

HOW COFFEESCRIPT IMPROVED MY JAVASCRIPT SKILLS

As a part time JavaScript coder I did the rewrite of a small JavaScript module in CoffeeScript. Here's what I learnt and where I stumbled.

WHAT I LEARNT DOING COFFEESCRIPT

- I suck at JavaScript Prototype coding.
- Build processes are awesome.
- Higher levels of abstraction make coding easier
- Source maps? Source maps!

WHERE MY JS SUCKED

- Like I said, I didn't grep the JS Prototype concept that well.
- Complex, stand-alone objects just doesn't cut it.
- A few meta-functions go a long way.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Use the prototype, Luke...
- Code, test, fix, repeat. As quickly as possible.
- Some meta functions that make your life easier
 - hasProp
 - extends
 - indexOf
 - bind
 - slice
- Source Maps!
- Simpler is better. Whatever that means

THE SOURCE

<https://github.com/jrgns/invoice-factory>

Also available on BinPress:

<http://www.binpress.com/app/invoicefactory/1822>

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