

JQuery Countdown timer Plugin example

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I'd previously used a JavaScript script to count down from a now() to a given date to display real time count down information on screen. I was cleaning up the project it was used on and wondered how easy it would be to push all the 'normal' JavaScript into a JQuery plugin and encapsulate it all into one function call.

Let me start off by saying this is the first script I've bothered to convert from traditional JavaScript into a more friendly JQuery format. It may not be anywhere near best practice for plugins, so feel free to point out the shortcomings. (Also I never checked if there is an existing plugin that does anything similar).

Both versions work in exactly the same way, and I probably cut about a third of the code base so I'm quite happy with the result.

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</script src="jquery.countdown.js" language="javascript"></script>

$(document).ready(function() {
    // create a new date and insert it
    var myDate = new Date(2012,11,25,0,0,0)
    $.countdown('#countbox', myDate);
});

<h1 id="countbox"></h1>
```

Just include the JQuery file and call the \$.countdown function. The function takes two arguments, a selector and a date object. The returned response will be written into the element you pass in as the selector.

You can view a demo below, or download the whole thing.

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