

# Web Programming Step by Step

## Lecture 21

### Scriptaculous

Reading: 12.1 - 12.2

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## Visual Effects

- Visual Effects
- Drag and Drop; Sortable Lists
- Auto-completing Text Fields
- Other Features

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# Scriptaculous overview

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**Scriptaculous** : a JavaScript library, built on top of Prototype, that adds:

- visual effects (animation, fade in/out, highlighting)
- drag and drop
- Ajax features:
  - Auto-completing text fields (drop-down list of matching choices)
  - In-place editors (clickable text that you can edit and send to server)
- some DOM enhancements
- other stuff (unit testing, etc.)

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## Downloading and using Scriptaculous

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```
<script src="http://www.cs.washington.edu/education/courses/cse190m/09sp/prototype
type="text/javascript"></script>

<script src="http://www.cs.washington.edu/education/courses/cse190m/09sp/scriptacu
type="text/javascript"></script>
```

- option 1: link to Scriptaculous on the CSE 190 M web site
  - notice that you must still link to Prototype before linking Scriptaculous
- option 2: download the .zip file from their [downloads page](#), and extract the 8 .js files from its `src/` folder to the same folder as your project
- documentation available on their [wiki](#)
- [Scriptaculous Effects Cheat Sheet](#)

# Visual effects (12.2.1)

appear blindDown grow slideDown (appearing)

blindUp dropOut fade fold puff  
shrink slideUp squish switchOff (disappearing)

highlight pulsate shake morph  
Effect.Move Effect.Scale Effect.toggle (blind) (Getting attention)



## Adding effects to an element

```
element.effectName(); // for most effects  
  
// some effects must be run the following way:  
new Effect.name(element or id);
```

```
$( "sidebar" ).shake();  
  
var buttons = $$("results > button");  
for (var i = 0; i < buttons.length; i++) {  
    buttons[i].fade();  
}
```

JS

JS

- the effect will begin to animate on screen (asynchronously) the moment you call it
- six core effects are used to implement all effects on the previous slides:
  - `Effect.Highlight`, `Effect.Morph`, `Effect.Move`, `Effect.Opacity`, `Effect.Parallel`, `Effect.Scale`

# Effect options

```
element.effectName ( JS
  {
    option: value,
    option: value,
    ...
  }
);
```

```
$("my_element").pulsate({ JS
  duration: 2.0,
  pulses: 2
});
```

- many effects can be customized by passing additional options (note the { })
- options ([wiki](#)): delay, direction, duration, fps, from, queue, sync, to, transition
- Q: How would we show two effects in a row on the same element?

# Effect events

```
$("my_element").fade ({ JS
  duration: 3.0,
  afterFinish: displayMessage
});
```

  

```
function displayMessage(effect) {
  alert(effect.element + " is done fading now!");
}
```

- all effects have the following events that you can handle:
  - beforeStart, beforeUpdate, afterUpdate, afterFinish
- the afterFinish event fires once the effect is done animating
  - useful do something to the element (style, remove, etc.) when effect is done
- each of these events receives the Effect object as its parameter
  - its properties: element, options, currentFrame, startOn, finishOn
  - some effects (e.g. Shrink) are technically "parallel effects", so to access the modified element, you write effect.effects[0].element rather than just effect.element

## Drag and Drop; Sortable Lists

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### Drag and drop (12.2.2)

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Scriptaculous provides several objects for supporting drag-and-drop functionality:

- **Draggable** : an element that can be dragged
- **Draggables** : manages all Draggable objects on the page
- **Droppables** : elements on which a Draggable can be dropped
- **Sortable** : a list of items that can be reordered
- [Shopping Cart demo](#)

## Draggable

```
new Draggable(element or id,  
  { options }  
) ;
```

JS

- specifies an element as being able to be dragged
- options: handle, revert, snap, zIndex, constraint, ghosting, startEffect, revertEffect, endEffect
- event options: onStart, onDrag, onEnd
  - each handler function accepts two parameters: the Draggable object, and the mouse event

## Draggable example

```
<div id="draggabledemo1">Draggable demo. Default options.</div>  
<div id="draggabledemo2">Draggable demo.  
{snap: [40,40], revert: true}</div>
```

HTML

```
document.observe("dom:loaded", function() {  
  new Draggable("draggabledemo1");  
  new Draggable("draggabledemo2", {revert: true, snap: [40, 40]});  
});
```

JS

script.aculo.us  
Draggable demo.  
Default options.

script.aculo.us  
Draggable demo.  
{snap:[60, 60],  
revert:true}

## Draggables

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- a global helper for accessing/managing all Draggable objects on a page
- (not needed for this course)
- properties: `drags`, `observers`
- methods: `register`, `unregister`, `activate`, `deactivate`, `updateDrag`, `endDrag`, `keyPress`, `addObserver`, `removeObserver`, `notify`

## Droppables

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```
Droppables.add(element or id,  
  { options }  
) ;
```

JS

- specifies an element as being able to be dragged
- options: `accept`, `containment`, `hoverclass`, `overlap`, `greedy`
- event options: `onHover`, `onDrop`
  - each callback accepts three parameters: the Draggable, the Droppable, and the event
  - [Shopping Cart](#) demo

## Drag/drop shopping demo

```


<div id="droptarget"></div>
```

HTML

```
document.observe("dom:loaded", function() {
  new Draggable("product1");
  new Draggable("product2");
  Droppables.add("droptarget", {onDrop: productDrop});
});

function productDrop(drag, drop, event) {
  alert("You dropped " + drag.id);
}
```

JS



## Sortable

```
Sortable.create(element or id of list,
  { options }
);
```

JS

- specifies a list (ul, ol) as being able to be dragged into any order
- implemented internally using Draggables and Droppables
- options: tag, only, overlap, constraint, containment, format, handle, hoverclass, ghosting, dropOnEmpty, scroll, scrollSensitivity, scrollSpeed, tree, treeTag
- to make a list un-sortable again, call Sortable.destroy on it

## Sortable demo

```
<ol id="simpsons">
  <li id="simpsons_0">Homer</li>
  <li id="simpsons_1">Marge</li>
  <li id="simpsons_2">Bart</li>
  <li id="simpsons_3">Lisa</li>
  <li id="simpsons_4">Maggie</li>
</ol>
```

HTML

```
document.observe("dom:loaded", function() {
  Sortable.create("simpsons");
});
```

JS

1. Homer
2. Marge
3. Bart
4. Lisa
5. Maggie

## Sortable list events

event	description
onChange	when any list item hovers over a new position while dragging
onUpdate	when a list item is dropped into a new position (more useful)

```
document.observe("dom:loaded", function() {
  Sortable.create("simpsons", {
    onUpdate: listUpdate
  });
});
```

JS

- onChange handler function receives the dragging element as its parameter
- onUpdate handler function receives the list as its parameter

## Sortable list events example

```
document.observe("dom:loaded", function() {
  Sortable.create("simpsons", {
    onUpdate: listUpdate
  });
});

function listUpdate(list) {
  // can do anything I want here; effects, an Ajax request, etc.
  list.shake();
}
```

JS

1. Homer
2. Marge
3. Bart
4. Lisa
5. Maggie

## Subtleties of Sortable events

- for onUpdate to work, each li **must** have an id of the form *listID\_index*

```
<ol id="simpsons">
  <li id="simpsons_0">Homer</li>
  <li id="simpsons_1">Marge</li>
  <li id="simpsons_2">Bart</li>
  <li id="simpsons_3">Lisa</li>
  <li id="simpsons_4">Maggie</li>
</ol>
```

HTML

- if the elements of the list change after you make it sortable (if you add or remove an item using the DOM, etc.), the new items can't be sorted
  - must call Sortable.create on the list again to fix it

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# Auto-completing Text Fields

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## Auto-completing text fields (12.2.3)

Scriptaculous offers ways to make a text box that auto-completes based on prefix strings:

- `Autocompleter.Local` : auto-completes from an array of choices
- `Ajax.Autocompleter` : fetches and displays list of choices using Ajax

ajax autocomplete demo

To: a

- Ada Noel**  
ada@noel.fake
- Adlai Cathy**  
adlai@cathy.fake
- Adrian Audrey**  
adrian@audrey.fake
- Adrian Clyde**  
adrian@clyde.fake
- Adrian Ramneek**  
adrian@ramneek.fake
- Adrienne Amos**  
adrienne@amos.fake
- Adrienne Conrad**  
adrienne@conrad.fake
- Agatha Lesley**  
agatha@lesley.fake

# Using Autocompleter.Local

```
new Autocompleter.Local(  
  element or id of text box,  
  element or id of div to show completions,  
  array of choices,  
  { options }  
) ;
```

JS

- you must create an (initially empty) div to store the auto-completion matches
  - it will be inserted as a ul that you can style with CSS
  - the user can select items by pressing Up/Down arrows; selected item is given a class of selected
- pass the choices as an array of strings
- pass any extra options as a fourth parameter between { }
- options: choices, partialSearch, fullSearch, partialChars, ignoreCase

## Autocompleter.Local demo

```
<input id="bands70s" size="40" type="text" />  
<div id="bandlistarea"></div>
```

HTML

```
document.observe("dom:loaded", function() {  
  new Autocompleter.Local(  
    "bands70s",  
    "bandlistarea",  
    ["ABBA", "AC/DC", "Aerosmith", "America", "Bay City Rollers", ...],  
    {}  
  );  
});
```

JS

## Autocompleter styling

```
<input id="bands70s" size="40" type="text" />
<div id="bandlistarea"></div>
```

HTML

```
#bandlistarea {
    border: 2px solid gray;
}
/* 'selected' class is given to the autocomplete item currently chosen */
#bandlistarea .selected {
    background-color: pink;
}
```

CSS



## Using Ajax.Autocompleter

```
new Ajax.Autocompleter(
    element or id of text box,
    element or id of div to show completions,
    url,
    { options }
);
```

JS

- when you have too many choices to hold them all in an array, you can instead fetch subsets of choices from the server using Ajax
- instead of passing choices as an array, pass a URL from which to fetch them
  - the choices are sent back from the server as an HTML ul with li elements in it
- options: paramName, tokens, frequency, minChars, indicator, updateElement, afterUpdateElement, callback, parameters

## Ajax.InPlaceEditor

```
new Ajax.InPlaceEditor(element or id,  
  url,  
  { options }  
) ;
```

JS

- options: okButton, okText, cancelLink, cancelText, savingText, clickToEditText, formId, externalControl, rows, onComplete, onFailure, cols, size, highlightcolor, highlightendcolor, formClassName, hoverClassName, loadTextURL, loadingText, callback, submitOnBlur, ajaxOptions
- event options: onEnterHover, onLeaveHover, onEnterEditMode, onLeaveEditMode

## Ajax.InPlaceCollectionEditor

```
new Ajax.InPlaceCollectionEditor(element or id,  
  url,  
  {  
    collection: array of choices,  
    options  
  }  
) ;
```

JS

- a variation of Ajax.InPlaceEditor that gives a collection of choices
- requires collection option whose value is an array of strings to choose from
- all other options are the same as Ajax.InPlaceEditor

## Other Features

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## Playing sounds ([API](#))

method	description
Sound.play ("url");	plays a sound/music file
Sound.disable();	stops future sounds from playing (doesn't mute any sound in progress)
Sound.enable();	re-enables sounds to be playable after a call to Sound.disable()

```
Sound.play("music/java_rap.mp3");
Sound.play("music/wazzaaaaaap.wav");
```

[PHP](#)

- to silence a sound playing in progress, use Sound.play(' ', {replace: true});
- cannot play sounds from a local computer (must be uploaded to a web site)

# Other neat features

- `Slider` control:

```
new Control.Slider("id of knob", "id of track", {options});
```

JS

- `Builder` - convenience class to replace `document.createElement`:

```
var img = Builder.node("img", {
  src: "images/lolcat.jpg",
  width: 100, height: 100,
  alt: "I can haz Scriptaculous?"
});
$("main").appendChild(img);
```

JS

- Tabbed UIs