

JavaScript Object Programming

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- What is and how to use inheritance and JavaScript inheritance as well as inheritance alternatives
- How to design for JavaScript
- What are and how to use OO principles in JavaScript
- How to use Constructors with JavaScript and more

Audience This book is for both intermediate and advanced JavaScript and Web development programmers. However, any programmer will understand the concepts and any JavaScript programmer should understand all of the concepts in this book. The code there is shows examples of the concepts discussed.

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