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function initPage(){
        document.getElementById("username").onblur = checkUsername;
        document.getElementById("register").disabled = true;
        document.getElementById("username").focus();
}

function checkUsername(){
        if (document.getElementById("username").value != ""){
                // Show thinking status
                document.getElementById("username").className = "thinking";

                // Get a request object and send it to the server
                var request = createRequest();

                if (request == null){
                        // Show error message if request is null
                        alert("Unable to create request");
                } else {
                        // Get the username from the form and check if it's already taken
                        var theName = document.getElementById("username").value;
                        var username = escape(theName);

                        var url = "checkname.php?username=" + username;
                        request.onreadystatechange = showUsernameStatus;
                        request.open("GET", url, true);
                        request.send(null);
                }
        }
}

function showUsernameStatus(){
        // Update the page to show wheter the username is okay or not
        if (request.readyState == 4 && request.status == 200){
                if (request.responseText == "okay"){
                        // Username is ok, no need to show an error message
                        document.getElementById("username").className = "approved";
                        document.getElementById("register").disabled = false;
                } else {
                        // Username is already tken, show the error message
                        document.getElementById("username").className = "denied";
                        //document.getElementById("username").focus();
                        //document.getElementById("username").select();
                        document.getElementById("register").disabled = true;
                }
        }
}

window.onload = initPage;
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