

JavaScript Where To

The <script> Tag

In HTML, JavaScript code is inserted between `<script>` and `</script>` tags.

Example

```
<script>
```

```
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "My First JavaScript";
```

```
</script>
```

Old JavaScript examples may use a type attribute: `<script type="text/javascript">`. The type attribute is not required. JavaScript is the default scripting language in HTML.

JavaScript Functions and Events

A JavaScript `function` is a block of JavaScript code, that can be executed when "called" for.

For example, a function can be called when an event occurs, like when the user clicks a button.

You will learn much more about functions and events in later chapters.

JavaScript in <head> or <body>

You can place any number of scripts in an HTML document.

Scripts can be placed in the `<body>`, or in the `<head>` section of an HTML page, or in both.

JavaScript in <head>

In this example, a JavaScript `function` is placed in the `<head>` section of an HTML page

JavaScript in <body>

In this example, a JavaScript `function` is placed in the `<body>` section of an HTML page.

External JavaScript Advantages

Placing scripts in external files has some advantages:

- It separates HTML and code
- It makes HTML and JavaScript easier to read and maintain
- Cached JavaScript files can speed up page loads

Javascript Output

JavaScript can "display" data in different ways:

- Writing into an HTML element, using `innerHTML`.
- Writing into the HTML output using `document.write()`.
- Writing into an alert box, using `window.alert()`.
- Writing into the browser console, using `console.log()`.

JavaScript Programs

A computer program is a list of "instructions" to be "executed" by a computer.

In a programming language, these programming instructions are called statements.

A JavaScript program is a list of programming statements.