JQuery

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Introduction

What is jQuery?

jQuery is a lightweight, "write less, do more", JavaScript library.

The purpose of jQuery is to make it much easier to use JavaScript on your website.

jQuery takes a lot of common tasks that require many lines of JavaScript code to accomplish, and wraps them into methods that you can call with a single line of code.

jQuery also simplifies a lot of the complicated things from JavaScript, like AJAX calls and DOM manipulation.

The jQuery library contains the following features:

* HTML/DOM manipulation
* CSS manipulation
* HTML event methods
* Effects and animations
* AJAX
* Utilities

**Tip:** In addition, jQuery has plugins for almost any task out there.

Why jQuery?

There are lots of other JavaScript libraries out there, but jQuery is probably the most popular, and also the most extendable.

Many of the biggest companies on the Web use jQuery, such as:

* Google
* Microsoft
* IBM
* Netflix

**Will jQuery work in all browsers?**  
The jQuery team knows all about cross-browser issues, and they have written this knowledge into the jQuery library. jQuery will run exactly the same in all major browsers.

## Adding jQuery to Your Web Pages

There are several ways to start using jQuery on your web site. You can:

* Download the jQuery library from jQuery.com
* Include jQuery from a CDN, like Google

## Downloading jQuery

There are two versions of jQuery available for downloading:

* Production version - this is for your live website because it has been minified and compressed
* Development version - this is for testing and development (uncompressed and readable code)

Both versions can be downloaded from [jQuery.com](http://jquery.com/download/).

The jQuery library is a single JavaScript file, and you reference it with the HTML <script> tag (notice that the <script> tag should be inside the <head> section):

<head>  
<script src="jquery-3.7.1.min.js"></script>  
</head>

**Tip:** Place the downloaded file in the same directory as the pages where you wish to use it.

## jQuery CDN

If you don't want to download and host jQuery yourself, you can include it from a CDN (Content Delivery Network).

Google is an example of someone who host jQuery:

### **Google CDN:**

<head>  
<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.7.1/jquery.min.js"></script>  
</head>

**One big advantage of using the hosted jQuery from Google:**  
  
Many users already have downloaded jQuery from Google when visiting another site. As a result, it will be loaded from cache when they visit your site, which leads to faster loading time. Also, most CDN's will make sure that once a user requests a file from it, it will be served from the server closest to them, which also leads to faster loading time.

# **jQuery Syntax**

With jQuery you select (query) HTML elements and perform "actions" on them.

## jQuery Syntax

The jQuery syntax is tailor-made for **selecting** HTML elements and performing some **action** on the element(s).

Basic syntax is: 

* A $ sign to define/access jQuery
* A (*selector*) to "query (or find)" HTML elements
* A jQuery *action*() to be performed on the element(s)

Examples:

$(this).hide() - hides the current element.

$("p").hide() - hides all <p> elements.

$(".test").hide() - hides all elements with class="test".

$("#test").hide() - hides the element with id="test".

**Are you familiar with CSS selectors?**  
  
jQuery uses CSS syntax to select elements. You will learn more about the selector syntax in the next chapter of this tutorial.

**Tip:** If you don't know CSS, you can read our [CSS Tutorial](https://www.w3schools.com/css/default.asp).

## The Document Ready Event

You might have noticed that all jQuery methods in our examples, are inside a document ready event:

$(document).ready(function(){  
  
  *// jQuery methods go here...*  
  
});

This is to prevent any jQuery code from running before the document is finished loading (is ready).

It is good practice to wait for the document to be fully loaded and ready before working with it. This also allows you to have your JavaScript code before the body of your document, in the head section.

Here are some examples of actions that can fail if methods are run before the document is fully loaded:

* Trying to hide an element that is not created yet
* Trying to get the size of an image that is not loaded yet

**Tip:** The jQuery team has also created an even shorter method for the document ready event:

$(function(){  
  
  *// jQuery methods go here...*  
  
});

Use the syntax you prefer. We think that the document ready event is easier to understand when reading the code.

# **jQuery Selectors**

jQuery selectors are one of the most important parts of the jQuery library.

## jQuery Selectors

jQuery selectors allow you to select and manipulate HTML element(s).

jQuery selectors are used to "find" (or select) HTML elements based on their name, id, classes, types, attributes, values of attributes and much more. It's based on the existing [CSS Selectors](https://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css_selectors.asp), and in addition, it has some own custom selectors.

All selectors in jQuery start with the dollar sign and parentheses: $().

## The element Selector

The jQuery element selector selects elements based on the element name.

You can select all <p> elements on a page like this:

$("p")

**Example**

When a user clicks on a button, all <p> elements will be hidden:

### **Example**

$(document).ready(function(){  
  $("button").click(function(){  
    $("p").hide();  
  });  
});

## The #id Selector

The jQuery #id selector uses the id attribute of an HTML tag to find the specific element.

An id should be unique within a page, so you should use the #id selector when you want to find a single, unique element.

To find an element with a specific id, write a hash character, followed by the id of the HTML element:

$("#test")

**Example**

When a user clicks on a button, the element with id="test" will be hidden:

### **Example**

$(document).ready(function(){  
  $("button").click(function(){  
    $("#test").hide();  
  });  
});

## The .class Selector

The jQuery .class selector finds elements with a specific class.

To find elements with a specific class, write a period character, followed by the name of the class:

$(".test")

**Example**

When a user clicks on a button, the elements with class="test" will be hidden:

### **Example**

$(document).ready(function(){  
  $("button").click(function(){  
    $(".test").hide();  
  });  
});

## More Examples of jQuery Selectors

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Syntax** | **Description** |
| $("\*") | Selects all elements |
| $(this) | Selects the current HTML element |
| $("p.intro") | Selects all <p> elements with class="intro" |
| $("p:first") | Selects the first <p> element |
| $("ul li:first") | Selects the first <li> element of the first <ul> |
| $("ul li:first-child") | Selects the first <li> element of every <ul> |
| $("[href]") | Selects all elements with an href attribute |
| $("a[target='\_blank']") | Selects all <a> elements with a target attribute value equal to "\_blank" |
| $("a[target!='\_blank']") | Selects all <a> elements with a target attribute value NOT equal to "\_blank" |
| $(":button") | Selects all <button> elements and <input> elements of type="button" |
| $("tr:even") | Selects all even <tr> elements |
| $("tr:odd") | Selects all odd <tr> elements |

Use our [jQuery Selector Tester](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/trysel.asp) to demonstrate the different selectors.

For a complete reference of all the jQuery selectors, please go to our [jQuery Selectors Reference](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/jquery_ref_selectors.asp).

## Functions In a Separate File

If your website contains a lot of pages, and you want your jQuery functions to be easy to maintain, you can put your jQuery functions in a separate .js file.

When we demonstrate jQuery in this tutorial, the functions are added directly into the <head> section. However, sometimes it is preferable to place them in a separate file, like this (use the src attribute to refer to the .js file):

### **Example**

<head>  
<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.7.1/jquery.min.js"></script>  
<script src="my\_jquery\_functions.js"></script>  
</head>

# **jQuery Event Methods**

jQuery is tailor-made to respond to events in an HTML page.

## What are Events?

All the different visitors' actions that a web page can respond to are called events.

An event represents the precise moment when something happens.

Examples:

* moving a mouse over an element
* selecting a radio button
* clicking on an element

The term **"fires/fired"** is often used with events. Example: "The keypress event is fired, the moment you press a key".

Here are some common DOM events:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mouse Events** | **Keyboard Events** | **Form Events** | **Document/Window Events** |
| click | keypress | submit | load |
| dblclick | keydown | change | resize |
| mouseenter | keyup | focus | scroll |
| mouseleave |  | blur | unload |

## jQuery Syntax For Event Methods

In jQuery, most DOM events have an equivalent jQuery method.

To assign a click event to all paragraphs on a page, you can do this:

$("p").click();

The next step is to define what should happen when the event fires. You must pass a function to the event:

$("p").click(function(){  
  // action goes here!!  
});

## Commonly Used jQuery Event Methods

**$(document).ready()**

The $(document).ready() method allows us to execute a function when the document is fully loaded. This event is already explained in the [jQuery Syntax](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/jquery_syntax.asp) chapter.

**click()**

The click() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML element.

The function is executed when the user clicks on the HTML element.

The following example says: When a click event fires on a <p> element; hide the current <p> element:

### **Example**

$("p").click(function(){  
  $(this).hide();  
});

**dblclick()**

The dblclick() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML element.

The function is executed when the user double-clicks on the HTML element:

### **Example**

$("p").dblclick(function(){  
  $(this).hide();  
});

**mouseenter()**

The mouseenter() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML element.

The function is executed when the mouse pointer enters the HTML element:

### **Example**

$("#p1").mouseenter(function(){  
  alert("You entered p1!");  
});

**mouseleave()**

The mouseleave() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML element.

The function is executed when the mouse pointer leaves the HTML element:

### **Example**

$("#p1").mouseleave(function(){  
  alert("Bye! You now leave p1!");  
});

**mousedown()**

The mousedown() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML element.

The function is executed, when the left, middle or right mouse button is pressed down, while the mouse is over the HTML element:

### **Example**

$("#p1").mousedown(function(){  
  alert("Mouse down over p1!");  
});

**mouseup()**

The mouseup() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML element.

The function is executed, when the left, middle or right mouse button is released, while the mouse is over the HTML element:

### **Example**

$("#p1").mouseup(function(){  
  alert("Mouse up over p1!");  
});

**hover()**

The hover() method takes two functions and is a combination of the mouseenter() and mouseleave() methods.

The first function is executed when the mouse enters the HTML element, and the second function is executed when the mouse leaves the HTML element:

### **Example**

$("#p1").hover(function(){  
  alert("You entered p1!");  
},  
function(){  
  alert("Bye! You now leave p1!");  
});

**focus()**

The focus() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML form field.

The function is executed when the form field gets focus:

### **Example**

$("input").focus(function(){  
  $(this).css("background-color", "#cccccc");  
});

**blur()**

The blur() method attaches an event handler function to an HTML form field.

The function is executed when the form field loses focus:

### **Example**

$("input").blur(function(){  
  $(this).css("background-color", "#ffffff");  
});

## The on() Method

The on() method attaches one or more event handlers for the selected elements.

Attach a click event to a <p> element:

### **Example**

$("p").on("click", function(){  
  $(this).hide();  
});

Attach multiple event handlers to a <p> element:

### **Example**

$("p").on({  
  mouseenter: function(){  
    $(this).css("background-color", "lightgray");  
  },  
  mouseleave: function(){  
    $(this).css("background-color", "lightblue");  
  },  
  click: function(){  
    $(this).css("background-color", "yellow");  
  }  
});

# **jQuery Effects - Hide and Show**

## Examples

[jQuery hide()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_hide)  
Demonstrates a simple jQuery hide() method.

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.7.1/jquery.min.js"></script>

<script>

$(document).ready(function(){

$("p").click(function(){

$(this).hide();

});

});

</script>

</head>

<body>

<p>If you click on me, I will disappear.</p>

<p>Click me away!</p>

<p>Click me too!</p>

</body>

</html>

[jQuery hide()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_hide_explanations)  
Another hide() demonstration. How to hide parts of text.

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

<script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.7.1/jquery.min.js"></script>

<script>

$(document).ready(function(){

$(".ex .hide").click(function(){

$(this).parents(".ex").hide("slow");

});

});

</script>

<style>

div.ex {

background-color: #e5eecc;

padding: 7px;

border: solid 1px #c3c3c3;

}

</style>

</head>

<body>

<h3>Island Trading</h3>

<div class="ex">

<button class="hide">Hide me</button>

<p>Contact: Helen Bennett<br>

Garden House Crowther Way<br>

London</p>

</div>

<h3>Paris Specialities</h3>

<div class="ex">

<button class="hide">Hide me</button>

<p>Contact: Marie Bertrand<br>

265, Boulevard Charonne<br>

Paris</p>

</div>

</body>

</html>

## jQuery hide() and show()

With jQuery, you can hide and show HTML elements with the hide() and show() methods:

### **Example**

$("#hide").click(function(){  
  $("p").hide();  
});  
  
$("#show").click(function(){  
  $("p").show();  
});

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).hide(*speed,callback*);  
  
$(*selector*).show(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter specifies the speed of the hiding/showing, and can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the hide() or show() method completes (you will learn more about callback functions in a later chapter).

The following example demonstrates the speed parameter with hide():

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("p").hide(1000);  
});

## jQuery toggle()

You can also toggle between hiding and showing an element with the toggle() method.

Shown elements are hidden and hidden elements are shown:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("p").toggle();  
});

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).toggle(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after toggle() completes.

# **jQuery Effects - Fading**

## Examples

[jQuery fadeIn()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_fadein)  
Demonstrates the jQuery fadeIn() method.

[jQuery fadeOut()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_fadeout)  
Demonstrates the jQuery fadeOut() method.

[jQuery fadeToggle()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_fadetoggle)  
Demonstrates the jQuery fadeToggle() method.

[jQuery fadeTo()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_fadeto)  
Demonstrates the jQuery fadeTo() method.

## jQuery Fading Methods

With jQuery you can fade an element in and out of visibility.

jQuery has the following fade methods:

* fadeIn()
* fadeOut()
* fadeToggle()
* fadeTo()

## jQuery fadeIn() Method

The jQuery fadeIn() method is used to fade in a hidden element.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).fadeIn(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the fading completes.

The following example demonstrates the fadeIn() method with different parameters:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#div1").fadeIn();  
  $("#div2").fadeIn("slow");  
  $("#div3").fadeIn(3000);  
});

## jQuery fadeOut() Method

The jQuery fadeOut() method is used to fade out a visible element.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).fadeOut(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the fading completes.

The following example demonstrates the fadeOut() method with different parameters:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#div1").fadeOut();  
  $("#div2").fadeOut("slow");  
  $("#div3").fadeOut(3000);  
});

## jQuery fadeToggle() Method

The jQuery fadeToggle() method toggles between the fadeIn() and fadeOut() methods.

If the elements are faded out, fadeToggle() will fade them in.

If the elements are faded in, fadeToggle() will fade them out.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).fadeToggle(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the fading completes.

The following example demonstrates the fadeToggle() method with different parameters:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#div1").fadeToggle();  
  $("#div2").fadeToggle("slow");  
  $("#div3").fadeToggle(3000);  
});

## jQuery fadeTo() Method

The jQuery fadeTo() method allows fading to a given opacity (value between 0 and 1).

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).fadeTo(*speed,opacity,callback*);

The required speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The required opacity parameter in the fadeTo() method specifies fading to a given opacity (value between 0 and 1).

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the function completes.

The following example demonstrates the fadeTo() method with different parameters:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#div1").fadeTo("slow", 0.15);  
  $("#div2").fadeTo("slow", 0.4);  
  $("#div3").fadeTo("slow", 0.7);  
});

# **jQuery Effects - Sliding**

## Examples

[jQuery slideDown()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_slide_down)  
Demonstrates the jQuery slideDown() method.

[jQuery slideUp()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_slide_up)  
Demonstrates the jQuery slideUp() method.

[jQuery slideToggle()](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_slide_toggle)  
Demonstrates the jQuery slideToggle() method.

## jQuery Sliding Methods

With jQuery you can create a sliding effect on elements.

jQuery has the following slide methods:

* slideDown()
* slideUp()
* slideToggle()

## jQuery slideDown() Method

The jQuery slideDown() method is used to slide down an element.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).slideDown(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the sliding completes.

The following example demonstrates the slideDown() method:

### **Example**

$("#flip").click(function(){  
  $("#panel").slideDown();  
});

## jQuery slideUp() Method

The jQuery slideUp() method is used to slide up an element.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).slideUp(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the sliding completes.

The following example demonstrates the slideUp() method:

### **Example**

$("#flip").click(function(){  
  $("#panel").slideUp();  
});

## jQuery slideToggle() Method

The jQuery slideToggle() method toggles between the slideDown() and slideUp() methods.

If the elements have been slid down, slideToggle() will slide them up.

If the elements have been slid up, slideToggle() will slide them down.

$(*selector*).slideToggle(*speed,callback*);

The optional speed parameter can take the following values: "slow", "fast", milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the sliding completes.

The following example demonstrates the slideToggle() method:

### **Example**

$("#flip").click(function(){  
  $("#panel").slideToggle();  
});

# **jQuery Effects - Animation**

## jQuery Animations - The animate() Method

The jQuery animate() method is used to create custom animations.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).animate({*params*}*,speed,callback*);

The required params parameter defines the CSS properties to be animated.

The optional speed parameter specifies the duration of the effect. It can take the following values: "slow", "fast", or milliseconds.

The optional callback parameter is a function to be executed after the animation completes.

The following example demonstrates a simple use of the animate() method; it moves a <div> element to the right, until it has reached a left property of 250px:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("div").animate({left: '250px'});  
});

By default, all HTML elements have a static position, and cannot be moved.  
To manipulate the position, remember to first set the CSS position property of the element to relative, fixed, or absolute!

## jQuery animate() - Manipulate Multiple Properties

Notice that multiple properties can be animated at the same time:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("div").animate({  
    left: '250px',  
    opacity: '0.5',  
    height: '150px',  
    width: '150px'  
  });  
});

**Is it possible to manipulate ALL CSS properties with the animate() method?**  
  
Yes, almost! However, there is one important thing to remember: all property names must be camel-cased when used with the animate() method: You will need to write paddingLeft instead of padding-left, marginRight instead of margin-right, and so on.  
  
Also, color animation is not included in the core jQuery library.  
If you want to animate color, you need to download the [Color Animations plugin](http://plugins.jquery.com/) from jQuery.com.

## jQuery animate() - Using Relative Values

It is also possible to define relative values (the value is then relative to the element's current value). This is done by putting += or -= in front of the value:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("div").animate({  
    left: '250px',  
    height: '+=150px',  
    width: '+=150px'  
  });  
});

## jQuery animate() - Using Pre-defined Values

You can even specify a property's animation value as "show", "hide", or "toggle":

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("div").animate({  
    height: 'toggle'  
  });  
});

## jQuery animate() - Uses Queue Functionality

By default, jQuery comes with queue functionality for animations.

This means that if you write multiple animate() calls after each other, jQuery creates an "internal" queue with these method calls. Then it runs the animate calls ONE by ONE.

So, if you want to perform different animations after each other, we take advantage of the queue functionality:

### **Example 1**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var div = $("div");  
  div.animate({height: '300px', opacity: '0.4'}, "slow");  
  div.animate({width: '300px', opacity: '0.8'}, "slow");  
  div.animate({height: '100px', opacity: '0.4'}, "slow");  
  div.animate({width: '100px', opacity: '0.8'}, "slow");  
});

The example below first moves the <div> element to the right, and then increases the font size of the text:

### **Example 2**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var div = $("div");  
  div.animate({left: '100px'}, "slow");  
  div.animate({fontSize: '3em'}, "slow");  
});

# **jQuery Stop Animations**

## The jQuery stop() method is used to stop animations or effects before it is finished.

## Examples

[jQuery stop() sliding](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_stop_slide)  
Demonstrates the jQuery stop() method.

[jQuery stop() animation (with parameters)](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_stop_params)  
Demonstrates the jQuery stop() method.

## jQuery stop() Method

The jQuery stop() method is used to stop an animation or effect before it is finished.

The stop() method works for all jQuery effect functions, including sliding, fading and custom animations.

**Syntax:**

$(*selector*).stop(*stopAll,goToEnd*);

The optional stopAll parameter specifies whether also the animation queue should be cleared or not. Default is false, which means that only the active animation will be stopped, allowing any queued animations to be performed afterwards.

The optional goToEnd parameter specifies whether or not to complete the current animation immediately. Default is false.

So, by default, the stop() method kills the current animation being performed on the selected element.

The following example demonstrates the stop() method, with no parameters:

### **Example**

$("#stop").click(function(){  
  $("#panel").stop();  
});

# **jQuery Callback Functions**

A callback function is executed after the current effect is 100% finished.

## jQuery Callback Functions

JavaScript statements are executed line by line. However, with effects, the next line of code can be run even though the effect is not finished. This can create errors.

To prevent this, you can create a callback function.

A callback function is executed after the current effect is finished.

Typical syntax: **$(*selector*).hide(*speed,callback*);**

**Examples**

The example below has a callback parameter that is a function that will be executed after the hide effect is completed:

### **Example with Callback**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("p").hide("slow", function(){  
    alert("The paragraph is now hidden");  
  });  
});

The example below has no callback parameter, and the alert box will be displayed before the hide effect is completed:

### **Example without Callback**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("p").hide(1000);  
  alert("The paragraph is now hidden");  
});

# **jQuery - Chaining**

With jQuery, you can chain together actions/methods.

Chaining allows us to run multiple jQuery methods (on the same element) within a single statement.

## jQuery Method Chaining

Until now we have been writing jQuery statements one at a time (one after the other).

However, there is a technique called chaining, that allows us to run multiple jQuery commands, one after the other, on the same element(s).

**Tip:** This way, browsers do not have to find the same element(s) more than once.

To chain an action, you simply append the action to the previous action.

The following example chains together the css(), slideUp(), and slideDown() methods. The "p1" element first changes to red, then it slides up, and then it slides down:

### **Example**

$("#p1").css("color", "red").slideUp(2000).slideDown(2000);

We could also have added more method calls if needed.

**Tip**: When chaining, the line of code could become quite long. However, jQuery is not very strict on the syntax; you can format it like you want, including line breaks and indentations.

This also works just fine:

### **Example**

$("#p1").css("color", "red")  
  .slideUp(2000)  
  .slideDown(2000);

jQuery throws away extra whitespace and executes the lines above as one long line of code.

# **jQuery - Get Content and Attributes**

jQuery contains powerful methods for changing and manipulating HTML elements and attributes.

## jQuery DOM Manipulation

One very important part of jQuery is the possibility to manipulate the DOM.

jQuery comes with a bunch of DOM related methods that make it easy to access and manipulate elements and attributes.

**DOM = Document Object Model**  
  
The DOM defines a standard for accessing HTML and XML documents:  
  
*"The W3C Document Object Model (DOM) is a platform and language-neutral interface that allows programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure, and style of a document."*

## Get Content - text(), html(), and val()

Three simple, but useful, jQuery methods for DOM manipulation are:

* text() - Sets or returns the text content of selected elements
* html() - Sets or returns the content of selected elements (including HTML markup)
* val() - Sets or returns the value of form fields

The following example demonstrates how to get content with the jQuery text() and html() methods:

### **Example**

$("#btn1").click(function(){  
  alert("Text: " + $("#test").text());  
});  
$("#btn2").click(function(){  
  alert("HTML: " + $("#test").html());  
});

The following example demonstrates how to get the value of an input field with the jQuery val() method:

### **Example**

$("#btn1").click(function(){  
  alert("Value: " + $("#test").val());  
});

## Get Attributes - attr()

The jQuery attr() method is used to get attribute values.

The following example demonstrates how to get the value of the href attribute in a link:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  alert($("#w3s").attr("href"));  
});

The next chapter explains how to set (change) content and attribute values.

# **jQuery - Set Content and Attributes**

## Set Content - text(), html(), and val()

We will use the same three methods from the previous page to **set content**:

* text() - Sets or returns the text content of selected elements
* html() - Sets or returns the content of selected elements (including HTML markup)
* val() - Sets or returns the value of form fields

The following example demonstrates how to set content with the jQuery text(), html(), and val() methods:

### **Example**

$("#btn1").click(function(){  
  $("#test1").text("Hello world!");  
});  
$("#btn2").click(function(){  
  $("#test2").html("<b>Hello world!</b>");  
});  
$("#btn3").click(function(){  
  $("#test3").val("Dolly Duck");  
});

## A Callback Function for text(), html(), and val()

All of the three jQuery methods above: text(), html(), and val(), also come with a callback function. The callback function has two parameters: the index of the current element in the list of elements selected and the original (old) value. You then return the string you wish to use as the new value from the function.

The following example demonstrates text() and html() with a callback function:

### **Example**

$("#btn1").click(function(){  
  $("#test1").text(function(i, origText){  
    return "Old text: " + origText + " New text: Hello world!  
    (index: " + i + ")";  
  });  
});  
  
$("#btn2").click(function(){  
  $("#test2").html(function(i, origText){  
    return "Old html: " + origText + " New html: Hello <b>world!</b>  
    (index: " + i + ")";  
  });  
});

## Set Attributes - attr()

The jQuery attr() method is also used to set/change attribute values.

The following example demonstrates how to change (set) the value of the href attribute in a link:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#w3s").attr("href", "https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/");  
});

The attr() method also allows you to set multiple attributes at the same time.

The following example demonstrates how to set both the href and title attributes at the same time:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#w3s").attr({  
    "href" : "https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/",  
    "title" : "W3Schools jQuery Tutorial"  
  });  
});

## A Callback Function for attr()

The jQuery method attr(), also comes with a callback function. The callback function has two parameters: the index of the current element in the list of elements selected and the original (old) attribute value. You then return the string you wish to use as the new attribute value from the function.

The following example demonstrates attr() with a callback function:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#w3s").attr("href", function(i, origValue){  
    return origValue + "/jquery/";  
  });  
});

# **jQuery - Add Elements**

With jQuery, it is easy to add new elements/content.

## Add New HTML Content

We will look at four jQuery methods that are used to add new content:

* append() - Inserts content at the end of the selected elements
* prepend() - Inserts content at the beginning of the selected elements
* after() - Inserts content after the selected elements
* before() - Inserts content before the selected elements

## jQuery append() Method

The jQuery append() method inserts content AT THE END of the selected HTML elements.

### **Example**

$("p").append("Some appended text.");

## jQuery prepend() Method

The jQuery prepend() method inserts content AT THE BEGINNING of the selected HTML elements.

### **Example**

$("p").prepend("Some prepended text.");

## Add Several New Elements With append() and prepend()

In both examples above, we have only inserted some text/HTML at the beginning/end of the selected HTML elements.

However, both the append() and prepend() methods can take an infinite number of new elements as parameters. The new elements can be generated with text/HTML (like we have done in the examples above), with jQuery, or with JavaScript code and DOM elements.

In the following example, we create several new elements. The elements are created with text/HTML, jQuery, and JavaScript/DOM. Then we append the new elements to the text with the append() method (this would have worked for prepend() too) :

### **Example**

function appendText() {  
  var txt1 = "<p>Text.</p>";               // Create element with HTML   
  var txt2 = $("<p></p>").text("Text.");   // Create with jQuery  
  var txt3 = document.createElement("p");  // Create with DOM  
  txt3.innerHTML = "Text.";  
  $("body").append(txt1, txt2, txt3);      // Append the new elements  
}

## jQuery after() and before() Methods

The jQuery after() method inserts content AFTER the selected HTML elements.

The jQuery before() method inserts content BEFORE the selected HTML elements.

### **Example**

$("img").after("Some text after");  
  
$("img").before("Some text before");

## Add Several New Elements With after() and before()

Also, both the after() and before() methods can take an infinite number of new elements as parameters. The new elements can be generated with text/HTML (like we have done in the example above), with jQuery, or with JavaScript code and DOM elements.

In the following example, we create several new elements. The elements are created with text/HTML, jQuery, and JavaScript/DOM. Then we insert the new elements to the text with the after() method (this would have worked for before() too) :

### **Example**

function afterText() {  
  var txt1 = "<b>I </b>";                    // Create element with HTML   
  var txt2 = $("<i></i>").text("love ");     // Create with jQuery  
  var txt3 = document.createElement("b");    // Create with DOM  
  txt3.innerHTML = "jQuery!";  
  $("img").after(txt1, txt2, txt3);          // Insert new elements after <img>  
}

# **jQuery - Remove Elements**

With jQuery, it is easy to remove existing HTML elements.

## Remove Elements/Content

To remove elements and content, there are mainly two jQuery methods:

* remove() - Removes the selected element (and its child elements)
* empty() - Removes the child elements from the selected element

## jQuery remove() Method

The jQuery remove() method removes the selected element(s) and its child elements.

### **Example**

$("#div1").remove();

## jQuery empty() Method

The jQuery empty() method removes the child elements of the selected element(s).

### **Example**

$("#div1").empty();

## Filter the Elements to be Removed

The jQuery remove() method also accepts one parameter, which allows you to filter the elements to be removed.

The parameter can be any of the jQuery selector syntaxes.

The following example removes all <p> elements with class="test":

### **Example**

$("p").remove(".test");

This example removes all <p> elements with class="test" and class="demo":

### **Example**

$("p").remove(".test, .demo");

# **jQuery - css() Method**

## jQuery css() Method

The css() method sets or returns one or more style properties for the selected elements.

## Return a CSS Property

To return the value of a specified CSS property, use the following syntax:

css("*propertyname*");

The following example will return the background-color value of the FIRST matched element:

### **Example**

$("p").css("background-color");

## Set a CSS Property

To set a specified CSS property, use the following syntax:

css("*propertyname*","*value*");

The following example will set the background-color value for ALL matched elements:

### **Example**

$("p").css("background-color", "yellow");

## Set Multiple CSS Properties

To set multiple CSS properties, use the following syntax:

css({"*propertyname*":"*value*","*propertyname*":"*value*",...});

The following example will set a background-color and a font-size for ALL matched elements:

### **Example**

$("p").css({"background-color": "yellow", "font-size": "200%"});

# **jQuery - Dimensions**

With jQuery, it is easy to work with the dimensions of elements and browser window.

## jQuery Dimension Methods

jQuery has several important methods for working with dimensions:

* width()
* height()
* innerWidth()
* innerHeight()
* outerWidth()
* outerHeight()

## jQuery Dimensions



## jQuery width() and height() Methods

The width() method sets or returns the width of an element (excludes padding, border and margin).

The height() method sets or returns the height of an element (excludes padding, border and margin).

The following example returns the width and height of a specified <div> element:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var txt = "";  
  txt += "Width: " + $("#div1").width() + "</br>";  
  txt += "Height: " + $("#div1").height();  
  $("#div1").html(txt);  
});

## jQuery innerWidth() and innerHeight() Methods

The innerWidth() method returns the width of an element (includes padding).

The innerHeight() method returns the height of an element (includes padding).

The following example returns the inner-width/height of a specified <div> element:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var txt = "";  
  txt += "Inner width: " + $("#div1").innerWidth() + "</br>";  
  txt += "Inner height: " + $("#div1").innerHeight();  
  $("#div1").html(txt);  
});

## jQuery outerWidth() and outerHeight() Methods

The outerWidth() method returns the width of an element (includes padding and border).

The outerHeight() method returns the height of an element (includes padding and border).

The following example returns the outer-width/height of a specified <div> element:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var txt = "";  
  txt += "Outer width: " + $("#div1").outerWidth() + "</br>";  
  txt += "Outer height: " + $("#div1").outerHeight();  
  $("#div1").html(txt);  
});

The outerWidth(true) method returns the width of an element (includes padding, border, and margin).

The outerHeight(true) method returns the height of an element (includes padding, border, and margin).

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var txt = "";  
  txt += "Outer width (+margin): " + $("#div1").outerWidth(true) + "</br>";  
  txt += "Outer height (+margin): " + $("#div1").outerHeight(true);  
  $("#div1").html(txt);  
});

## jQuery More width() and height()

The following example returns the width and height of the document (the HTML document) and window (the browser viewport):

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  var txt = "";  
  txt += "Document width/height: " + $(document).width();  
  txt += "x" + $(document).height() + "\n";  
  txt += "Window width/height: " + $(window).width();  
  txt += "x" + $(window).height();  
  alert(txt);  
});

The following example sets the width and height of a specified <div> element:

### **Example**

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("#div1").width(500).height(500);  
});