



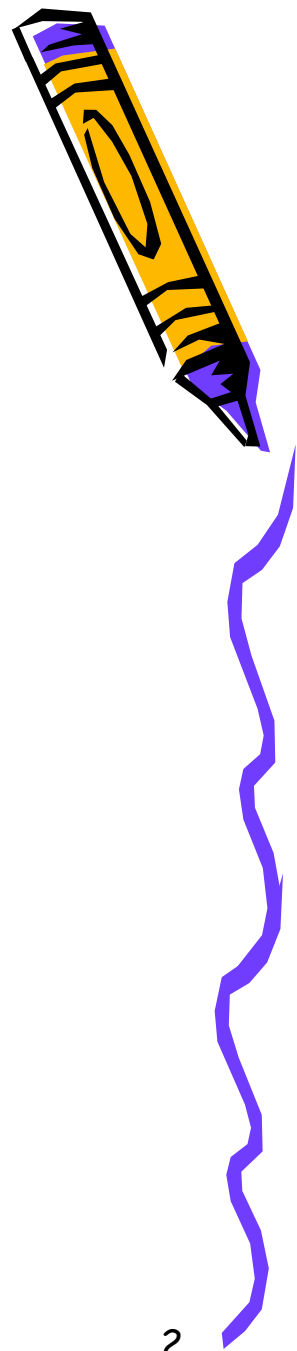
# Programming for Digital Media EE1707

## Lecture 4 JavaScript

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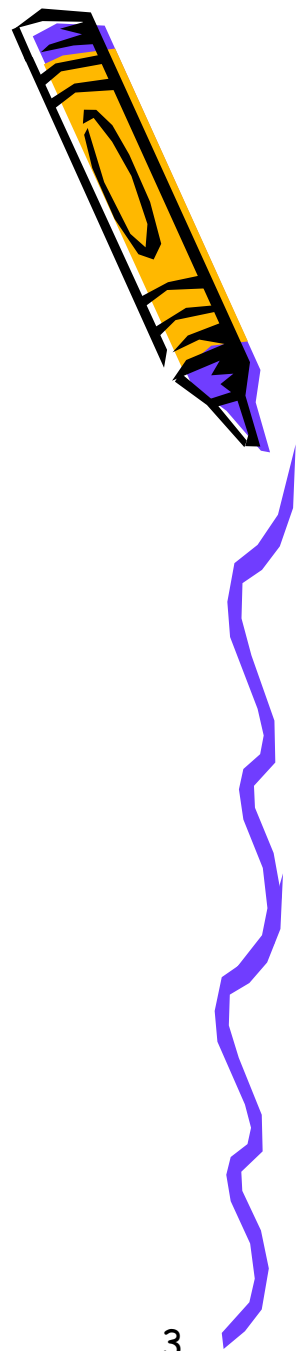
# today

- **Event Handling in JavaScript**
- **Client-Side JavaScript**
- **Examples**



# Events

- **Events** are user-driven implementation of functions or operations in an application. For example:
  - Click on a button or mouse
  - Mouse going over an area of the document
  - Pressing on a button on the keyboard
  - ...
- *Events* trigger a predefined operation or function



# Events cont.

- Browsers cater for the events that are handled by JavaScript

```

```

```
<body>
```

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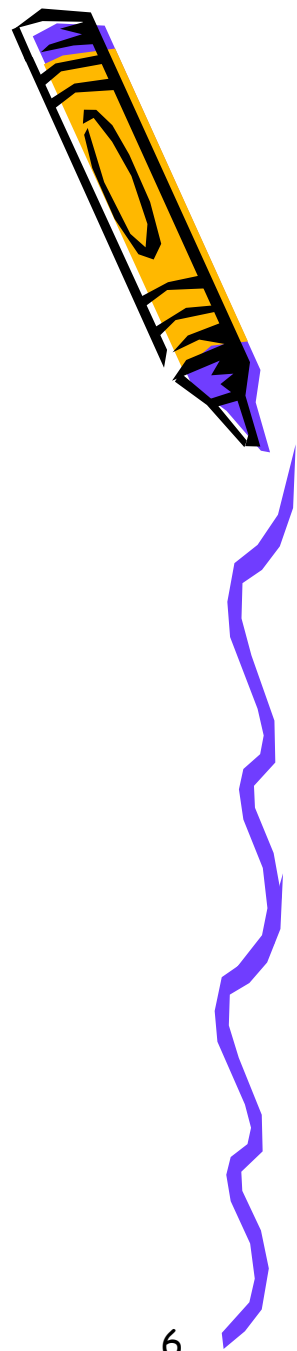
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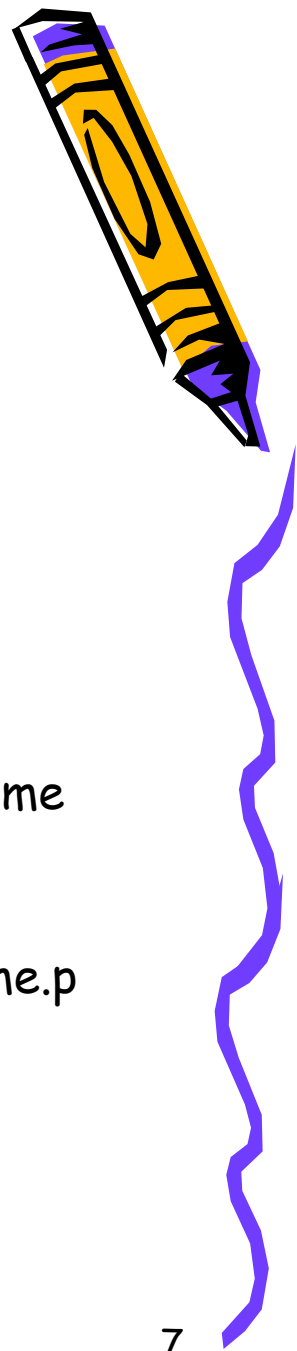
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</html>
```

# Handling Images in a document

- **Images are one of the most important components of any document**
  - Rollover images for enhanced user experience
  - Animation using off-screen images
- **Good practices:**
  - Name images in the html document  
(`<img src = "myimage.jpg" name = "myPhoto" />`)
  - Names can be assigned to a variable  
`var imgName = "myPhoto";`  
`document.images[imgName];`



# Another Exercise



## A rollover image with a link

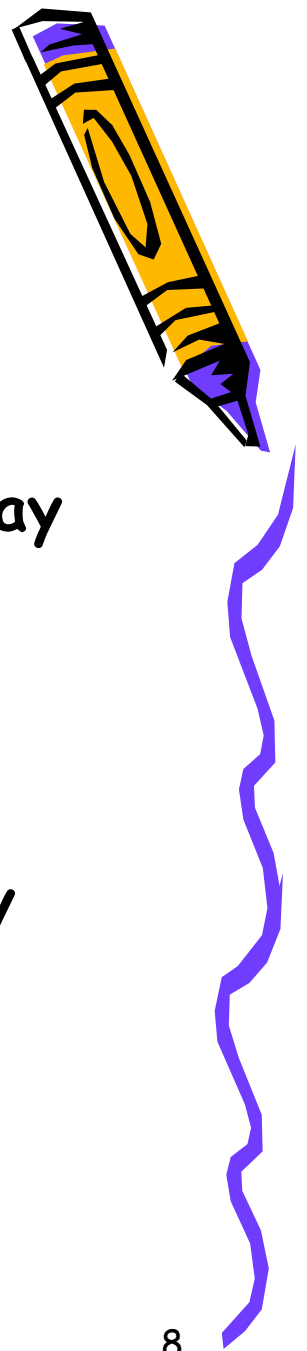
```
<html>
<body>

<a href="mailto:info@holidays.com"



</body>
</html>
```

# Three Methods to access Images and Image Objects



## 1. *images[ ]* array using a string index

```
document.images["ImageName"].src = "ImageName.png";  
<img src= "...           />
```

## 2. Using the numeric index in the *images[ ]* array

```
document.images[0].src= "ImageName1";  
document.images[1].src = "ImageName2";  
<img src=...           />
```

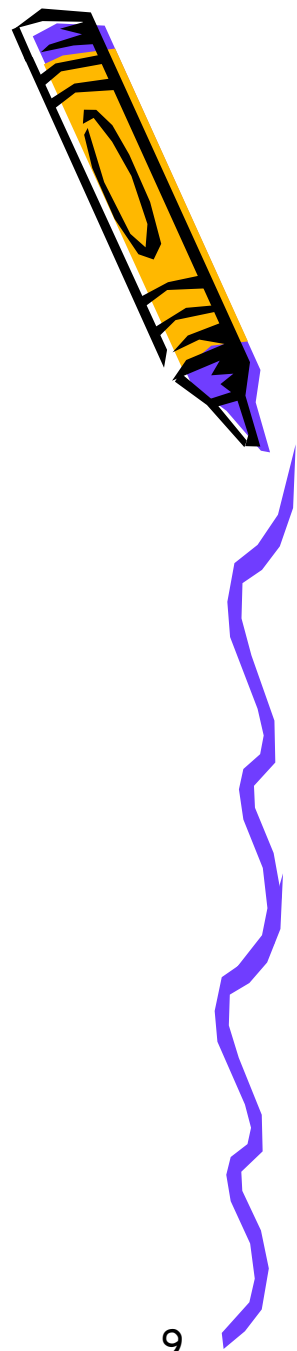
## 3. Using the *<img>* name on the *images[ ]* array object

```
document.images.ImageName.src = "ImageName.png";
```



# Timer Event

Timer events are important features in JavaScript. You can design applications such as: animation, displayable clocks, rotating advertisements, ...



# *setTimeout()* function

- *setTimeout()* is a method of the browser window object
- **Two arguments are allowed:**
  - A string semicolon separated statements
  - The delay in milliseconds

Example:

```
// run a function called imageRotate with 0.1 second delay  
timer = setTimeout( "imageRotate( );" , 100);
```

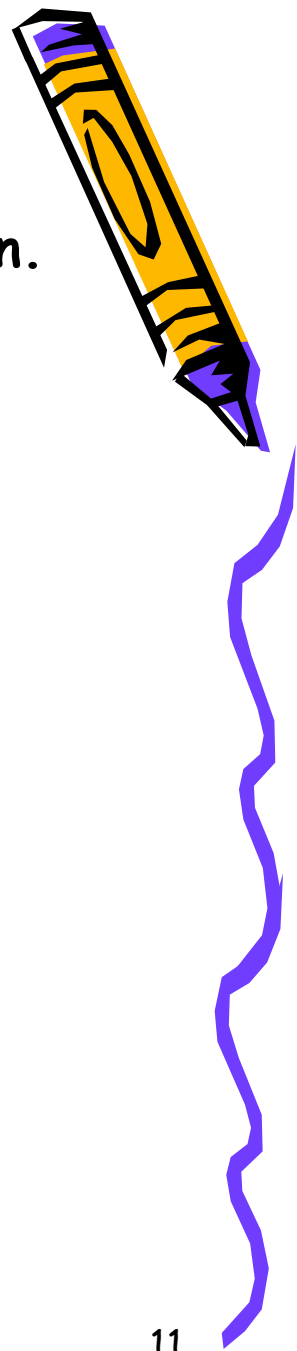


# Examples

E4-3 (start and stop a timer) and E4-4 a small animation.

```
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function shakeleft()
{
document.getElementById('image').style.position="relative";
document.getElementById('image').style.left="3";
timer=setTimeout("shakeright()",100);
}

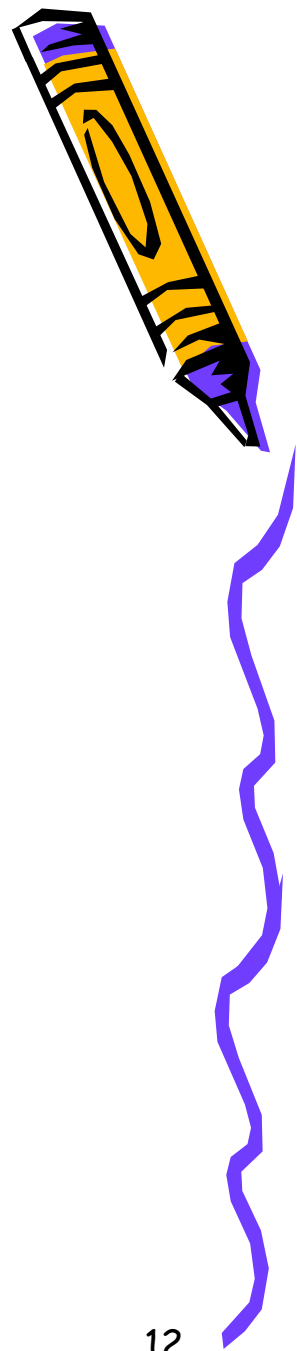
//continued on next slide
```



# Example continued

```
function shakeright()
{
document.getElementById('image').style.left="0";
timer=setTimeout("shakeleft()",100);
}
function stoptimer()
{
clearTimeout(timer);
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
<b>Mouse over the heart to beat</b><br />

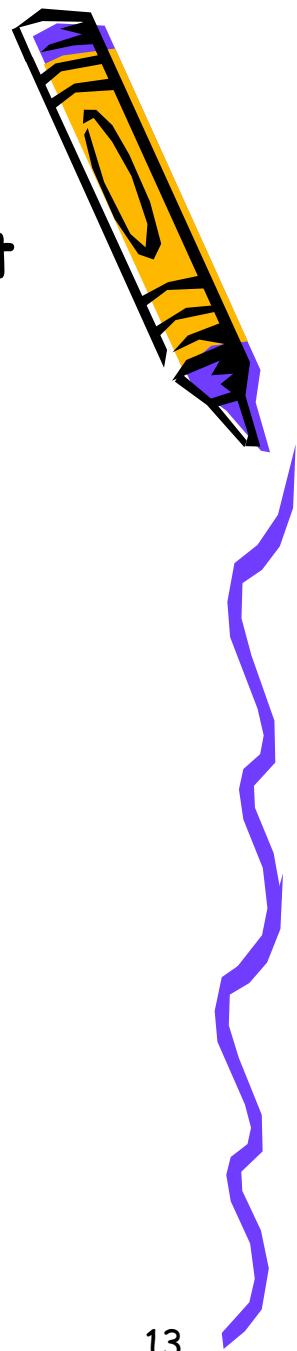
</body>
</html>
```



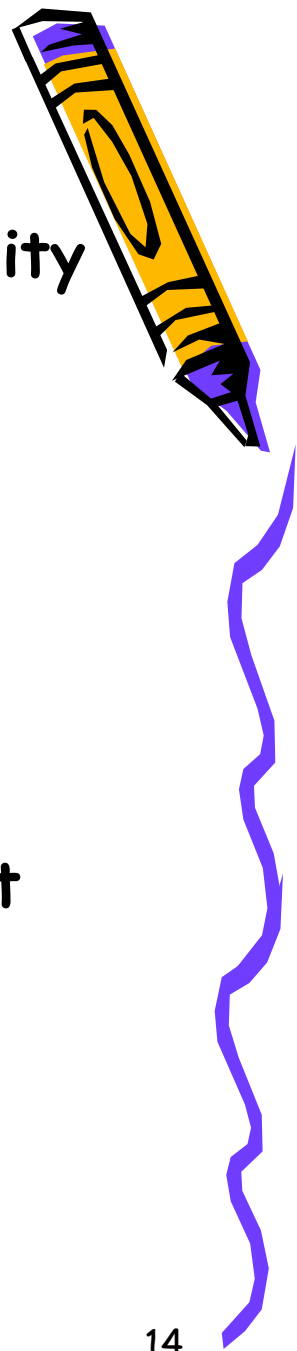
# Managing your JavaScript Applications

1. **Make sure that your web pages work without JavaScript (graceful degradation)**
2. **Separating structure from behaviour**
3. **Making sure that older versions of browsers handle your pages gracefully (backward compatibility)**

Also see *DOM Scripting* by J. Keith



# Graceful Degradation



- Modern Browser applications have the capability to block JavaScript (i.e. pop-up pages)

*window.open(url, name, features)*

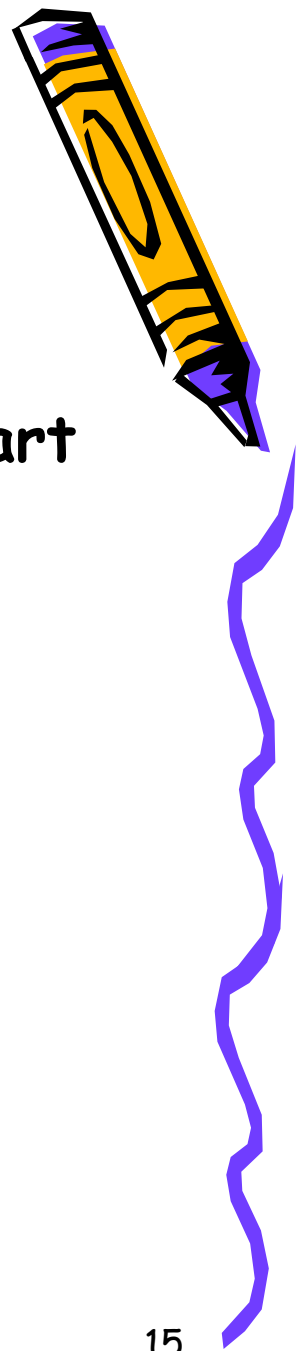
Example

```
function popUp(winURL) {  
    window.open(winURL, "popup", "width = 400, height=200");  
}
```

- You have to make sure that if the JavaScript is blocked your web pages and web site could be navigable - **Graceful Degradation**

# Separating structure from behaviour

- Nowhere more applicable than **CSS**
- Keep styles in an external file rather than part of the document
- This separation also allows for graceful degradation



# Backward compatibility

- Quiz the browser if it support JavaScript and if so to what level

```
// use a condition statement  
window.onload = function ( ) {  
    if ( !document.getElementById  
        return false;  
    }
```

- Browser sniffing - trying to read the browsers properties. Not very reliable.

