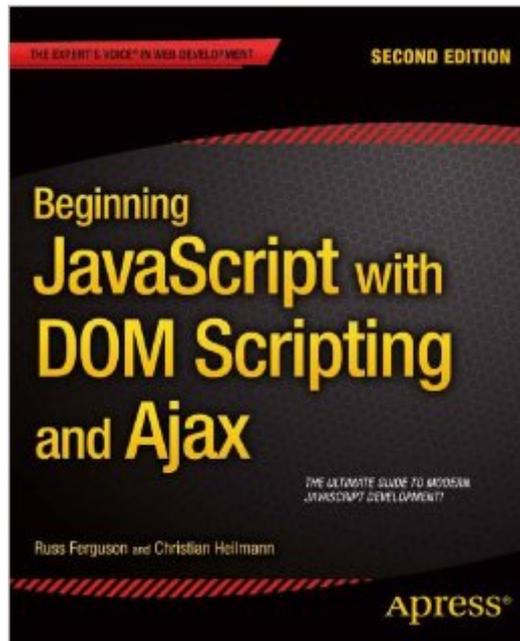


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# Beginning JavaScript With DOM Scripting And Ajax: Second Edition



## Synopsis

Beginning JavaScript with DOM Scripting and Ajax is an essential resource for modern JavaScript programming. This completely updated second edition covers everything you need to know to get up-to-speed with JavaScript development and add dynamic enhancements to web pages, right from the basics. As well as focusing on client-side JavaScript, you will also learn how to work with the Browser Object Model, the Document Object Model (DOM), how to use XML and JSON as well as communicate with service side scripts such as PHP. Find out how to: Construct good JavaScript syntax following modern coding practices Use JavaScript to communicate with the server and retrieve data Dynamically manipulate markup, validate forms and deal with images Debug applications using features inside the browser JavaScript is one of the most important technologies on the web. It provides the means to add dynamic functionality to your web pages and serves as the backbone of Ajax-style web development. Beginning JavaScript with DOM Scripting and Ajax will take you from being a JavaScript novice to work freely with this important technology - begin your JavaScript journey today!Â What you'll learn What functions, variables, events and objects are and how to use them. How build a site that will still work in the case that JavaScript is turned off. How to access and update part of the page using code. How to use JavaScript to communicate with the server and retrieve data. How to use JavaScript to for form validation and user feedback. How to use Third-Party Libraries like jQuery. Who this book is for Beginning JavaScript with DOM Scripting and Ajax is for the person who has a good grasp of HTML and CSS but wants to add JavaScript to their skillset. If you want to learn some basic programming concepts, have experience but need help updating your skills, or you're coming from another language, Beginning JavaScript with DOM Scripting and Ajax can help.

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Being familiar with XHTML, CSS, and DOM scripting, I thought I'd use this book to learn the next step: Creating JavaScripts that interacted with a server. Unfortunately the first chapter that specifically addresses AJAX, Chapter 8, has proven to be unusable. My recurring analogy for the problem is that of an experienced bicyclist who invites a new rider out for a spin. Almost always the experienced rider becomes tired of waiting for the new rider and so speeds off into the distance. So it is with too many technical books. In the case of technical books, the piece that is too often missing is a skilled technical editor who will enforce pacing and consistency of voice from the first chapter to the last. So it is with "Beginning JavaScript with DOM Scripting and Ajax". The book dumps too many concepts, and the learning tasks required to absorb those concepts, onto the reader in massive undifferentiated piles. For example, by the time the book reaches an AJAX code sample the reader is presumed to have successfully installed and validated the operation of a server (the book mentions XAMPP in passing, then moves on) and be ready and able to understand the operation of JS samples comprising multiple functional sections. (It doesn't help that the JS code samples don't put blank lines between functional sections and are completely un-commented.) I got as far as the book's second AJAX sample before I hit a wall. Regardless of whether I ran the example under XAMPP or from the book's online Web site, the example ran only on Internet Explorer, but not Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari. It's now up to me to break the book's examples apart and figure out why this is happening.

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