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This book deals with a programming language, but it isn't intended for programmers. This is a book for web designers. Specifically, this book is intended for standards-aware designers who are comfortable using CSS and XHTML. If that sounds like you, read on... This book is made up of equal parts code and concepts. Don't be frightened by the code: I know it might look intimidating at first, but once you've grasped the concepts behind the code, you'll find yourself reading and writing in a new language. Learning a programming language might seem like a scary prospect, but it needn't be. DOM Scripting might appear to be more verbose than, say, CSS, but once you've got the hang of the syntax, you'll find yourself armed with a powerful web development tool. In any case, the code is there simply to illustrate the concepts. I'll let you in on a secret: nobody memorizes all the syntax and keywords that are part and parcel of any programming language. That's what reference books are for. This isn't a reference book. I'm going to cover the bare minimum of syntax required to get up and running with JavaScript. I'm really going to focus on the ideas behind DOM Scripting. A lot of these ideas might already be familiar to you: graceful degradation, progressive enhancement, and user-centered design are important concepts in any aspect of front-end web development.

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Deen john says

It's a very good book on DOM and should be used with mozilla docs.

Ismail Ahmad says

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Craig Cecil says

JavaScript is like a scalpel—in the wrong hands, it can lead to disaster; in the hands of a skilled surgeon, it is a powerful tool. In Jeremy Keith's DOM Scripting, the guiding principle throughout is to turn you into that surgeon. The book opens by putting JavaScript into historical perspective, then follows that with the basics of the JavaScript language and the Document Object Model (DOM). From those basics, Keith layers and weaves best practices such as standards support, progressive enhancement, graceful degradation, and accessibility, all while slowly building components that reach a final crescendo in a complete website example. (Here's a hint: if your web pages have any in-line JavaScript code or handlers such as , you're doing things wrong.) If you're looking for in-depth Ajax material here, look elsewhere. This book is all about doing JavaScript correctly—so you won't cut yourself later.

Matt McClard says

I liked the way this book taught javascript. As a web designer you are always a little scared of technologies that some one might not have on their computer. And after you spend days designing something you want to make sure everyone can see it. One of this books main themes is to use Javascript in a way that it enriches your web site not make it harder (or impossible) to use.

Todd says

Great book that focuses on manipulating DOM properties, nodes and methods. Most JavaScript books just gloss over this. Granted, modern JS Libraries abstract the need to know how to do this, but I like to know what's going on under the hood, perhaps to make more efficient decisions. Well written, easy to follow tutorials. Just a wee bit dated.

Kevin says

A great introduction to the concepts behind DOM scripting, the basics of progressive enhancement and a lot of good use cases and examples, in a great conversational tone.

Sarah says

Another great Friends of Ed book. So far I think I should have gotten the advanced book but it is a great review to really help me get a solid understanding of the dom. I have little background in the terminology so now I can talk to other web developers. <http://www.friendsofed.com/>

Shaun Dunne says

First book I ever read on JavaScript - made me want to be a front end developer, so I became one. This is the best book for any beginner diving in.

Ling Wang says

Before you dive into any javascript frameworks, you should know the basics first. This book is a good one for that.

Amy says

Weird to read a book on javascript that makes no mention of jquery and other libraries. I guess they're coming out with a second edition in december that will include these.

Alex says

Ótimo livro. Explica o que é DOM e como usar javascript para interagir com ele.

Recomendo a leitura para quem tem alguma dúvida sobre o assunto.(inglês)
