

DHTML and Events

Event-driven programming

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Example:

Here is a UI element that the user can interact with.

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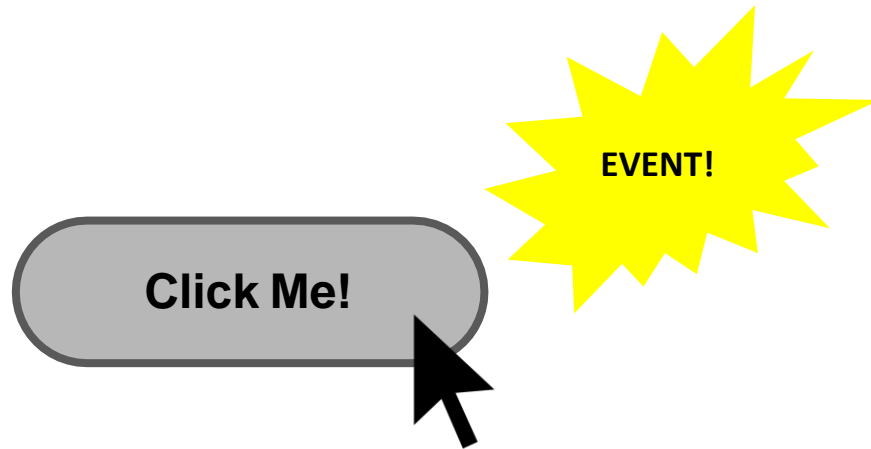
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When the user clicks the button...

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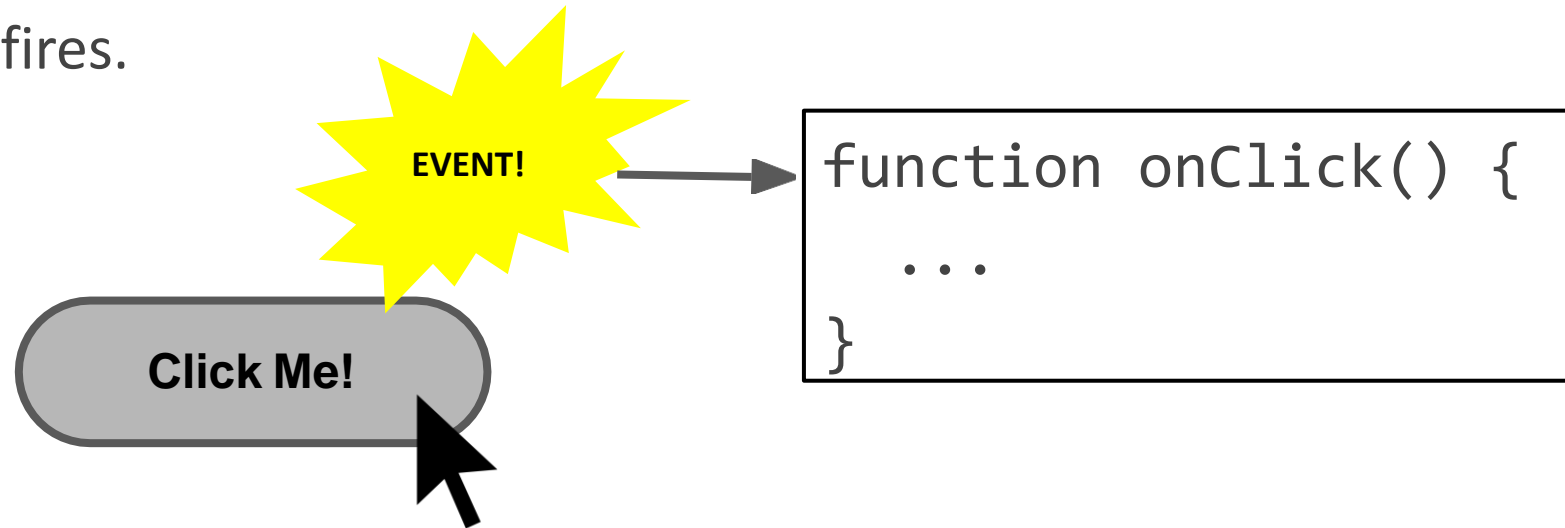
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...the button emits an "**event**," which is like an announcement that some interesting thing has occurred.

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Any function listening to that event
now executes. This function is called
an "**event handler**."

A few more HTML elements

Buttons:

```
<button>Click me</button>
```

Click me

Single-line text input:

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

hello

Multi-line text input:

```
<textarea></textarea>
```

I can add
multiple lines of text!

Using event listeners

Let's print "Clicked" to the Web Console when the user clicks the given button:



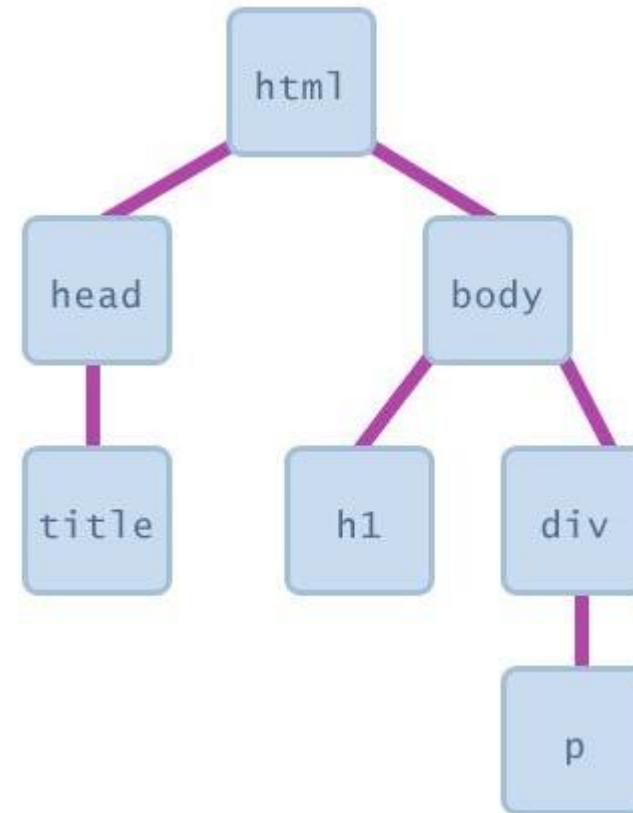
We need to add an event listener to the button...

How do we talk to an element in HTML from JavaScript?

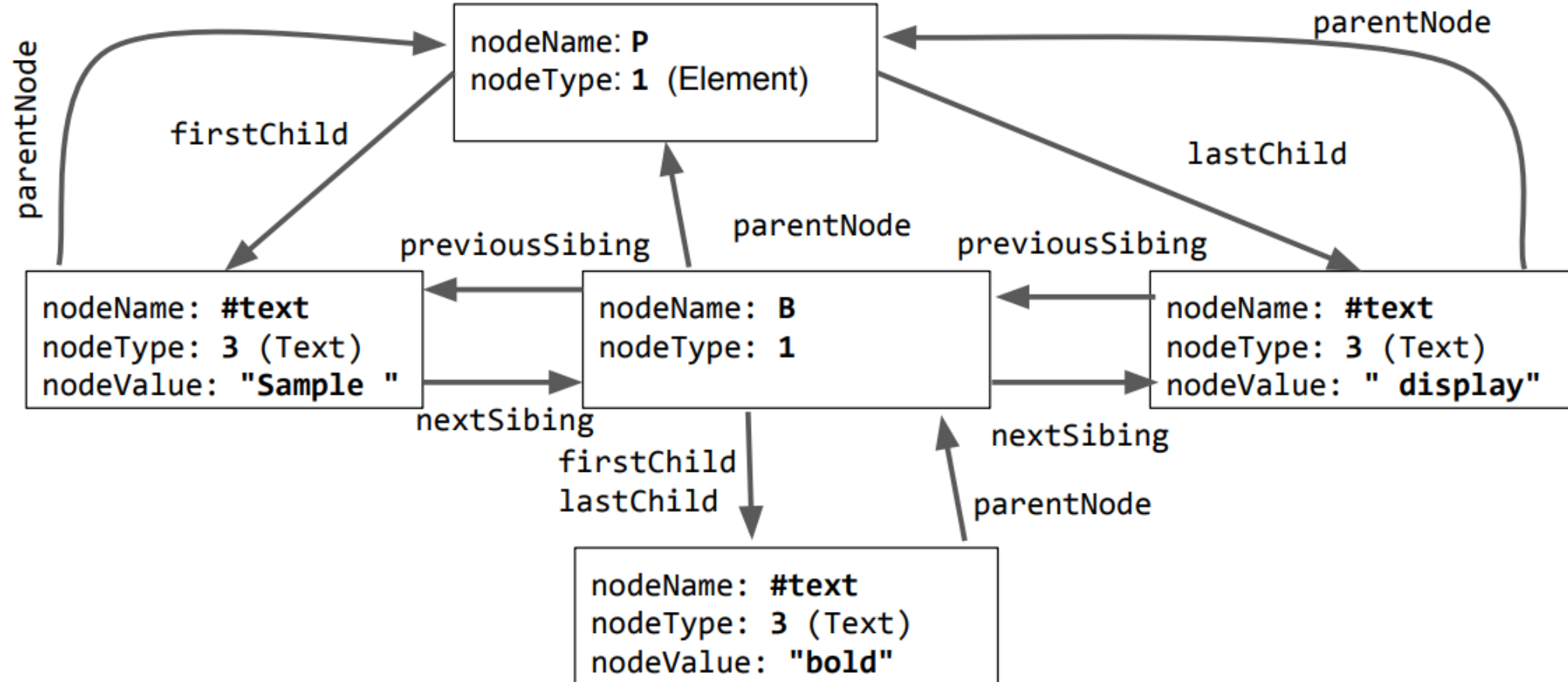
The DOM

Every element on a page is accessible in JavaScript through the **DOM: Document Object Model**

- The DOM is the tree of nodes corresponding to HTML elements on a page.
- Can modify, add and remove nodes on the DOM, which will modify, add, or remove the corresponding element on the page.



<p>Sample bold display</p>



Accessing DOM Nodes

- Walk DOM hierarchy (not recommended)
 `element = document.body.firstChild.nextSibling.firstChild;`
 `element.setAttribute(...`
- Use DOM lookup method. An example using ids:
 HTML: `<div id="div42">...</div>`

 `element = document.getElementById("div42");`
 `element.setAttribute(...`
- Many: `getElementsByClassName()`, `getElementsByTagName()`, ...
 - Can start lookup at any element:
 `document.body.firstChild.getElementsByTagName()`

Getting DOM objects

We can access an HTML element's corresponding DOM object in JavaScript via the [querySelector](#) function:

```
document.querySelector( 'css selector' );
```

- This returns the **first** element that matches the given CSS selector

```
// Returns the element with id="button"  
let element = document.querySelector('#button');
```

Adding event listeners

Each DOM object has the following function:

`addEventListener(event name, function name) ;`

- *event name* is the string name of the [JavaScript event](#) you want to listen to
 - Common ones: click, focus, blur, etc
- *function name* is the name of the JavaScript function you want to execute when the event fires

```
<html>
▼ <head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>First JS Example</title>
  <script src="script.js"></script>
</head>
▼ <body>
  <button>Click Me!</button>
</body>
</html>
```

```
function onClick() {
  console.log('clicked');
}

const button = document.querySelector('button');
button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

```
script.js x
1 function onClick() {
2   console.log('clicked');
3 }
4
5 const button = document.querySelector('button');
6 button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
7
```

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✖ ▶ Uncaught TypeError: Cannot read property 'addEventListener' of null
at script.js:6

> |

Error! Why?

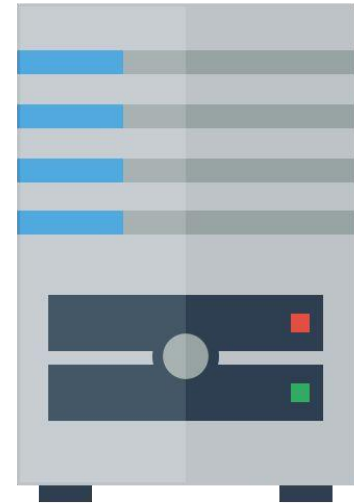
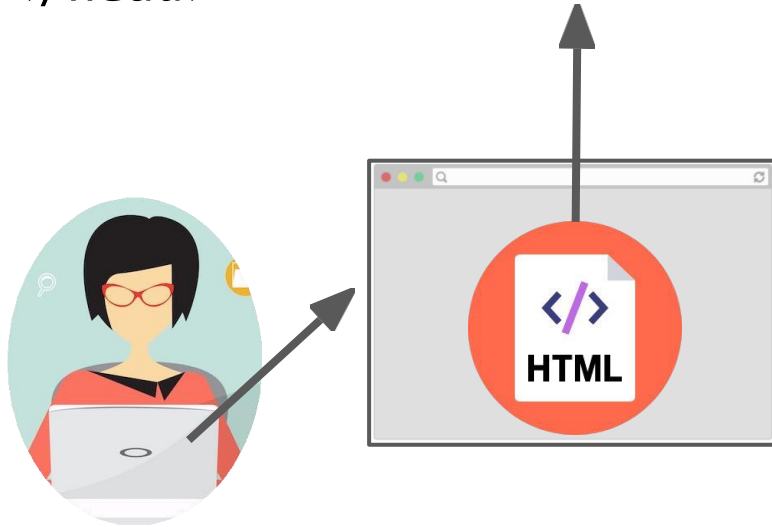
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<head>
```

```
  <title>CS 353</title>
```

```
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />
```

➔ **<script src="script.js"></script>**

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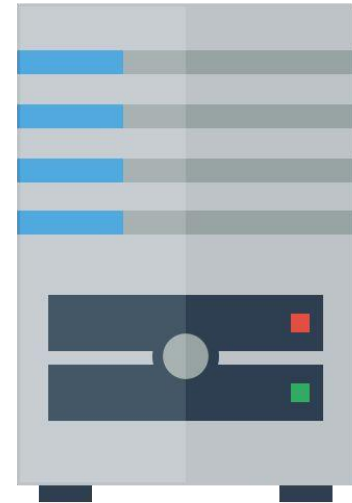
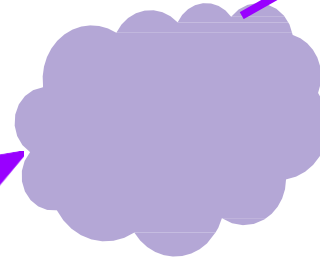
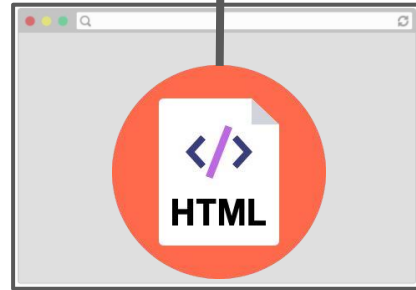
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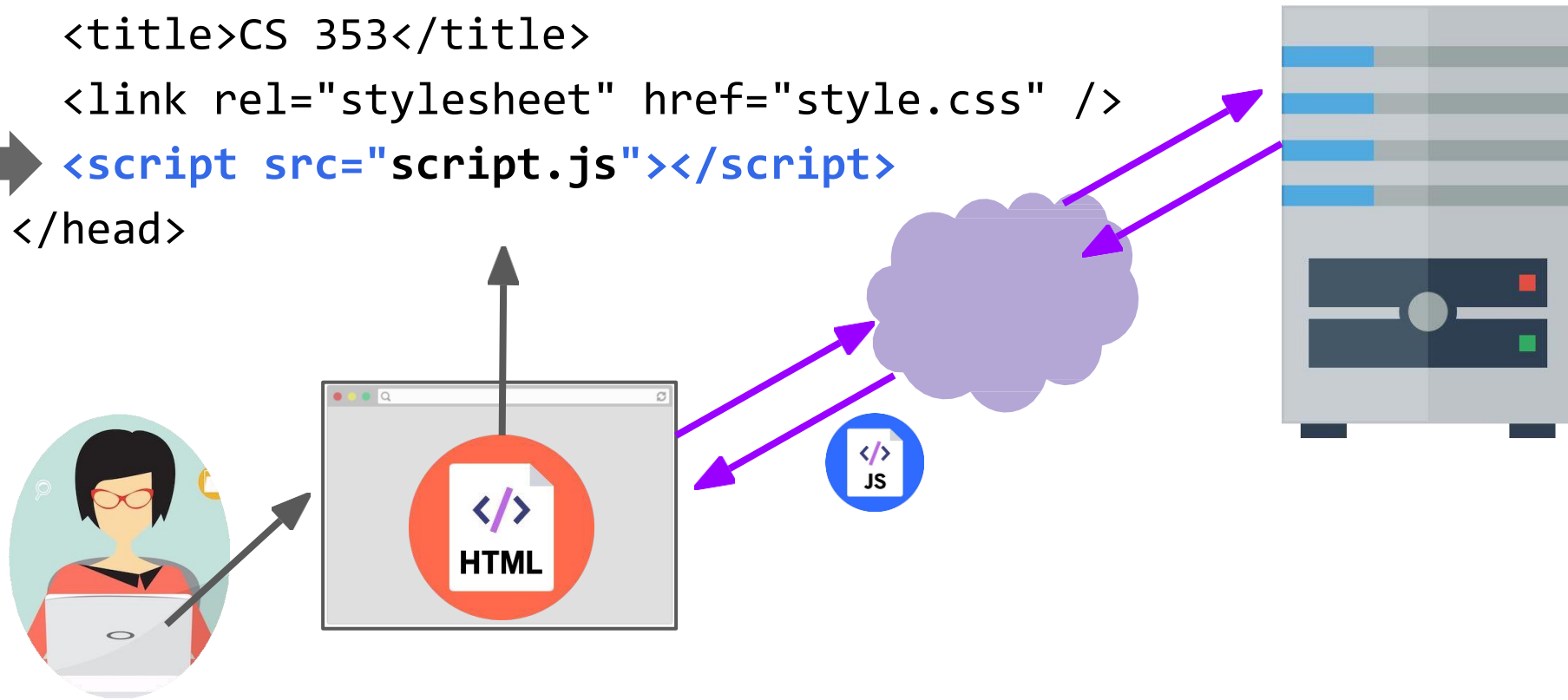
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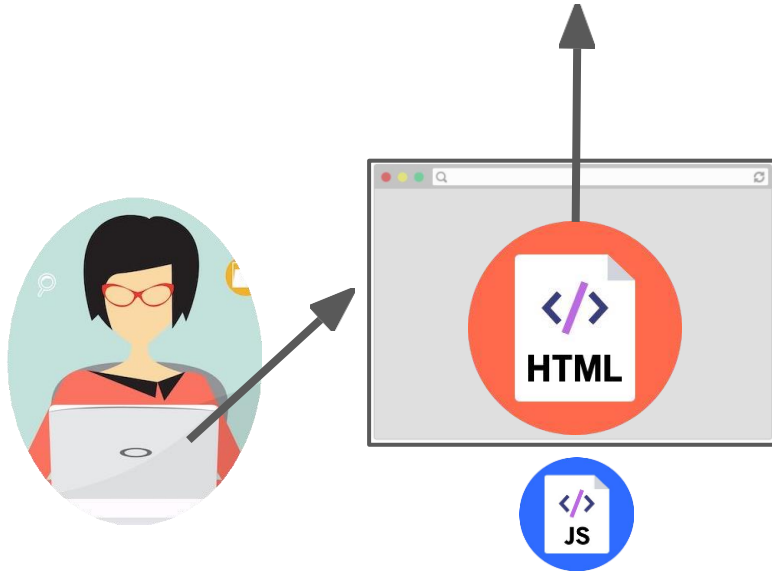
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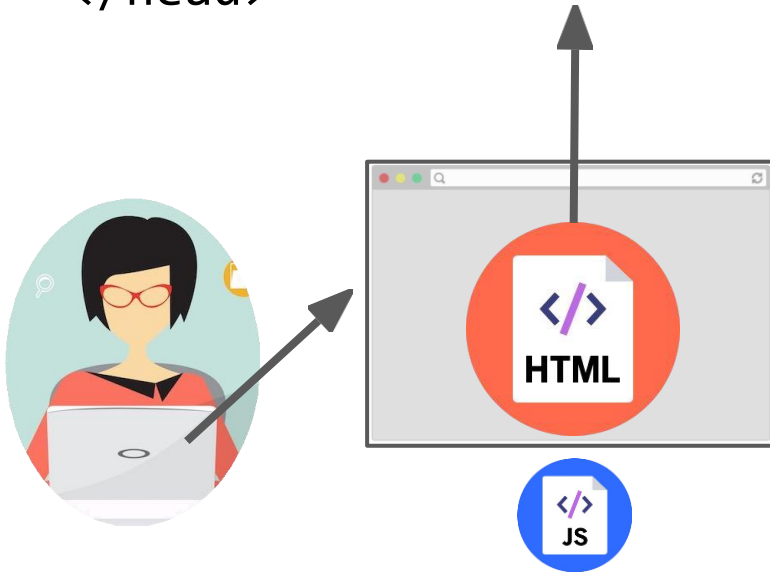
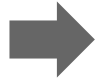
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    console.log('clicked');
}

const button = document.querySelector('button');
button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

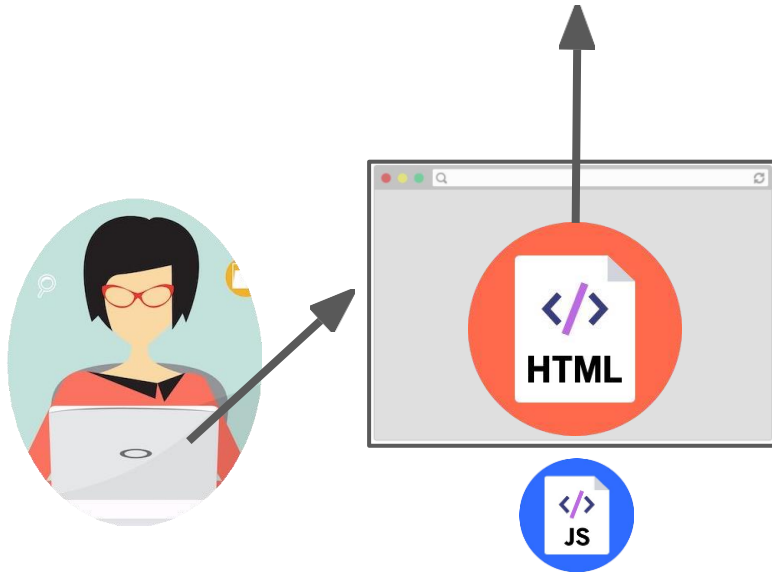
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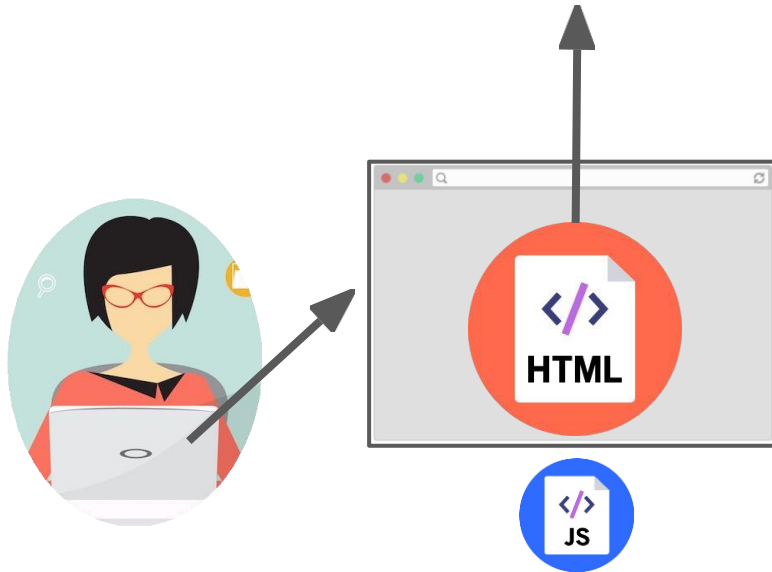
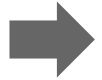


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We are only at the `<script>` tag, which is at the top of the document... so the `<button>` isn't available yet.

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Therefore `querySelector` returns `null`, and we can't call `addEventListener` on `null`.

Use defer

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Other old-school ways of doing this (**don't do these**):

- Put the `<script>` tag at the bottom of the page
- Listen for the "load" event on the window object

You will see tons of examples on the internet that do this. They are out of date. defer is [widely supported](#) and better.

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<html>
  ▼<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>First JS Example</title>
    <script src="script.js" defer></script>
  </head>
  ▼<body>
    <button>Click Me!</button>
  </body>
</html>
```

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function onClick() {
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const button = document.querySelector('button');
button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

Click Me!

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clicked

>

DOM communicates to JavaScript with Events

Event types:

- Mouse-related: mouse movement, button click, enter/leave element
- Keyboard-related: down, up, press
- Focus-related: focus in, focus out (blur)
- Input field changed, Form submitted
- Timer events
- Miscellaneous:
 - Content of an element has changed
 - Page loaded/unloaded
 - Image loaded
 - Uncaught exception

List of Events

Event	Occurs when...
onabort	a user aborts page loading
onblur	a user leaves an object
onchange	a user changes the value of an object
onclick	a user clicks on an object
ondblclick	a user double-clicks on an object
onfocus	a user makes an object active
onkeydown	a keyboard key is on its way down
onkeypress	a keyboard key is pressed
onkeyup	a keyboard key is released
onload	a page is finished loading
onmousedown	a user presses a mouse-button
onmousemove	a cursor moves on an object
onmouseover	a cursor moves over an object
onmouseout	a cursor moves off an object
onmouseup	a user releases a mouse-button
onreset	a user resets a form
onselect	a user selects content on a page
onsubmit	a user submits a form
onunload	a user closes a page

DHTML CSS

```
<html>
<body>

<h1 id="header" onclick="this.style.color='red'">Click Me!</h1>

<p>If you click the header above, it turns red.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

Click Me!

If you click the header above, it turns red.

Click Me!

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Log messages aren't so interesting...

How do we interact with the page?

mer- defined function square (Part 1 of 2).

```

1  <?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "utf-8"?>
2  <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
3    "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
4
5  <!-- Fig. 9.2: SquareInt.html -->
6  <!-- Programmer-defined function square. -->
7  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
8    <head>
9      <title>A Programmer-Defined square Function</title>
10     <script type = "text/javascript">
11       <!--
12         document.writeln( "<h1>Square the numbers from 1 to 10</h1>" );
13
14         // square the numbers from 1 to 10
15         for ( var x = 1; x <= 10; x++ )
16           document.writeln( "The square of " + x + " is " +
17             square( x ) + "<br />" );
18
19         // The following square function definition is executed
20         // only when the function is explicitly called.
21
22         // square function definition
23         function square( y )
24         {
25           return y * y;
26         } // end function square
27       <!--
28     </script>
29   </head><body></body>
30 </html>

```

Calls function square with x as an argument, which will return the value to be inserted here

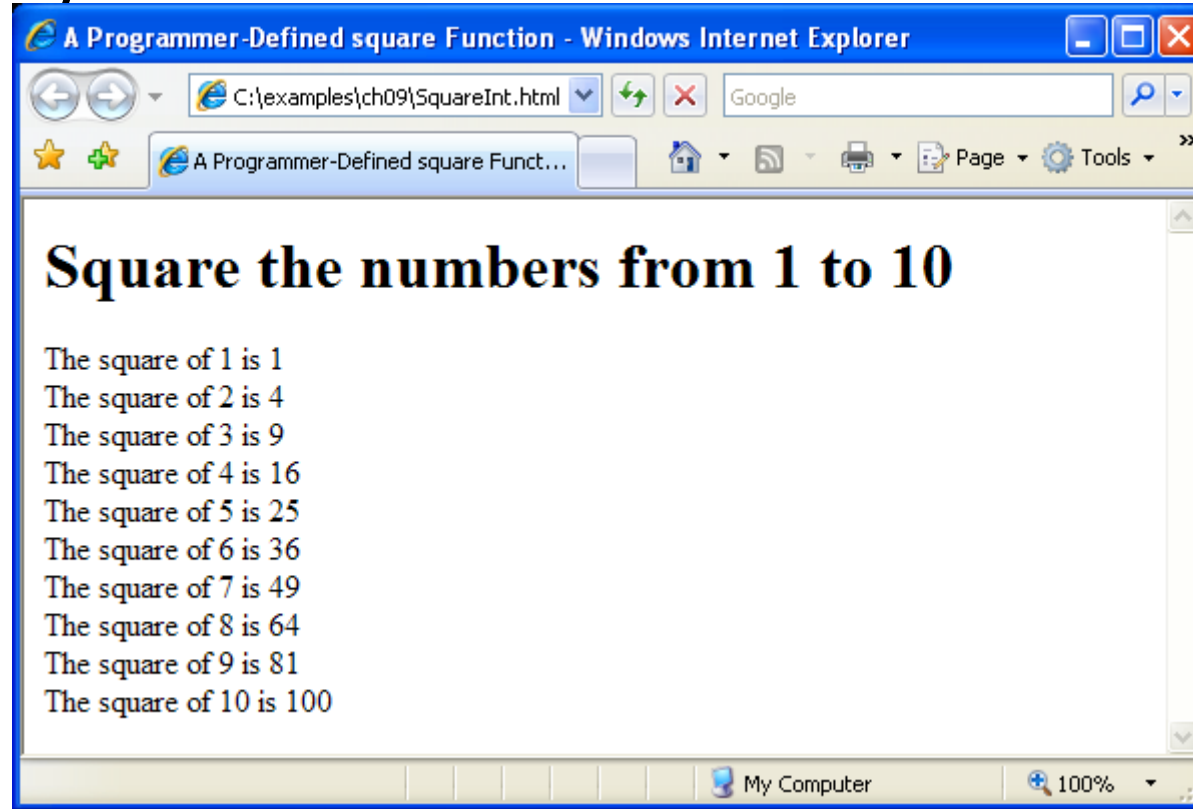
Begin function square

Names the parameter y

Returns the value of $y * y$
(the argument squared) to the caller

End function square

Fig. 9.2 | Programmer-defined function `square` (Part 2 of 2).



```
1 <?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "utf-8"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
4
5 <!-- Fig. 9.3: maximum.html -->
6 <!-- Programmer-Defined maximum function. -->
7 <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
8   <head>
9     <title>Finding the Maximum of Three Values</title>
10    <script type = "text/javascript">
11      <!--
12        var input1 = window.prompt( "Enter first number", "0" );
13        var input2 = window.prompt( "Enter second number", "0" );
14        var input3 = window.prompt( "Enter third number", "0" );
15
16        var value1 = parseFloat( input1 );
17        var value2 = parseFloat( input2 );
18        var value3 = parseFloat( input3 );
19
```

← Creates integer values from
user input

mer-
defined

maximum

function
(Part 1
of 3).


```

20 var maxValue = maximum( value1, value2, value3 );
21
22 document.writeln( "First number: " + value1 +
23 "Second number: " + value2 +
24 "Third number: " + value3 +
25 "Maximum is: " + maxValue );
26
27 // maximum function definition (called from line 20)
28 function maximum( x, y, z )
29 {
30     return Math.max( x, Math.max( y, z ) );
31 } // end function maximum
32 // -->
33 </script>
34 </head>
35 <body>
36     <p>Click Refresh (or Reload) to run the script again</p>
37 </body>
38 </html>

```

Variable
maxValue
stores the
return value
of the call to
maximum

document.writeln("First number: " + value1 +
"Second number: " + value2 +
"Third number: " + value3 +
"Maximum is: " + maxValue);

Calls function maximum
with arguments value1,
value2 and value3

// maximum function definition (called from line 20)

function maximum(x, y, z)

Begin function maximum with
local variables x, y and z

End function maximum

Calls the Math object's method
max to compare the first variable
with the maximum of the other two

mer-
defined

maximum

function
(part 2)

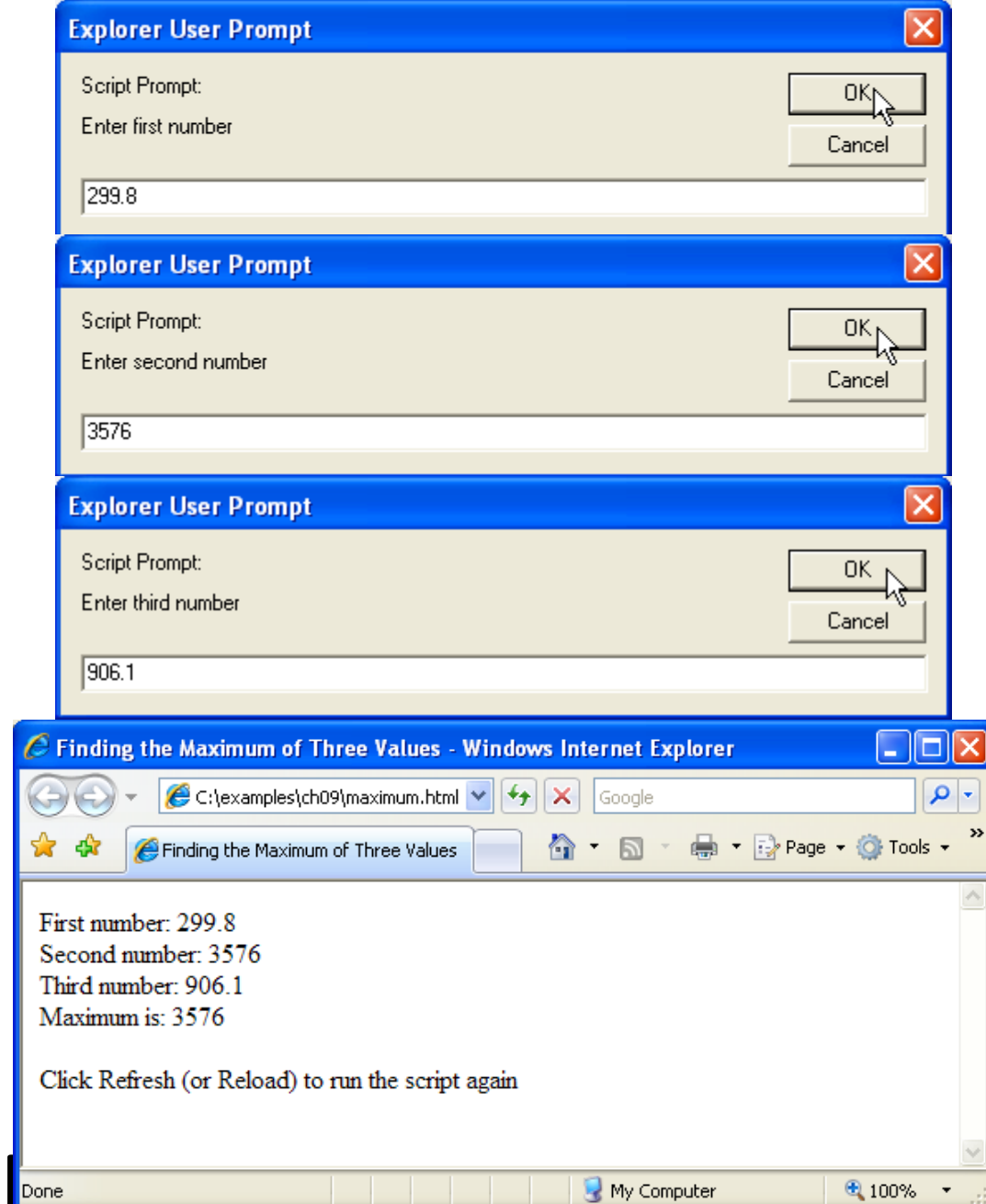


Fig. 9.3 | Programmer-defined maximum function (Part 3 of 3).

Integers³⁵ shifting and scaling (Part 1 of 2).

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1 <?xml version = "1.0" encoding = "utf-8"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
3   "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
4
5 <!-- Fig. 9.4: RandomInt.html -->
6 <!-- Random integers, shifting and scaling. -->
7 <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
8   <head>
9     <title>Shifted and Scaled Random Integers</title>
10    <style type = "text/css">
11      table { width: 50%;
12              border: 1px solid gray;
13              text-align: center }
14    </style>
15    <script type = "text/javascript">
16      <!--
17      var value;
18
19      document.writeln( "<table>" );
20      document.writeln( "<caption>Random Numbers</caption><tr>" );
21
22      for ( var i = 1; i <= 20; i++ )
23      {
24        value = Math.floor( 1 + Math.random() * 6 );
25        document.writeln( "<td>" + value + "</td>" );
26
27        // start a new table row every 5 entries
28        if ( i % 5 == 0 && i != 20 )
29          document.writeln( "</tr><tr>" );
30      } // end for
31
```

Shifts the range of
return values up by 1

Scales the range of return values
by a factor of 6

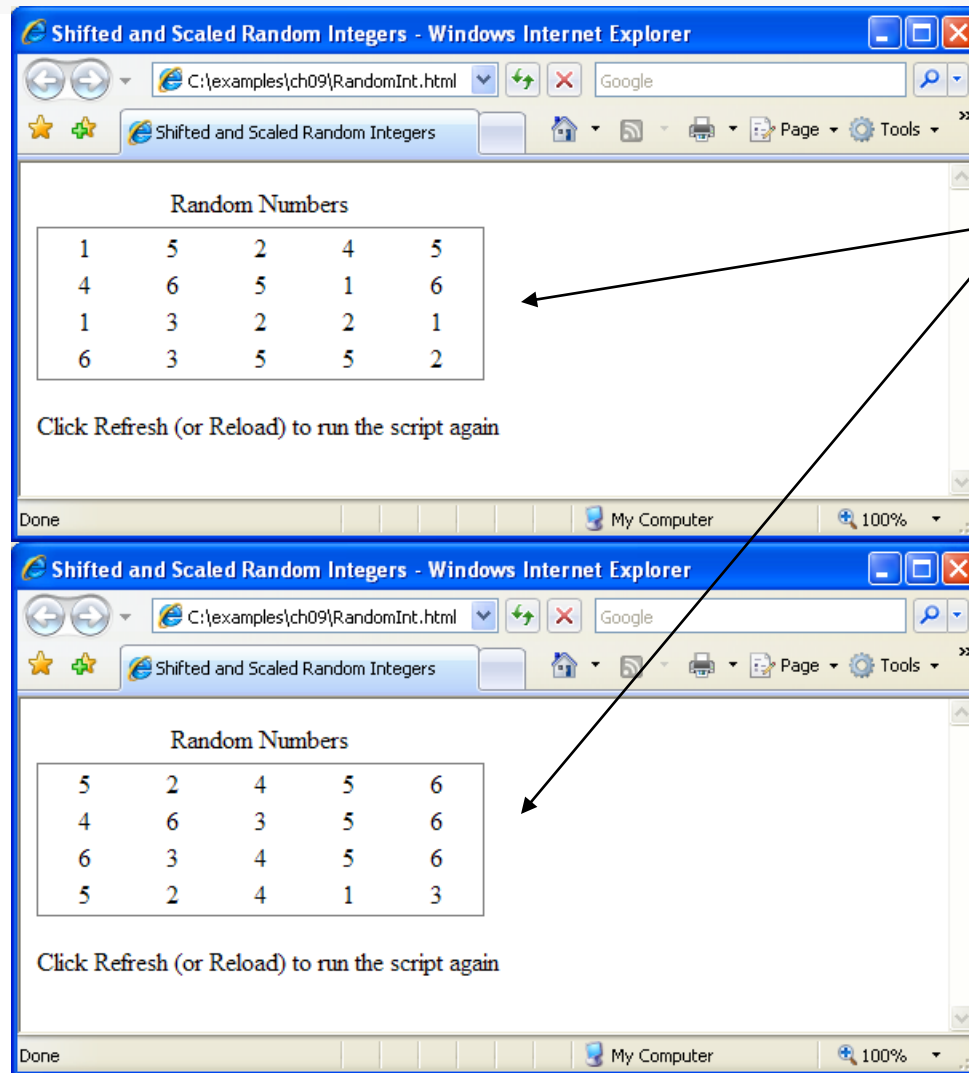
Takes the floor of the number
from 1.0 up to, but not
including, 7.0

```

32 document.writeln( "</tr></table>" );
33 // -->
34 </script>
35 </head>
36 <body>
37 <p>Click Refresh (or Reload) to run the script again</p>
38 </body>
39 </html>

```

Integers₃₆
shifting
and
scaling
(Part 2)



Global function	Description
<code>escape</code>	Takes a string argument and returns a string in which all spaces, punctuation, accent characters and any other character that is not in the ASCII character set (see Appendix D, ASCII Character Set) are encoded in a hexadecimal format (see Appendix E, Number Systems) that can be represented on all platforms.
<code>eval</code>	Takes a string argument representing JavaScript code to execute. The JavaScript interpreter evaluates the code and executes it when the <code>eval</code> function is called. This function allows JavaScript code to be stored as strings and executed dynamically. [<i>Note:</i> It is considered a serious security risk to use <code>eval</code> to process any data entered by a user because a malicious user could exploit this to run dangerous code.]
<code>isFinite</code>	Takes a numeric argument and returns <code>true</code> if the value of the argument is not <code>NaN</code> , <code>Number.POSITIVE_INFINITY</code> or <code>Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY</code> (values that are not numbers or numbers outside the range that JavaScript supports)—otherwise, the function returns <code>false</code> .
<code>isNaN</code>	Takes a numeric argument and returns <code>true</code> if the value of the argument is not a number; otherwise, it returns <code>false</code> . The function is commonly used with the return value of <code>parseInt</code> or <code>parseFloat</code> to determine whether the result is a proper numeric value.
<code>parseFloat</code>	Takes a string argument and attempts to convert the beginning of the string into a floating-point value. If the conversion is unsuccessful, the function returns <code>NaN</code> ; otherwise, it returns the converted value (e.g., <code>parseFloat("abc123.45")</code> returns <code>NaN</code> , and <code>parseFloat("123.45abc")</code> returns the value <code>123.45</code>).
<code>parseInt</code>	Takes a string argument and attempts to convert the beginning of the string into an integer value. If the conversion is unsuccessful, the function returns <code>NaN</code> ; otherwise, it returns the converted value (e.g., <code>parseInt("abc123")</code> returns <code>NaN</code> , and <code>parseInt("123abc")</code> returns the integer value <code>123</code>). This function takes an optional second argument, from 2 to 36, specifying the radix (or base) of the number. Base 2 indicates that the first argument string is in binary format, base 8 indicates that the first argument string is in octal format and base 16 indicates that the first argument string is in hexadecimal format. See Appendix E, Number Systems, for more information on binary, octal and hexadecimal numbers.
<code>unescape</code>	Takes a string as its argument and returns a string in which all characters previously encoded with <code>escape</code> are decoded.

JavaScript global functions.