#### 1. Define JSX

**JSX** (**JavaScript XML**) is a syntax extension for JavaScript that allows you to write HTML-like code directly within your JavaScript files. It's primarily used with React to describe what the UI should look like.

- **Not HTML in JavaScript:** Although it looks like HTML, JSX is not actual HTML. It's a syntax that JavaScript compilers (like Babel, which is used in most React projects) transform into regular JavaScript function calls (specifically React.createElement()) that then build React elements.
- **Declarative Nature:** JSX is declarative, meaning you describe the desired end state of your UI, and React figures out the optimal way to achieve it.
- Benefits:
  - **Readability:** Makes UI code more intuitive and easier to understand, especially for developers familiar with HTML.
  - o **Composability:** Allows for the creation of reusable UI components.
  - Developer Experience: Provides compile-time checks and warnings, catching errors early.
  - **Power of JavaScript:** You can embed JavaScript expressions directly within JSX using curly braces {}.

# **Example:**

# 2. Explain about ECMAScript

**ECMAScript** (**ES**) is a **standard** for scripting languages, most notably JavaScript. It's not a programming language itself, but rather a specification published by ECMA International (a standards organization) that JavaScript engines (like V8 in Chrome, SpiderMonkey in Firefox) must adhere to.

- **JavaScript is an implementation of ECMAScript:** Think of ECMAScript as the blueprint, and JavaScript as a building constructed according to that blueprint.
- Versions and Naming:
  - o Historically, versions were named ES1, ES2, ES3, ES5, ES6.
  - o ES6 is officially known as **ECMAScript 2015** (ES2015).

- Subsequent annual releases are named by year (e.g., ES2016, ES2017, ES2024).
- **Purpose:** The standard ensures interoperability between different JavaScript implementations and allows developers to write code that runs consistently across various browsers and environments. New features are regularly added to the ECMAScript standard, and then browser vendors and Node.js implement these features in their JavaScript engines.

## 3. Explain React.createElement()

React.createElement() is the **core low-level API** that JSX compiles down to. When you write JSX, Babel (or another transpiler) converts it into calls to React.createElement(). This function is responsible for creating a **React element**, which is a plain JavaScript object that describes what should be rendered on the screen.

#### **Syntax:**

```
React.createElement(

type, // A string (for HTML tags like 'div', 'p') or a React component (function/class)

[props], // An object of properties (attributes) for the element

[...children] // Zero or more child elements/strings
);
```

#### What it does:

- It doesn't render anything directly to the DOM.
- It returns a lightweight **JavaScript object** representing a DOM node or a React component instance. This object is what React uses to construct and manage the virtual DOM.

#### Example (JSX vs. React.createElement() equivalent):

#### JSX:

```
<h1 className="title">Hello, world!</h1>
React.createElement() equivalent:
React.createElement(
  'h1',
  { className: 'title' },
  'Hello, world!'
```

# 4. Explain how to create React nodes with JSX

Creating React nodes (elements) with JSX is straightforward because you write them using an HTML-like syntax directly within your JavaScript code.

# **Key principles:**

- Tag Names: You use standard HTML tag names (e.g., <div>, <span>, , <img>) or your custom React component names (e.g., <MyComponent>). HTML tags start with a lowercase letter, and custom components start with an uppercase letter.
- Attributes (Props): HTML attributes are written as "props" in JSX.
  - o Most HTML attributes are camelCased in JSX (e.g., className instead of class, htmlFor instead of for).
  - o Values can be strings (e.g., src="image.jpg") or JavaScript expressions enclosed in curly braces (e.g., count={10}, onClick={handleClick}).
- **Self-Closing Tags:** Elements without children (like <img>, <input>, <br>) must be self-closed with a / before the closing >.
  - o <img> becomes <img />
  - o <input> becomes <input />
- Parent Element Requirement: JSX expressions must have a single root element. If you want to return multiple elements without an extra wrapping div, you can use a React.Fragment or its shorthand <>...</>...

# 5. Define how to render JSX to DOM

Rendering JSX to the DOM (Document Object Model) is the process of taking the React elements created from JSX and actually displaying them as HTML on the web page. This is handled by the ReactDOM library, specifically the ReactDOM.render() method (in older React versions) or root.render() using createRoot (in React 18+).

### **The Process:**

- 1. **React Element Creation:** Your JSX code is transpiled into React.createElement() calls, which produce lightweight JavaScript objects (React elements). These objects describe the desired UI.
- 2. **Virtual DOM:** React uses these elements to build and maintain a "Virtual DOM," which is an in-memory representation of the actual DOM.
- 3. Initial Render:
  - You specify a target DOM element (a real HTML element on your page, typically an empty <div> with an id like root or app).
  - o ReactDOM.render() (or root.render()) takes your top-level React element and "mounts" it onto this target DOM element.
  - React efficiently converts the React elements into actual DOM nodes and inserts them into the page.
- 4. **Updates** (**Re-renders**): When your component's state or props change, React rerenders the component.

- o It creates a new tree of React elements (new Virtual DOM).
- It compares this new Virtual DOM with the previous one (this is called "reconciliation").
- o It calculates the minimal set of changes needed to update the actual DOM.
- Only those necessary changes are applied to the real DOM, making React updates very efficient.

### Typical Setup (index.js):

In a standard React application created with Create React App, this rendering process happens in src/index.js:

# **React 18+ (Modern):**

# 6. Explain how to use JavaScript expressions in JSX

One of the most powerful features of JSX is the ability to embed JavaScript expressions directly within it. This allows for dynamic content, conditional rendering, list rendering, and more.

Rule: You embed JavaScript expressions within JSX by enclosing them in curly braces {}.

# Where you can use them:

- **As text content:** To display dynamic values.
- As attribute values: To dynamically set properties.
- For event handlers: To assign JavaScript functions to events.
- **For conditional rendering:** Using logical &&, ternary operator?:, or if/else (outside the return).
- For list rendering (using map ()):