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Abstract

This specification defines the Document Object Model Events Level 3, a platform- and language-neutral interface that allows programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents. The Document Object Model Events Level 3 builds on the Document Object Model Events Level 2.

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1. Document Object Model Events

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1.1. Level 3 Events Overview

The goal of the DOM Level 3 Events specification is to expand upon the functionality specified in the DOM Level 2 Event Specification. The specification does this by adding new interfaces which are complimentary to the interfaces defined in the DOM Level 2 Event Specification as well as adding new event modules to those already defined.

This specification requires the previously designed interfaces in order to be functional. It is not designed to be standalone. These interfaces are not designed to supercede the interfaces already provided but instead to add to the functionality contained within them.

1.2. Level 3 Events Interfaces

1.2.1. Key events

A DOM application may use the `hasFeature(feature, version)` method of the `DOMImplementation` interface with parameter values "KeyEvents" and "3.0" (respectively) to determine whether or not the Mouse event module is supported by the implementation. In order to fully support this module, an implementation must also support the "UIEvents" feature defined in this specification. Please, refer to additional information about conformance in the DOM Level 3 Core specification .

Note: To create an instance of the `KeyEvent` [p.9] interface, use the feature string "KeyEvents" as the value of the input parameter used with the `createEvent` method of the `DocumentEvent` interface.

Interface *KeyEvent* (introduced in **DOM Level 3**)

The `KeyEvent` interface provides specific contextual information associated with Key Events.

The `detail` attribute inherited from `UIEvent` is used to indicated the number of keypresses which have occurred during key repetition. If this information is not available this value should be 0.

IDL Definition

```
// Introduced in DOM Level 3:
interface KeyEvent : UIEvent {

    // VirtualKeyCode
    const unsigned long    DOM_VK_UNDEFINED           = 0x0;
    const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT          = 0x01;
    const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT           = 0x02;
    const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL       = 0x03;
    const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL      = 0x04;
```

1.2.1. Key events

```
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT      = 0x05;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT     = 0x06;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_META      = 0x07;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_META     = 0x08;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_CAPS_LOCK      = 0x09;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_DELETE        = 0x0A;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_END           = 0x0B;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_ENTER         = 0x0C;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_ESCAPE        = 0x0D;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_HOME          = 0x0E;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_INSERT       = 0x0F;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_NUM_LOCK      = 0x10;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PAUSE        = 0x11;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PRINTSCREEN    = 0x12;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_SCROLL_LOCK   = 0x13;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT         = 0x14;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT        = 0x15;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_UP           = 0x16;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_DOWN         = 0x17;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PAGE_DOWN    = 0x18;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PAGE_UP      = 0x19;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F1          = 0x1A;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F2          = 0x1B;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F3          = 0x1C;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F4          = 0x1D;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F5          = 0x1E;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F6          = 0x1F;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F7          = 0x20;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F8          = 0x21;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F9          = 0x22;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F10         = 0x23;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F11         = 0x24;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F12         = 0x25;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F13         = 0x26;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F14         = 0x27;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F15         = 0x28;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F16         = 0x29;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F17         = 0x2A;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F18         = 0x2B;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F19         = 0x2C;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F20         = 0x2D;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F21         = 0x2E;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F22         = 0x2F;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F23         = 0x30;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F24         = 0x31;
```

```
        attribute DOMString    outputString;
        attribute unsigned long keyVal;
        attribute unsigned long virtKeyVal;
        attribute boolean      inputGenerated;
        attribute boolean      numPad;
boolean  checkModifier(in unsigned long modifier);
void     initKeyEvent(in DOMString typeArg,
                    in boolean canBubbleArg,
                    in boolean cancelableArg,
                    in views::AbstractView viewArg,
                    in unsigned short detailArg,
```

```

        in DOMString outputStringArg,
        in unsigned long keyValArg,
        in unsigned long virtKeyValArg,
        in boolean inputGeneratedArg,
        in boolean numPadArg);
void      initModifier(in unsigned long modifier,
                      in boolean value);
};

```

Definition group *VirtualKeyCode*

An integer indicating which key was pressed.

Defined Constants

```

DOM_VK_CAPS_LOCK
DOM_VK_DELETE
DOM_VK_DOWN
DOM_VK_END
DOM_VK_ENTER
DOM_VK_ESCAPE
DOM_VK_F1
    Constant for the F1 function key.
DOM_VK_F10
    Constant for the F10 function key.
DOM_VK_F11
    Constant for the F11 function key.
DOM_VK_F12
    Constant for the F12 function key.
DOM_VK_F13
    Constant for the F13 function key.
DOM_VK_F14
    Constant for the F14 function key.
DOM_VK_F15
    Constant for the F15 function key.
DOM_VK_F16
    Constant for the F16 function key.
DOM_VK_F17
    Constant for the F17 function key.
DOM_VK_F18
    Constant for the F18 function key.
DOM_VK_F19
    Constant for the F19 function key.
DOM_VK_F2
    Constant for the F2 function key.
DOM_VK_F20
    Constant for the F20 function key.
DOM_VK_F21
    Constant for the F21 function key.

```

DOM_VK_F22
Constant for the F22 function key.

DOM_VK_F23
Constant for the F23 function key.

DOM_VK_F24
Constant for the F24 function key.

DOM_VK_F3
Constant for the F3 function key.

DOM_VK_F4
Constant for the F4 function key.

DOM_VK_F5
Constant for the F5 function key.

DOM_VK_F6
Constant for the F6 function key.

DOM_VK_F7
Constant for the F7 function key.

DOM_VK_F8
Constant for the F8 function key.

DOM_VK_F9
Constant for the F9 function key.

DOM_VK_HOME

DOM_VK_INSERT

DOM_VK_LEFT
DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_LEFT_META
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_NUM_LOCK

DOM_VK_PAGE_DOWN

DOM_VK_PAGE_UP

DOM_VK_PAUSE

DOM_VK_PRINTSCREEN

DOM_VK_RIGHT
DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_RIGHT_META
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT
This key is a modifier key

DOM_VK_SCROLL_LOCK

DOM_VK_UNDEFINED

Used for key events which do not have a virtual key code available.

DOM_VK_UP

Attributes

`inputGenerated` of type `boolean`

The `inputGenerated` attribute indicates whether the key event will normally cause visible output. If the key event does not generate any visible output, such as the use of a function key or the combination of certain modifier keys used in conjunction with another key, then the value will be false. If visible output is normally generated by the key event then the value will be true.

The value of `inputGenerated` does not guarantee the creation of a character. If a key event causing visible output is cancelable it may be prevented from causing output. This attribute is intended primarily to differentiate between keys events which may or may not produce visible output depending on the system state.

`keyVal` of type `unsigned long`

The value of `keyVal` holds the value of the Unicode character associated with the depressed key. If the key has no Unicode representation or no Unicode character is available the value is 0..

`numPad` of type `boolean`

The `numPad` attribute indicates whether or not the key event was generated on the number pad section of the keyboard. If the number pad was used to generate the key event the value is true, otherwise the value is false.

`outputString` of type `DOMString`

`outputString` holds the value of the output generated by the key event. This may be a single Unicode character or it may be a string. It may also be null in the case where no output was generated by the key event.

`virtKeyVal` of type `unsigned long`

When the key associated with a key event is not representable via a Unicode character `virtKeyVal` holds the virtual key code associated with the depressed key. If the key has a Unicode representation or no virtual code is available the value is `DOM_VK_UNDEFINED`.

Methods

`checkModifier`

The `CheckModifier` method is used to check the status of a single modifier key associated with a `KeyEvent`. The identifier of the modifier in question is passed into the `CheckModifier` function. If the modifier is triggered it will return true. If not, it will return false.

The list of keys below represents the allowable modifier parameters for this method.

- `DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT`
- `DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT`
- `DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL`
- `DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL`
- `DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT`
- `DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT`
- `DOM_VK_META`

Parameters

modifier of type unsigned long

The modifier which the user wishes to query.

Return Value

boolean The status of the modifier represented as a boolean.

No Exceptions**initKeyEvent**

The `initKeyEvent` method is used to initialize the value of a `MouseEvent` created through the `DocumentEvent` interface. This method may only be called before the `KeyEvent` has been dispatched via the `dispatchEvent` method, though it may be called multiple times during that phase if necessary. If called multiple times, the final invocation takes precedence. This method has no effect if called after the event has been dispatched.

Parameters

typeArg of type `DOMString`

Specifies the event type.

canBubbleArg of type boolean

Specifies whether or not the event can bubble.

cancelableArg of type boolean

Specifies whether or not the event's default action can be prevent.

viewArg of type `views::AbstractView`

Specifies the `KeyEvent`'s `AbstractView`.

detailArg of type unsigned short

Specifies the number of repeated keypresses, if available.

outputStringArg of type `DOMString`

Specifies the `KeyEvent`'s `outputString` attribute

keyValArg of type unsigned long

Specifies the `KeyEvent`'s `keyVal` attribute

virtKeyValArg of type unsigned long

Specifies the `KeyEvent`'s `virtKeyVal` attribute

inputGeneratedArg of type boolean

Specifies the `KeyEvent`'s `inputGenerated` attribute

numPadArg of type boolean

Specifies the `KeyEvent`'s `numPad` attribute

No Return Value**No Exceptions****initModifier**

The `initModifier` method is used to initialize the values of any modifiers associated with a `KeyEvent` created through the `DocumentEvent` interface. This method may only be called before the `KeyEvent` has been dispatched via the `dispatchEvent` method, though it may be called multiple times during that phase if necessary. If called multiple times with the same `modifier` property the final invocation takes precedence. Unless explicitly give a value of true, all modifiers have a value of false. This method has no effect if called after the event has been dispatched.

The list of keys below represents the allowable modifier parameters for this method.

- DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT
- DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT
- DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL
- DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL
- DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT
- DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT
- DOM_VK_META

Parameters

modifier of type unsigned long

The modifier which the user wishes to initialize

value of type boolean

The new value of the modifier.

No Return Value**No Exceptions**

There are two major groups of key events. The first contains the `textEvent` event. The `textEvent` event indicates that text information has been entered, either in the form of printable characters or non-printable text information such as modifier keys. `textEvent` events are not necessarily accompanied by the events of the second major groups of key events, `keydown` and `keyup`.

textEvent

The `textEvent` event indicates that text information has been entered. The text information entered can originate from a variety of sources. It could, for example, be a character resulting from a keypress. It could also be a string resulting from an input method.

- Bubbles: Yes
- Cancelable: Yes

The `keydown` and `keyup` events comprise the second group of key events. These events are fired to indicate the physical motion of the keys on the character generation device. Depending on the input system being used, `textEvent` events may or may not be generated for each pair of `keydown` and `keyup` events.

keydown

The `keydown` event occurs when a key is pressed down.

- Bubbles: Yes
- Cancelable: Yes

keyup

The `keyup` event occurs when a key is released.

- Bubbles: Yes
- Cancelable: Yes

1.2.2. EventListener Grouping

EventListener grouping is intended to allow groups of EventListeners to be registered which will each have independent event flow within them which is not affected by changes to event flow in any other group. This may be used to control events separately in multiple views on a document. It may also be used to develop an application which uses events without the problem of possible interference by other applications running within the same document.

The new interfaces added for EventListener grouping should not interfere with the interfaces established in the Level 2 DOM. For purposes of interoperability between the Level 2 DOM Event Model and the new interfaces added in Level 3 the implementation can be assumed to define a default EventGroup [p.16]. This EventGroup is implicitly used in the registration of all EventListeners registered via the Level 2 DOM Event Model methods which do not specify an EventGroup.

Interface *EventGroup*

The EventGroup interface functions primarily as a placeholder for separating the event flows when there are multiple groups of listeners for a DOM tree.

EventListeners can be registered without an EventGroup using the existing EventTarget interface, or with an associated EventGroup using the new EventTargetGroup [p.16] interface. When an event is dispatched, it is dispatched independently to each EventGroup. In particular, the stopPropagation method of the Event interface only stops propagation within an EventListener's associated EventGroup.

IDL Definition

```
interface EventGroup {
    boolean      isSameEventGroup(in EventGroup eventGroup);
};
```

Methods

`isSameEventGroup`

This method checks if the supplied EventGroup is the same as the EventGroup upon which the method is called.

Parameters

`eventGroup` of type EventGroup [p.16]

The EventGroup with which to check equality.

Return Value

`boolean` Returns true if the EventGroups are equal, else returns false.

No Exceptions

Interface *EventTargetGroup*

The EventTargetGroup interface is implemented by the same set of objects that implement the EventTarget interface, namely all EventTargets in in implementation which supports the Event model and the EventGroup extension.

IDL Definition

```
interface EventTargetGroup {
    void          addEventListener(in DOMString type,
                                  in EventListener listener,
                                  in boolean useCapture,
                                  in EventGroup eventGroup);

    void          removeEventListener(in DOMString type,
                                      in EventListener listener,
                                      in boolean useCapture,
                                      in EventGroup eventGroup);
};
```

Methods

addEventListener

This method is equivalent to the addEventListener method of the EventTarget interface, with the exception of the added eventGroup parameter. The listener is registered with this EventGroup [p.16] associated.

Parameters

type of type DOMString
 listener of type EventListener
 useCapture of type boolean
 eventGroup of type EventGroup [p.16]

The EventGroup to associate with the listener.

No Return Value

No Exceptions

removeEventListener

This method is equivalent to the removeEventListener method of the EventTarget interface, with the exception of the added eventGroup parameter. The listener registered with this EventGroup [p.16] associated is removed.

Parameters

type of type DOMString
 listener of type EventListener
 useCapture of type boolean
 eventGroup of type EventGroup [p.16]

The EventGroup to associate with the listener.

No Return Value

No Exceptions

Interface DocumentEventGroup

The DocumentEventGroup interface provides a mechanism by which the user can create an EventGroup [p.16] of a type supported by the implementation. It is expected that the DocumentEvent interface will be implemented on the same object which implements the Document interface in an implementation which supports the EventGroup extension.

IDL Definition

```
interface DocumentEventGroup {
    EventGroup      createEventGroup();
};
```

Methods

`createEventGroup`

This method creates a new `EventGroup` for use in the `addEventListener` and `removeEventListener` methods of the `EventTargetGroup` interface.

Return Value

`EventGroup` [p.16] The newly created `EventGroup`.

No Parameters

No Exceptions

1.3. Issues

Issue `getModifier`:

Why is modifier state exposed through a method rather than an attribute?

Resolution: The modifier keys are not currently representable as bit flags. Setting them individually would therefore require an attribute for each. Rather than bloat the api, especially given the addition of left and right modifier keys, the modifiers are exposed via a single method.

Issue ISO-IEC-9995:

Have you coordinated this set with that defined by ISO/IEC 9995 which addresses various Keyboard symbol issues.

Resolution: Upon examination of the ISO spec we found it to be insufficient to our needs. It does not represent the left/right differentiation between some keys. It also lacks function keys.

Issue ISO-IEC-14755:

Review ISO/IEC 14755 "Input methods to enter characters from the repertoire of ISO/IEC 10646 with a keyboard or other input device" to insure that the treatment of input state is consistent with that expected by current practice when it comes to platforms which support input methods.

Issue offsets:

(This issue is related with mouse events and Views?)

it would be useful if `MouseEvent` class had a property that would enable listeners to learn about coordinates of the event within the element's own coordinate system.

Issue `unicodeidents`:

Some of the unicode chars are pretty esoteric (i.e. home, end, scroll lock). Do we want to adopt these or will this be harder on users than defining them in the DOM Event Spec. About a dozen keys fit this pattern.

Issue `texteventwithoutchargeneration`:

The results of the discussions on switching the `keypress` event out for the `textEvent` were inconclusive on the question of whether to fire `textEvents` for non character generating keys input. This includes modifier keys, function keys, etc.

Appendix A: IDL Definitions

This appendix contains the complete OMG IDL [OMGIDL] for the Level 3 Document Object Model Events definitions.

The IDL files are also available as:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/WD-DOM-Level-3-Events-20010410/idl.zip>

events.idl:

```
// File: events.idl

#ifndef _EVENTS_IDL_
#define _EVENTS_IDL_

#include "dom.idl"
#include "views.idl"

#pragma prefix "dom.w3c.org"
module events
{

    typedef dom::DOMString DOMString;
    typedef dom::EventListener EventListener;
    typedef dom::UIEvent UIEvent;

    interface EventGroup {
        boolean        isSameEventGroup(in EventGroup eventGroup);
    };

    interface EventTargetGroup {
        void            addEventListener(in DOMString type,
                                        in EventListener listener,
                                        in boolean useCapture,
                                        in EventGroup eventGroup);
        void            removeEventListener(in DOMString type,
                                        in EventListener listener,
                                        in boolean useCapture,
                                        in EventGroup eventGroup);
    };

    interface DocumentEventGroup {
        EventGroup      createEventGroup();
    };

    // Introduced in DOM Level 3:
    interface KeyEvent : UIEvent {

        // VirtualKeyCode
        const unsigned long    DOM_VK_UNDEFINED           = 0x0;
        const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT           = 0x01;
        const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT            = 0x02;
        const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL        = 0x03;
        const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL       = 0x04;
    };
};
```

events.idl:

```

const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT        = 0x05;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT       = 0x06;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT_META        = 0x07;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT_META       = 0x08;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_CAPS_LOCK        = 0x09;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_DELETE           = 0x0A;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_END              = 0x0B;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_ENTER            = 0x0C;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_ESCAPE           = 0x0D;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_HOME             = 0x0E;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_INSERT          = 0x0F;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_NUM_LOCK        = 0x10;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PAUSE           = 0x11;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PRINTSCREEN      = 0x12;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_SCROLL_LOCK     = 0x13;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_LEFT            = 0x14;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_RIGHT           = 0x15;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_UP              = 0x16;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_DOWN            = 0x17;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PAGE_DOWN       = 0x18;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_PAGE_UP         = 0x19;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F1              = 0x1A;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F2              = 0x1B;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F3              = 0x1C;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F4              = 0x1D;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F5              = 0x1E;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F6              = 0x1F;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F7              = 0x20;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F8              = 0x21;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F9              = 0x22;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F10             = 0x23;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F11            = 0x24;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F12            = 0x25;
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const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F14            = 0x27;
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const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F21            = 0x2E;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F22            = 0x2F;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F23            = 0x30;
const unsigned long    DOM_VK_F24            = 0x31;

```

```

        attribute DOMString    outputString;
        attribute unsigned long    keyVal;
        attribute unsigned long    virtKeyVal;
        attribute boolean    inputGenerated;
        attribute boolean    numPad;
boolean    checkModifier(in unsigned long modifier);
void    initKeyEvent(in DOMString typeArg,
                    in boolean canBubbleArg,
                    in boolean cancelableArg,
                    in views::AbstractView viewArg,
                    in unsigned short detailArg,

```

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```
        in DOMString outputStringArg,  
        in unsigned long keyValArg,  
        in unsigned long virtKeyValArg,  
        in boolean inputGeneratedArg,  
        in boolean numPadArg);  
void      initModifier(in unsigned long modifier,  
                      in boolean value);  
};  
};  
#endif // _EVENTS_IDL_
```

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Appendix B: Java Language Binding

This appendix contains the complete Java [Java] bindings for the Level 3 Document Object Model Events.

The Java files are also available as

<http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/WD-DOM-Level-3-Events-20010410/java-binding.zip>

org/w3c/dom/events/KeyEvent.java:

```
package org.w3c.dom.events;

import org.w3c.dom.views.AbstractView;
import org.w3c.dom.UIEvent;

public interface KeyEvent extends UIEvent {
    // VirtualKeyCode
    public static final int DOM_VK_UNDEFINED           = 0x0;
    public static final int DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT          = 0x01;
    public static final int DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT           = 0x02;
    public static final int DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL       = 0x03;
    public static final int DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL      = 0x04;
    public static final int DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT         = 0x05;
    public static final int DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT        = 0x06;
    public static final int DOM_VK_LEFT_META          = 0x07;
    public static final int DOM_VK_RIGHT_META         = 0x08;
    public static final int DOM_VK_CAPS_LOCK          = 0x09;
    public static final int DOM_VK_DELETE             = 0x0A;
    public static final int DOM_VK_END                = 0x0B;
    public static final int DOM_VK_ENTER              = 0x0C;
    public static final int DOM_VK_ESCAPE             = 0x0D;
    public static final int DOM_VK_HOME               = 0x0E;
    public static final int DOM_VK_INSERT             = 0x0F;
    public static final int DOM_VK_NUM_LOCK           = 0x10;
    public static final int DOM_VK_PAUSE              = 0x11;
    public static final int DOM_VK_PRINTSCREEN         = 0x12;
    public static final int DOM_VK_SCROLL_LOCK        = 0x13;
    public static final int DOM_VK_LEFT               = 0x14;
    public static final int DOM_VK_RIGHT              = 0x15;
    public static final int DOM_VK_UP                 = 0x16;
    public static final int DOM_VK_DOWN               = 0x17;
    public static final int DOM_VK_PAGE_DOWN          = 0x18;
    public static final int DOM_VK_PAGE_UP            = 0x19;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F1                  = 0x1A;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F2                  = 0x1B;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F3                  = 0x1C;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F4                  = 0x1D;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F5                  = 0x1E;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F6                  = 0x1F;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F7                  = 0x20;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F8                  = 0x21;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F9                  = 0x22;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F10                 = 0x23;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F11                 = 0x24;
    public static final int DOM_VK_F12                 = 0x25;
```

org/w3c/dom/events/EventGroup.java:

```
public static final int DOM_VK_F13           = 0x26;
public static final int DOM_VK_F14           = 0x27;
public static final int DOM_VK_F15           = 0x28;
public static final int DOM_VK_F16           = 0x29;
public static final int DOM_VK_F17           = 0x2A;
public static final int DOM_VK_F18           = 0x2B;
public static final int DOM_VK_F19           = 0x2C;
public static final int DOM_VK_F20           = 0x2D;
public static final int DOM_VK_F21           = 0x2E;
public static final int DOM_VK_F22           = 0x2F;
public static final int DOM_VK_F23           = 0x30;
public static final int DOM_VK_F24           = 0x31;
```

```
public String getOutputString();
public void setOutputString(String outputString);
```

```
public int getKeyVal();
public void setKeyVal(int keyVal);
```

```
public int getVirtKeyVal();
public void setVirtKeyVal(int virtKeyVal);
```

```
public boolean getInputGenerated();
public void setInputGenerated(boolean inputGenerated);
```

```
public boolean getNumPad();
public void setNumPad(boolean numPad);
```

```
public boolean checkModifier(int modifier);
```

```
public void initKeyEvent(String typeArg,
                        boolean canBubbleArg,
                        boolean cancelableArg,
                        AbstractView viewArg,
                        short detailArg,
                        String outputStringArg,
                        int keyValArg,
                        int virtKeyValArg,
                        boolean inputGeneratedArg,
                        boolean numPadArg);
```

```
public void initModifier(int modifier,
                        boolean value);
```

```
}
```

org/w3c/dom/events/EventGroup.java:

```
package org.w3c.dom.events;
```

```
public interface EventGroup {
    public boolean isSameEventGroup(EventGroup eventGroup);
```

```
}
```

org/w3c/dom/events/EventTargetGroup.java:

```
package org.w3c.dom.events;

import org.w3c.dom.EventListener;

public interface EventTargetGroup {
    public void addEventListener(String type,
                                EventListener listener,
                                boolean useCapture,
                                EventGroup eventGroup);

    public void removeEventListener(String type,
                                    EventListener listener,
                                    boolean useCapture,
                                    EventGroup eventGroup);
}
```

org/w3c/dom/events/DocumentEventGroup.java:

```
package org.w3c.dom.events;

public interface DocumentEventGroup {
    public EventGroup createEventGroup();
}
```

org/w3c/dom/events/DocumentEventGroup.java:

Appendix C: ECMA Script Language Binding

This appendix contains the complete ECMA Script [ECMAScript] binding for the Level 3 Document Object Model Events definitions.

Prototype Object **KeyEvent**

The **KeyEvent** class has the following constants:

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_UNDEFINED

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_RIGHT_ALT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x01**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_LEFT_ALT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x02**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_LEFT_CONTROL

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x03**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_RIGHT_CONTROL

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x04**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_LEFT_SHIFT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x05**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_RIGHT_SHIFT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x06**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_LEFT_META

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x07**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_RIGHT_META

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x08**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_CAPS_LOCK

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x09**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_DELETE

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0A**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_END

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0B**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_ENTER

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0C**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_ESCAPE

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0D**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_HOME

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0E**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_INSERT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x0F**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_NUM_LOCK

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x10**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_PAUSE

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x11**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_PRINTSCREEN

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x12**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_SCROLL_LOCK

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x13**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_LEFT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x14**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_RIGHT

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x15**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_UP

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x16**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_DOWN

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x17**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_PAGE_DOWN

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x18**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_PAGE_UP

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x19**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F1

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x1A**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F2

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x1B**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F3

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x1C**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F4

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x1D**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F5

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x1E**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F6

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x1F**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F7

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x20**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F8

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x21**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F9

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x22**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F10

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x23**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F11

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x24**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F12

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x25**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F13

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x26**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F14

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x27**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F15

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x28**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F16

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x29**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F17

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x2A**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F18

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x2B**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F19

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x2C**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F20

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x2D**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F21

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x2E**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F22

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x2F**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F23

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x30**.

KeyEvent.DOM_VK_F24

This constant is of type **Number** and its value is **0x31**.

Object **KeyEvent**

KeyEvent has all the properties and methods of the **UIEvent** object as well as the properties and methods defined below.

The **KeyEvent** object has the following properties:

outputString

This property is of type **String**.

keyVal

This property is of type **Number**.

virtKeyVal

This property is of type **Number**.

inputGenerated

This property is of type **Boolean**.

numPad

This property is of type **Boolean**.

The **KeyEvent** object has the following methods:

checkModifier(modifer)

This method returns a **Boolean**.

The **modifer** parameter is of type **Number**.

initKeyEvent(typeArg, canBubbleArg, cancelableArg, viewArg, detailArg, outputStringArg, keyValArg, virtKeyValArg, inputGeneratedArg, numPadArg)

This method has no return value.

The **typeArg** parameter is of type **String**.

The **canBubbleArg** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

The **cancelableArg** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

The **viewArg** parameter is a **AbstractView** object.

The **detailArg** parameter is of type **Number**.

The **outputStringArg** parameter is of type **String**.

The **keyValArg** parameter is of type **Number**.

The **virtKeyValArg** parameter is of type **Number**.

The **inputGeneratedArg** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

The **numPadArg** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

initModifier(modifier, value)

This method has no return value.

The **modifier** parameter is of type **Number**.

The **value** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

Object **EventGroup**

The **EventGroup** object has the following methods:

isSameEventGroup(eventGroup)

This method returns a **Boolean**.

The **eventGroup** parameter is a **EventGroup** object.

Object **EventTargetGroup**

The **EventTargetGroup** object has the following methods:

addEventListener(type, listener, useCapture, eventGroup)

This method has no return value.

The **type** parameter is of type **String**.

The **listener** parameter is a **EventListener** object.

The **useCapture** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

The **eventGroup** parameter is a **EventGroup** object.

removeEventListener(type, listener, useCapture, eventGroup)

This method has no return value.

The **type** parameter is of type **String**.

The **listener** parameter is a **EventListener** object.

The **useCapture** parameter is of type **Boolean**.

The **eventGroup** parameter is a **EventGroup** object.

Object **DocumentEventGroup**

The **DocumentEventGroup** object has the following methods:

createEventGroup()

This method returns a **EventGroup** object.

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For the latest version of any W3C specification please consult the list of W3C Technical Reports available at <http://www.w3.org/TR>.

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