

How and why JSX syntax works?

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What is JSX?

“JSX is an XML-like syntax extension to ECMAScript without any defined semantics¹”.

— facebook/jsx

¹syntactic sugar

What is JSX?

“It’s NOT intended to be implemented by engines or browsers”.

— [facebook/jsx](#)

Generated code

```
1 <div />
2
3 <div a={b} />
4
5 <div>a</div>
6
7 <Div />
```

```
1 React.createElement("div", null);
2
3 React.createElement("div", { a: b });
4
5 React.createElement("div", null, "a");
6
7 React.createElement(Div, null);
```

React.createElement = f(nodeName, attributes, ...args)

```
1 import React from "React";  
2  
3 <div />
```

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1 import React from "React";  
2  
3 React.createElement("div", null);
```

Pragma

```
1 /** @jsx h */  
2  
3 <div />
```

```
1 /** @jsx h */  
2  
3 h("div", null);
```

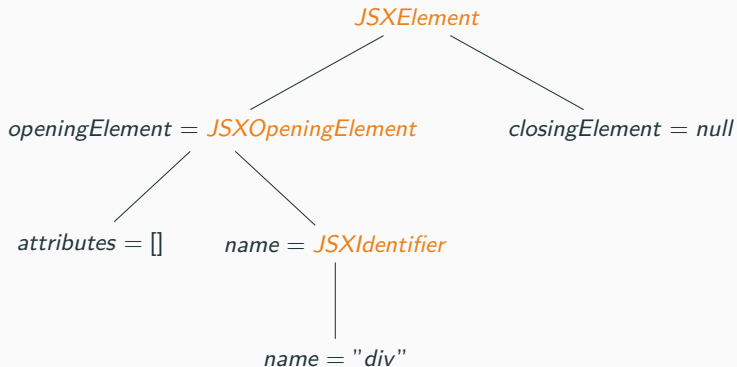
@babel/plugin-syntax-jsx²

Allow parsing of JSX syntax.

²<https://github.com/babel/babel/tree/master/packages/babel-plugin-syntax-jsx>

AST representation

1 `<div />`



JSXElement \rightarrow *CallExpression*³

JSXAttribute \rightarrow *ObjectExpression*

Children of *JSXElement* \star \rightarrow *arguments*

³React.createElement