

Allen Wirfs-Brock *presents*

# *Evolving JavaScript*

JavaScript's position as a dominant programming language is becoming increasingly apparent. JavaScript isn't just a language for directly writing web applications, it is also rapidly becoming the virtual machine and compilation target for every other language that needs to support the ambient web application platform.

In this talk, Mr. Wirfs-Brock will take a look at the current status of JavaScript from both these perspectives and examine some of its strengths and weaknesses. He will also explain how the JavaScript standardization process works to introduce new features into the JavaScript language and what changes are coming in the 6th Edition of the ECMAScript standard that defines JavaScript.

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