

CSCI-111 Web Programming and Problem Solving

Part II Introduction to Programming using JavaScript

week-11-lecture JavaScript Events

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Introduction

When browsing a website, the user can **interact** with the website by:

- Selecting, clicking, hovering over the elements on the page;
- Filling the forms and pressing the keys;
- Resizing or closing the browser window;
- Playing or pausing the video or audio track, and so on ...

All of these actions are called **events** and can be **handled** by the website

Inline events

Each time a user interacts with the web page, the browser triggers one of the predefined events such as:

- Mouse events
- Keyboard events
- Form events
- Window events

To handle the event, we can **directly** write event handler in the HTML element's opening tag

Inline events

Each type of events has a predefined name to handle that event. For example for the mouse events:

- mouseover
- mouseenter
- mouseout
- etc.

```
<p id=" text1"  
onmouseenter="style='background-color: yellow'"  
onmouseout="style='background-color: white'">
```

this

this

keyword can be used to access the element where the event has been fired.

```
<h2 id="title" onclick="this.style.color='red'">Inline events</h2>  
<p id="text2" onclick="changeFont(this)">
```

Event listeners

Inline event handling has some drawbacks:

- Difficult to manage the code (debugging, flexibility)
- Cannot have different handler of the same event
- Mixes HTML and JavaScript in one document

To overcome these problems, we can use **event listeners**, which are more flexible and interactive.

Event listeners. Syntax.

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

```
let h = document.getElementById("title")
h.addEventListener(
  "click",      ← Event type
  function(event) ← Event handler, Note the event argument of the function – event object
  {
    this.style.color="red";
  });
```

The **removeEventListener()** method removes event handlers that have been attached with the **addEventListener()**

Event object

In some cases it is important not only know what type of event happened, but also know the context of the event such as:

- what combination of the keys was pressed?
- what are the coordinates of the mouse when clicked?
- when the event happened?

These context information is called **event object** and the can be accessed in the event listeners.

Style manipulation

The **event object** can be used to provide better user experience, add some features to the page, or something else.

▼ `MouseEvent {isTrusted: true, screenX: 223, screenY: 322, clientX: 223, clientY: 220, ...}` ⓘ

```
isTrusted: true
altKey: false
bubbles: true
button: 0
buttons: 0
cancelBubble: false
cancelable: true
clientX: 223
clientY: 220
composed: true
ctrlKey: false
```

```
h.addEventListener(
  "click",
  function (event)
  {
    console.log(event.clientX,
    event.clientY)
  }
);
```

Useful links

- https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_events.asp
- https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmldom_events.asp
- https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmldom_eventlistener.asp
- https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_events_examples.asp
- https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_this.asp

Summary

- **JavaScript** can be used to handle **events** caused by user interaction with the web page: mouse, keyboard, browser, form, window events
- There are **two ways** to handle the events on the webpage:
 - **Inline events**
 - Event listeners
- **this** keyword can be used to access the element where event happened
- To get more information about the event, we can use **event object** provided by the event listeners