

Full Stack Web Development

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Vue - JavaScript Frameworks

- AngularJS
- Angular
- React
- Vue.js
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Vue - Evan You [1, 3]

- Born and raised in Wuxi, PRC (无锡中国).
- Recruited by Google for his work, inspired by [Chrome experiments](#), and joined the [Five program](#) during his study in the U.S.
- Started the work on [Vue.js](#) as a personal project during his work at Google Creative Labs in 2013.
- Works full-time on Vue since 2016.

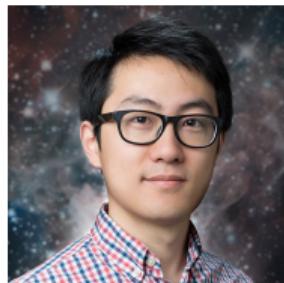


Figure 1: Evan You
(尤雨溪)



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Vue.js

- Client-side JavaScript framework
- Progressive framework
- Performant
- Lightweight (~33.30kB - min+gzip)
- Extensible
 - Vue Router
 - Vuex
 - Vue Server Renderer



Figure 2: Vue.js Logo
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Vue.js - Core Features

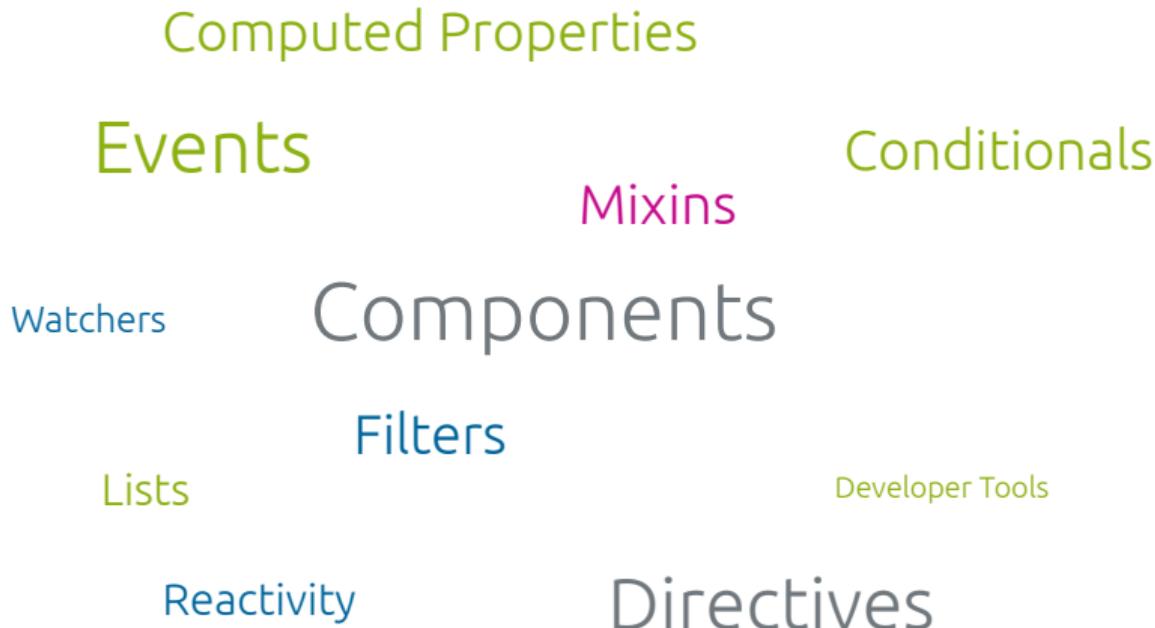


Figure 3: Vue.js Core Features



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Vue - Hello Vue



Vue applications can be created in different ways. To get started, we will employ a simpler setup and add the Vue script in our <head> section, using a <script> element.

```
<script src="https://vuejs.org/js/vue.js"></script>
```

Listing 1: Adding Vue to your page.

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Vue - Hello Vue

With the addition of this script, we can now access the class `Vue` in our scripts.

To create an application, we have to instantiate a object of this class. We have to pass a `JSON` object to the class constructor to configure the application.

```
<script>
  new Vue({
    el: "#app",
    data: {
      text: "Hello Vue!"
    }
  });
</script>
```

Listing 2: Creating a Vue application.

Vue uses the passed `JSON` object to setup the application.



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Vue - Hello Vue

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3      <head>
4          <meta charset="utf-8" />
5          <title>Vue Setup</title>
6          <script src="https://vuejs.org/js/vue.js"></script>
7      </head>
8      <body>
9          <div id="app">{{ text }}</div>
10     </body>
11     <script>
12         new Vue({
13             el: "#app",
14             data: {
15                 text: "Hello Vue!"
16             }
17         });
18     </script>
19 </html>
```

Listing 3: Minimal Example



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Vue - Hello Vue

We use the `el` property to specify what element should be used as the root element of our application. Vue interprets this parameter as a `CSS` selector to find the specified element(s) in the `DOM` of our page.

Vue then uses the specified element(s) as a *template* to create a virtual `DOM`, which is then used internally to create a new (static) `DOM`. Subsequently, Vue replaces the specified element(s) with the newly created `DOM` tree.

We can use other properties in the `JSON` object to customize our application.

In this example, we use the `data` property to specify the data of our application. We can then access the data in the (virtual) `DOM` (*template syntax*).

We will explore the `data` and other properties in more detail, in the following sections.



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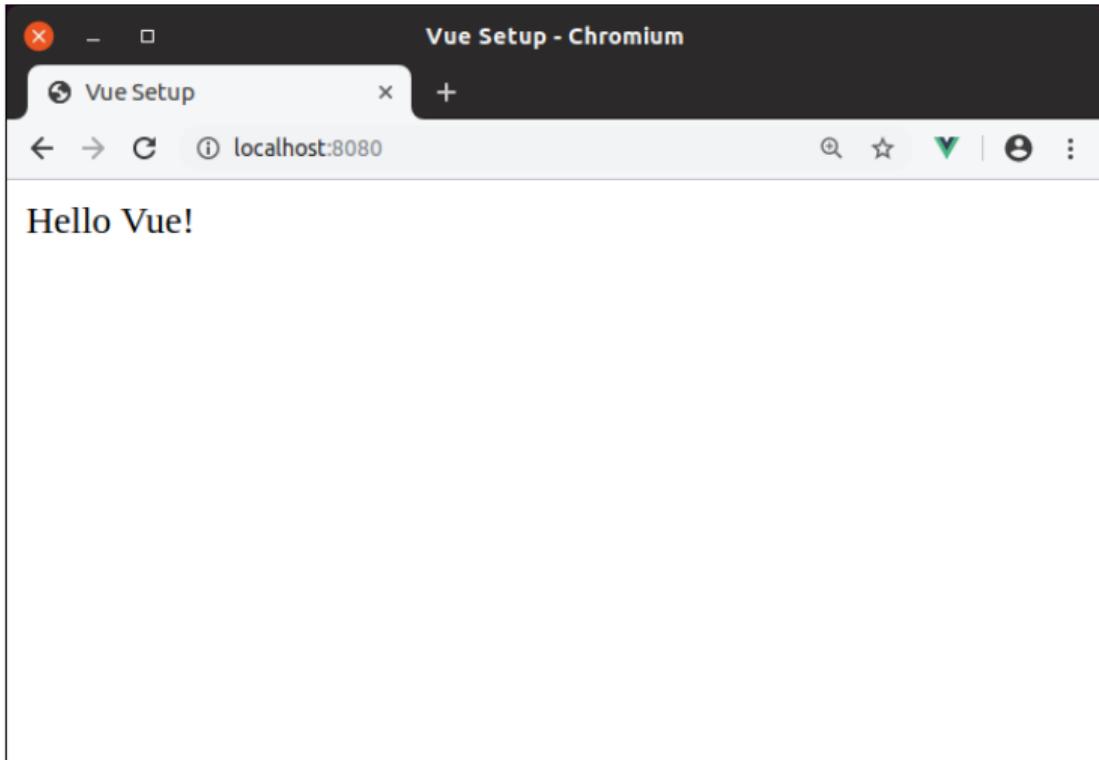


Figure 4: Minimal Example



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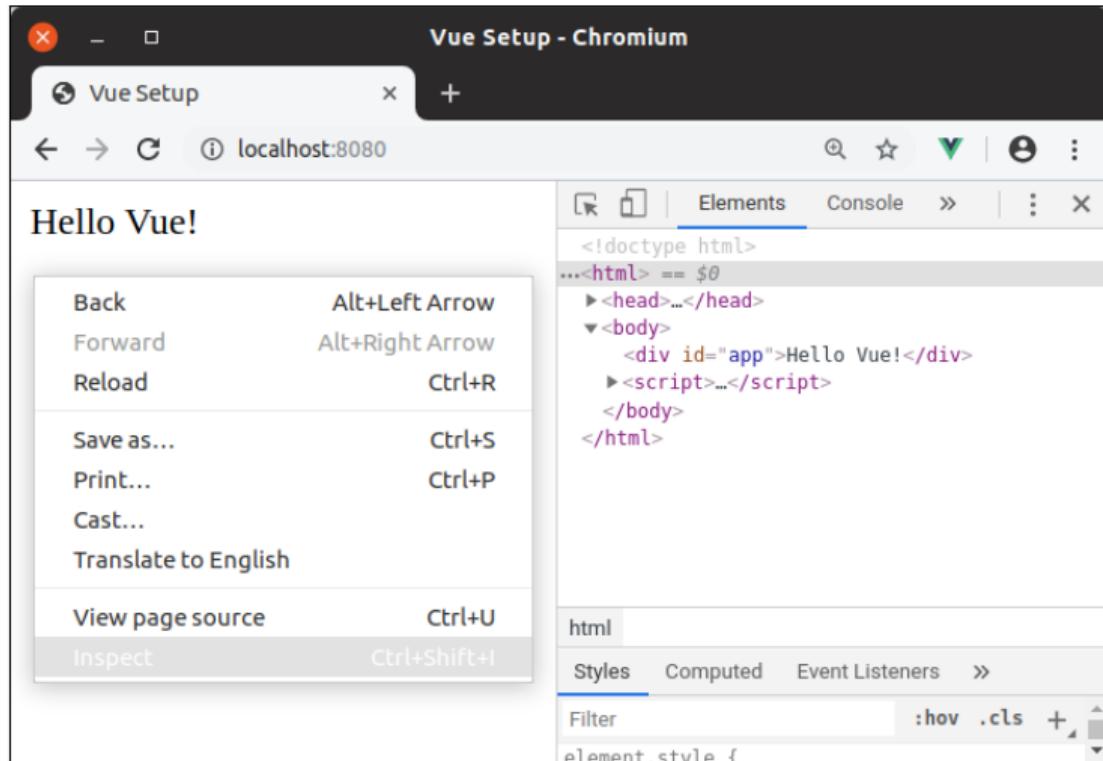


Figure 5: Chromium Developer Tools



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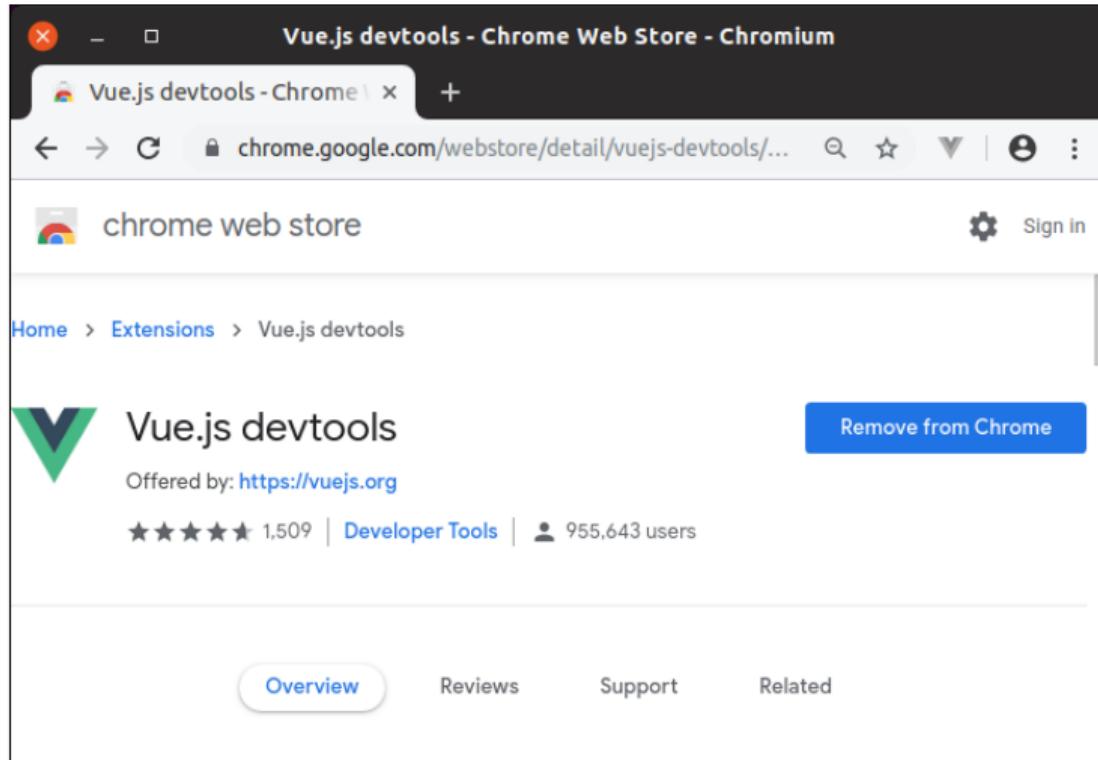


Figure 6: Chrome Vue.js Devtools



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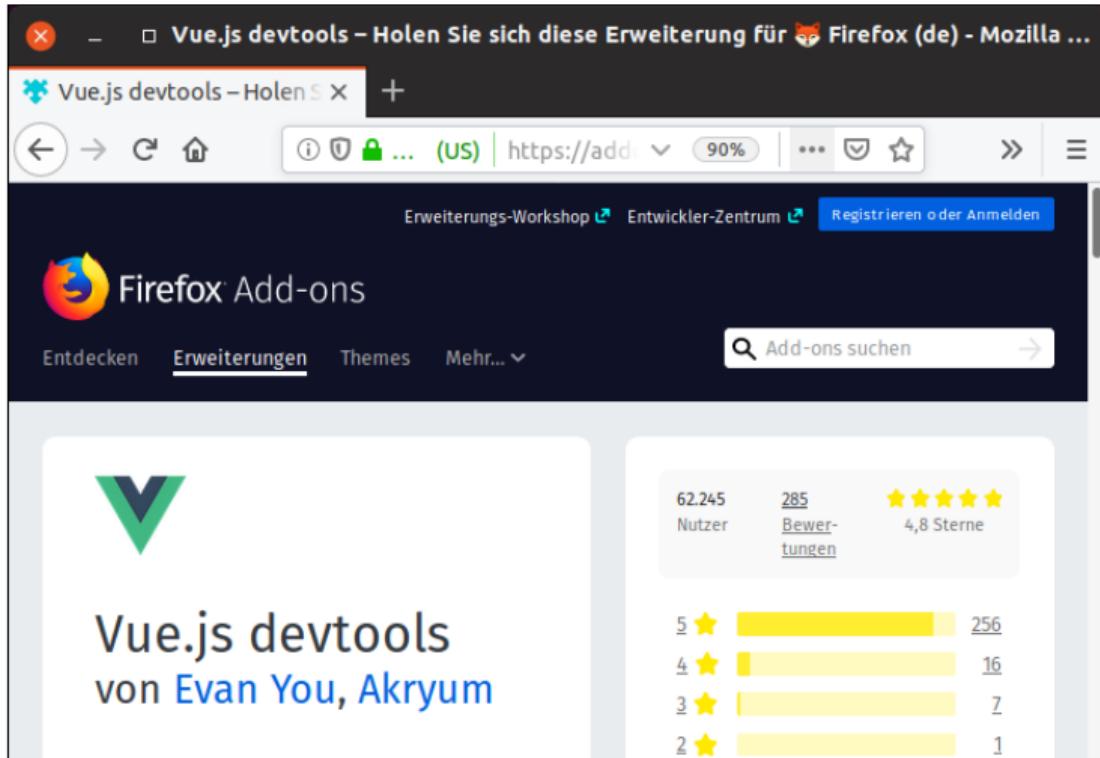


Figure 7: Firefox Vue.js Devtools



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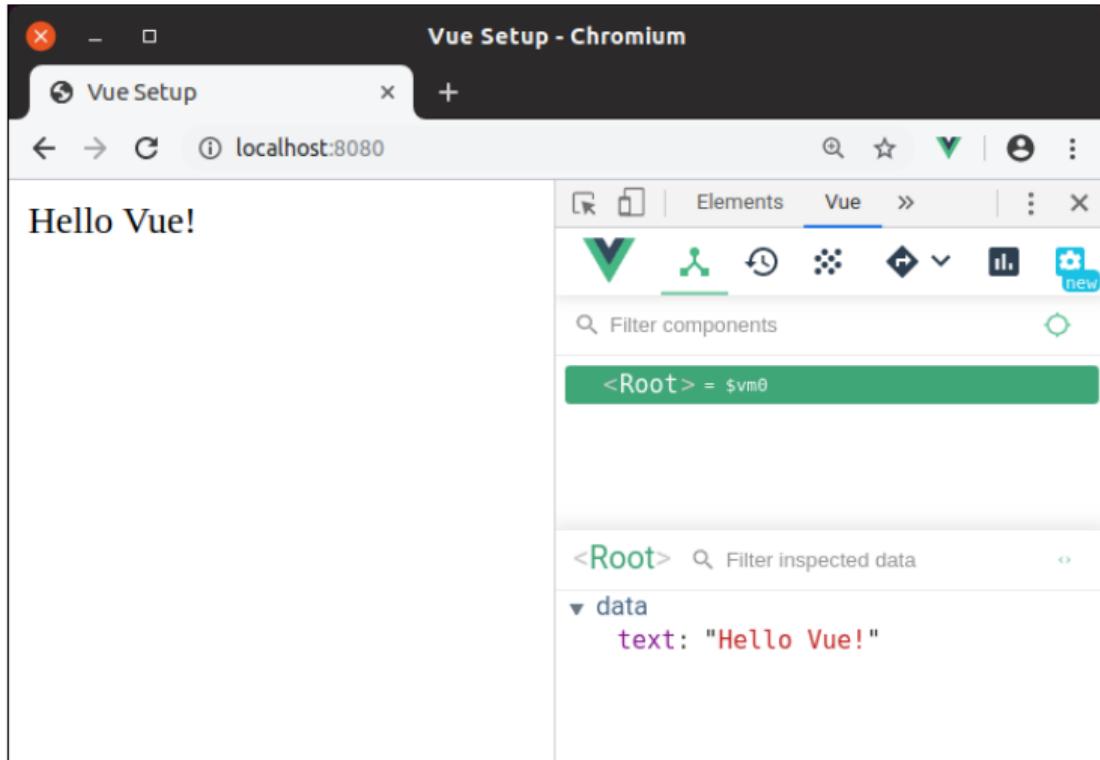


Figure 8: Chrome Vue.js Devtools - Tab



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Vue - HTTP Server

```
1 $~ node -v  
2 v10.16.3  
3 $~ npm -v  
4 6.9.0  
5 $~ npm install -g http-server  
6 + http-server@0.11.1  
7 added 26 packages from 28 contributors in 6.096s
```

Listing 4: Install `npm` module `http-server`



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Vue - HTTP Server



```
1 $~ ls
2 Desktop Downloads Pictures Public Videos
3 Documents Music project Templates
4 $~ http-server project/
5 Starting up http-server, serving project/
6 Available on:
7   http://127.0.0.1:8080
8 Hit CTRL-C to stop the server
9 $~/project http-server .
10 Starting up http-server, serving .
11 Available on:
12   http://127.0.0.1:8080
13 Hit CTRL-C to stop the server
```

Listing 5: Host directory with http-server

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Vue - Reactivity

Vue enables to declaratively render data to the **DOM** using *template syntax*.

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3    <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8" />
5      <title>Vue Setup</title>
6      <script src="https://vuejs.org/js/vue.js"></script>
7    </head>
8    <body>
9      <div id="app">
10        <p>{{ text }}</p>
11      </div>
12    </body>
13    <script>
14      new Vue({
15        el: "#app",
16        data: {
17          text: "Hello Vue!"
18        }
19      });
20    </script>
21  </html>
```

Listing 6: DOM reactivity.



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Even though, the example is pretty simple and straightforward, Vue does a lot of work in the background. Vue's `data` property and the `DOM` are now linked together, which results in immediate updates of the `DOM` when changing the used properties.

To test the *reactivity* of our application, we can save a reference to our Vue instance and change the property manually using the browser's console.

```
13 <script>  
14   const app = new Vue({  
15     el: "#app",  
16     data: {  
17       text: "Hello Vue!"  
18     }  
19   });  
20 </script>
```

Listing 7: Saving a reference to the Vue instance.



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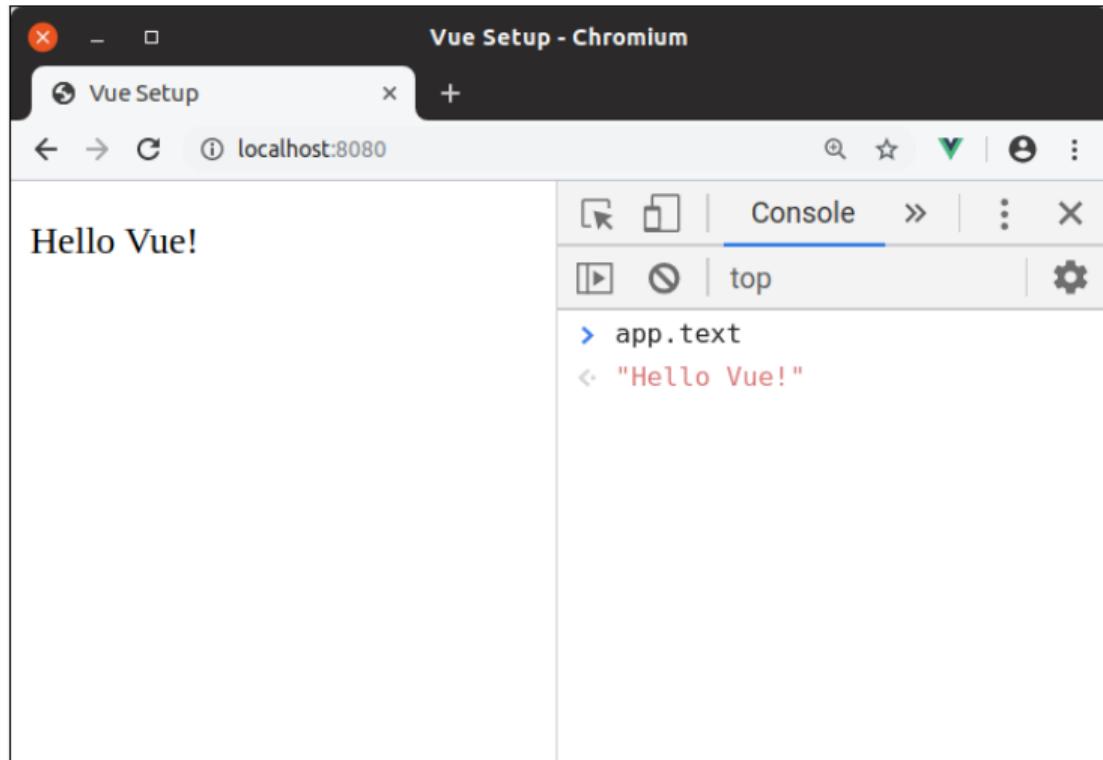


Figure 9: Changing properties of the Vue instance.



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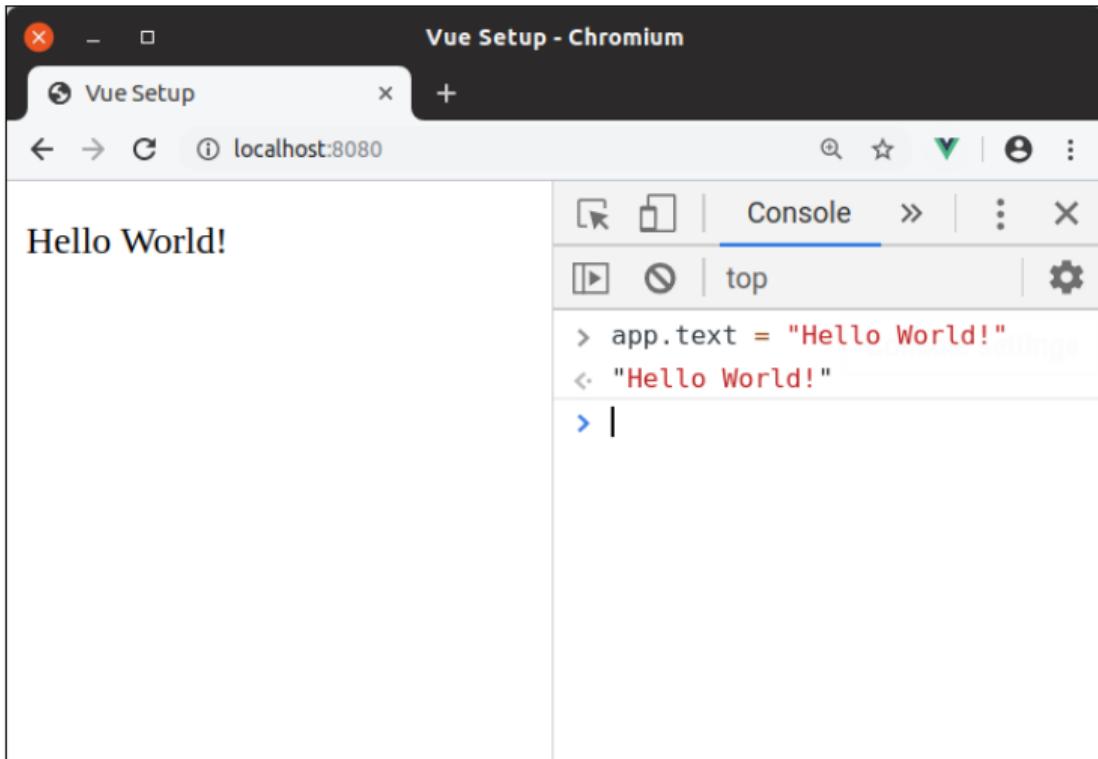


Figure 9: Changing properties of the Vue instance.



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Vue - Data Property



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Acronyms I



CSS Cascading Stylesheets

DOM Document Object Model

HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol

JSON JavaScript Object Notation

npm Node Package Manager

PRC People's Republic of China

U.S. United States

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