

SY110 Client-Side Scripting Event Driven

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What we talked about last time

- Static vs. Dynamic Web pages
- Client-side vs. Server-Side scripts
- Non-Event-Driven vs. Event-Driven

Event-driven scripts – scripts in webpages that react to events (in this class, usually mouse events) by changing the appearance of the page.

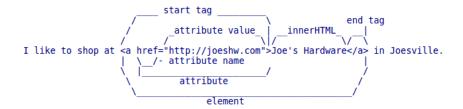
Today we'll:

- understand the structure of elements and their associated attributes,
- understand how to use the id attribute to fetch and modify the attributes of an element in a page, and
- understand how to associate script-code to user actions with attributes like onclick.

Elements and Attributes

Elements & Attributes

- Anything wrapped between start and end tags in an HTML document is an *element*.
- An attribute further refines an element's contents normally within opening tag. Uses name = value syntax



Element Ids and JavaScript

If we want to refer to a particular element in a JavaScript script, we need to give it an id attribute so that JavaScript can locate it.

Examples

<B id="foo">Element foo <B id="bar">Element bar

Referencing elements w/JavaScript

 We can refer to these elements using the JavaScript function document.getElementById([id]):

document.getElementById("foo")

which returns the content of the element with id="foo".

Some modifiable fields

- document.getElementById("foo").innerHTML
 - Stores the string between start and end tags
- document.getElementById("foo").style.color
 - Stores the color of the string in six hex characters (RGB)
- document.getElementById("foo").style.background
 - Stores the color of the background in six hex characters (RGB)
- document.getElementById("foo").sytle.fontFamily
 - Stores the specific font or font family for the text, *e.g.* serif, monospace, etc
- document.getElementById("foo").style.fontSize
 - Stores the size of the font in pixels (px), points (pt), or em (multiple of current font-size)

Note: We're not changing the HTML file itself – we're changing the browser's internal representation of the file (how it's rendered).



Let's look at the DOM worksheet from the lecture notes http://rona.academy.usna.edu/~sy110/lec/wwwClntEvent/worksheet.html





Demos





Questions?