

Introduction to Web Programming

Lecture 19: More Events

Event-Handling

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JavaScript events

abort	blur	change	click	dblclick	error	focus
keydown	keypress	keyup	load	mousedown	mousemove	mouseout
mouseover	mouseup	reset	resize	select	submit	unload

- the click event (onclick) is just one of many events that can be handled

The keyword this

```
this.fieldName           // access field  
this.fieldName = value;  // modify field  
  
this.methodName(parameters); // call method
```

- all JavaScript code actually runs inside of an object
- by default, code runs in the global window object (so `this === window`)
 - all global variables and functions you declare become part of window
- the `this` keyword refers to the current object

Event handler binding

```

window.onload = function() {
  document.getElementById("textbox").onmouseout = booyah;
  document.getElementById("submit").onclick = booyah;      // bound to submit button here
};

function booyah() {      // booyah knows what object it was called on
  this.value = "booyah";
}

```


- event handlers attached unobtrusively are **bound** to the element
- inside the handler, that element becomes `this`

Fixing redundant code with `this`

```

<input id="huey" type="radio" name="ducks" value="Huey" /> Huey
<input id="dewey" type="radio" name="ducks" value="Dewey" /> Dewey
<input id="louie" type="radio" name="ducks" value="Louie" /> Louie

```

```

function processDucks() {
  if (document.getElementById("huey").checked) {
    alert("Huey is checked!");
  } else if (document.getElementById("dewey").checked) {
    alert("Dewey is checked!");
  } else {
    alert("Louie is checked!");
  }
  alert(this.value + " is checked!");
}

```

☐ Huey ☐ Dewey ☐ Louie

- if the same function is assigned to multiple elements, each gets its own bound copy

The event object

```
function name(event) {  
  // an event handler function ...  
}
```

- Event handlers can accept an optional parameter to represent the event that is occurring. Event objects have the following properties / methods:

property name	description
type	what kind of event, such as "click" or "mousedown"
target	the element on which the event occurred
timestamp	when the event occurred

Mouse events

<i>click</i>	user presses/releases mouse button on the element
<i>dblclick</i>	user presses/releases mouse button twice on the element
<i>mousedown</i>	user presses down mouse button on the element
<i>mouseup</i>	user releases mouse button on the element

clicking

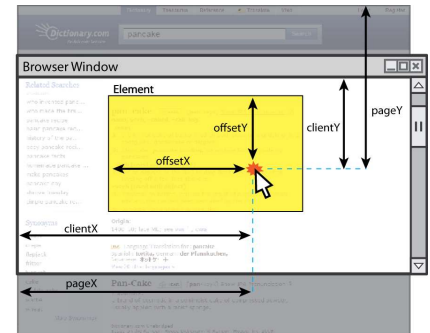
<i>mouseover</i>	mouse cursor enters the element's box
<i>mouseout</i>	mouse cursor exits the element's box
<i>mousemove</i>	mouse cursor moves around within the element's box

movement

Mouse event objects

The event passed to a mouse handler has these properties:

property/method	description
clientX, clientY	coordinates in <i>browser window</i>
screenX, screenY	coordinates in <i>screen</i>
offsetX, offsetY	coordinates in <i>element</i> (non-standard)
button	integer representing which button was pressed (0=Left, 1=Middle, 2=Right)



Mouse event example

```
<pre id="target">Move the mouse over me!</pre>
```

```
window.onload = function() {
  var target = document.getElementById("target");
  target.onmousemove = target.onmousedown = showCoords;
};

function showCoords(event) {
  document.getElementById("target").innerHTML =
    + "screen : (" + event.screenX + ", " + event.screenY + ") \n"
    + "client : (" + event.clientX + ", " + event.clientY + ") \n"
    + "button : " + event.button;
}
```

Move the mouse over me!

Keyboard/text events

name	description
focus	this element gains keyboard focus (attention of user's keyboard)
blur	this element loses keyboard focus
keydown	user presses a key while this element has keyboard focus
keyup	user releases a key while this element has keyboard focus
keypress	user presses and releases a key while this element has keyboard focus
select	this element's text is selected or deselected

Test key events here:

Key event objects

property name	description
keyCode	ASCII integer value of key that was pressed (convert to char with String.fromCharCode)
altKey, ctrlKey, shiftKey	true if Alt/Ctrl/Shift key is being held

- issue: if the event you attach your listener to doesn't have the focus, you won't hear the event
 - possible solution: attach key listener to entire page body, document, an outer element, etc.

Key event example

```
document.getElementById("textbox").onkeydown = textKeyDown;
...
function textKeyDown(event) {
  var key = String.fromCharCode(event.keyCode);
  if (key == 's' && event.altKey) {
    alert("Save the document!");
    this.value = this.value.split("").join("-");
  }
}
```

- each time you push down any key, even a modifier such as Alt or Ctrl, the keydown event fires
- if you hold down the key, the keydown event fires repeatedly
- keypress event is a bit flakier and inconsistent across browsers

Some useful key codes

keyboard key	event keyCode
Backspace	8
Tab	9
Enter	13
Escape	27
Page Up, Page Down, End, Home	33, 34, 35, 36
Left, Up, Right, Down	37, 38, 39, 40
Insert, Delete	45, 46
Windows/Command	91
F1 - F12	112 - 123

Type a key to see its code:

Page/window events

name	description
<code>contextmenu</code>	the user right-clicks to pop up a context menu
<code>error</code>	an error occurs when loading a document or an image
<code>load, unload</code>	the browser loads the page
<code>resize</code>	the browser window is resized
<code>scroll</code>	the user scrolls the viewable part of the page up/down/left/right
<code>unload</code>	the browser exits/leaves the page

- The above can be handled on the window object

Form events

event name	description
<code>submit</code>	form is being submitted
<code>reset</code>	form is being reset
<code>change</code>	the text or state of a form control has changed

Try me to see the events

Name

☐ Vegetarian?

Stopping an event

event method name	description
preventDefault	stops the browser from doing its normal action on an event; for example, stops the browser from following a link when <a> tag is clicked, or stops browser from submitting a form when submit button is clicked
stopPropagation	stops the browser from showing this event to any other objects that may be listening for it

- you can also return `false`; from your event handler to stop an event

Stopping an event, example

```
<form id="exampleform" action="http://foo.com/foo.php">...</form>
```

```
window.onload = function() {  
  var form = document.getElementById("exampleform");  
  form.onsubmit = checkData;  
};  
  
function checkData(event) {  
  if (document.getElementById("state").length != 2) {  
    alert("Error, invalid city/state."); // show error message  
    event.preventDefault();  
    return false; // stop form submission  
  }  
}
```

Multiple listeners to the same event

```
element.addEventListener("event", function);
```

```
var button = document.getElementById("mybutton");  
button.addEventListener("click", func1); // button.onclick = func1;  
button.addEventListener("click", func2); // button.onclick = func2;
```

- if you assign onclick twice, the second one replaces the first
- `addEventListener` allows multiple listeners to be called for the same event
- *(note that you do not include "on" in the event name!)*

Multiple window.onload listeners

```
window.onload = function;  
window.addEventListener("load", function);
```

- it is considered bad form to directly assign to window.onload
- multiple .js files could be linked to the same page, and if they all need to run code when the page loads, their window.onload statements will override each other
- by calling window.addEventListener instead, all of them can run their code when the page is loaded

window.onload