

CMSC 388A

Forms!

Agenda

- Forms in HTML
- React Forms
 - Synthetic Events

Forms in HTML

- Means by which information passes from the user to a server
- Used to read values to be processed by JavaScript
- **<form> tag**
 - Defines the form
 - It has two attributes : **action** and **method**

Form

- **action** : indicates where the form contents will be sent when the form is submitted
- **method** : defines how the contents will be sent
 - **post** : contents sent using the HTTP POST method. Content is does NOT appear in the request URL
 - **get** : contents sent using the HTTP GET method. Contents becomes part of the request URL

input Tag

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<input type=" ... " id=" ... " name=" ... " />
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- Appears inside of the <form> tag
- Defines several input data alternatives
- The general format is à <input type="*choices*" />

Type Choices

- text
- password
- checkbox
- radio
- file
- submit
- button
- reset
- hidden
- date
- email

Check Boxes

- Allow us to make a selection
- Defined by using type=“**checkbox**”
- We can tell whether an entry is selected by using the “**checked**” property
 - True- an entry has been selected
- Default selection by using checked=“checked”

Form Data Access

- We can access data in forms by using getElementById(string)
- It returns a reference to an element whose id property matches with the given string and we can:
 - Retrieve the value of the element (e.g., text field in a form)
 - `var login = document.getElementById("loginId").value;`
 - Set a function to call when an element is clicked on (e.g., button)
 - `document.getElementById("processButton").onclick = callback;`
 - Another way to associate a function is to use addEventListener (allows several events to be added)
 - `document.getElementById("displayValueButton").addEventListener("click", callback);`

Form Data Access

- Get/Set Attributes of the element
 - var imageElement = document.getElementById("myImage");
 - var imageName = imageElement.getAttribute("src");
 - imageElement.setAttribute("src", "imageFile.jpg");
- Let's complete ex-updateValueInTextField.html
- Animation
- setInterval
 - window.setInterval (callback, millisecond, param1, param2, ...);
 - The return value from setInterval can be used to stop repeating

Other Event Handler Attributes

onclick- mouse button is pressed and released

ondblclick- mouse button is double-click over element

onmousedown- mouse is pressed down while cursor is over the element

onmouseup- mouse is released while the cursor is over the element

onmouseenter- mouse moves onto element

onmouseover- mouse pointer enters into an element and its child elements

onmouseout- mouse moves off element

onmousemove- mouse pointer is moved over an element

Forms in React

Behavior is very similar as in normal HTML **until** we insert some React goodies and built in behavior!

State and Props together will make the transition easy.

Events

Two important pieces of information:

- **preventDefault()**, Cancels the event's default behavior (from the browser)
- **target**, Let's you look into the event data

React Form Events

These are actually called *Synthetic Events*:

- onChange
- onInput
- onInvalid
- onReset
- onSubmit

React Mouse Events

- onClick
- onContextMenu
- onDoubleClick
- onDrag
- onDragEnd
- onDragEnter
- onDragExit
- onDragLeave
- onDragOver
- onMouseDown
- onMouseEnter
- onMouseLeave
- onMouseMove
- onMouseOut
- onMouseOver
- onMouseUp
- onDragStart
- onDrop

WTWAW (What To Walk Away With)

1. Create forms in simple HTML
2. Be able to create a react component that reacts to text area change and a button – e.g. exercises 4 & 5!!