**Triggering Event Handlers**

jQuery provides a way to trigger the event handlers bound to an element without any user interaction via the $.fn.trigger method. While this method has its uses, it should not be used simply to call a function that was bound as a click handler. Instead, you should store the function you want to call in a variable, and pass the variable name when you do your binding. Then, you can call the function itself whenever you want, without the need for $.fn.trigger.

**Example 5.9. Triggering an event handler the right way**

var foo = function(e) {

if (e) {

console.log(e);

} else {

console.log('this didn\'t come from an event!');

}

};

$('p').click(foo);

foo(); // instead of $('p').trigger('click')