

Standardizing Information and Communication Systems

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 Subject: Selecting a new name to replace "ECMAScript"

Greetings, members of TC39. At our first meeting we agreed that a new name is needed to replace the workingname of "ECMAScript". I agreed to take name suggestions and do initial research into suitability. I have done this, and provided the results below.

The research I did was very informal and should not be treated as legal advice. I merely searched in public places for information using public tools such as AltaVista. We will need to do a more rigorous search to truly determine legal suitability. It is useful to do this informal pass to weed out names that obviously cannot be used since trademark searches take some time and are expensive to do.

I have divided the results into "viable" and "unviable". For each "unviable" name, I have described where the name is in current usage. When possible, I've provided a URL. I must stress strongly that some names that I have listed as viable probably have legal issues. In some cases, the terms appear so commonly in text that it is not possible to sort through all of the references to find whether they are at all relevant. For example, one of the suggestions is "DeScript" and this string shows up in hundreds of thousands of usages of the word "Description" and in a number of other places as well.

Viable names:

Name	Explanation
CoolScript	No known issues
CoScript	No known issues
Descartes	Unknown -- too many matches.
DeScript	Unknown -- too many matches. In honor of Descartes.
DynaScript	Used in a physics class at Moorhead State
EScript	No known issues
InfoScript	No known issues
JScript	None, but it is in use by Microsoft
JustScript	No known issues
JSL	Acronym used -- Japanese as a Second Language Stands for "Just a Script Language"
RadScript	No known issues
ScriptJ	No known issues
TranScript	Unknown -- too many matches.
W3Script	No known issues
WScript	No known issues
wwwscript	No known issues

Unviable names:

Name	Explanation
ActiveScript	Already in use -- ActiveX Scripting
ASSL	Acronym already used in web context.
Espresso	Unknown -- too many matches. Cannot be trademarked because it is a word.
JavaScript	Trademarked by Sun Microsystems
NetScript	Already in use -- http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~dasilva/content/netscript/
NewScript	Already in use -- Technology Application Group Inc.
ObjectScript	Already in use -- http://www.neurondata.com/
OmniScript	Already in use -- http://www.pdscorp.com/planwiz.htm
PageScript	Already in use -- http://www.novaquest.com/store/prodserv.html
PowerScript	Already in use -- http://www.dba-pr.com/videonics/pwerscrp.html
RapidScript	Already in use -- http://www.sandmicro.com/press/rapidscript.html
SimpleScript	Already in use -- Agent Knowledgebase Associates, Inc.
SSL	Acronym already in use -- Secure Sockets Layer Stands for Simple Script Language
WebScript	Already in use http://www.NeXT.com

I look forward to discussing this issue with the entire committee on Tuesday and Wednesday. I will come prepared with handouts containing this information.

--Scott