**1. How do you update only parts of the DOM in a real-time dashboard?**

To update only parts of the DOM in a real-time dashboard, you can:

* **Use a Virtual DOM**: Libraries like React, Vue, and Svelte make use of a virtual DOM. They compute the minimal changes needed and only apply updates to the actual DOM.
* **Efficient DOM Manipulation**: If not using a framework, you can directly manipulate specific DOM elements using JavaScript. For example, use document.querySelector to target specific parts of the DOM and update them without re-rendering the entire page.
* **WebSockets/Server-Sent Events (SSE)**: For real-time data updates, use WebSockets or SSE to push updates to the client, allowing you to update only the necessary parts of the dashboard when new data arrives.

**2. How would you build a dynamic form where users can add/remove fields?**

To build a dynamic form with add/remove functionality:

* **Use JavaScript/React (or similar libraries)**: You can store the form field data in an array or an object in state, then render the form dynamically based on that state. When a user clicks "Add field", you update the state to include a new field.

For example, using React:

import { useState } from 'react';

const DynamicForm = () => {

const [fields, setFields] = useState([{ id: Date.now(), value: '' }]);

const handleAddField = () => {

setFields([...fields, { id: Date.now(), value: '' }]);

};

const handleRemoveField = (id) => {

setFields(fields.filter(field => field.id !== id));

};

const handleChange = (id, value) => {

setFields(fields.map(field => (field.id === id ? { ...field, value } : field)));

};

return (

<div>

{fields.map(field => (

<div key={field.id}>

<input

type="text"

value={field.value}

onChange={(e) => handleChange(field.id, e.target.value)}

/>

<button onClick={() => handleRemoveField(field.id)}>Remove</button>

</div>

))}

<button onClick={handleAddField}>Add Field</button>

</div>

);

};

This keeps track of the fields dynamically and updates the form whenever a field is added or removed.

**3. How do you implement pagination for a large table without loading all rows?**

Pagination can be handled on the front-end or back-end depending on the size of the dataset:

* **Backend Pagination**: The best way to handle large datasets is by querying the server for only the rows that need to be displayed. For example, with a table showing 10 rows per page, you would request rows 1-10, 11-20, etc., from the backend.
  + Use a query with limits and offsets or an equivalent method based on the database (e.g., LIMIT and OFFSET in SQL).
* **Infinite Scrolling**: Instead of traditional pagination, you can implement infinite scrolling, where more rows are loaded as the user scrolls down. This can be done by fetching additional data when the user reaches the bottom of the table, without loading all rows upfront.

**4. How do you handle click events efficiently for dynamically added elements?**

When handling click events for dynamically added elements:

* **Event Delegation**: Rather than adding an event listener to each individual element (which can be inefficient), you can use event delegation. This means attaching a single event listener to a parent element and using event propagation to catch events on dynamically added child elements.

Example using vanilla JS:

document.getElementById('parent').addEventListener('click', function(event) {

if (event.target && event.target.matches('.dynamic-item')) {

// Handle the click event for dynamically added elements

}

});

This approach ensures you're not attaching event listeners to each element individually, which can improve performance, especially in large datasets.

**5. How do you optimize event listeners on a high-traffic website?**

To optimize event listeners for a high-traffic website:

* **Event Throttling**: Use throttling to limit how often an event listener is triggered, especially for events like scroll or resize that can fire frequently. Throttling ensures that the event handler is invoked at a fixed rate (e.g., every 100ms).
  + Example using lodash throttle:

const throttledFunction = \_.throttle(() => {

console.log('Event triggered');

}, 100);

window.addEventListener('scroll', throttledFunction);

* **Event Debouncing**: For events like input or keyup, where you only want to act after the user stops typing or performing an action, debounce the event to avoid unnecessary calls.

Example with lodash debounce:

const debouncedFunction = \_.debounce(() => {

console.log('User finished typing');

}, 300);

inputElement.addEventListener('input', debouncedFunction);

* **Remove Unused Listeners**: Always remove event listeners that are no longer necessary, such as when dynamically removing elements, to prevent memory leaks and excessive event listener buildup.
* **Use Passive Event Listeners**: For events that don’t require the prevention of default behavior (like scroll), add the { passive: true } option when attaching event listeners. This helps with performance, particularly for scrolling events.

**6. How would you implement infinite scrolling for a blog feed?**

To implement infinite scrolling for a blog feed, you can follow these steps:

* **Set up an initial page load**: When the page first loads, display the first batch of blog posts.
* **Listen for scroll events**: Use JavaScript to detect when the user has scrolled to the bottom of the page or near the bottom.
* **Fetch more posts**: When the bottom is reached, asynchronously fetch more posts from the server using a method like fetch, axios, or any other AJAX call.
* **Append new posts to the existing ones**: After the new posts are fetched, append them to the current posts in the DOM without refreshing the page.

**Example (Vanilla JS):**

let page = 1;

const loadMorePosts = async () => {

const response = await fetch(`/api/posts?page=${page}`);

const posts = await response.json();

const postContainer = document.getElementById('post-container');

posts.forEach(post => {

const postElement = document.createElement('div');

postElement.classList.add('post');

postElement.innerHTML = `<h3>${post.title}</h3><p>${post.content}</p>`;

postContainer.appendChild(postElement);

});

page += 1; // Increment the page number for the next request

};

const checkScrollPosition = () => {

const scrollPosition = window.scrollY + window.innerHeight;

const bottomPosition = document.documentElement.scrollHeight;

if (scrollPosition >= bottomPosition - 200) { // Trigger when near the bottom

loadMorePosts();

}

};

window.addEventListener('scroll', checkScrollPosition);

loadMorePosts(); // Initial load when the page loads

**Explanation**:

* The loadMorePosts function fetches data from the server.
* checkScrollPosition determines if the user has scrolled near the bottom of the page and triggers loading more posts.

**7. How do you lazy-load images for better performance?**

Lazy-loading images is an important performance optimization, especially for image-heavy websites. Here's how you can implement lazy loading:

* **Use the loading="lazy" attribute**: In modern browsers, you can simply add the loading="lazy" attribute to the img tag, and the browser will only load images when they are close to the viewport (visible area).

Example:

<img src="image1.jpg" alt="Description of Image" loading="lazy" />

For more compatibility and control, you can use JavaScript for custom lazy-loading behavior:

* **Intersection Observer API**: This allows you to observe when an image comes into view and load it dynamically. It’s more efficient than listening to scroll events.

**Example (Intersection Observer):**

const images = document.querySelectorAll('img[data-src]');

const lazyLoad = (entries, observer) => {

entries.forEach(entry => {

if (entry.isIntersecting) {

const image = entry.target;

image.src = image.dataset.src; // Load image by setting data-src to src

image.removeAttribute('data-src'); // Remove data-src attribute once loaded

observer.unobserve(image); // Stop observing the image

}

});

};

const observer = new IntersectionObserver(lazyLoad, {

rootMargin: '0px 0px 100px 0px', // Trigger 100px before the image enters the viewport

});

images.forEach(image => {

observer.observe(image);

});

**Explanation**:

* The data-src attribute holds the image URL.
* When the image comes into the viewport, the IntersectionObserver triggers, and the image URL is set to src to load the image.

**8. How would you create a multi-step form without reloading the page?**

To create a multi-step form without reloading the page, you can use JavaScript to manage the visibility of each step of the form. Here’s a basic approach using vanilla JavaScript or a framework like React.

**Approach using Vanilla JavaScript:**

1. **HTML Structure**: Have the form divided into separate sections (steps).
2. **JavaScript for navigation**: Use buttons to move between steps and manage form state using JavaScript.

Example:

<form id="multi-step-form">

<div class="step" id="step1">

<label for="name">Name:</label>

<input type="text" id="name" name="name">

<button type="button" onclick="nextStep(2)">Next</button>

</div>

<div class="step" id="step2" style="display: none;">

<label for="email">Email:</label>

<input type="email" id="email" name="email">

<button type="button" onclick="nextStep(3)">Next</button>

<button type="button" onclick="prevStep(1)">Previous</button>

</div>

<div class="step" id="step3" style="display: none;">

<label for="password">Password:</label>

<input type="password" id="password" name="password">

<button type="submit">Submit</button>

<button type="button" onclick="prevStep(2)">Previous</button>

</div>

</form>

<script>

function nextStep(step) {

document.querySelectorAll('.step').forEach((stepDiv) => {

stepDiv.style.display = 'none';

});

document.getElementById('step' + step).style.display = 'block';

}

function prevStep(step) {

document.querySelectorAll('.step').forEach((stepDiv) => {

stepDiv.style.display = 'none';

});

document.getElementById('step' + step).style.display = 'block';

}

</script>

**Explanation**:

* Each step is a div with a specific ID (step1, step2, etc.).
* Initially, only the first step is visible. When the "Next" button is clicked, it hides the current step and shows the next step using JavaScript.
* You can also navigate backward using the "Previous" button.

If you’re using **React**, you can use state to track which step the user is on and render the appropriate form content.

**Example in React:**

import { useState } from 'react';

const MultiStepForm = () => {

const [step, setStep] = useState(1);

const handleNext = () => setStep(step + 1);

const handlePrevious = () => setStep(step - 1);

return (

<form>

{step === 1 && (

<div>

<label htmlFor="name">Name:</label>

<input type="text" id="name" name="name" />

<button type="button" onClick={handleNext}>Next</button>

</div>

)}

{step === 2 && (

<div>

<label htmlFor="email">Email:</label>

<input type="email" id="email" name="email" />

<button type="button" onClick={handlePrevious}>Previous</button>

<button type="button" onClick={handleNext}>Next</button>

</div>

)}

{step === 3 && (

<div>

<label htmlFor="password">Password:</label>

<input type="password" id="password" name="password" />

<button type="submit">Submit</button>

<button type="button" onClick={handlePrevious}>Previous</button>

</div>

)}

</form>

);

};

export default MultiStepForm;

**Explanation**:

* React's useState is used to track which step of the form the user is on.
* When the "Next" or "Previous" buttons are clicked, the step is updated, and the form re-renders to show the appropriate step.\

**9. How do you prevent XSS when inserting user input into the DOM?**

To prevent **Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)** attacks when inserting user input into the DOM:

* **Escape user input**: Always sanitize and escape any user-generated content before inserting it into the DOM. For instance, convert <, >, and & into their HTML entity equivalents (&lt;, &gt;, &amp;).
* **Use libraries or frameworks that handle escaping automatically**: Modern frameworks like React, Vue, or Angular automatically escape any user input when rendering it to the DOM. For example, in React:

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<div>{userInput}</div>

React ensures that userInput is safely rendered by escaping it to prevent malicious scripts.

* **Content Security Policy (CSP)**: Implement a **CSP** to restrict the types of content that can be loaded and executed on your page. For example, it can block inline scripts and only allow scripts from trusted domains.
* **Never insert raw HTML**: Avoid using methods like innerHTML, document.write, or eval to insert raw content into the DOM as they can execute malicious JavaScript.

**10. How do you prevent clickjacking attacks in a web app?**

To prevent **clickjacking** attacks:

* **X-Frame-Options header**: Set the X-Frame-Options HTTP header to DENY or SAMEORIGIN. This prevents your website from being embedded in a <iframe> on a malicious site.

Example:

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X-Frame-Options: DENY

* **Content Security Policy (CSP)**: Another option is to use a CSP with the frame-ancestors directive to prevent your app from being embedded within iframes.

Example:

http

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Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors 'none';

* **UI Design**: Make sure the UI elements that users interact with are not covered by invisible frames or layers (e.g., avoid using absolute positioning that can obscure clickable elements).

**Animations & UX**

**11. How would you create a smooth collapsing/expanding sidebar?**

To create a smooth collapsing/expanding sidebar, you can use CSS transitions or JavaScript to animate the sidebar’s width or positioning.

**CSS-only approach**:

css

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.sidebar {

width: 250px;

height: 100%;

transition: width 0.3s ease;

}

.sidebar.collapsed {

width: 0;

}

html

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<div class="sidebar" id="sidebar">

<!-- Sidebar content -->

</div>

<button onclick="toggleSidebar()">Toggle Sidebar</button>

js

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function toggleSidebar() {

const sidebar = document.getElementById('sidebar');

sidebar.classList.toggle('collapsed');

}

**Explanation**:

* The transition property smoothly animates the width of the sidebar.
* The collapsed class sets the sidebar width to 0, effectively hiding it.

**12. How do you close a modal when clicking outside or pressing "Escape"?**

To close a modal when clicking outside or pressing the "Escape" key, you can use JavaScript to listen for these events.

**Example**:

html

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<div id="modal" class="modal">

<div class="modal-content">

<span id="close-btn" class="close">&times;</span>

<p>Modal Content</p>

</div>

</div>

<script>

const modal = document.getElementById('modal');

const closeBtn = document.getElementById('close-btn');

// Close modal when clicking outside

window.onclick = (event) => {

if (event.target === modal) {

modal.style.display = 'none';

}

};

// Close modal when pressing "Escape"

window.addEventListener('keydown', (event) => {

if (event.key === 'Escape') {

modal.style.display = 'none';

}

});

// Close modal when clicking the close button

closeBtn.onclick = () => {

modal.style.display = 'none';

};

</script>

**Explanation**:

* Clicking outside the modal closes it (window.onclick checks if the clicked target is the modal).
* Pressing the "Escape" key closes the modal (keydown event listener).
* The modal can also be closed by clicking the close button.

**13. How would you implement a drag-and-drop file upload?**

To implement a drag-and-drop file upload, you can use the dragenter, dragover, and drop events.

**Example**:

html

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<div id="drop-area" class="drop-area">

<p>Drag and drop files here</p>

</div>

<input type="file" id="file-input" />

<script>

const dropArea = document.getElementById('drop-area');

const fileInput = document.getElementById('file-input');

dropArea.addEventListener('dragover', (event) => {

event.preventDefault(); // Allow dropping

dropArea.classList.add('highlight');

});

dropArea.addEventListener('dragleave', () => {

dropArea.classList.remove('highlight');

});

dropArea.addEventListener('drop', (event) => {

event.preventDefault();

const files = event.dataTransfer.files;

handleFiles(files);

});

fileInput.addEventListener('change', (event) => {

const files = event.target.files;

handleFiles(files);

});

function handleFiles(files) {

// Handle file uploads here (e.g., send to server or display preview)

console.log(files);

}

</script>

**Explanation**:

* The dragover event allows the drop action, while drop triggers when files are dropped into the area.
* The change event is used when files are selected through the file input element.

**Debugging & Optimization**

**14. How do you debug a page that breaks in Safari but works in Chrome?**

To debug issues that occur only in Safari:

* **Check for browser-specific issues**: Use **Safari's Developer Tools** to inspect the page and check for any console errors or warnings that may be specific to Safari.
* **Look for CSS differences**: Safari might interpret certain CSS properties differently. Ensure you're using vendor prefixes (-webkit-) for specific CSS properties where needed.
* **Test with polyfills**: Ensure any newer JavaScript features you're using (e.g., Promise, fetch, etc.) are supported in Safari or polyfilled.
* **Use browser compatibility tools**: Tools like **Can I Use** and **MDN Web Docs** help identify whether a feature is supported by Safari.
* **Use debugging breakpoints**: Set breakpoints and trace the execution flow to identify any discrepancies between browsers.

**15. How do you reduce reflows/repaints when updating the DOM?**

To reduce **reflows/repaints** (which are performance-intensive):

* **Batch DOM manipulations**: Instead of modifying the DOM multiple times in a loop, batch the changes together. For example, use document.createDocumentFragment() to make changes off-screen and then append them to the DOM at once.
* **Avoid layout thrashing**: Avoid reading and writing DOM properties that affect layout (like offsetWidth, scrollTop) immediately after modifying the DOM. This can trigger multiple reflows.
* **CSS transformations**: Use transform and opacity for animations instead of properties that affect layout, like left, top, or width.

**16. How do you fix a memory leak caused by unused DOM elements?**

To fix memory leaks:

* **Remove event listeners**: If you've attached event listeners to DOM elements and those elements are removed, ensure to clean up the listeners using removeEventListener().
* **Delete unused references**: Ensure to set variables referencing DOM elements to null when no longer needed.
* **Use JavaScript garbage collection**: Avoid circular references and ensure that there are no unused global variables or references hanging around.

**Framework & SPA**

**17. How does the virtual DOM improve performance in React?**

The **virtual DOM** improves performance by:

* **Minimizing direct DOM manipulation**: Instead of updating the actual DOM every time something changes, React updates the virtual DOM first.
* **Efficient diffing algorithm**: React compares the virtual DOM with the previous version and calculates the minimal set of changes required to update the real DOM, reducing the number of reflows/repaints.
* **Batching updates**: React batches updates, meaning that multiple changes can be applied to the virtual DOM at once, improving efficiency.

**18. How do you prevent a third-party script from interfering with your app?**

To prevent third-party scripts from interfering with your app:

* **Use iframes**: Isolate third-party content by embedding it in iframes. This prevents scripts from affecting the global scope of your app.
* **CSP (Content Security Policy)**: Implement a **CSP** header to control which domains are allowed to load and execute scripts.
* **Subresource Integrity (SRI)**: Use **SRI** hashes to ensure that third-party scripts haven't been tampered with.
* **Sanitize input/output**: Use a sanitization library to clean any data or content received from third-party scripts before injecting it into your app.

**19. How do you manage DOM updates in a single-page application (SPA)?**

In an SPA:

* **Use a framework/library**: Use frameworks like React, Vue, or Angular to manage DOM updates declaratively. These frameworks use efficient algorithms to update the DOM only when necessary.
* **Virtual DOM**: For example, React uses the virtual DOM to minimize reflows and re-renders.
* **State management**: Keep track of the app's state centrally (e.g., with Redux in React or Vuex in Vue) to trigger only the necessary DOM updates when the state changes.