Webpack: Transpiling and Bundling JavaScript

WHAT IS WEBPACK?



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Interactive coding - instead of write code, compile, wait, reload Hot Module Reload (HMR)

Seamless compilation of anything - code, styles, layout, images, fonts, etc.

Consistent tooling - not tied to a particular IDE and/or OS

Modularity - write code with benefits of small modules, ship code in bundles



Sophisticated bundling - bundle per page, bundle/code splitting, minify, lazy loading bundles, remove unused code

npm install lodash
import _ from 'lodash'

Module format interop - CJS (node), ESM (harmony), AMD (RequireJS), UMD, globals

Module loader / resolution - your responsibility is to specify relationships between modules, not paths & script ordering



Caching - that can be tailored to development and production separately

Dev isn't prod - you can easily customize builds per environment

Source Map support - through all of your transformations

Platform for transformation - loaders - through babel, but also webpack - codegen, codemod, inject features like offline support, etc.



AOT everything - what's best for your application

Incremental builds – even without interactive coding you can benefit from only compiling changed modules

Compiler platform - extensible via Plugins and Loaders

Use future technology today - i.e. WASM



Widely used - in part because it is extensible (loaders & plugins)

NWWTDTRT - no wrong way to do the right thing







