JavaScript Essentials | Course Overview

COURSE DESCRIPTION

JavaScript is essentially the scripting language of the web and is used to make websites more interactive beyond the standard static pages designed in HTML. JavaScript can process or even change the contents of the page.

Some of the examples of JavaScript's functionality include the following:

- · Manipulating Images
- · Using Cookies
- · Drop Down Navigation Systems
- · Form Validation and Processing

- Calculations
- · Changing Content & Styling of Web Pages
- Games

The 2 day JavaScript Essentials course is an introduction to scripting a Web Page with JavaScript where the modules introduce the main JavaScript concepts, such as how to write scripts and programming fundamentals required in JavaScript. This is followed by a number of simple Projects which put these skills to use and introduce useful techniques in writing scripts. At all times, students are encouraged to follow good design and writing principles. The examples and exercises are clear and written in a way to facilitate further development.

Throughout the course, key JavaScript concepts are explained and can be used later as a reference.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND & PREREQUISITES

This class is ideal for those working with web sites that require any JavaScript capabilities. Students should have a good understanding of HTML and/or Dreamweaver experience.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Upon successful completion of this JavaScript Essentials Training course students will be able to create the following:

- Set Up and Validate Forms
- · Generate Slide Shows
- Form Calculators
- · Jump Menus

- · Cascading Menus
- · Popup Dialogue Boxes
- · Collapsible Lists

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Course outline

INTRODUCTION

Overview of JavaScript
What Can We Do with JavaScript?
Writing JavaScript

When JavaScript Runs

Readability

JavaScript and XHTML

Our Template Page

Getting Your Hands Dirty

The JavaScript Sampler

Statements

Expressions

Variables & Assignment Statements

The Naming of Variables

Declaring Variables

Functions

Comments

Data Types

Numbers

Strings

boolean Using Data Types

Objects

Undefined or Not Defined?

NUMBERS & ARITHMETIC

Basic Operations

Other Arithmetic Operators

STRING OPERATIONS

String Concatenation

String Properties

Changing Data Types

parseInt() parseFloat()

BOOLEAN CALCULATIONS

Boolean Calculations

GUESSING GAME

Outline

Game Function

Game Loop

Testing the Value

A Random Number function

Adding a Score

Early Exit

Testing for Numbers

Creating an Ordinal Function

Getting the last digits

Using switch to differentiate on the

last digit

Using the Ord Function

The JavaScript Library

VALIDATING FORMS

Form Outline

Setting up the Form

Selecting the first Field

Confirming Form Reset

Conditional Form Submission

Error Array

Reporting the Error

Allowing or Cancelling Submit

Setting up the Error Array

The Validation Script

Validation: Required Fields

Using Regular Expressions

Validating Forms

Prototype

Fixing Text Fields

Empty Strings

Validation: Specific Types

Email

Password Matching

Post Codes

Checking a Radio Button

Testing the Radio Buttons

Numeric Values

Disappearing Text Boxes

Checking A Select Menu

Minimum Password Length

SLIDE SHOW

Outline of the JavaScript

Initialising and Global Variables

Locating and Assigning the slides

img element

The slides Array

The Next Slide

Incrementing and Rolling over the

Slide Number

Getting the show going

Prefetching the Images

Stopping the Show

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FORM CALCULATORS

A Mortgage Calculator

Preparing the Form

Initialisation & Setup

The Calculate Function

JUMP MENUS

Cascading Menus

HTML Menus

CASCADING MENUS

Preparing the Script

Populating the Groups Menu

Adding Option Elements

Converting to a List

Populating the items Menu

Clearing the Items Menu

Populating the Menu

Disabling Menus

Simplifying the code with an

addOption Function

POPUP DIALOGUE BOXES

JavaScript Dialogue Boxes

Appearing and Disappearing divs

The popup div

Starting Off

Finding the popup element

Centring the Popup

Enabling the Buttons

Form Actions

Showing & Hiding the Popup

Creating the Background

Optional: Creating the Background

in JavaScript

Optional: Adding a Title Bar

COLLAPSIBLE LISTS

HTML Lists

Collapsible Lists

Setting Up

Finding Nested Lists

Changing HTML attributes

Changing Classes

Preventing Multiple Triggering