

# Modern JavaScript

This lesson discusses the use of modern JavaScript in this course.

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Ever get the feeling you've woken up and everything's different? If you've looked at modern JavaScript, you may feel like you woke up in a new world where nothing's the same.

Yesterday, you were tweaking a simple jQuery accordion. Today, you look at some JavaScript code and the ubiquitous jQuery `$` operator is gone. In its place are lots of strange dots ( `...` ) and strange symbols ( `=>` ) (the **spread** operator and **arrow** functions, as you'll soon learn). Sure, some things look familiar, such as class, but even that seems to be unpredictable (where are the private methods?).

Are you perplexed? Maybe a little excited? Well, I have good news for you: Everything has changed for the better.

When the **ECMAScript 6** spec was released—**ES6** for short—JavaScript code changed dramatically. The changes were so substantial that after reading this course you'll be able to tell at a glance which code was written with pre-ES6 syntax and which code was written with post-ES6 syntax. JavaScript now is different. Modern JavaScript is any code composed with post-ES6 syntax.

Modern JavaScript is a pleasure to write. I'm a long-time unrepentant JavaScript fan, but I'll admit that I found the old syntax a little clunky at times, and it was pretty hard to defend. Modern JavaScript is better. But it's changed significantly, and catching up can be hard.

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Next up, let's see what you'll learn in this course and how it'll be useful.

