Build Tailwind CSS Configuration

This Node.js script builds a Tailwind CSS configuration file by reading JSON files from three different directories: /components, /base, and /utilities. The resulting configuration file is written to a file named tailwind-plugin.js in the /app directory.

Prerequisites

Node.js (v10 or later)

Installation

- 1. Clone this repository.
- 2. Run npm install to install the required dependencies.

Usage

- 1. Run npm run build to build the Tailwind CSS configuration file.
- 2. The resulting configuration file will be written to ./app/tailwind-plugin.js.

Customization

You can customize the directories that are searched for JSON files by modifying the configurations object in the buildTailwindConfig function.

Code Explanation

Here's a detailed explanation of each function used in the code:

 const fs = require('fs'): This line imports the Node.js fs module, which is used to read and write files.

- const find_files_recursively =
 require('../utilities/find_files_recursively'): This line imports a custom
 utility function that recursively finds files in a directory.
- 3. buildTailwindConfig(): This function is responsible for building the Tailwind CSS configuration file. It does the following:
 - Sets the dirname variable to the current working directory using the process.cwd() function.
 - Defines the configurations object, which contains three keys (myComponents, myBase, and myUtilities) that map to the results of calling the getStyles function with different directories.
 - Defines the getStyles function, which takes an array of file paths and reads each file using the fs.readFileSync function. The resulting JSON objects are merged into a single object using Object.assign.
 - Initializes the text variable to an empty string.
 - Uses a for...in loop to iterate over the configurations object and generate a string of JavaScript code that assigns each key to its corresponding value.
 - Writes the resulting JavaScript code to a file named tailwind-plugin.js in the /app directory using the fs.writeFileSync function.

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- 5. find_files_recursively(path, file_list = [], excludes = 'node_modules|dist|.git', file_type = ''): This function takes a directory path, an optional array of file paths, an optional string of excluded directories, and an optional file type. It recursively finds all files in the directory that match the file type and are not in the excluded directories. The resulting file paths are added to the file list array and returned.
- 6. getStyles(files): This function takes an array of file paths and reads each file using the fs.readFileSync function. The resulting JSON objects are merged into a single object using Object.assign. The function returns the merged object.
- 7. configurations: This object contains three keys (myComponents, myBase, and myUtilities) that map to the results of calling the getStyles function with different directories.
- 8. text: This variable is initialized to an empty string and is used to store the JavaScript code that will be written to the tailwind-plugin.js file.
- 9. for...in loop: This loop iterates over the configurations object and generates a string of JavaScript code that assigns each key to its corresponding value. The resulting JavaScript code is added to the text variable.
- 10. module.exports: This object is used to export the myUtilities, myComponents, and myBase keys from the configurations object.

11.fs.writeFileSync: This function writes the resulting JavaScript code to a file named tailwind-plugin.js in the /app directory.

Further Reading

- Content Configuration: Learn how to configure the paths to all of your HTML templates, JavaScript components, and any other source files that contain Tailwind class names.
- Configuration: Learn how to customize your project's color palette, type scale, fonts, breakpoints, border radius values, and more.
- Adding Custom Styles: Learn how to customize your design tokens, how to break out of those constraints when necessary, adding your own custom CSS, and extending the framework with plugins.
- Functions & Directives: Learn how to use Tailwind's custom functions and directives to access Tailwind-specific values.