

# CoffeeScript

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Who am I ?



I'm a Flash guy.





hmm..  
maybe only  
60% Flasher  
and  
40% Rubyist

# 高見龍

a.k.a Eddie or Aquarianboy

- Live and work in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Serving in my own little tiny company.
- Flash / AS3 / Ruby / Rails / Python programming for living.
- A little bit Objective-C for personal interests.
- Technical Education and Consultant.
- PTT Flash BM (since 2007/4).
- Adobe Certificated Flash Developer (Since 2006/7).
- Linux Professional Institute Certification (Since 2005/3).



or just google with the keyword "高見龍"



JavaScript  
becomes  
hugely  
popular.

9th on TIOBE, Nov 2011



# Ruby on Rails

Sustainable productivity for web-application development



JavaScript  
seems  
easy..



But it's  
also easy  
to get  
messy!

CoffeeScript

We're not  
talking  
about this  
kind of  
coffee.



Not this either.



WTF?

# CoffeeScript is JavaScript

just written in different syntax

# Who won't need this?

people who already know javascript(the good parts) very well.

What's the problems?

LinkedIn

LinkedIn

lin.co



JavaScript: The Good Parts

Crockford

O'REILLY

JavaScript  
The  
Definitive  
Guide

Flanagan

O'REILLY

FOURTH EDITION  
COVERS JAVASCRIPT 1.5



# Bad smell..

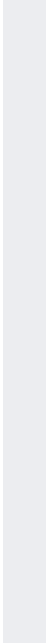
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Will it be equal? that's the question.

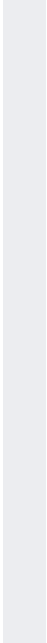
```
0 == ""           // true
1 == true          // true
1 == "1"           // true
1 == "1.0"         // true
"true" == true     // true
"true" === true    // false
```



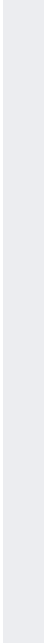
What the..?



I really don't know how to  
write good JavaScript!

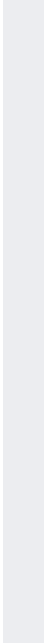


CoffeeScript exposes the good parts of JavaScript in a simple way.

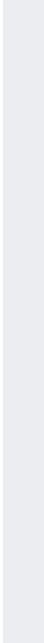


Syntax borrowed from  
Python and Ruby.

I love Python & Ruby



If you're already familiar  
with Ruby, you've probably  
already learned about 70%  
CoffeeScript.

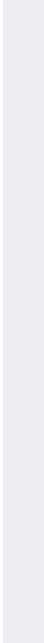


Really friendly for Rubyist.

`love_coffeescript == true if rubyist`

and compiles into JavaScript  
code.

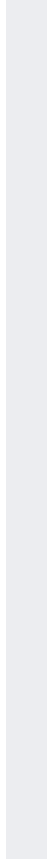
\*.coffee -> \*.js



Your Brain ->

JavaScript ->

Browser

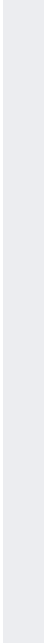


Your Brain ->

Friendly CoffeeScript ->

JavaScript ->

Browser



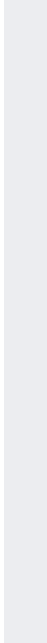
But that doesn't mean you  
can have no knowledge  
about JavaScript.

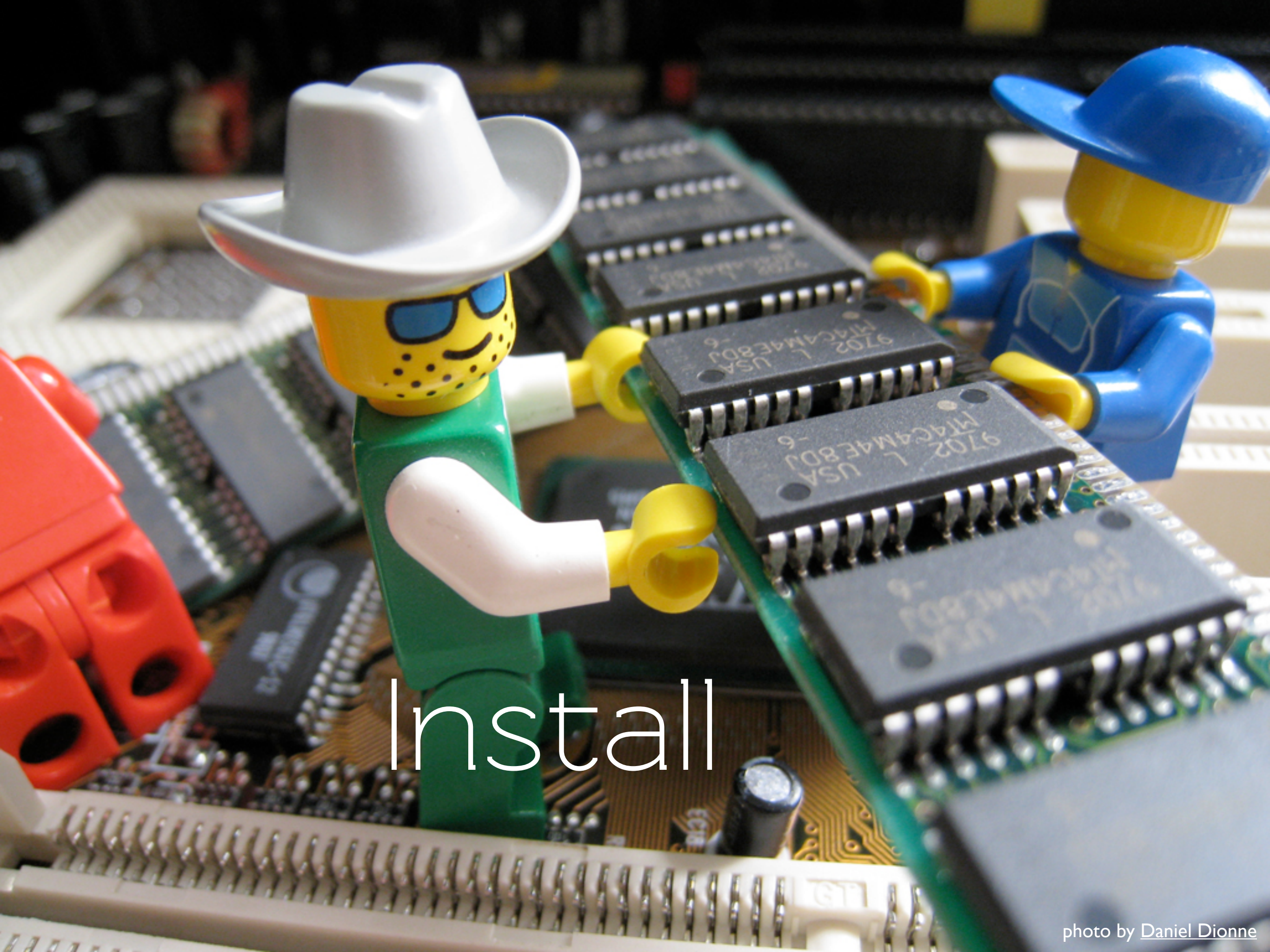
CoffeeScript is NOT used  
to replace JavaScript.



Let's get our feet wet!

What are we looking at  
today?

- 
- Installation
  - Usage
  - Syntax



Install

# Requirements

---

You need to install some software first..

## Node.js

- > `git clone git://github.com/joyent/node.git`
- > `cd node`
- > `./configure`
- > `make`
- > `sudo make install`

# Requirements

---

You need to install some software first..

NPM, the “node package manager”

```
> curl http://npmjs.org/install.sh | sh
```

# Install CoffeeScript

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## CoffeeScript

```
> npm install coffee-script  
> coffee -v  
CoffeeScript version 1.1.3
```

# Install CoffeeScript

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## CoffeeScript on MacOS

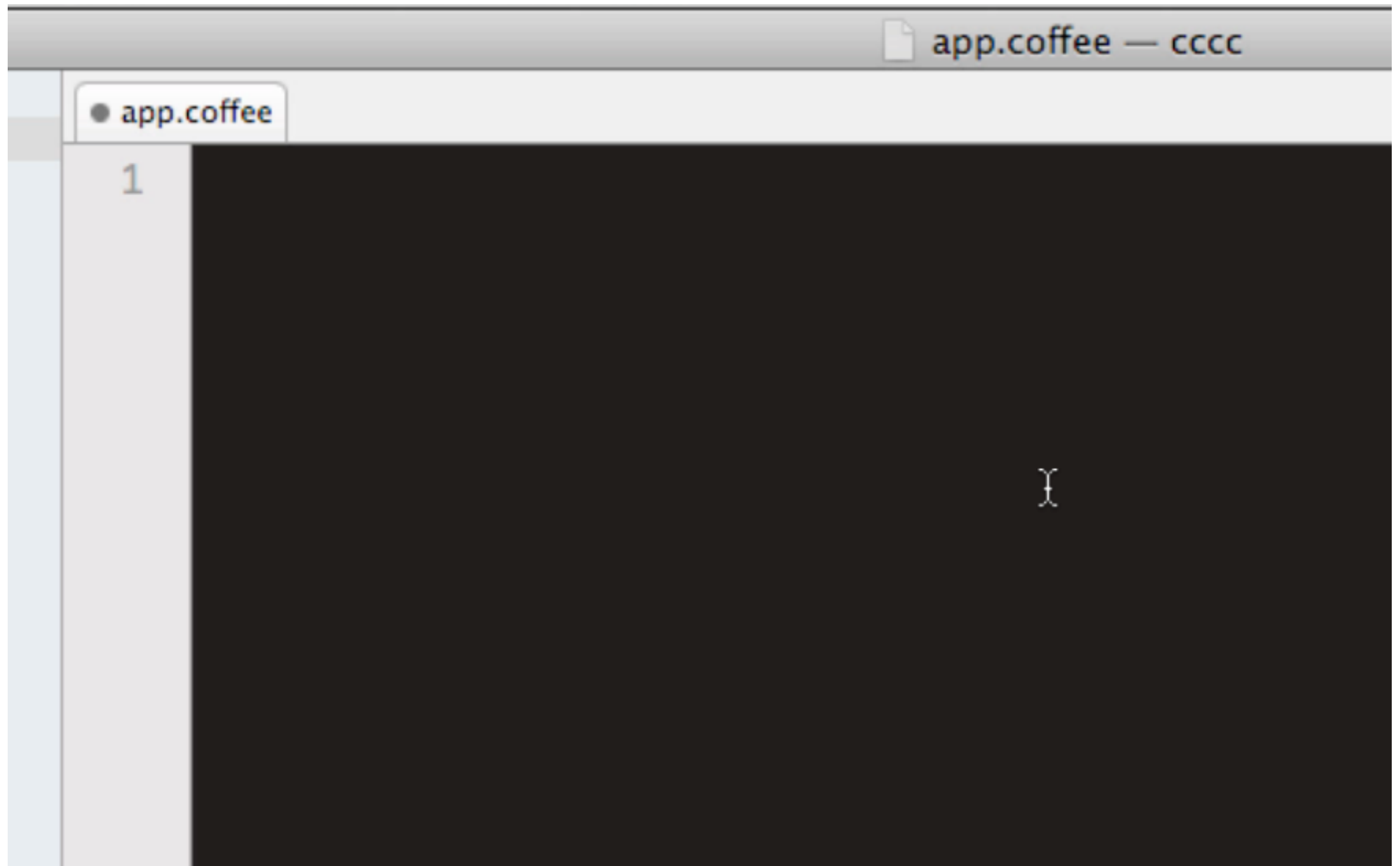
```
> brew install coffee-script
```

..and don't forget install the bundle for CoffeeScript if you're using TextMate.

# Install CoffeeScript

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TextMate bundle for CoffeeScript



<https://github.com/jashkenas/coffee-script-tmbundle>

# Install CoffeeScript

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Windows?

get a mac

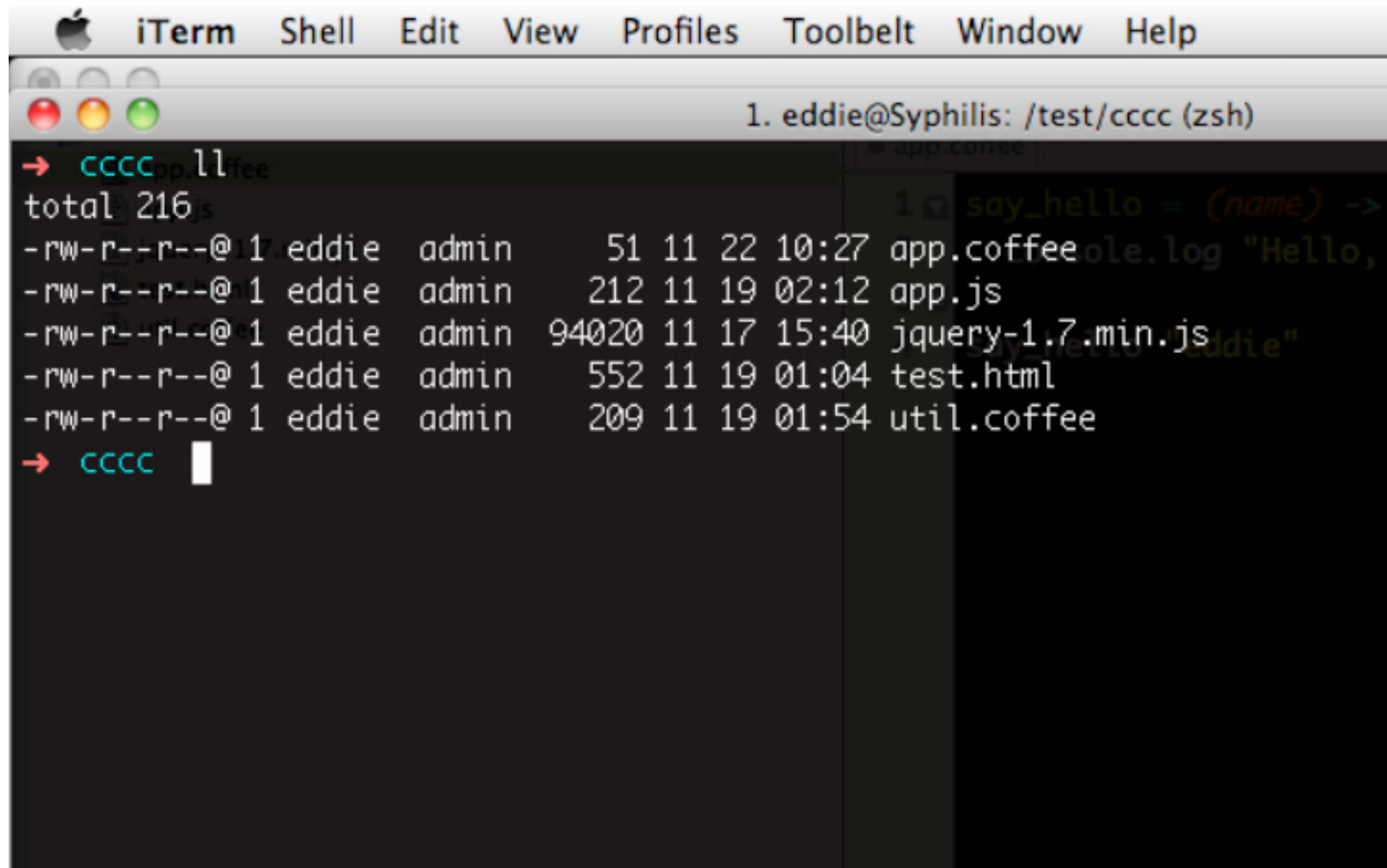


How to use

# Usage

Compile \*.coffee into \*.js

> coffee --watch --compile app.coffee



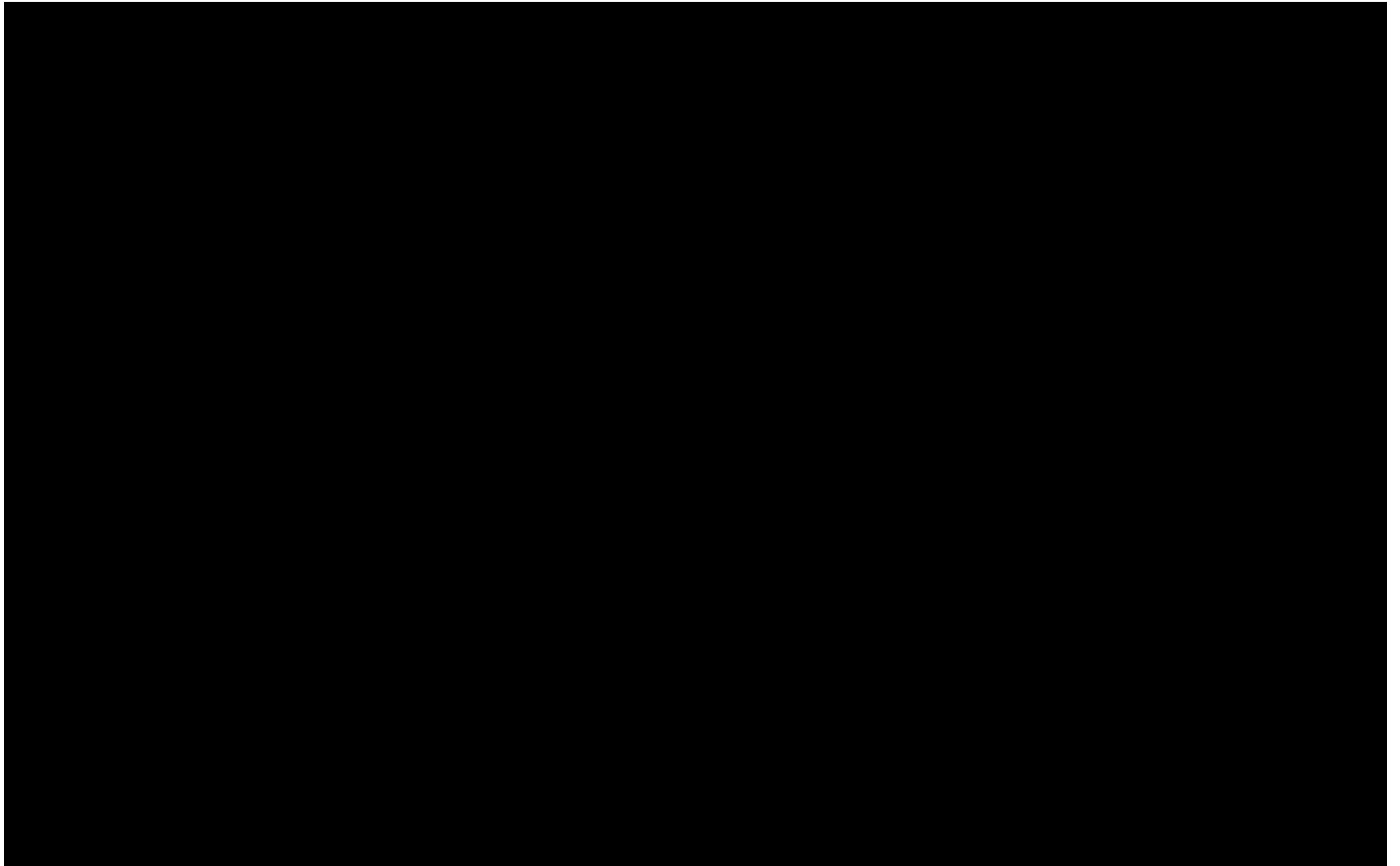
The screenshot shows an iTerm terminal window with the title bar 'iTerm Shell Edit View Profiles Toolbelt Window Help'. The terminal content is as follows:

```
1. eddie@Syphilis: /test/cccc (zsh)
→ cccc ll
total 216
-rw-r--r--@1 eddie  admin   51 11 22 10:27 app.coffee
-rw-r--r--r--@1 eddie  admin  212 11 19 02:12 app.js
-rw-r--r--r--@1 eddie  admin 94020 11 17 15:40 jquery-1.7.min.js
-rw-r--r--r--@1 eddie  admin  552 11 19 01:04 test.html
-rw-r--r--r--@1 eddie  admin  209 11 19 01:54 util.coffee
→ cccc
```

# Usage

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you got a REPL, just like irb.



# Don't like to compile?

You can run CoffeeScript in HTML directly

# Use CoffeeScript on the fly

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```
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://  
jashkenas.github.com/coffee-script/extras/coffee-  
script.js"></script>
```

```
<script type="text/coffeescript">  
  alert 'test'  
</script>
```

```
<script type="text/coffeescript" src="myapp.coffee"></script>
```

don't do this in your production.



Syntax

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}

}

}

}

No { }

indentations rule!

whitespace matters!

() is not always  
necessary.

Just like Ruby

but..

hello +5 means hello(+5)

+ : convert string to number

No trailing semicolon.

# Return is not necessary.

everything is an expression, just like Ruby.

# No { }, (), and ;

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```
if(age > 20){  
    vote();  
}
```

// javascript

```
if age > 20  
    vote()
```

# coffeescript

Variable & Function

# Variable

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You don't have to declare it before using it.

```
lang = ["php", "python", "perl", "ruby"]  
name = "Eddie"
```

# coffeescript

```
var lang, name;  
lang = ["php", "python", "perl", "ruby"];  
name = "Eddie";
```

// javascript

# Variable

---

## Destructuring Assignment

```
x = 100
```

```
y = 10
```

```
[x, y] = [y, x]
```

# coffeescript

```
var x, y, _ref;
```

```
x = 100;
```

```
y = 10;
```

```
_ref = [y, x], x = _ref[0], y = _ref[1];
```

// javascript

# Variable

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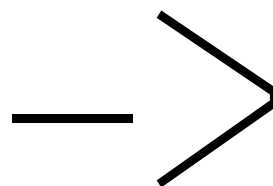
## Destructuring Assignment

```
weatherReport = (location) ->  
  [location, 72, "Mostly Sunny"]
```

```
[city, temp, forecast] = weatherReport "Berkeley, CA"  
# coffeescript
```

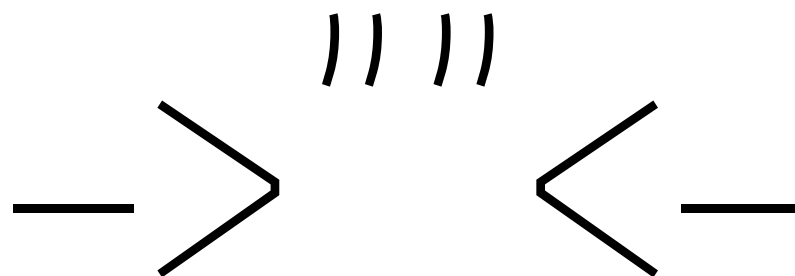
```
tag = "<awesome>"  
[open, contents..., close] = tag.split("")
```

```
# coffeescript
```



dash rocket

Not



enjoy coding :)

-> "hello, Ruby Tuesday"

```
(function() {  
    return "hello, Ruby Tuesday";  
});
```

# Function

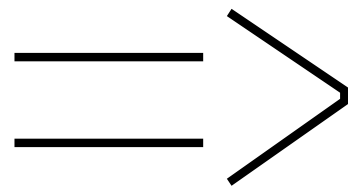
```
say_hello = (guest1, guest2 = "Nayumi") ->  
  "Hello #{guest1} and #{guest2}"
```

```
say_hello "Eddie"
```

# coffeescript

```
var say_hello;  
say_hello = function(guest1, guest2) {  
  if (guest2 == null) {  
    guest2 = "Nayumi";  
  }  
  return "Hello " + guest1 + " and " + guest2;  
};  
say_hello("Eddie");
```

// javascript



fat arrow

# Splats

Just like Ruby



# Splats

---

```
sum = (nums...) ->  
  result = 0  
  result += n for n in nums  
  result
```

```
console.log sum(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

# coffeescript

Array

# Array

---

```
heroes = [  
  'Spider Man',  
  'Captain America',  
  'X-men',  
  'Iron Man'  
]
```

```
students = [1..10]  
teachers = [1..10]
```

# coffeescript

```
var heroes, students, teachers;  
heroes = ['Spider Man', 'Captain America', 'X-men', 'Iron Man'];  
  
students = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10];  
teachers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9];
```

// javascript

# Array

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```
heroes[0..2]
```

```
heroes[1..2] = ["Batman", "ThunderCat"]
```

# coffeescript

```
heroes.slice(0, 3);
```

```
var _ref;
```

```
[].splice.apply(heroes, [1, 2].concat(_ref = ["Batman", "ThunderCat"])), _ref;
```

// javascript

Object

# Object

---

```
eddie = { name: "Eddie Kao", age: 18, speciality: "eat" }
```

# coffeescript

```
var eddie;  
eddie = {  
  name: "Eddie Kao",  
  age: 18,  
  speciality: "eat"  
};
```

// javascript

# Object

```
eddie =  
  name: "Eddie Kao"  
  age: 18  
  lovers:  
    nayumi:  
      name: "Nayumi Hung"  
      age: 18  
    mary:  
      name: "Mary Bloody"  
      age: 20
```

# coffeescript

```
var eddie;  
eddie = {  
  name: "Eddie Kao",  
  age: 18,  
  lovers: {  
    nayumi: {  
      name: "Nayumi Hung",  
      age: 18  
    },  
    mary: {  
      name: "Mary Bloody",  
      age: 20  
    }  
  }  
};
```

// javascript

Loop

But we Rubyist barely use for-loop

# List Comprehension

```
alert i for i in [1..10]
```

```
alert i for i in [1..10] when i  
% 2 == 0
```

```
alert i for i in [1..10] by 2
```

```
alert i * 2 for i in [1..10]
```

```
# coffeescript
```

```
var i, _step;  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
    alert(i);  
}  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
    if (i % 2 === 0) {  
        alert(i);  
    }  
}  
for (i = 1, _step = 2; i <= 10; i +=  
_step) {  
    alert(i);  
}  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
    alert(i * 2);  
}  
// javascript
```

Condition

# Switch

---

```
switch day
  when "Mon" then go work
  when "Tue" then go relax
  when "Thu" then go iceFishing
  when "Fri", "Sat"
    if day is bingoDay
      go bingo
      go dancing
  when "Sun" then go church
  else go work
```

# coffeescript

# Modifier

---

You can put "if", "unless", "while", "until" behind

```
if (age > 20) {  
  vote();  
}
```

// javascript

```
vote() if age > 20
```

# coffeescript

Syntactic Sugar

# Syntactic Sugar

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write more readable code by using syntactic sugar.

# coffeescript

// javascript

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| is             | ===       |
| isnt           | !==       |
| true, on, yes  | true      |
| false, off, no | false     |
| not            | !         |
| and            | &&        |
| or             |           |
| unless         | if not    |
| until          | while not |
| of             | in        |

# Syntactic Sugar

---

```
alert "I can't see anything" if light is off
```

```
alert "It's impossible!" if eddie isnt handsome
```

```
if girl is not single
```

```
    alert "Don't Touch! Be Careful!"
```

# Syntactic Sugar

---

```
if (light === false) {  
    alert("I can't see anything");  
}  
  
if (eddie !== handsome) {  
    alert("It's impossible!");  
}  
  
if (girl === !single) {  
    alert("Don't Touch! Be Careful!");  
}
```

// javascript

# Syntactic Sugar

---

Which answer do you like to hear when you say ...

Eddie: Will you marry me?  
Nayumi: **yes!**

or

Eddie: Will you marry me?  
Nayumi: **true!**

# Syntactic Sugar

---

```
alert "I'll marry you!" if answer is yes
```

# coffeescript

```
if (answer === true) {  
    alert("I'll marry you!");  
}
```

// javascript

# Syntactic Sugar

---

## Chained Comparison

```
console.log "I'm awesome!" if 20 < my_girl_friends < 100
```

# coffeescript

```
if ((20 < my_girl_friends && my_girl_friends < 100)) {  
  console.log("I'm awesome!");  
}
```

// javascript

# Syntactic Sugar

---

## Existential Operator

```
age ?= 18
```

```
# coffeescript
```

```
if (typeof age !== "undefined" && age !== null) {  
    age;  
} else {  
    age = 18;  
};
```

```
// javascript
```

# Raw JavaScript

If you still prefer the original way..

# Raw JavaScript

---

```
say_hello = `function(name){  
    return "Hello, " + name  
}  
# coffeescript
```

OOOP

CoffeeScript's classes are syntactic sugar only.

# Prototype?

IMHO, prototype-based OO is not elegant

# OOP - new

---

```
class Animal
  constructor: (name, age) ->
    this.name = name
    this.age = age
```

```
animal = new Animal("eddie", 18)
alert animal
```

# coffeescript

```
var Animal, animal;
Animal = (function() {
  function Animal(name, age) {
    this.name = name;
    this.age = age;
  }
  return Animal;
})();
animal = new Animal("eddie", 18);
alert(animal);
```

// javascript

OOP - @ = this.

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The image shows a screenshot of a code editor window. The title bar at the top reads "app.coffee — cccc". Below the title bar, there is a tab labeled "x app.coffee". The code is written in CoffeeScript and is as follows:

```
1 class Animal
2   constructor: (name, age) ->
3     this.name = name
4     this.age = age
5
6 animal = new Animal("eddie", 18)
7 alert animal
```

# OOP - method

---

```
class Animal
```

```
  constructor: (@name, @age) ->
```

```
    say_hello: (something) ->
```

```
      console.log "Hello, #{something}"
```

```
animal = new Animal("eddie", 18)
```

```
animal.say_hello("CoffeeScript")
```

# coffeescript

# OOP - inheritance

---

```
class Animal
  constructor: (@name, @age) ->
  say_hello: (something) ->
    alert "Hello, #{something}"

class Human extends Animal
  walk: ->
    alert "I can walk with my foots!"

eddie = new Human("eddie", 18)
eddie.say_hello "CoffeeScript"
eddie.walk()
```

# coffeescript

# OOP - inheritance

---

pp.coffee

```
1 class Animal
2   constructor: (@name, @age) ->
3   say_hello: (something) ->
4     alert "Hello, #{something}"
5
6 class Human extends Animal
7   walk: ->
8     alert "I can walk with my foots!"
9
10 eddie = new Human("eddie", 18)
11 eddie.say_hello "CoffeeScript"
12 eddie.walk()
```

TL;DR

Extend more function?

# Extend more function

---

```
String::repeat = (n) ->  
  Array(n + 1).join @
```

```
String::downcase = ->  
  @toLowerCase()
```

```
String::upcase = ->  
  @toUpperCase()
```

```
String::find = (str) ->  
  @indexOf str
```

```
String::has = (str) ->  
  (@indexOf str) > 0
```

# coffeescript

Cooperate with other JS  
library or framework?

# working with jQuery

---

```
$(document).ready(function() {  
  wakeup();  
  walk_to_toilet();  
  pee();  
  go_back_to_sleep();  
})
```

// javascript

```
$ ->  
  wakeup()  
  walk_to_toilet()  
  pee()  
  go_back_to_sleep()
```

# coffeescript

# working with jQuery

---

```
$('#girl').animate({  
  width: '100px',  
  height: '50px',  
  opacity: '0.8'  
}, 2000, 'easeOutQuad');
```

// javascript

```
$('#girl').animate  
  width: '100px'  
  height: '50px'  
  opacity: '0.8'  
  2000  
  'easeOutQuad'
```

# coffeescript

# working with jQuery

---

```
(function($){  
  $.fn.extend({  
    isEmail: function(email){  
      return /some email validator/.test(email);  
    }  
  });  
})(jQuery);
```

// javascript

\$ = jQuery

\$.fn.extend

isEmail: (email) ->

/some email validator/.test email

# coffeescript

makes jQuery more easy,  
and more fun

# References

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## Websites:

<http://jashkenas.github.com/coffee-script/>

<http://blog.eddie.com.tw/category/coffeescript/>

<http://upgrade2rails31.com/coffee-script>

## Koans:

<https://github.com/sleepyfox/coffeescript-koans>

# References

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## Book:

<http://pragprog.com/book/tbcoffee/coffeescript>

<http://arcturo.github.com/library/coffeescript/index.html>

<http://autotelicum.github.com/Smooth-CoffeeScript/>

Conclusion

# being a 40% Rubyist

---

I don't like..

var

return

for loop

()

{ }

I Love..

I Love..

---

# Coding Style

I love Python & Ruby, of course :)

I Love..

---

Indentation!

I Love..

---

# Anonymous function

No global function and variable by default

I Love..

---

# String Interpolation

sorry, but string building really sucks :)

I Love..

---

List Comprehension

I Love..

---

Syntactic Sugar

I Love..

---

English-like grammar

```
alert "of course it is!" if ruby_tuesday is awesome
```

I Love..

---

# Comparison & Equality

```
"true" == true // true
```

```
"true" === true // false
```

I Love..

---

Works with other JS  
frameworks well.

Because it's just JavaScript

I Love..

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Compilation

JSLint Approved

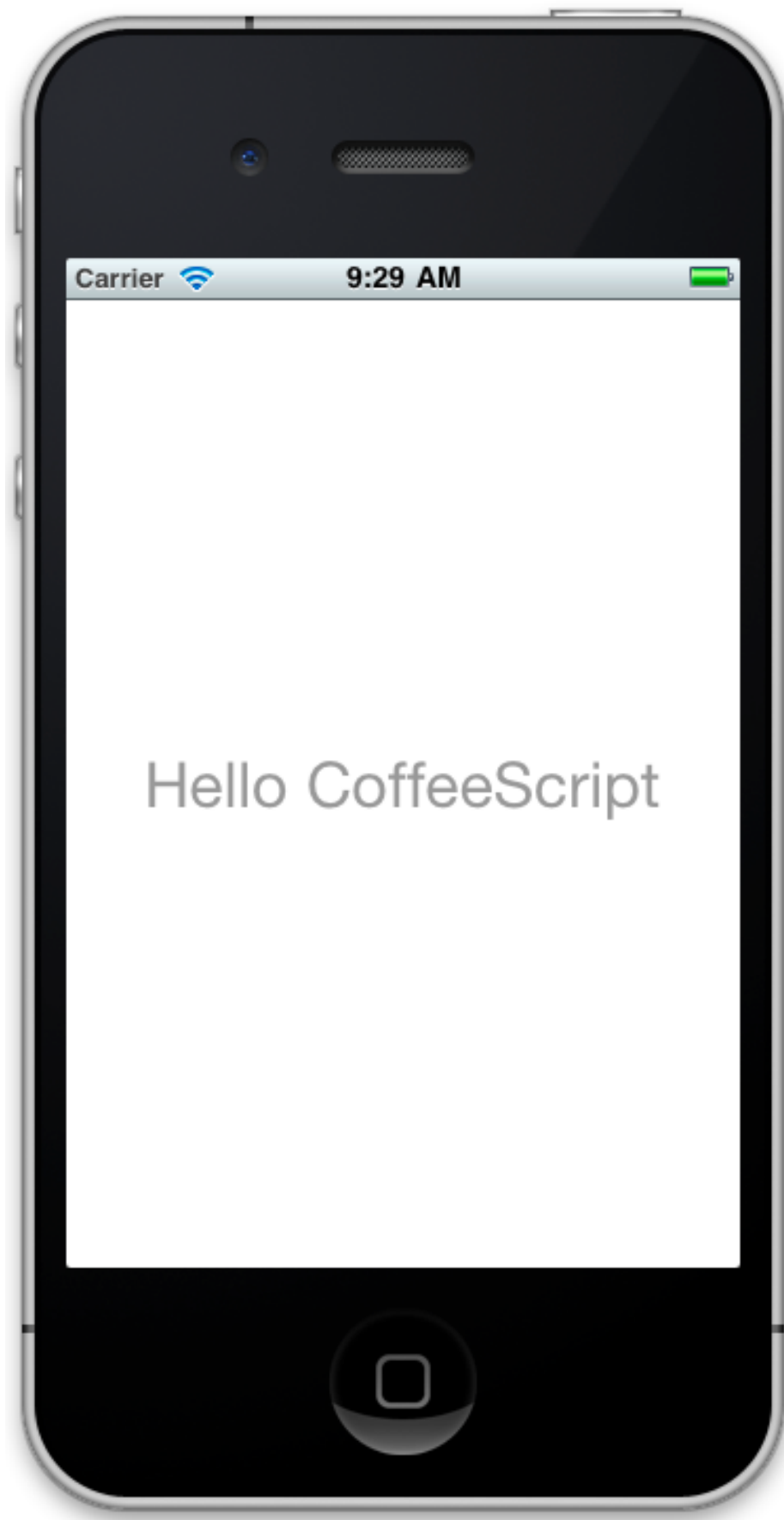
What else?

Make, Rake, Cake.

More and more projects are  
written in CoffeeScript.

Pow.CX

CoffeeScript compiler is  
written in CoffeeScript.



# Titanium Mobile

<http://blog.eddie.com.tw/2011/08/03/using-coffeescript-in-titanium-studio/>



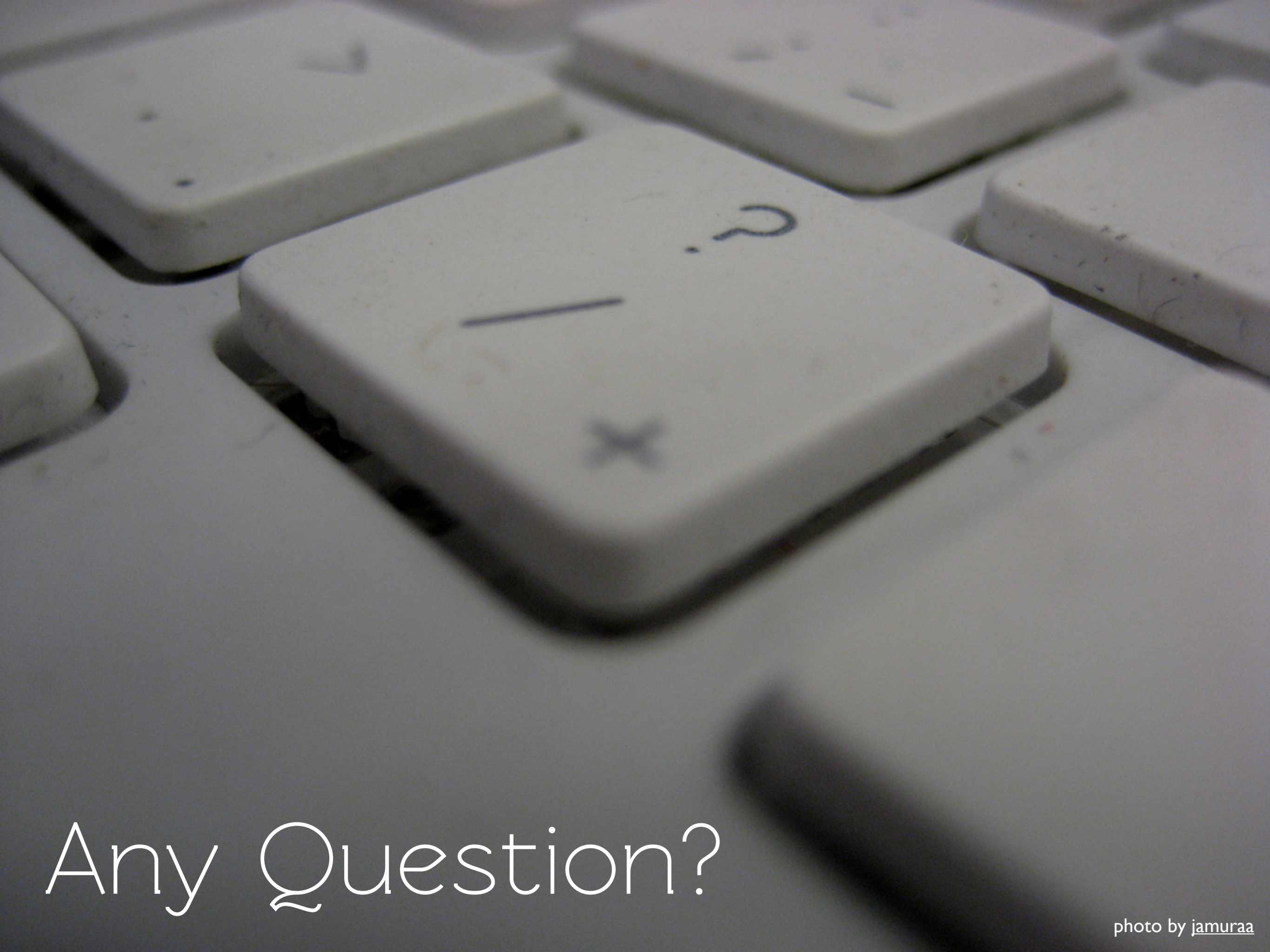
Immature?



Performance?

CoffeeScript Means Giving  
Up on JavaScript?

Learn JavaScript, and Use  
CoffeeScript.



Any Question?

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