



Javascript is not Java

These are two completely different languages, both in concept and design.

Why similar names, though? Because back in the '90s, we were obsessed with naming things after coffee.

Javascript was originally called **Mocha**, then renamed to **LiveScript** and finally to JavaScript when Netscape and Sun made a license agreement. The idea at the time was to make it a scripting language complementary to Java.

Javascript was invented by Brendan Eich in 1995 and became an ECMA standard in 1997. **ECMAScript** is the official name of the language.

Javascript is technically a "dialect" of ECMAScript. Even Microsoft decided to do what Netscape was doing on their own browser, and they developed **JScript**, which is also ECMAScript dialect but was named this way to avoid trademark issues.

Anyway, Javascript is widely popular as a nickname to ECMAScript, so we will stick to his name as well. **JavaScript** with camelcase is a trademark, though, so it's better to use Javascript instead of JavaScript to avoid any potential legal issues.