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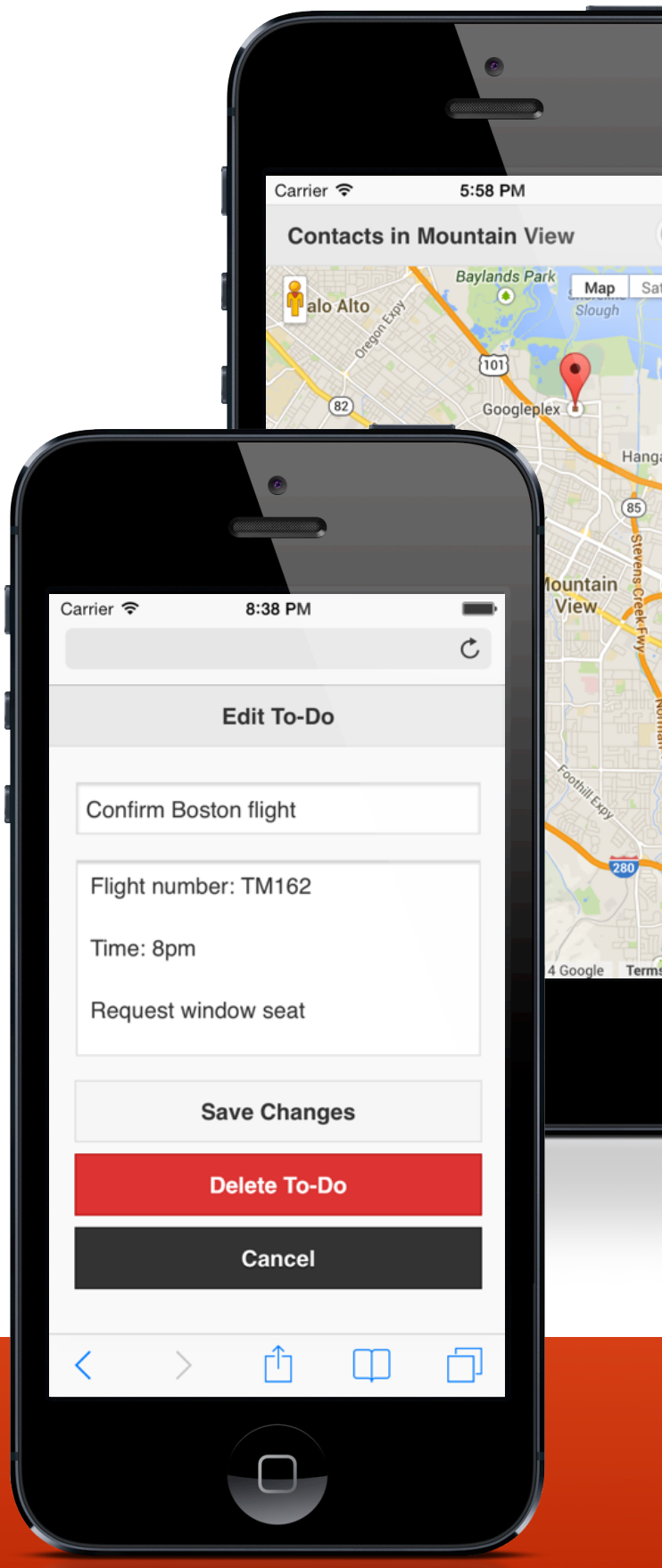

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Preface

Thank you for buying this book, and welcome to the world of jQuery Mobile and mobile web apps! In this book you'll quickly learn how to build great-looking, easy-to-use mobile web applications using this fantastic framework.

Who This Book Is For

This book is intended for anyone interested in building mobile web applications using the jQuery Mobile framework. You'll need at least a basic knowledge of web technologies including HTML, CSS, JavaScript and web servers.

In addition, some chapters — especially Chapters 11 to 13 — assume you have some experience of the jQuery JavaScript library on which jQuery Mobile is built, including jQuery selectors and events. Chapter 12 also includes a lot of PHP code, so some knowledge of PHP will be helpful when following through the examples. In addition, Chapter 13 shows how to use Xcode on a Mac to build a native iOS app using jQuery Mobile, so you'll find it useful to have at least some familiarity with Mac applications, and you'll need a Mac if you want to work through the example.

That said, even if you've never played with jQuery or PHP before, you'll still be able to gain a lot from this book. One of jQuery Mobile's strengths is that you can often build an entire web app interface using little more than HTML and a bit of CSS.

What's In the Book

In this book you'll explore many areas of jQuery Mobile, including:

- The nature of mobile web apps

- How jQuery Mobile fits into the web app development process
- How to create a basic mobile site using jQuery Mobile
- The details of building mobile user interfaces with jQuery Mobile, including elements such as pages, dialogs, popups, buttons, lists and forms
- jQuery Mobile's theming system, which lets you create your own unique look and feel for your web apps
- The more advanced features of jQuery Mobile's API, including changing default settings and working with events and methods, and
- How to build two complete mobile web apps using various technologies, including jQuery Mobile, JavaScript, PHP, PhoneGap and the Google Maps API.

The Code Zip File

Along with this book, you should have received a `jquery-mobile-book-code.zip` file containing most of the code examples shown in the book.

In the archive, you'll find a list of folders named after the chapters in the book. Each folder contains the code examples for that chapter. For most of the examples, you can simply open the example file in your mobile or desktop browser to see the example in action.

With the Task Tango example app in Chapter 12, you need to install the files on an Apache web server that also has PHP and MySQL installed, as per the instructions in the chapter. You can compile Chapter 13's CityChums app and run it in the iOS Simulator if you have a Mac and Xcode, or you can simply open the app's `index.html` file in a mobile or desktop browser.

The Book Companion Site

This book has a companion site where you can find out about recent updates, look for corrections, and play with the Task Tango demo app. Visit the companion site at:

http://store.elated.com/products/jquery-mobile-book/

You'll also find links to send feedback to the author (always welcome!), as well as to the Elated forums, where you can ask for technical help on the topics covered in the book.

What's New in the Fourth Edition

The third edition of this book — published in October 2012 — covered jQuery Mobile 1.2. This fourth edition is fully updated to cover all the new features and changes introduced in jQuery Mobile 1.3 and 1.4, including:

- **A greater focus on responsive web design**, such as a mobile-first layout approach, preset breakpoints, responsive tables and responsive grids. See Chapter 9 for details.
- **A new `panel` widget** that slides in unobtrusively from the left or right side of the screen; perfect for navigation menus and settings. See Chapter 6 for details.
- **A new `tabs` widget** — borrowed from the jQuery UI library — for creating tabbed content areas. See Chapter 9 for details.
- **Improvements to range sliders**, including support for two-handled sliders, better styling, and support for `step` values smaller than 1. See Chapter 7 for details.
- **A brand new `flipswitch` widget**, which is smoother and more flexible than the previous approach of using the `slider` widget for flip switches. See Chapter 7 for details.

- **A new `navigate()` method and `navigate` event**, which can help you to make and handle URL changes. See Chapter 11 for details.
- **Easy autocomplete listviews**, thanks to the new `data-filter-reveal` attribute. See Chapter 8 for details.
- **A new `filterable` widget**, which can filter not just listviews, but tables, select menus, and virtually any other element that contains a list of child elements. See Chapter 8 for details.
- **True persistent headers and footers** which can sit outside the page container, resulting in a much smoother experience. See Chapter 5 for details.
- **More options for dialogs and popups**, including control over dialog close buttons and rounded corners, new triangular arrows on popup edges, and the ability to prevent a popup from closing when the user taps outside it. See Chapter 6 for details.
- **Form field improvements**, such as clear buttons in any text inputs, styled file inputs, and textareas that auto-grow with pasted text. See Chapter 7 for details.
- **Enhanced icons**, including over 50 redesigned icon images in SVG format for smooth-looking icons on any device, as well as more icon customization options. See Chapter 4 for details.
- **Improved performance**. jQuery Mobile now adds fewer DOM elements to the page to create its widgets, instead relying more on CSS3 to style native elements. This results in faster page rendering and updating.
- **A simplified theming system** that now mostly uses CSS inheritance to decide which theme a widget should inherit. (Versions prior to 1.4 used JavaScript to do this, which was slower and more problematic.) This means that many uses of the `data-theme` attribute (and other theming attributes) have been replaced by simple CSS classes.
- **A new, simpler default theme** with just two swatches: a dark-on-light 'a' swatch that applies to most elements by default, and an alternate light-on-dark

'b' swatch. You can still create additional swatches and themes using the ThemeRoller tool (or manually if you require more control).

- **The `dialog` widget is deprecated** — dialogs are now created by the `page` widget. See Chapter 6 for details.
- **A new `pagecontainer` widget** to handle the display of mobile pages. The previous `changePage()` and `loadPage()` methods have been superseded by the `pagecontainer` widget's `change()` and `load()` methods. This also means that many global events have now been deprecated, including `pagebeforeshow`, `pageshow`, `pagebeforehide`, `pagehide`, `pagebeforeload`, `pageload`, `pageloadfailed`, `pagechangefailed` and `pageinit`, since the `pagecontainer` widget now fires its own events. See Chapter 11 for details.
- **No more `data-role="content"` attribute** — now you just add the `ui-content` CSS class to your page content `div`s.
- **Many more improvements and changes,** including a new `getActivePage()` method to replace the `activePage` property; a `data-defaults` attribute for skipping `data-` attribute scanning; an `enhanced` option for providing pre-rendered markup to a widget; a dedicated `toolbar` widget to handle headers and footers; and deprecated auto-enhancement of links in toolbars.

Chapter 11 has also been reorganized, with a new section called "Controlling Widgets with JavaScript" that explains how to set widget options, call widget methods and listen to widget events from within your JavaScript code.

In addition, the CityChums app in Chapter 13 has been fully updated for PhoneGap 3.3 and Xcode 5.

> *With the release of jQuery Mobile 1.4, a lot of key functionality has changed and many old features have been deprecated or removed. If you're upgrading a web app or website from a previous version of jQuery Mobile, it's worth reading through the 1.4 changelog at http://jquerymobile.com/changelog/ as*

well as the 1.4 upgrade guide at http://jquerymobile.com/upgrade-guide/1.4/.

In this Fourth Edition, wherever possible, I have removed any references to features that are deprecated or removed in jQuery Mobile 1.4, and provided alternatives where available. I have also mentioned some notable deprecations throughout the book.

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A Quick Tutorial

Like many things, the easiest way to understand jQuery Mobile is to start using it. To that end, we'll kick things off with a very simple example website, built using jQuery Mobile. This website will have the following components:

- A home page
- A list of products that the visitor can browse through
- A contact form, with a server-side PHP script, that visitors can use to contact the webmaster

While this website is not a "web app" in the common sense of the term — it doesn't have much interactivity, apart from the contact form — it does give you a good idea as to what's possible with jQuery Mobile. In fact, it's perfectly feasible to use jQuery Mobile to build simple mobile websites like this one, as well as more fully-featured web apps.

By the time you've worked through this chapter, you'll:

- Know how to install and use jQuery Mobile
- Have a basic understanding of building jQuery Mobile pages, and
- Be familiar with a few of the widgets that jQuery Mobile has to offer.

Creating the Home Page

Let's start by creating the home page for our mobile site. The home page will include:

- A header bar with the current page title
- The company name ("Hairy Hippo Homewares") and logo
- Some welcome text
- A footer navigation bar with links to the home page, product list, and contact form

Figure 2-1 shows how the finished home page looks.

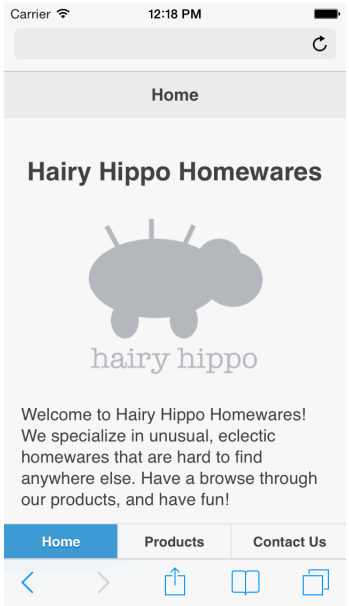

Figure 2-1: The Hairy Hippo home page.

Here's the markup for the home page. Save it in a file called `index.html` in a folder within your website:

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
```

```
  <title>Hairy Hippo</title>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1,
maximum-scale=1">
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="http://code.jquery.com/mobile/1.4.2/
jquery.mobile-1.4.2.min.css" />
  <script type="text/javascript" src="http://code.jquery.com/
jquery-1.10.2.min.js"></script>
  <script type="text/javascript" src="http://code.jquery.com/mobile/1.4.2/
jquery.mobile-1.4.2.min.js"></script>

  <script type="text/javascript">

    /*
      Initialize the navbar and toolbars
    */

    $(function() {
      $( "[data-role='navbar']" ).navbar();
      $( "[data-role='header'], [data-role='footer']" ).toolbar();
    });

    /*
      When the a new page is shown:
       * Update the page title in the header
       * Change the currently-active button in the footer's navbar
    */

    $( document ).on( "pagecontainershow", function() {

      // Get the title from the visible page's data-title attribute
      var currentPageTitle = $
('body').pagecontainer('getActivePage').jqmData('title');
      console.log(currentPageTitle);

      // Change the page title in the header
      $("[data-role='header'] h1").text(currentPageTitle);

      // Remove active class from nav buttons
      $("[data-role='navbar'] a.ui-btn-active").removeClass("ui-btn-
active");

      // Add active class to current nav button
      $("[data-role='navbar'] a").each(function() {
        if ( $(this).text() === currentPageTitle ) $(this).addClass("ui-
btn-active");
      });
```

```
    });

  </script>

</head>
<body>

  <div data-role="header" data-position="fixed" data-theme="a">
    <h1>Home</h1>
  </div>

  <div data-role="page" id="home" data-title="Home">

    <div role="main" class="ui-content">

      <div style="text-align: center;">
        <h2>Hairy Hippo Homewares</h2>
        <img src="images/logo.png" width="200" alt="Logo">
      </div>

      <p>Welcome to Hairy Hippo Homewares! We specialize in unusual,
eclectic homewares
      that are hard to find anywhere else. Have a browse through our
products, and have fun!</p>

    </div>

  </div>

  <div data-role="footer" data-position="fixed" data-theme="a">
    <div data-role="navbar">
      <ul>
        <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
        <li><a href="#products">Products</a></li>
        <li><a href="#contact">Contact Us</a></li>
      </ul>
    </div>
  </div>

</body>
</html>
```

As you can see, the site's home page is essentially a standard HTML page. The nice thing about jQuery Mobile is that you can often create your mobile pages

using regular HTML and a few additional attributes — virtually no JavaScript coding is required!

There are, however, a few differences compared to a regular HTML document. For one thing, we've included the `viewport meta` tag, as well as the jQuery Mobile theme CSS file, the jQuery script and the jQuery Mobile script, in the document's `head` section. We've also included a small chunk of JavaScript code, which we'll get to in a moment.

> *See "Installing jQuery Mobile" in Chapter 1 for more info on using the* `viewport meta` *tag and the jQuery Mobile CSS and JavaScript files.*

What's more, we've wrapped the page content in a special `div` with an attribute of `data-role="page"`, and given it an `id` of `"home"` so that we can refer to it later. This technique lets us create multiple mobile "pages" within a single HTML document, as you'll see in a moment. We've also added a `data-title` attribute to the `div` to store the page title — this is used by the JavaScript code in the `head` element, which you'll look at later.

Within the `data-role="page" div`, we've created a further `div` for the page content area (`class="ui-content"`), containing the site name, logo and intro text.

> *The* `role="main"` *attribute on the* `.ui-content div` *is part of the W3C standard called ARIA (Accessible Rich Internet Applications). It indicates that this* `div` *contains the main content of the page. Find out more at http://www.w3.org/TR/wai-aria/roles.*

In addition, we've created header and footer toolbar `div`s using the `data-role="header"` and `data-role="footer"` attributes. The header contains

the page title, and the footer contains a navigation bar with links to all three pages of the site. We've added `data-position="fixed"` to the toolbars to indicate that they should remain fixed on the screen while the rest of the page scrolls. Also, by placing these `div`s outside the `data-role="page" div`, we've ensured that the header and footer will remain onscreen as the user navigates between the different pages of the app.

> *These are called* persistent toolbars*, and you'll look at the more closely in Chapter 5. They're particularly handy for things like app-wide navigation bars. If the pages in your app all have unique headers and/or footers then you may prefer to place each header and footer* inside *the* `data-role="page" div` *elements, thereby creating regular, non-persistent toolbars.*
>
> *The* `data-theme="a"` *attribute gives the toolbars the 'a' swatch, or color scheme. You'll look at swatches and themes more closely in Chapter 10.*
>
> *You'll find all the image files for the tutorial, along with the tutorial code files, inside the code zip file that came with the book.*

Let's take a closer look at the footer. Within the footer, we've created a `data-role="navbar" div`. A navbar is a special jQuery Mobile widget that lets you create a row of buttons in a header or footer bar.

Within the navbar, we've created a list of links to the three site pages. jQuery Mobile automatically styles these links as buttons, since they're inside the navbar.

> *Don't worry too much about the nitty-gritty of the various* `div`*s and attributes in this tutorial. All will be revealed in Part II of the book.*

Finally, we've added some JavaScript code to the `head` element in the document. Essentially, this code sets up the navbar, header and footer, then automatically

updates the page title in the header, and highlights the relevant navbar menu item in the footer, whenever the user moves to a different page in the app. We won't go into this code in detail here, but it is covered again in Chapter 5 if you're interested.

Creating the Products Page

Now that we've built our site home page, we're ready to create our products page. This will consist of:

- A list of two product categories: "Lamps" and "Kitchen Equipment"
- A list of products — with thumbnail images — inside each category

Figure 2-2 shows the products page in action.

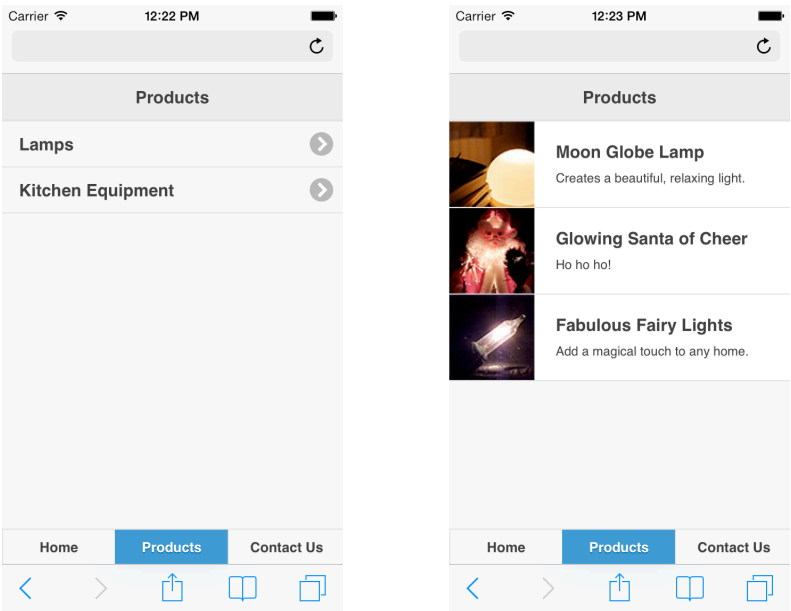

Figure 2-2: The Hairy Hippo products page containing a top-level Products listview (left), and a listview showing the Lamps category (right).

jQuery Mobile has a nice feature that lets you embed several mobile "pages" within a single HTML page, just by creating additional `data-role="page"` `div`s. Each

`data-role="page"` `div` should have its own unique `id` attribute so that you can link to it.

So let's add our products page by creating three new `data-role="page"` `div`s within our existing `index.html` document:

```
  <div data-role="page" id="products" data-title="Products">

    <div role="main" class="ui-content">
      <ul data-role="listview">
        <li><a href="#products-lamps">Lamps</a></li>
        <li><a href="#products-kitchen">Kitchen Equipment</a></li>
      </ul>
    </div>

  </div>

  <div data-role="page" id="products-lamps" data-title="Products">

    <div role="main" class="ui-content">
      <ul data-role="listview">
        <li>
          <img src="images/products/thumbs/moon-globe-lamp.jpg" alt="Moon
Globe Lamp">
          <h2>Moon Globe Lamp</h2>
          <p>Creates a beautiful, relaxing light.</p>
        </li>

        <li>
          <img src="images/products/thumbs/glowing-santa.jpg" alt="Glowing
Santa of Cheer">
          <h2>Glowing Santa of Cheer</h2>
          <p>Ho ho ho!</p>
        </li>

        <li>
          <img src="images/products/thumbs/fairy-lights.jpg" alt="Fabulous
Fairy Lights">
          <h2>Fabulous Fairy Lights</h2>
          <p>Add a magical touch to any home.</p>
        </li>
      </ul>
    </div>
```

```
  </div>

  <div data-role="page" id="products-kitchen" data-title="Products">

    <div role="main" class="ui-content">
      <ul data-role="listview">
        <li>
          <img src="images/products/thumbs/milk-pan.jpg" alt="Magic Milk
Pan">
          <h2>Magic Milk Pan</h2>
          <p>Boils milk without boiling over!</p>
        </li>

        <li>
          <img src="images/products/thumbs/cafetiere.jpg" alt="Classy
Cafetière">
          <h2>Classy Cafetière</h2>
          <p>Beautiful, simple, and extra strong.</p>
        </li>

        <li>
          <img src="images/products/thumbs/whisky-glasses.jpg"
alt="Elegance Whisky Glasses">
          <h2>Elegance Whisky Glasses</h2>
          <p>Sample your favorite tipple in style!</p>
        </li>
      </ul>
    </div>

  </div>
```

Let's break the above code down:

- **The main products page.**
  The main products page is enclosed in a `div` with the `data-role="page"` attribute. This tells jQuery Mobile that we're creating a new mobile page within the document. We also give the `div` an `id` of `"products"` — this lets us link to the page using the URI `"#products"` — and a `data-title` attribute, storing the page title. Within this `div`, we include the page content, as we did for the home page.

- **The top-level products list.**
  Within the products page's content `div`, we create an unordered list

containing our top-level product categories. We add a `data-role="listview"` attribute to the list — this tells jQuery Mobile to create a special kind of list called a *listview* that has large, easy-to-tap list items. Each item in the list links to a new URL: `#products-lamps` for the Lamps category, and `#products-kitchen` for the Kitchen Equipment category.

> *In Chapter 8 you'll learn all about creating and formatting listviews.*

- **The category list pages.**
  We've also added two other `data-role="page"` `div`s to the document: a `#products-lamps` page and a `#products-kitchen` page. These pages are linked to from the items in the top-level products list described above. When the user taps the Lamps item in the top-level list, jQuery Mobile displays the `#products-lamps` page; when they tap the Kitchen Equipment item, jQuery Mobile displays the `#products-kitchen` page.

  Each of these two pages includes its own listview containing the individual products (Moon Globe Lamp, Glowing Santa of Cheer, and so on). Each list item consists of a thumbnail image, the product name as an `h2` heading, and the product description as a paragraph. jQuery Mobile automatically styles the first `img` element in a listview's list item as an 80x80-pixel thumbnail.

Creating the Contact Form

The last static page of our mobile site is a contact form. This will contain:

- A page heading
- Text fields for the visitor's name and email address
- A multiple `select` menu allowing the visitor to choose their product categories of interest

- A `textarea` field for the visitor's message
- A Send Email button

Figure 2-3 shows the finished page.

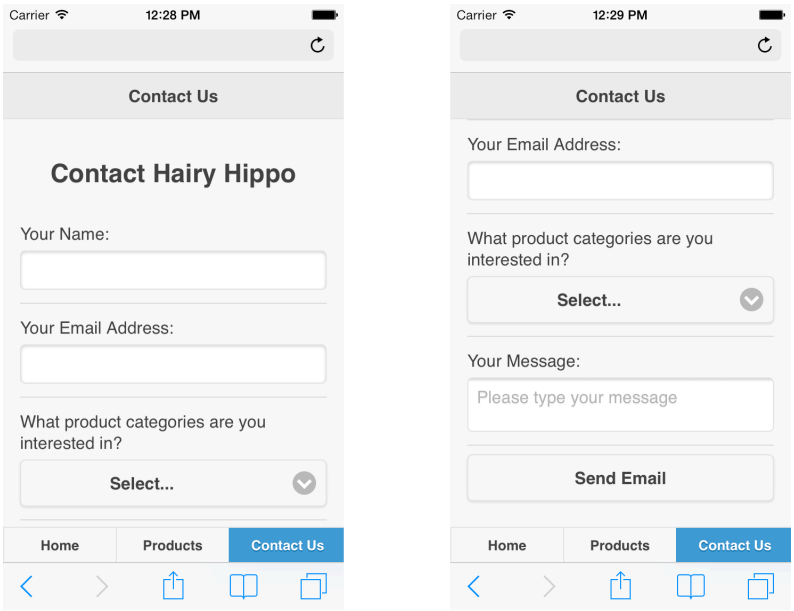

Figure 2-3: The contact form allows visitors to send emails to the site owner. Left: The top of the form; right: the bottom of the form.

As with the other two pages, we add this page as a `data-role="page" div` inside our existing HTML document, `index.html`. Here's the code:

```
<div data-role="page" id="contact" data-title="Contact Us">

  <div role="main" class="ui-content">

    <h2 style="text-align: center;">Contact Hairy Hippo</h2>

    <form action="processForm.php" method="post" data-transition="pop">

      <div class="ui-field-contain">
        <label for="senderName">Your Name:</label>
        <input type="text" name="senderName" id="senderName">
      </div>

      <div class="ui-field-contain">
```

```
          <label for="senderEmail">Your Email Address:</label>
          <input type="email" name="senderEmail" id="senderEmail">
        </div>

        <div class="ui-field-contain">
          <label for="productCategories">What product categories are you
interested in?</label>
          <select name="productCategories[]" id="productCategories"
multiple data-native-menu="false">
            <option value="">Select...</option>
            <option value="Lamps">Lamps</option>
            <option value="Kitchen Equipment">Kitchen Equipment</option>
          </select>
        </div>

        <div class="ui-field-contain">
          <label for="message">Your Message:</label>
          <textarea name="message" id="message" placeholder="Please type
your message" required="required" cols="80" rows="10" maxlength="10000"></
textarea>
        </div>

        <input type="submit" name="sendMessage" id="sendMessage"
value="Send Email">

      </form>

    </div>

  </div>
```

As you can see, the form code looks much like a regular HTML form, with `input`, `select` and `textarea` elements. jQuery Mobile automatically restyles most form elements so that they're easier to use on mobile browsers. We've set the form to use the `post` method, and set the form's handler to be `processForm.php` (we'll create this PHP script next).

> *The* `data-native-menu="false"` *attribute on the* `select` *element tells jQuery Mobile to pop up its custom overlay menu, instead of the native browser menu, when the user taps the field button. Not only does this menu look great, but it allows multiple selections, even in mobile browsers that don't natively support them. Find out more about select menus in Chapter 7.*

The key difference compared to a regular HTML form is that, when the user submits the form, jQuery Mobile's JavaScript automatically intercepts the submission and instead requests the form via Ajax. When the result page comes back from the server, jQuery Mobile inserts the result page's markup into the current page's DOM and displays it. This all happens automatically, with no JavaScript coding required on your part.

In fact, jQuery Mobile handles most page requests — not just form submissions — using Ajax. This approach has a number of advantages, such as allowing you to create fancy transition effects between pages. In fact, we've created just such a transition for our form by adding a `data-transition="pop"` attribute to the `form` element. This makes the result page appear to "pop" out of the window like a pop-up dialog.

> *In Chapter 3 you'll look at how to create different transition effects, while Appendix A explores jQuery Mobile's Ajax navigation system in detail.*

Creating the Contact Form Handler

Nearly done! All that's left to do now is write our form mailer PHP script to handle submissions from our contact form and email the information to the webmaster. The script is fairly standard stuff — it reads the form values, composes and sends the email, and returns a response page to the visitor. Here's the code — save it as `processForm.php` in the same folder as your `index.html` file:

```
<?php

// Define some constants
define( "RECIPIENT_NAME", "John Smith" );
define( "RECIPIENT_EMAIL", "john@example.com" );
```

```
define( "EMAIL_SUBJECT", "Visitor Message" );

// Read the form values
$success = false;
$senderName = isset( $_POST['senderName'] ) ? preg_replace( "/[^\.\-\' a-
zA-Z0-9]/", "", $_POST['senderName'] ) : "";
$senderEmail = isset( $_POST['senderEmail'] ) ? preg_replace( "/[^\.\-\_
\@a-zA-Z0-9]/", "", $_POST['senderEmail'] ) : "";

$productCategories = array();

if ( isset( $_POST['productCategories'] ) ) {
  foreach ( $_POST['productCategories'] as $cat ) $productCategories[] =
preg_replace( "/[^\'\-\ a-zA-Z0-9]/", "", $cat );
}

$message = isset( $_POST['message'] ) ? preg_replace( "/(From:|To:|BCC:|
CC:|Subject:|Content-Type:)/", "", $_POST['message'] ) : "";

if ( $productCategories ) {
  $message .= "\n\n---\n\nInterested in product categories:\n\n";
  foreach ( $productCategories as $cat ) $message .= "$cat\n";
}

// If all values exist, send the email
if ( $senderName && $senderEmail && $message ) {
  $recipient = RECIPIENT_NAME . " <" . RECIPIENT_EMAIL . ">";
  $headers = "From: " . $senderName . " <" . $senderEmail . ">";
  $success = mail( $recipient, EMAIL_SUBJECT, $message, $headers );
}

// Return an appropriate response to the browser

?>
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Thanks!</title>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
</head>
<body>

  <div data-role="page" id="contactResult" data-title="Contact Us">

    <div role="main" class="ui-content">

<?php if ( $success ) { ?>
```

```
      <div style="text-align: center;">
        <h2>Thanks!</h2>
        <img src="images/logo.png" width="200" alt="Logo">
        <p>Thanks for sending your message! We'll get back to you
shortly.</p>
      </div>

<?php } else { ?>

      <div style="text-align: center;">
        <h2>Oops!</h2>
        <p style="color: red">
          There was a problem sending your message. Please make sure you
fill in all the fields in the form.<br><br>
          <a href="#contact" data-rel="back" class="ui-btn">Try Again</a>
        </p>
      </div>
<?php } ?>

    </div>

  </div>

</body>
</html>
```

> *If you want to try out this example, you'll need to set the* `RECIPIENT_NAME` *and* `RECIPIENT_EMAIL` *constants at the top of this script to your own name and email address.*

We won't go into the PHP code here, since it's outside the scope of the tutorial. The interesting bit from our point of view is the HTML response page returned by the PHP script, which includes some jQuery Mobile-specific markup. You can see this response page embedded in the PHP script, below the comment "Return an appropriate response to the browser".

First, the response page's content is enclosed in another `data-role="page"` `div`. jQuery Mobile looks for a `data-role="page"` container when it receives the response page, and displays the content that is inside the container.

Within the page content proper, we display either a success message (with logo), or a red failure message, as appropriate. The failure message includes a button (a link with the `ui-btn` CSS class) that the visitor can tap to return to the form. The button includes a `data-rel="back"` attribute, which makes jQuery Mobile emulate the browser's Back button if possible, rather than following the link and adding to the browsing history.

You can see the result of submitting both a valid and an incomplete form in Figure 2-4.

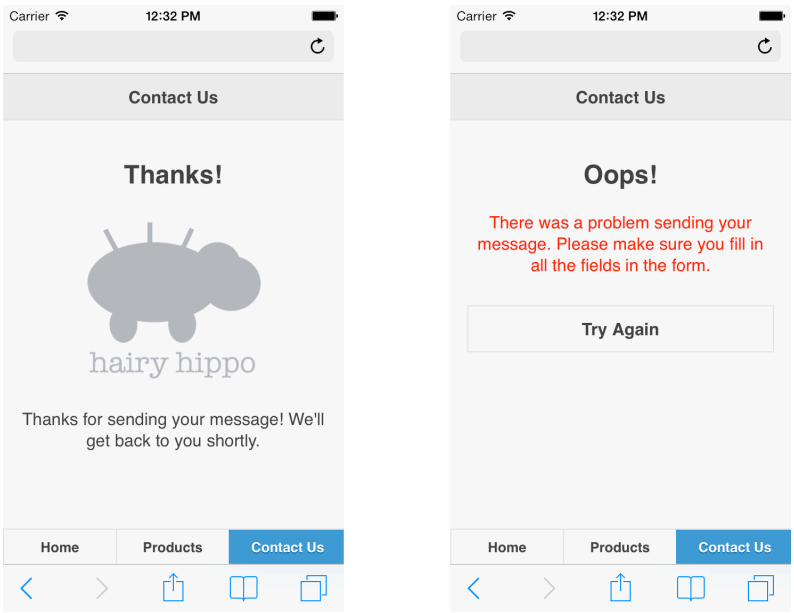

Figure 2-4: The form handler returns either a success message to the user (left) or a failure message (right) as required.

Testing the Website

To try out the Hairy Hippo site yourself, simply open the `index.html` page in your mobile or desktop browser.

> *The easiest way to test a site in a mobile browser is to upload the site's files to a publicly-accessible web server, then open the site's URL in your mobile device's browser. You can also install the site on your local development web server, then use a wildcard DNS service such as http://xip.io so that your mobile device can find your local server. Alternatively, if you have a mobile device simulator installed on your computer, such as the iOS Simulator that comes with Xcode on the Mac, then you can simply drag the site's* `index.html` *file into the simulator window.*

Once you've opened the site in your browser, you should see the Hairy Hippo home page (Figure 2-1). Try tapping Products to view the product categories (Figure 2-2), then tapping a product category to view the products in the category. Use your Back button to return to the product categories, then tap Contact Us and try sending a message (Figures 2-3 and 2-4).

> *The message sending feature won't work if you're browsing the site directly from your hard drive. If you want the* `processForm.php` *script to send emails, you need to install the site files on a PHP-enabled web server so that the script can run, and set the* `RECIPIENT_NAME` *and* `RECIPIENT_EMAIL` *constants at the top of the PHP script.*

Congratulations — you've just built your first mobile site using jQuery Mobile!

Summary

In this brief introduction to jQuery Mobile, you've seen how to build a simple, yet fully-functional mobile site using nothing but jQuery Mobile, some HTML, and a smattering of PHP. Along the way you've touched on some important concepts of jQuery Mobile, including:

- How to construct mobile-friendly pages using jQuery Mobile

- How to include multiple jQuery Mobile “pages” in a single HTML page
- How page headers, content areas, and footers work
- How to use navbars to create navigation buttons in a page footer
- Some of jQuery Mobile’s `data-` attributes, which you can use to control the look and behavior of page elements
- Listviews, which let you create good-looking, easy-to-navigate lists of items
- Creating a form and form handler that work with jQuery Mobile
- jQuery Mobile’s Ajax-based page navigation system

Now that you understand the basic process of putting together pages in jQuery Mobile, you’re ready to start delving into the nitty-gritty of jQuery Mobile in Part II.

-- Remaining chapters are omitted from this preview. --