Creating and Consuming Modules

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Overview

- Why use modules?
- Supporting technologies
- Import and export syntax
- Module resolution

Why Use Modules?

Encapsulation

Reusability

Create higher-level abstractions

Supporting Technologies

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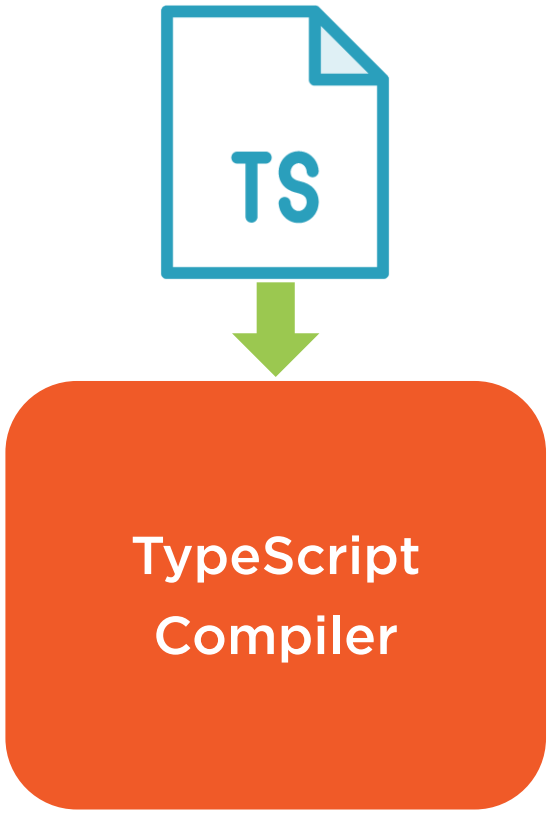

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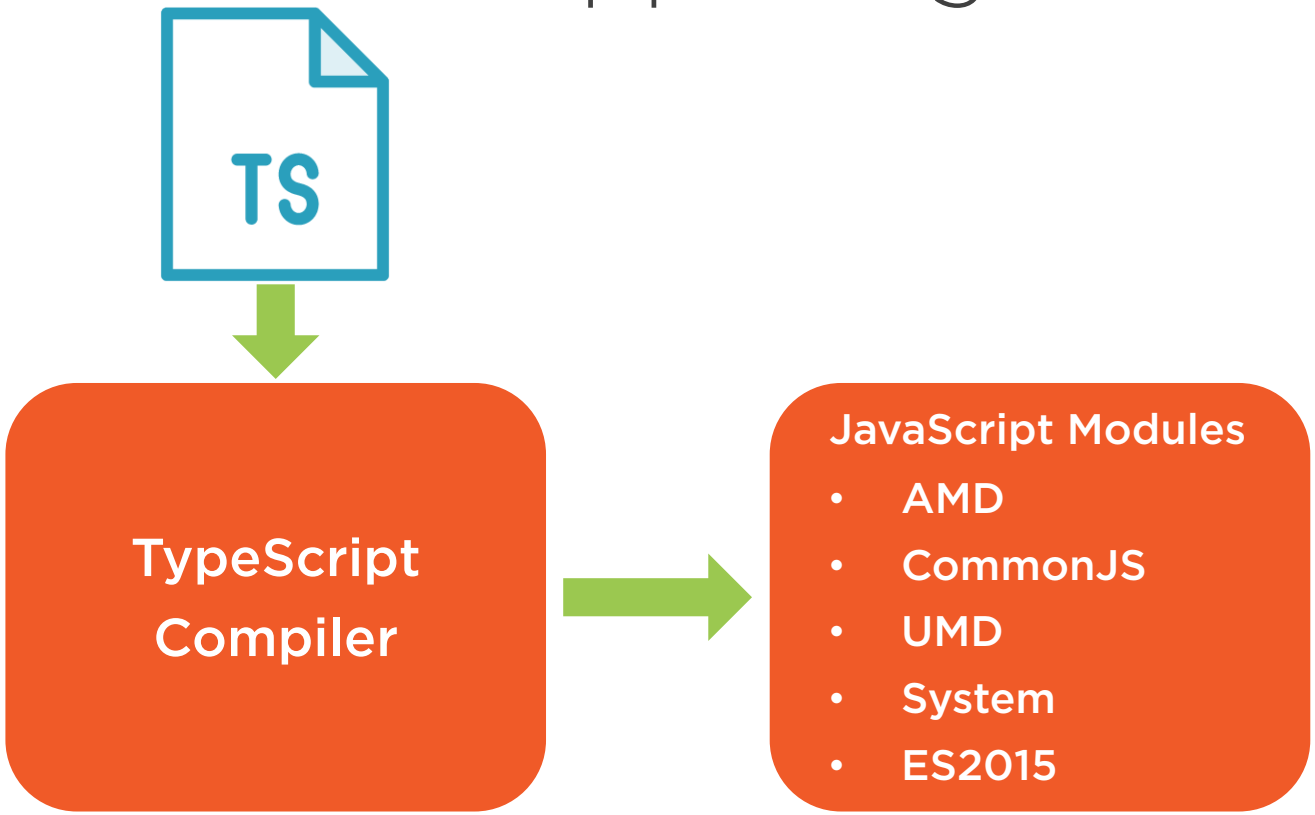

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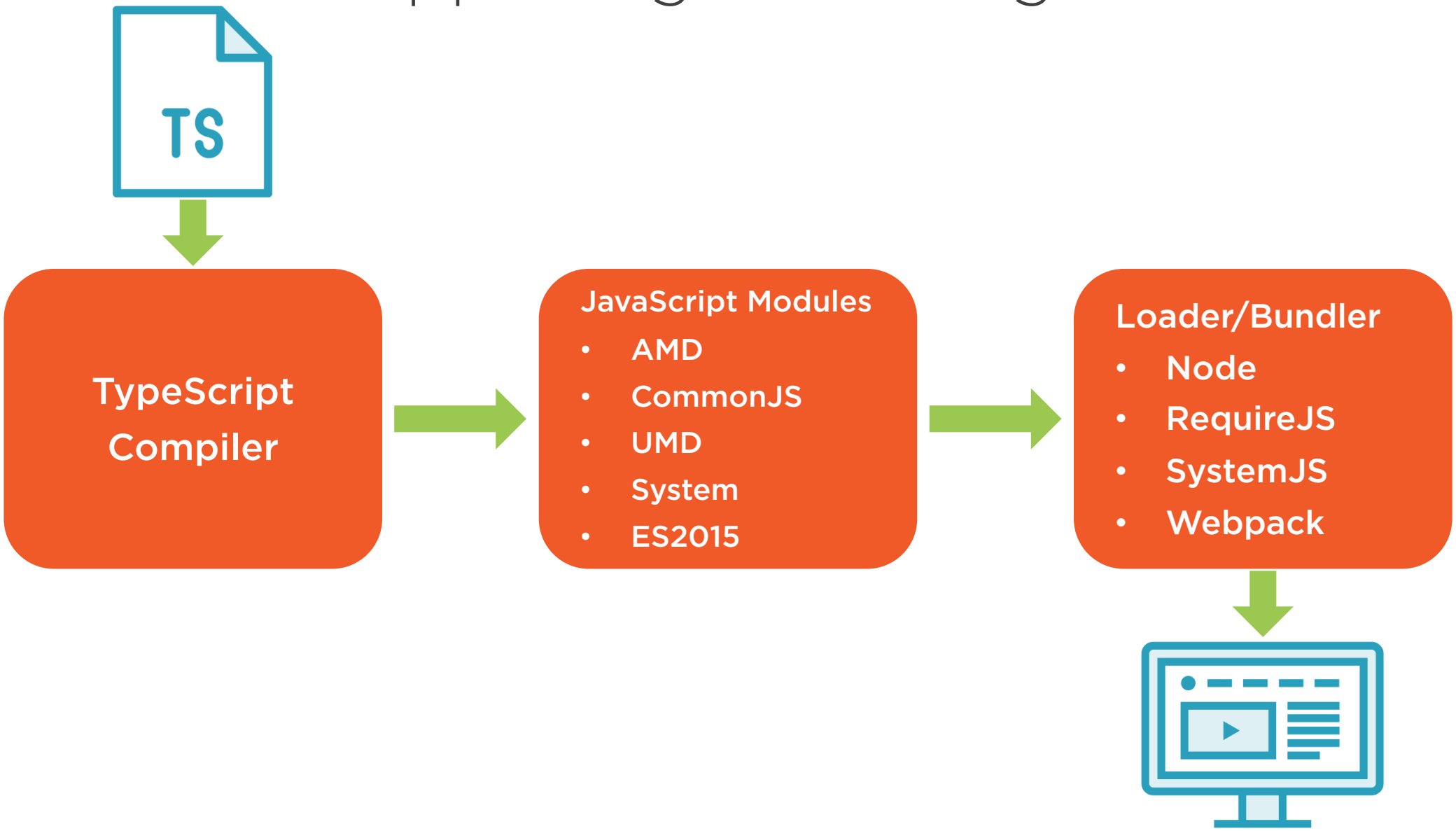

JavaScript Module Fundamentals

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JavaScript applications have grown increasingly complex. This course will teach you the basics of writing modular, maintainable JavaScript using popular formats, loaders, and bundlers.

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Course info

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My rating	★★★★★
Duration	2h 16m
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Demo

Converting the demo app to use modules

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// non-relative imports
import * as $ from 'jquery';
import * as lodash from 'lodash';
```

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Classic	Node
Default when emitting AMD, UMD, System, or ES2015 modules	Default when emitting CommonJS modules
Simple	Closely mirrors Node module resolution
Less Configurable	More configurable

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Demo

Configuring module resolution

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Configuring Webpack to bundle modules

Summary

Modules provide higher-level abstractions

Simple syntax

Flexible usage

Configurable resolution strategies

Up Next:
Being More Productive with Type Declaration Files