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JavaScript Events and Inputs

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HTML Controls

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- HTML has several controls that we can use to get input from the user:
 - Buttons
 - Checkboxes
 - Radio buttons
 - Drop-down menus
 - Sliders
 - Text input
 - And [many more](#)...

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HTML Controls

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- Add them to the HTML document
- Make sure they have an id attribute so they can be found within the JS code
- Recommended to place them in a `<div>...</div>` so they show by themselves and not squished with other controls

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HTML Basic Controls

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- The `input` tag is used for several controls:

`<input type="..." id="...">`

- Where `type` is one of:

- `button`

- `checkbox`

- `number/range`

- `text`

- [and others...](#)

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HTML Button Control

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```
<input type="button" id="..."  
value="Button Text">
```

- More advanced buttons can be created use the `<button>` tag
 - If you want to use that look it up online

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HTML Checkbox Control

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```
<input type="checkbox" id="...">
```

- Does not come with any text, you have to add it yourself
- Can add the attribute `checked` to make it checked by default

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HTML Number Control

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```
<input type="number" id="..."  
value="..." min="..." max="...">
```

- Only allows certain numbers to be typed in and provides up and down arrows to jump between values
- Supports the additional attributes:
 - `step` – the step between allowed values
 - `size` – proportional to the displayed width

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HTML Range Control

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```
<input type="range" id="..."  
value="..." min="..." max="...">
```

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- A slide bar for choosing numbers but does not display the text for the value
 - Supports the additional attributes:
 - `step` – the step between allowed values
 - `size` – proportional to the displayed width
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HTML Text Control

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```
<input type="text" id="...">
```

- A textbox that the user can enter any one line of text into
- Supports the additional attributes:
 - `value` – the initial value
 - `size` – proportional to the displayed width

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HTML Dropdown Control

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- Slightly harder than the basic ones, but not much:

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```
<select id="...">  
<option value="...">Option 1</option>  
<option value="...">Option 2</option>  
<option value="...">Option 3</option>  
...  
</select>
```

- The initially selected option can be chosen by putting the selected attribute on one of the option tags

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Get the HTML Control Value

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- Now that we have added these controls to the HTML page, how do we utilize them?

- In the JS code we can do:

```
let ctrl = document.getElementById("...");
```

- Then we have the HTML control element in a variable

- Get the current value of a control:

- Example: `let x = mySlider.value;`

- Note: for checkboxes and radios use the `checked` Boolean attribute instead

- Can also set the control's current value:

```
mySlider.value = 200;
```

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Know When the Value Changes

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- HTML controls support the change event which fires every time the value changes because of user interaction (i.e. not due to the program changing the value)
 - The event doesn't fire until after the user is done (e.g. still typing or still moving the slider)
- Example:

```
mySlider.addEventListener("change",  
                           sliderUpdated);
```
- In the function you can then use `this` to refer to the element which fired the event

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Know When a Button is Clicked

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- Buttons don't really have a value that changes based on the user
- What event would we want to use instead for a button?

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Know When a Button is Clicked

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- Buttons don't really have a value that changes based on the user
- Instead we listen for the `click` event on a button

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Circle Resize with User Control

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TODO: Modify circle-resize by adding a slider or number input that controls the radius of the circle

- Still support clicking to change the size
 - If the user click to change the size, the value of the slider/number input updates to the new radius
- Challenge: add a checkbox that makes the slider/number input be the diameter instead of the radius

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Other User Input

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- We can also get input directly from the user:
 - keyboard
 - mouse
 - touchscreen
 - etc
- We can obtain the information with:
 - Request/polling
 - Event

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Request vs Event

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- Request (Polling):
 - We get the current value right when we need it
 - We don't care if since the last time we checked it changed but we always get the current value
- Event:
 - Notified of each change
 - Can track every single change and only update when a change occurs
 - Might be slightly delayed if there are a lot of events at the same time

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Event Target

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- When we register event listeners we register them on a specific HTML element
- Usually it makes sense
 - We want to know when *that* button is clicked or *that* slider changes value
- Sometimes more ambiguous
 - Do I only care if a keyboard key was pressed when the canvas was focused or could anything in the whole document be focused?

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Common Event Types

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- **Window:** load, *resize*, focus, blur
 - **Input:** change, input
 - **Mouse:** click, *down*, *up*, *move*, *wheel*, enter, leave
 - **Keyboard:** *down*, press, up
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- Underlined: we have already seen and used
 - *Italics*: we are about to see and will use often
 - Others may come up or are used in the book

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Event: Window Resize

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- Fired when window resizes, can grow/shrink `<canvas>` with it
- Listen to `resize` event on window object
- Get size of window: `innerWidth` & `innerHeight` attributes
- Adjust canvas size by setting its `width` & `height` attributes
 - Must also update WebGL viewport and re-render
- We must decide if we want to:
 - display same objects but at a different size
 - for now we will use this one
 - display objects at the same size but see more/fewer objects
 - this will be easier once we incorporate perspective

TODO: Modify circle-resize so canvas stays the same width of the window and most of its height (enough space for the slider/checkbox)

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Full-Size Canvas Additions

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- Apply resizing upon loading the document
 - Just need to call the event handler at the `load`, no longer need to:
 - Call `render` in `load`
 - Set viewport in `load`
- If you want the canvas remain a square:

```
let sz = Math.min(window.innerWidth, window.innerHeight);
```
- To touch the edges add this to the `<style>` element:

```
body {  
  margin: 0;  
  overflow: hidden;  
}
```
- Pressing `F11` or `⌘-Shift-F` will make it full screen

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Mouse Events

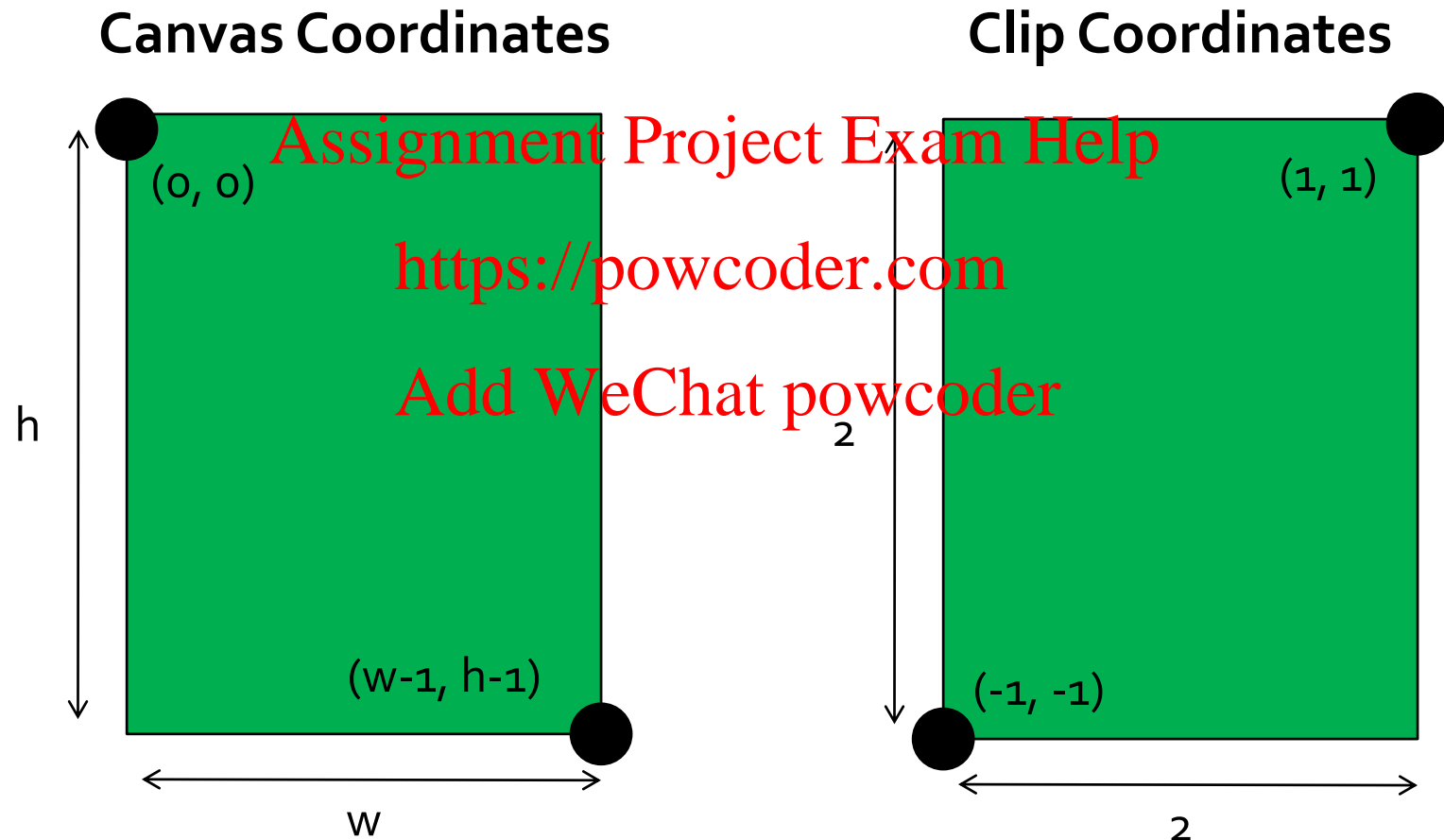
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- Already learned about the 'click' event
- Several other mouse events as well though
- All of them share an important feature:
translating mouse coords to clip coords
 - Need to make a minor correction to our formula from before

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Canvas → Clip Coordinates

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Canvas → Clip Coordinates

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- Translate the following matched points:

$$(0, h - 1) \rightarrow (-1, -1)$$

$$(w - 1, 0) \rightarrow (1, 1)$$

- After some algebra we get:

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$$x' = \frac{2x}{w - 1} - 1$$

$$y' = 1 - \frac{2y}{h - 1}$$

(x' and y' are clip coordinates)

where:

- x and y are `e.offsetX` and `e.offsetY`
- w and h are `this.width` and `this.height`
 - Or if `gl.canvas.width` and `height`

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Event: Mouse Movement

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- `mousemove` event fires every time the mouse moves while over the element
 - This fires extremely rapidly – usually don't want to do too much work in the handler
 - For now we will call `render()` here but eventually we will have a better solution, that call is too expensive
 - Add `e.preventDefault()` to the handler to prevent the regular click-and-drag behavior

TODO: Modify circle-resize so it changes size on mouse movement instead of click

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Event: Mouse Down and Up

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- `mousedown` and `mouseup` are separate parts of `click`
 - Can use these to do click-and-drag or “rapid fire”
 - `e.button` gives which mouse button
 - 0: Left (main)
 - 1: Middle/wheel (auxiliary)
 - 2: Right (secondary)
 - Can also use this during `click` and `mousemove`

TODO: Modify circle-resize so `mousemove` changing only works after `mousedown` for left button but before `mouseup`

- Add `mousemove`/`mouseup` listeners in `mousedown` handler
- Remove those event listeners in `mouseup` handler

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Event: Mouse Wheel

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- Lots of old deprecated versions of this so be careful when looking up online
- Use `wheelEvent()` (or `MouseEvent()`)
 - The `WheelEvent` object has attributes for scrolling amount in addition to regular mouse attributes
 - Primary is `deltaY`, will likely need to multiply by some value like `0.05` to make sense
 - Use `e.preventDefault()` to prevent regular scrolling
 - Don't have a mouse wheel? This also triggers with 2 finger scrolling.

*TODO: Modify circle-resize so it changes size on mouse wheel **in addition** to click-and-drag*

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Keyboard Events

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- Should we only care about key events when the canvas is focused or anything on the entire tab is focused?
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- If anytime: add event listener to **window**
 - If you have a text box for user input, the keyboard events will fire even if the user is typing in that text box
- If only when focused: add listener to **canvas**
 - May have to click on the canvas before it will fire keyboard events

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Keyboard Events: `key` Attribute

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- `KeyboardEvent` object has `key` attribute
 - String containing letter/digit typed, e.g. "a" or "A"
 - Takes caps lock and shift into account
 - Other keys have descriptive string, e.g. "ArrowUp"
 - <https://powcoder.com/keycode.info> – website that tells you the special strings
 - Corrected for keyboard layout
 - e.g. German layout switches Y and Z keys, this corrects for it
- For more direct access, use `code` attribute
 - Similar to `key` attribute but not corrected for shift, caps lock, or keyboard layout

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Keyboard Events

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- `keydown`
 - Fires when user depresses a key and repeats firing while the user keeps the key depressed
 - ***The typical keyboard event we will listen for***
- `keypress` <https://powcoder.com>
 - Fires when a printable character key is pressed and repeats while the user keeps the key depressed
 - *Least useful keyboard event for us*
- `keyup`
 - Fires when the user releases a key, *after* the default action of that key has been performed
 - *May use sometimes in combination with `keydown`*

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Event: Key Down

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- Fires when user depresses a key and repeats firing while the user keeps the key depressed
 - The typical keyboard event we will listen for
- <https://powcoder.com>

TODO: modify circle-resize so it grows a little when the up arrow is pressed and shrinks a little when down arrow is pressed (listen on window)

Make sure mouse wheel, click-and-drag, and slider still work