JavaScript Lecture 3c (jQuery)

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JavaScript Introduction

Topic discussed

jQuery

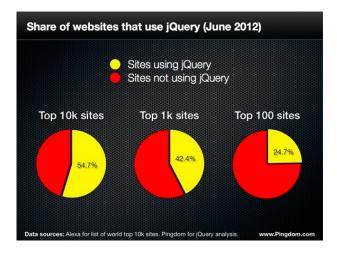
jQuery Introduction

jQuery JavaScript library:

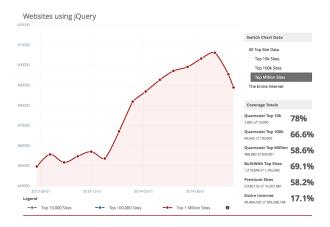
- In widespread but possibly declining use.
- Competitors exist:
 - Prototype
 - Modernizer
 - Frameworks (Angular, Ember, . . .)
- jQuery hides browser incompatibilities
- Facilitates finding & manipulating elements in document



jQuery Statistics



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jQuery Statistics



Facilitates modifications to web page:

- Add or change specific content
- Change HTML attributes
- Change CSS properties
- Define event handlers
- Perform animation

```
<body>
  <button class="edit" onclick="change()">Change</button>
  <script src="jquery.js"></script>
  <script>
    function change() {
        $("button.edit").html("Next Step...");
   }
   </script>
  </body>
```

jQuery Focus

jQuery focussed on queries Typically uses CSS selectors

- Identify set document elements
- Return object representing these
- Object has useful methods to operate on data
- Method chaining provided where possible
- Can operate on elements as group rather than individually

```
// Returns a jQuery object containing all div elements in document.
// Observe jQuery variable naming convention: $div.
let $divs = $('div');
console.log($divs);
```

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Returned jQuery object

```
<body>
  <button onclick="lotsadivs()">Press</button>
  <div id = 'div-1'>
     <div id = |div-2|>
     </div>
  </div>
  <script src="jquery-2.2.3.min.js"></script>
  <script src="jquery.js"></script>
</body>
//File: jquery.js
function lotsadivs() {
 console.log($('div').length);
// output
 [div#div-1, div#div-2, ... selector:"div"]
```

Method chaining

```
//html
 <body>
   Sliding
   <button>Click me</button>
   <script src="jquery.js"></script>
   <script>
   $(function()
     $('button').click(function(){
      $('#p1').css('color','red').slideUp(2000);
  });
});
   </script>
 </body>
```

```
Sliding
Click me
Sliding
Click me
Click me
```

Terminology

the jQuery function

\$ or jQuery: single global function

a jQuery object

is object returned by \$()

the selected elements

determined by CSS selector parameter in \$

a jQuery function

a function defined within \$()

a jQuery method

bound to jQuery object

```
//these 2 methods exactly the same
function change() {
  $('button.edit').html('Next');
function change() {
  jQuery('button.edit').html('Next');
//jQuery function: invoke func for each
     element of array
$.each(array, func);
//iQuery method: invoke func2 once for
     each selected element
$('a').each(func2);
```

jQuery How to Obtain

Method 1

Download from jquery.com

Method 2

- Use a content distribution network (CDN)
 - code.jquery.com/jquery-3.0.0.min.js
 - ajax.microsoft.com/ajax/jquery/jquery-3.0.0.min.js
 - ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.0.0/jquery.min.js

```
//include jquery script tag before other script calls at end document body //ensure use latest versions jquery (not shown here) <script src="//ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.11.1/jquery.min.js">
```

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JavaScript

Scope - Window object

Window object

- The global object
- Represents open window in browser
- Entry point client-side JavaScript
- Defines properties such as:
 - location: navigates to new page
 - document: returns DOM object

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Window</title>
</head>
<body>
<script>
window.location
= "http://www.wit.ie";
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript HTML5 Flements

Element: extensive HTML5 list:

- <html>: root element
- <head> : collection metadata
- <script> : links to JavaScript
- <a>: hyperlink
- : tabular data
- <form> : input for server

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>Elements</title>
    </head>
<body>
    <h1>This is a heading</h1>
    This is a paragraph.
    <!-- This is a comment -->
    <script src="f.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

Invoking \$() function

jQuery(), a.k.a \$(), invokable with 4 different parameters:

- CSS selector
- Element, Document or Window object
- String of HTML
- Function

```
//CSS selector: 
$('#p1').append('Added material...');
//Element: \langle p \text{ class}='p2' \rangle \langle /p \rangle
$('p.p2').append('Second para');
//String HTML: dynamically add node
$('Third para').appendTo('body');
//Function: function clickbutton param
$(function clickbutton() {
  alert('Button clicked');
});
```

Invoking \$() function

example.html

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2@ <html>
3@ <head>
4 <title>ICTSkills JavaScript</title>
</head>
5 <head>
6@ <body>
7 
</script src="js/jquery-2.0.0.js"></script>
9 <script src="js/selectors.js"></script>
10 </body>
11
```

selectors.js

```
1 $("#p1").append("Added material...");
```

example.html : output in browser

Added material...

Immediately-Invoked Function Expression (IIFE)

```
// Click button to trigger alert
<button onclick="clickbutton()">Click</button>
<script src="jquery.js"></script>
<script>
 function clickbutton() {
   alert('Button clicked');
</script>
// Example of self-invoking function
// Alert triggered on refreshing page
<script src="jquery.js"></script>
<script>
 (function clickbutton() {
   alert('Button clicked');
 }());
</script>
```

Execute function when document loaded

onload event

 Ensure page load complete before accessing script code.

```
$(function () {
   alert('Page has loaded');
});

// Older, verbose equivalent
$(document).ready(function () {
   alert('Page has loaded');
});
```

Summary

jQuery

- A popular JavaScript library.
- May be declining in popularity.
- Losing market share to frameworks.
- Abstracts browser inconsistencies.
- Community support.
- jquery-3.0.0 (June 2016) contains more than 10,000 lines.

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