

jQuery Mobile

Lesson 01 : Introduction to jQuery Mobile

Lesson Objectives

- In this lesson, you will learn:
- What is jQuery Mobile?
- Overview of features
- Building your first jQuery Mobile app



jQueryMobile Overview

- **Mobile applications are of two types:**
 - Native applications : are compiled programs that run natively on the device
 - Mobile web applications : run inside a web browser on the device.
- **jQuery Mobile (jQM) is designed to create mobile web applications that function on a broad range of devices.**
- **jQuery Mobile allows to quickly create mobile web applications :**
 - That look and behave consistently across all supported devices
 - That have advanced user interface capabilities.
- **jQuery Mobile gives the developer :**
 - a standard set of layouts
 - User interface widgets and interactions and
 - A rich API for applying and extending them.

jQueryMobile Overview

- **jQuery Mobile is a free, open-source, cross-platform, JavaScript library that you can use for developing mobile websites**
- **It is supported by all the big players including iOS, Android, Bada, BlackBerry, Nokia, Adobe**
- **It is based on the popular jQuery JavaScript library .**
 - jQuery UI is focused on desktop applications while jQuery Mobile is built with mobile devices in mind.
- **jQuery Mobile uses HTML 5 and CSS3 features to enhance basic HTML markup to create a consistent mobile experience across supported platforms.**

jQueryMobile Features

- **Cross platform, cross device, and cross browser**
- **UI optimized for touch devices**
- **Themable and customizable design**
- **Usage of nonintrusive semantic HTML5 code only, without the need of any JavaScript, CSS, or API knowledge**
- **AJAX calls automatically to load dynamic content**
- **Built on the well-known and supported jQuery core**
- **Lightweight size, 12Kb compressed**
- **Progressive enhancement**
- **Responsive design**

How to get jQuery mobile

- You can include jQuery Mobile into your website fast and easily by downloading one of the CDN-hosted versions that the jQuery Mobile project provides.
 - URL : <http://jquerymobile.com/download/>
- For those who prefer to host the files themselves, a zip file is also available.
 - URL : <http://code.jquery.com/mobile/1.1.1/jquery.mobile-1.1.1.zip>

Including jQueryMobile libraries

- Include jQuery Mobile Stylesheet and Javascript files in the webpage in the header section :

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="../jquery.mobile-1.0/jquery.mobile-1.0.css" />
```

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="jquery-1.6.4.js"></script>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="jquery.mobile-1.0/jquery.mobile-1.0.js">  
</script>
```

Example-1

➤ Simple webpage using HTML4's div element

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head> <title>First jQuery Mobile Demo</title>
    <!-- The three files that jQuery Mobile needs to work -->
  </head>
  <body>
    <div class="section" id="page1">
      <div class="header"><h1>Welcome to jQuery Mobile</h1></div>
      <div class="content">
        <p>First page!</p>
      </div>
      <div class="footer"><h1>Hello</h1></div>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```


Example-2

➤ Simple webpage using HTML5 elements

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
  <head> <title>First jQuery Mobile Demo</title>  
    <!-- The three files that jQuery Mobile needs to work -->  
  </head>  
  <body>  
    <section id="page1">  
      <header><h1>Welcome to jQuery Mobile</h1></header>  
      <div class="content">  
        <p>First page!</p>  
      </div>  
      <footer><h1>HelloE</h1></footer>  
    </section> </body>  
</html>
```

Declares this page as a
HTML5 page

Points to note

- **For jQuery Mobile to process the page and the standard layout, few things to bear in mind:**
 - All jQuery Mobile pages must begin with an HTML5 doctype, so we can get the best out of the framework. `<!DOCTYPE html>`
 - Tags such as `<html>`, `<head>`, `<title>`, and `<body>` still do what they do, and must be included in the code. In fact, any valid HTML markup can be used.
 - In the `<head>`, references to the jQuery Mobile stylesheet, jQuery, and jQuery Mobile are required.

HTML5 data-* attributes

- **jQuery Mobile designates pages using the data-* attribute**
- **When webpage is initialized, jQuery Mobile selects elements based on their data- attributes, enhances them by inserting extra markup, adds new CSS classes and applies event handlers.**
- **Thus, a developer has to simply write basic semantic markup and allow jQuery Mobile to transform this simple markup into complex UI elements.**
- **Eg of data- attribute : data-role**
- **Valid data-role values are:**
 - page
 - header
 - content
 - footer

Example-3

➤ Webpage using HTML5 data-* attributes

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head> <title>First jQuery Mobile Demo</title>
    <!-- The three files that jQuery Mobile needs to work -->
  </head>
  <body>
    <section id="page1" data-role="page">
      <header data-role="header"><h1>jQuery Mobile</h1></header>
      <div class="content" data-role="content">
        <p>First page!</p>
      </div>
      <footer data-role="footer">
        <h1>Hello</h1></footer>
      </section>
    </body>
  </html>
```

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