

# An Introduction To JavaScript

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# Overview

- **What is JavaScript?**
- **Why is JavaScript Important?**
- **History**
- **Hello World**
- **JS Bin**

# What is JavaScript?

- **Scripting language**
- **The language of the browser**
- **Dynamic**
- **Object-oriented and functional features**
- **Java syntax**
- **Scheme and Self semantics**
- **Small and simple**

# Why is JavaScript Important?

- **Ubiquity**
- **Browser support**
- **AJAX/Rich Clients**
- **Greatness**
- **Increasing usage server-side**

# History

- **Developed by Brendan Eich**
- **Netscape 2.0 (1995)**
- **Microsoft JScript**
- **ECMAScript**
- **Unfair derision**
- **AJAX / Web 2.0**
- **Server-side JavaScript & CommonJS**

# Hello World Demo

# JS Bin

# Summary

- **JavaScript is important**
- **Significantly different from 'mainstream' languages like C# and Java**
- **Easy to learn and extremely powerful**



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