

# CSE 154

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LECTURE 21: MORE EVENTS

# JavaScript events

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abort	blur	change	click	dblclick	error	focus
keydown	keypress	keyup	load	mousedown	mousemove	mouseout
mouseover	mouseup	reset	resize	select	submit	unload

- the `click` event (`onclick`) is just one of many events that can be handled

# The keyword this

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```
this.fieldName           // access field
this.fieldName = value;  // modify field

this.methodName(parameters); // call method
```

JS

- all JavaScript code actually runs inside of an object
- by default, code runs in the global `window` object (so `this === window`)
  - all global variables and functions you declare become part of `window`
- the `this` keyword refers to the current object

# Event handler binding

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```
window.onload = function() {  
  document.getElementById("textbox").onmouseout = booyah;  
  document.getElementById("submit").onclick = booyah;  
                                     // bound to submit button here  
};  
  
function booyah() { // booyah knows what object it was called on  
  this.value = "booyah";  
}
```

JS

output

- event handlers attached unobtrusively are **bound** to the element
- inside the handler, that element becomes `this`

# Fixing redundant code with this

```
<input id="huey" type="radio" name="ducks" value="Huey" /> Huey  
<input id="dewey" type="radio" name="ducks" value="Dewey" /> Dewey  
<input id="louie" type="radio" name="ducks" value="Louie" /> Louie
```

HTML

```
function processDucks() {  
if (document.getElementById("huey").checked) {  
  alert("Huey is checked!");  
} else if (document.getElementById("dewey").checked) {  
  alert("Dewey is checked!");  
} else {  
  alert("Louie is checked!");  
}  
  alert(this.value + " is checked!");  
}
```

JS

Huey  Dewey  Louie

output

- if the same function is assigned to multiple elements, each gets its own bound copy

# The event object

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```
function name(event) {  
    // an event handler function ...  
}
```

JS

- Event handlers can accept an optional parameter to represent the event that is occurring. Event objects have the following properties / methods:

property name	description
type	what kind of event, such as "click" or "mousedown"
target	the element on which the event occurred
timeStamp	when the event occurred

# Mouse events

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<a href="#"><u>click</u></a>	user presses/releases mouse button on the element
<a href="#"><u>dblclick</u></a>	user presses/releases mouse button twice on the element
<a href="#"><u>mousedown</u></a>	user presses down mouse button on the element
<a href="#"><u>mouseup</u></a>	user releases mouse button on the element

clicking

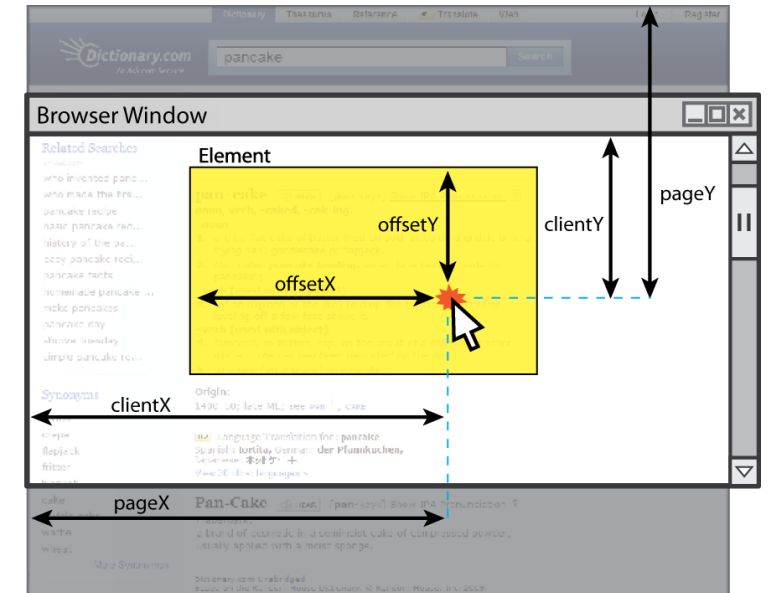
<a href="#"><u>mouseover</u></a>	mouse cursor enters the element's box
<a href="#"><u>mouseout</u></a>	mouse cursor exits the element's box
<a href="#"><u>mousemove</u></a>	mouse cursor moves around within the element's box

movement

# Mouse event objects

The event passed to a mouse handler has these properties:

property/method	description
clientX clientY	coordinates in <i>browser window</i>
screenX screenY	coordinates in <i>screen</i>
offsetX offsetY	coordinates in <i>element</i> (non-standard)
button	integer representing which button was pressed (0=Left, 1=Middle, 2=Right)





# Mouse event example

```
<pre id="target">Move the mouse over me!</pre>
```

HTML

```
window.onload = function() {  
  var target = document.getElementById("target");  
  target.onmousemove = target.onmousedown = showCoords;  
};
```

```
function showCoords(event) {  
  document.getElementById("target").innerHTML =  
    + "screen : (" + event.screenX + ", " + event.screenY + ") \n"  
    + "client : (" + event.clientX + ", " + event.clientY + ") \n"  
    + "button : " + event.button;  
}
```

JS

```
screen : (333, 782)  
client : (222, 460)  
button : 0
```

output

# Keyboard/text events

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<b>name</b>	<b>description</b>
<a href="#"><u>focus</u></a>	this element gains keyboard <b>focus</b> (attention of user's keyboard)
<a href="#"><u>blur</u></a>	this element loses keyboard focus
<a href="#"><u>keydown</u></a>	user presses a key while this element has keyboard focus
<a href="#"><u>keyup</u></a>	user releases a key while this element has keyboard focus
<a href="#"><u>keypress</u></a>	user presses and releases a key while this element has keyboard focus
<a href="#"><u>select</u></a>	this element's text is selected or deselected

# Key event objects

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property name	description
keyCode	ASCII integer value of key that was pressed (convert to char with <a href="#">String.fromCharCode</a> )
altKey, ctrlKey, shiftKey	true if Alt/Ctrl/Shift key is being held

- issue: if the event you attach your listener to doesn't have the focus, you won't hear the event
  - possible solution: attach key listener to entire page body, `document`, an outer element, etc.

# Key event example

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```
document.getElementById("textbox").onkeydown = textKeyDown;
...
function textKeyDown(event) {
  var key = String.fromCharCode(event.keyCode);
  if (key == 's' && event.altKey) {
    alert("Save the document!");
    this.value = this.value.split("").join("-");
  }
}
```

JS

- each time you push down any key, even a modifier such as Alt or Ctrl, the `keydown` event fires
- if you hold down the key, the `keydown` event fires repeatedly
- `keypress` event is a bit flakier and inconsistent across browsers

# Some useful key codes

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<b>keyboard key</b>	<b>event keyCode</b>
Backspace	8
Tab	9
Enter	13
Escape	27
Page Up, Page Down, End, Home	33, 34, 35, 36
Left, Up, Right, Down	37, 38, 39, 40
Insert, Delete	45, 46
Windows/Command	91
F1 - F12	112 - 123

# Page/window events

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<b>name</b>	<b>description</b>
<a href="#"><u>contextmenu</u></a>	the user right-clicks to pop up a context menu
<a href="#"><u>error</u></a>	an error occurs when loading a document or an image
<a href="#"><u>load</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>unload</u></a>	the browser loads the page
<a href="#"><u>resize</u></a>	the browser window is resized
<a href="#"><u>scroll</u></a>	the user scrolls the viewable part of the page up/down/left/right
<a href="#"><u>unload</u></a>	the browser exits/leaves the page

- The above can be handled on the `window` object

# Form events

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<b>event name</b>	<b>description</b>
<u>submit</u>	form is being submitted
<u>reset</u>	form is being reset
<u>change</u>	the text or state of a form control has changed

# Stopping an event

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event method name	description
preventDefault	stops the browser from doing its normal action on an event; for example, stops the browser from following a link when <code>&lt;a&gt;</code> tag is clicked, or stops browser from submitting a form when submit button is clicked
stopPropagation	stops the browser from showing this event to any other objects that may be listening for it

- you can also return `false`; from your event handler to stop an event



# Stopping an event, example

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```
<form id="exampleform" action="http://foo.com/foo.php">...</form>

window.onload = function() {
  var form = document.getElementById("exampleform");
  form.onsubmit = checkData;
};

function checkData(event) {
  if (document.getElementById("state").length != 2) {
    alert("Error, invalid city/state."); // show error message
    event.preventDefault();
    return false; // stop form submission
  }
}
```

# Multiple listeners to the same event

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```
element.addEventListener("event", function);
```

JS

```
var button = document.getElementById("mybutton");  
button.addEventListener("click", func1);  
           // button.onclick = func1;  
button.addEventListener("click", func2);  
           // button.onclick = func2;
```

JS

- if you assign `onclick` twice, the second one replaces the first
- [addEventListener](#) allows multiple listeners to be called for the same event
- *(note that you do not include "on" in the event name!)*

# Multiple window.onload listeners

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```
window.onload = function;  
window.addEventListener("load", function);
```

JS

- it is considered bad form to directly assign to `window.onload`
- multiple `.js` files could be linked to the same page, and if they all need to run code when the page loads, their `window.onload` statements will override each other
- by calling `window.addEventListener` instead, all of them can run their code when the page is loaded