

Rich Interfaces with jQuery UI: Part I: Setup and Basic Widgets (jQuery UI 1.8, jQuery 1.4)

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Topics in This Section

- Overview
- Installation and setup
- Widgets
 - Buttons that adapt to current theme (skin)
 - Dialogs (basics)
 - Static tabbed panels
 - Ajax tabbed panels
 - Accordion panels
 - Date picker
 - Slider
 - Progress bar

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Introduction

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Overview

Set of rich GUI elements and effects

- Tabbed panels, slider, etc
- Effects similar to Scriptaculous
- Drag and drop API

Pros

- Official part of jQuery
- Well tested
- Very clean design
- Many still show meaningful results if JavaScript disabled
- Theming framework

Cons

- Not *nearly* as extensive as Ext/JS, Dojo, or YUI

Downloading

Download custom bundle

- http://jqueryui.com/download
- Select widgets and effects you want
- Press "Download" to download ZIP file of result

Unzip

- Unzip result into location of your choice

Bookmark the documentation

- http://docs.jquery.com/UI/
- http://jqueryui.com/demos/

Optional: Download additional themes

- Deselect all widgets and options, choose different theme
 - · You can also interactively build a customized theme
 - More on themes in next tutorial section
- Unzip and copy entries in "css" folder to "css" folder of original download

Planning Ahead for Updates

General principle

- It is easier to replace many files on a Web site than to edit many files on a Web site.
 - So, avoid specific version numbers in names of JavaScript and CSS files
 - Rename CSS "theme" (skin) folders to generic name

Specific practice

- Rename jquery-1.4.x.min.js to jquery.js
- Rename jquery-ui-1.8.x.custom.min.js to jquery-ui.js
- Rename theme (skin) folder from ui-lightness (or sunny, or blitzer or whatever you chose) to jquery-ui
- Rename CSS file inside theme (skin) folder from jquery-ui-1.8.x.custom.css to jquery-ui.css

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Files and Folders Needed

js/jquery-1.4.x.min.js

Copy this to WebContent/scripts in your Eclipse project.
 For ease of later updates, rename it to jquery.js.

js/jquery-ui-1.8.x.custom.min.js

Copy this to WebContent/scripts in your Eclipse project.
 For ease of later updates, rename it to jquery-ui.js.

css/ui-lightness/

 Copy ui-lightness folder to WebContent/css in your Eclipse project. For ease of later updates, rename folder to jquery-ui.

css/ui-lightness/jquery-ui-1.8.x.custom.css

- For ease of later updates, rename file to jquery-ui.css
 - So now it is WebContent/css/jquery-ui/jquery-ui.css

Setting Up Page: Overview

Load required jQuery UI files

- - link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
 href=".../jquery-ui/jquery-ui.css"/>
 - · Folder renamed from ui-lightness or other skin name
 - File renamed from jquery-ui-1.8.x.custom.css
- <script src=".../jquery.js" ...></script>
 - File renamed from jquery-1.4.x.min.js
- <script src=".../jquery-ui.js" ...></script>
 - File renamed from jquery-ui-1.8.x.custom.min.js

Load your files that use jQuery UI

- Any custom CSS files your app uses
- Any custom JavaScript files your app uses

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Setting Up Page: Example

```
<head><title>jQuery UI</title>
Folder was called ui-lightness (one of the theme names) in original download
<link rel="stylesheet"</pre>
                                             File was called jquery-ui-1,8.x.custom.css in original download
         href="./css/jquery-ui/jquery-ui.css"
         type="text/css"/>
                                               My CSS file that styles non-jQuery-UI elements. Limit custom styles
<link rel="stylesheet"</pre>
         href="./css/extra-styles.css"
         type="text/css"/>
                                      File was called jquery-1.4.x.min.js in original download
<script src="./scripts/jquery.js"</pre>
            type="text/javascript"></script>
<script src="./scripts/jquery-ui.js"</pre>
            type="text/javascript"></script>
<script src="./scripts/jquery-ui-examples.js"</pre>
            type="text/javascript"></script>
</head>
                                                             My JavaScript file that calls jQuery and
```



Buttons

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Idea

 A button whose look and feel will automatically adapt to current theme (skin).

HTML

- Make any type of button or anchor
 - <input type="submit" class="some-class".../>
 - <input type="button" class="some-class".../>
 - <button class="some-class">...</button>
 - <a href class="some-class" href="#">...

Basic JavaScript

- Call "button()" on each element
 - \$(".some-class").button();

Example: HTML

Example: JavaScript

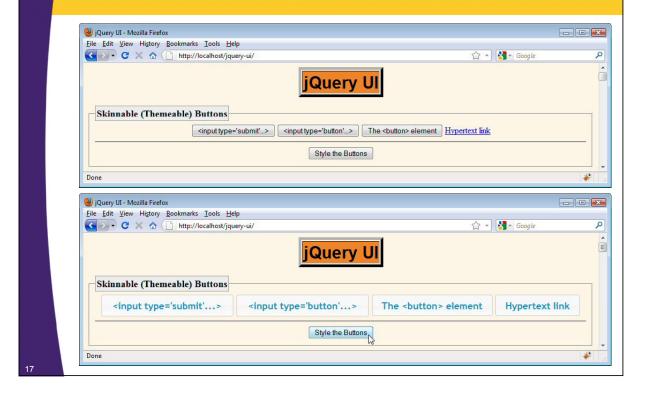
```
var uiDemo = {}; // To avoid name conflicts

uiDemo.styleButtons = function() {
    $("#button-div .style-test").button();
};

    You normally style the buttons when DOM is loaded, so you would directly call this code from the on-load function below. However, I wanted to interactively show the change, so the page will load with the buttons unstyled, and then they will become styled when the button mentioned below is pressed.

$(function() {
    $("#button-styler-button").click(uiDemo.styleButtons);
    ...
});
```

Example: Results



Options for jQuery UI Widgets

- You can supply anonymous object
 - Object has optional fields
 - Fields specify configuration and operational options
- Examples
 - \$("some-selector").button();

No trailing

Button Options

Options to button function

- disabled
 - Is button initially grayed out?
- icons, text
 - · icons lets you set primary and secondary icon.
 - text is boolean (false if you want icons only)
- label
 - · Main text of button; usually set in HTML instead of here

Other elements

- Radio buttons and checkboxes can also become buttons
 - These turn into text with indents/outdents to show which are selected. Depending on the theme, it may be hard to see which is selected.

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Dialog

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Overview

Idea

 A popup window (really a div with absolute positioning) that contains arbitrary HTML. One of the single most common rich elements in modern applications.

HTML

- Make an initially-hidden div with content inside. Use the title attribute of div for title of dialog.
 - <div id="some-id" title="Title" style="display:none"></div>

Basic JavaScript

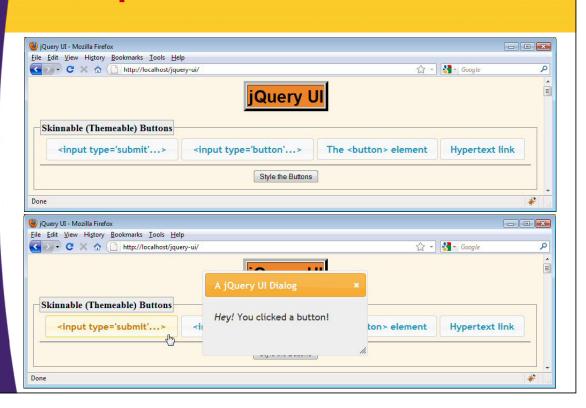
- Call "dialog()" on element
 - \$("#some-id").dialog();
 - Many options

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Example: HTML

Example: JavaScript

Example: Results



Dialog Options

Dialog type

- modal: gray out window, make controls disabled
 - \$("#some-id").dialog({ modal: true }) simulates modal dialog in classical GUI system
- buttons: lets you specify buttons for dialog
- draggable, resizable: (default true for both)

Sizing and positioning

- Size
 - · height, width, minHeight, minWidth, maxHeight, maxWidth
- Position
 - · position, zIndex

Many more

Dialog is very customizable with many more options

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Tabbed Panels with Static Content

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Overview

Idea

- Tabbed panel where clicking tabs changes content inside

HTML

- Make a div container to hold the tabs
 - <div id="main-tabbed-panel-div">...</div>
- Include a ul list containing internal hyperlinks
 - Go to Panel 1Go to Panel 2
- Include divs whose ids match the href values (minus "#")
 - <div id="panel1">Content for panel 1</div>
 div id="panel2">Content for panel 2</div>

Basic JavaScript

- Call "tabs()" on the div container
 - \$("#main-tabbed-panel-div").tabs();

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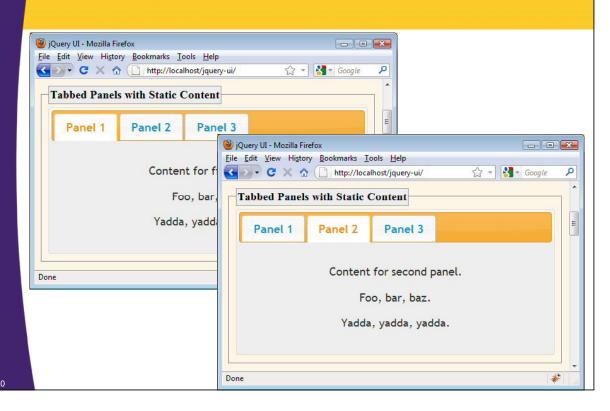
Example: HTML

```
<div id="static-tabbed-panel-div">
 <u1>
   <a href="#panel1">Panel 1</a>
   <a href="#panel2">Panel 2</a>
   <a href="#panel3">Panel 3</a>
 <div id="panel1">
   Content for first panel.
   Foo, bar, baz.Yadda, yadda, yadda.
 </div>
 <div id="panel2">
   Content for second panel.
   Foo, bar, baz.Yadda, yadda, yadda.
 </div>
 <div id="panel3">
   Content for third panel.
   Foo, bar, baz.Yadda, yadda, yadda.
 </div>
```

Example: JavaScript

```
$(function() {
    $("#static-tabbed-panel-div").tabs();
    ...
});
```

Example: Results



Main Options for tabs({...}) for Static Content

- selected (default: 0)
 - Tab to be selected initially
- collapsible (default: false)
 - Can you click selected tab to hide it (and thus *all* panels)?
 \$("#main-id").tabs({ collapsible: true });
- disabled (default: empty array)
 - An array of tab numbers (0-based) that should be disabled on startup
- event (default: click)
 - The type of event that should initiate tab selection
 - \$("#main-id").tabs({ event: "mouseover" });
- fx
 - Many options for specifying animation when tabs are selected. See docs for details.

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Tabbed Panels with Dynamic (Ajax) Content

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Overview

Idea

- Tabbed panel where clicking tabs gets server content

HTML

- Make a div container to hold the tabs
 - <div id="main-tabbed-panel-div">...</div>
- Include a ul list containing external relative hyperlinks
 - Get Content for Panel 1
 Get Content for Panel 2
- That's all!
 - Possibly simplest/best Ajax tabbed panel method of any of the major JavaScript libaries.

Basic JavaScript

- Call "tabs()" on the div container
 - \$("#main-tabbed-panel-div").tabs();

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Example: HTML

```
<div id="ajax-tabbed-panel-div">

    <a href="time-panel.jsp">Show Time</a>
    <a href="list-panel.jsp?range=5">
        Show Small Numbers</a>
    <a href="list-panel.jsp?range=500">
        Show Big Numbers</a>
```

Example: JavaScript

```
$(function() {
    $("#ajax-tabbed-panel-div").tabs({ collapsible: true });
...
});
```

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Example: JSP

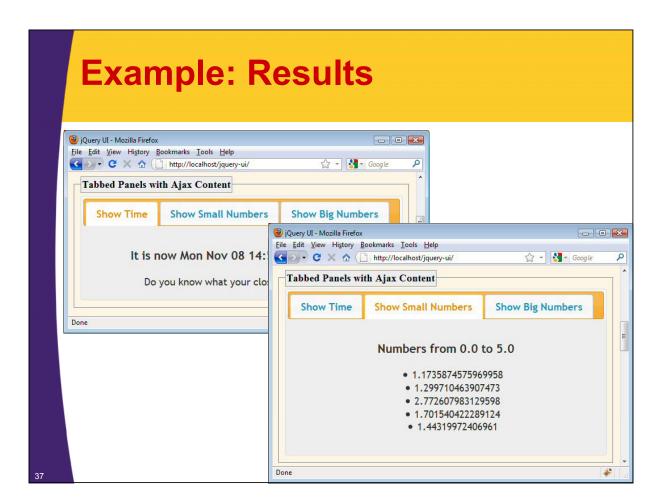
time-panel.jsp

```
<h3>It is now <%= new java.util.Date() %></h3>
Do you know what your closures are doing?
```

list-panel.jsp

```
<% double range = 10.0;
    try {
        String r = request.getParameter("range");
        range = Integer.parseInt(r);
        } catch(Exception e) {} %>
<h3>Numbers from 0 to <%= range %></h3>

        <1i><%= Math.random() * range %>
        <1i><%= Math.random() * range %>
        <%= Math.random() * range %>
```



Main Options for tabs({...}) for Ajax Content

- ajaxOptions (default: {})
 - Any of the options used for \$.ajax in first jQuery section
 - \$("#main-id").tabs({ ajaxOptions: { error: errorHandler }});
- · cache (default: false)
 - Should jQuery remember content for previously-selected tabs?
 - Using \$("#main-id").tabs({ cache: true }) is very helpful if result is always the same for a given URL.
- spinner (default "Loading...")
 - Text to show in tab title after tab is selected but before content is received from server



Accordion Panels

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Overview

Idea

- Horizontally stacked panels with wide tabs

HTML

- Make a div container to hold the tabs
 - <div id="main-accordion-panel-div">...</div>
- Include *alternating* pairs of text with links and content
 - <h2>Panel 1</h2>
 - <div>Content for Panel 1</div>
 - <h2>Panel 2</h2>
 - <div>Content for Panel 2</div>

Basic JavaScript

- Call "accordion()" on the div container
 - \$("#main-accordion-panel-div").accordion();

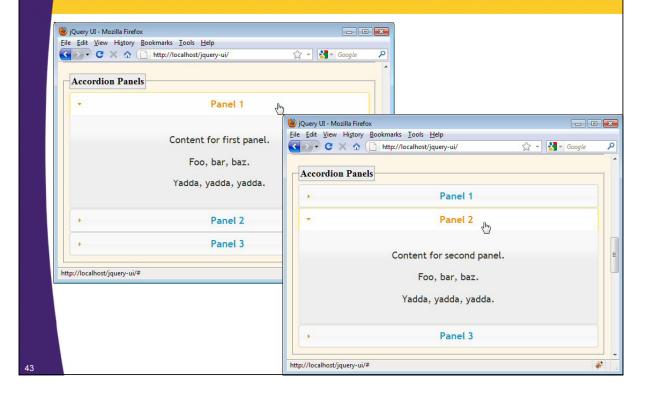
Example: HTML

```
<div id="accordion-panel-div">
<h2><a href="#">Panel 1</a></h2>
<div>
 Content for first panel.
 Foo, bar, baz.Yadda, yadda, yadda.
<h2><a href="#">Panel 2</a></h2>
<div>
 Content for second panel.
 Foo, bar, baz.Yadda, yadda, yadda.
</div>
<h2><a href="#">Panel 3</a></h2>
<div>
 Content for third panel.
 Foo, bar, baz.Yadda, yadda, yadda.
</div>
</div>
```

Example: JavaScript

```
$(function() {
    $("#accordion-panel-div").accordion();
    ...
});
```

Example: Results



Main Options for accordion({...})

- active (default: 0)
 - Index or selector for initially-selected item
- collapsible
 - Can you click to hide?
- event
 - Event to trigger selection.
 - Same as with tabs()
- animated (default: true)
 - Name of jQuery animation to use when showing content
 - \$("#main-id").accordion({ animated: "fadeIn" });



Date Picker

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Overview

Idea

 Click in textfield to pop up calendar. Choosing day from calendar puts date string into textfield

HTML

- Make an input field
 - <input type="text" id="date-field"/>

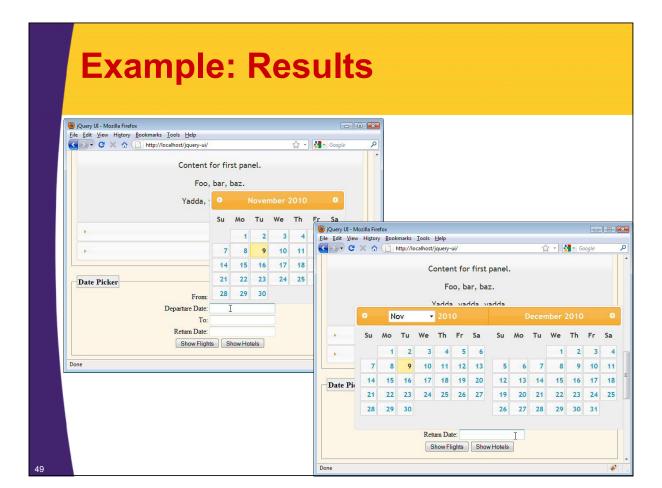
Basic JavaScript

- Call "datepicker()" on the textfield
 - \$("#date-field").datepicker();

Example: HTML

```
From: <input type="text"/>
 Departure Date:
   <input type="text" id="start-date"/>
 To: <input type="text"/>
 Return Date:
   <input type="text" id="end-date"/>
 <input type="button" value="Show Flights"/>
   <input type="button" value="Show Hotels"/>
```

Example: JavaScript



Main Options for datepicker({...})

- defaultDate (default: today)
 - Initially selected date
- changeMonth, changeYear (default: false)
 - Should jQuery include a dropdown list to let you choose the month or year?
- dayNames (default Sunday...Saturday) monthNames (default January...December)
 - Names to use for the days and months. For other languages. There are also various options for short versions of days.
- numberOfMonths (default: 1)
 - How many months to show at a time



Slider

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Overview

Idea

- Interactive slider to let user choose numeric values
 - Also supports double-handled sliders for choosing ranges

HTML

- Make a placeholder div
 - <div id="div-for-slider"></div>

Basic JavaScript

- Call "slider()" on the div, supply function to be called when slider moves
 - \$("#div-for-slider").slider({ slide: sliderEventHandler });
- Look up value later
 - Event handler takes two arguments: event and ui. Use ui.value to get current slider value

Example: HTML

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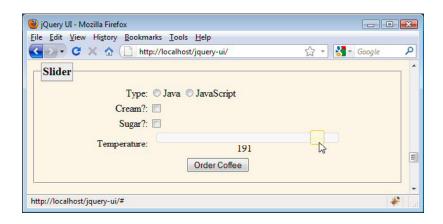
Example: JavaScript

```
var uiDemo = {}; // To avoid name conflicts

uiDemo.showTemp = function(event, ui) {
   $("#temp-display").html(ui.value);
};

$(function() {
   $("#slider-div").slider({ min: 32, max: 212, slide: uiDemo.showTemp });
   ...
});
```

Example: Results



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Main Options for slider({...})

- min (default: 0)
 - Value corresponding to left or top
- max (default 100)
 - Value corresponding to right or bottom
- slide
 - Function to call every time value changes. Function takes two arguments: event and ui object. Use ui.value to get currently selected value.
- step (default: 1)
 - Granularity of changes
- value (default: min)
 - The initial value
- orientation (default: "horizontal")
 - horizontal or vertical



Progress Bar

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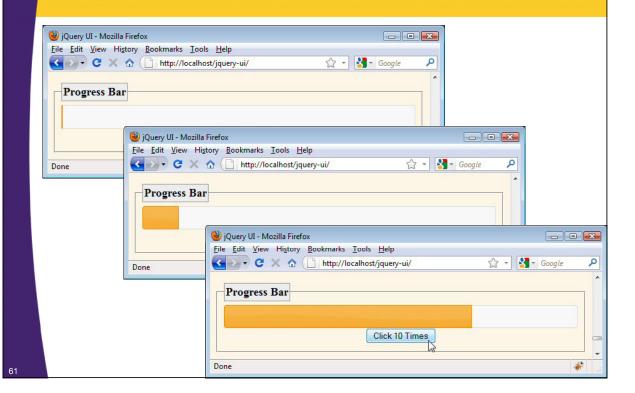
- Idea
 - Shows progress from 0% to 100%
- HTML
 - Make a placeholder div
 - <div id="div-for-progress-bar"></div>
- Basic JavaScript
 - Call "progressbar()" on the div
 - \$("#div-for-progress").progressbar();
 - Have another event that changes values of bar
 - Look up value with \$("#div-for-progress").progressbar("option", "value");
 - Change value with \$("#div-for-progress").progressbar("option", "value", num);

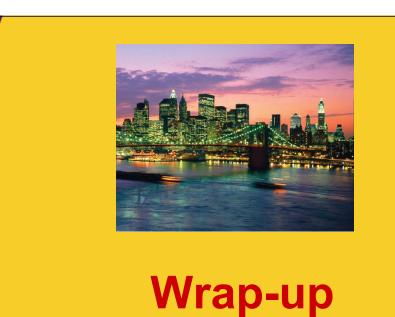
Example: HTML

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Example: JavaScript

Example: Results





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Summary

Setup

- Load jquery-ui/jquery-ui.css, jquery.js, and jquery-ui.js
 - These are renamed to omit specific version numbers

Ajax tabbed panels

- HTML
 - <div id="main">Panel 1</1>Panel 2</1>...</di></di>
- JavaScript
 - \$(function() { \$("#main").tabs(); ... });

Others

 Styled buttons, dialog box, static tabbed panels, accordion panel, date picker, slider, progress bar

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Preview: Next Tutorial Section

Autocompleter

- Local data
- Remote data
- Custom matcher
- Custom menu styles
- Display values vs. values to be inserted
- Performing side effects upon selection

Animation effects

Highlight, animated appear/disappear

Changing themes

- Using ThemeRoller
- Design strategies for theming
- Changing themes at runtime

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