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Types of Events

- Click event: triggered when a user clicks on an element
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Working with Functions

JavaScript functions are blocks of code that can be reused throughout a program. Functions can take arguments and return values, and can be used to perform complex tasks.

Defining a Function

```
function greet(name) {
  alert("Hello, " + name + "!");
}
```

Calling a Function

```
greet("John");
```

Creating Interactive Web Pages

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Example: Creating a Simple Web Page

```
<button id="myButton">Click me!</button>
<div id="myDiv"></div>

<script>
  document.getElementById("myButton").addEventListener("click", function() {
    document.getElementById("myDiv").innerHTML = "Hello, world!";
  });
</script>
```

Activities and Questions

Complete the following activities and questions to practice your skills:

Activity 1: Create a Simple Web Page

Create a web page with a button that displays a message when clicked.

Activity 2: Working with Functions

Define a function that takes a name as an argument and displays a greeting message.

Activity 3: Creating Interactive Web Pages

Create a web page that responds to user interactions, such as clicking a button or submitting a form.

Questions

Answer the following questions to test your understanding:

1. What is the purpose of JavaScript events?
2. How do you define a function in JavaScript?
3. What is the difference between a click event and a hover event?

Advanced Concepts in JavaScript Events and Functions

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts in JavaScript events and functions, including event delegation, function closures, and the use of callbacks.

Event Delegation

Event delegation is a technique used to handle events on a parent element instead of attaching event listeners to individual child elements. This approach can improve performance and simplify code.

```
document.getElementById("parent").addEventListener("click", function(event) {
  if (event.target.tagName === "BUTTON") {
    // Handle button click
  }
});
```

Function Closures

A function closure is a function that has access to its own scope and the scope of its outer functions. Closures are useful for creating private variables and functions.

Example: Creating a Closure

```
function outer() {
  let privateVariable = 0;
  function inner() {
    privateVariable++;
    console.log(privateVariable);
  }
  return inner;
}
```

Using Callbacks

Callbacks are functions that are passed as arguments to other functions and are executed after a specific operation has completed. Callbacks are commonly used in asynchronous programming.

Example: Using a Callback

```
function loadData(callback) {
  // Load data from server
  callback(data);
}
```

Best Practices for JavaScript Events and Functions

To write efficient and effective JavaScript code, follow these best practices:

- Use event delegation to handle events on parent elements
- Use function closures to create private variables and functions
- Use callbacks to handle asynchronous operations

Case Study: Creating a To-Do List App

In this case study, we will create a to-do list app that uses JavaScript events and functions to add, remove, and edit items.

Step 1: Create the HTML Structure

```
<ul id="todo-list"></ul>
<input id="new-item" type="text" />
<button id="add-item">Add Item</button>
```

Step 2: Add Event Listeners

Add event listeners to the add item button and the todo list to handle user interactions.

```
document.getElementById("add-item").addEventListener("click", function() {
  // Add item to list
});
```

Step 3: Create Functions to Handle User Interactions

Create functions to handle user interactions, such as adding, removing, and editing items.

Example: Adding an Item

```
function addItem(item) {
  // Add item to list
}
```

Conclusion

In this lesson, we learned about JavaScript events and functions, including event delegation, function closures, and the use of callbacks. We also created a to-do list app to demonstrate the concepts in practice.

By following the best practices and using the techniques learned in this lesson, you can create efficient and effective JavaScript code that handles user interactions and asynchronous operations.

Assessment

Complete the following assessment to test your understanding of JavaScript events and functions:

1. What is the purpose of event delegation?
2. How do you create a function closure?
3. What is the difference between a callback and a function?

Extension

Complete the following extension activities to further practice your skills:

- Create a weather app that uses JavaScript events and functions to display the current weather and forecast.
- Build a game that uses JavaScript events and functions to handle user interactions and update the game state.

References

The following resources were used to create this lesson:

- MDN Web Docs: JavaScript Events
- MDN Web Docs: JavaScript Functions
- W3Schools: JavaScript Events

Glossary

The following terms were used in this lesson:

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