

Simple JQuery way to detect links pointing to external domains

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Ever wanted to detect links on your site that point to other domains? A few times in the past I've had requests to be able to pick out all the hyperlinks from a site that move a user to a different domain.

The code below checks starts with a click event on all anchor links. It then pulls out the hyperlink reference and checks whether it matches the current documents domain. If the destination of the link points to a different domain then you have a block of code that is performed when the user clicks on the link.

```
$('.a').click(function() {  
    var href = $(this).attr('href');  
  
    if ((href.match(/^https?:\/i)) && (!href.match(document.domain)))  
    {  
        var extLink = href.replace(/^https?:\/i, '');  
        alert('clicked external link');  
    }  
}
```

Pretty simple, but it allows you to amend the link with a custom message, or track it in any way you want.