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# COMP 307

## Principles of Web Development

### Lecture 5

### Unit 2 – Frontend Internet Languages

### JavaScript 1

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# Class Outline

- Introduction to JS
- Using JS as a standard language
- Using JS as an event-based language

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# Readings

- Internet and World Wide Web textbook
  - Chapters: 6 to 10
- The Full Stack Developer
  - Chapter 8
- Web resources
  - <https://www.w3schools.com/js/>
  - <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/javascript/index.htm>



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# Introduction to JS

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# Two ways to program JS

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## Standard Language

A `main()` that calls `functions()`

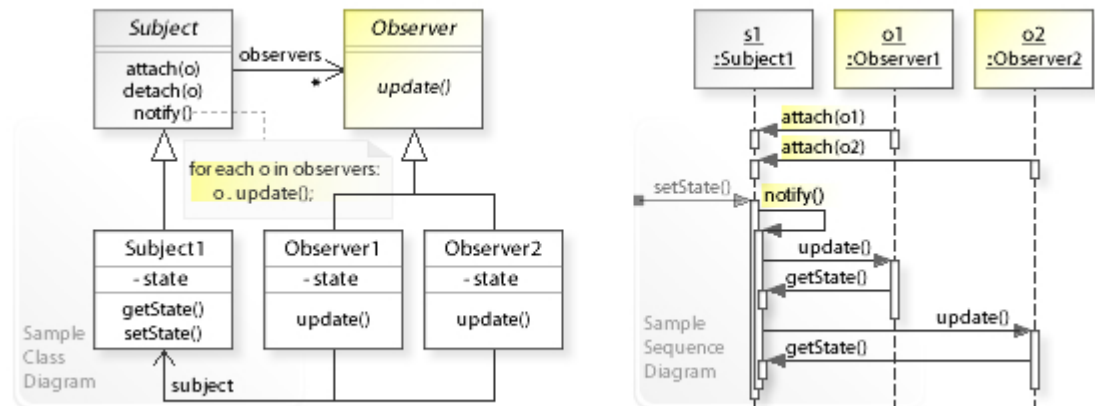
This form of programming permits you to create standard algorithms.

## Event-based

Just `functions()` with triggers

This form of programming responds to the user's interaction with the webpage.

*clicking, mousing over*



Observer Design Pattern

*event-based language*

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# Where to write Code

## Internally

```
<script>
```

write you code

```
</script>
```

## Externally

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2
3 <!-- Fig. 13.1: onload.html -->
4 <!-- Demonstrating the load event. -->
5 <html>
6   <head>
7     <meta charset = "utf-8">
8     <title>load Event</title>
9     <link rel = "stylesheet" type = "text/css" href = "style.css">
10    <script src = "load.js"></script>
11  </head>
12  <body>
13    <p>Seconds you have spent viewing this page so far:
14    <span id = "soFar">0</span></p>
15  </body>
16 </html>
```

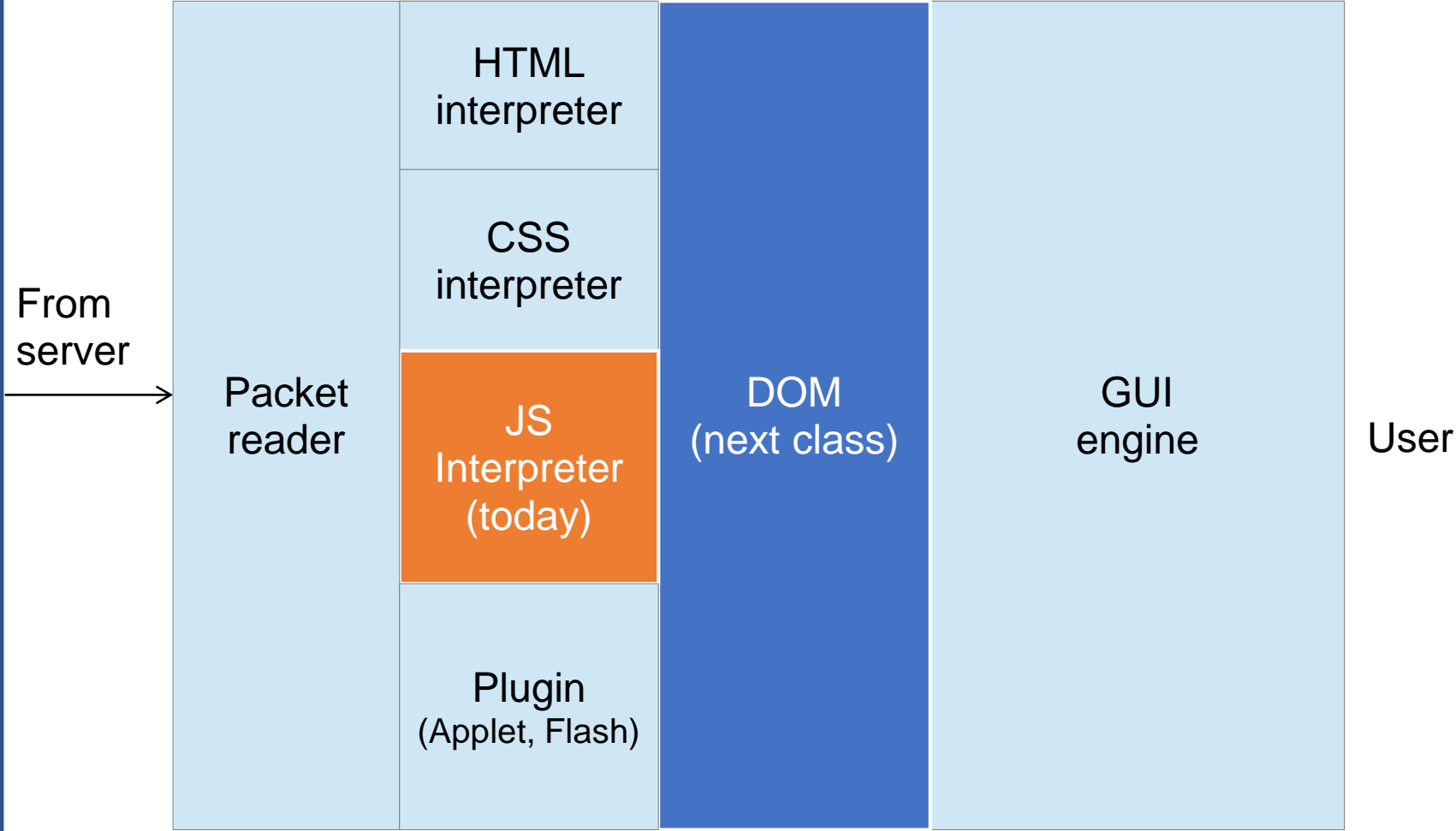
← import into code

Same

nice to have in different document to  
edit it and think about it separately } and no  
code repetition



# The Browser System



*JS and dom intimately connected*



# What is JavaScript

- Written in the HTML file
- Executed on the client-side
- Browser interpreted scripting language
- Code can be viewed by the user ! ← ÿ
- Privacy and proprietary issues
- JS can access and modify the DOM

} power  
where  
JS can  
re-edit  
webpage  
live





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document object = access to DOM

Note: document object

# I/O

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>

    <h2>My First Web Page</h2>
    <p>My first paragraph.</p>

    <p>Never call document.write after the document has finished loading. It will overwrite the document.</p>

    <script>
      document.write(5 + 6);
    </script>

  </body>
</html>
```

← programming print

standard

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>

    <h2>My First Web Page</h2>
    <p>My first paragraph.</p>

    <button type="button" onclick="document.write(5 + 6)">Try it</button>

  </body>
</html>
```

triggers button and stores code to be executed on click

creates whole new render of just 11

trigger

event

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Note: window and console objects

# I/O

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>

    <h2>My First Web Page</h2>
    <p>My first paragraph.</p>

    <script>
      window.alert(5 + 6);
    </script>

  </body>
</html>
```

popup, then webpage loads

popup

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html><body>

  <h2>Activate Debugging</h2>

  <p>F12 on your keyboard will activate debugging.</p>
  <p>Then select "Console" in the debugger menu.</p>
  <p>Then click Run again.</p>

  <script>
    console.log(5 + 6);
  </script>

</body></html>
```

∴ move tools → developer tools  
↓  
console

prints to console, not webpage  
good for debugging

console



# Variables & Statements

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>

    <h2>JavaScript Statements</h2>

    <p>A <b>JavaScript program</b> is a list of <b>statements</b> to be executed by a computer.</p>

    <p id="demo"></p>

    <script>
      let x, y, z;    // Statement 1 – declares a block variable, untyped
      const w=10;    // Constant
      x = 5;         // Statement 2 – assignment
      y = 6;         // Statement 3 – assignment
      z = x + y;     // Statement 4 – expression

      document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "The value of z is " + z + "."; // assignment
    </script>

  </body>
</html>
```

DOM

This program uses DOM



# Basic JS

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>
```

```
<h2>JavaScript Functions</h2>
```

```
<p>This example calls a function to convert from Fahrenheit to Celsius:</p>  
<p id="demo"></p>
```

```
<script>  
  function toCelsius(f) {  
    return (5/9) * (f-32);  
  }
```

```
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = toCelsius(77);  
</script>
```

*find demo, replace with*

```
</body>  
</html>
```

Placed  
anywhere

Like Bash:

- Main
- Fn()

Inserting result  
into the DOM



# Iteration

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>
```

Old tyle  
variables

```
<h2>JavaScript Do/While Loop</h2>
```

Building a string  
of HTML

```
<p id="demo"></p>
```

```
<script>
```

```
var text = ""  
var i = 0;
```

Inserting it into  
the DOM

```
do {  
    text += "<br>The number is " + i + "</br>";  
    i++;  
}  
while (i < 10);
```

*a pending  
return!*

```
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text;
```

```
</script>
```

Looks somewhat  
like Java

```
</body>  
</html>
```



# In-line JS

Add this to any  
tag to make it  
click-able

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>
```

```
<button onclick="document.getElementById('demo').innerHTML=Date()">The  
time is?</button>
```

```
<p id="demo"></p>
```

```
</body>  
</html>
```

Treated as a  
function call

Library function

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# In-line JS (2)

Calling it like a  
function

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>
```

```
<p>Click the button to display the date.</p>
```

```
<button onclick="displayDate()">The time is?</button>
```

```
<script>
```

```
function displayDate() {  
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = Date();  
}
```

```
</script>
```

```
<p id="demo"></p>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

*[add go in here]*





# Dynamic Web Pages

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>
```

```
<p id="p1">  
This is a text.  
This is a text.  
This is a text.  
</p>
```

```
<input type="button" value="Hide text"  
onclick="document.getElementById('p1').style.visibility='hidden'">
```

```
<input type="button" value="Show text"  
onclick="document.getElementById('p1').style.visibility='visible'">
```

```
</body>  
</html>
```

*change the page*



# Cookies

- [http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\\_doc\\_cookie](http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_doc_cookie)
- [http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\\_cookie\\_username](http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_cookie_username)

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# Programming Events

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>
```

# System Events

```
    <h1>The Document Object</h1>
    <h2>The addEventListener() Method</h2>
```

```
    <p>This example adds many events on the document.</p>
```

```
    <p id="demo"></p>
```

```
    <script>
```

```
        document.addEventListener("mouseover", myFunction);
        document.addEventListener("click", mySecondFunction);
        document.addEventListener("mouseout", myThirdFunction);
```

```
        function myFunction() {
            document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Moused over!"
        }
```

```
        function mySecondFunction() {
            document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Clicked!<br>"
        }
```

```
        function myThirdFunction() {
            document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Moused out!<br>"
        }
```

```
    </script>
```

```
  </body>
</html>
```

*event added to DOM, not particular tags eg  
mousing over whole  
webpage*



# More Mouse Examples

- [https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\\_events\\_onmouse](https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_events_onmouse)
- [https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\\_events\\_onmousedown](https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_events_onmousedown)

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# onload System Event

```
<html>  
<body>
```

```
<script>
```

```
function start() {  
    document.body.setAttribute("style","background-color:red");  
}
```

```
window.addEventListener("load",start);
```

```
</script>
```

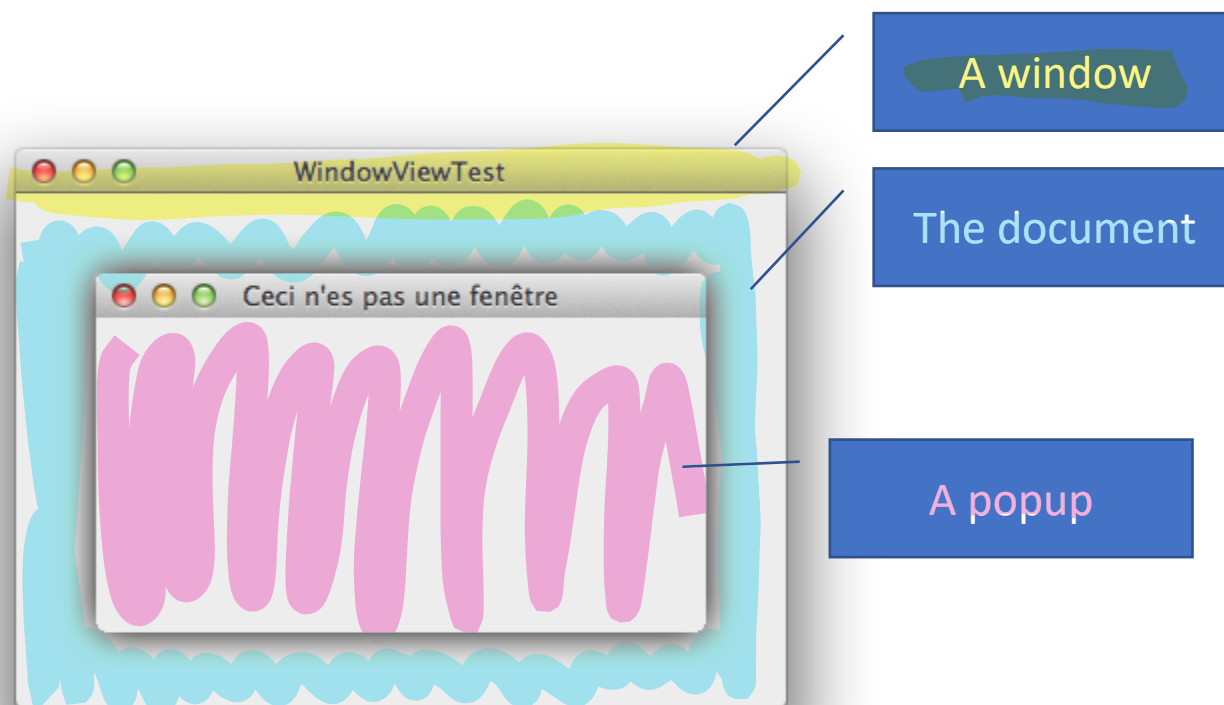
```
</body>  
</html>
```

Not in a  
function

when the page loads, call  
start function



# document vs window addEventListener



The “window” and “document” objects have different methods and attributes.

For example, you can “resize” a window, but the document inherits the window’s size.

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# Some other events

Event	Description
<code>abort</code>	Fires when image transfer has been interrupted by user.
<code>change</code>	Fires when a new choice is made in a <code>select</code> element, or when a text input is changed and the element loses focus.
<code>click</code>	Fires when the user clicks the mouse.
<code>dblclick</code>	Fires when the user double clicks the mouse.
<code>focus</code>	Fires when a form element gets the focus.
<code>keydown</code>	Fires when the user pushes down a key.
<code>keypress</code>	Fires when the user presses then releases a key.
<code>keyup</code>	Fires when the user releases a key.
<code>load</code>	Fires when an element and all its children have loaded.
<code>mousedown</code>	Fires when a mouse button is pressed.





# Timer Events

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>
    <h2>JavaScript Timing</h2>
    <p>Click "Try it". Wait 3 seconds, and the page will alert "Hello".</p>
    <button onclick="setTimeout(myFunction, 3000);">Try it</button>

    <script>
      function myFunction() {
        alert('Hello');
      }
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html><body>
  <p>A script on this page starts this clock:</p>
  <p id="demo"></p>
  <button onclick="clearInterval(myVar)">Stop time</button>

  <script>
    let myVar = setInterval(myTimer, 1000);
    function myTimer() {
      const d = new Date();
      document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = d.toLocaleTimeString();
    }
  </script>
</body></html>
```

*Clock in digits*

*calls myTimer every second*

*prints time to demo every second*



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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html><head>
  <title>JS Mouse Events - Button Demo</title>
</head>
<body>
  <button id="btn">Click me with any mouse button: left, right, middle, ...</button>
  <p id="message"></p>
  <script>
    let btn = document.querySelector('#btn');

    // disable context menu when right-mouse clicked
    btn.addEventListener('contextmenu', (e) => { e.preventDefault(); });

    // show the mouse event message
    btn.addEventListener('mouseup', (e) => {
      let msg = document.querySelector('#message');
      switch (e.button) {
        case 0:
          msg.textContent = 'Left mouse button clicked.';
          break;
        case 1:
          msg.textContent = 'Middle mouse button clicked.';
          break;
        case 2:
          msg.textContent = 'Right mouse button clicked.';
          break;
        default:
          msg.textContent = `Unknown mouse button code: ${event.button}`;
      }
    });
  </script>
</body></html>
```

The event returns an object  
describing what happened



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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>JS Modifier Keys Demo</title>
</head>
<body>
  <button id="btnKeys">Click me with Alt, Shift, Ctrl pressed</button>
  <p id="messageKeys"></p>

  <script>
    let btnKeys = document.querySelector('#btnKeys');

    btnKeys.addEventListener('click', (e) => {
      let keys = [];

      if (e.shiftKey) keys.push('shift');
      if (e.ctrlKey) keys.push('ctrl');
      if (e.altKey) keys.push('alt');
      if (e.metaKey) keys.push('meta');

      let msg = document.querySelector('#messageKeys');
      msg.textContent = `Keys: ${keys.join('+')}`;
    });
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

using different keys

← windows key

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Property	Description
<code>altKey</code>	This value is <code>true</code> if the <i>Alt</i> key was pressed when the event fired.
<code>cancelBubble</code>	Set to <code>true</code> to prevent the event from bubbling. Defaults to <code>false</code> . (See <a href="#">Section 13.7</a> , Event Bubbling.)
<code>clientX</code> and <code>clientY</code>	The coordinates of the mouse cursor inside the client area (i.e., the active area where the web page is displayed, excluding scrollbars, navigation buttons, etc.).
<code>ctrlKey</code>	This value is <code>true</code> if the <i>Ctrl</i> key was pressed when the event fired.
<code>keyCode</code>	The ASCII code of the key pressed in a keyboard event. See Appendix D for more information on the ASCII character set.
<code>screenX</code> and <code>screenY</code>	The coordinates of the mouse cursor on the screen coordinate system.
<code>shiftKey</code>	This value is <code>true</code> if the <i>Shift</i> key was pressed when the event fired.
<code>target</code>	The DOM object that received the event.

# Some event object properties



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# Input and JS

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# Focus & Blur on Inputs

• The focus and blur events can be useful when dealing with input elements that allow user input.

- The **focus** event fires when an element gains the **focus** (i.e., when the user clicks an input field or uses the Tab key to move between input fields), and
- The **blur** fires when an input field loses the focus



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```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>
```

<p>In this example, the text field gets focus immediately after the document window has been loaded.</p>

```
<input type="text" id="myText" value="A text field">
```

```
<script>
```

```
  window.onload = function() {  
    document.getElementById("myText").focus();  
  };
```

```
</script>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

*puts cursor into  
on page load*

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<body>

<h1>The Element Object</h1>
<h2>The focus() and blur() Methods</h2>

<input type="text" id="myText" value="A text field">

<p>Click the buttons to give or remove focus from the text field.</p>

<button type="button" onclick="getFocus()">Get focus</button>
<button type="button" onclick="loseFocus()">Lose focus</button>

<script>
function getFocus() {
  document.getElementById("myText").focus();
}

function loseFocus() {
  document.getElementById("myText").blur();
}
</script>

</body>
</html>
```



# Prepare for next class

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- Assignments
  - How is mini 2 going?
- No labs this week
- On your own
  - Try out the code from class

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