

# jQuery: start and stop CSS animations

CSS animations are bound to elements with the `animation-name` property. As the W3C specifications state, "once an animation has started it continues until it ends **or the animation-name is removed**". By knowing this, we can actually start and stop CSS animations with jQuery.

Suppose that we have the following infinite CSS animation:

```
@keyframes grow {
    0% {
        width: 100px;
        height: 100px;
    }

    100% {
        width: 120px;
        height: 120px;
    }
}

#animated {
    width: 100px;
    height: 100px;
    background: silver;
    margin: 1em 0;
    animation: grow 1s infinite;
}
```

The solution is simple and consists of a specialized CSS class that removes the animation from the selected element:

```
#animated.off {  
    animation-name: none;  
}
```

Toggling animations with jQuery is a simple matter of adding and removing a CSS class:

```
(function( $ ) {  
    $(function() {  
        $( "#stop" ).click(function() {  
            $( "#animated" ).addClass(  
"off" );  
        });  
        $( "#start" ).click(function() {  
            $( "#animated" ).removeClass(  
"off" );  
        });  
    });  
})( jQuery );
```

[view-example url="http://codepen.io/gabrielromanato/pen/jEfbn"]