**jQuery's Ajax-Related Methods: Part 3**

**Convenience Methods**

If you don't need the extensive configurability of $.ajax, and you don't care about handling errors, the Ajax convenience functions provided by jQuery can be useful, terse ways to accomplish Ajax requests. These methods are just "wrappers" around the core $.ajax method, and simply pre-set some of the options on the $.ajax method.

The convenience methods provided by jQuery are:

$.get

Perform a GET request to the provided URL.

$.post

Perform a POST request to the provided URL.

$.getScript

Add a script to the page.

$.getJSON

Perform a GET request, and expect JSON to be returned.

In each case, the methods take the following arguments, in order:

url

The URL for the request. Required.

data

The data to be sent to the server. Optional. This can either be an object or a query string, such as foo=bar&baz=bim.

**Note**

This option is not valid for $.getScript.

success callback

A callback function to run if the request succeeds. Optional. The function receives the response data (converted to a JavaScript object if the data type was JSON), as well as the text status of the request and the raw request object.

data type

The type of data you expect back from the server. Optional.

**Note**

This option is only applicable for methods that don't already specify the data type in their name.

**Example 7.2. Using jQuery's Ajax convenience methods**

// get plain text or html

$.get('/users.php', { userId : 1234 }, function(resp) {

console.log(resp);

});

// add a script to the page, then run a function defined in it

$.getScript('/static/js/myScript.js', function() {

functionFromMyScript();

});

// get JSON-formatted data from the server

$.getJSON('/details.php', function(resp) {

$.each(resp, function(k, v) {

console.log(k + ' : ' + v);

});

});