

# JavaScript for WordPress

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# Whatcha Need for Today

- Local WP Environment (DesktopServer, Local, Chassis)
- Running WordPress Site with Dummy Content
- Code Editor / IDE
- Node & NPM Running
- Comfortable with JavaScript, webpack, command line
- <https://github.com/zgordon/frontend-masters-jsforwp>



# Why Should (JavaScript) **Developers** **Care** About **WordPress**?





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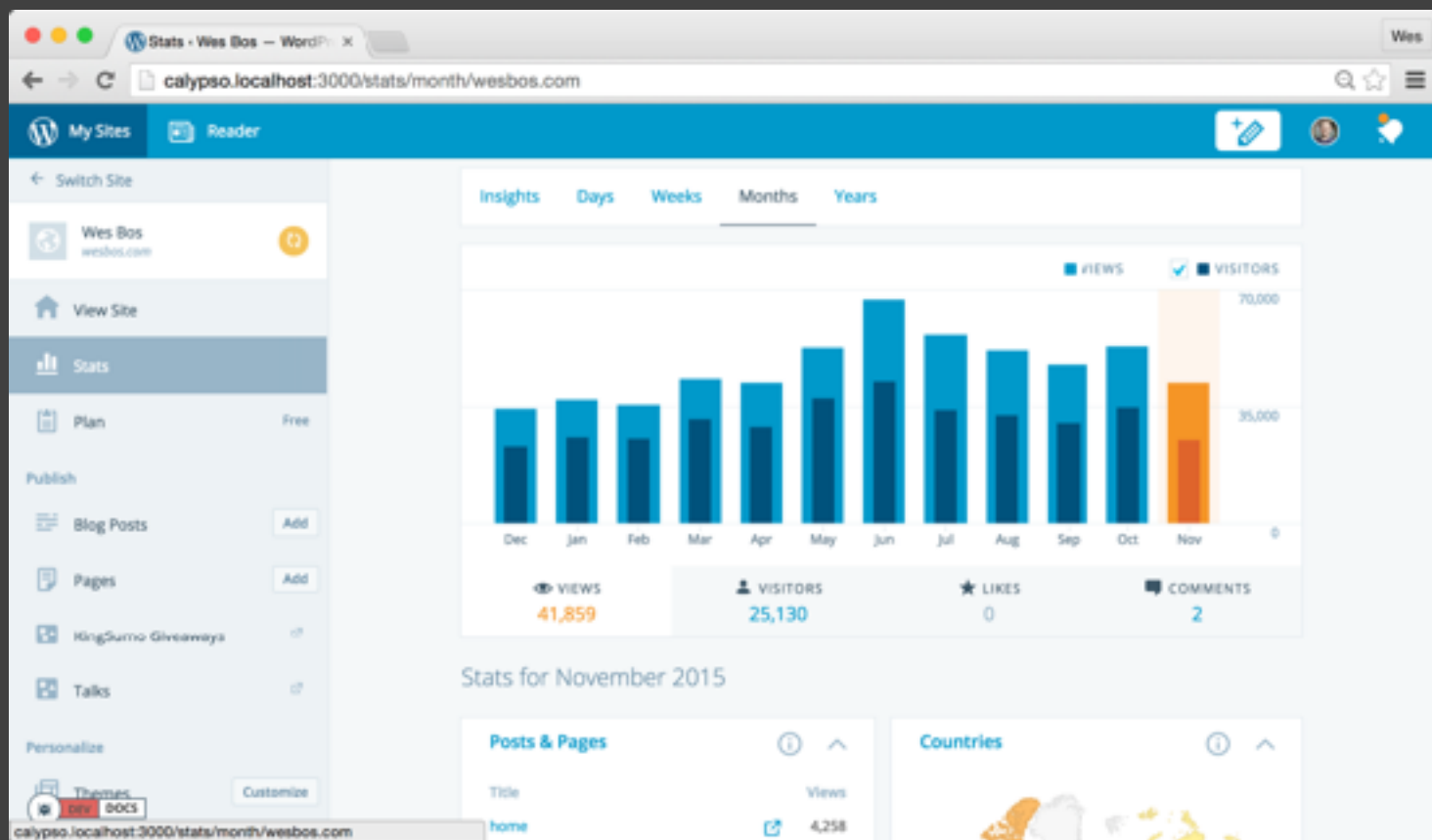
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The **Influence** of  
**Calypso** should **NOT** be  
**Underestimated**

**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:**

# Learn JavaScript, deeply.

## State of the Word 2015



Here's the State of the Word presentation, delivered on Saturday, and the following day.





# The JavaScript for WordPress Master Course

[javascriptforwp.com](http://javascriptforwp.com)

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**JAVASCRIPT**  
DEEPLY



# Current JS + WP Projects

## Core:

Customizer Improvements

JS Widgets & Hooks

“Gutenberg” - SPA Editor

## Real World:

JS Plugins w API Support

JS Driven Themes

Decoupled Integrations



What **JS Framework**  
Do We Adopt **Next?**



**JavaScript** is becoming  
**More Important & Integrated**  
with **WordPress**

# Course Outline

- Intro to JavaScript in WordPress
- Enqueuing JavaScript in a Theme
- Enqueuing JavaScript in a Plugin
- AJAX in WordPress
- The WordPress REST API
- Using the WP REST API Inside WordPress
- Using the WP REST API Outside of WordPress

# Enqueuing JavaScript

# *Enqueuing JavaScript*

The process of loading JavaScript into a theme or the admin area via PHP functions.

**wp\_enqueue\_script();**

**wp\_localize\_script();**



**wp\_enqueue\_script(**

    'unique-handle-name',

    get\_stylesheet\_directory\_uri() . '/path/to/file.js',

    [ 'dependency-handles' ],

    'version',

    loadInFooter // boolean true/false

**);**

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**);**

```
wp_localize_script(
```

```
    'js-handle',
```

```
    'name_for_js',
```

```
    [
```

```
        'site_url' => esc_url( home_url() ),
```

```
        'site_name' => get_bloginfo( 'name' )
```

```
    ]
```

```
);
```



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    ]  
);
```

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wp_localize_script(
```

```
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```

```
    'name_for_js',
```

```
    [
```

```
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```

```
        'site_name'=> get_bloginfo( 'name' )
```

```
    ]
```

```
); // Can use name_for_js.site_url in our JS
```

## **functions.php:**

```
function my_enqueue_scripts() {  
    wp_enqueue_script();  
    wp_localize_script();  
}
```

```
add_action( 'wp_enqueue_scripts', 'my_enqueue_scripts' );
```

# Enqueuing JS in a Theme

1. Enqueuing JavaScript
2. Enqueuing Multiple Files (& Using Dependencies)
3. Making jQuery a Dependency (& jQuery Wrapper)
4. Enqueuing External JavaScript (remove Version)
5. Conditionally Enqueuing JavaScript
6. Localizing Scripts

# Enqueuing JS in a Theme Docs

1. `wp_enqueue_script` - [https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp\\_enqueue\\_script/](https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp_enqueue_script/)
2. JS Included in WP - [https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp\\_enqueue\\_script/#default-scripts-included-and-registered-by-wordpress](https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp_enqueue_script/#default-scripts-included-and-registered-by-wordpress)
3. jQuery noConflict - [https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp\\_enqueue\\_script/#comment-1473](https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp_enqueue_script/#comment-1473)
4. WP Conditionals - <https://developer.wordpress.org/themes/basics/conditional-tags/>
5. `wp_localize_script` - [https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp\\_localize\\_script/](https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/wp_localize_script/)

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- Enqueuing JavaScript in a Plugin

```
wp_enqueue_script(  
    'unique-handle-name',  
    plugins_url( '/path/to/file.js', __FILE__ ),  
    [ 'dependency-handles' ],  
    'version',  
    loadInFooter // boolean true/false  
);
```

## plugin-file.php:

```
function my_enqueue_scripts() {  
    wp_enqueue_script();  
    wp_localize_script();  
}
```

```
add_action( 'wp_enqueue_scripts', 'my_enqueue_scripts' );
```

plugin-file.php:

```
function my_enqueue_scripts() {  
    wp_enqueue_script();  
    wp_localize_script();  
}
```

```
add_action( 'wp_enqueue_scripts', 'my_enqueue_scripts' );
```

```
add_action( 'admin_enqueue_scripts', 'my_enqueue_scripts' );
```

```
function my_enqueue_scripts( $hook ) {  
    if( $hook != 'toplevel_page_my-admin-page' ) {  
        return;  
    }  
    wp_enqueue_script();  
}  
  
add_action( 'admin_enqueue_scripts', 'my_enqueue_scripts' );
```

```
$main_menu_url = 'my-admin-page';  
  
function my_enqueue_scripts( $hook ) {  
    global $main_menu_url;  
  
    if( $hook != 'toplevel_page_' . $main_menu_url ) {  
        return;  
    }  
  
    wp_enqueue_script();  
}  
  
add_action( 'admin_enqueue_scripts', 'my_enqueue_scripts' );
```

# Enqueuing JS in a Plugin

1. Enqueuing JavaScript on Frontend in Theme
2. Enqueuing JavaScript in Admin Area
3. Enqueuing JavaScript in Admin Area on Plugin Page

# Enqueuing JS in a Plugin

1. plugins\_url - [https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/plugins\\_url/](https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/functions/plugins_url/)
2. Admin Enqueue Hook - [https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/hooks/admin\\_enqueue\\_scripts/](https://developer.wordpress.org/reference/hooks/admin_enqueue_scripts/)
3. Enqueue on Admin Page - [https://codex.wordpress.org/Plugin\\_API/Action\\_Reference/admin\\_enqueue\\_scripts#Example:\\_Target\\_a\\_Specific\\_Admin\\_Page](https://codex.wordpress.org/Plugin_API/Action_Reference/admin_enqueue_scripts#Example:_Target_a_Specific_Admin_Page)



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1. Enqueuing JavaScript on Frontend from Plugin
2. Enqueuing JavaScript in Admin Area
3. Enqueuing JavaScript in Admin Area on Plugin Page

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# **AJAX in WordPress**



# **AJAX in WordPress is A Little Weird**

# AJAX in WordPress

1. Need to pass Nonce & URL from PHP to JS
2. Need to make AJAX call with Nonce and URL
3. Need WordPress Hooks to route the call
4. Need a PHP function to process the call
5. Need JS respond to the call

## Step 1: In Plugin / Theme functions.php File

```
wp_localize_script(
    'jsforwp-frontend-js',
    'jsforwp_globals',
    [
        'ajax_url'    => admin_url( 'admin-ajax.php' ),
        'nonce'       => wp_create_nonce( 'nonce_name' )
    ]
);
```

## Step 2: In Frontend JavaScript

```
$.ajax({  
    type : 'post',  
    dataType : 'json',  
    url : jsforwp_globals.ajax_url,  
    data : {  
        action: 'jsforwp_add_like',  
        _ajax_nonce: jsforwp_globals.nonce  
    }, ...
```

### Step 3: In Plugin / Theme functions.php File

```
function jsforwp_add_like( ) {  
    check_ajax_referer( 'nonce_name' );  
    // Do whatevs...  
    $response[ 'success' ] = true;  
    $response = json_encode( $response );  
    echo $response;  
    die();  
}  
  
add_action( 'wp_ajax_jsforwp_add_like', 'jsforwp_add_like' );
```



## Step 4: In Frontend JavaScript

```
$.ajax({
```

```
    ...
```

```
    success: function( response ) {
```

```
        if( 'success' === response.type ) {
```

```
            // Do something with response.whatevs
```

```
        }
```

```
    else {
```

```
        // Something went wrong
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

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# PRACTICE - AJAX in WordPress

1. Make a “Like This Site” Plugin
2. Save likes as number in wp\_options table
3. Have a link to “Like this Site” show up on front end
4. Display total number of likes next to link
5. When click on link increase count with AJAX
6. Do it first with jQuery then with Axios

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# **The WP REST API**

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/wp-json/wp/v2/posts

/wp-json/wp/v2/revisions

/wp-json/wp/v2/categories

/wp-json/wp/v2/tags

/wp-json/wp/v2/pages

/wp-json/wp/v2/comments

/wp-json/wp/v2/taxonomies

/wp-json/wp/v2/media

/wp-json/wp/v2/users

/wp-json/wp/v2/types

/wp-json/wp/v2/statuses

/wp-json/wp/v2/settings

/wp-json/custom/v1/something

/wp-json/another/v3/else

# The WordPress REST API

To access all of the **posts** for your site:

<https://yoursite.com/wp/v2/posts>

To access a **post with an ID** of “1” for your site:

<https://yoursite.com/wp/v2/page/1>

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You can pass **arguments**  
to API URLs to **customize**  
**what you get** back.

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https://yoursite.com/wp/v2/posts

? per\_page=10

&\_embed

&search=hello%20world

&orderby=title

&order=asc

<https://developer.wordpress.org/rest-api/reference/posts/#arguments>

# PRACTICE - WP REST API

1. Access API endpoints in the browser
2. Access API endpoints w arguments
3. Access custom API endpoints in the browser