

W03 - Events

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`document.body.addEventListener("click", doSomething);`

The page will run as normal until the click on the page happens
→ click events include mouse, Enter key, screen tap

Inline Event Handler - `onClick="something"` ← example / Not Recommended?

Older Event Handlers - `document.onClick = function() ...`
a single function can be used for each event

Using Event Listeners - Recommended, can add multiple functions independently to different events.

`addEventListener()` method is called on node objects.

Parameters -

1. type of event
2. callback function
3. Boolean to signify whether to capture or not (Default is false)

add a click event listener to whole page:

`addEventListener('click', () => alert('You Clicked!'));`

↑ a named function can be declared and referenced
• Parentheses aren't used to call the named function.

The Event Object - when triggered the event listener passed the function as an event object.

Types of events - type property returns the type of event that occurred.

Event target - target property - reference node that fired event

Coordinates of Event - `screenX, screenY` } return number of pixels
`clientX, clientY` } from top/right of specified
`pageX, pageY` } box

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Types of Events → full list: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Events>

Mouse Events

Web/Events

mousedown mouseup

const dblclickParagraph = {
 'dblclick': true,
 'click': true
}

avoid using both on same element, since it is difficult to tell if a click is a single click or first of a double click

{
 'mouseover': true,
 'mouseout': true,
 'mousemove': true
}

fired when mouse over specified element on page

Keyboard Events - keydown, keypress, keyup - When user presses a key, the event happens in that order

keydown occurs when a key is pressed and continues as long as the key is held down

keypress occurs after keydown but before keyup. Only occurs for keys that produce character input and delete.
- the most reliable way to find out the specific character that was pressed.

keyup occurs when key is released

Modifier Keys

{
 event.ctrlkey:
 .shiftkey
 .altkey
 .metakey
}

checks if modifier key was held down during the event.

Touch Events - smartphones, tablets, touch screen monitors...

touchstart - initial touch

touchend - when user stops touching surface

touchmove - after user touches screen then moves

touchenter - when user touches screen then moves into an element

touchleave - when user is still touching device and leaves element

touchcancel - touch event is interrupted

Touch Event properties

touches - list of touch objects representing all touches taking place

↳ length - how many touch points, access using index notation

touch.screenX, touch.screenY

touch.force - pressure between 0-1

touch.radiusX, touch.radiusY

→ Touch Properties are still experimental and not widely implemented

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Removing Event Listeners - `removeEventListener()`

after function is called, the listener can be removed.

using an anonymous function as an argument to `addEventListener()` will prevent removing it later.

There needs to be a reference to the same function name in the arguments of `removeEventListener()`.

Stopping Default Behavior - `preventDefault()`

i.e. prevent redirects to url links

```
<a id='broken' href='https://sitepoint.com'>Broken Link </a>
```

```
const brokenLink = document.getElementById('broken');
```

```
brokenLink.addEventListener('click', (event) => {  
  event.preventDefault();  
  console.log('Broken Link!');  
});
```

`preventDefault()` should rarely be used. Some events cannot be overridden. `cancellable` property will return false if it cannot be overridden. `defaultPrevented` property will return true if default behavior has been overridden.

Event Propagation -

```
<ul id='list'>  
  <li>one</li>  
  <li>two</li>  
  <li>three</li>  
</ul>
```

When clicking on one of the list elements, also clicking on `` and `<body>` and `<html>` elements. An event propagates as it moves from one element to another

propagation is the order that the events fire on each element.

• bubbling • capturing

developers
can decide
which they
want to use

{ Bubbling - element clicked first, then bubbles up the document tree
Capturing - root element first, then propagates downward.

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Bubbling - Default behavior

click on `` with an event listener will first show, then bubble up to `` with an event listener.

click on `` without event listener will bubble up to the `` with event listener

Capturing - may want events on outer elements to fire before any events on the element that was actually clicked.

Stopping the Bubbling Phase - `event.stopPropagation()`

→ using `stopPropagation()` method may stop event listeners further up the chain from firing

Event Delegation - event listener attached to a parent element to capture events triggered by its children.

→ a single listener can be used for all children, using the `target` property to identify the property that was clicked.

→ All children inherit the event listener, so adding a child does not add an additional event listener.