

LESSON 05

Event Handling

WEEK 01

Introduction to Event Handling

❖ **What is Event Handling?**

Managing user interactions (clicks, inputs, etc.) in React components.

❖ **Why Important?**

Enables dynamic, interactive UIs.

❖ **React's Approach**

Synthetic events wrap native browser events for consistency.

Synthetic Events in React

❖ Definition

React's cross-browser wrapper for native events.

❖ Benefits

Consistent behavior across browsers, better performance.

❖ Key Properties

event.target, event.type, event.preventDefault().

```
1  const handleSubmit = (e) => {  
2    e.preventDefault();  
3    console.log('Form submitted!');  
4  };
```

Declaring Event Handlers

❖ **Inline Functions**

Defined directly in JSX (less common).

❖ **Named Functions**

Defined in component, reusable, cleaner.

❖ **Arrow vs. Regular Functions**

Arrow functions for lexical this, regular for performance.

```
1  export default function DeclaringEventHandlers() {  
2    const handleToggle = () => {  
3      console.log('Toggled!');  
4    };  
5    return <button onClick={handleToggle}>Toggle</button>;  
6  }
```

Event Handler Props

❖ **Common Props**

onClick, onChange, onSubmit, onMouseOver, etc.

❖ **Naming Convention**

CamelCase (e.g., onClick vs. onclick).

❖ **Passing Arguments**

- Use arrow functions or bind for custom params.
- Pass a function reference (not function call)

Handling Events in Functional Components

❖ Using Functions with Hooks

- Use useState to manage changes
- Arrow functions simplify inline handlers
- Avoid defining handler inside JSX to improve performance

```
1  function Counter() {  
2    const [count, setCount] = useState(0);  
3    return <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Add</button>;  
4  }
```

Passing Arguments to Event Handlers

❖ How to Pass Parameters

- Use arrow functions or bind to pass arguments
- Avoid calling handler directly in JSX

```
1  export default function PassingArguments() {  
2    const handleClick = (arg1, arg2) => {  
3      console.log(arg1, arg2);  
4    };  
5  
6    return (  
7      <div>  
8        <button onClick={() => handleClick('Hello', 'World')}>Click Me</button>  
9      </div>  
10   );  
11 }
```

Handling Input Changes

- ❖ **Controlled Components**
Input value managed by state.
- ❖ **onChange Event**
Updates state on user input.

```
1  export default function HandlingInputChanges() {  
2    const handleChange = (event) => {  
3      console.log(event.target.value);  
4    };  
5    return (  
6      <div>  
7        <input type='text' onChange={handleChange} />  
8      </div>  
9    );  
10 }
```


Preventing Default Behavior

❖ What is it?

Stops browser's default action
(e.g., form submission).

❖ How?

Use `event.preventDefault()`.

```
1  export default function PreventingDefaultBehavior() {  
2    const handleSubmit = (event) => {  
3      event.preventDefault();  
4      console.log('Form submitted');  
5    };  
6  
7    return (  
8      <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>  
9        <button type='submit'>Submit</button>  
10     </form>  
11   );  
12 }
```

Event Bubbling

❖ Definition

Events propagate from child to parent elements.

❖ Stopping Bubbling

Use `event.stopPropagation()`.

```
1  export default function EventBubbling() {  
2    const handleClick = (event) => {  
3      console.log('Button clicked');  
4      event.stopPropagation();  
5    };  
6  
7    const handleDivClick = () => {  
8      console.log('Div clicked');  
9    };  
10  
11   return (  
12     <div onClick={handleDivClick}>  
13       <button onClick={handleClick}>Click Me</button>  
14     </div>  
15   );  
16 }
```

Capturing Events

❖ **Capture Phase**

Events handled from parent to child before bubbling.

❖ **Syntax**

Append Capture to event prop (e.g., onClickCapture).

Handling Form Submission

❖ Form Events

onSubmit for form submission.

❖ Controlled Forms

Manage form data with state.

```
1  export default function HandlingFormSubmission() {  
2    const [inputValue, setInputValue] = useState('');  
3  
4    const handleSubmit = (event) => {  
5      event.preventDefault();  
6      console.log('Form submitted:', inputValue);  
7    };  
8  
9    return (  
10     <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>  
11       <input type='text' value={inputValue}  
12         onChange={(e) => setInputValue(e.target.value)} />  
13       <button type='submit'>Submit</button>  
14     </form>  
15   );  
16 }
```

Handling Mouse Events

❖ Common Events

- onClick
- onDoubleClick
- onMouseEnter
- onMouseLeave
- onMouseDown
- onMouseUp
- onMouseMove

❖ Use Cases

- Often used for hover effects or drag interactions

```
1  export default function HandlingMouseEvents() {  
2    const handleMouseEnter = () => {  
3      console.log('Mouse entered');  
4    };  
5  
6    const handleMouseLeave = () => {  
7      console.log('Mouse left');  
8    };  
9  
10   return (  
11     <div  
12       onMouseEnter={handleMouseEnter}  
13       onMouseLeave={handleMouseLeave}>  
14       Hover over this div  
15     </div>  
16   );  
17 }
```

Handling Keyboard Events

❖ Common Events

- onKeyDown
- onKeyUp
- onKeyPress

❖ Key Properties

- Works on input, textarea, and some divs (with tabIndex)
- Use event.key or event.code

```
1 export default function HandlingKeyboardEvents() {  
2   const handleKeyDown = (e) => {  
3     console.log(`Key pressed: ${e.key}`);  
4     if (e.key === 'Enter') {  
5       console.log('Enter pressed!');  
6     }  
7   };  
8   return <input onKeyDown={handleKeyDown} />;  
9 }
```

Handling Touch Events

❖ Common Events

onTouchStart, onTouchMove,
onTouchEnd.

❖ Use Cases

Mobile gestures, swipes.

```
1  export default function UncontrolledInputs() {  
2    const inputEmailRef = useRef(null);  
3    const inputNameRef = useRef(null);  
4  
5    const handleSubmit = (event) => {  
6      event.preventDefault();  
7      console.log('Input value:', inputEmailRef.current.value);  
8      console.log('Input value:', inputNameRef.current.value);  
9    };  
10  
11   return (  
12     <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>  
13       <input type='text' placeholder='Email' ref={inputEmailRef} />  
14       <input type='text' placeholder='Name' ref={inputNameRef} />  
15       <button type='submit'>Submit</button>  
16     </form>  
17   );  
18 }
```

Uncontrolled Inputs

- ❖ **Controlled:** Input state is in React (useState)
- ❖ **Uncontrolled:** Use ref to access input value
- ❖ Controlled forms offer better validation and control

```
1 export default function UncontrolledInputs() {  
2   const inputEmailRef = useRef(null);  
3   const inputNameRef = useRef(null);  
4  
5   const handleSubmit = (event) => {  
6     event.preventDefault();  
7     console.log('Input value:', inputEmailRef.current.value);  
8     console.log('Input value:', inputNameRef.current.value);  
9   };  
10  
11   return (  
12     <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>  
13       <input type='text' placeholder='Email' ref={inputEmailRef} />  
14       <input type='text' placeholder='Name' ref={inputNameRef} />  
15       <button type='submit'>Submit</button>  
16     </form>  
17   );  
18 }
```


Throttling and Debouncing Events

❖ Definitions

Throttle: Limit event frequency. Debounce: Delay until event stops.

❖ Use Cases

Scroll, resize, search input.

```
1  export default function ThrottlingAndDebouncingEvents() {  
2    const debounce = (fn, delay) => {  
3      let timeout;  
4      return (...args) => {  
5        clearTimeout(timeout);  
6        timeout = setTimeout(() => fn(...args), delay);  
7      };  
8    };  
9    const handleSearch = debounce((value) => console.log(value), 500);  
10   return <input onChange={e => handleSearch(e.target.value)} />;  
11 }
```

Common Pitfalls

❖ Inline Functions

Cause re-renders, avoid in loops.

❖ Missing Dependencies

useCallback needs correct dependency array.

```
1  function Good() {  
2    const handleClick = useCallback(() => console.log('Good!'), []);  
3    return <button onClick={handleClick}>Click</button>;  
4  }  
5  
6  function Bad() {  
7    return <button onClick={() => console.log('Bad!')}>Click</button>;  
8  }
```