

# **EVENT** HANDLING

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Something happened.

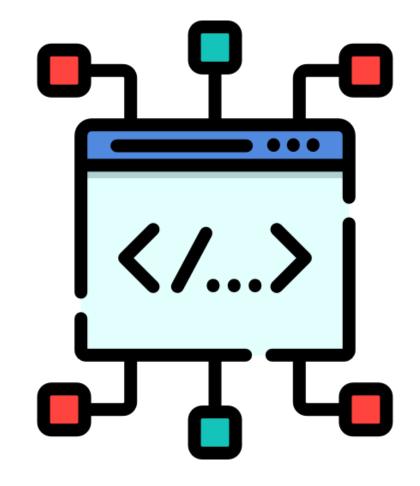
You want to know about.



### **ELEMENTS**

All elements can emit events.

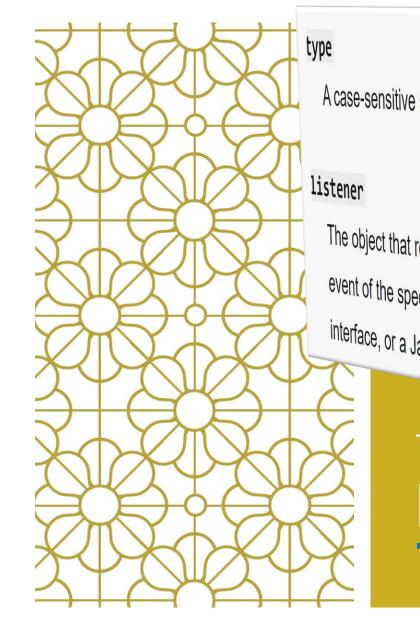
Events can be dynamically added and removed



# SYNTAX

This is the standard approach to bind events to an element.

```
target.addEventListener(type, listener);
target.addEventListener(type, listener, options);
target.addEventListener(type, listener, useCapture);
```



A case-sensitive string representing the event type to listen for.

The object that receives a notification (an object that implements the <a href="Event">Event</a> interface) when an event of the specified type occurs. This must be an object implementing the <a href="EventListener">interface</a>, or a JavaScript function. See <a href="The event listener callback">The event listener callback</a> for details on the callback itself.

# PARAMETERS: TYPE AND LISTENER

#### options Optional

An object that specifies characteristics about the event listener. The available options are:

#### capture

A boolean value indicating that events of this type will be dispatched to the registered listener before being dispatched to any EventTarget beneath it in the DOM tree.

#### once

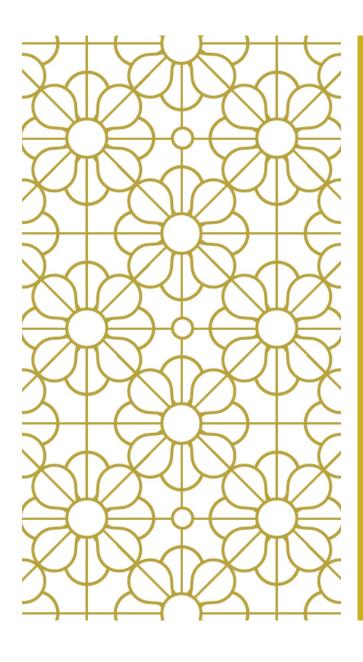
A boolean value indicating that the listener should be invoked at most once after being added. If true, the listener would be automatically removed when invoked.

#### passive

A boolean value that, if true, indicates that the function specified by listener will never call <u>preventDefault()</u>. If a passive listener does call <u>preventDefault()</u>, the user agent will do nothing other than generate a console warning. See <u>Improving scrolling performance</u> with passive listeners to learn more.

#### signal

An <u>AbortSignal</u>. The listener will be removed when the given AbortSignal object's <u>abort()</u> method is called.



#### useCapture Optional

# PARAMETERS: USECAPTURE

### ADDING A LISTENER

```
const el = document.querySelector("#id");
el.addEventListener("click", handle);
function handle(event) {...}
```



## REMOVING A LISTENER

```
const el =
  document.querySelector("#id");
```

el.removeEventListener("click", handle);



```
class LipStick {
   register() {
     const tar = document.getElementById("target");
     tar.addEventListener('click', (evt) => {
        this.run(evt) });
   }
}
```



Prevents other objects from receiving the same event that was triggered.

The following example registers "mousedown" handlers on both a button and the paragraph around it. When clicked with the right mouse button, the handler for the button calls stopPropagation, which will prevent the handler on the paragraph from running. When the button is clicked with another mouse button, both handlers will run.

```
A paragraph with a <button>button
<script>
  let para = document.querySelector("p");
  let button = document.querySelector("button");
  para.addEventListener("mousedown", () => {
     console.log("Handler for paragraph.");
  });
  button.addEventListener("mousedown", event => {
     console.log("Handler for button.");
     if (event.button == 2) event.stopPropagation();
  });
  </script>
```

## STOP PROPAGATION

Event.bubbles (Read only)

A boolean value indicating whether or not the event bubbles up through the DOM.

Event.cancelable Read only

A boolean value indicating whether the event is cancelable.

Event.composed (Read only)

A boolean indicating whether or not the event can bubble across the boundary between the shadow DOM and the regular DOM.

Event.currentTarget (Read only)

A reference to the currently registered target for the event. This is the object to which the event is currently slated to be sent. It's possible this has been changed along the way through *retargeting*.

Event.defaultPrevented (Read only)

Indicates whether or not the call to <a href="eventDefault()">event.preventDefault()</a> canceled the event.

# READ MORE: THE SHADOW DOM

developer.mozilla.org/enUS/docs/Web/API/Web\_components/Using\_shadow\_DOM

```
Event.eventPhase (Read only)
```

Indicates which phase of the event flow is being processed. It is one of the following numbers:

NONE , CAPTURING\_PHASE , AT\_TARGET , BUBBLING\_PHASE .

```
Event.isTrusted Read only
```

Indicates whether or not the event was initiated by the browser (after a user click, for instance) or by a script (using an event creation method, for example).

```
Event.target Read only
```

A reference to the object to which the event was originally dispatched.

```
Event.timeStamp (Read only)
```

The time at which the event was created (in milliseconds). By specification, this value is time since epoch—but in reality, browsers' definitions vary. In addition, work is underway to change this to be a <a href="DOMHighResTimeStamp">DOMHighResTimeStamp</a> instead.

```
Event.type (Read only)
```

The case-insensitive name identifying the type of the event.

# 롦 EVENT OBJECT



Another approach to event handling:

```
on[Event Name Goes Here]
= [your function];
```

```
function isDevelopment(evt) {
 return
   document.location.href.contains("localhost");
const target =
    document.querySelector('#target');
target.onhover = isDevelopment
```

# ON EVENT EXAMPLE