

Module 3 - Lecture 9

JavaScript Event Handling



Event Programming



Types of Events

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Events>

Mouse Events

1. `click` - a user has clicked on the DOM element
2. `dblclick` - a user has double clicked on the DOM element
3. `mouseover` - a user has moved their mouse over the DOM element
4. `mouseout` - a user has moved their mouse out of the DOM element

Input Events

1. `keydown` - a user pressed down a key (including shift, alt, etc.) while on this DOM element
2. `keyup` - a user released a key (including shift, alt, etc.) while on this DOM element
3. `change` - a user has finished changing the value of this input element
4. `focus` - a user has selected this input element for editing
5. `blur` - a user has unselected this input element for editing



Listening for DOM Events

Requires 3 things:

1. A DOM element to listen to events on.
2. A specific event that we want to listen for.
3. A function that we wish to execute if the event occurs.
 - This is called an event handler.

NOTE:

- DOM elements can have multiple event handlers, even for the same event type.



Adding Event Handler

HTML

```
<h1 id="greeting">Hello</h1>  
<button id="change-greeting">Change Greeting</button>
```

JavaScript function to execute

```
function changeGreeting() {  
    let greetingHeader = document.getElementById('greeting');  
    greetingHeader.innerText = 'Goodbye';  
}
```

Add Event Handler

```
changeButton.addEventListener('click', (event) => {  
    changeGreeting();  
});
```



The UIEvent Object

Property	Found In	Purpose
currentTarget	All events	Holds the element that the event was triggered on, ie. the button clicked or the select box that changed
clientX	Mouse events	The X coordinate on the screen of the click
clientY	Mouse events	The Y coordinate on the screen of the click
altKey, metaKey, ctrlKey, shiftKey	Mouse and Keyboard events	A boolean on whether the specified key was pressed down during the event
key	Keyboard events	The key that was pressed, taking the Shift key into account. Arrow keys show up as 'ArrowRight', 'ArrowDown', 'ArrowLeft', and 'ArrowUp'

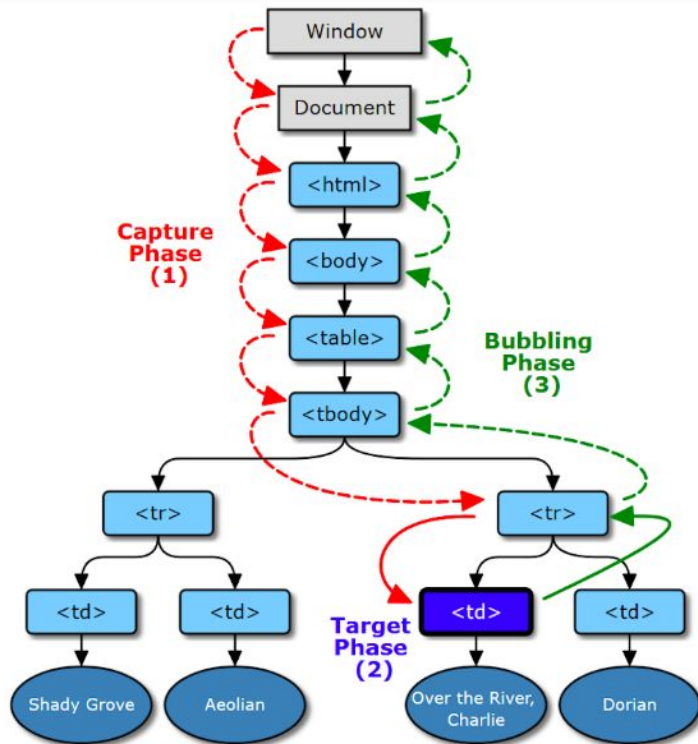


When to add events?

```
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", () => {  
    // Register all of your event listeners here  
});
```



Event Propagation



Propagation can be stopped by calling `stopPropagation()`



Default Events

- Links and Forms have default behavior that the browser will perform if not stopped.

```
aLink.addEventListener('click', (event) => {  
  // Tells the browser to not perform its normal action  
  event.preventDefault();  
  
  // Then call the event handler  
  toggleImage(event.currentTarget);  
});
```

QUESTIONS?

