Javascript (aka Ecmascript)

- Scripting language (dynamically and weakly typed)
- Object-oriented (first prototype-based and now class-based)
- Functional (first-class functions)
- Reflexive (eval method) ... although it is not a good thing.
- It has absolutely nothing to do with Java
 - "Java is to Javascript is what a car is to a carpet"

The (from-the-past) alternatives to JavaScript

Third-party plugins were used to palliate to the lacks of Javascript:

- Java applets
- Flash
- Silverlight
- and so on