

5.3.9 Reflection

Play around with the Taskmaster app some more just to bask in how awesome the drag-and-drop functionality is. This was a great exercise in using a new library—jQuery UI—to accomplish some fairly complex interactivity.

Let's review what we accomplished:

- Incorporated additional CDN links into a project.
- Quickly learned new tools by skimming the documentation.
- Enabled draggable elements by using jQuery extensions.

Keep in mind that jQuery UI isn't magic. Behind the scenes, it's nothing more than lots of regular JavaScript code. The library merely simplifies complex JavaScript logic into developer-friendly methods like `sortable()` and `droppable()`.

Even though it's intended to be easier, jQuery UI still comes with a learning curve. Reading documentation is a skill in its own right. Skim, look for code examples, and try out different options to gain an understanding of what each new library can do.

In fact, jQuery UI offers more than just dragging and dropping. In the next lesson, we'll explore some of its other features to further improve Taskmaster's functionality related to task due dates.

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