

node-sass

Warning: LibSass and Node Sass are deprecated. While they will continue to receive maintenance releases indefinitely, there are no plans to add additional features or compatibility with any new CSS or Sass features. Projects that still use it should move onto **Dart Sass**.

Node version support policy

- 1. Supported Node.js versions vary by release, please consult the releases page.
- 2. Node versions that hit end of life https://github.com/nodejs/Release, will be dropped from support at each node-sass release (major, minor).
- 3. We will stop building binaries for unsupported releases, testing for breakages in dependency compatibility, but we will not block installations for those that want to support themselves.
- 4. New node release require minor internal changes along with support from CI providers (AppVeyor, GitHub Actions). We will open a single issue for interested parties to subscribe to, and close additional issues.

Below is a quick guide for minimum and maximum supported versions of node-sass:

NodeJS	Supported node-sass version	Node Module
Node 17	7.0+	102
Node 16	6.0+	93
Node 15	5.0+, <7.0	88
Node 14	4.14+	83
Node 13	4.13+, <5.0	79
Node 12	4.12+	72
Node 11	4.10+, <5.0	67

Node-sass is a library that provides binding for Node.js to LibSass, the C version of the popular stylesheet preprocessor, Sass.

It allows you to natively compile .scss files to css at incredible speed and automatically via a connect middleware.

Find it on npm: https://www.npmjs.com/package/node-sass

Follow @nodesass on twitter for release updates: https://twitter.com/nodesass

Install

npm install node-sass

Some users have reported issues installing on Ubuntu due to node being registered to another package. Follow the official NodeJS docs to install NodeJS so that #!/usr/bin/env node correctly resolves.

Compiling on Windows machines requires the **node-gyp prerequisites**.

Are you seeing the following error? Check out our Troubleshooting guide.**

```
SyntaxError: Use of const in strict mode.
```

Having installation troubles? Check out our Troubleshooting guide.

Install from mirror in China

```
npm install -g mirror-config-china --registry=http://registry.npm.taobao.org
npm install node-sass
```

Usage

```
var sass = require('node-sass');
sass.render({
    file: scss_filename,
    [, options..]
}, function(err, result) { /*...*/ });
// OR
var result = sass.renderSync({
```

```
data: scss_content
[, options..]
});
```

Options

file

• Type: String

• Default: null

Special: file or data must be specified

Path to a file for **LibSass** to compile.

data

• Type: String

• Default: null

Special: file or data must be specified

A string to pass to LibSass to compile. It is recommended that you use includePaths in conjunction with this so that LibSass can find files when using the <code>@import</code> directive.

importer (>= v2.0.0) - experimental

This is an experimental LibSass feature. Use with caution.

- Type: Function | Function[] signature function(url, prev, done)
- Default: undefined

Function Parameters and Information:

- url (String) the path in import as-is, which LibSass encountered
- prev (String) the previously resolved path
- done (Function) a callback function to invoke on async completion, takes an object literal containing
 - file (String) an alternate path for LibSass to use OR
 - o contents (String) the imported contents (for example, read from memory or the file system)

Handles when **LibSass** encounters the <code>@import</code> directive. A custom importer allows extension of the **LibSass** engine in both a synchronous and asynchronous manner. In both cases, the goal is to either <code>return</code> or call <code>done()</code> with an object literal. Depending on the value of the object literal, one of two things will happen.

When returning or calling done() with { file: "String" }, the new file path will be assumed for the @import . It's recommended to be mindful of the value of prev in instances where relative path resolution may be required.

When returning or calling done() with { contents: "String" }, the string value will be used as if the file was read in through an external source.

Starting from v3.0.0:

- this refers to a contextual scope for the immediate run of sass.render or sass.renderSync
- importers can return error and LibSass will emit that error in response. For instance:

```
done(new Error('doesn\'t exist!'));
// or return synchronously
return new Error('nothing to do here');
```

• importer can be an array of functions, which will be called by LibSass in the order of their occurrence in array. This helps user specify special importer for particular kind of path (filesystem, http). If an importer does not want to handle a particular path, it should return null. See functions section for more details on Sass types.

functions (>= v3.0.0) - experimental

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functions is an Object that holds a collection of custom functions that may be invoked by the sass files being compiled. They may take zero or more input parameters and must return a value either synchronously (return ...;) or asynchronously (done();). Those parameters will be instances of one of the constructors contained in the require('node-sass').types hash. The return value must be of one of these types as well. See the list of available types below:

types.Number(value [, unit = ""])

- getValue() / setValue(value) : gets / sets the numerical portion of the number
- getUnit() / setUnit(unit) : gets / sets the unit portion of the number

types.String(value)

• getValue() / setValue(value) : gets / sets the enclosed string

types.Color(r, g, b [, a = 1.0]) or types.Color(argb)

```
• getR() / setR(value) : red component (integer from 0 to 255)
```

- getG() / setG(value) : green component (integer from 0 to 255)
- getB() / setB(value) : blue component (integer from 0 to 255)
- getA() / setA(value) : alpha component (number from 0 to 1.0)

Example:

```
var Color = require('node-sass').types.Color,
c1 = new Color(255, 0, 0),
c2 = new Color(0xff0088cc);
```

types.Boolean(value)

- getValue(): gets the enclosed boolean
- types.Boolean.TRUE: Singleton instance of types.Boolean that holds "true"
- types.Boolean.FALSE: Singleton instance of types.Boolean that holds "false"

types.List(length [, commaSeparator = true])

- getValue(index) / setValue(index, value) : value must itself be an instance of one of the constructors in sass.types.
- getSeparator() / setSeparator(isComma) : whether to use commas as a separator
- getLength()

types.Map(length)

getKey(index) / setKey(index, value)

```
getValue(index) / setValue(index, value)getLength()
```

types.Null()

• types.Null.NULL: Singleton instance of types.Null.

Example

```
sass.renderSync({
  data: '#{headings(2,5)} { color: #08c; }',
  functions: {
    'headings($from: 0, $to: 6)': function(from, to) {
      var i, f = from.getValue(), t = to.getValue(),
          list = new sass.types.List(t - f + 1);
      for (i = f; i <= t; i++) {</pre>
        list.setValue(i - f, new sass.types.String('h' + i));
      return list;
});
```

includePaths

• Type: Array<String>

• Default: []

An array of paths that LibSass can look in to attempt to resolve your @import declarations. When using data, it is recommended that you use this.

indentedSyntax

• Type: Boolean

• Default: false

true values enable Sass Indented Syntax for parsing the data string or file.

Note: node-sass/libsass will compile a mixed library of scss and indented syntax (.sass) files with the Default setting (false) as long as .sass and .scss extensions are used in filenames.

indentType (>= v3.0.0)

• Type: String

• Default: space

Used to determine whether to use space or tab character for indentation.

indentWidth (>= v3.0.0)

• Type: Number

• Default: 2

• Maximum: 10

Used to determine the number of spaces or tabs to be used for indentation.

linefeed (>= v3.0.0)

• Type: String

• Default: lf

Used to determine whether to use cr, crlf, lf or lfcr sequence for line break.

omitSourceMapUrl

• Type: Boolean

• Default: false

Special: When using this, you should also specify outFile to avoid unexpected behavior.

true values disable the inclusion of source map information in the output file.

outFile

• Type: String | null

• Default: null

Special: Required when sourceMap is a truthy value

Specify the intended location of the output file. Strongly recommended when outputting source maps so that they can properly refer back to their intended files.

Attention enabling this option will **not** write the file on disk for you, it's for internal reference purpose only (to generate the map for example).

Example on how to write it on the disk

```
sass.render({
    outFile: yourPathTotheFile,
 }, function(error, result) { // node-style callback from v3.0.0 onwards
    if(!error){
      // No errors during the compilation, write this result on the disk
      fs.writeFile(yourPathTotheFile, result.css, function(err){
        if(!err){
          //file written on disk
        }
     });
 });
});
```

outputStyle

• Type: String

• Default: nested

• Values: nested, expanded, compact, compressed

Determines the output format of the final CSS style.

precision

• Type: Integer

• Default: 5

Used to determine how many digits after the decimal will be allowed. For instance, if you had a decimal number of 1.23456789 and a precision of 5, the result will be 1.23457 in the final CSS.

sourceComments

• Type: Boolean

• Default: false

true Enables the line number and file where a selector is defined to be emitted into the compiled CSS as a comment. Useful for debugging, especially when using imports and mixins.

sourceMap

• Type: Boolean | String | undefined

• Default: undefined

Enables source map generation during render and renderSync.

When sourceMap === true, the value of outFile is used as the target output location for the source map with the suffix .map appended. If no outFile is set, sourceMap parameter is ignored.

When typeof sourceMap === "string", the value of sourceMap will be used as the writing location for the file.

sourceMapContents

• Type: Boolean

• Default: false

true includes the contents in the source map information

sourceMapEmbed

• Type: Boolean

• Default: false

true embeds the source map as a data URI

sourceMapRoot

• Type: String

• Default: undefined

the value will be emitted as sourceRoot in the source map information

render Callback (>= v3.0.0)

node-sass supports standard node style asynchronous callbacks with the signature of function(err, result). In error conditions, the error argument is populated with the error object. In success conditions, the result object is populated with an object describing the result of the render call.

Error Object

- message (String) The error message.
- line (Number) The line number of error.
- column (Number) The column number of error.
- status (Number) The status code.

• file (String) - The filename of error. In case file option was not set (in favour of data), this will reflect the value stdin.

Result Object

- css (Buffer) The compiled CSS. Write this to a file, or serve it out as needed.
- map (Buffer) The source map
- stats (Object) An object containing information about the compile. It contains the following keys:
 - o entry (String) The path to the scss file, or data if the source was not a file
 - start (Number) Date.now() before the compilation
 - end (Number) Date.now() after the compilation
 - duration (Number) end start
 - o includedFiles (Array) Absolute paths to all related scss files in no particular order.

Examples

```
var sass = require('node-sass');
sass.render({
    file: '/path/to/myFile.scss',
    data: 'body{background:blue; a{color:black;}}',
    importer: function(url, prev, done) {
        // url is the path in import as is, which LibSass encountered.
        // prev is the previously resolved path.
        // done is an optional callback, either consume it or return value synchronously.
        // this.options contains this options hash, this.callback contains the node-style callback someAsyncFunction(url, prev, function(result){
        done({
            file: result.path, // only one of them is required, see section Special Behaviours.
```

```
contents: result.data
     });
   });
   // OR
   var result = someSyncFunction(url, prev);
   return {file: result.path, contents: result.data};
 },
 includePaths: [ 'lib/', 'mod/' ],
 outputStyle: 'compressed'
}, function(error, result) { // node-style callback from v3.0.0 onwards
 if (error) {
   console.log(error.status); // used to be "code" in v2x and below
   console.log(error.column);
   console.log(error.message);
   console.log(error.line);
 }
 else {
   console.log(result.css.toString());
   console.log(result.stats);
   console.log(result.map.toString());
   // or better
   console.log(JSON.stringify(result.map)); // note, JSON.stringify accepts Buffer too
```

```
});
// OR
var result = sass.renderSync({
  file: '/path/to/file.scss',
  data: 'body{background:blue; a{color:black;}}',
  outputStyle: 'compressed',
  outFile: '/to/my/output.css',
  sourceMap: true, // or an absolute or relative (to outFile) path
  importer: function(url, prev, done) {
    // url is the path in import as is, which LibSass encountered.
    // prev is the previously resolved path.
    // done is an optional callback, either consume it or return value synchronously.
    // this.options contains this options hash
    someAsyncFunction(url, prev, function(result){
      done({
        file: result.path, // only one of them is required, see section Special Behaviours.
        contents: result.data
      });
    });
    // OR
    var result = someSyncFunction(url, prev);
    return {file: result.path, contents: result.data};
  }
});
```

```
console.log(result.css);
console.log(result.map);
console.log(result.stats);
```

Special behaviours

• In the case that both file and data options are set, node-sass will give precedence to data and use file to calculate paths in sourcemaps.

Version information (>= v2.0.0)

Both node-sass and libsass version info is now exposed via the info method:

Since node-sass >=v3.0.0 LibSass version is determined at run time.

Integrations

Listing of community uses of node-sass in build tools and frameworks.

Brackets extension

@jasonsanjose has created a Brackets extension based on node-sass: https://github.com/jasonsanjose/brackets-sass. When editing Sass files, the extension compiles changes on save. The extension also integrates with Live Preview to show Sass changes in the browser without saving or compiling.

Brunch plugin

Brunch's official sass plugin uses node-sass by default, and automatically falls back to ruby if use of Compass is detected: https://github.com/brunch/sass-brunch

Connect/Express middleware

Recompile .scss files automatically for connect and express based http servers.

This functionality has been moved to node-sass-middleware in node-sass v1.0.0

DocPad Plugin

@10xLaCroixDrinker wrote a DocPad plugin that compiles .scss files using node-sass: https://github.com/10xLaCroixDrinker/docpad-plugin-nodesass

Duo.js extension

@stephenway has created an extension that transpiles Sass to CSS using node-sass with duo.js https://github.com/duojs/sass

Grunt extension

@sindresorhus has created a set of grunt tasks based on node-sass: https://github.com/sindresorhus/grunt-sass

Gulp extension

@dlmanning has created a gulp sass plugin based on node-sass: https://github.com/dlmanning/gulp-sass

Harp

@sintaxi's Harp web server implicitly compiles .scss files using node-sass: https://github.com/sintaxi/harp

Metalsmith plugin

@stevenschobert has created a metalsmith plugin based on node-sass: https://github.com/stevenschobert/metalsmith-sass

Meteor plugin

@fourseven has created a meteor plugin based on node-sass: https://github.com/fourseven/meteor-scss

Mimosa module

@dbashford has created a Mimosa module for sass which includes node-sass: https://github.com/dbashford/mimosa-sass

Example App

There is also an example connect app here: https://github.com/andrew/node-sass-example

Rebuilding binaries

Node-sass includes pre-compiled binaries for popular platforms, to add a binary for your platform follow these steps:

Check out the project:

```
git clone --recursive https://github.com/sass/node-sass.git
cd node-sass
```

```
npm install
node scripts/build -f # use -d switch for debug release
# if succeeded, it will generate and move
# the binary in vendor directory.
```

Command Line Interface

The interface for command-line usage is fairly simplistic at this stage, as seen in the following usage section.

Output will be sent to stdout if the --output flag is omitted.

Usage

```
node-sass [options] <input> [output] Or: cat <input> | node-sass > output
```

Example:

node-sass src/style.scss dest/style.css

Options:

```
-w, --watch
-r, --recursive
Recursively watch directories or files
-o, --output
Output directory
-x, --omit-source-map-url
Omit source map URL comment from output
-i, --indented-syntax
Treat data from stdin as sass code (versus scss)
-q, --quiet
Suppress log output except on error
```

```
-v, --version
                           Prints version info
--output-style
                           CSS output style (nested | expanded | compact | compressed)
--indent-type
                           Indent type for output CSS (space | tab)
--indent-width
                           Indent width; number of spaces or tabs (maximum value: 10)
                           Linefeed style (cr | crlf | lf | lfcr)
--linefeed
                           Include debug info in output
--source-comments
--source-map
                           Emit source map
                           Embed include contents in map
--source-map-contents
                           Embed sourceMappingUrl as data URI
--source-map-embed
--source-map-root
                           Base path, will be emitted in source-map as is
--include-path
                           Path to look for imported files
--follow
                           Follow symlinked directories
--precision
                           The amount of precision allowed in decimal numbers
--error-bell
                           Output a bell character on errors
--importer
                           Path to .js file containing custom importer
                           Path to .js file containing custom functions
--functions
--help
                           Print usage info
```

The input can be either a single .scss or .sass, or a directory. If the input is a directory the --output flag must also be supplied.

Also, note --importer takes the (absolute or relative to pwd) path to a js file, which needs to have a default module.exports set to the importer function. See our test fixtures for example.

The --source-map option accepts a boolean value, in which case it replaces destination extension with .css.map . It also accepts path to .map file and even path to the desired directory. When compiling a directory --source-map can either be a boolean value or a directory.

Binary configuration parameters

node-sass supports different configuration parameters to change settings related to the sass binary such as binary name, binary path or alternative download path. Following parameters are supported by node-sass:

Variable name	.npmrc parameter	Process argument	Value
SASS_BINARY_NAME	sass_binary_name	sass-binary-name	path
SASS_BINARY_SITE	sass_binary_site	sass-binary-site	URL
SASS_BINARY_PATH	sass_binary_path	sass-binary-path	path
SASS_BINARY_DIR	sass_binary_dir	sass-binary-dir	path
SASS_REJECT_UNAUTHORIZED	sass_reject_unauthorized	sass-reject-unauthorized	value

These parameters can be used as environment variable:

• E.g. export SASS_BINARY_SITE=http://example.com/

As local or global .npmrc configuration file:

• E.g. sass_binary_site=http://example.com/

As a process argument:

• E.g. npm install node-sass --sass-binary-site=http://example.com/

If you are using self-signed certificates for your binary then SASS_REJECT_UNAUTHORIZED will override (rejectUnauthorized) [https://nodejs.org/docs/latest/api/tls.html#tls_tls_createserver_options_secureconnectionlistener].

Post-install Build

Install runs only two Mocha tests to see if your machine can use the pre-built **LibSass** which will save some time during install. If any tests fail it will build from source.

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Note on Patches/Pull Requests

Check out our Contributing guide

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