# Web Application Development

JavaScript

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#### Introduction

- History
  - Originally developed by Netscape
  - Joint Development with Sun Microsystems in 1995
  - JavaScript was a trademark of Sun Microsystems, now is a trademark of Oracle.
- HTML to define the **content** of web pages
- CSS to specify the styles of web pages
- JavaScript to program the **behavior** of web pages

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#### Document Object Model (DOM)

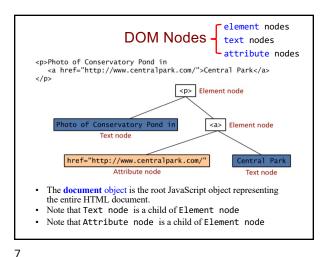
- JavaScript is almost always used to interact with the HTML document through Document Object Model.
- According to the W3C, the DOM is a:

Platform- and language-neutral interface that will allow programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents.

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basic.html
            Where does JavaScript go?
<head>
   <script >
     function foo(){
       document.getElementsByTagName("h1")[0].innerHTML="Hello World!"
window.alert ("Hello World!");
                                             Embedded
   </script>
                                             External
   <script src="basic.js"></script>
</head>
   <h1> Hello fellow Web programmers! </h1>
   <h1> Don't forget to submit assignment!</h1>
   <button type="button" onclick="foo()">Click me</button>
</body>
         Javascript can be either inside <head> or <body>
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chtml>
chad lang="en">
chead charset="utf-8">
ctitlesShare Your Travels</hl>
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Example: node0.html Accessing nodes let abc = document.getElementBvId("latestComment"): <div> By Susan on <time>October 1, 2012</time>I love Central Park. </body> Returns an element node object: list[0] and list[1] let list = document.getElementsByTagName("div"); let declare variables that are limited to the scope of a block statement var declares variables globally (older style) Use let and const. Do no use var if possible Variables defined with const cannot be Reassigned and have Block Scope

## Modify a DOM element

- · Using the DOM document and HTML DOM element objects, we can do exactly that using the innerHTML property.
- Although the innerHTML technique works well (and is very fast), there is a more verbose technique available to us that builds output using the DOM.
  - DOM functions createTextNode(), removeChild(), and appendChild() allow us to modify an element in a more rigorous way

Example: node1.html

### JavaScript Events

- A JavaScript event is an action that can be detected by JavaScript.
- We say that an event is *triggered* and it can be *caught* by JavaScript functions, which then do something in response
- Examples of HTML events:

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https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\_obj\_event.asp

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#### **Event Listener**

element.addEventListener(event, function, useCapture);

- The first parameter: the type of the event (e.g., click).
- The second parameter: the function we want to call when
- The third parameter (optional): a Boolean value specifying whether to use event bubbling or event capturing
  - The default value is false, which will use the bubbling
  - In bubbling the inner most element's event is handled first and then the outer. In capturing the outer most element's event is handled first and then the inner.

let greetingBox = document.getElementById("example"); greetingBox.onclick = alert("Good Morning");

The "original" style of registering a listener

In the original JavaScript world, events could be specified right in the HTML markup with hooks to the JavaScript code (and still can).

let greetingBox = document.getElementById("example"); greetingBox.addEventListener("click", alert("Good Morning"); greetingBox.addEventListener("mouseOut", alert("Goodbye");

The "newer" approach to registering listeners

When using the addEventListener() method, the JavaScript is separated from the HTML markup, for better readability and allows you to add event listeners even when you do not control the HTML markup. You can easily remove an event listener by using the removeEventListener() method.

example: listener.html

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## Validating Forms

- Writing code to pre-validate forms on the client side will reduce the number of incorrect submissions, thereby reducing server load.
- There are several common validation activities including email validation, number validation, and data validation.

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### RegExp

- A regular expression is a sequence of characters that forms a search pattern.
- In JavaScript, regular expressions are often used with method **search()**
- The search() method uses an expression to search for a match and returns the position of the match.

https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\_regexp.asp https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\_obj\_regexp.asp • Meta-characters are characters with a special meaning (\)

• Brackets are used to find a range of characters: ([ ])

• Quantifiers define quantities (+)

• [0-9] Find any of the digits between the brackets

• n{X} Matches any string that contains a sequence of X n's

• \d Find a digit

• n+ Matches any string that contains at least one n

• n\$ Matches any string with n at the end of it

• ^n Matches any string with n at the beginning of it

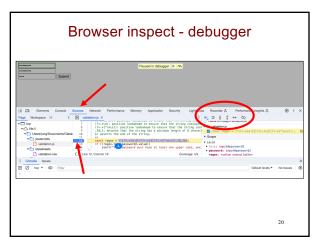
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What does this code do?
function checkPhone() {
 let phone = document.getElementById("phone");
  // -1 if no match was found
 let pos = phone.value.Search(/^\d{3}-\d{3}-\d{4}$/);
 if (pos == -1) {
    alert("Error message here");
    return false;
                         Returns false to prevent the form
                          from being submitted (details later)
  else
    return true;
}
         To access contents (or value): id.value
         for example, phone.value
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What does this code do?
                                               forms.html
function checkName() {
  let name = document.getElementById("name");
  // -1 if no match was found
  let pos = name.value.search(
        /^[A-Z][a-z]+, [A-Z][a-z]+$/);
  if (pos == -1) {
    alert("Error message here");
    return false; 🔨
                       Returns false to prevent the form
                        from being submitted
    return true;
        To access contents (or value): id.value
        for example, name.value
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