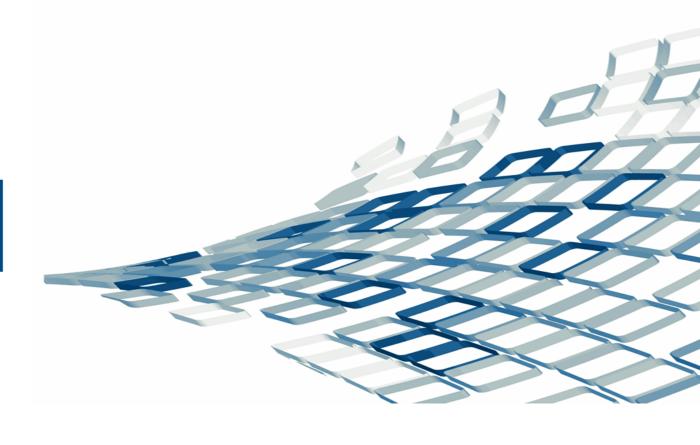


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Lesson 11: JavaScript Libraries



Objectives

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JavaScript Libraries

- Code library
 - A collection of fully formed external scripts that are designed to make JavaScript simpler to use
- Why use a code library?



Choosing a Code Library

- Reputable code libraries
 - jQuery
 - Spry
 - Prototype
 - Dojo
 - MooTools



External and Pre-Made Scripts

- External script
 - A script placed in a separate file that is run by linking it to the X/HTML page
- Library plug-ins
 - Plug-ins vs. pre-made scripts
- Separation of scripting
- Loading external scripts



Loading Your First Library

- To use a JavaScript library
 - Choose the library you want to use
 - Download it
 - Set it up
 - Begin using the code it contains in your X/HTML pages



Using JavaScript Library Plug-ins

- Plug-in
 - A program in a JavaScript library that performs a particular function or extends functionality toward a particular result
 - Typically developed by third parties and offered for free on the Web
- Why use plug-ins?



Best Practices with JavaScript Libraries

- Optimizing your X/HTML for libraries
- jQuery-friendly XHTML



Copyright Issues and JavaScript

- Copyright gives a work's creator the right to specify the work's use
- Requirements for copyright eligibility for code:
 - The code must form a complete function
 - The script or program must be a unique work
 - The work must generate revenue
- Copyleft and copycenter



Summary

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