

# CoffeeScript

@20th Ruby Tuesday

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*You can  
sleep when you're dead!*



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Who am I ?



I'm a Flash guy.



A close-up photograph of a gold-colored metal hook, likely made of brass or copper, with a textured, organic shape. A small, round red gemstone, possibly a ruby, is set into the base of the hook. The hook hangs from a thin, dark chain against a black background.

hmm..

maybe only  
60% Flasher  
and  
40% Rubyist

# 高見龍

a.k.a Eddie or Aquarianboy

- Live and work in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Serving in my own little tiny company.
- Flash / AS3 / Ruby / Rails / Python programming for living.
- A little bit Objective-C for personal interests.
- Technical Education and Consultant.
- PTT Flash BM (since 2007/4).
- Adobe Certificated Flash Developer (Since 2006/7).
- Linux Professional Institute Certification (Since 2005/3).



or just google with the keyword "高見龍"

A photograph of a presentation in a dark auditorium. A speaker stands on a stage to the right of a large projection screen displaying a slide with a pie chart. The audience is visible in the foreground, seated in rows of chairs.

JavaScript  
becomes  
hugely  
popular.

9th on TIOBE, Nov 2011



# Ruby on Rails

Sustainable productivity for web-application development

A close-up photograph of a single slice of dark chocolate cake on a white plate. The cake has a moist, crumbly texture and is topped with a few fresh blueberries. The plate is set against a light-colored wooden background.

JavaScript  
seems  
easy..

But it's  
also easy  
to get  
messy!



# CoffeeScript

We're not  
talking  
about this  
kind of  
coffee.



Not this either.



WTF?

CoffeeScript is JavaScript  
just written in different syntax

# Who won't need this?

people who already know javascript(the good parts) very well.

What's the problems?



# Bad smell..

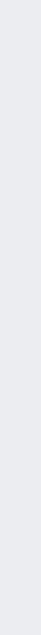
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Will it be equal? that's the question.

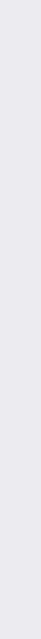
```
0 == ""          // true
1 == true       // true
1 == "1"        // true
1 == "1.0"      // true
"true" == true  // true
"true" === true // false
```



What the..?



I really don't know how to  
write good JavaScript!



CoffeeScript exposes the  
good parts of JavaScript in  
a simple way.

Syntax borrowed from  
Python and Ruby.

I love Python & Ruby

If you're already familiar  
with Ruby, you've probably  
already learned about 70%  
CoffeeScript.

Really friendly for Rubyist.  
love\_coffeescript == true if rubyist

and compiles into JavaScript code.

\*.coffee -> \*.js

Your Brain →

JavaScript →

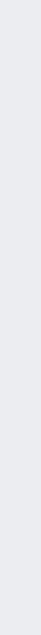
Browser

Your Brain →

Friendly CoffeeScript →

JavaScript →

Browser



But that doesn't mean you  
can have no knowledge  
about JavaScript.

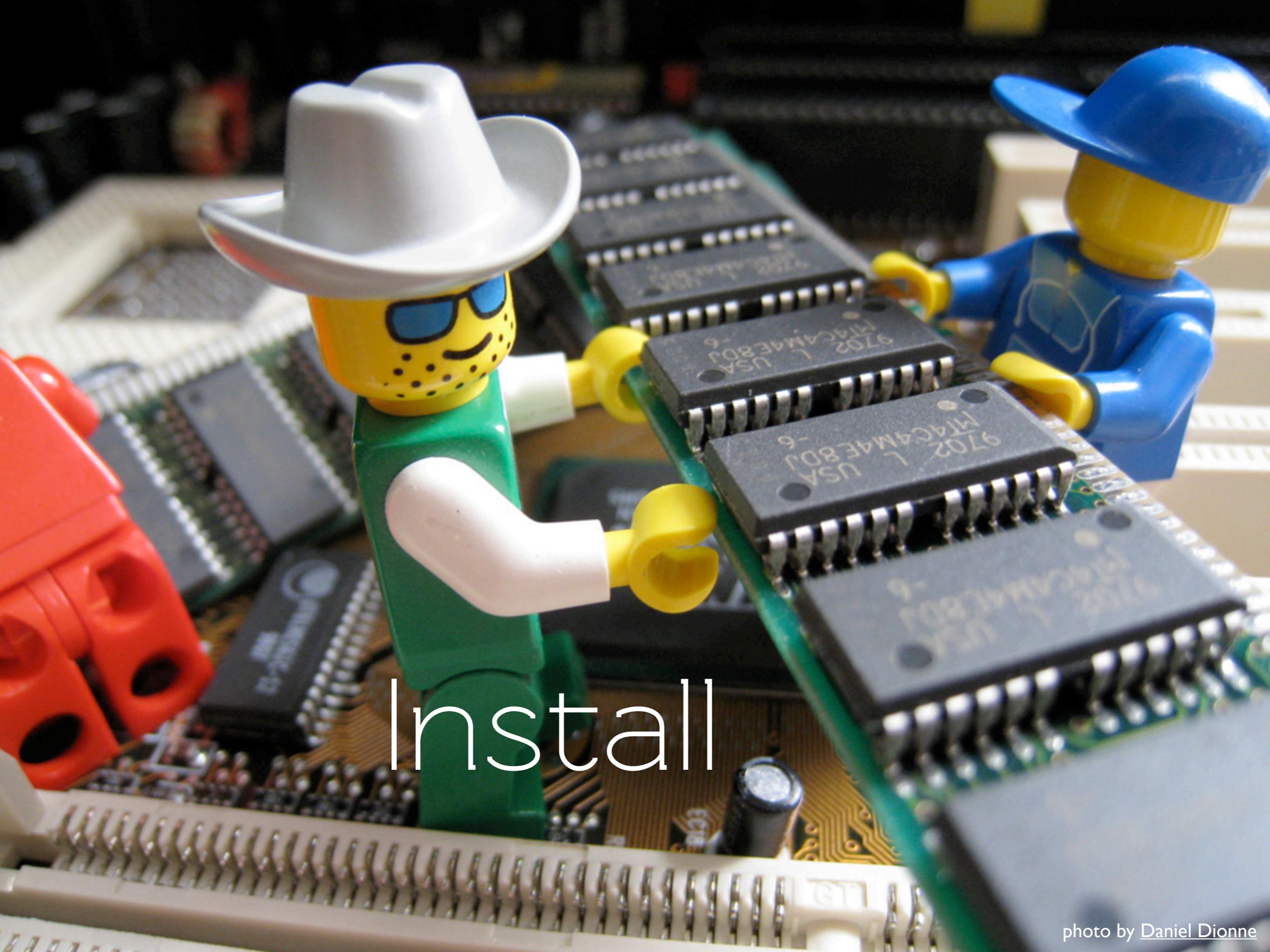
CoffeeScript is NOT used  
to replace JavaScript.

A photograph of a young boy from behind, walking barefoot on a wet, sandy beach. He is wearing a dark t-shirt, dark pants, and a light-colored baseball cap. The ocean waves are visible in the background under a cloudy sky. The sand is wet and reflects the light.

Let's get our feet wet!

What are we looking at  
today?

- Installation
- Usage
- Syntax



Install

# Requirements

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You need to install some software first..

## Node.js

```
> git clone git://github.com/joyent/node.git  
> cd node  
> ./configure  
> make  
> sudo make install
```

# Requirements

---

You need to install some software first..

NPM, the “node package manager”

```
> curl http://npmjs.org/install.sh | sh
```

# Install CoffeeScript

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## CoffeeScript

```
> npm install coffee-script  
> coffee -v  
CoffeeScript version 1.1.3
```

# Install CoffeeScript

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## CoffeeScript on MacOS

```
> brew install coffee-script
```

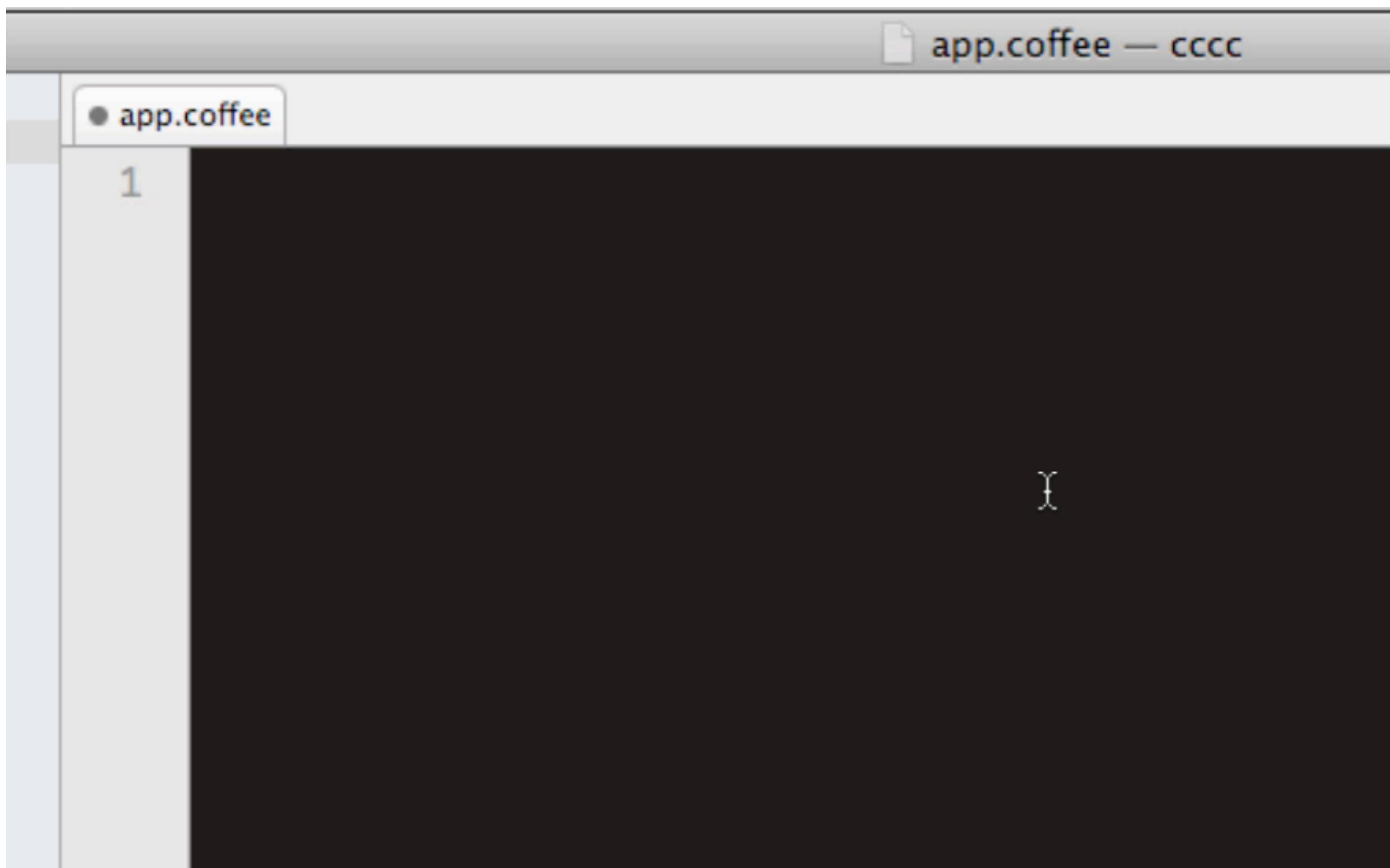
..and don't forget install the bundle for  
CoffeeScript if you're using TextMate.

<http://blog.eddie.com.tw/2011/08/03/install-coffeescript/>

# Install CoffeeScript

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TextMate bundle forCoffeeScript



<https://github.com/jashkenas/coffee-script-tmbundle>

# Install CoffeeScript

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Windows?

get a mac

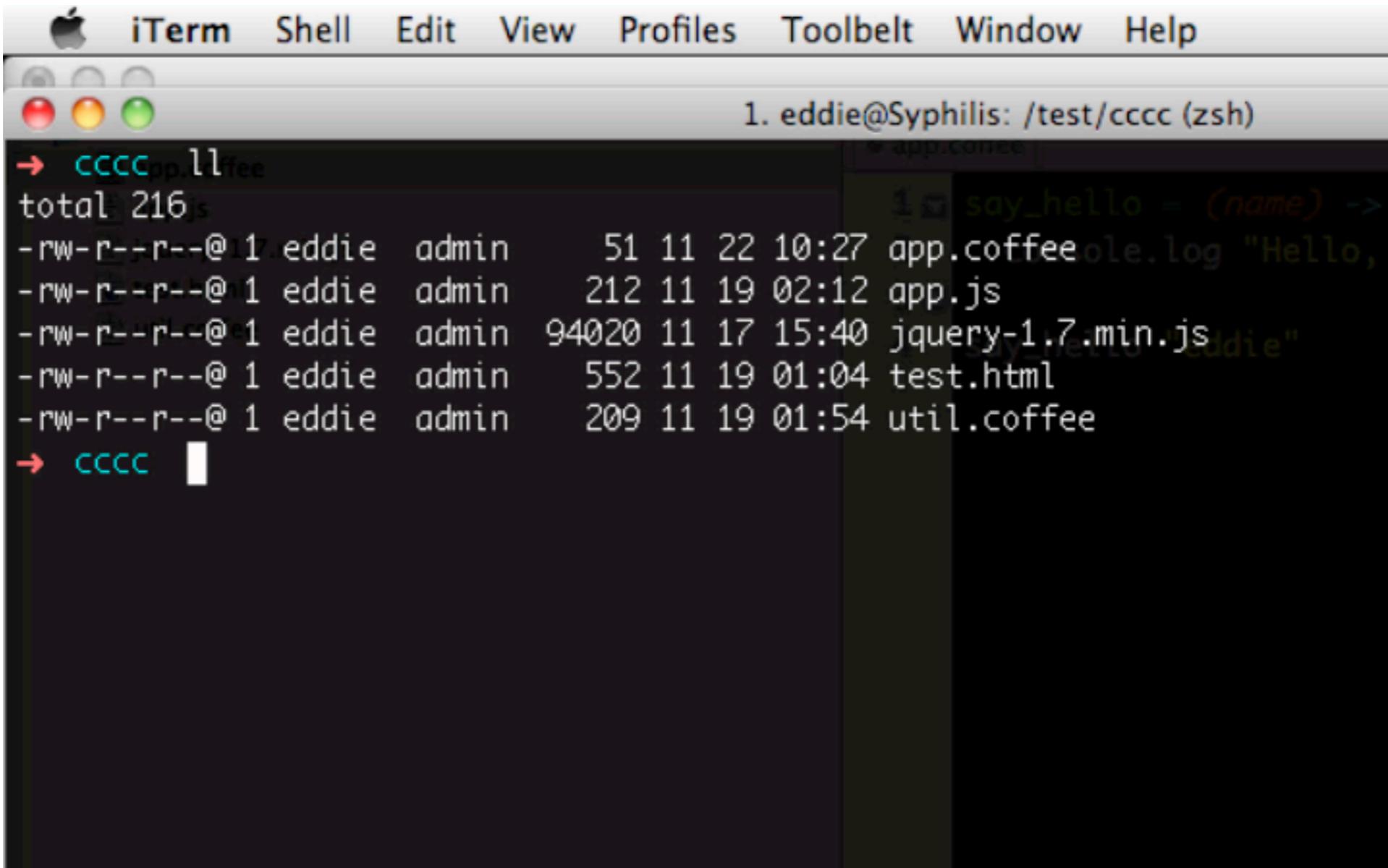


How to use

# Usage

Compile \*.coffee into \*.js

```
> coffee --watch --compile app.coffee
```



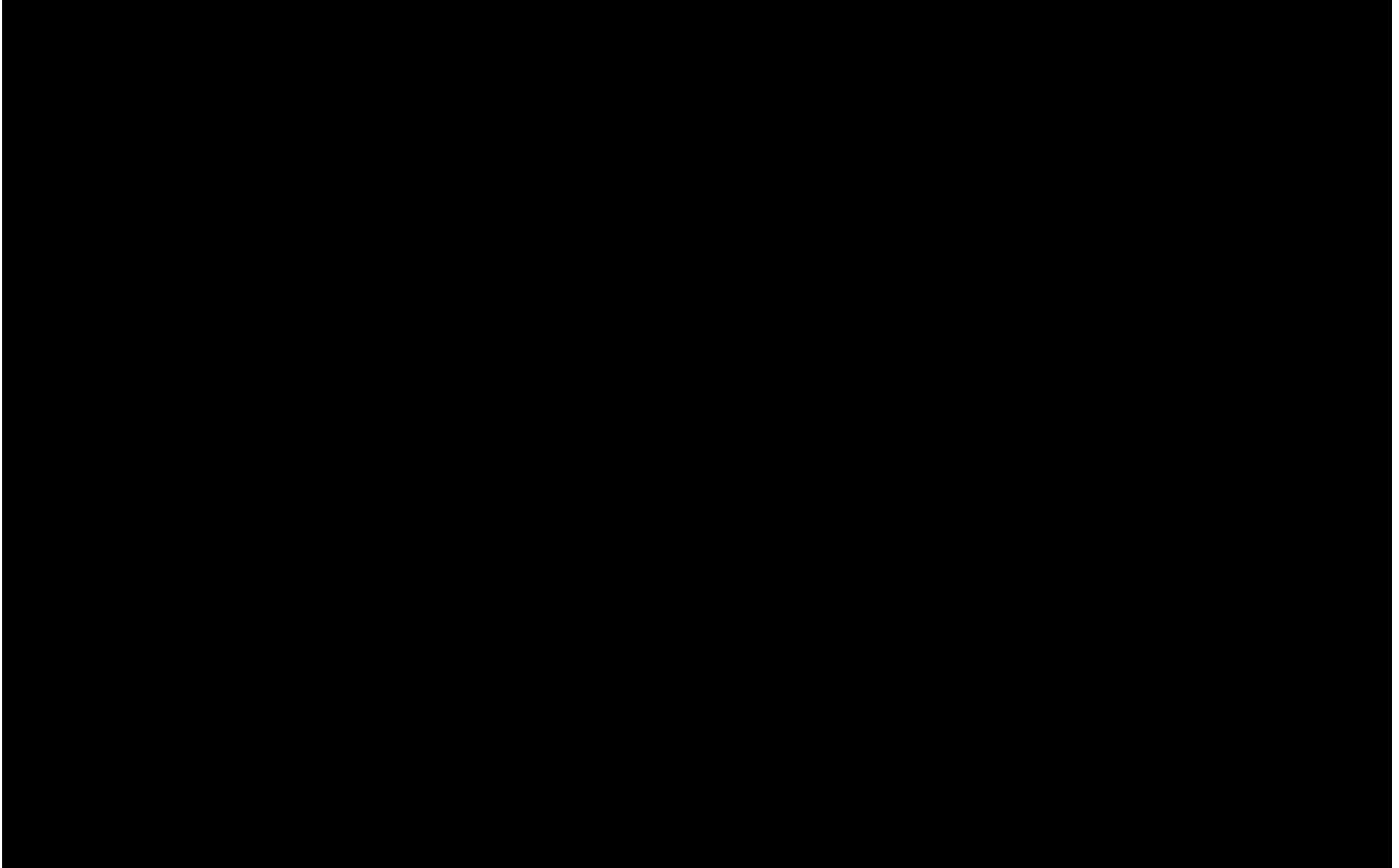
The screenshot shows a terminal window in iTerm. The title bar says "iTerm". The menu bar includes "iTerm", "Shell", "Edit", "View", "Profiles", "Toolbelt", "Window", and "Help". The window title is "1. eddie@Syphilis: /test/ccccc (zsh)". The command "coffee --watch --compile app.coffee" has been entered and is visible in the terminal window. The output shows a file listing from the directory "/test/ccccc". The listing includes files like "app.coffee", "app.js", "jquery-1.7.min.js", "test.html", and "util.coffee". The "app.js" file is highlighted in green.

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→ cccccpp.llfee
total 216s
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-rw-r--r--@11 eddie admin 212 11 19 02:12 app.js
-rw-r--r--@11 eddie admin 94020 11 17 15:40 jquery-1.7.min.js
-rw-r--r--@11 eddie admin 552 11 19 01:04 test.html
-rw-r--r--@11 eddie admin 209 11 19 01:54 util.coffee
→ ccccc
```

# Usage

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you got a REPL, just like irb.



Don't like to compile?

You can run CoffeeScript in HTML directly

# Use CoffeeScript on the fly

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```
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://  
jashkenas.github.com/coffee-script/extras/coffee-  
script.js"></script>
```

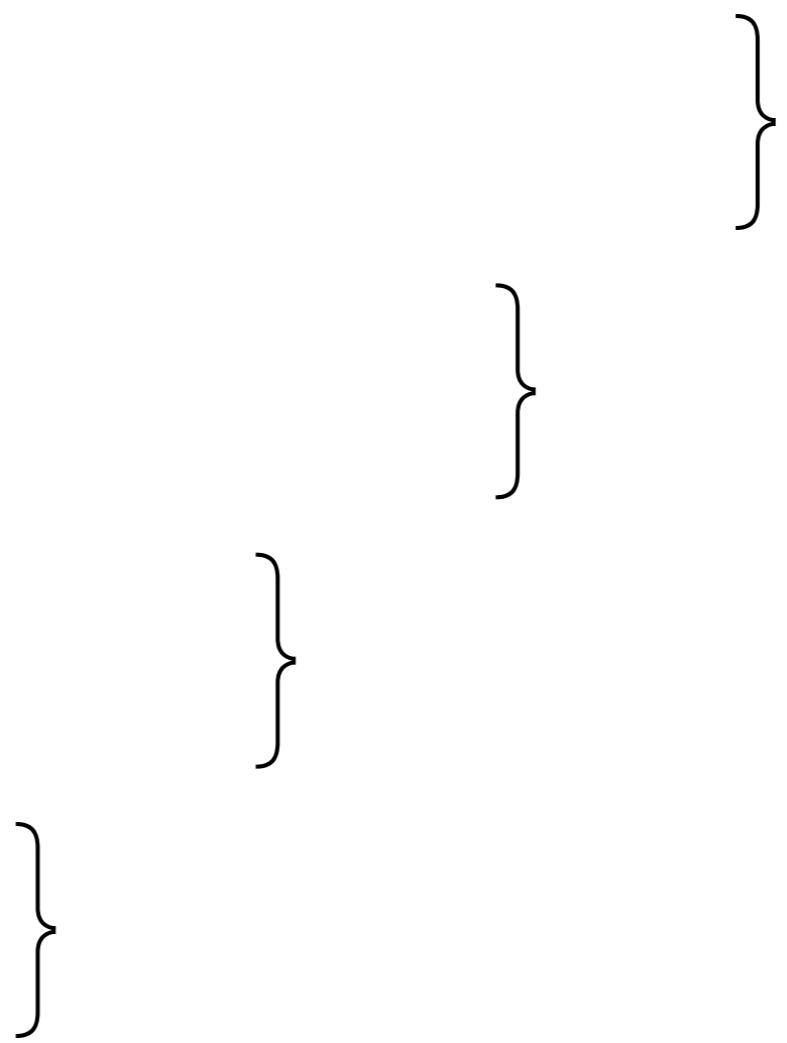
```
<script type="text/coffeescript">  
  alert 'test'  
</script>
```

```
<script type="text/coffeescript" src="myapp.coffee"></script>
```

don't do this in your production.



# Syntax



No { }  
indentations rule!  
whitespace matters!

( ) is not always  
necessary.

Just like Ruby

but..

hello +5 means hello(+5)

+ : convert string to number

No trailing semicolon.

Return is not necessary.

everything is an expression, just like Ruby.

No {}, (), and ;

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```
if(age > 20){  
    vote();  
}
```

// javascript

```
if age > 20  
    vote()
```

# coffeescript

# Variable & Function

# Variable

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You don't have to declare it before using it.

```
lang = ["php", "python", "perl", "ruby"]  
name = "Eddie"
```

# coffeescript

```
var lang, name;  
lang = ["php", "python", "perl", "ruby"];  
name = "Eddie";
```

// javascript

# Variable

## Destructuring Assignment

```
x = 100  
y = 10
```

```
[x, y] = [y, x]
```

# coffeescript

```
var x, y, _ref;  
x = 100;  
y = 10;  
_ref = [y, x], x = _ref[0], y = _ref[1];
```

// javascript

# Variable

---

## Destructuring Assignment

```
weatherReport = (location) ->  
[location, 72, "Mostly Sunny"]
```

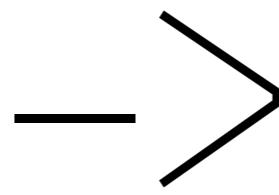
```
[city, temp, forecast] = weatherReport "Berkeley, CA"
```

# coffeescript

```
tag = "<awesome>"
```

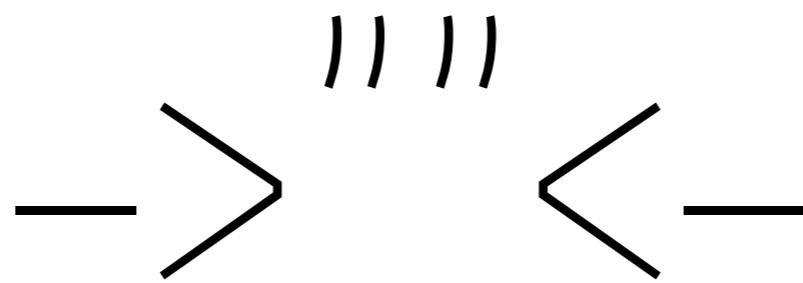
```
[open, contents..., close] = tag.split("")
```

# coffeescript



dash rocket

Not



enjoy coding :)

-> "hello, Ruby Tuesday"

```
(function() {  
  return "hello, Ruby Tuesday";  
});
```

# Function

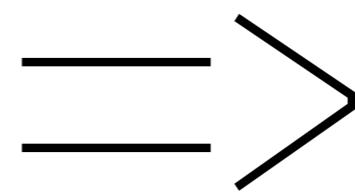
```
say_hello = (guest1, guest2 = "Nayumi") ->  
  "Hello #{guest1} and #{guest2}"
```

```
say_hello "Eddie"
```

# coffeescript

```
var say_hello;  
say_hello = function(guest1, guest2) {  
  if (guest2 == null) {  
    guest2 = "Nayumi";  
  }  
  return "Hello " + guest1 + " and " + guest2;  
};  
say_hello("Eddie");
```

// javascript



fat arrow

Splats

Just like Ruby



# Splats

---

```
sum = (nums...) ->
  result = 0
  result += n for n in nums
  result
```

```
console.log sum(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

# coffeescript

# Array

# Array

```
heroes = [  
  'Spider Man',  
  'Captain America',  
  'X-men',  
  'Iron Man'  
]
```

```
students = [1..10]  
teachers = [1...10]
```

# coffeescript

```
var heroes, students, teachers;  
heroes = ['Spider Man', 'Captain America', 'X-men', 'Iron Man'];  
  
students = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10];  
teachers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9];
```

// javascript

# Array

---

```
heroes[0..2]
```

```
heroes[1..2] = ["Batman", "ThunderCat"]
```

# coffeescript

```
heroes.slice(0, 3);
```

```
var __ref;  
[].splice.apply(heroes, [1, 2].concat(__ref = ["Batman", "ThunderCat"])), __ref;
```

// javascript

Object

# Object

---

```
eddie = { name: "Eddie Kao", age: 18, speciality: "eat" }
```

# coffeescript

```
var eddie;  
eddie = {  
  name: "Eddie Kao",  
  age: 18,  
  speciality: "eat"  
};
```

// javascript

# Object

```
eddie =  
  name: "Eddie Kao"  
  age: 18  
  lovers:  
    nayumi:  
      name: "Nayumi Hung"  
      age: 18  
    mary:  
      name: "Mary Bloody"  
      age: 20
```

# coffeescript

```
var eddie;  
eddie = {  
  name: "Eddie Kao",  
  age: 18,  
  lovers: {  
    nayumi: {  
      name: "Nayumi Hung",  
      age: 18  
    },  
    mary: {  
      name: "Mary Bloody",  
      age: 20  
    }  
  }  
};
```

// javascript

Loop

But we Rubyist barely use for-loop

# List Comprehension

```
alert i for i in [1..10]
```

```
alert i for i in [1..10] when i  
% 2 == 0
```

```
alert i for i in [1..10] by 2
```

```
alert i * 2 for i in [1..10]
```

# coffeescript

```
var i, _step;  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
  alert(i);  
}  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
  if (i % 2 === 0) {  
    alert(i);  
  }  
}  
for (i = 1, _step = 2; i <= 10; i +=  
  _step) {  
  alert(i);  
}  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
  alert(i * 2);  
}
```

// javascript

Condition

# Switch

---

```
switch day
  when "Mon" then go work
  when "Tue" then go relax
  when "Thu" then go iceFishing
  when "Fri", "Sat"
    if day is bingoDay
      go bingo
      go dancing
  when "Sun" then go church
else go work
```

# coffeescript

# Modifier

---

You can put "if", "unless", "while", "until" behind

```
if (age > 20) {  
    vote();  
}
```

// javascript

vote() if age > 20

# coffeescript

# Syntactic Sugar

# Syntactic Sugar

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write more readable code by using syntactic sugar.

# coffeescript // javascript

is	==
isnt	!=
true, on, yes	true
false, off, no	false
not	!
and	&&
or	
unless	if not
until	while not
of	in

# Syntactic Sugar

---

alert "I can't see anything" if light is off

alert "It's impossible!" if eddie isnt handsome

if girl is not single

    alert "Don't Touch! Be Careful!"

# Syntactic Sugar

---

```
if (light === false) {  
    alert("I can't see anything");  
}  
  
if (eddie !== handsome) {  
    alert("It's impossible!");  
}  
  
if (girl === !single) {  
    alert("Don't Touch! Be Careful!");  
}
```

// javascript

# Syntactic Sugar

---

Which answer do you like to hear when you say ...

Eddie: Will you marry me?

Nayumi: yes!

or

Eddie: Will you marry me?

Nayumi: true!

# Syntactic Sugar

---

alert "I'll marry you!" if answer is yes

# coffeescript

```
if (answer === true) {  
    alert("I'll marry you!");  
}
```

// javascript

# Syntactic Sugar

## Chained Comparison

```
console.log "I'm awesome!" if 20 < my_girl_friends < 100
```

# coffeescript

```
if ((20 < my_girl_friends && my_girl_friends < 100)) {  
  console.log("I'm awesome!");  
}
```

// javascript

# Syntactic Sugar

## Existential Operator

```
age ?= 18
```

# coffeescript

```
if (typeof age !== "undefined" && age !== null) {  
    age;  
} else {  
    age = 18;  
};
```

// javascript

# Raw JavaScript

If you still prefer the original way..

# Raw JavaScript

---

```
say_hello = `function(name){  
    return "Hello, " + name  
}`
```

# coffeescript

# OOP

CoffeeScript's classes are syntactic sugar only.

# Prototype?

IMHO, prototype-based OO is not elegant

# OOP - new

---

```
class Animal  
  constructor: (name, age) ->  
    this.name = name  
    this.age = age
```

```
animal = new Animal("eddie", 18)  
alert animal
```

# coffeescript

```
var Animal, animal;  
Animal = (function() {  
  function Animal(name, age) {  
    this.name = name;  
    this.age = age;  
  }  
  return Animal;  
})();  
animal = new Animal("eddie", 18);  
alert(animal);
```

// javascript

# OOP - @ = this.

---

The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. The title bar says "app.coffee — cccc". The file tab also says "app.coffee". The code is written in CoffeeScript:

```
1 class Animal
2   constructor: (name, age) ->
3     this.name = name
4     this.age = age
5
6 animal = new Animal("eddie", 18)
7 alert animal
```

# OOP - method

---

```
class Animal
  constructor: (@name, @age) ->
    say_hello: (something) ->
      console.log "Hello, #{something}"
```

```
animal = new Animal("eddie", 18)
animal.say_hello("CoffeeScript")
```

# coffeescript

# OOP - inheritance

```
class Animal
  constructor: (@name, @age) ->
    say_hello: (something) ->
      alert "Hello, #{something}"

class Human extends Animal
  walk: ->
    alert "I can walk with my foots!"

eddie = new Human("eddie", 18)
eddie.say_hello "CoffeeScript"
eddie.walk()
```

# coffeescript

# OOP - inheritance

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```
pp.coffee |  
1 class Animal  
2   constructor: (@name, @age) ->  
3   say_hello: (something) ->  
4     alert "Hello, #{something}"  
5  
6 class Human extends Animal  
7   walk: ->  
8     alert "I can walk with my foots!"  
9  
0 eddie = new Human("eddie", 18)  
1 eddie.say_hello "CoffeeScript"  
2 eddie.walk()
```

TL;DR

Extend more function?

# Extend more function

```
String::repeat = (n) ->  
  Array(n + 1).join @
```

```
String::downcase = ->  
  @toLowerCase()
```

```
String::upcase = ->  
  @toUpperCase()
```

```
String::find = (str) ->  
  @indexOf str
```

```
String::has = (str) ->  
  (@indexOf str) > 0
```

# coffeescript

Cooperate with other JS  
library or framework?

# working with jQuery

```
$(document).ready(function() {  
    wakeup();  
    walk_to_toilet();  
    pee();  
    go_back_to_sleep();  
})
```

// javascript

```
$ ->  
    wakeup()  
    walk_to_toilet()  
    pee()  
    go_back_to_sleep()
```

# coffeescript

# working with jQuery

```
$('#girl').animate({  
    width: '100px',  
    height: '50px',  
    opacity: '0.8'  
}, 2000, 'easeOutQuad');
```

// javascript

```
$('#girl').animate  
    width: '100px'  
    height: '50px'  
    opacity: '0.8'  
    2000  
    'easeOutQuad'
```

# coffeescript

# working with jQuery

```
(function($){  
    $.fn.extend({  
        isEmail: function(email){  
            return /some email validator/.test(email);  
        }  
    });  
})(jQuery);  
// javascript
```

\$ = jQuery

```
$.fn.extend  
isEmail: (email) ->  
    /some email validator/.test email
```

# coffeescript

makes jQuery more easy,  
and more fun

<http://blog.eddie.com.tw/2011/11/14/when-jquery-meets-coffeescript/>

# References

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## Websites:

<http://jashkenas.github.com/coffee-script/>

<http://blog.eddie.com.tw/category/coffeescript/>

<http://upgrade2rails31.com/coffee-script>

## Koans:

<https://github.com/sleepyfox/coffeescript-koans>

# References

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Book:

<http://pragprog.com/book/tbcoffee/coffeescript>

<http://arcturo.github.com/library/coffeescript/index.html>

<http://autotelicumb.github.com/Smooth-CoffeeScript/>

# Conclusion

# being a 40% Rubyist

---

I don't like..

var

return

for loop

()

{}

I Love..

I Love..

---

# Coding Style

I love Python & Ruby, of course :)

I Love..

---

Indentation!

I Love..

---

Anonymous function

No global function and variable by default

I Love..

---

# String Interpolation

sorry, but string building really sucks :)

I Love..

---

List Comprehension

I Love..

---

Syntactic Sugar

I Love..

---

English-like grammar

alert "of course it is!" if ruby\_tuesday is awesome

I Love..

---

# Comparison & Equality

"true" == true // true

"true" === true // false

I Love..

---

Works with other JS  
frameworks well.

Because it's just JavaScript

I Love..

---

Compilation

JSLint Approved

What else?

Make, Rake, Cake.

More and more projects are  
written in CoffeeScript.

Pow.CX

CoffeeScript compiler is  
written in CoffeeScript.



# Titanium Mobile

<http://blog.eddie.com.tw/2011/08/03/using-coffeescript-in-titanium-studio/>

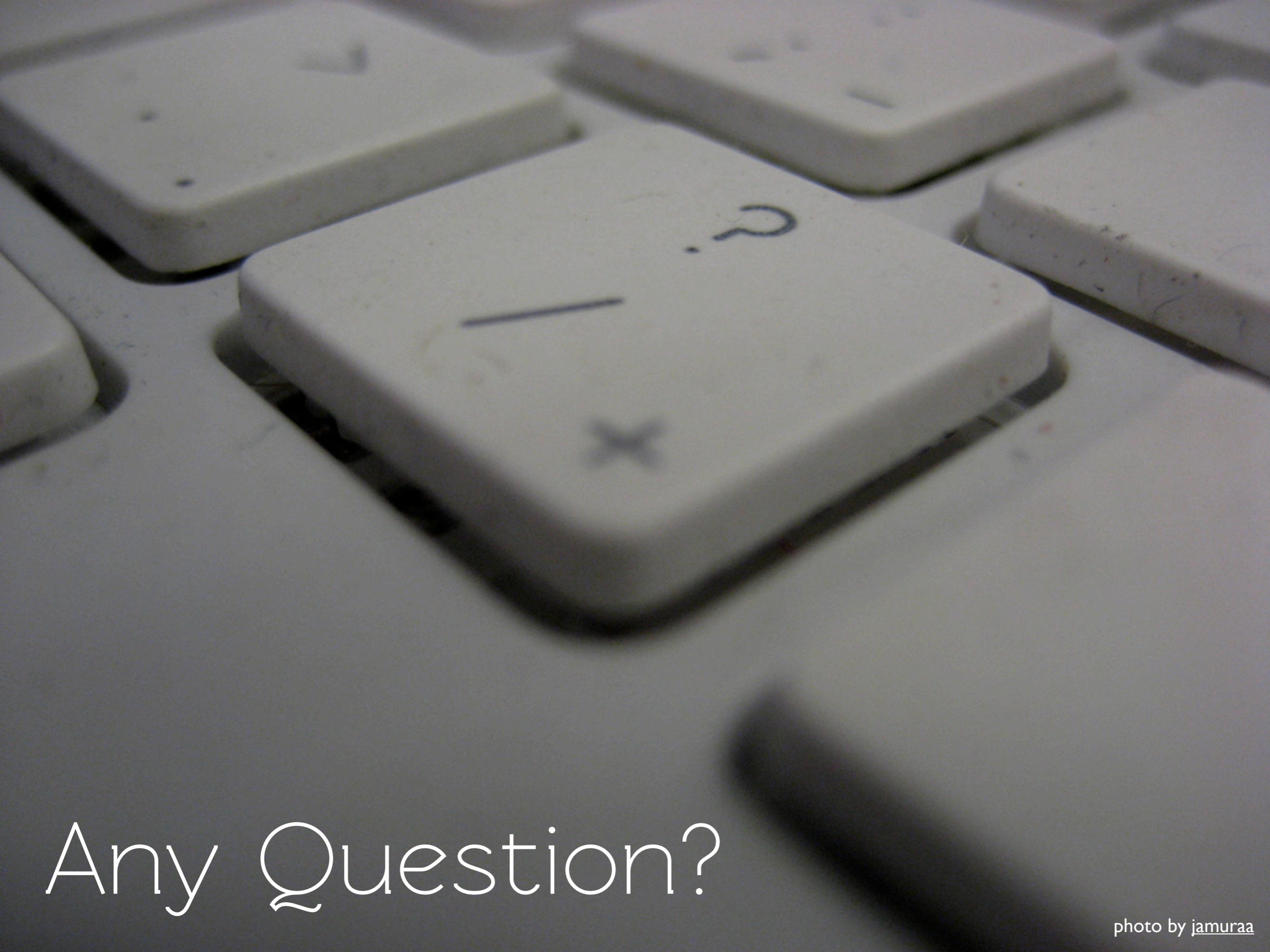


Immature?

Performance?

CoffeeScript Means Giving  
Up on JavaScript?

Learn JavaScript, and Use  
CoffeeScript.



Any Question?

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