# Advanced Techniques in JavaScript and jQuery

**Advanced Event Handling** 

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## **Advanced jQuery Event Handling**

- Attaching events without shorthand methods
- Named Function
- Event Namespaces
- Delegation
- Custom Events
- Passing Event Parameters

### **Event Namespace**

#### Namespace

- Allows grouping of events
- Provides ability to narrowly target removal of event handlers
- Multiple namespaces can be included
- Namespaces are not hierarchical

### **Delegation**

- Bind event handlers higher in the DOM
  - Efficiency
  - Centralized processing

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List Header <UL>

List Item 1 <LI>
List Item 2 <LI>
List Item 3 <LI>
List Item 4 <LI>
List Item 5 <LI>
List Item 6 <LI>
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#### **Custom Events**

- Create new events for DOM elements
- Create events for regular objects
- Initiate a custom event with .trigger()

#### **Event Parameters**

- Additional data can be passed to event handler functions
- Include data in jQuery .trigger() method
- Include data in jQuery .on() method
- Parameter type should be array or object

### **Summary**

- .off() method can remove more than we attached
- Event handlers can be associated with specific event namespaces for easier management and removal
- Delegation is a good way to reduce the number of attached event handlers
- Custom events are processed in the same manner as system events
- Additional data can be passed to an event handler for either a custom event or a system event