

# Brief History of JavaScript

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**JavaScript** ([/ˈdʒɑːvəˌskɪpt/](#)), often abbreviated as JS, is a programming language that conforms to the ECMAScript specification.

JavaScript is *high-level*, often just-in-time compiled, and multi-paradigm. It has curly-bracket syntax, dynamic typing, prototype-based object-orientation, and first-class functions.

## Weakly typed

JavaScript is weakly typed, which means certain types are implicitly cast depending on the operation used.

- The binary `+` operator casts both operands to a string unless both operands are numbers. This is because the addition operator doubles as a concatenation operator
- The binary `-` operator always casts both operands to a number
- Both unary operators (`+`, `-`) always cast the operand to a number

**JavaScript includes a number of quirks that have been subject to criticism**

left operand	operator	right operand	result
<code>[]</code> (empty array)	<code>+</code>	<code>[]</code> (empty array)	<code>""</code> (empty string)
<code>[]</code> (empty array)	<code>+</code>	<code>{}</code> (empty object)	<code>"[object Object]"</code> (string)
<code>false</code> (boolean)	<code>+</code>	<code>[]</code> (empty array)	<code>"false"</code> (string)
<code>"123"</code> (string)	<code>+</code>	<code>1</code> (number)	<code>"1231"</code> (string)
<code>"123"</code> (string)	<code>-</code>	<code>1</code> (number)	<code>122</code> (number)

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('b' + 'a' + 'a' + 'a').toLowerCase(); // "banana"
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