

CSY1018 Web Development

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Topic 1 - Introduction

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- Introduction to Javascript

About me

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CSY1018 Sessions

- 2 Hour sessions
- Will stop for exercises frequently so you can run the code for yourself
- Exercises will take between 5 minutes and 30 minutes

Before we start

- HTML and Javascript are text based languages
- They can be edited with any text editor
- It's better to use a text editor with features specifically for writing code
 - Do not use notepad!
- Notepad++ is installed but it's quite old and clunky

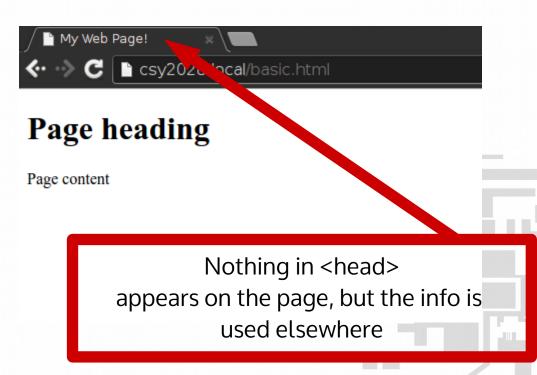
Editors

- Recommended text editors for HTML/JavaScript development:
 - Sublime Text 3 (http://www.sublimetext.com/3) Not Free
 - Atom (https://atom.io/) Free
- Both work on Windows/Linux/OSX
- You can install Atom on the university machines without admin rights!

HTML - Recap

A basic HTML file looks like this:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>My Web Page!</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Page heading</h1>
    Page content
  </body>
</html>
```



HTML

- HTML is forgiving
 - You can make mistakes and the browser will try to fix it
- But you shouldn't rely on this behaviour!
 - Try to always write valid HTML

Validating your HTML

- You can (and should!) check your HTML for errors using the W3C HTML Validator http://validator.w3.org/
 - Alternatively, most editors (e.g. Sublime) have plugins to do this inside the program which makes it trivial to do
- If your page isn't displaying as you expect, it's probably got an error and the validator will help you find out how to fix it by telling you where to look (e.g. tag name or line number)

HTML Basic Rules

- Every opening angle bracket <
- Requires a closing angle bracket >
- Tag names come immediately after the opening bracket with no space:
- <tagname> is correct
- < tagname> is invalid
- You may leave a space after the tag name
- <tagname >

HTML Basic Rules

- Attributes are extra values assigned to a tag. For images these are the 'src' attribute which references the image name:
-
- Attributes must be surrounded with quotes and must be inside the tag (between the < and >)

HTML Basic Tags

Most opening tags should have closing tags e.g.

```
<h1>Page heading</h1>
```

- There are some exceptions: , <hr>,
, <meta> and a few others
- For these tags to make it clear to someone reading the code to see that there is no closing tag you should close the tag with a forward slash:

```
<img src="image.png" />
```

Doctypes

- Every HTML document should have a doctype
- Without this some older browsers go into "quirks mode" and treat the page differently
- This usually means it looks different depending on the browser you use!
- To make all browsers treat the page the same way you must supply a doctype

Doctypes

 The Doctype is a special instruction at the top of the HTML page which starts with:

```
<!DOCTYPE
```

There are lots of doctypes you can choose from:

"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
    "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN"
    "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"</pre>
```

Doctypes

However, the only one you should use is:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

- This is simpler, understood by all browsers and the standard for HTML5
- If you come across any example code that uses a different doctype (mentioning XHTML or HTML4), find a better more recent example!

Finding Help

- Do not use W3Schools!
- W3Schools is **not affiliated with the w3c although they like to pretend they are**
- W3Schools often has outdated or plain wrong information

Finding help

- Better resources include:
 - https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/ (Run by the people who make the Firefox Web Browser)
 - http://eloquentjavascript.net/ (For Javascript Very in depth explanations of the basic concepts)
 - https://www.codecademy.com/ (Has interactive demos and tests)

- HTML and CSS can be used to display information and present it in a specific way
- However, CSS and HTML have limitations: You cannot change the contents of the page after it has been drawn on the screen
- HTML is not very interactive, you can display a page but not control what happens when the user interacts with it

- HTML is a *Markup Language* this means it describes how data is *structured*.
- When the HTML code is run, it is interpreted by the browser to generate an output and run in order, line by line top to bottom
- Javascript is a programming language. This means you as the developer has control over how the program is executed, it's not usually executed in *linear* fashion

- Like CSS, Javascript code should be placed in its own file
- Javascript files have a .js extension
- To run the .js file in a HTML page you must reference the javascript file using a <script> HTML tag

- The script tag has an src attribute (like the tag) that points to the javascript file:
- <script> tags should go inside the page's <head> tag:

There has been some debate about whether to place the <script> tag in the head or body tag.

For modern browsers, the <head> tag is preferred

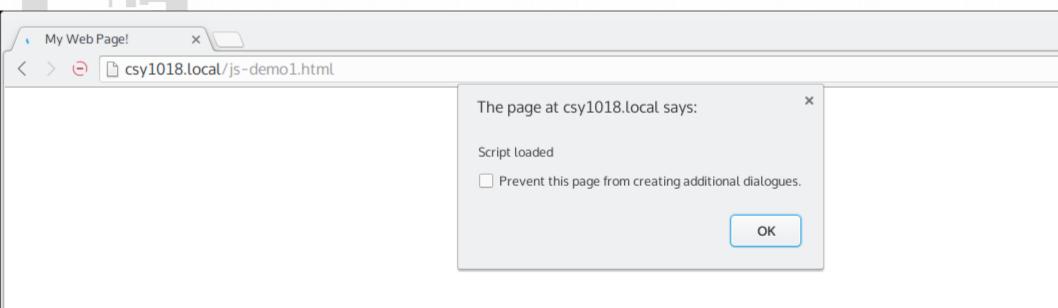
<script> tag

- The script tag does not need anything between <script> and
 </script> but both start and end tags are required
- <script src="file.js" /> will not work in all browsers, you must
 use <script src="file.js"></script>

- To check your script.js is loading correctly you can add some code to its
- Javascript includes the function alert
- The alert function lets you create a pop up alert box to display some text
- Using this code in *script.js:*

```
alert('Script loaded');
```





Alert

 This will look different in each browser as the browser controls what happens when alert() is called

Exercise 1

5-10 minutes

- 1) Create a basic web page with a html, body and head tag. Inside the body tag, place a H1 tag and a P tag that contain text of your choice
- 2) Add a script tag that references a file called script.js
- 3) Create a file script.js and add an alert() command. You may change the text to say whatever you like by changing the text inside the quotes
- 4) Open your html file in a browser and verify that the message is shown

Exercise 1 - Solution

- You'll notice that when the alert popup appears that the contents of the page are not visible behind it
- Once you click 'OK' the contents of the page appear
- This is because the Javscript runs before the page has been
 drawn on the screen

- Javascript can be used to control HTML elements on the page
- Javascript can be used to:
 - Assign CSS to the element
 - Add or remove HTML attributes
 - Read the contents of form elemts
 - Detect when an element is interacted with (moused over, clicked, typed into, etc)

Javascript - Variables

- Javascript allows you to give values labels
- A label is called a variable and can store a single value
- To declare a variable use the code

```
var variableName = variableValue;
```

- You can give the variable any name you like, this is chosen by you, not javascript
- The value of the variable is also chosen by you
- The only parts that are defined by the language are the:
 - var keyword this tells javascript you are creating a variable
 - = sign this tells javascript you are writing a value to the variable

Javascript - Variables

- There are two main types of variable:
 - Numbers
 - Strings (text)
- To assign a number variable you can use

```
var numberVariable1 = 123;
var numberVariable2 = 123.45;
```

 To assign a string variable you must surround the string with quotes:

```
var stringVariable = 'Script loaded';
```

- Note that each statement must be ended with a semicolon
- The semicolon means "end of statement" and can be thought of like a full stop in an English sentence.

Javascript variables

The code can be translated into english

```
var numberVariable1 = 123;
```

- Var can be read as "Create a variable called"
- And the = symbol can be read as "and set it to"
- The code above can be read as:
 - Create a variable called number Variable 1 and set it to 123

Variables

 Once you have stored a value inside a variable (label) you can reference it later, for example in the alert function

```
var stringVariable = 'Script loaded';
alert(stringVariable);
```

This will create an alert box with the text "Script loaded"

Variables

If you put quotes around something it is treated as a string, not a variable

What will be the output of the following code?

```
var stringVariable = 'Script loaded';
alert('stringVariable');
```

Variables

What will be the output of the following code?

```
var stringVariable = 'Script loaded';
alert('stringVariable');
```

- Because the variable name is in quotes, the variable name will be printed rather than its contents
- Instead the code should be

```
var stringVariable = 'Script loaded';
alert(stringVariable);
```

Variables

- You can create as many variables as you like
- Once a variable is created you can perform operations on iy
- For number variables you can perform mathematical operations e.g.

```
var num1 = 5;
var num2 = 6;
var num3 = num1 + num2;
alert(num3);
Prints "11"
```

- You can label a block of code using a function
- This will store the code for later use where it can be referenced and run
- This allows you to write code out of sequence

```
function scriptLoaded() {
        alert('Script loaded');
}
function addition() {
        var num1 = 5;
        var num2 = 6;

        var num3 = num1 + num2;
        alert(num3);
}
```

The syntax for a function looks like this:

```
Function name (chosen
      Function keyword
                                                                        Opening and closing
                                    by you, can be anything)
                                                                               brackets
function scriptLoaded() {
    alert('Script loaded');
                                                                    Code to run
                                                            (As many lines as you like,
                                                              Between braces { and }
```

When code is stored inside a function it is not executed as it's defined

```
function scriptLoaded() {
    alert('Script loaded');
}

function addition() {
    var num1 = 5;
    var num2 = 6;

    var num3 = num1 + num2;

    alert(num3);
}
```

This will not display either alert box!

- Once a function has been defined it has to be called
- A function is called using the name followed by brackets
- Normally code gets run in the order it is written
- Functions allow you to run code in a different order

 To run the code in the addition function, it must be called using the code

```
addition();
```

• The javascript interpreter will ignore code inside function blocks until it is called:

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        var num2 = 6;
        var num3 = num1 + num2;
        alert(num3);
addition();
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```

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```
function scriptLoaded() {
        alert('Script loaded');
        var num2 = 6;
        var num3 = num1 + num2;
        alert(num3);
addition();
```

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```
function scriptLoaded() {
        alert('Script loaded');
                                                        Interpreter Position
        var num3 = num1 + num2;
        alert(num3);
```

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```
function scriptLoaded() {
        alert('Script loaded');
        var num3 = num1 + numi
        alert(num3);
addition();
```

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        alert('Script loaded');
addition();
```

 If code is inside a function but the function is never called the code inside the function will never run

```
function scriptLoaded() {
        alert('Script loaded');
addition();
```

This code never gets executed

You can think of functions like pages in a book

```
There are two pages,
                                                              One titled "scriptLoaded"
function scriptLoaded() {
        alert('Script loaded');
                                                                 One titled "addition"
function addition() {
        var num1 = 5;
        var num2 = 6;
        var num3 = num1 + num2;
        alert(num3);
                                                                This instruction tells
                                                               The browser to "read"
addition();
                                                             The page called "addition"
```

- This allows you to repeat code by calling the function more than once
- Putting repeated code inside a function is quicker and easier than typing it out twice but will produce the same result

Both these scripts will produce the same output

```
function addition() {
    var num1 = 5;
    var num2 = 6;

    var num3 = num1 + num2;

    alert(num3);
}
addition();
addition();
```

```
var num1 = 5;
var num2 = 6;
var num3 = num1 + num2;
alert(num3);
var num1 = 5;
var num2 = 6;
var num3 = num1 + num2;
alert(num3);
```

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function addition() {
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}
addition();
addition();
```

Interpreter Position

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Interpreter Position

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addition();
addition();
```

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Interpreter Position

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```

Interpreter Position

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    var num1 = 5;
    var num2 = 6;

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}
addition();
addition();
```

Interpreter Position

Functions

```
function addition() {
    var num1 = 5;
    var num2 = 6;

    var num3 = num1 + num2;

    alert(num3);
}
addition();
addition();
```

Interpreter Position

Functions

```
function addition() {
    var num1 = 5;
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    var num3 = num1 + num2;

    alert(num3);
}
addition();
addition();
```

Interpreter Position

Exercise 2

- 5-10 mins
- 1) Write a *function* called *print5* that has 5 alerts, the numbers 1
 - 5 in their own alert box
- Call the function twice
- When the page loads you should get 10 alert popups in total.

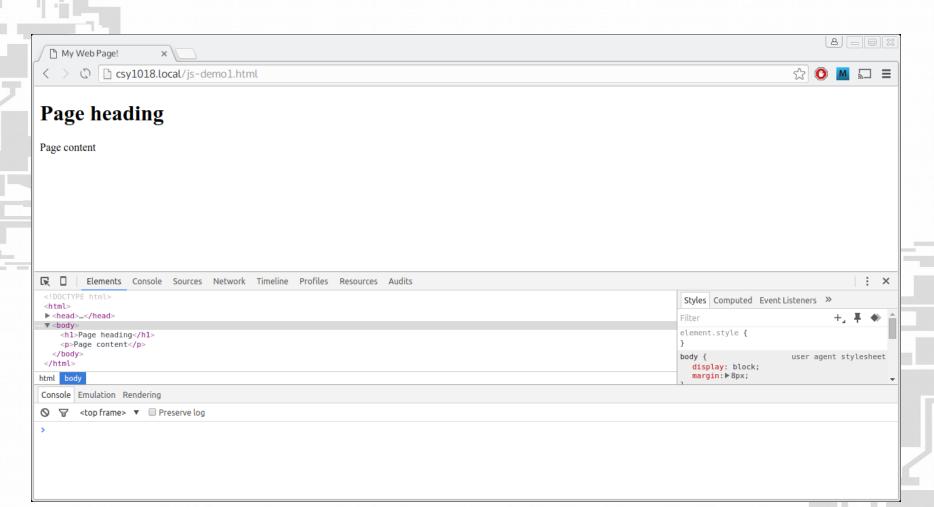
Exercise 2 - Solution

```
function print5() {
    alert(1);
    alert(2);
    alert(3);
                     alert(4);
alert(5);
print5();
print5();
```

Alert is annoying!

- Clicking through all those alerts can be annoying
- You can print to the javascript console
- This is a tool available in browser's developer tools
- In most browsers you can open it by pressing F12 on the keyboard
- This will open a panel in the browser (usually at the bottom) with a lot of options

Console

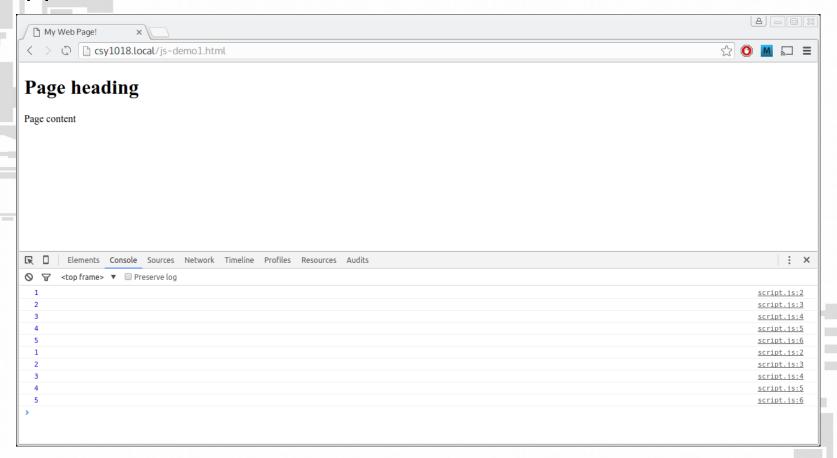


Console.log

 By changing alert() to console.log() you can write to the console instead of having to click ok on all the alerts!

Console.log

Instead of appearing as popup windows the messages will appear in the console



Exercise 3

- < 5 minutes
- 1) Replace alert() with console.log
- 2) Open the console and refresh the page
- 3) Make sure you can see where the numbers have been printed to!

Selecting elements in Javascript

- Javascript contains inbuilt functions for selecting HTML elements so you can change properties on the (css, attributes, etc)
- The simplest way is to give an element an ID in the HTML:

Selecting elements with Javascript

 Once an element on the page has an ID, you can use the javascript function document.getElementById() to select it and store the *element* in a variable

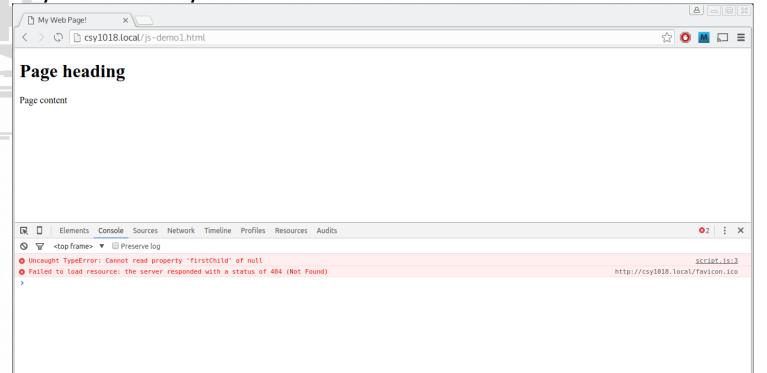
Selecting elements

- Once you have an element you can make changes to it
- E.g. to update the content you can use:

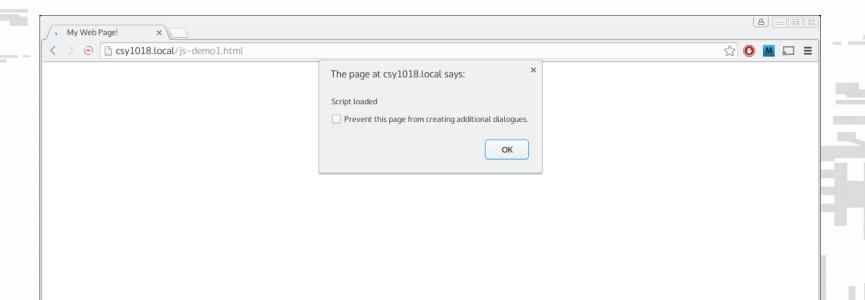
```
var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';
```

Javascript - Basics

- Running this code won't quite have the desired effect!
- Hint: Always keep the console open as it will tell you if there are any errors in your code!



- Remember the first alert box()
- The Javascript code is run before any elements exist on the page, which is why the code is failing



- Rather than having the code run before the page has loaded, it's possible to write a function that is run when the page loads.
- This requires 2 steps:
 - 1) Move the code you want to run when the page loads into a function
 - 2) Inform the browser you want to run this function when the page loads

1) Move the code you want to run when the page loads into a function

```
function myLoadFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
    element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';
}
```

Note: This function can have any name you like!

- 2) Inform the browser you want to run this function when the page loads
- This is done using the inbuilt function document.addEventListener function

```
function myLoadFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
    element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';
}

document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction);
```

DOMContentLoaded means when the content on the Page is loaded (the elements exist)

The name of the function

- addEventListener is a very useful function
- It allows you to run a function when a specific *event* occurs



Exercise 4

5-10 mins

- 1) If you don't have one already add a <h1> element to your page
- 2) Give your <h1> element an ID
- 3) Using addEventListener and the code from slide 89 update the content of the <h1> element on the page when it loads
- 4) Verify this works by testing it in your browser
- 5) Add another element to the page such as <p> and update the contents on page load the same way you did with the <h1>
- 6) Verify this works by testing it in your browser

Hint: You should only need one function and one line with addEventListener!

Exercise 4 - Solution

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>My Web Page!</title>
    <script src="script.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1 id="pageheading">
         Page heading
    </h1>
    Page content
  </body>
</html>
function myLoadFunction() {
       var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
       element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';
       var element = document.getElementById('paragraph');
       element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New paragraph text';
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction);
```

 There is also a 'click' event which occurs whenever the element is clicked on

```
document.addEventListener('click', myClickFunction);
```

 This will run `myClickFunction` whenever the document is clicked on (the document is the entire page)

Exercise 5

- < 5 mins
- 1) Change DOMContentLoaded to click
- 2) Refresh the page the <h1> and elements should start with one value and change when you click somewhere on the page!

Exercise 5 - Solution

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>My Web Page!</title>
    <script src="script.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1 id="pageheading">
         Page heading
    </h1>
    Page content
  </body>
</html>
function myLoadFunction() {
       var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
       element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';
       var element = document.getElementById('paragraph');
       element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New paragraph text';
document.addEventListener('click', myLoadFunction);
```

Click events

- If you click **anywhere** on the document, the contents of both elements will be updated
- It's possible to assign a click event to a particular element
- However, the code that associates the event with the element also has to be done after the page has loaded

Click Events

- You can call *element.addEventListener* to add an event to a specific element
- This works exactly the same way as document.addEventListener however it will only call your function when that particular element is clicked on

```
function myClickFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
    element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';

    var element = document.getElementById('paragraph')
        element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New paragraph text';
}

function myLoadFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
        element.addEventListener('click', myClickFunction);
}
```

document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction,

The click function updates the contents of the h1 and p elements

When the page loads, run myLoadFunction

When the load function is run, a click event is added to the h1
Element so that myClickFunction is run when the h1 is clicked on

Exercise 6

5 – 10 minutes

- 1) Make it so that when the h1 is clicked, the contents of the h1 element is update (and not the contents of the paragraph)
- 2) Make it so that when the p element is clicked, the contents of the p element is update (and not the contents of the h1)
- 3) Test out other event types to see how they work:
- mouseenter
- mouseleave
- 4) Multiple event listeners can be applied to the same element, amend the program so that the text is changed when you mouse over the element and it reverts to the original text when the mouse exits the element

Exercise 6 - Solutions

```
function updateParagraph() {
        var element = document.getElementById('paragraph');
           element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New Heading';
function updateH1() {
        var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
           element.firstChild.nodeValue = 'New paragraph contents';
function myLoadFunction() {
        var element = document.getElementById('pageheading');
        element.addEventListener('click', updateH1);
        var element = document.getElementById('paragraph');
        element.addEventListener('click', updateParagraph);
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction);
```

Update the contents Of the element

Update the contents
Of the <h1> element

When the H1 is clicked, run the function updateH1

When the paragraph is clicked, run the function updateParagraph

When the page loads, run myLoadFunction

Forms

 When using <input> or <textarea> elements you can read the contents of the box (the value the user has typed in) using the .value property

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

var element = document.getElementById('myinput');
    alert(element.value);
```

Exercise 7

- 10-15 minutes
- 1) Create a new HTML page with the following elements:
 - 1 text box (<input type="text" />)
 - 1 button (<input type="button" />)
- 2) When the button is pressed display the value in the text box in an alert
- 3) Add a <div> element to the page
- 4) When the button is pressed, instead of displaying the contents of the input in the alert, display it in the created <div>
- 5) Remove the button from the page. There is a `keyup` event which can be assigned to input elements, use this to update the div each time the contents of the input box changes

Exercise 7 Solutions

```
function clickFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('myinput');
    alert(element.value);
}

function myLoadFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('mybutton');
        element.addEventListener('click', clickFunction);
}

document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction);
```

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```
function clickFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('myinput');
    var div = document.getElementById('result');
    div.firstChild.nodeValue = element.value;
}

function myLoadFunction() {
    var element = document.getElementById('mybutton');
    element.addEventListener('click', clickFunction);
}

document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction);
```

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
     <title>My Web Page!</title>
         <script src="script.js"></script>
     <input type="text" id="myinput" />
     <div id="result"> </div>
  </body>
</html>
function clickFunction() {
        var element = document.getElementById('myinput');
var div = document.getElementById('result');
         div.firstChild.nodeValue = element.value;
function myLoadFunction() {
         var element = document.getElementById('myinput');
         element.addEventListener('keyup', clickFunction);
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', myLoadFunction);
```