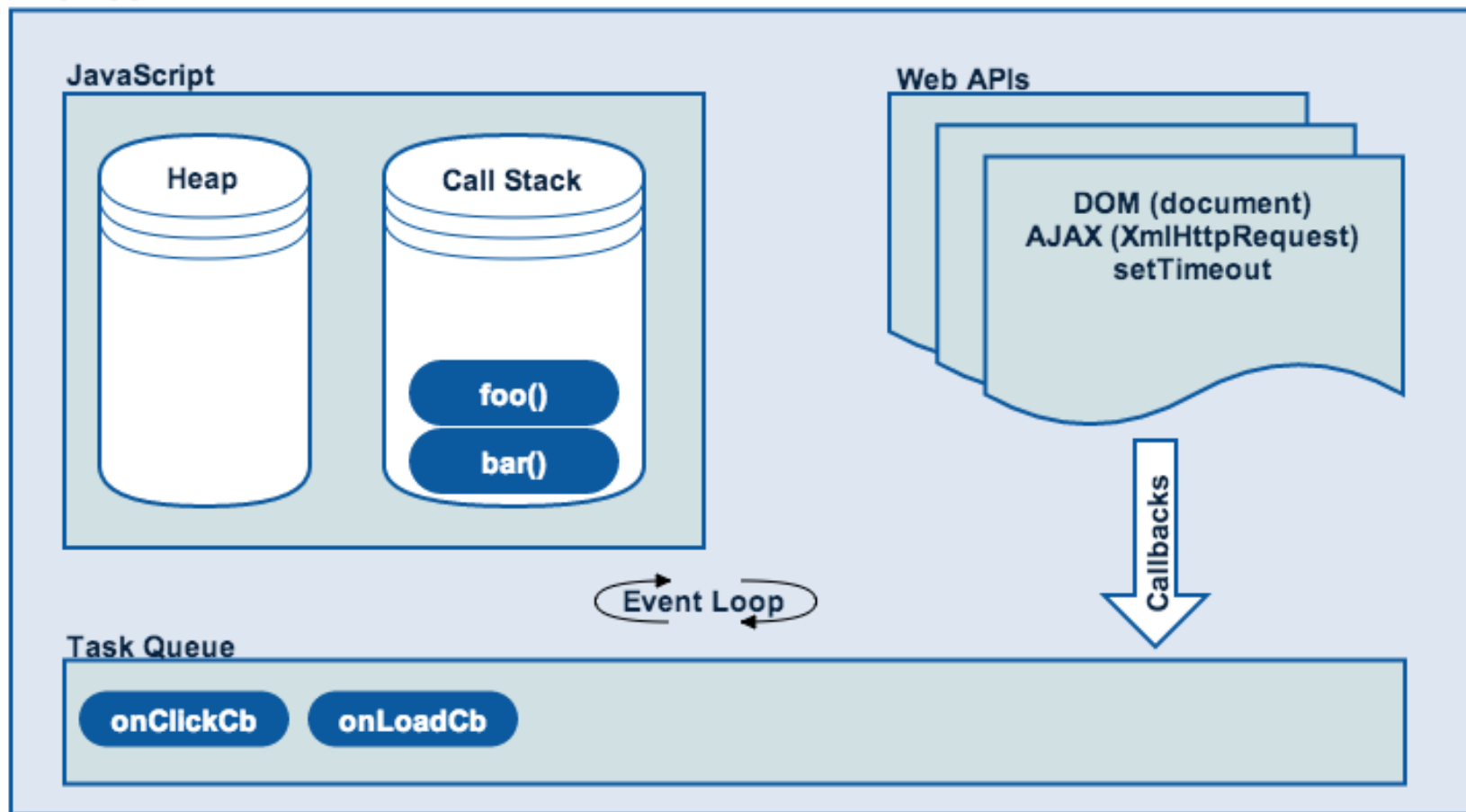
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# ASYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMMING

# Single-threaded JavaScript



## Browser



# Being Asynchronous



- Because JavaScript cannot do more than one thing at a time...
  - Callbacks
  - Promises
  - [ES6] `async` and `await`
  - Observables

# Callback Pattern



- ⦿ A function passed to another function as a parameter
  - ⦿ ...so that it can be invoked later by the calling function.
- ⦿ Aren't asynchronous on their own
  - ⦿ ...but we tend to use them for such things
  - ⦿ ex: event handling, ajax handling, file operations, etc

```
function callLater(fn) {  
    // do some async work  
    return fn();  
}  
  
callLater(function() {  
    console.log("I'm done!");  
});
```

# Callback Context



🕒 **this** inside a callback may change, be careful

```
setTimeout(function() {  
    console.log("I was called later");  
}, 1000);  
  
$("a").on("click", function() {  
    console.log(this); // ?  
});
```

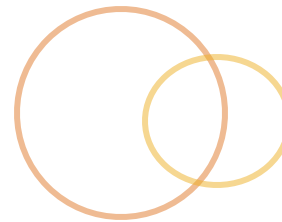
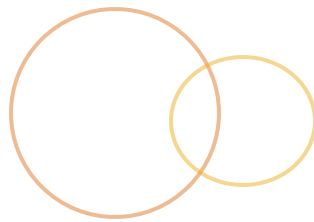
# The Downside to Callbacks



- ⦿ Can become deeply nested and not easy to reason
- ⦿ There is no guarantee that the callback will be invoked

```
// callback hell
async1(function(err, result1) {
  async2(function(err, result2) {
    async3(function(err, result3) {
      async4(function(err, result4) {
        /*...*/
      });
    });
  });
});
```

# Promises



- 🕒 A **Promise** represents a proxy for a value
- 🕒 They represent the *promise of future value*
- 🕒 They still use callbacks under the hood

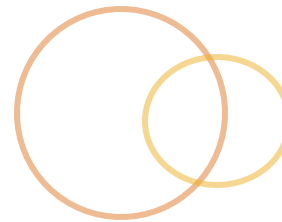
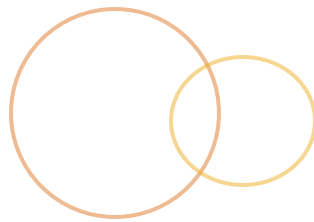
## Event handler/callback

```
xhr.addEventListener('load', function(data) {  
    // do something with the data  
});
```

## Promise callback

```
const prom = getData();  
prom.then(function(data) {  
    // do something with the data  
});
```

# Promises



## ⦿ Benefits:

- ⦿ Guarantees that callbacks are invoked
- ⦿ Composable (can be chained)
- ⦿ Immutable (one-way latch)
- ⦿ You can continue to use them after resolved
- ⦿ They are objects you can pass around

## ⦿ Bummer:

- ⦿ ES6+
- ⦿ No `.finally()`



# Making Promises

- Construct a Promise to represent a future value
- Constructor expects a single argument:
  - A function with **fulfill** and **reject** functions

```
var promise1 = new Promise(function(fulfill, reject) {  
    // likely will use an async operation here  
    setTimeout(function(err, data) {  
        if (err) {  
            reject(err);  
        } else {  
            fulfill(data);  
        }  
    }, 1000);  
});
```

As the ***maker*** of this promise, YOU define what success (**fulfill**) and failure (**reject**) are

# Using Promises



- ⦿ When you have a promise, you can attach functionality that will run either when the promise **fails** or **succeeds**
- ⦿ Attach handlers using **then** method
  - ⦿ When promise is resolved it's "then" is called

```
const onFulfilled = function(data) {  
  console.log("We got data!", data);  
};  
  
const onRejected = function(err) {  
  console.log("Error happened", err);  
};  
  
promise.then(onFulfilled, onRejected);
```

# Promises Terminology



🕒 Specification: <https://promisesaplus.com>

🕒 **pending** – the action is not fulfilled or rejected

🕒 **fulfilled** – the action succeeded

🕒 **rejected** – the action failed

🕒 **settled** – the action is fulfilled or rejected

```
var p = new Promise(  
  function(resolve, reject){  
    ...  
    if(something)  
      resolve({});  
    else{  
      reject(new Error());  
    }  
  })  
p.then(  
  function(data){  
    ...  
  },  
  function(err){  
    ...  
  }  
);
```

# Promise Errors

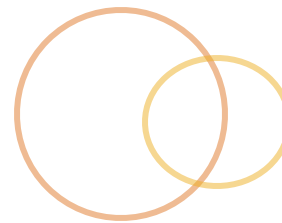


- 🕒 Use the reject/error handler argument in `then()`
- 🕒 ES6 Promises also support a `.catch()` callback, which will do the same thing.

```
prom.then(null, function(error){
    console.log("Something went wrong", error);
});

prom.catch(function(err) {
    console.log(err);
});
```

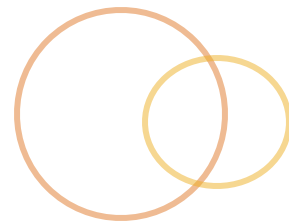
# Chaining Promises



- 🕒 **.then()** always wraps any return value as a **new Promise**
- 🕒 We can chain then() to create asynchronous sequences
- 🕒 You can also **specify a new promise** to return

```
// when promise 1 completes...
promise1.then(function(data){
  console.log(data); // 5
  return data + 2; // returns a new promise
}).then(function(data) {
  // after promise 2 ^
  console.log(data); // 7!
}).catch(function(err) {
  // if anything goes wrong
  console.log(err);
});
```

# Fixing callback hell



- Remember this? Let's see what that would look like if we wrapped each async operation in a promise

```
async1(function(err, result1) {  
    async2(function(err, result2) {  
        async3(function(err, result3) {  
        });  
    });  
});
```

# Promised Land



```
prom1 // when prom1 resolves
  .then(function() {
    // ...
    return prom2;
  })
  .then(function() {
    // ...
    return prom3;
  })
  .catch(function(err) {
    // deal with thrown error
  });
```

# Promise breaking



🕒 What is wrong with the below promise sequence?

```
fetchResult(query)
  .then(function(result) {
    // this is an async operation
    $.ajax(result.id);
  })
  .then(function(newData) {
    console.log(newData);
  });
.catch(function(error) {
  console.error(error);
});
```



# Promise breaking



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    console.log(newData);
  });
.catch(function(error) {
  console.error(error);
});
```

This is asynchronous  
so we **should** pass  
the new promise  
back (for the next)

# Composing Promises



- ② `Promise.all([...])`
  - ② Returns a promise that resolves when all promises passed in are resolved or at the first rejection
  - ② Fulfilled value is an array of all returned promise values
- ② `Promise.race([...])`
  - ② Returns a promise that resolves when any one promise is fulfilled or rejected

# Composing Promises Example



```
var p1 = Promise.resolve(3);
var p2 = 1337;
var p3 = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
  setTimeout(resolve, 1000);
});

Promise.all([p1,p2,p3]).then(function(data) {
  console.log(values); // ?
});

Promise.any([p1,p2,p3]).then(function(data) {
  console.log(data); // ?
});
```

# Async and await [ES6]



- Two new keywords allow us to write asynchronous code that looks and feels synchronous
- async function**
  - Defines an asynchronous Function that can **yield flow of control** back to the caller
  - The function immediately returns a Promise that will be resolved when the function returns a value or rejected when it has an error
    - The function is resolved with any return value
    - Errors with any error thrown
- await**
  - Informs code *within* an async function to yield/wait for an *internal* Promise to resolve before proceeding

# From this...

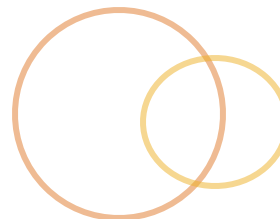
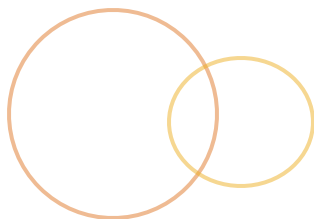


```
function getAndRenderArtists() {  
  let artists;  
  Ajax.get("/api/artists/1")  
    .then(function(data) {  
      artists = data;  
      return Ajax.get("albums");  
    })  
    .then(function(data) {  
      artists.albums = data;  
      View.set("artist", artist);  
    })  
    .catch(function(err) {});  
}
```

This code is getting two dependent pieces of data.

But only sets the final View data once both are available.

... to this



```
async function getAndRenderArtists() {  
  var artist = await Ajax.get("/api/artists/1");  
  artist.albums = await Ajax.get("/api/artists/1/albums");  
  View.set("artist", artist);  
}  
  
var rendered = getAndRenderArtists();  
rendered.then(function(response) {  
  console.log("Page is loaded");  
}));
```

# Exercise: Ajax Promise



- 🕒 Open the following file:

`public/exercises/promises/promises.js`

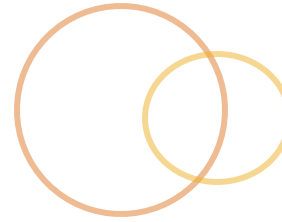
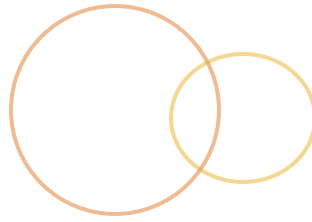
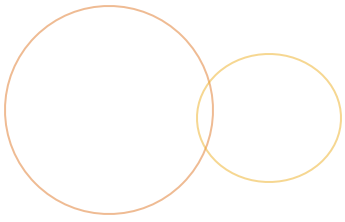
- 🕒 Complete the exercise

- 🕒 Run the tests by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/exercises/promises>

## Solutions:

<https://github.com/rm-training/web-dev-bc/blob/master/public/solutions/promises/promises.js>



# WRAPPING UP



# That's a wrap



- ◎ Any questions?
- ◎ Best practice reminders
  - ◎ Semantic
  - ◎ Don't re-select
  - ◎ Don't select more often than you need to
  - ◎ Be non-blocking
  - ◎ Keep scope clean
- ◎ Staying sharp
  - ◎ Code Kata

# Final Lab: Todos



- 🕒 Open the following file:

`public/exercises/todos/script.js`

- 🕒 Complete the exercise

- 🕒 You can use vanilla JS or jQuery

- 🕒 You can use your Ajax lib or fetch() or XHR

- 🕒 We can use handlebars for templating

- 🕒 Run the app by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/exercises/todos>

## Solutions:

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