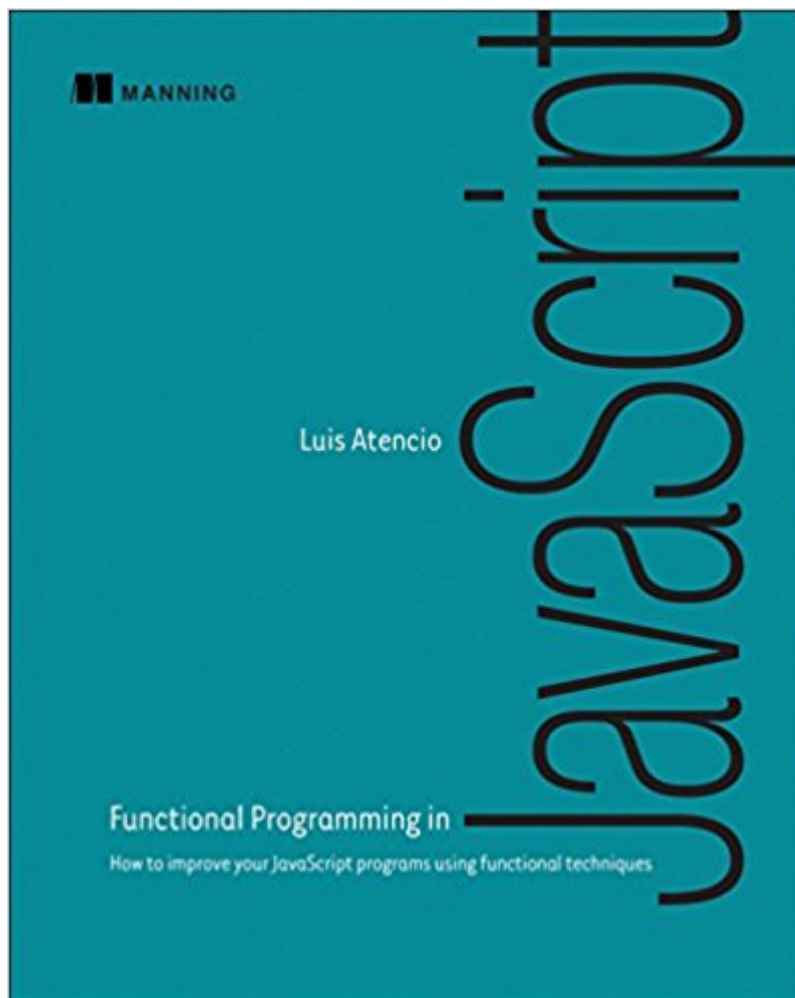




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Functional Programming In JavaScript: How To Improve Your JavaScript Programs Using Functional Techniques



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About the Book Functional Programming in JavaScript teaches you techniques to improve your web applications - their extensibility, modularity, reusability, and testability, as well as their performance. This easy-to-read book uses concrete examples and clear explanations to show you how to use functional programming in real life. If you're new to functional programming, you'll appreciate this guide's many insightful comparisons to imperative or object-oriented programming that help you understand functional design. By the end, you'll think about application design in a fresh new way, and you may even grow to appreciate monads!

What's Inside High-value FP techniques for real-world uses Using FP where it makes the most sense Separating the logic of your system from implementation details FP-style error handling, testing, and debugging All code samples use JavaScript ES6 (ES 2015)

About the Reader Written for developers with a solid grasp of JavaScript fundamentals and web application design.

About the Author Luis Atencio is a software engineer and architect building enterprise applications in Java, PHP, and JavaScript.

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Luis Atencio does an excellent job of explaining how functional programming can be done in javascript as well as providing a compelling case for why you may want to adapt this style. He compares and contrasts with both imperative style and object-orientated code, and while he makes a case that FP is superior, he does so without coming across as insulting to those that like the imperative and OO styles (whereas many authors can feel like they consider those that follow other styles at best naive or even worse). The text covers a wide range of topics in functional programming including side-effect free functions, first-class functions and higher-order functions, partial application, currying, and Monads including functional techniques to avoid nulls and error-checking. He discusses the ways in which functional programs can be more declarative and easier to reason about as well as how functional programming can improve unit and coverage testing and asynchronous code. Atencio's writing style is clear. He presents many examples almost all of which are clear and highly focused on the point under discussion. Many examples even have imperative versions presented for comparison of the two different styles. The text does have a much higher reliance on external libraries than I would like to see, especially where there are native versions of the functions being discussed (for example the map, filter, and reduce array operations). However, many features discussed are not available in native javascript, and in many cases, he does show sample implementations of these features natively (although he does still encourage the library use). The text suffers from a number of typos and errors.

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