

jQuery Plugin Design Patterns

“Deep into JS” Meetup

Constructor Function

```
function Person() {}
```

```
function Person(name, surname) {  
    this.name = name;  
    this.surname = surname;  
}
```



```
function Person(name, surname) {  
    this.name = name;  
    this.surname = surname;  
    this.getName = function() {  
        // privileged method: useful if you need private method, attributes  
        return this.name;  
    }  
}
```



```
function Person(name, surname) {  
    this.name = name;  
    this.surname = surname;  
}  
Person.prototype.getName = function() {  
    return this.name;  
}
```

```
var robb = new Person('Robert', 'Casanova');  
console.log(robb.getName());
```

`Object.create()`


```
var robb = {  
    name: 'Robert',  
    surname: 'Casanova',  
    getName: function() {  
        return this.name;  
    }  
}
```

```
var gigi = Object.create(robb);  
gigi.name = 'Giorgio';  
gigi.surname = 'Moroder';  
  
console.log(gigi.getName())
```

Plugin jquery

Simplest jQuery plugin ever

```
$.fn['pluginName'] = function() {  
    this.each(function(){  
        $(this).doSomething();  
    });  
}
```

LightWeight Start Pattern

Immediately Invoked Function Expression (IIFE)

```
;(function($, window, document, undefined ){  
    //plugin goes here  
})(jQuery, window, document)
```

Defaults

```
var pluginName = “mioPlugin”,  
    defaults = {  
        defaultProperty: ‘defaultValue’  
    }
```

Constructor Function

```
function Plugin(el, options) {  
  this.el = el;  
  this.$el = $(el);  
  this.options = $.extend({}, defaults, options);  
  
  this._defaults = defaults;  
  this._name = pluginName;  
  
  this.init();  
}
```


Methods

```
Plugin.prototype.init = function() {  
    //the initial logic goes here  
}  
Plugin.prototype.someMethod = function() {  
    ...  
}
```

Plugin Magic

```
$.fn[pluginName] = function(options) {  
    return this.each(function(){  
        if (!$.data(this, pluginName)) {  
            $.data(this, pluginName, new Plugin(this, options));  
        }  
    });  
}
```

Example

```
$('#elem').pluginName({  
    defaultProperty: 'value'  
});
```

OOM-to-Object Bridge Pattern

Object

```
var myObject = {  
  init: function (options,elem) {  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

Init Function

```
init: function (options,elem) {  
    this.options = $.extend({}, this.options,options);  
    this.el = elem;  
    this.$el = $(elem);  
  
    this._build();  
  
    return this;  
}
```

Default options

```
options: {  
  defaultOption: 'defaultValue'  
}
```

Methods

```
_build: function() {  
    this.$el.html('initialize html here');  
},  
publicMethod: function() {  
    this.$el.doSomething();  
}
```


Plugin Magic

```
$.plugin = function(name,object) {  
    $.fn[name] = function(options) {  
        return this.each(function(){  
            if (!$.data(this,name)) {  
                $.data(this,name, Object.create(myObject).init(options,this))  
            }  
        })  
    }  
}  
$.plugin("pluginName", myObject )
```

Example

```
$('#elem').pluginName({  
    defaultProperty: 'value'  
});
```

```
var plugin = $('#elem').data('pluginName');  
plugin.publicMethod();
```