

# Today's schedule

## **Today:**

- How to interact with page?
- More events
  - Keyboard events
  - Mobile events (intro only)

## **Break!**

- Classes and objects in JavaScript
- `this` keyword and `bind`

# Note

## **Assignment 1 released:**

- Scope:
  - o Week 01-04: HTML/CSS/ Modern JavaScript
  - o No limited if you like OOP JavaScript (this week)

*Start working on Assignment 1 immediately!*

```
<html>
  ▼<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <title>First JS Example</title>
    <script src="script.js" defer></script>
  </head>
  ▼<body>
    <button>Click Me!</button>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
function onClick() {
  console.log('clicked');
}

const button = document.querySelector('button');
button.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

Click Me!



Elements

Console



top

clicked



How do we interact with the page?

# A few technical details

The DOM objects that we retrieve from `querySelector` and `querySelectorAll` have types:

- Every DOM node is of general type [Node](#) (an interface)
- [Element](#) implements the [Node](#) interface  
(FYI: This has nothing to do with NodeJS, if you've heard of that)
- Each HTML element has a specific [Element](#) derived class, like [HTMLImageElement](#)

# Attributes and DOM properties

Roughly every **attribute** on an HTML element is a **property** on its respective DOM object...

## HTML

```

```

## JavaScript

```
const element = document.querySelector('img');  
element.src = 'bear.png';
```

(But you should always check the JavaScript spec to be sure.  
In this case, check the [HTMLImageElement](#).)

# Adding and removing classes

You can control **classes** applied to an HTML element via `classList.add` and `classList.remove`:

```
const image =  
document.querySelector('img');  
  
// Adds a CSS class called "active".  
image.classList.add('active');  
  
// Removes a CSS class called "hidden".  
image.classList.remove('hidden');
```

([More on classList](#))

# Example: Present

**Click for a present:**



See the [CodePen](#) -  
much more exciting!

```
function openPresent() {  
  const image = document.querySelector('img');  
  image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
}  
  
const image = document.querySelector('img');  
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```



# Finding the element twice...

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[CodePen](#)

# Event.currentTarget

An [Event](#) element is passed to the listener as a parameter:

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```

The event's [currentTarget](#) property is a reference to the object that we attached to the event, in this case the `<img>`'s [Element](#) to which we added the listener.

Psst.. Not to be confused with **Event.target**

(Note: Event has both:

- **event.target**: the element that was clicked / "dispatched the event" (might be a child of the target)
- **event.currentTarget**: the element that the original event handler was attached to)

# Example: Present

**Click for a present:**



It would be nice to  
change the text after the  
present is "opened"...

# Some properties of Element objects

Property	Description
<a href="#"><u>id</u></a>	The value of the id attribute of the element, as a string
<a href="#"><u>innerHTML</u></a>	The raw HTML between the starting and ending tags of an element, as a string
<a href="#"><u>textContent</u></a>	The text content of a node and its descendants. (This property is inherited from <a href="#"><u>Node</u></a> )
<a href="#"><u>classList</u></a>	An object containing the classes applied to the element

Maybe we can adjust  
the **textContent**!

[CodePen](#)

```
function openPresent(event) {  
  const image = event.currentTarget;  
  image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
  
  const title = document.querySelector('h1');  
  title.textContent = 'Hooray!';  
  
  image.removeEventListener('click', openPresent);  
}  
  
const image = document.querySelector('img');  
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```

We can select the h1 element then set its textContent to change what is displayed in the h1. ([CodePen](#))

Another approach:  
Changing the elements



# Add elements via DOM

We can create elements dynamically and add them to the web page via [createElement](#) and [appendChild](#):

```
document.createElement(tag string)  
    element.appendChild(element);
```

Technically you can also add elements to the webpage via `innerHTML`, but it poses a [security risk](#).

```
// Try not to use innerHTML like this:  
element.innerHTML = '<h1>Hooray!</h1>';
```

# Remove elements via DOM

We can also call remove elements from the DOM by calling the [remove\(\)](#) method on the DOM object:

```
element.remove();
```

And actually setting the `innerHTML` of an element to an **empty string** is a [fine way](#) of removing all children from a parent node:

```
// This is fine and poses no security risk.  
element.innerHTML = '';
```

```
function openPresent(event) {  
  const newHeader = document.createElement('h1');  
  newHeader.textContent = 'Hooray!';  
  const newImage = document.createElement('img');  
  newImage.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
  
  const container = document.querySelector('#container');  
  container.innerHTML = '';  
  container.appendChild(newHeader);  
  container.appendChild(newImage);  
}  
  
const image = document.querySelector('img');  
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```

[CodePen](#)

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**Click for a present:**



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Hmm, the effect is slightly janky though:  
The text changes faster than the image loads.

**Q: How do we fix this issue?**

# display: none;

There is yet another super helpful value for [display](#):

display: block;

display: inline;

display: inline-block;

display: flex;

**display: none;**

**display: none;** turns off rendering for the element and all its children. It's treated as if the element were not in the document at all...

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display: flex;  
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```

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...but the content (such as the images) is still loaded.

```
<div id="gift-outside">
  <h1>Click for a present:</h1>
  
</div>
<div id="gift-inside" class="hidden">
  <h1>Hooray!</h1>
  
</div>
```

```
.hidden {
  display: none;
}
```

We can add both views to the HTML,  
with one view hidden by default...  
([CodePen](#))

```
function openPresent(event) {  
  const image = event.currentTarget;  
  image.removeEventListener('click', openPresent);  
  
  const giftOutside = document.querySelector('#gift-outside');  
  const giftInside = document.querySelector('#gift-inside');  
  giftOutside.classList.add('hidden');  
  giftInside.classList.remove('hidden');  
}  
  
const image = document.querySelector('#gift-outside img');  
image.addEventListener('click', openPresent);
```

Then we toggle the display state of the containers  
by adding/removing the `hidden` class.

([CodePen](#))



# Recap

Several strategies for updating HTML elements in JS:

**1. Change content of existing HTML elements in page:**

- Good for simple text updates

**2. Add elements via `createElement` and `appendChild`**

- Needed if you're adding a variable number of elements

**3. Put all "views" in the HTML but set inactive ones to hidden, then update `display` state as necessary.**

- Good when you know ahead of time what element(s) you want to display
- Can be used in conjunction with (1) and/or (2)

# Other JavaScript events?

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- Of course!
- Today we'll talk about:
  - **Keyboard events**
  - **Pointer / mobile events**

How do we listen  
to keyboard events?

# Keyboard events

Event name	Description
keydown	Fires when any key is pressed. Continues firing if you hold down the key. ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
keypress	( <b>deprecated</b> ) Fires when any <b>character</b> key is pressed, such as a letter or number. Continues firing if you hold down the key. ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
keyup	Fires when you stop pressing a key. ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )

You can listen for keyboard events by adding the event listener to document:

```
document.addEventListener('keyup', onKeyUp);
```

# KeyboardEvent.key

```
function onKeyUp(event) {  
    console.log('onKeyUp: ' + event.key);  
}  
document.addEventListener('keyup', onKeyUp);
```

Functions listening to a key-related event receive a parameter of [KeyboardEvent](#) type.

The KeyboardEvent object has a [key](#) property, which stores the string value of the key, such as "Escape"

- [List of key values](#)

# Useful key values

Key string value	Description
"Escape"	The Escape key
"ArrowRight"	The right arrow key
"ArrowLeft"	The left arrow key

Example: [key-events.html](#)

# MouseEvent

Event name	Description
<code>click</code>	Fired when you click and release ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<code>mousedown</code>	Fired when you click down ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<code>mouseup</code>	Fired when when you release from clicking ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<b><code>mousemove</code></b>	Fired repeatedly as your mouse moves ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )

\***mousemove** only works on desktop, since there's no concept of a mouse on mobile.



# TouchEvent

Event name	Description
touchstart	Fired when you touch the screen ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
touchend	Fired when you lift your finger off the screen ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<b>touchmove</b>	Fired repeatedly while you drag your finger on the screen ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
touchcancel	Fired when a touch point is "disrupted" (e.g. if the browser isn't totally sure what happened) ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )

\***touchmove** only works on mobile ([example](#))

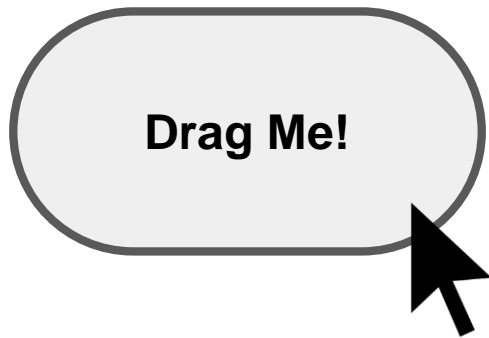
# clientX and clientY

```
function onClick(event) {  
    console.log('x' + event.clientX);  
    console.log('y' + event.clientY);  
}  
element.addEventListener('click', onClick);
```

MouseEvent has a `clientX` and `clientY`:

- `clientX`: x-axis position relative to the left edge of the browser viewport
- `clientY`: y-axis position relative to the top edge of the browser viewport

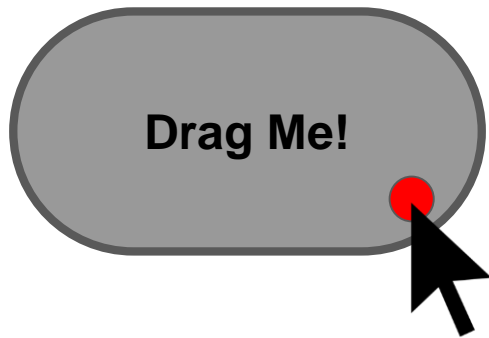
# Implementing drag



When a user clicks down/touches  
an element...

# Implementing drag

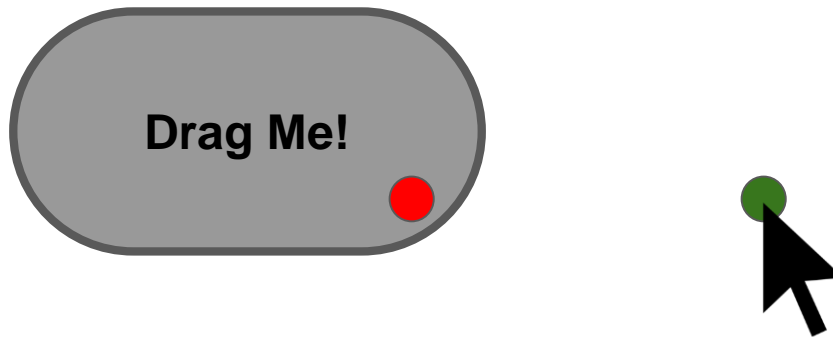
```
originX = 100;
```



Take note of the starting position.

# Implementing drag

```
originX = 100;  
newX = 150;
```



Then on mousemove / touchmove, make note of the new mouse position

# Implementing drag

```
originX = 100;  
newX = 150;
```



Move the element by the difference between the old and new positions.

# Implementing drag



Then on release...

# Implementing drag



... stop listening to mousemove /  
touchmove.



# Dragging on mobile and desktop

Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to listen to different events for mobile and desktop?

# PointerEvent

PointerEvent: "pointer" events that work the same with for both mouse and touch

- Not to be confused with pointer-events CSS property (completely unrelated)
- **Note:** In this case, Mozilla's documentation on PointerEvent is not great.
  - [A Google blog post on PointerEvent](#)

PointerEvent inherits from MouseEvent, and therefore has `clientX` and `clientY`

# PointerEvent

Event name	Description
<code>pointerdown</code>	Fired when a "pointer becomes active" (touch screen or click mouse down) ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<code>pointerup</code>	Fired when a pointer is no longer active ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<b><code>pointermove</code></b>	Fired repeatedly while the pointer moves (mouse move or touch drag) ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )
<code>pointercancel</code>	Fired when a pointer is "interrupted" ( <a href="#">mdn</a> )

\***pointermove** works on mobile and desktop!

... Except...

# Our first controversial feature!

PointerEvent is **not** implemented on all browsers yet:

- Firefox implementation is [in progress](#)
- Safari outright opposes this API... [since 2012](#).

**Argh!!! Does this mean we can't use it?**

# Polyfill library

A [polyfill library](#) is code that implements support for browsers that do not natively implement a web API.

Luckily there is a polyfill library for PointerEvent:

<https://github.com/jquery/PEP>

# PointerEvent Polyfill

To use the [PEP polyfill library](#), we add this script tag to our HTML:

```
<script src="https://code.jquery.com/pep/0.4.1/pep.js"></script>
```

And we'll need to add `touch-action="none"` to the area where we want PointerEvents to be recognized\*:

```
<section id="photo-view" class="hidden" touch-action="none">  
</section>
```

\*Technically what this is doing is it is telling the browser that we do not want the default touch behavior for children of this element, i.e. on a mobile phone, we don't want to recognize the usual "pinch to zoom" type of events because we will be intercepting them via PointerEvent. This is normally a [CSS property](#), but the [limitations of the polyfill library](#) requires this to be an HTML attribute instead.

# Classes in JavaScript

# Amateur JavaScript

So far the JavaScript code we've been writing has looked like this:

- Mostly all in one file
- All global functions
- Global variables to save state between events

It would be nice to write code in a **modular way...**

```
1 //
2 // Album view functions
3 //
4 let currentIndex = null;
5 function onThumbnailClick(event) {
6   currentIndex = event.currentTarget.dataset.index;
7   const image = createImage(event.currentTarget.src);
8   showFullSizeImage(image);
9   document.body.classList.add('no-scroll');
10  modalView.style.top = window.pageYOffset + 'px';
11  modalView.classList.remove('hidden');
12 }
13
14 //
15 // Photo view functions
16 //
17 function createImage(src) {
18   const image = document.createElement('img');
19   image.src = src;
20   return image;
21 }
22
23 function showFullSizeImage(image) {
24   modalView.innerHTML = '';
25
26   image.addEventListener('pointerdown', startDrag);
27   image.addEventListener('pointermove', duringDrag);
28   image.addEventListener('pointerup', endDrag);
29   image.addEventListener('pointercancel', endDrag);
30   modalView.appendChild(image);
31 }
32
33 let originX = null;
34 function startDrag(event) {
35   event.preventDefault();
36   // Needed so clicking on picture doesn't cause modal dialog to close.
37   event.stopPropagation();
38
39   originX = event.clientX;
40   event.target.setPointerCapture(event.pointerId);
41 }
42
43 function duringDrag(event) {
44   if (originX) {
45     const currentX = event.clientX;
46     const delta = currentX - originX;
47     const element = event.currentTarget;
48     element.style.transform = `translateX(${delta + 'px'})`;
49   }
50 }
51
52 function endDrag(event) {
53   if (!originX) {
54     return;
55   }
56
57   const currentX = event.clientX;
58   const delta = currentX - originX;
59   originX = null;
60
61   let nextIndex = currentIndex;
62   if (delta < 0) {
63     nextIndex++;
64   } else {
65     nextIndex--;
66   }
67
68   if (nextIndex < 0 || nextIndex == PHOTO_LIST.length) {
69     event.currentTarget.style.transform = '';
70     return;
71   }
72 }
```



# ES6 classes

We can define **classes** in JavaScript using a syntax that is similar to Java or C++:

```
class ClassName {  
  constructor(params) {  
    ...  
  }  
  methodName() {  
    ...  
  }  
  methodName() {  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

These are often called "**ES6 classes**" or "**ES2015 classes**" because they were introduced in the EcmaScript 6 standard, the 2015 release

- Recall that EcmaScript is the standard; JavaScript is an implementation of the EcmaScript standard

# Wait a minute...

Wasn't JavaScript created in 1995?

And classes were introduced... 20 years later in 2015?

**Q: Was it seriously not possible to create  
classes in JavaScript before 2015?!**

# Objects in JavaScript

In JavaScript, there are several ways to create blueprints for objects. Two broad approaches:

## 1. Functional

- a. This approach has existed since the creation of the JavaScript
- b. Weird syntax for people used to languages like Java, C++, Python
- c. Doesn't quite behave the same way as objects in Java, C++, Python

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**This approach is quite controversial.**

# Class controversy

"There is one thing I am certain is a bad part, a very terribly bad part, and that is the new class syntax [in JavaScript]... [T]he people who are using `class` will go to their graves never knowing how miserable they were." ([source](#))

-- Douglas Crockford, author of *JavaScript: The Good Parts*; prominent speaker on JavaScript; member of [TC39](#) (committee that makes ES decisions)



Back to classes!

# Public methods

```
class ClassName {  
    constructor(params) {  
        ...  
    }  
    methodName() {  
        ...  
    }  
    methodName() {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

constructor is optional.

Parameters for the constructor and methods are defined in the same way they are for global functions.

You do not use the `function` keyword to define methods.

# Public methods

```
class ClassName {  
    constructor(params) {  
        ...  
    }  
    methodOne() {  
        this.methodTwo();  
    }  
    methodTwo() {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Within the class, you must always refer to other methods in the class with the **this.** prefix.



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        ...  
    }  
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        ...  
    }  
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        ...  
    }  
}
```

All methods are **public**, and you **cannot** specify private methods... yet.

# Public methods

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    constructor(params) {  
        ...  
    }  
    methodName() {  
        ...  
    }  
    methodName() {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

As far as I can tell, private methods aren't in the language only because they are still [figuring out the spec](#) for it. (They will figure out [private fields first](#).)

# Public fields

```
class ClassName {  
  constructor(params) {  
    this.fieldName = fieldValue;  
    this.fieldName = fieldValue;  
  }  
  
  methodName() {  
    this.fieldName = fieldValue;  
  }  
}
```

Define public fields by setting **this.*fieldName*** in the constructor... or in any other function.

(This is slightly hacky underneath the covers and [there is a draft](#) to add public fields properly to ES.)

# Public fields

```
class ClassName {  
  constructor(params) {  
    this.someField = someParam;  
  }  
  methodName() {  
    const someValue = this.someField;  
  }  
}
```

Within the class, you must always refer to fields with the **this.** prefix.

# Public fields

```
class ClassName {  
  constructor(params) {  
    this.fieldName = fieldValue;  
    this.fieldName = fieldValue;  
  }  
  
  methodName() {  
    this.fieldName = fieldValue;  
  }  
}
```

You cannot define private fields... yet.

(Again, there are plans to add [add private fields](#) to ES once the spec is finalized.)

# Instantiation

Create new objects using the new keyword:

```
class SomeClass {  
    ...  
    someMethod() { ... }  
}
```

```
const x = new SomeClass();  
const y = new SomeClass();  
y.someMethod();
```

# Why classes?

Why are we even doing this?

Why do we need to use classes when web programming?

Why can't we just keep doing things the way we've been doing things, with global functions and global variables?

# Why classes?

## A: All kinds of reasons

- For a sufficiently small task, global variables, functions, etc. are fine
- But for a larger website, your code will be hard to understand **and** easy to break if you do not organize it
- Using classes and object-oriented design is the most common strategy for organizing code

E.g. in the global scope, it's hard to know at a variable called "name" would be referring to, and any function could accidentally write to it.

- But when defined in a Student class, it's inherently clearer what "name" means, and it's harder to accidentally write that value



# Organizing code

## **Well-engineered software is well-organized software:**

- Software engineering is all about knowing
  1. What to change
  2. Where to change it
- You can read an existing codebase better if it is well-organized
  - *"Why do I need to read a codebase?"* Because you need to modify the codebase to add features and fix bugs

# Other problems with globals

**Having a bunch of loose variables in the global scope is asking for trouble**

- Much easier to hack
  - Can access via extension or Web Console
  - Can override behaviors
- Global scope gets polluted
  - What if you have two functions with the same name? One definition is overridden without error
- Very easy to modify the wrong state variable

**All these things are much easier to avoid with classes**

# Example: Present

Let's create a Present class inspired by our [present example](#) from last week.



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# How to design classes

You may be wondering:

- How do I decide what classes to write?
- How do I decide what methods to add to my class?

# Disclaimer

**This is not a software engineering class, and this is not an object-oriented design class.**

As such, we will not grade your OO design skills.

However, this also means we won't spend too much time explaining *how* to break down your app into well-composed objects.

(It takes practice and experience to get good at this.)

# One general strategy

"Component-based" approach: Use classes to add functionality to HTML elements ("components")

## **Each component:**

- Has exactly one **container element** / root element
- Handles attaching/removing event listeners
- Can own references to child components / child elements

(Similar strategy to ReactJS, Custom Elements, many other libraries/frameworks/APIs before them)

# Container element

One pattern:

```
<div id="present-container"></div>
```

```
const element =  
  document.querySelector('#present-container');  
const present = new Present(element);  
// Immediately renders the present
```

# Container element

A similar pattern:

```
<div id="present-container"></div>
```

```
const element =  
  document.querySelector('#present-container');  
const present = new Present();  
// Renders with explicit call  
present.renderTo(element);
```



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- This is why **Web Frameworks** are so common: A web framework just make a bunch of software engineer decisions for you ahead of time (+provides starter code)

# Don't forget this

```
// Create image and append to container.  
const image = document.createElement('img');  
image.src = 'https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s.cdpn.io/1083533/gift-icon.png';  
image.addEventListener('click', this._openPresent);
```

If the event handler function you are passing to `addEventListener` is a method in a class, you must pass `"this.functionName"` (finished)

# "Private" with \_

A somewhat common JavaScript coding convention is to add an underscore to the beginning or end of private method names:

```
_openPresent() {  
    ...  
}
```

I'll be doing this in this class for clarity, but note that it's [frowned upon](#) by some.

# Solution: Present



[CodePen finished](#)

# Present class

## present.js

```
class Present {
  constructor(containerElement) {
    this.containerElement = containerElement;

    // Create image and append to container.
    const image = document.createElement('img');
    image.src = 'https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s.cdpn.io/1083533/gift-icon.png';
    image.addEventListener('click', this._openPresent);
    this.containerElement.append(image);
  }

  _openPresent(event) {
    const image = event.currentTarget;
    image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';
    image.removeEventListener('click', this._openPresent);
  }
}
```

# Present class

## main.js

```
const container = document.querySelector('#presents');  
const present = new Present(container);
```

## index.html

```
<head>  
  <meta charset="UTF-8" />  
  <title>Simple class: present</title>  
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles/index.css">  
  <script src="scripts/present.js" defer></script>  
  <script src="scripts/main.js" defer></script>  
</head>  
<body>  
  <div id="presents"></div>  
</body>
```

# this in event handler

```
class Present {  
  constructor(containerElement) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
  
    // Create image and append to container.  
    const image = document.createElement('img');  
    image.src = 'https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/s.cdpn.io/1083533/gift-icon.png';  
    image.addEventListener('click', this._openPresent);  
    this.containerElement.append(image);  
  }  
  
  _openPresent(event) {  
    const image = event.currentTarget;  
    image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
    image.removeEventListener('click', this._openPresent);  
  }  
}
```

Right now we access the image we create in the constructor in `_openPresent` via `event.currentTarget`.

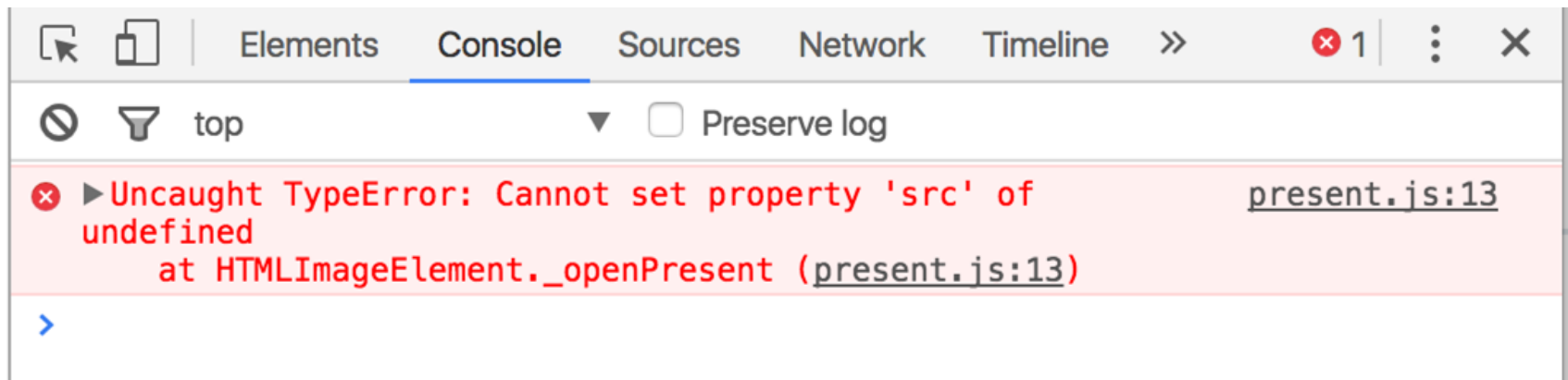


# this in event handler

```
_openPresent(event) {  
  this.image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
  this.image.removeEventListener('click', this._openPresent);  
}  
}
```

**Q: What if we make the `image` a field and access it `_openPresent` via `this.image` instead of `event.currentTarget`?**

# this in event handler



Error message!

[CodePen](#) / [Debug](#)

What's going on?

# JavaScript `this`

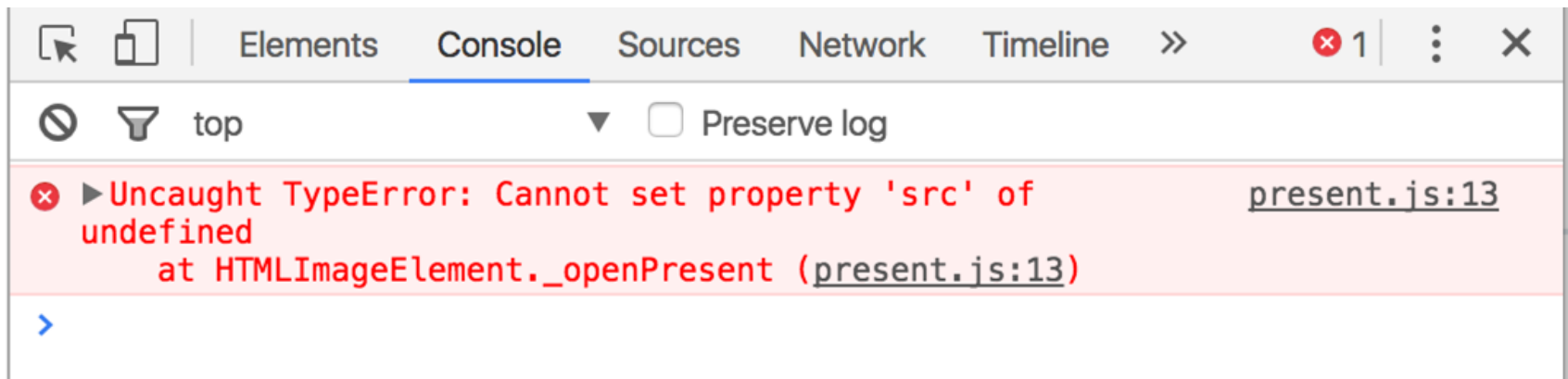
The `this` keyword in JavaScript is **dynamically assigned**, or in other words: `this` means different things in different contexts ([mdn list](#))

- In our constructor, `this` refers to the instance
- When called in an event handler, `this` refers to... the element that the event handler was attached to ([mdn](#)).

# this in event handler

```
_openPresent(event) {  
  this.image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
  this.image.removeEventListener('click', this._openPresent);  
}  
}
```

That means `this` refers to the `<img>` element, not the instance variable of the class...



...which is why we get this error message.

# Solution: bind

To make `this` always refer to the instance object for a method in the class (i.e. to get `this` to behave as you'd expect), you can add the following line of code in the constructor:

```
this.methodName = this.methodName.bind(this);
```

```
class Present {  
  constructor(containerElement) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
  
    // Bind event listeners.  
    this._openPresent = this._openPresent.bind(this);  
  }  
}
```

# Solution: bind

Now `this` in the `_openPresent` method refers to the instance object ([CodePen](#) / [Debug](#)):

```
_openPresent(event) {  
  this.image.src = 'https://media.giphy.com/media/27ppQU0xe7KlG/giphy.gif';  
  this.image.removeEventListener('click', this._openPresent);  
}
```



Moral of the story:

**Don't forget to `bind()`  
event listeners in your  
constructor!!**

```
class Present {  
  constructor(containerElement) {  
    this.containerElement = containerElement;  
  
    // Bind event listeners.  
    this._openPresent = this._openPresent.bind(this);  
  }  
}
```

One more time:

**Don't forget to `bind()`  
event listeners in your  
constructor!!**

Communicating  
between classes



# Multiple classes

Let's say that we have multiple presents now ([CodePen](#)):

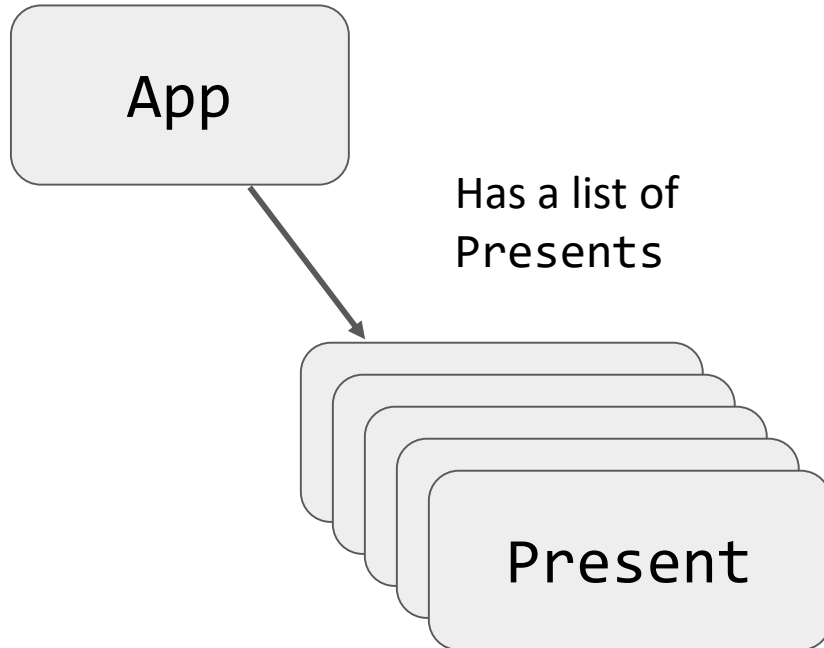
**Click a present to open it:**



# Multiple classes

And we have implemented this with two classes:

- App: Represents the entire page
  - Present: Represents a single present



[CodePen](#)

# Communicating btwn classes

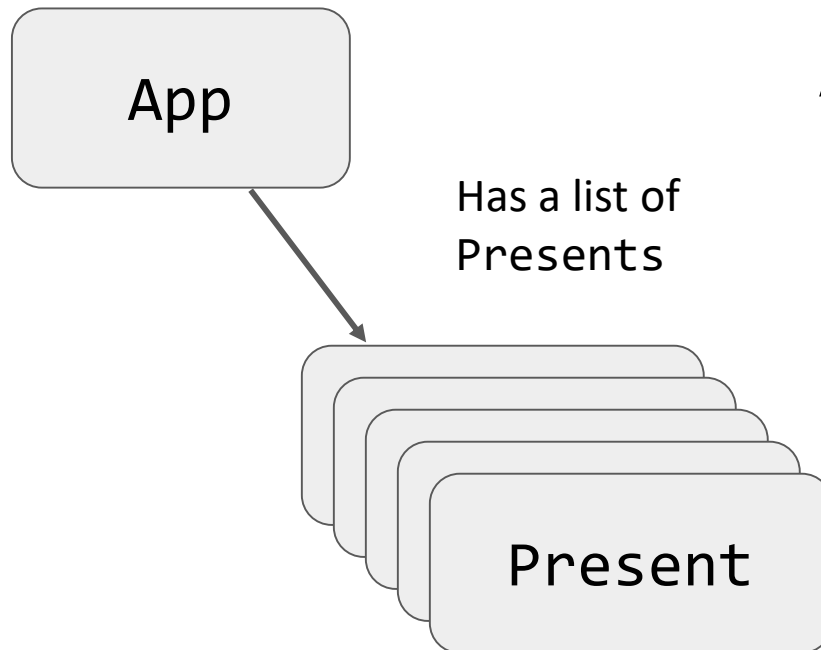
What if we want to change the **title** when all present have been opened? ([CodePen](#))

**Enjoy your presents!**



# Communication btwn classes

Communicating from App → Present is easy, since App has a list of the Present objects.

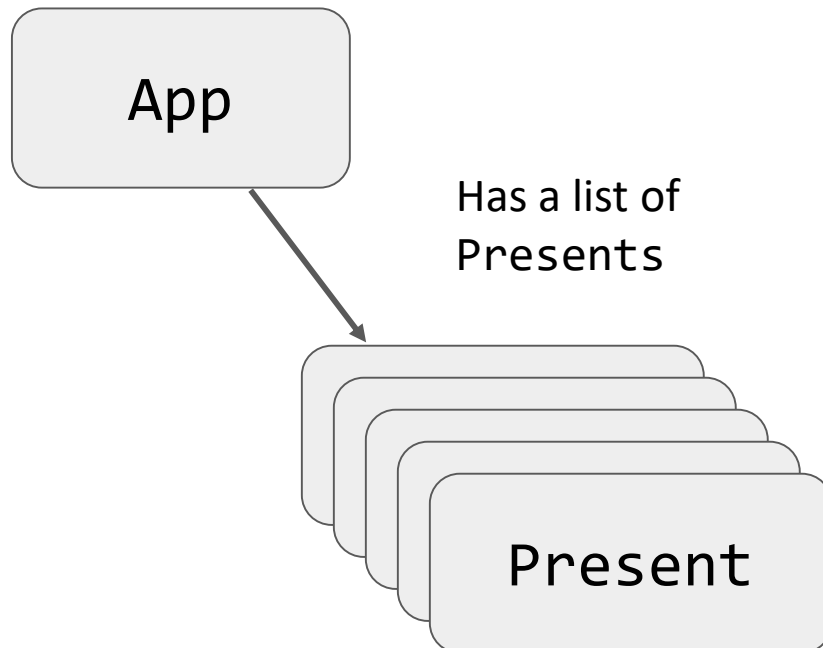


App can just call methods on Present:

```
present.doWhatever();
```

# Communication btwn classes

However, communicating Present → App is not as easy, because Presents do not have a reference to App



More next week!