1. What is JSX?

JSX stands for **JavaScript XML**. It allows developers to write HTML-like syntax directly within JavaScript code, making it easier and more intuitive to create React elements. JSX provides a more readable and concise way to define UI components compared to using React.createElement(), which can become verbose and hard to manage in complex UIs. Although it looks like HTML, **JSX is not HTML** — it's syntactic sugar that gets transpiled into React.createElement() by transpilers like Babel. Ultimately, JSX returns JavaScript objects, just like React.createElement() does.

2. Superpowers of JSX:

• Transpiles to React.createElement()

JSX is syntactic sugar for React.createElement(). Under the hood, JSX is converted into JavaScript objects with a special \$\$typeof property set to React.element, and the type corresponds to the HTML tag or React component being rendered.

Simplified Syntax

JSX provides an HTML-like syntax that is easier and more intuitive to write compared to raw JavaScript function calls.

• Improved Readability and Maintainability

The structure and formatting of JSX closely resemble actual HTML, making it easier for developers to understand, debug, and maintain the UI code.

• Component Composition

JSX supports composing UI by combining smaller components into larger ones, encouraging modular and reusable code.

Supports Nesting

Components and elements can be easily nested inside one another, which is essential for building hierarchical UI structures.

Scales Well for Complex UIs

JSX's expressive nature allows developers to build and manage complex user interfaces efficiently.

3. What is the role of the type attribute in the <script> tag? What options can I use there?

The type attribute in the <script> tag specifies the MIME type (media type) of the script, telling the browser how to interpret the code inside the tag (or the file referenced by the src attribute).

Common values for the type attribute:

• text/javascript (default)

This is the default value and can be omitted. It indicates that the script is standard JavaScript.

• module

This specifies that the script is a JavaScript **module**, allowing you to use import and export statements. Modules are automatically deferred and scoped. <script type="module" src="app.js"></script>

application/json

Used when embedding JSON data within a <script> tag. The contents won't be executed as code — it's usually accessed by JavaScript for configuration or templating purposes.

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<script type="application/json" id="config-data">
{ "theme": "dark", "lang": "en" }
</script>
```

Custom types

You can use custom type values for things like templating engines (e.g., Handlebars, JSX, or GraphQL). The browser will ignore the content, and JavaScript can read and process it manually.

<script type="text/x-handlebars-template" id="template"></script>

• Summary:

The type attribute helps the browser know how to handle the content of the <script> tag. It's essential when using **modules**, embedding **JSON**, or working with **template languages** or **custom data**.

4. What is a MIME type?

MIME stands for **Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions**. Despite the name, MIME types are widely used on the web to indicate the **type of content** being handled, not just in email.

A **MIME type** (also called a **media type**) tells the browser or any client what kind of data is being sent or received, so it knows how to process or display it.

{TitleComponent} vs {< TitleComponent >>} vs {< TitleComponent >
 TitleComponent >} in JSX

| Syntax | Meaning | Use Case |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| {TitleComponent} | Reference to the component (function/class) | Pass component as a prop, or dynamically render |
| { <titlecomponent></titlecomponent> } | Render the component | Standard rendering of components |
| { <titlecomponent></titlecomponent> | Same as above, but with long-form tag | Needed when passing children |

Q: Why is defer used in the <script> tag in HTML?

A:

The defer attribute is used in the <script> tag to ensure that the script is **downloaded in parallel** with the HTML parsing but **executed only after the entire HTML document has been parsed**. This improves page load performance and ensures that scripts don't block the rendering of the page.

Key points about defer:

- Scripts with defer are **executed in the order they appear** in the HTML.
- Only works with **external scripts** (<script src="...">, not inline).
- Scripts run after the DOM is fully parsed, but before the DOMContentLoaded event.
- It avoids the traditional issue where scripts block HTML parsing.

Q: What does it mean when a script has type="module"? Is it automatically deferred and scoped?

A:

Yes — when you use type="module" in a <script> tag, the script behaves differently:

Automatically Deferred:

• Modules are deferred by default, even if you don't explicitly add the defer attribute.

• This means they do **not block HTML parsing** and will execute after the document has been parsed.

Scoped Execution (Module Scope):

- Code inside a module runs in **strict mode** by default.
- Variables declared in a module are scoped to the module they are not added to the global window object.
- You can use **import and export** statements within modules, enabling modular, maintainable code.

Q: Does traditional browser behavior delay script loading until HTML is parsed?

A:

Not exactly — **by default**, when the browser encounters a <script> tag **without defer or async**, it:

- 1. Immediately stops parsing the HTML.
- 2. Starts downloading the script.
- 3. Waits for it to finish downloading and executing.
- 4. Then resumes parsing the rest of the HTML.

This blocking behavior **does slow down page rendering**, especially if the script is large or served from a slow network.

✓ This is why defer or type="module" is preferred:

- They don't block HTML parsing.
- Scripts are **downloaded in parallel** while the browser continues parsing HTML.
- Execution happens **only after the DOM is fully parsed**, improving load performance.

In Summary:

| Script Type | Blocks HTML Parsing | Download Timing | Execution Timing |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <script src=""></td><td>✓ Yes</td><td>Immediately</td><td>Immediately (when loaded)</td></tr><tr><td><script src="" defer></td><td>× No</td><td>In parallel</td><td>After HTML is parsed</td></tr></tbody></table></script> | | | |

| Script Type | Blocks HTML Parsing | Download Timing | Execution Timing |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <script type="module"></script | × No | In parallel (auto- deferred) | After HTML is parsed |

If you do NOT use defer, here's what happens:

When the browser encounters a <script> tag **without** defer (or async) while parsing the HTML:

- 1. It immediately pauses HTML parsing.
- 2. Starts downloading the script.
- 3. Waits for the script to fully download and execute.
- 4. Only then resumes parsing the rest of the HTML.

Inis means:

- The script **executes as soon as it is encountered** (after download), not after the whole HTML is parsed.
- This can **block the rendering** of the page and slow down load time.
- If the script tries to access HTML elements that haven't been parsed yet (like with document.getElementById), it can **fail**.