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JavaScript for the World Wide Web: Visual QuickStart Guide

Tom Negrino and Dori Smith. 2004. 5th ed. Berkeley, CA: Peachpit Press. [ISBN 0-321-19439-X. 498 pages, including appendixes and index. \$21.99 USD (softcover).]

The latest edition of JavaScript for the World Wide Web may be called a "QuickStart guide," but it certainly is not a quick read. With 20 chapters and 4 appendixes spanning almost 500 pages, this book covers a wide variety of different topics. Fortunately, with lots of code examples shown next to the text, even the more seemingly confusing and "techie" aspects of JavaScript are explained well. As the authors say in the Introduction, "We're geeky, so you don't have to be!" (p. xi). Somehow reading this book and its numerous well-detailed code examples and explanations, however, I thought it might help to be a little "geeky" to understand how best to use JavaScript.

Fortunately for us "non-geeky" types, the book begins by explaining just what JavaScript is and isn't, and how to get started in JavaScript. Although I found the example shown on page 18, "Welcome to my JavaScript page," to be a bit jolting at first (I can't imagine bringing up a Web page and seeing this flashing pop-up), it does illustrate what a particular piece of code looks like and what the result looks like to the viewer of the page. The authors carry out this excellent strategy in countless examples throughout the book.

One of many topics I liked reading about in this book is loops, which are covered in Chapter 3. I was first introduced to the concept of loops back in my short-lived programming days some 20 years ago. Visions of programmers getting...

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