

🌟 JSX, React Components, Compilation Flow, and Variations

💡 JSX: JavaScript XML

☑ What is JSX?

JSX allows writing **HTML-like code inside JavaScript**. It's syntactic sugar for `React.createElement()`.

```
const heading = <h1>Hello, JSX!</h1>;
```

JSX is not HTML – it's closer to XML and gets compiled to `React.createElement` under the hood.

⚡ JSX Compilation Flow

```
const heading = <h1>React</h1>;
```

Becomes:

```
React.createElement("h1", null, "React")
```

Then:

```
// React Element (Plain JS Object)
{
  type: "h1",
  props: {
    children: "React"
  }
}
```

Then:

Rendered by React DOM to actual HTML:

```
<h1>React</h1>
```

JSX → `React.createElement` → React Element → JS Object → HTML (UI)

Packages Involved

Tool	Role
<code>babel</code>	Compiles JSX to JS (<code>React.createElement</code>)
<code>@babel/preset-react</code>	JSX transformer config
<code>react</code>	Core React library (manages components & elements)
<code>react-dom</code>	Renders elements to the DOM

Types of React Components

1. Functional Component (Stateless)

```
function Header() {  
  return <h1>Hello</h1>;  
}
```

2. Arrow Function Component

```
const Header = () => <h1>Hello</h1>;
```

3. Component without Return

```
const Header = () => (  
  <h1>Hello</h1>  
);
```

4. Component with multiple lines

```
const Header = () => {  
  return (  
    <>  
      <h1>Hello</h1>  
      <p>Welcome</p>  
    </>  
  );  
}
```

JSX multiline code must be wrapped in `()` if using `return`, or use `<>...</>` (Fragments)

JSX Rules

- Only one parent element
- Use `className` instead of `class`
- Expressions must be inside `{}`
- Boolean, ternary, and functions allowed in `{}`

```
const name = "Darshan";
const greet = () => "Hello!";

return <h1>{greet()}, {name}</h1>
```

JSX vs JavaScript

JSX	JavaScript
<code><h1>Hello</h1></code>	<code>React.createElement("h1", null, "Hello")</code>

Naming Conventions

Type	Convention	Example
Components	PascalCase	<code>MyComponent</code>
Variables, functions	camelCase	<code>myFunction</code>

All components must start with a **Capital Letter** in JSX or React treats them as HTML tags.

Ways to Write JSX

1. Single-line JSX

```
return <h1>Hello</h1>;
```

2. Multi-line JSX

```
return (
  <div>
    <h1>Hello</h1>
    <p>Welcome</p>
  </div>
);
```

```
    </div>  
  );
```

Expressions in JSX

```
return <h2>{1 + 2}</h2>
```

Anything valid in JS expression context can go inside `{ }`

Component Inside Component

```
const Title = () => <h1>Title</h1>;  
  
const App = () => (  
  <div>  
    <Title />  
    <Title></Title>  
    {Title()}  
  </div>  
)
```

All 3 work:

- `<Title />` – JSX style
 - `<Title></Title>` – long form
 - `{Title()}` – function call (not recommended in large apps)
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React Element Inside Component

```
const element = <h1>Hello</h1>;  
  
const App = () => (  
  <div>  
    {element}  
  </div>  
)
```

Component Inside React Element

```
const App = () => <Title />
```

Element Inside Element

```
const element = <h1>{<span>Nested</span>}</h1>;
```

Cross-site Scripting (XSS)

JSX escapes by default:

```
const userInput = "<script>alert('Hacked')</script>";  
return <p>{userInput}</p>; // Prints as string, not executed
```

JSX uses **dangerouslySetInnerHTML** if raw HTML is absolutely needed (use with care):

```
<p dangerouslySetInnerHTML={{ __html: userInput }} />
```

Variations of Functional Component

☒ Arrow Function + **return**

```
const App = () => {  
  return <h1>Hello</h1>;  
};
```

☒ Arrow Function without **return** (implicit return)

```
const App = () => <h1>Hello</h1>;
```

☒ Function Declaration

```
function App() {  
  return <h1>Hello</h1>;  
}
```

☒ Multiple Elements using React Fragments

```
const App = () => (  
  <>  
    <h1>Header</h1>  
    <p>Welcome!</p>  
  </>  
);
```

Execution Order Recap:

```
const Title = () => <h1>Title</h1>;  
  
const App = () => (  
  <div>  
    <Title />           // Component  
    {<h2>JSX Element</h2>} // Element inside Component  
    {Title()}           // JSX via function  
  </div>  
);
```

JSX compiles all of them to `React.createElement` => React Element => Render to DOM
