

05_02 Creating Dynamic Links

In this exercise, you will create the dynamic links of the events data drill down using the step-by-step instructions below.

1. Open the 'agenda.cfm' page. Remember that this page contains a table with a list of all the upcoming events. Don't hesitate to run the page in the browser to remind you what the page looks like.
2. Locate the 'Read More' link of the main table (around line 53).
3. In the 'href' attribute of the <a> tag, add the question mark to the URL in order to separate the page name from the URL parameters.

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<td><a href="agenda.cfm? ">Read More</a></td>
```

4. Name the URL parameter 'eventID' and add the equal (=) sign.

```
<td><a href="agenda.cfm?eventID=">Read More</a></td>
```

5. Output the value of the parameter after the equal sign. Remember that this value is available in the 'rsCurrentEvents' query and that dynamic data needs to be surrounded by the pound (##) signs.

```
<td><a href="agenda.cfm?eventID=#fld_eventID#">Read  
More</a></td>
```

Remember that because you specify the name of the query in the 'query' attribute of the <cfoutput> tag, the 'rsCurrentEvents.' prefix is not required.

5. Do the same for the *Next event* section in the side bar. Scroll down the page and locate the 'Read more' link for the next event in the side bar (around line 71).
6. Update the link to output the same 'eventID' variable.

```
<a href="agenda.cfm?eventID=#rsCurrentEvents.fld_eventID#">Read More</a>
```

7. Run the page in the web browser and pass your mouse on the *Read more* links to make sure the URL parameter is correctly generated.

