webpack:
One Build Step To Rule Them All

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webpack/webpack
A bundler for javascript and friends. Packs many modules into a few bundled assets. Code Splitting allows to load parts for the application on demand. Through "loaders," modules can be CommonJs, AM...
★ 18,558 JavaScript

angular/angular-cli
CLI tool for Angular2
★ 3,627 TypeScript

angular-starter-es6-webpack
This is an Angular Starter App with component and service generators using gulp for easy component development. Uses Karma-Mocha-Chai as testing suite and Babel Loader and Webpack for ES6
★ 57 JavaScript

angular2-template-loader
Chain-to loader for webpack that inlines all html and style's in angular2 components.
★ 44 JavaScript

webpack-developer-kit
webpack dev kit for writing custom plugins and loaders on the fly. Education/Exploration tool as well.
★ 29 JavaScript

V8LazyParseWebpackPlugin
(v8-lazy-parse-webpack-plugin) This is a webpack plugin designed to exploit the V8 engines treatment of functions with parens wrapped around them. This lazy loads the parsing decreasing initial loa...
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596 contributions in the last year

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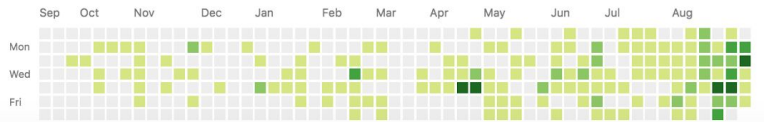

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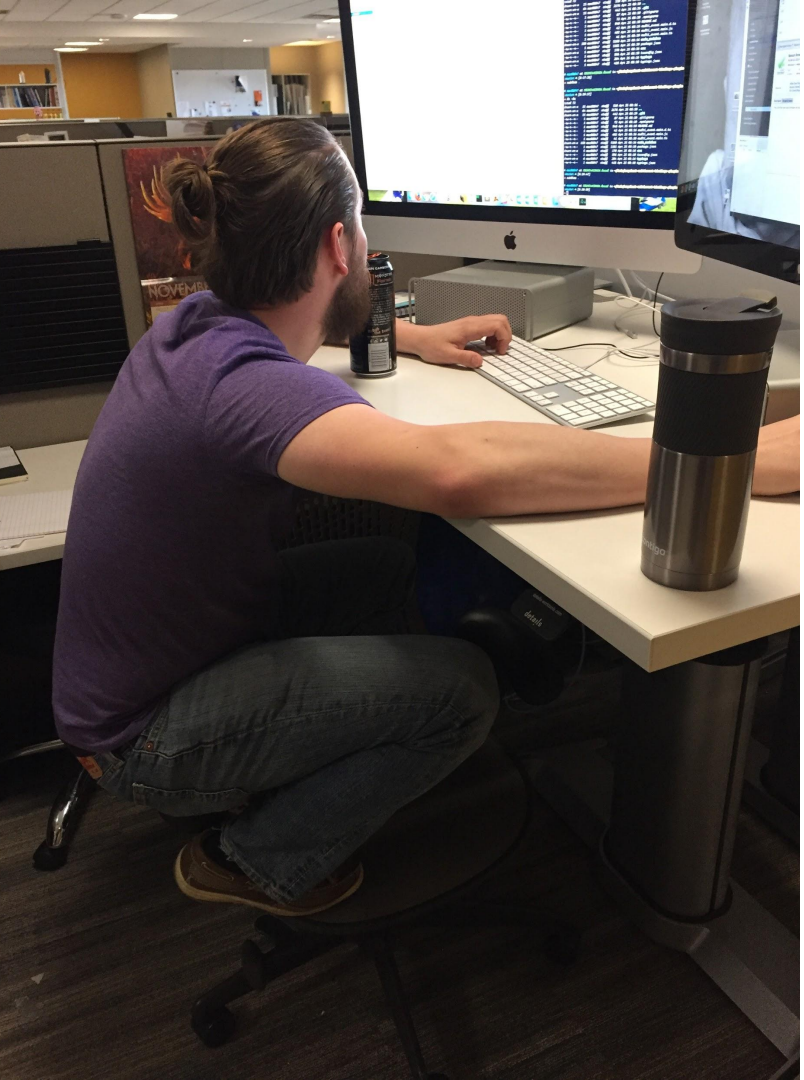

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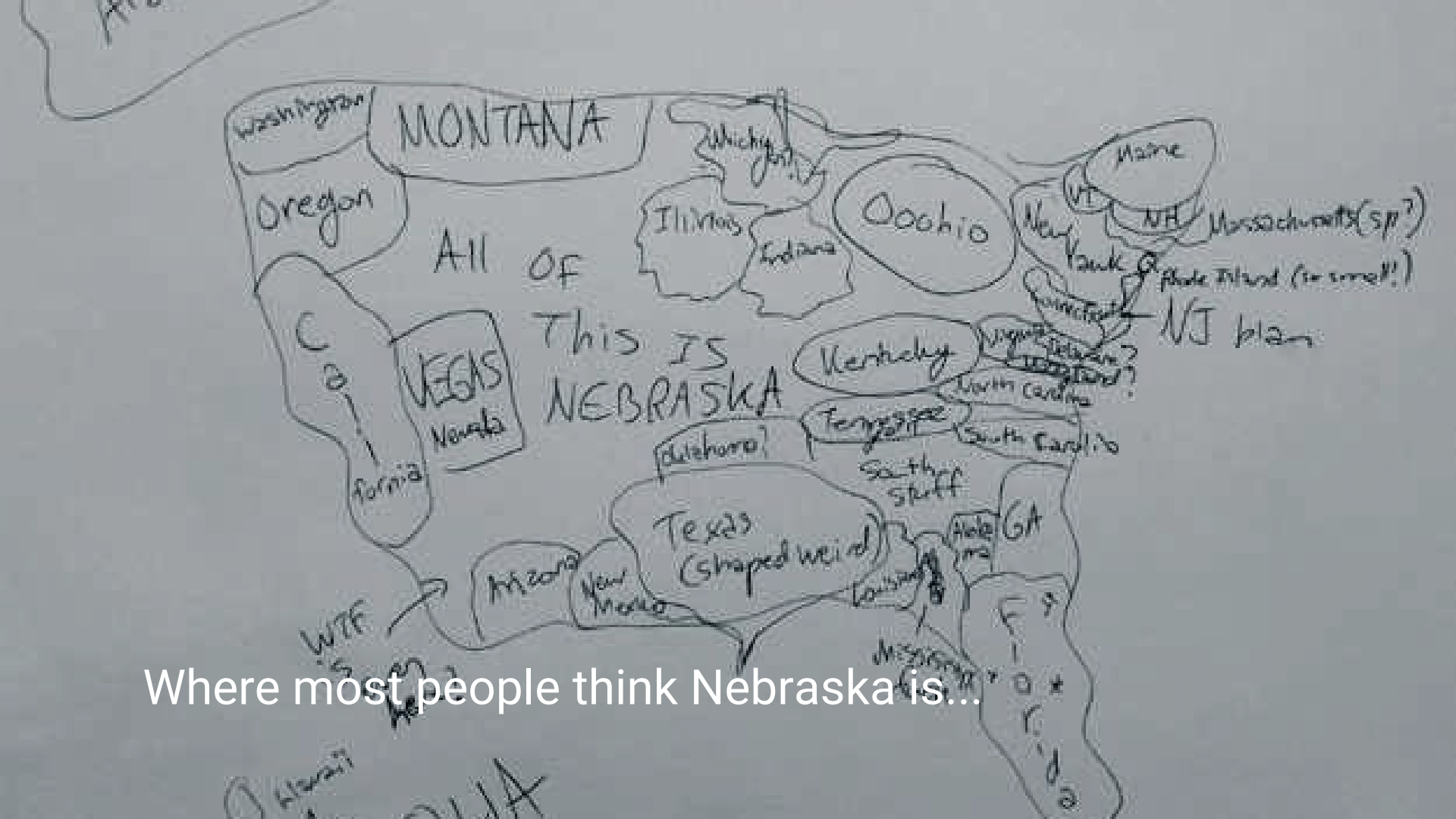

Where most people think Nebraska is...

Where Nebraska really is...

Background

Former Tech Support Rep. gone rogue turned Software Engineer / Web Developer who got tired of never being able to really help the customer he served.

Written in...

Languages: Ruby, Objective-C, Swift, Javascript.

Also...

Woodworker, chicken farmer, IoT.

Objective

C-Programming

JS

Projects

webpack core team

angular-cli core team

Recommended by you, Tomas Trajan, and 363 others

Tobias Koppers
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webpack: It's getting real

You might have noticed things have changed a bit in the past month. GitHub issues are plastered with more than just "question" or "bug". Or you might have noticed that there's a new repository for meeting notes. Or that some guy from Nebraska is overtaking your twitter feed about webpack beta releases.

https://twitter.com/TheLarkInn/status/748126638286594048

Or maybe you are just discovering webpack, and we're excited to hear that! Because thanks to you, *things are getting real.*

Introducing the Core Team

Let me introduce you the webpack core team:

Graphic from Kent Dodds and Javascript Air website

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Github - Medium - Codepen - Stack Overflow - LinkedIn - Twitter

“Watching @TheLarkInn @qconsf teach me about #webpack has changed my life. #webpackAllTheThings”

ASK ME ANYTHING

http://github.com/thelarkinn/ama

JavaScript Modules

Qualities of JavaScript Modules:

Don’t pollute global scope

Reusable

Encapsulated

Organized

Convenient

How to use them?

Script Tag

Global Variable

Namespace (require/import)

What they look like...

CommonJS

```
//loading module
var _ = require('lodash');

//declaring module
module.exports = someValue;
```

AMD

```
define('myAwesomeLib', ['lodash',
'someDep'],
   function (_, someDep) {
      return { … }
   }
);
```

AMD + CommonJS

```
define( function(require, exports, module) {
   var _ = require('lodash');

   //..do things
   module.exports = someLib;
});
```

ES2015/TypeScript

```
import {Component} from ‘angular2/core’

@Component({
  selector:’info’
})
export class InfoComponent{}
```

So let’s talk about making them work together…

...for the browser.

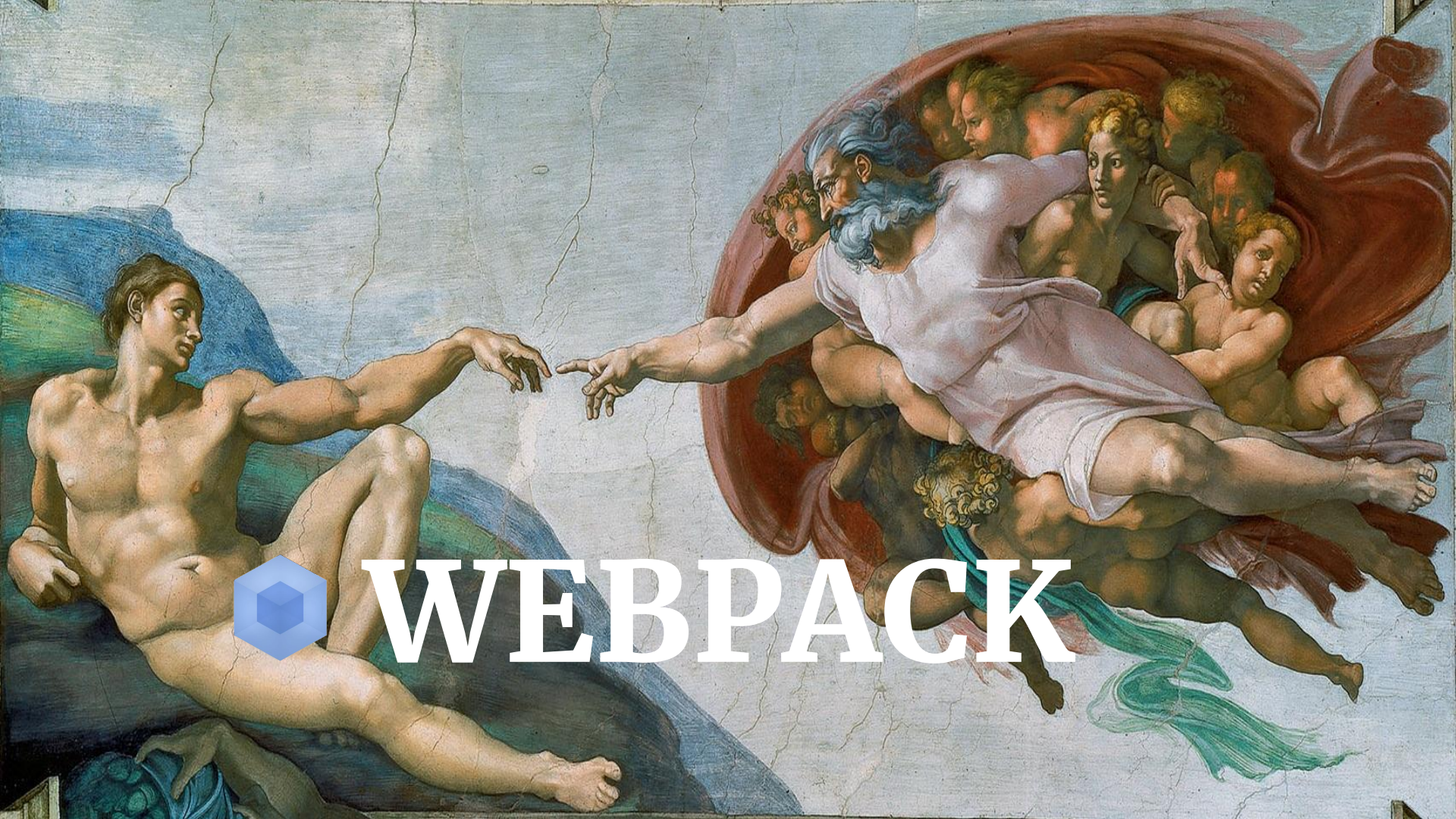
Every library is different...

And has their own loading requirements…
And their own module “shape”...
And their own way of using them in the “browser”

And this is just for JavaScript...

Each and every other filetype until now has had to have specific ways to process it.

Wouldn’t it be nice...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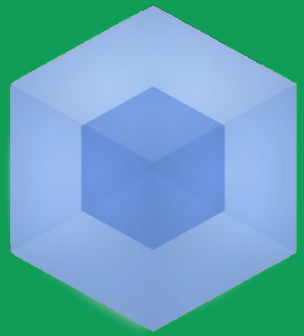


Webpack is a module **bundler** and *not a task runner*.

Every asset is a dependency of another (js, css, html, jpg, icon, svg, etc...).

Static build tool (NOT A MODULE LOADER)!

But how?

Webpack - How to use it?

webpack.config.js

Yes, its a module too!!!

```
module.exports = {
  entry: {
    vendor: './src/vendors.ts',
    main: './src/main.browser.ts'
  },
  output: {
      path: 'dist/',
      filename: '[name].bundle.js',
      sourceMapFilename: '[name].map',
      chunkFilename: '[id].chunk.js'
  },
  resolve: {
    extensions: ['.ts', '.js'],
    modules: ['node_modules']
  },
  module: {
      {
        enforce: 'pre'
        test: /\.js$/,
        loader: 'source-map-loader',
        exclude: [
          // these packages have problems with their sourcemaps
          root('node_modules/rxjs')
        ]
      }

    ],
    loaders: [
```

Webpack - How to use it?

Webpack CLI

```
$> webpack <entry.js>
<result.js> --colors
    --progress

$> webpack-dev-server
    --port=9000
```

Webpack - How to use it?

Node API

```
var webpack = require("webpack");

// returns a Compiler instance
webpack({
    // configuration object here!
}, function(err, stats) {
   // …
   // compilerCallback
   console.error(err);
});
```

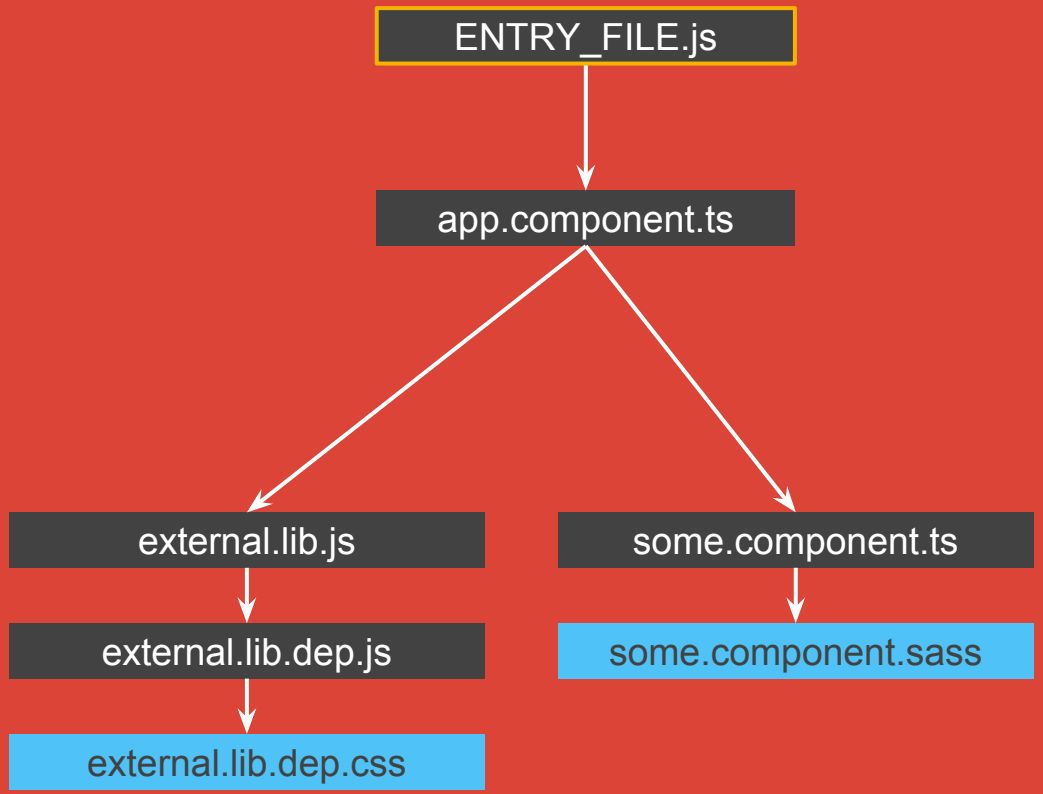
The Core Concepts

Entry

The Core Concepts: Entry

The “contextual root” of your application.

The first javascript file to load to “kick-off” your app in the browser.



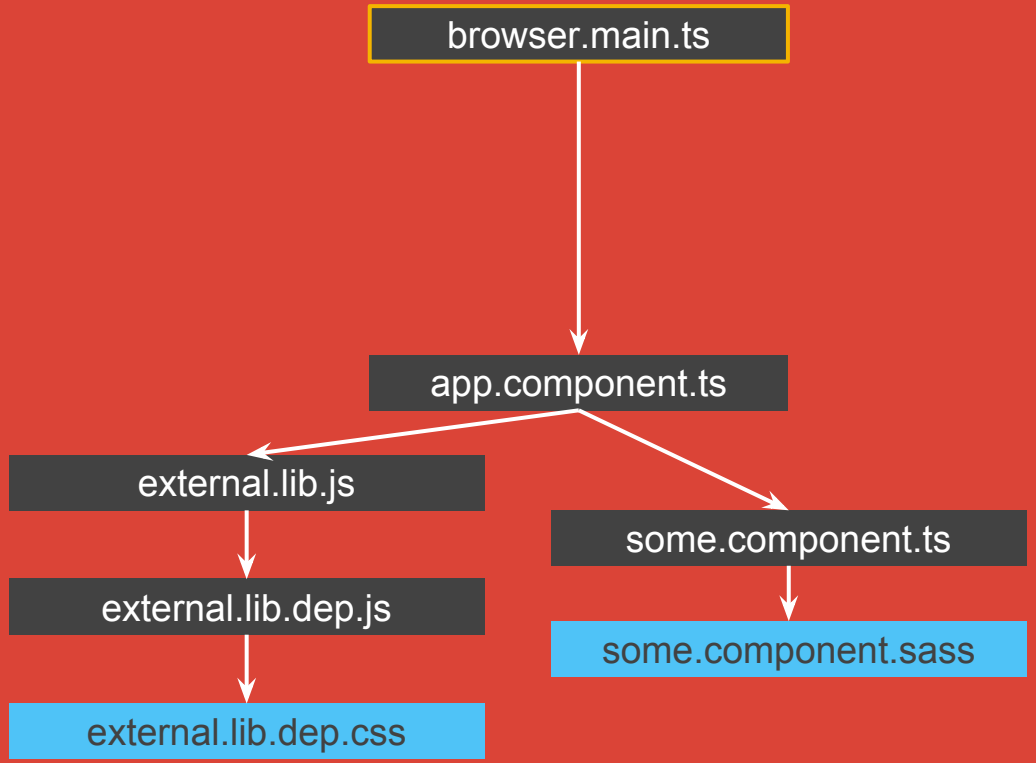
The Core Concepts: Entry

```
//webpack.config.js
module.exports = {
  entry: ‘./browser.main.ts’,
  //...
}

//browser.main.ts
import {
  Component
} from ‘@angular/core’;

import {
  App
} from ‘./app.component’;
bootstrap(App,[]);

//app.component.ts
@Component({...})
export class App {};
```



The Core Concepts: Entry

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  entry: './browser.main.ts',
  //...
}

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import {App} from
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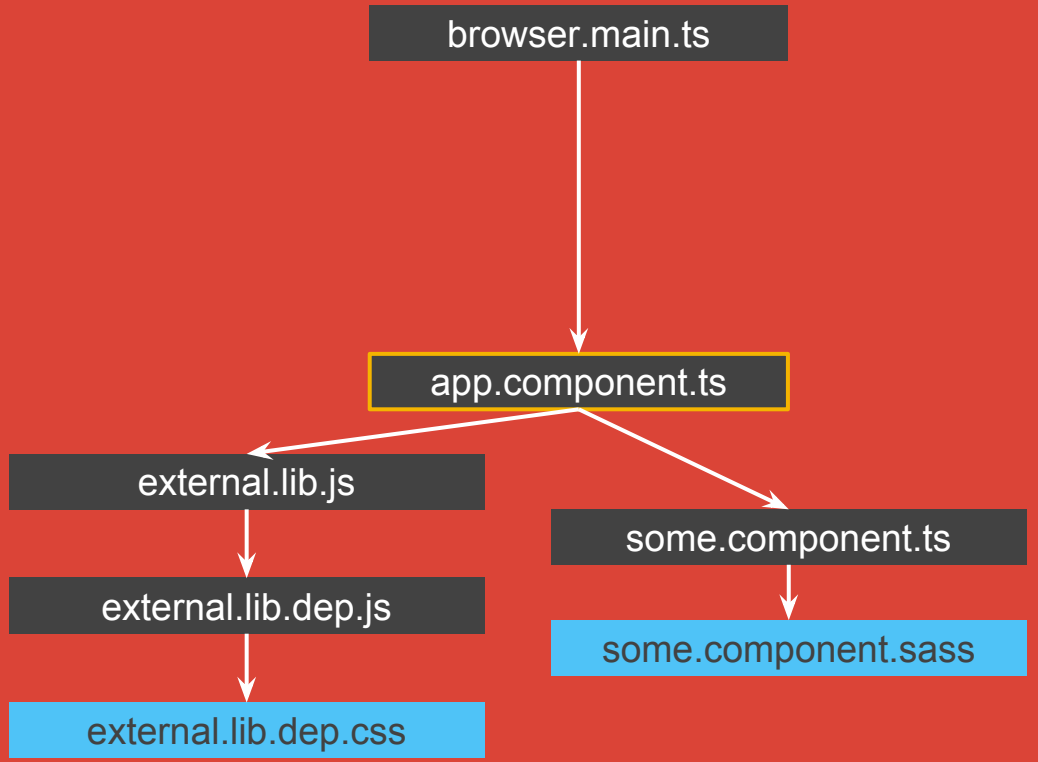
bootstrap(App,[]);

//app.component.ts
@Component({...})
export class App {};
```



The Core Concepts

Entry

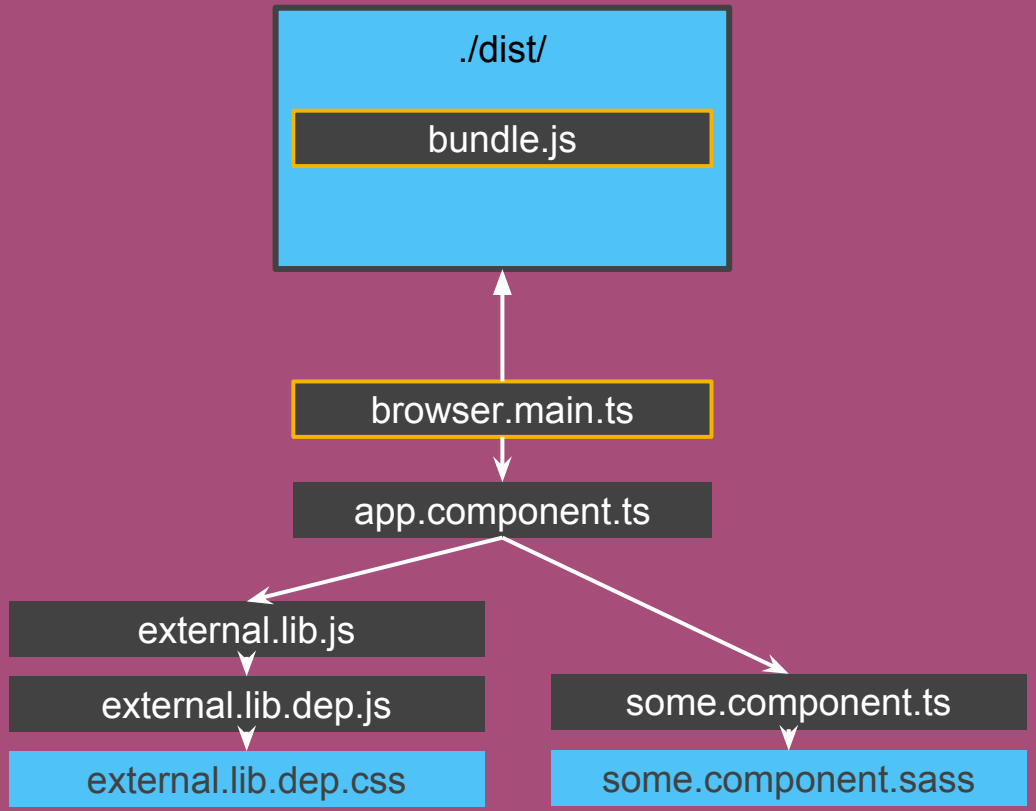
Tells webpack ***WHAT*** (files) to load for the browser; Compliments the *Output* property.

Output

The Core Concepts: Output

```
//webpack.config.js
module.exports = {
  entry: './browser.main.ts',
  output: {
    path: './dist',
    filename: './bundle.js',
  },
  //...
}

//Generates bundle.js
```



The Core Concepts

Entry

Output

Tells Webpack WHERE and HOW to distribute bundles (compilations). Works with Entry.

Loaders

The Core Concepts: Loaders

Tells webpack how to load files in your content base.

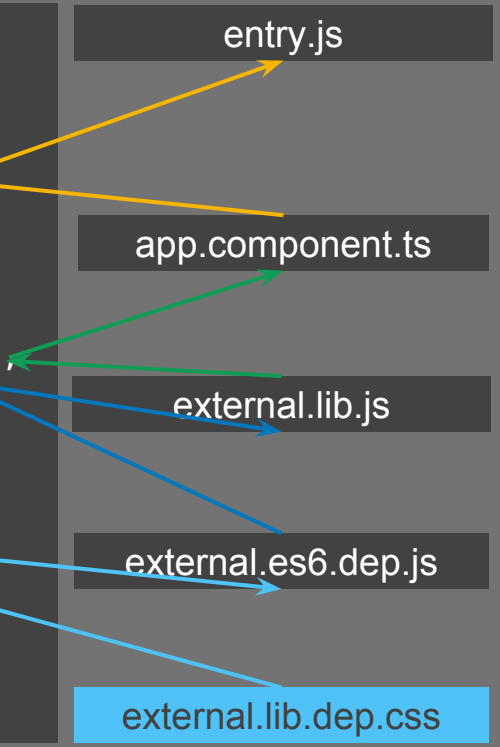
Loaders are also javascript modules (*function*) that takes the source file, and returns it in a ‘loaded’ [modified] state.

```
module: {
  loaders: [

    {test: /\.ts$/, loader: ‘ts’},


    {test: /\.js$/, loader: ‘babel’},


    {test: /\.css$/, loader: ‘css’}
  ],
}
```



The Core Concepts: Loaders

```
module: {
  preLoaders:[], //lint
  loaders: [
    {
      test: regex,
      loader: string,
      loaders: Array<string>,
      include: Array<regex>,
      exclude: Array<regex>,
    },
  ],
  postLoaders:[] //coverage, docs, etc.
}
```

test

A *regular expression* that instructs the compiler which files to run the loader against.

loader

A *string* of the loader names you want to run.

loaders

An *array of strings* representing the modules you want to run. If using *'loader'*, provide a *string* of multiple loaders separated by '!'.

IE: 'style!css!less`

The Core Concepts: Loaders

```
module: {
  preLoaders:[], //lint
  loaders: [
    {
      test: /\.ts$/,
      loader: string,
      loaders: [
        'awesome-typescript-loader',
        'ng2-asset-loader`
      ],
      include: /some_dir_name/,
      exclude: [/\.(spec|e2e)\.ts$/],
    },
  ],
  postLoaders:[] //coverage, docs, etc.
}
```

include

An *array of regular expression* that instruct the compiler which folders/files to include. *Will only search paths provided with the include.*

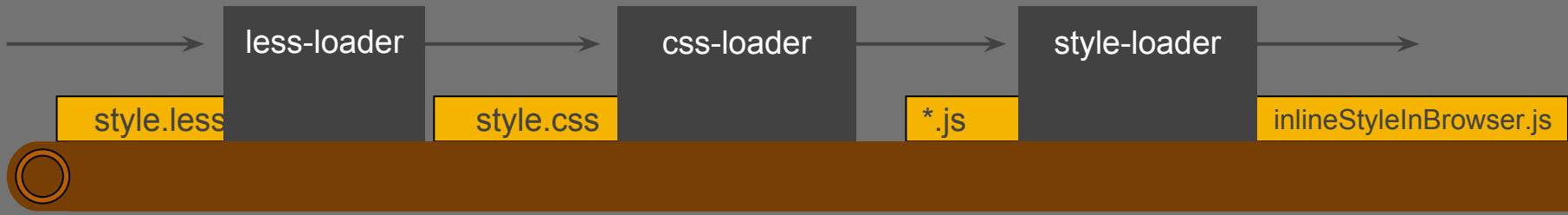
exclude

An *array of regular expression* that instructs the compiler which folders/files to ignore.

The Core Concepts: Loaders

Chaining Loaders

```
loaders: [
  { test: /\.less$/, loader:'style!css!less' },
  { test: /\.less$/,
    loaders:['style', 'css', less']}
]
```



The Core Concepts: Loaders

json, hson, raw, val, to-string, imports, exports, expose, script, apply, callback, ifdef-loader, source-map, sourceMappingURL, checksum, cowsay, dsv, glsl, glsl-template, render-placement, xml, svg-react, svg-url, svg-as-symbol, symbol, base64, ng-annotate, node, required, icons, markup-inline, block-loader, bundler-configuration, console, solc, .sol, web3, includes, combine, regexp-replace, file, url, extract, worker, shared-worker, serviceworker, bundle, require.ensure, promise, async-module, bundle, require.ensure, react-proxy, react-hot, image, file, url, img, base64-image, responsive, srcset, svgo, svg-sprite, symbol, svg-fill, fill, line-art, baggage, polymer, uglify, html-minify, vue, tojson, zip-it, file, lzstring, modernizr, s3, path-replace, react-intl, require.ensure, font-subset, w3c-manifest, web-app-manifest, manifest-scope, coffee, coffee-jsx, coffee-redux, json5, es6, esnext, babel, regenerator, livescript, sweetjs, traceur, ts, typescript, awesome-typescript, webpack-typescript, purs, oj, elm-webpack, miel, wisp, sibilant, ion, html, dom, riot, pug, jade-html, jade-react, virtual-jade, virtual-dom, template-html, handlebars, handlebars-template-loader, dust, ractive, jsx, react-templates, em, ejs, ejs-html, mustache, yaml, yml, react-markdown, front-matter, markdown, remarkable, markdown-it, markdownattrs, ng-cache, ngtemplate, hamlc, haml, jinja, nunjucks, soy, smarty, swagger, template-string, ect, tmodjs, layout, swig, twig, mjml-, bootstrap-webpack, font-awesome-webpack, bootstrap-sass, bootstrap, bootstrap, font-awesome, style, isomorphic-style, style-loader, css, cess, less, sass, stylus, csso, rework, postcss, autoprefixer, namespace-css, fontgen, classnames, theo, bulma, css-to-string, css-loader, po, po2mo, format-message, jsxlate, angular-gettext, json, angular-gettext, webpack-angular-translate, angular-gettext-extract, .pot, gettext, preprocessor, amdi18n-loader, .json, .js, .coffee, sprockets-preloader, properties, transifex, mocha, coverjs, istanbul-instrumenter, ibrik-instrumenter, eslint, jshint, jscs, standard, inject, transform, falafel, image-size, csslint, coffeelint, tslint, parker, sjsp, amdcheck, manifest, gulp-rev, html-test, stylelint, stylefmt, scsslint, htmlhint, documentation, sassdoc, performance-loader

The Core Concepts

Entry

Output

Loaders

Tells Webpack HOW to interpret and translate files. They return *compilations*.

Plugins

The Core Concepts: Plugins

ES5 Classes

Apply functionality at the *compilation* level.

A *compilation* is a bundle of files processed by the webpack compiler. (Processed via loaders).

Webpack has a variety of built in plugins.

The Core Concepts: Plugins

```
function BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin () { }

BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin.prototype.apply = function(compiler) {
  if (typeof(process) !== 'undefined') {

    // Compiler events that are emitted and handled
    compiler.plugin('done', function(stats) {
      if (stats.hasErrors()) {
        process.stderr.write('\x07');
      }
    });

    compiler.plugin('failed', function(err) {
      process.stderr.write('\x07');
    });

  }
}

module.exports = BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin;
```

Basic Plugin Example

A plugin is an ES5 ‘class’ which implements an *apply* function.

The compiler uses it to emit events.

The Core Concepts: Plugins

```
// require() from node_modules or webpack or local file
var BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin = require('bell-on-error');
var webpack = require('webpack');

module.exports = {
  //...
  plugins: [
     new BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin(),

     // Just a few of the built in plugins
     new webpack.optimize.CommonsChunkPlugin('vendors'),
     new webpack.optimize.UglifyJsPlugin()
  ]
  //...
}
```

How to use Plugins

require() plugin from *node_modules* into config.

add ***new instance*** *of plugin to plugins* key in config object.

provide additional info for arguments

CLICK HERE TO SEE THE LIST OF PLUGINS

The Core Concepts: Plugins

5b25024 on Jun 8
TheLarkInn Merge

80% of webpack is made up of its own plugin system

17 contributors

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Raw Blame History

```
1  /*
2          MIT License http://www.opensource.org/licenses/mit-license.php
3          Author Tobias Koppers @sokra
4  */
5  var assign = require("object-assign");
6  var OptionsApply = require("./OptionsApply");
7
8  var LoaderTargetPlugin = require("./LoaderTargetPlugin");
9  var FunctionModulePlugin = require("./FunctionModulePlugin");
10 var EvalDevToolModulePlugin = require("./EvalDevToolModulePlugin");
11 var SourceMapDevToolPlugin = require("./SourceMapDevToolPlugin");
12 var EvalSourceMapDevToolPlugin = require("./EvalSourceMapDevToolPlugin");
13
14 var EntryOptionPlugin = require("./EntryOptionPlugin");
15 var RecordIdsPlugin = require("./RecordIdsPlugin");
```

The Core Concepts

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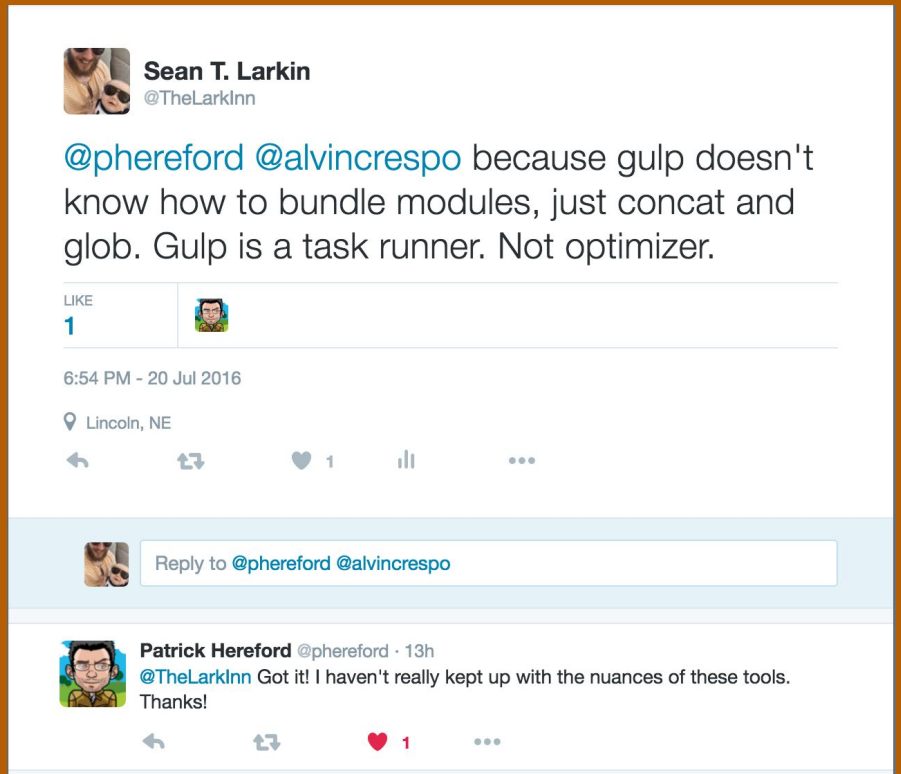
Plugins

Adds additional functionality to *Compilations(optimized bundled modules)*. More powerful w/ more access to CompilerAPI. Does everything else you'd ever want to in webpack.

FAQ: Clear the Air

“Why use Webpack when I have grunt and gulp?

FAQ: Clear the Air



JS

MINIFIERS

LINTERS

COMPILE-TO-JS LANGUAGES

...

CSS

SASS

LESS

UNCSS

POSTCSS

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ASSETS

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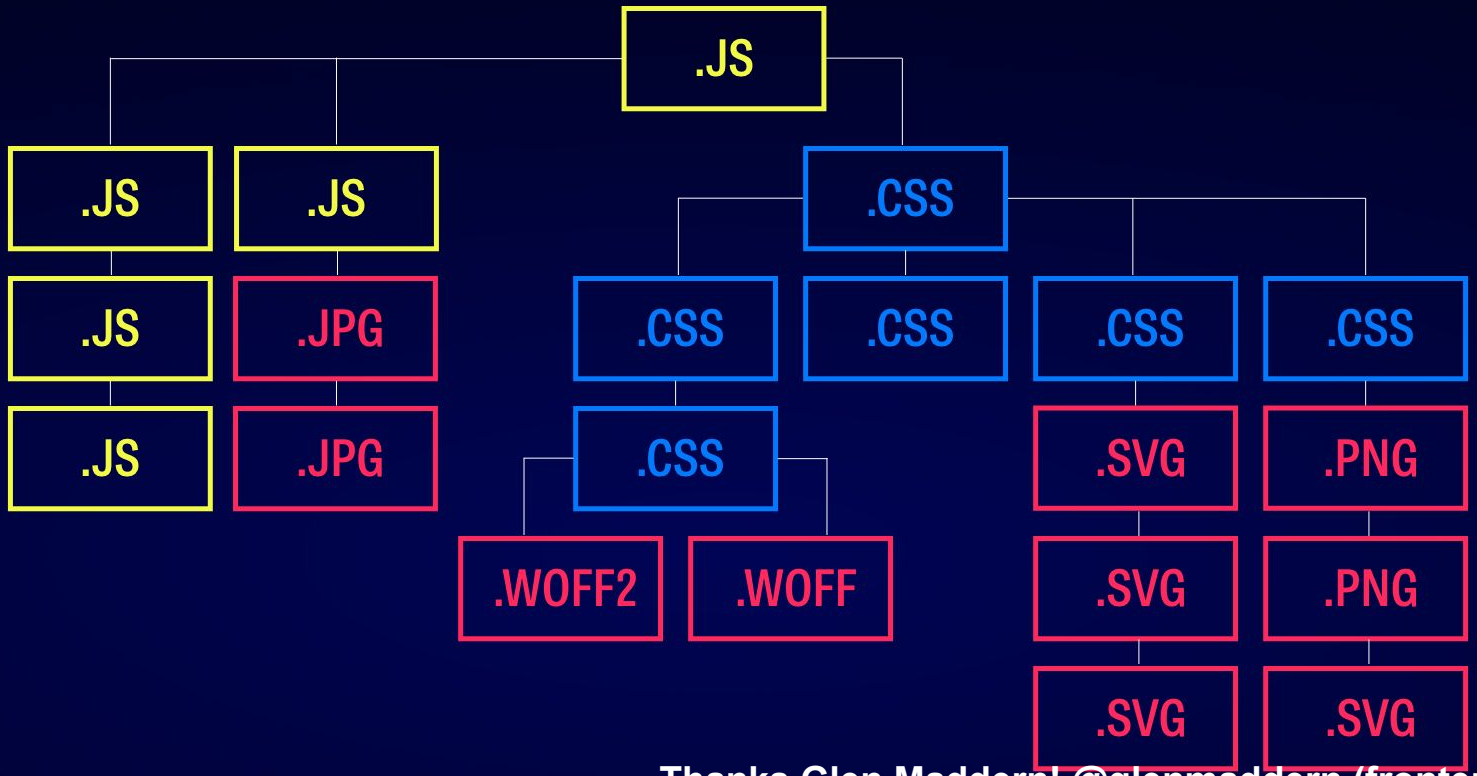

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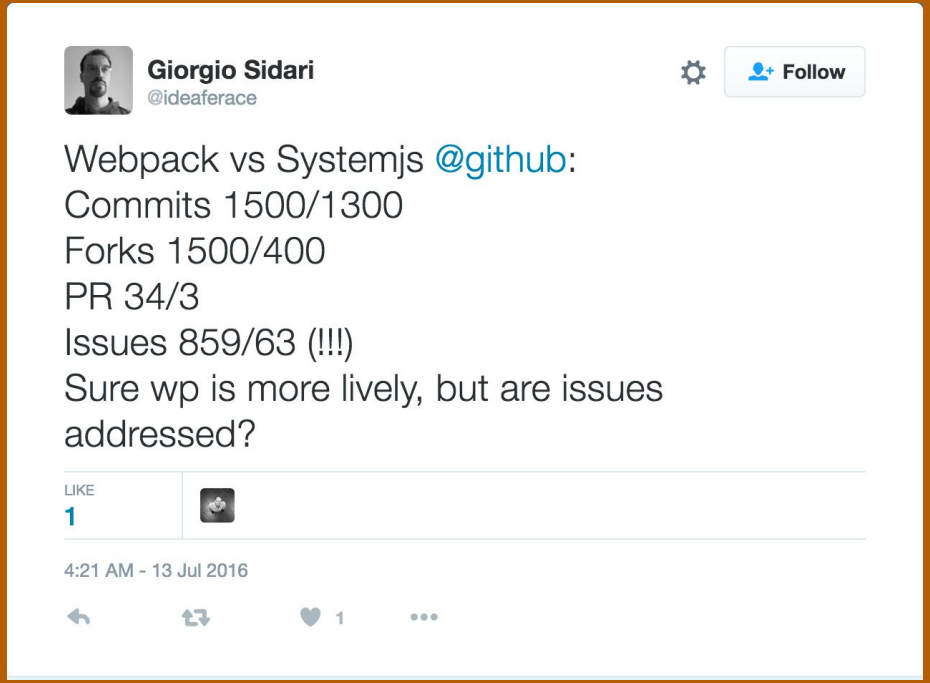
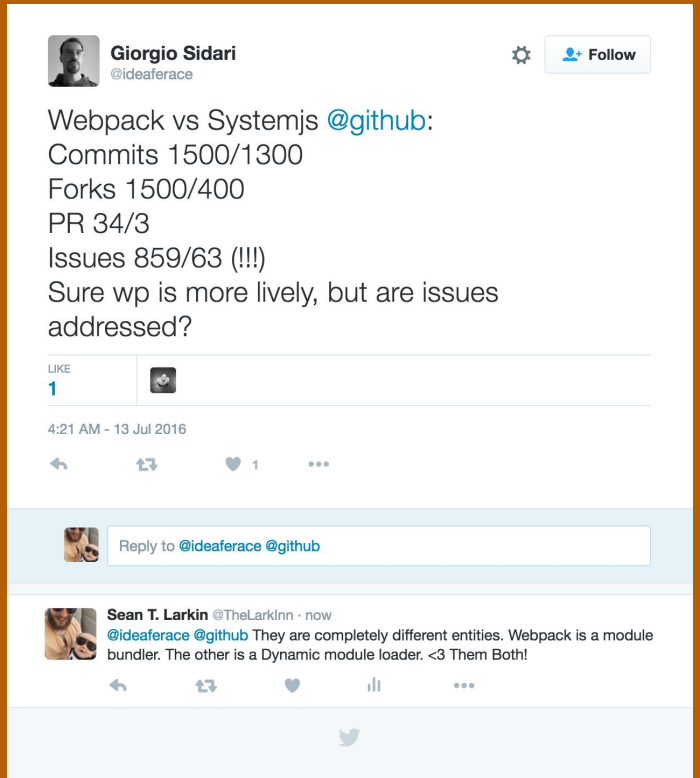
FAQ: Clear the Air

What's better, webpack or SystemJS?



FAQ: Clear the Air

You still need to bundle your code, no server *(even with http2)* can handle the overhead of 500 assets/modules asynchronously being sent to the client.



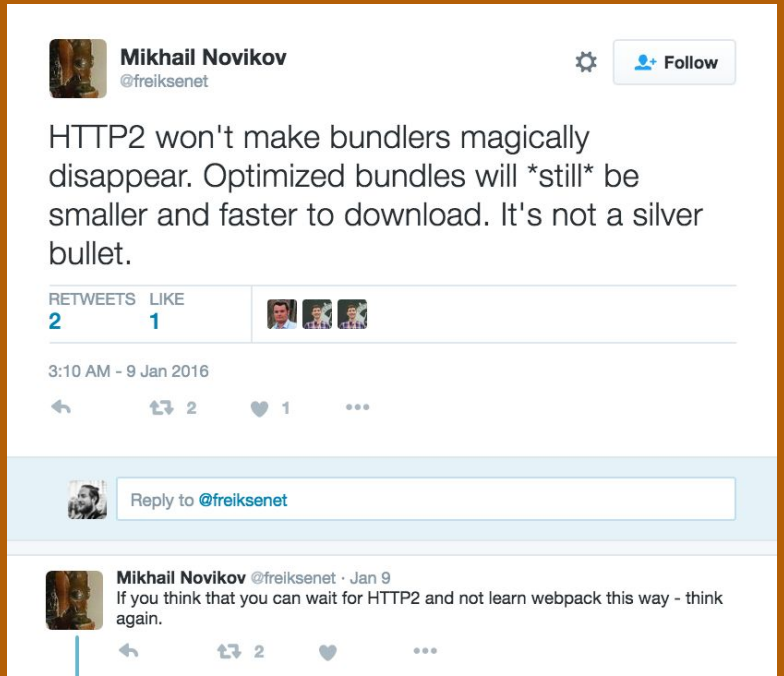
However it's better to compare SystemBundler or JSPM vs Webpack.

FAQ: Clear the Air

But HTTP2 will fix everything!

FAQ: Clear the Air

WRONG!



Comparing the features...

Feature	webpack/webpack	jrburke/requirejs	substack/node-browserify	jspm/jspm-cli	rollup/rollup
CommonJs `require`	**yes**	only wrapping in `define`	**yes**	yes	commonjs-plugin
CommonJs `require.resolve`	**yes**	no	no	no	no
CommonJs `exports`	**yes**	only wrapping in `define`	**yes**	yes	commonjs-plugin
AMD `define`	**yes**	**yes**	deamdify	yes	no
AMD `require`	**yes**	**yes**	no	yes	no
AMD `require` loads on demand	**yes**	with manual configuration	no	yes	no
ES2015 `import/export`	no	no	no	**yes**	**yes**
Generate a single bundle	**yes**	yes♦	yes	yes	yes
Load each file separate	no	yes	no	yes	no
Multiple bundles	**yes**	with manual configuration	with manual configuration	yes	no
Additional chunks are loaded on demand	**yes**	**yes**	no	System.import	no
Multi pages build with common bundle	with manual configuration	**yes**	with manual configuration	with bundle arithmetic	no
Concat in require `require("./fi" + "le")`	**yes**	no♦	no	no	no
Indirect require `var r = require; r("./file")`	**yes**	no♦	no	no	no
Expressions in require (guided) `require("./templates/" + template)`	**yes (all files matching included)**	no♦	no	no	no
Expressions in require (free) `require(moduleName)`	with manual configuration	no♦	no	no	no
Requirable files	file system	**web**	file system	through plugins	file system or through plugins
Plugins	**yes**	yes	**yes**	yes	yes
Preprocessing	**loaders, transforms**	loaders	transforms	plugin translate	plugin transforms
Watch mode	yes	not required	yes	not needed in dev	no
Debugging support	**SourceUrl, SourceMaps**	not required	SourceMaps	**SourceUrl, SourceMaps**	**SourceUrl, SourceMaps**
Node.js built-in libs `require("path")`	**yes**	no	**yes**	**yes**	node-resolve-plugin
Other Node.js stuff	process, __dir/filename, global	-	process, __dir/filename, global	process, __dir/filename, global for cjs	global (commonjs-plugin)
Replacement for browser	`web_modules`, `.web.js`, package.json field, alias config option	alias option	package.json field, alias option	package.json, alias option	no
Minimizing	uglify	uglify, closure compiler	uglifyify	yes	uglify-plugin
Mangle path names	**yes**	no	partial	yes	not required (path names are not included in the bundle)
Runtime overhead	**243B + 20B per module + 4B per dependency**	14.7kB + 0B per module + (3B + X) per dependency	415B + 25B per module + (6B + 2X) per dependency	5.5kB for self-executing bundles, 38kB for full loader and polyfill, 0 plain modules, 293B CJS, 139B ES6 System.register before gzip	**none for ES2015 modules** (other formats may have)
Dependencies	19MB / 127 packages	11MB / 118 packages	**1.2MB / 1 package**	26MB / 131 packages	?MB / 3 packages

Webpack vs. the competition...

Just scratching the surface...

Dev Server
HMR (Hot Module Replacement)
Code Sharing &
Lazy Loaded Modules
Source Maps!!!!!

webpack 2

Native ES2015 Module Support
Tree Shaking
Faster Compilation
More Optimizations Built In
Better Loader Syntax
Configuration Validation

In beta until webpack.js.org milestone completion

A bunch more

Looking into the future...

Looking into the Future

- HTTP2: Webpack's AgressiveSplittingPlugin (in latest!!)
- HTTP2: Dependency Tree driven Push Manifest
- Usability: Complete overhaul of the main interface
- Optimization: Module Inlining and Concatenation (Rollup)
- DevTools: Working with Multiple Browser Teams to Bring DevTools custom instrumentation and UI's for webpack.
- (Crazy Ideas): Headless Chrome (timeline stats) + Machine Learning + Automatically Tweaked Configuration.
- (Crazy Idea): Bundler drive module spec?
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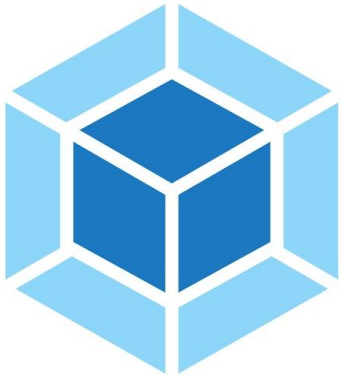

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Who’s already using webpack?

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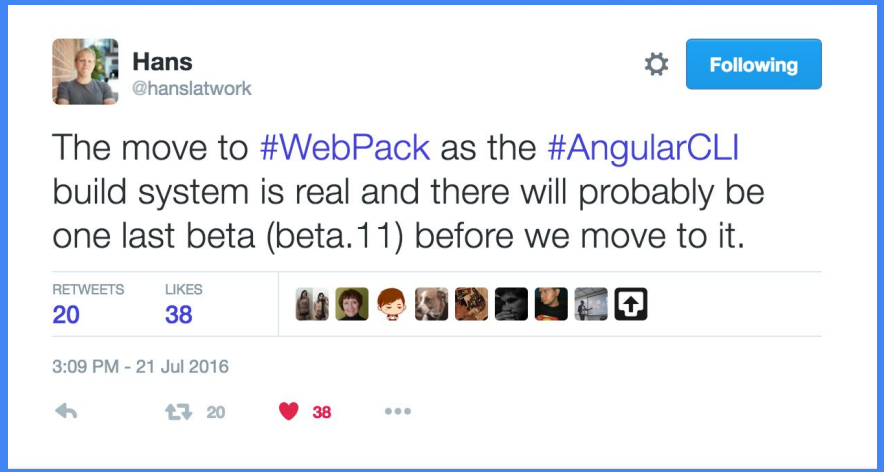

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facebookincubator/create-react-app

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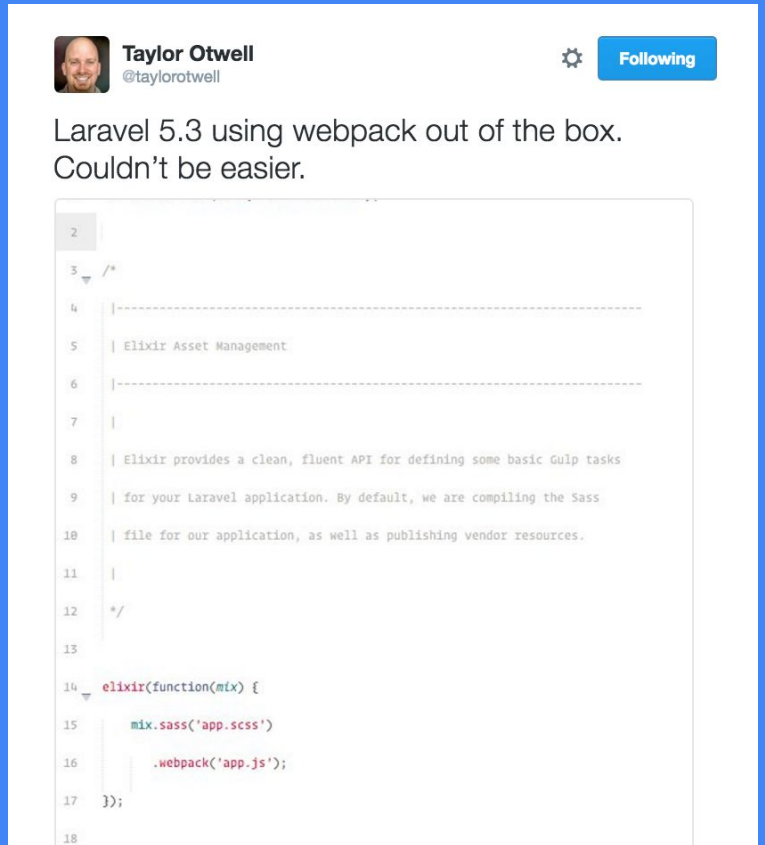

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Grails, Ruby on Rails, and more...
(drop in replacements)

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JavaScript Services

https://github.com/aspnet/JavaScriptServices

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JHipster (Scaffolder for SpringBoot SpringMVC)
[WIP Angular2 + webpack setup]

https://jhipster.github.io/

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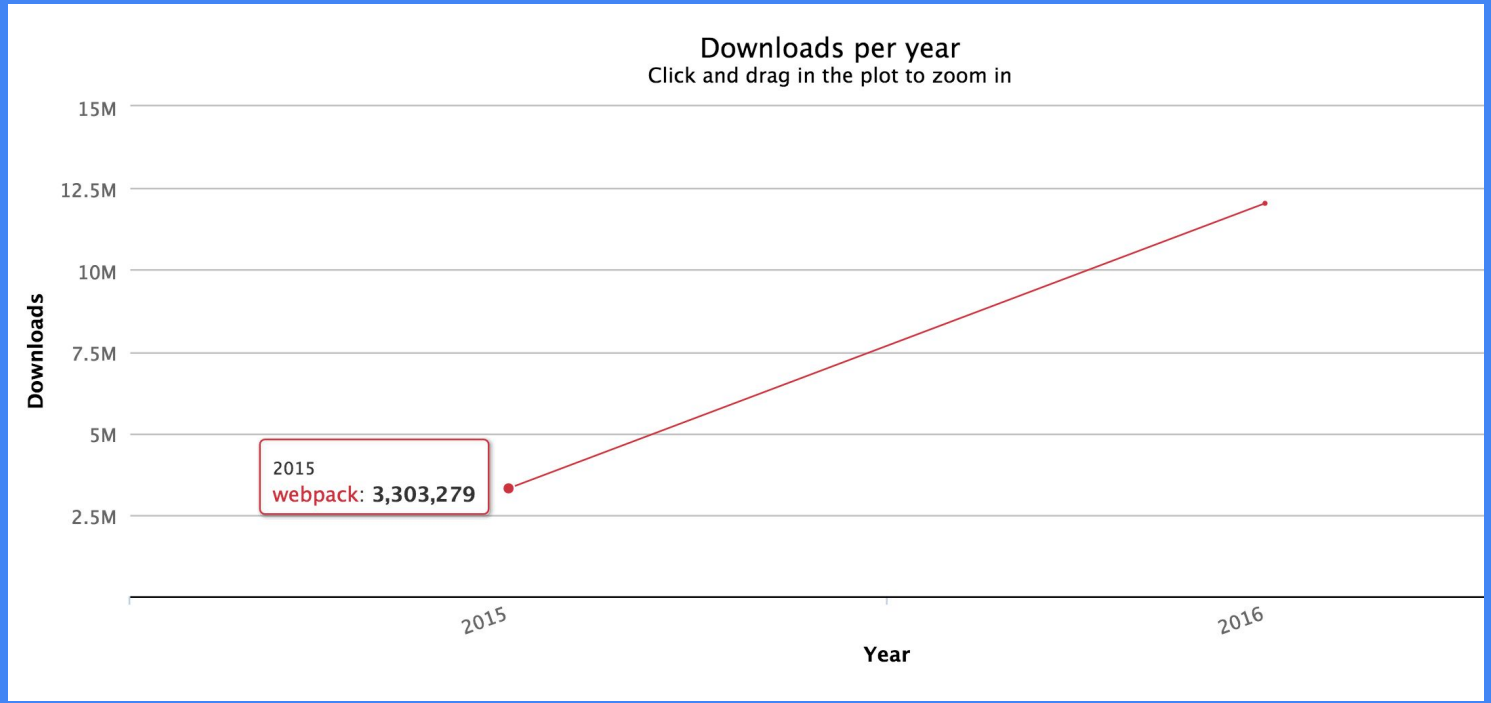

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The cost of small modules

Posted August 15, 2016 by Nolan Lawson in performance, Web. **46 Comments**

About a year ago I was refactoring a large JavaScript codebase into smaller modules, when I discovered a depressing fact about Browserify and Webpack:

> "The more I modularize my code, the bigger it gets. 🙂"
> – Nolan Lawson

Later on, Sam Saccone published some excellent research on Tumblr and Imgur's page load performance, in which he noted:

> "Over 400ms is being spent simply walking the Browserify tree."
> – Sam Saccone

In this post, I'd like to demonstrate that small modules can have a surprisingly high performance cost depending on your choice of bundler and module system. Furthermore, I'll explain why this applies not only to the modules in your own codebase, but also to the modules *within dependencies*, which is a rarely-discussed aspect of the cost of third-party code.

Web perf 101

The more JavaScript included on a page, the slower that page tends to be. Large JavaScript

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GitHub, Inc. [US] https://github.com/webpack/webpack/issues/2873

Things are more interesting when we import Moment via ES6 (because that creates lots of modules) and minify the output.

Bundler	transform-runtime	Unminified	Minified	Min + gz
Webpack 1.13.2	yes	1.48MB	264KB	83KB
Webpack 1.13.2	no	1.45MB	245KB	78KB
Webpack 2.1.0-beta-21	yes	1.51MB	243KB	81KB
Webpack 2.1.0-beta-21	no	1.45MB	226KB	76KB
Rollup 0.34.10	no	1.27MB	212KB	73KB
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There are no huge leaps forward, but it's worth noting Webpack 2 now outperforms Webpack 1 by a comfortable margin, which is a huge turnaround from the earlier betas.

This example has about a hundred modules in the final bundle. Webpack will perform less-favorably compared to Rollup as the number of modules increases.

Modules still have overhead, but we've trimmed most of the fat. Including Moment via its UMD bundle is still more efficient (Moment's own internal build process uses Esperanto, which is philosophically-similar to Rollup).

Still, Webpack 2 holds up a lot better compared to Rollup than I expected it to.

Projects

None yet

Labels

enhancement

P1: Urgent

X4: work required

Milestone

future releases

Assignees

No one—assign yourself

12 participants

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- For every 100ms decrease in homepage load speed, Mobify's customer base saw a 1.11% lift in session based conversion, amounting to an average annual revenue increase of $376,789;

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- Shoppers browse more on faster mobile websites;

- An increase of one pageview per user results in a 5.17% lift in user based conversion, i.e. for each additional page viewed per user, Mobify saw their average customer's annual revenue increase by: $398,484.

Ilya Grigorik @igrigorik · Aug 5
new Mobify report quantifies performance vs conversion for their customers: bit.ly/2aO9OcP #perfmatters

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53% of visits are abandoned if a mobile site takes more than three seconds to load[5]

1 out of 2 people expect a page to load in less than 2 seconds[6]

https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://storage.googleapis.com/doubleclick-prod/documents/The_Need_for_Mobile_Speed_-_FINAL.pdf

Why?

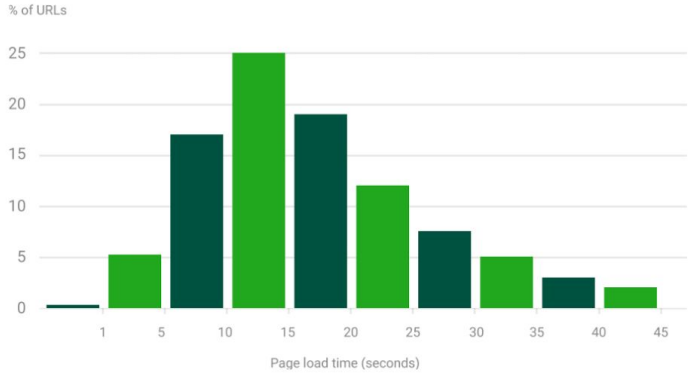
77% of mobile sites take longer than 10 seconds to load on 3G networks

19 seconds is the average load time for mobile sites on 3G networks

Measuring mobile sites

You could finish washing your hands faster than the time it takes most sites to load on a 3G or 4 connection.[7] Three out of four mobile sites we analyzed took 10 seconds or longer to load.[8] And homepages. Leaf pages — which constitute the majority of web content — tend to be almost hal

Average load times are even slower. On 3G networks, the average load time for a homepage i seconds.[10] You could go up 60 floors in one of the world's fastest elevators[11] and still be wait single page to load. **On a 4G network the average time isn't much better: 14 seconds.**[12]



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I am pretty sure housing.com just set the new bar for canonical web app. 🚀

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TL;DR

* Defer massive JS load avoids module boot cost
* Optimize render work with RAF + smart scheduling
* Eager render while network bound

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Webpack is built by you...

and we give a shit...

Where can I start?

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Webpack From First Principles

Webpack often gets a bad rap in the front end community – plenty of digital ink has been spilled over whether web development is "too complicated", with Webpack taking center stage. But in reality, **it's no more complex than the sites we're building with it**, and conceptually its role is quite clear.

Let's demystify the tool by stripping it back to what it truly is –**an ahead-of-time compiler for the browser**.

README.md

https://github.com/d3viant0ne/awesome-webpack

webpack is a **module bundler**.

webpack takes modules with dependencies and generates static assets representing those modules.

Awesome Webpack 

> A curated list of awesome Webpack resources, libraries, tools and applications

Inspired by the awesome list. Feel free to improve this list by contributing!

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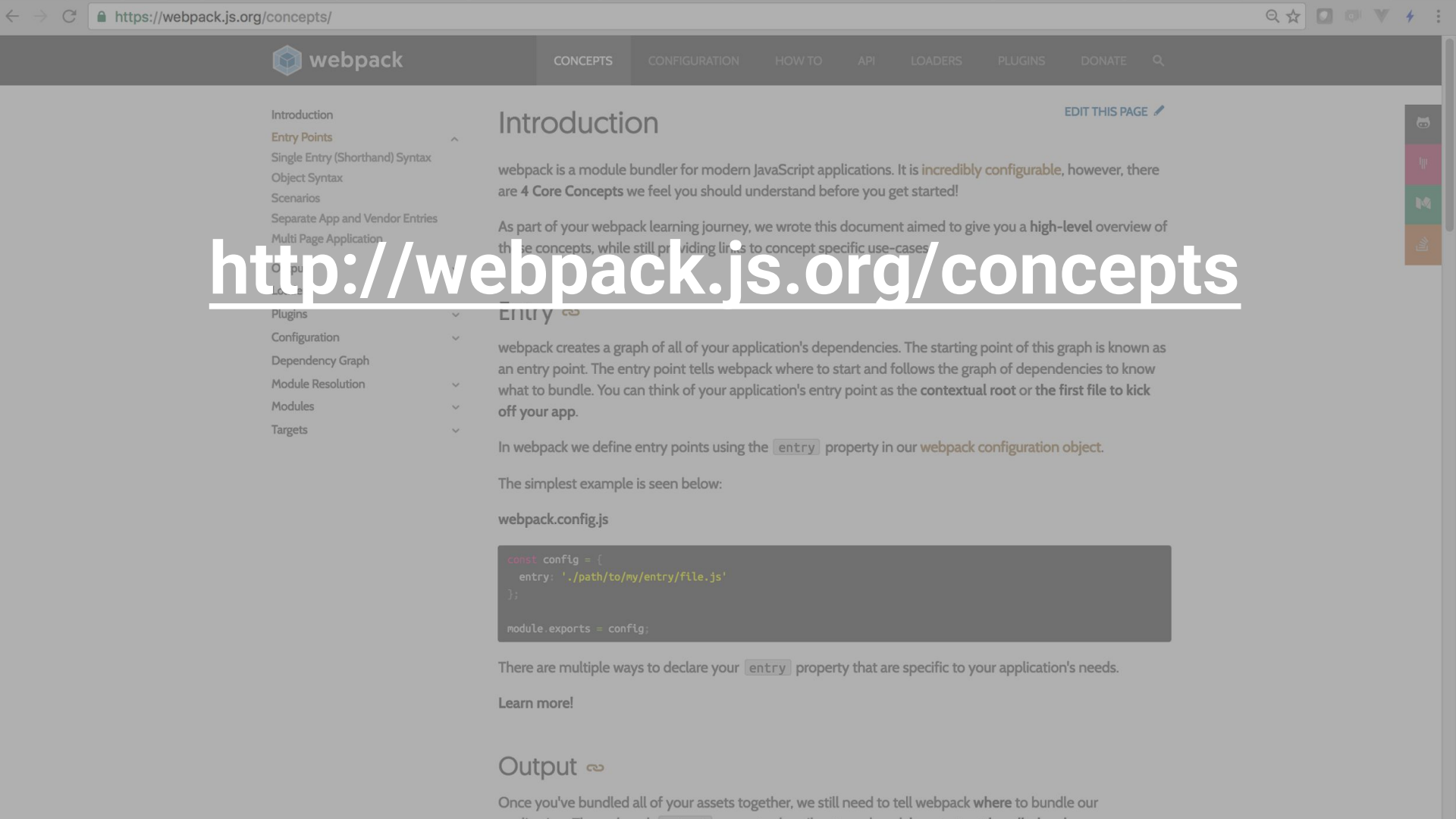
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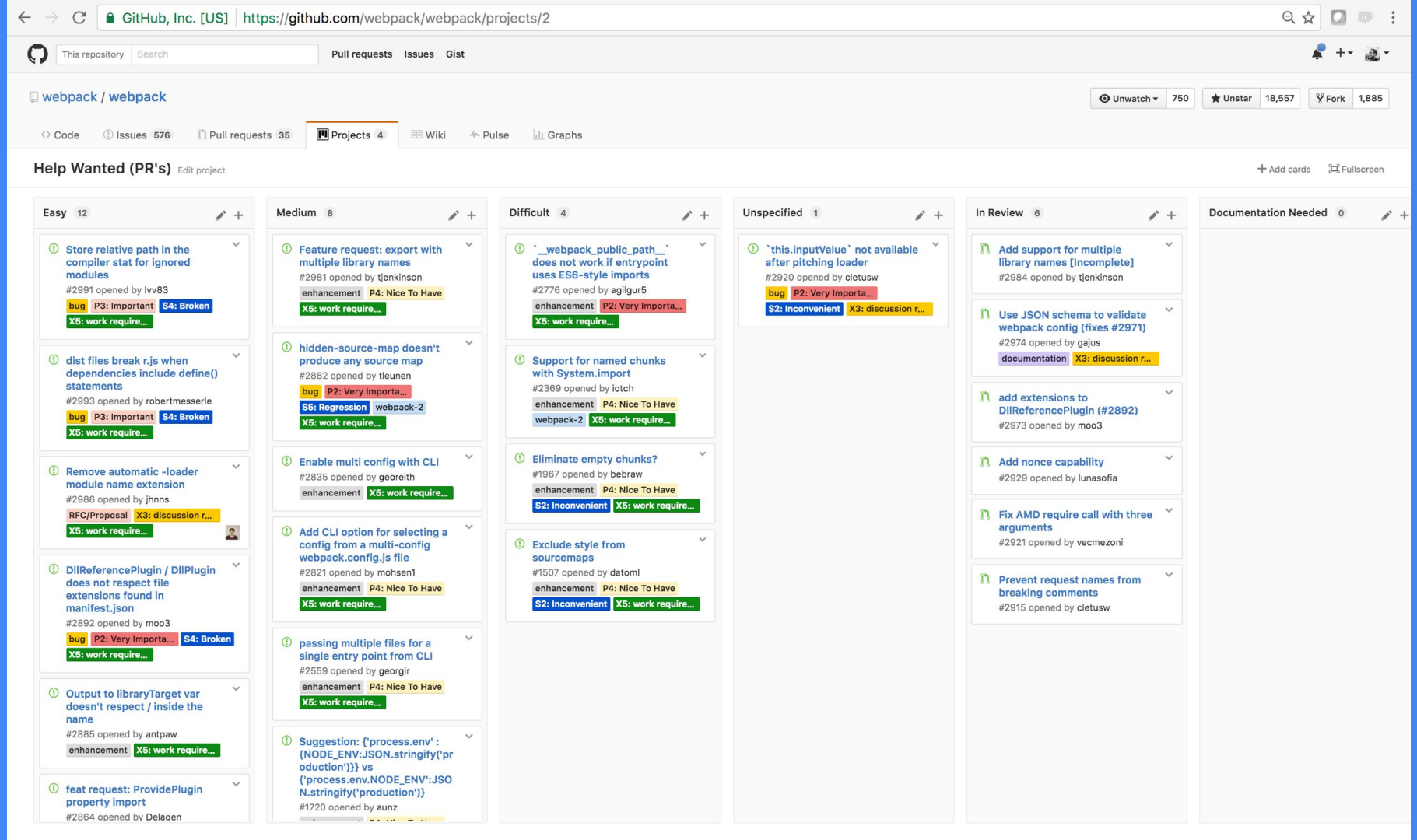
EDIT THIS PAGE
webpack is a module bundler for modern JavaScript applications. It is incredibly configurable, however, there are 4 Core Concepts we feel you should understand before you get started!
As part of your webpack learning journey, we wrote this document aimed to give you a high-level overview of
http://webpack.js.org/concepts
webpack creates a graph of all of your application's dependencies. The starting point of this graph is known as an entry point. The entry point tells webpack where to start and follows the graph of dependencies to know what to bundle. You can think of your application's entry point as the contextual root or the first file to kick off your app.
In webpack we define entry points using the entry property in our webpack configuration object.
The simplest example is seen below:
webpack.config.js
const config = {
entry: './path/to/my/entry/file.js'
};
module.exports = config;
There are multiple ways to declare your entry property that are specific to your application's needs.
Learn more!
Output
Once you've bundled all of your assets together, we still need to tell webpack where to bundle our

How can I help?

triage

core loaders/plugins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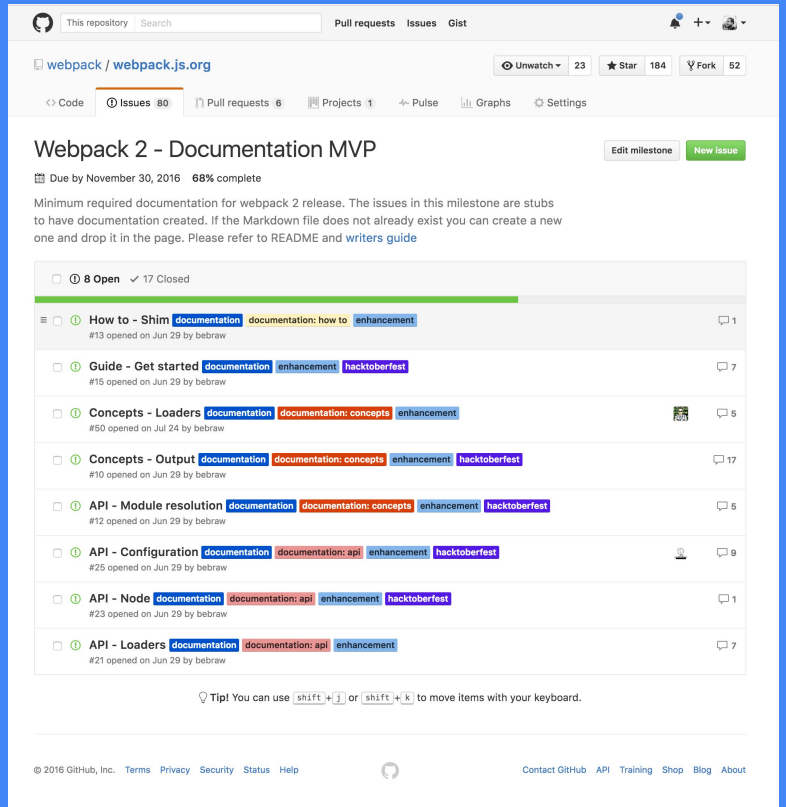

use webpack 2

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