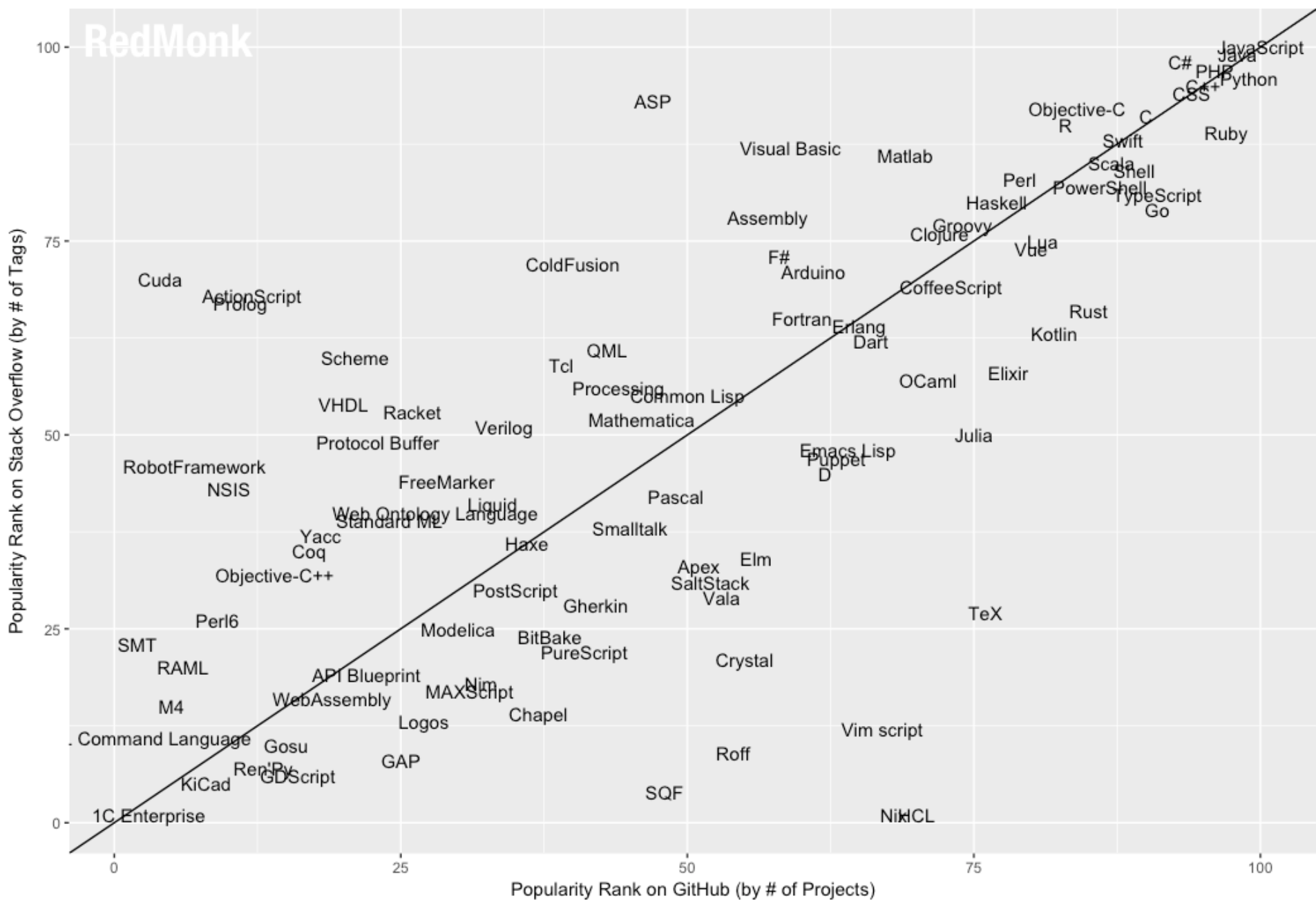


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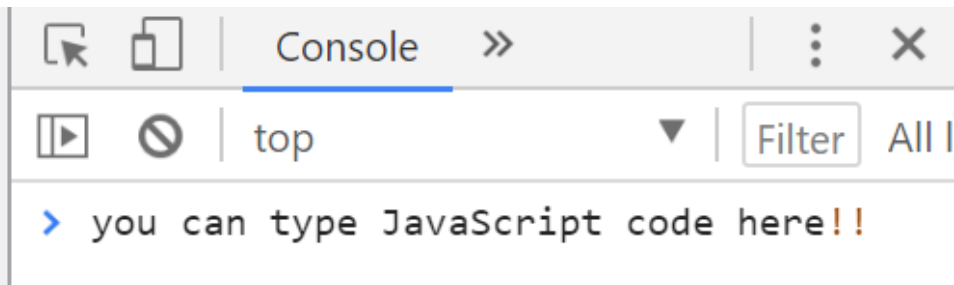
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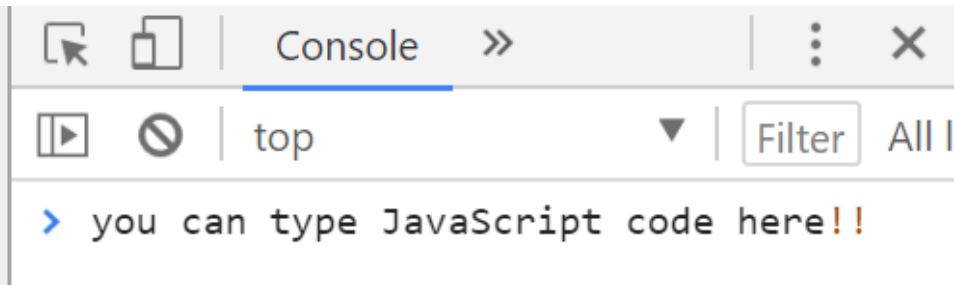
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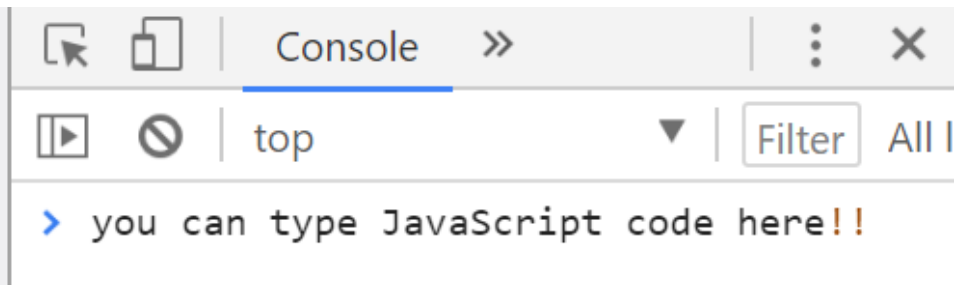
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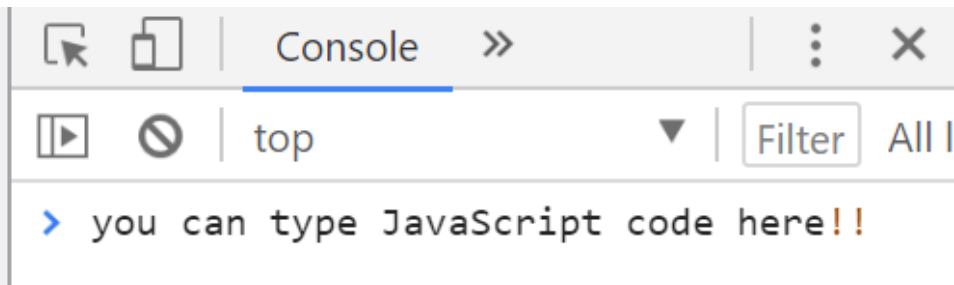
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How to Link JavaScript Files to Your Web Page

index.html

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<html>

<head>
  <title>Hello!</title>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">

  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">

  <script src="script.js" defer></script>

</head>

<body>

  <h1>Welcome to My Awesome Web Page</h1>

  <p>Here's some text inside a paragraph.</p>

</body>

</html>
```

script.js

```
// This line (which starts with two forward slashes) is a comment!
// Comments are ignored by the computer.
// They're great for writing notes to yourself, so use them ALL the time!

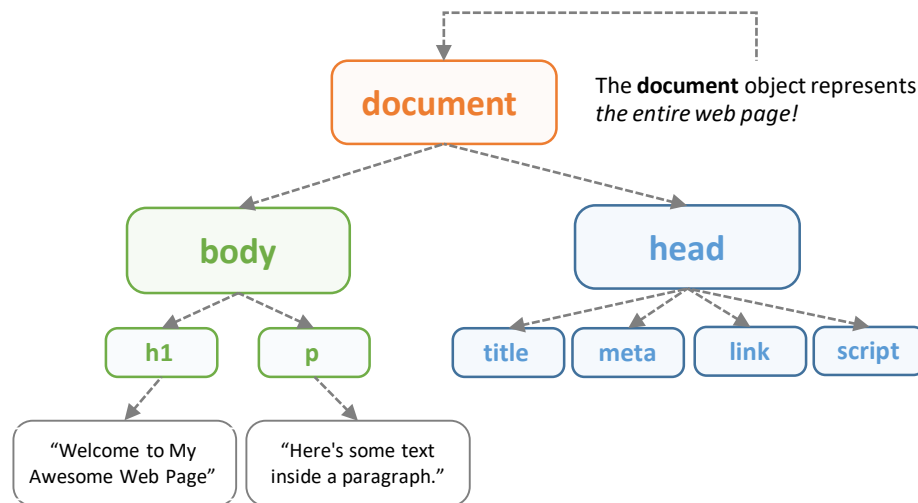
console.log("Hello, world! This message comes from script.js");
```

1. The user navigates to the web page (something like <http://example.com>)
2. Their web browser downloads the HTML file (index.html is the default home page)
3. The `<script>` tag(s) in the HTML file tell the web browser which JavaScript file(s) to download next.
** The **defer** keyword inside the `<script>` tag tells the browser to WAIT until the HTML has finished downloading, and THEN download the JavaScript file afterwards.
4. The browser downloads the specified JavaScript file(s) and executes their code in the order that they were downloaded. (And order *does* matter here!)
5. The JavaScript code can then interact with the web browser, reacting to the user's actions and potentially modifying the HTML or CSS of the current web page.

The Document Object Model (DOM)

The Document Object Model (or **DOM**) refers to how the web browser sees a web page -- as a **hierarchy** of objects, just like how files and folders are organized on your computer.

We use the term **DOM element** to refer to parts of the web page, like a paragraph (`<p>`), an image (``), a heading (`<h1>`), etc.



Each **element** can be represented as a **JavaScript object** that contains LOTS of information about that element – for example, the text that appears inside the element, the background color of the element, etc.

Anatomy of an HTML Element

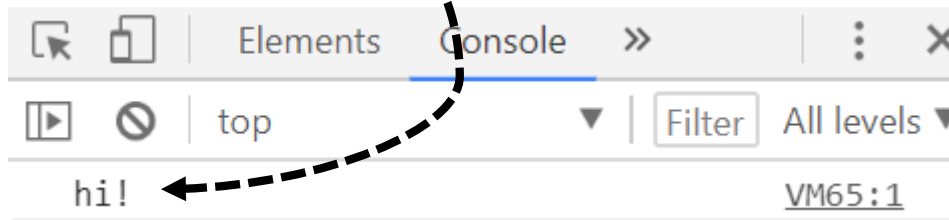
Opening tag: `<p id="main">` Hi, I'm text in a paragraph! `</p>` Closing tag:

- The **p tag** stands for **paragraph**
- The **id attribute** gives the element a unique name – sort of like a social security number!
- So this paragraph has an ID of **"main"** and it's the *only* element on the page with that unique ID.

Displaying Data in the Console

The `console.log()` function can display values inside the web browser's JavaScript console, so you can see what's happening inside your code!

```
console.log("hi");
```



```
let greeting = "hi";  
console.log(greeting);
```

You can `console.log()` lots of things -- raw values (like strings or numbers) or variable names!

Event Listener Example Code

```
[ ] .addEventListener("click", funcName);
```

```
function funcName () {  
    console.log( "You clicked!" );  
}
```

Accessing Elements by their unique ID

```
<p id="main"> Hi, I'm text in a paragraph! </p>
```

```
document.getElementById("main")
```

Displaying Data inside Elements on the Web Page

```
[ ] .textContent = "New text!";
```

You can access the `textContent` property of any **DOM element**.

For example:

```
document.body.textContent = "New text!";
```

```
document.getElementById("main").textContent = "New!";
```