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Modern JavaScript: Develop And Design



Synopsis

It's time for a current, definitive JavaScript book, and in this comprehensive beginner's guide, bestselling author Larry Ullman teaches the language as it is implemented today. Larry demonstrates how to build upon JavaScript's ease of use, while demystifying its often-cryptic syntax, especially for those who have not programmed before. This book enforces modern JavaScript's best practices and embraces key Web development approaches such as progressive enhancement and unobtrusive scripting. The author demonstrates loads of real-world code and makes it available for download. You'll learn about JavaScript itself and the relationship between JavaScript and HTML. Next you'll explore variables, common operators, and control structures. Then you'll create functions, handle events, and do more with HTML forms. You'll master Ajax, work with frameworks, and use JavaScript with PHP to create a complete example. The result is a book that helps you not just tinker with JavaScript but to thoroughly comprehend it. This book includes:

- Easy step-by-step instruction, ample illustrations, and clear examples
- Real-world techniques to build your skills
- Insight into best practices from a veteran Web expert
- Emphasis on strategies for creating reliable code that will work on all of today's browsers and devices, even those without JavaScript

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I'm currently working through the final chapter exercise and feel like I've gotten much more than my

money's worth. Even though I have a strong technical background, I had zero JavaScript experience when I kindled this book. Warning - the process is not quick - but it is very rewarding if you code your own exercises. I'm very pleased with the progression of concepts and the exercise samples used to demonstrate these concepts. We start simple with variable assignment and simple calculations. Then we get introduced to JavaScript control structures (decision and iteration). We continue to progress from Objects and Arrays to Functions and Events. At this point, we have a pretty good foundation and are ready to get into the good stuff. We explore the Browser and DOM manipulation before the deep dive into Forms with a good lesson on Regular Expressions (regex). At this point our JavaScript confidence has arrived and we tackle AJAX (not too shabby). So, now I'm working the grand finale exercise. It is a simplified auction site mixing JavaScript, PHP, AJAX and MySQL to provide Login, View and Bidding functionality. At this point I have completed 35 exercises and feel like I actually know some JavaScript (feel free to check them out at my profile site). My approach was to type everything myself from scratch. I also have to make my own personal changes to things like variable and file names. So, while I downloaded and reviewed the sample code for reference - I purposely avoid using any of that code (I'm not trying to learn how to download and get someone else's code to work :-)). I also need my development toolbox - which includes the following (YMMV - you'll probably need some working knowledge of similar tools):

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