

Web Development Frameworks

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Overview

- Web development frameworks are software frameworks for web development that simplify common tasks
- **Bootstrap** is a HTML/CSS/JavaScript framework for developing responsive, mobile first applications
 - Developed by Twitter and released to the public in 2011
- **jQuery** is a JavaScript library for JavaScript programming created in 2006
- **Angular** is a TypeScript-based web application framework
 - Developed by Google
 - Angular (beginning with Angular 2+) is a rewrite of AngularJS which was a JavaScript framework and initially released in 2010
- **React** is a JavaScript library for developing user interfaces, developed and maintained by Facebook (now Meta) and initially released in 2013

Bootstrap

- Can be included by loading the JavaScript and CSS libraries in the header of a page
- Basic design concepts
 - Responsive to changes in screen size (e.g., desktop vs. mobile)
 - Uses a grid system consisting of 12 columns
 - Includes collapsible navbars and other elements
- Use Bootstrap by specifying *classes*, e.g.
 - *col-sm-4* will create an element is 4 columns wide
 - Example: https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/bootstrap_grid_basic.php
 - *btn* and *btn-primary* for buttons
 - Example: https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/bootstrap_buttons.php
- Full tutorial: <https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/index.php>

Selected Bootstrap examples

- Bootstrap's grid system allows up to 12 (responsive) columns across the page:
 - https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/bootstrap_grid_basic.php
- Bootstrap provides a variety of button styles:
 - https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/bootstrap_buttons.php
- Bootstrap provides a variety of navigation bar styles:
 - https://www.w3schools.com/bootstrap5/bootstrap_navbar.php

jQuery

- As of February 6, 2022, jQuery is used by 78% of the top 10 million websites: (https://w3techs.com/technologies/overview/javascript_library)
- The basic jQuery framework involves applying an action to a set of elements as follows:
 - `$(selector).action()`
 - `$` - specifies we are using jQuery (you can also use *jQuery*)
 - `selector` – a CSS style selector to apply the action to (e.g., *p*, *div.class*)
 - `action()` – a function to apply to each element with the given selector
- **Examples**
 - `$("p").hide()` - hides all `<p>` elements.
 - `$(".test").hide()` - hides all elements with `class="test"`.
 - `$("#test").hide()` - hides the element with `id="test"`.
- Tutorial: <https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/default.asp>

Common jQuery actions

Action	Description	Example
hide(), show(), or toggle()	Hides, shows, or toggles the element(s)	<code>\$("#p").hide()</code>
html() or text()	Gets the innerHTML or innerText of an element	<code>\$("#p#id").html()</code>
html("value") or text("value")	Sets the innerHTML or innerText of an element to the specified value	<code>\$("#p#id").text("hello")</code>
addClass("class"), removeClass("class"), toggleClass("class")	Adds, removes, or toggles the class of an element	<code>\$("#p").addClass("fancy")</code>
css("propertyname","value")	Sets the CSS property of an element	<code>\$("#p").css("background-color", "yellow")</code>

jQuery `document.ready()`

- It is good practice to call jQuery functions only after the page has been loaded. This is accomplished by including your jQuery code inside of *document.ready* event, which is the event fired after the document object model (DOM) is ready.
- Without doing this, jQuery may not be able to access all of the intended DOM elements
- In JavaScript, a *function* can be passed as an argument into another function (see JS_function example)

jQuery document.ready()

- The following statement uses jQuery to call a *function* after a page is loaded

- `$(document).ready(function)`

- However anonymous functions are often used:

```
$(document).ready(function(){
```

```
    // jQuery methods go here...
```

```
});
```

- The following is shortcut for the above notation:

```
$(function(){
```

```
    // jQuery methods go here...
```

```
});
```


Handling events using jQuery

- Common events include *click()*, *doubleclick()*, *mouseenter()*, *mouseleave()*, and *hover()*
- For examples see
 - https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/jquery_events.asp
- When we handle events, we specify a function that should be called when the event is triggered, e.g.
 - `$("#p").click(functionToCall)`
- However, the function to call is usually passed as an anonymous function

```
// set onclick event of all paragraphs
```

```
$("#p").click(function(){
```

```
    // action goes here!!
```

```
    $(this).hide(); // hides the current
```

```
    element
```

```
});
```

`$(this)` accesses the current element

React

- A JavaScript library for building user interfaces
- Uses a virtual DOM to represent the real DOM
 - When an element in the virtual DOM changes, React updates that element (and only that element) in the real DOM
 - This feature makes React very efficient at rendering dynamic web pages
- React is used to build *reusable UI* components
- To use React, you it is recommended to use *Node.js* (a back-end JavaScript runtime environment), but we will run simple examples in the browser
- Tutorials:
 - W3schools: <https://www.w3schools.com/REACT/DEFAULT.ASP>
 - ReactJS.org: <https://reactjs.org/docs/getting-started.html>

JSX

- JSX, or JavaScript XML, is an extension of JavaScript that allows you to include HTML in React code
- JSX makes React code easier to understand (though technically is not necessary)
- Creating React elements:
 - With JSX:
 - `const element = <h3>Hello, world!</h3>;`
 - Without JSX:
 - `const element = React.createElement('h3', null, 'Hello world!');`
- Rendering a React element
 - `ReactDOM.render(element, document.getElementById('root'));`

Let's look at some examples

- We will focus on
 - Creating and rendering elements
 - Creating and rendering re-usable components
 - Event handling