

JavaScript Internet Resources

As an online technology, JavaScript has plenty of support online for scripters. Items recommended here were taken as a snapshot of Internet offerings in late 1997. But beware! Sites change. URLs change. Be prepared to hunt around for these items if the information provided here becomes out-of-date by the time you read this.

Newsgroups

A secure newsgroup is available at Netscape for developers. The newsgroup address is `netscape.devs-javascript` on the `secnews.netscape.com` server. Another newsgroup is open to the public. Use your newsreader to access `comp.lang.javascript`. You can expect to get quick answers from a wide audience of experienced scripters here.

Listserv

Currently, two listservs support JavaScript discussions, but traffic has been light. Most of the day-to-day action takes place in the `comp.lang.javascript` newsgroup.

Online Documentation

Netscape and Microsoft maintain sites for the latest official documentation for their respective versions of JavaScript. The URLs change, but here are the sites I recommend you explore.

Current JavaScript docs (for Netscape) are available at

<http://home.netscape.com/eng/mozilla/3.0/handbook/javascript/index.html>

A zipped set of Netscape's HTML documents is at



<http://developer.netscape.com/library/documentation/jshtm.zip>

New JavaScript features in Netscape Navigator 4 are detailed at

http://developer.netscape.com/library/documentation/communicator/jsguide/js1_2.htm

Documentation for Microsoft's implementation of its core language (called JScript) is at

<http://www.microsoft.com/JScript/us/techinfo/jsdocs.htm>

Also be sure to download Microsoft's document object model description. You can find a link from

<http://www.microsoft.com/JScript/>

Documentation for JScript in Internet Explorer 4 is part of Microsoft's Internet Client SDK documentation

<http://www.microsoft.com/msdn/sdk/inetsdk/asetup/>

World Wide Web

You can obtain updated information about this book and JavaScript developments from the Support Center at my Web site: <http://www.dannyg.com>. Follow the links from the home page to the Support Center.

Because most of the bonus applications on the CD-ROM are subject to upgrades and tweaking, you can not only see the latest versions at the public JavaScript area of my site but can also download the files easily from the Support Center area. You will also find a list of errata and recent ramblings based on reader feedback. If you're experiencing difficulty with any scripts or discussions in this book, use the mail link on my site to ask me. But for general scripting questions, you will get a much faster response (sometimes from me) by going to the comp.lang.javascript@compuserve.com newsgroup.

Additional Web sources for JavaScript information are growing rapidly. Check the Netscape site at <http://developer.netscape.com> for the latest information about bug lists, new releases, and beta version documentation. You will also find a number of JavaScript pointers there. And don't overlook the popular Gamelan site <http://www.gamelan.com> for links to Java and JavaScript items of interest.

