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BUNDLERS





Automation

Web development involves many routine tasks that can be significantly simplified through **automation**. In this text, we will explore how automation helps developers work **faster**, **more efficiently**, **and with fewer errors**.

The **main goal of automation** is to eliminate repetitive actions for developers.

Automation is the process of transferring routine development tasks, which can be performed manually, to a computer. It converts files written in a developer-friendly format into compressed code that is optimized for browsers and generates the final application package.

Automation saves developers' time, helps identify and fix errors, and optimizes code for browsers, which improves website loading speed.

A **bundler** is a tool that helps assemble (or put together) all parts of your project so that it works as a whole.

Imagine you are putting together a **puzzle**. You have many different pieces, and you need to fit them together to create a complete picture.

Similarly, a **web project** consists of different parts, such as **HTML**, **CSS**, **JavaScript**, **images**, **and other files**. A bundler helps take all these pieces and combine them into a **final**, **optimized version** of the project.

So, a **bundler** is a tool that helps gather all the parts of a project and make it **more efficient** and well-structured.

A file packager

• A tool that collects files into one, optimizes them, and speeds up the website.

Many brilliant things are born from laziness. Build systems make developers' lives easier!

Types of bundlers

- Webpack The most popular and powerful, but complex
- Parcel Simple, but slow
- Vite Fast and convenient











What does a bundler do?

Combines files

File transformation:

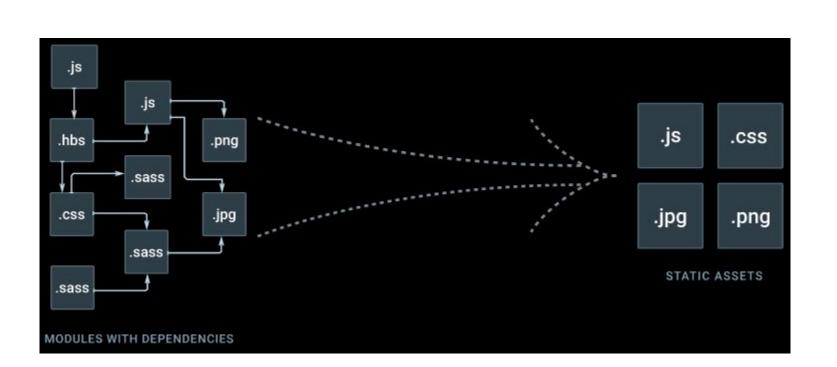
- Removes duplication
- Minifies code
- 🔽 Supports SCSS, PostCSS, images

Automation also helps speed up a website by optimizing files. For example, without **image compression**, **CSS and JavaScript minification**, a page may take **up to 5 seconds** to load. However, automatic processing of these resources can reduce the loading time to **just 1 second**, significantly improving the **user experience**.

Without a bundler:

- X Many separate CSS and JS files
- X Code duplication makes
- maintenance difficult
- X Slow loading (no minification)
- X No convenient tools (SCSS,

PostCSS, images)



1 Development Server & Live Reload

- Runs a local development server with auto-reloading:
 - browser-sync → Serves files and refreshes browser automatically when changes occur.
- Why?
- Instant feedback while coding (no need to manually refresh).
- Allows multiple devices to preview changes live.

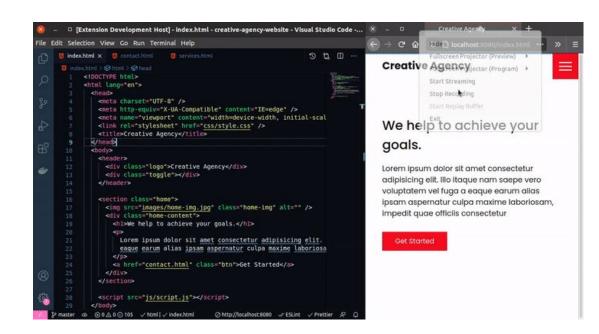
Live Server

Automatic Page Refresh

Edit →

Save \rightarrow

Browser Updates!



2 CSS Processing

Tools for working with SCSS & PostCSS:

- sass → Compiles SCSS to CSS
- postcss → Processes CSS with plugins
- autoprefixer → Adds vendor prefixes automatically
- csso → Minifies CSS for better performance
- sourcemaps → Generates source maps for debugging

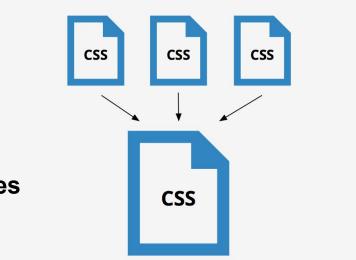
Why?

- SCSS support with clean syntax and mixins
- Autoprefixer ensures cross-browser compatibility
- Minified CSS loads faster for better performance
- Source maps make debugging easier in DevTools

Work with styles files



Minify







.entry-content p,.entry-content ul li {font-size:14px!important}.product item p a{color:#000;padding:10px 0 0;marginbottom:5px;border-bottom:none}



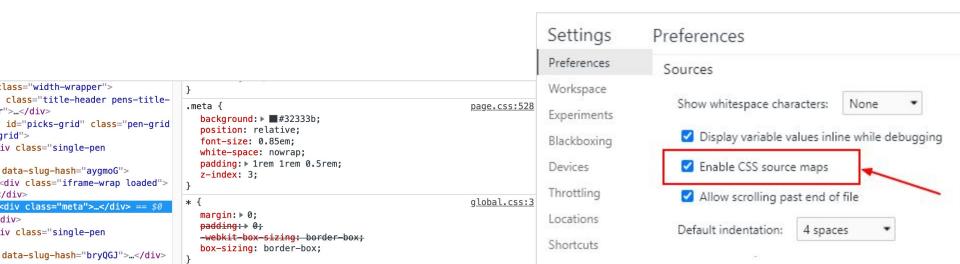
Source map

A source map is a file that maps compiled (minified, transpiled) code back to its original source code. It allows developers to debug minified or compiled JavaScript, CSS, or SCSS as if they were working with the original files.

Think of it as a "translator" between compiled and original code.

The browser links the compiled CSS back to the original SCSS file.

In DevTools, you can see and edit the original SCSS instead of the compiled CSS.



Automatic Image Processing

One important aspect of **automation** is **image processing**. For example, to support **high-pixel-density screens** (**Retina**), images need to be created in **two resolutions**: **standard** (1x) and **high-resolution** (2x).

If done manually, this process would require:

- 1. Exporting the image
- 2. Optimizing it in one tool
- 3. Resizing it in another
- 4. Optimizing it again
- 5. Finally adding it to the project

This process can be **automated**: simply **upload the original image once**, and the **build system** will automatically generate the required versions with **optimized sizes and file weights**.



Linting (Code Checking)

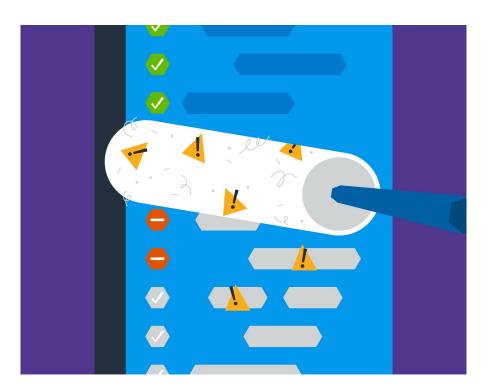
- .editorconfig Unified indentation and spaces
- stylelint Ensures consistent CSS coding style
- 3 prettier automatically formats code to follow a consistent style

Every developer writes code in their own way, which can create **chaos in a team**. **Automation** helps standardize the process by enforcing **unified code formatting rules**. For example, a **build system** can automatically adjust **line breaks, indentation**, and prevent the use of **prohibited elements**. As a result, the **code remains clean and understandable** for all team members.

Another important aspect that a **build system** manages is **project structure**. Developers often have **personal coding habits**—one person writes code in one way, another in a completely different way, and a mentor may have a different approach as well.

To avoid debates over formatting choices—such as whether to place a line break at the end of a file or whether to use English or Cyrillic variable names—we rely on build rules that define coding standards. There's no arguing with the build system.

If you hand over your project to another team member, they will follow the exact same rules as you. This eliminates disagreements, ensuring consistency across the entire project.



```
npm run lint
 tutorialcode@1.0.0 lint
eslint .
/Users/andrescourt/projects/alcbsystem/tutorialcode/dist/helpers/sumTwoNumbers.js
      error Strings must use singlequote
   :13 error Extra semicolon
 2:32 error Strings must use singlequote
2:62 error Extra semicolon
  3:23 error Missing space before function parentheses
      error Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4 indent
 4:17 error Extra semicolon
 6:32 error Extra semicolon
Users/andrescourt/projects/alcbsystem/tutorialcode/dist/index.js
   :1 error Strings must use singlequote
:13 error Extra semicolon
       warning Unexpected var, use let or const instead
error Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4
                 Unnecessarily quoted property 'default' found
                 Strings must use singlequote
                 Extra semicolon
                 Extra semicolon
                 Strings must use singlequote
                 Extra semicolon
                 Identifier 'express_1' is not in camel case
                 Strings must use singlequote
                 Extra semicolon
                 Identifier 'express_1' is not in camel case
                 Extra semicolon
                 Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4
                 Strings must use singlequote
                 Extra semicolon
                 Extra semicolon
                 Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4
                 Extra semicolon
 13:3 error Extra semicolon
/Users/andrescourt/projects/alcbsystem/tutorialcode/jest.config.js
      error Unexpected trailing comma
error Extra semicolon
 5:3 error Newline required at end of file but not found eol-last
/Users/andrescourt/projects/alcbsystem/tutorialcode/src/helpers/sumTwoNumbers.ts
 1:38 error Missing space before function parentheses @typescript-eslint/space-before-function-paren
       error Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4 @typescript-eslint/indent
 2:23 error Extra semicolon @typescri
3:2 error Newline required at end of file but not found eol-last
/Users/andrescourt/projects/alcbsystem/tutorialcode/src/index.ts
       error Imports "Express", "Request" and "Response" are only used as types @typescript-eslint/consistent-type-imports
       error Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4
 6:21 error Strings must use singlequote
10:1 error Expected indentation of 2 spaces but found 4
```

.editorconfig

- A configuration file that defines basic code formatting rules
- Supported by most editors
- Focuses on core formatting settings:
 - Spaces/tabs
 - Indentation
 - Encoding
 - Line ending style
- X Does not check syntax or code structure, only formatting! ⊚

```
root = true

[*]
indent_style = space
indent_size = 2
end_of_line = lf
insert_final_newline = false
trim_trailing_whitespace = true
charset = utf-8
```

Ensures that all files in the project **use the same type of line breaks**, regardless of the developer's OS.

If different developers use different operating systems, Git might **show unnecessary changes** due to line-ending differences.

Prevents adding a blank line at the end of files.

Some editors automatically add an empty newline at the end of a file; this setting disables that behavior.

Automatically removes spaces or tabs at the end of each line when saving the file.

Trailing whitespace is unnecessary and can cause **Git diffs** to show unwanted changes.

stylelint

- 📌 Ensures consistent CSS coding style 🎨
- **Checks CSS/SCSS** code for errors and enforces coding style rules.
- Prevents common mistakes (e.g., unknown properties, missing quotes).
- Ensures the use of BEM naming convention for class names.

Example stylelint.config.js:

```
module.exports = {
  extends: "stylelint-config-standard",
  rules: {
    "indentation": 2,
    "color-hex-case": "lower",
    "string-quotes": "double",
    "no-empty-source": true
```

Keeps your styles clean and maintainable! 🚀



prettier

What does it do?

- Automatically formats code to follow a consistent style.
- Works with CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, JSON, and more.
- Fixes indentation, line breaks, spacing, and quotes.

```
body {
    margin: 0; padding: 0;
background: #fafafa;
}

h1 {
  color: #145cf2 ; font-weight : 300;
font-family: Roboto, sans-serif;
}
```

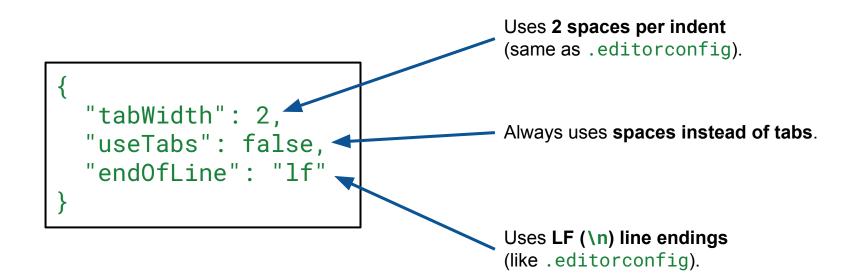
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```

Preview

- Why use prettier?
- Formats code automatically so you don't have to.
- Works with multiple languages (JavaScript, CSS, JSON, etc.).
- **Prevents unnecessary code diffs** in Git (e.g., inconsistent spacing).

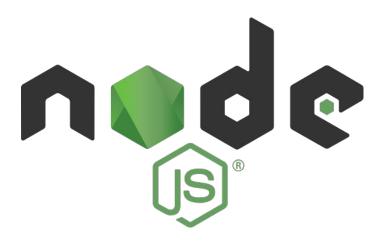
Your code



The Key Differences Between These Tools

Feature	.editorconfig	stylelint	prettier
Controls formatting in the editor	✓ Yes	× No	× No
Linting & error checking	× No	✓ Yes	X No
Automatic code formatting	X No	X No	✓ Yes
Works with	All file types	CSS & SCSS	JS, CSS, JSON, etc.
Example rules	Indentation, line endings	Class naming, color rules	Line breaks, spacing

Node.js



JavaScript RuntimeOutside the Browser

And this is a crucial part where **any build process begins**. In web development, **every build process** by default runs using **JavaScript**. And to execute this **JavaScript**, **Node.is** is required.

Node.js is a platform that allows JavaScript to run outside the browser. It is essential for running automated tools and managing build processes.

- 📌 Why do we need it?
- Allows running tools, such as bundlers
 - Manages dependencies in a project
 - Works with packages

NPM

Node Package Manager is a package manager for JavaScript.

What Does npm Do for Automation?

- Installs software packages from external libraries directly into our project.
- Runs tasks we define for the task manager Gulp using console commands.
- Transfers/publishes packages from our computer to a shared library if needed.

But how does **npm** know which programs we want to use and how to download them?

We install all required tools at once. In this case, npm retrieves this information from the package.json file.



- 📌 Main functions of npm:
- ✓ Installs and manages libraries and tools
- Works through the command line (terminal)
- ✓ Uses package. j son to store project dependencies

pnpm comes bundled with Node.js – if you've installed Node.js, you already have npm!

package.json

The package. json file stores project commands and dependencies.

The **package.json** file can be thought of as a **README file on steroids**. It allows you to:

- Define project dependencies
- Write scripts that run during project build and testing
- Store project version information
- Provide a project description

One of the most important features of **package.json** is its ability to **manage dependencies**.

However, the way **dependencies** are handled in this file can seem a bit concerning. Imagine a **package that depends on another package**, which in turn depends on yet another package. This **dependency chain** can grow **infinitely long**, making it difficult to track all the required modules.

Example of package. json:

```
{
   "name": "binabox-build-gulp",
   "version": "1.0.0",
   "description": "",
   "main": "index.js",
   "type": "module",

   "scripts": {
       "start": "NODE_ENV=production
gulp build",
       "dev": "gulp serve --lint"
   },
```

```
> node modules

y public

 ∨ css
                                              public/ — final build of the project
  # style.css
                                                     css/style.css — styles after SCSS compilation
 > img
                                                     img/ — project images
 index.html
                                                     index.html — compiled HTML file
∨ src

√ images

                                              src/ — source files of the project
  > sprite
                                                      images / — image storage
  > static
                                                             sprite/ — possibly SVG sprites

✓ styles

  > global
                                                           static/ — regular images

∨ pages

                                                      styles/ — source SCSS files
  f index.scss
                                                           global / — global styles
  $\gamma$ style.scss
  > variables
                                                           pages / — styles for individual pages

    ∨ templates

                                                           variables / — SCSS variables

∨ components

                                                     templates/ — Nunjucks template files
  item-card.njk
                                                             components/ — reusable components, e.g., item-card.njk

∨ pages

  > blogpage
                                                           pages / — pages (e.g., index.njk, blogpage/)

√ index

   index.njk
                                       Configuration Files

≡ .editorconfia

.gitignore
                                               .editorconfig, .prettierrc, .stylelintrc.js, .htmllintrc.json — configuration
{} .htmllintrc.json
                                              for formatting and linting code.
.gitignore — files excluded from the repository.
{} .prettierrc
V .stylelintrc.js
                                              gulpfile.js — Gulp configuration file, responsible for automating the build process.
gulpfile.js
                                              package. j son — list of dependencies and scripts for working with the project.
{} package-lock.json
{} package.json
(i) README.md
```

lets do it

Open Terminal and install Node.js

Unix Installation – Linux & MacOS

curl https://get.volta.sh | bash

Windows Installation

winget install Volta. Volta

Restart Terminal

Select a default Node version

volta install node

download files from repository

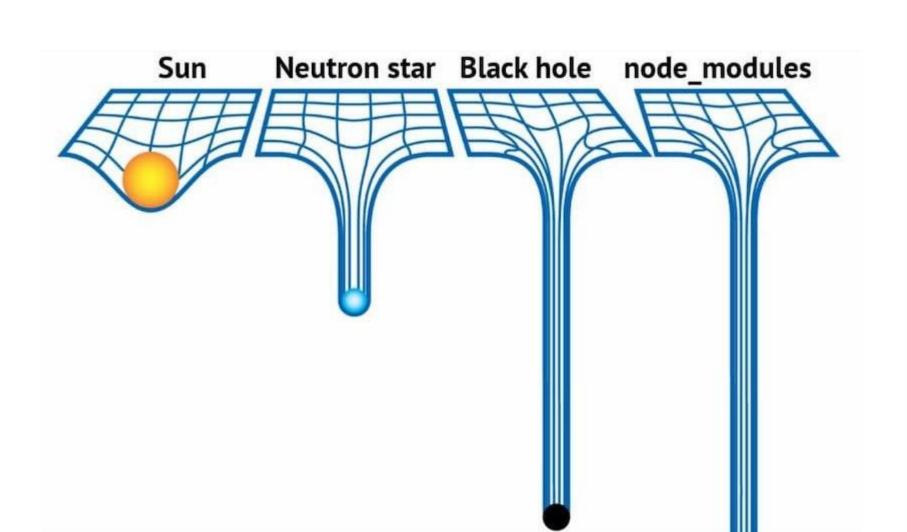
https://github.com/bro-academy/binabox-build-gulp

Open your project and start

npm ci – install dependencies

```
\downarrow
```

node_modules - creates



.gitignore

```
.DS_Store
Thumbs.db
*.log
node_modules/ - too heavy
public/ - version for prod
```

Build commands for start

npm start - will generate site (static build)
npm run dev - will generate site, show lint
errors, watch files and re-run build on change(live
server)

ctrl + c - stop watch