



jQuery Mobile

a JavaScript framework

jQuery Mobile – a JavaScript framework

- What is jQuery Mobile?
- Which features does it have?
- Which limitations does jQuery Mobile have?
- Other existing frameworks

What is jQuery Mobile?

- **jQuery** is a library – a toolkit which simplifies scripting and working with the DOM-elements
- primarily for desktop use
- **jQuery Mobile** provides ready made interface elements to be primarily used in a mobile app
- mobile first but not mobile only: cross-platform compatibility

Which features does jQuery Mobile contain?

- **Wide browser and device coverage:**
 - cross-browser compatible
 - cross-device compatible
- **Touch-friendly inputs and widget**
 - touch-capable, still working with the mouse
 - replaces the standard HTML form controls

Text Input:

Select:

One

Input slider:

25

The image shows three jQuery Mobile form controls. The first is a 'Text Input' with a light gray border and rounded corners, containing the text 'Text input'. The second is a 'Select' widget with a light gray background, rounded corners, and a dropdown arrow on the right; it displays the word 'One'. The third is an 'Input slider' with a light gray background, rounded corners, a small square handle on a blue track, and a numeric input field on the left containing the number '25'.

Which features does jQuery Mobile contain?

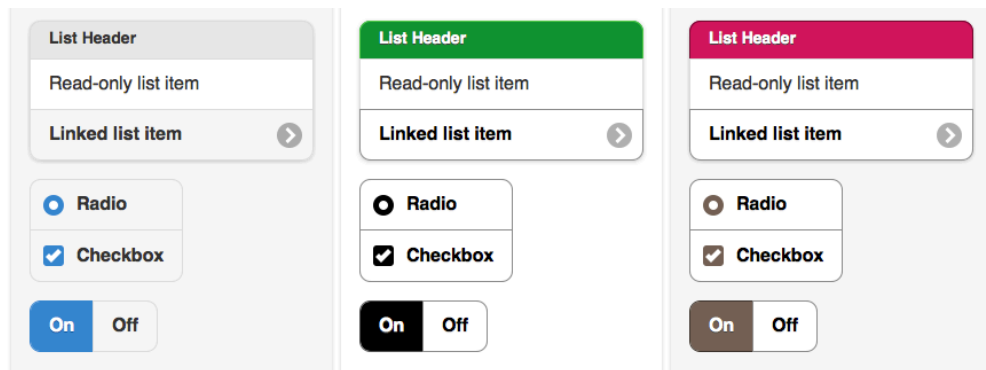
- **Responsive design**
 - all widgets are built to fit any screen
 - e.g. table reflow and the responsive grid

Rank	Movie Title	Year	Rating	Reviews
1	Citizen Kane	1941	100%	74
2	Casablanca	1942	97%	64
3	The Godfather	1972	97%	87
4	Gone with the Wind	1939	96%	87
5	Lawrence of Arabia	1962	94%	87
6	Dr. Strangelove Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb	1964	92%	74
7	The Graduate	1967	91%	122
8	The Wizard of Oz	1939	90%	72
9	Singin' in the Rain	1952	89%	85
10	Inception	2010	84%	78

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Which features does jQuery Mobile contain?

- **Layout and theming engine**
 - provides an object-oriented CSS framework
 - add classes to the HTML code or create own color-patterns



Which features does jQuery Mobile contain?

- **Ajax page navigation model**
 - jQuery Mobile intercepts the link processing
 - fetches the new page with an AJAX call
 - new content loaded into the DOM
 - no re-initializing of the Javascript or CSS code
 - execution time is shorter

Which limitations does jQuery Mobile have?

- CSS themes have limited options
- HTML and CSS widgets are displayed slower than widgets native to the device
- people used to native apps are often not familiar with jQuery Mobile apps

Which other Javascript frameworks exist?

- **jQuery Mobile** one of the most popular Javascript frameworks
- free to use for commercial projects and has an excellent open-source community
- the support as well as the user friendliness of the framework itself make it easy to learn
- people with less scripting knowledge are still capable of working with jQuery Mobile.

Which other Javascript frameworks exist?

- **AngularJS** is another open-source framework
- built by Google and focusses on running web-based single-page applications
- doesn't support all browsers yet
- not as easy to learn as jQuery Mobile

Which other Javascript frameworks exist?

- **PhoneGap** is maintained by Nitobe which belongs to Adobe
- provides open-source capability creating apps only once
- charged on a monthly basis