

FE101

Intro to jQuery

<http://www.teaching-materials.org/jquery/>

jQuerify

A bookmarklet to play with jQuery in your browser

<http://www.learningjquery.com/2006/12/jquerify-bookmarklet/>

Exercise: Disrupting Techcrunch

Using jQueryify, make your very own Techcrunch article by replacing the content of a real article with your own! Be sure to replace the:

- article title
- image
- article text
- byline (author name)

Including the jQuery library

- At the end of the `<body>` section of your file, include a copy of the jQuery library:

```
<script src="http://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.10.2/jquery.min.js"></script>
```

- In this case, our copy of the library is from the Google Content Delivery Network, meaning it should be loaded pretty quickly no matter where our user is located

The Document Object Model, or DOM

- The DOM is a standard for interacting with and representing objects in HTML, XHTML, and XML
- It has been around since the “browser wars” of the 90s
- Web browsers implement a standard version of it to normalize how HTML elements are interacted with
- jQuery makes it incredibly easy to select elements in the DOM, which include practically any HTML tag or element

Selecting elements in the DOM with jQuery

- jQuery can be used to select elements with a similar syntax to CSS. Try this first line in the JavaScript console of a page that has jQuery included:

```
$ ("body")  
> [><body> . . . </body>]
```

- The format for selecting elements is:

```
$("<element name, class, id, or XPath>")
```

- Here are some examples:

```
$ ("")
```


Selecting elements dissected

- By calling `$`, we're just using a shorthand way of accessing the jQuery library's main function
- Try typing just a `$` in the JavaScript console and pressing enter to see the function itself
- The ("`<element identifier`") after `$` is simply an argument being passed to the library's

The `$ (document) .ready ()` snippet

- This snippet ensures that your code doesn't run until your document fires a ready event
- By selecting the document, you're able to listen to events fired at the topmost level of the page
- The ready event fires when all of the page's DOM elements are loaded, even if multimedia elements aren't fully loaded
- By encapsulating all jQuery to only run when the document is ready, the elements you're selecting will definitely be on the page

Let's learn some cool JavaScript things now

...that will help us build an image slider!

Working with jQuery results arrays

- Assume we have x images on the page
- If we select `$ ("img")`, we'll get back an array of image elements
- If we want to operate on a specific one, we use `eq()`

Working with jQuery results arrays

- Remember that the results returned from a jQuery selector are an array!
- We can count the amount of results returned from a jQuery selector by using the `.length` method

```
$ ("img").length
```

Exercise

- Using what you've just learned, put together a primitive image slider that can go from one image to another when you click on it
- Building upon this, see if you can make the slider "loop"
- Building upon that, see if you can have it slide

setInterval

- The `setInterval` method is a method on `window`, meaning you can call it practically anywhere inside of your JavaScript code
- It allows you to have a function run every x milliseconds

setInterval

Here's a code sample:

```
setInterval(function() {  
    alert("YOU'VE WON!")  
}, 1000)
```


`fadeIn()` , `fadeOut()`

Remember that jQuery `fadeIn()` and `fadeOut()` bring in and out elements on the screen by slowly changing the `opacity` CSS attribute

`fadeIn()` , `fadeOut()`

You can also have behavior triggered when the `fadeIn` or `fadeOut` is complete:

```
$(".img").first().fadeIn(1000,  
function() {  
    console.log("something to do when  
fadeIn is done")  
})
```

window.clearInterval (intervalId)

clearInterval will clear any interval function that you have running on the page

It takes an intervalId as an argument

setInterval returns an intervalId

window.clearInterval(intervalId)

```
//every 3 seconds, set a 'hi' alert.  
//setInterval returns an intervalId  
var intervalId = setInterval(function() {  
    alert('hi')  
}, 3000)  
  
//use stored intervalId to stop the alert  
//when the button with the class //.some-  
button is pressed
```

Exercise

- Now set up your slider to play automatically - try to be organized and use functions!
- Using a Font Awesome `<div>` or just a button element or two, have the slider play or pause when one of these elements is clicked using the `clearInterval` function

Working with element arrays

`.get()`

- When we call `$ ("img")` , we get back an array of image elements on the page
- Goal: find out the following:
 - what image is being displayed on the page currently
 - that image's position in the list of `` tags
- Any ideas?

Working with element arrays

`.get()`

- In order to use the native `.indexOf()` JavaScript array method, which shows us the position of an element in an array:
 - we need to have an actual JavaScript array, not the object that jQuery returns!
- To make sure we have a normal JavaScript array, use the `.get()` method on `$("img")`
`$("img").get()`

...one more thing

How do we filter to find the exact image element being displayed? The `:visible` pseudo-class!

```
$ ("img:visible")
```

should only return the visible image, AKA the image the slider is currently on

Working with element arrays

`.get()`

- Goal: find out the following:
 - what image is being displayed on the page currently

```
$ ("img:visible")
```

- that image's position in the list of `` tags on the page

Exercise

- Using this information, we can accurately figure out which image is currently being displayed on the slider
- This opens up access to the following functionality:
 - Accurate play/pause
 - Next/Previous buttons

Using a pre-built solution

If you'd rather *not* build your own image slider...

<http://wowslider.com/>

<http://dev7studios.com/plugins/nivo-slider/>