# **JavaScript**

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## **Agenda**

#### JavaScript

- What is JavaScript
- Including JavaScript
- Basics of JavaScript
- Variables and Types
- Conditionals
- Functions
- Scopes
- Closures
- Objects and Arrays
- Looping

## WHAT IS JAVASCRIPT

An object-oriented, dynamic language that has become the lingua franca of websites, but isn't limited to use on web pages.

```
w, window) {
  cument).ready(function () {
$(".thumb").on("click", function (e) {
 $(this).hide(500);
3("#mainForm").on("submit", function (e) {
 var $this = $(this);
 if ($this.valid()) {
   window.location = "#/cart";
   return false;
       window);
```



JAVASCRIPT HAS A BAD REPUTATION BECAUSE OF IT'S HUMBLE BEGINNINGS.

THE TRICK IS TO LEARN IT'S PATTERNS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO SHOEHORN IT INTO LANGUAGES YOU ALREADY KNOW.

# JAVASCRIPT

### **OBJECT ORIENTED**

Prototypical inheritance instead of class-based

### **DYNAMIC**

Often considered type-less, but instead is dynamically typed. Can opt-into type-checking too.

#### **COMPILED?**

Considered an interpreted language, but in many cases the code is 'just-in-time' compiled like other high performing languages like C# and Java







INCLUDING JAVASCRIPT



VARIABLES AND TYPES







#### **Closures**

- Allows access to outer variables within inner scopes
  - Regardless of Lifetime

```
// JavaScript
var x = 1;

function someFunction() {
   // Works as it wraps 'x' with a closure
   var y = x;
}

// Much Later
someFunction();
```





OBJECTS AND ARRAYS



## **Summary**

#### JavaScript

- You're not slumming it by writing JavaScript in the Browser. Treat it like a real language...it is.
- Using JavaScript on web pages is fairly straightforward using script tags.
- Like most languages, JavaScript includes variables, loops, and conditionals.
- Objects and Arrays in JavaScript are first-class citizens of the language and should be treated so.
- Functions are key to the language, so is understanding of scopes and closures.