So, you want to be a hacker? A Waste? Let the World and Lies GRACE you with wisdom. Okay.

Obviously, some light spoilers for jR's branch of Zampanio fanworks. Proceed at your own risk.

(Disclaimer: I recommend exploring areas without doing this first, but do as you will. Remember, there's no wrong way to experience something!)
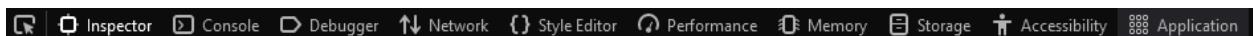
The Basics:

Your best friend is the developer console in your browser of choice. For this, I'll presume you're using firefox or chrome. Firefox may break some parts of some easter eggs or Zampanio pages though. Google sucks though, so…pick whatever you want.

Moving on, let's start with a site.

http://www.farragofiction.com/ZampanioSim/

This is where we begin. The F12 key, near the top row of most keyboards, or the FN key near the bottom of many laptop keyboards and the F12 key at the same time should open up the developer menu for your browser. Likely into the 'Console'. If you right click anywhere on the page and then left click on 'Inspect', you also open the developer menu into 'Elements' on Chrome or 'Inspector on Firefox.

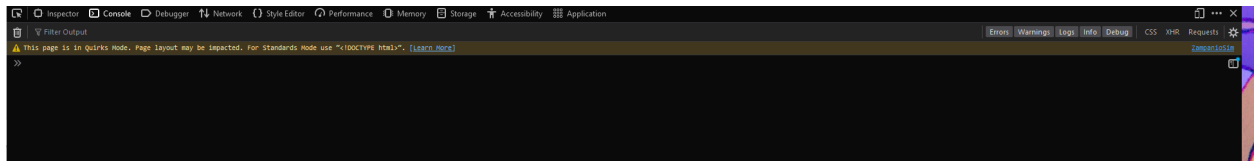Firefox Developer tabs

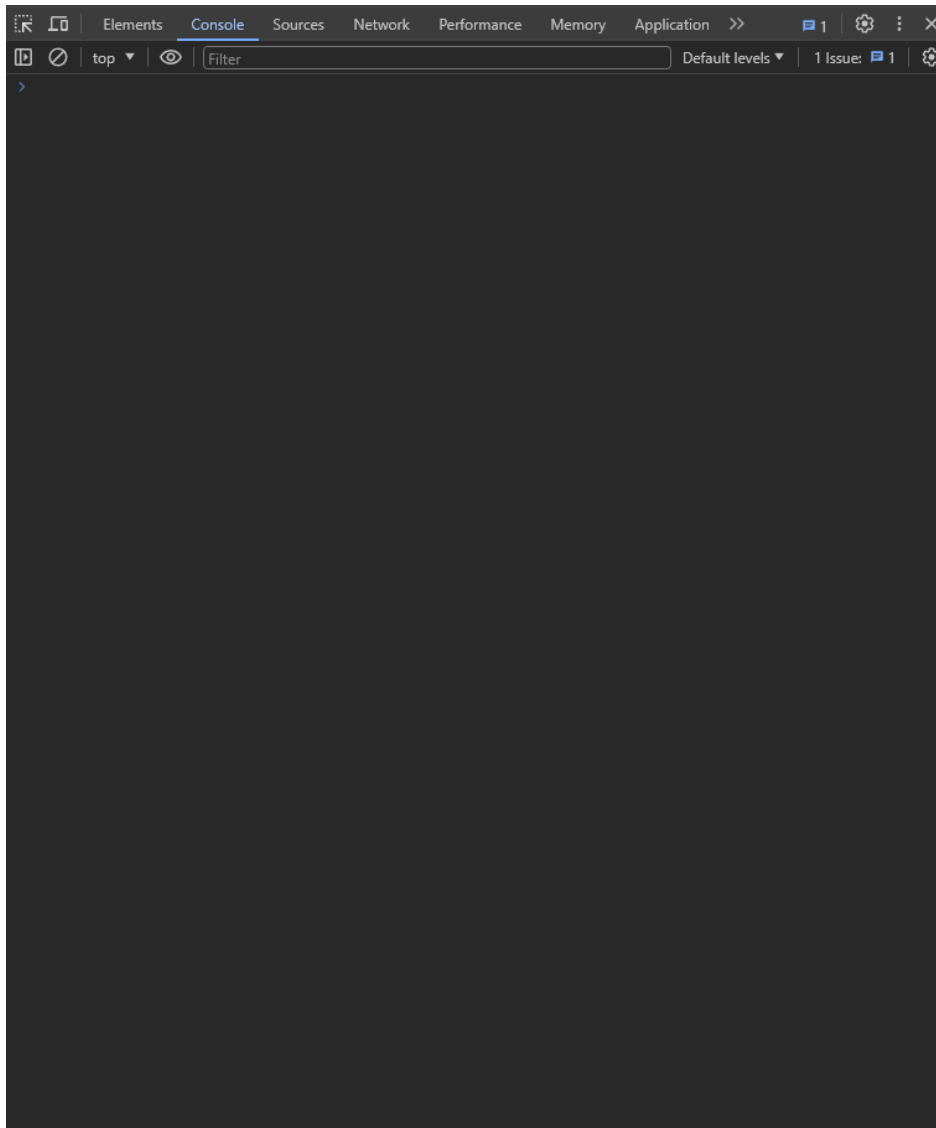Chrome Developer Tabs

The Console:

The Console can be used in various ways. If you understand javaScript, you can even do some fun tricks with this. A few of jR's works incorporate the console explicitly, or provide commentary/output to the console. It is never a bad idea to check the console while you wander. You use the console by entering text into the box and pressing 'Enter' or 'Return' into your

keyboard. If nothing seems to show up, try clicking into the box. There should be some sort of small arrow you can see to indicate the right one.

Firefox:

Chrome:

Inspection or Elements:

If you right click anywhere on the page and then left click on 'Inspect', you also open the developer menu. When in an inspection menu, you can scroll across a list of the HTML elements of a page. There are arrows to click on to collapse or expand details of nested elements.

HTML is a programming language that forms the skeleton of a website. You can read more about it at the link at the end of this paragraph, if you want. You do not need to understand it to see many of the comments and other details hidden in the elements and their contents though. https://www.w3schools.com/html/

Sometimes, some easter eggs expect you to edit parts of the HTML. You can quickly do that in the inspection menu by double clicking on the element or part of the element you want to change. Common tricks include editing something from perhaps id="ThisIsNotAnExample" to id="ThisIsAnExample" or removing a section with something like display: none;

Debugger or Sources:

This menu can be navigated similarly to the Inspection or Elements menu. It allows you to see various connected files. This includes CSS files which help style the webpage, javaScript files that help run the webpage on your computer, and related images or audio.

(e. https://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSim/images)

Not all related files can be found here. You can read into the files if you understand what they do, or just pay attention to the labels, links, and comments. There's a lot of notes in the comments.

A Note About URLs

Another tip, is you can always try editing your url. Try adding a / if it is missing from the end of your url. After that, try adding images, audio, scripts, or other things depending on context. This won't always work! You will often run into a 404 page. Don't worry. This happens. Some other easter eggs play with the URL, or what happens when you direct to somewhere from off website. Watch the changes in your URL as you interact with the page. Try editing it manually.

Storage or Application:

This has information about cookies here. You can use this to mess with data the site keeps on your computer to track your progress across pages or on the page. I'll add more tips later. Be

careful and back up before you tweak this. You can break a page's intended function by doing this and will have to start fresh.