SPA with Spring Web App // Hooking in Node.js to a Spring Boot web app

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The Maven plugin " frontend-maven-plugin ".

This plugin unites Node.js actions with Maven's lifecycles, allowing us to properly invoke Node.js at the right time to download packages and assemble JavaScript code into a bundle.

open up the pom.xml file created by start.spring.io

```
Add <plugin> entry
```

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>com.github.eirslett</groupId>
  <artifactId>frontend-maven-plugin</artifactId>
  <executions>
    <execution>
```

Download Node.js and its package manager npm

Add Execution install-node-and-npm

Run: \$./mvnw generate-resources

Add the parcel - a Node.js package bundler

```
node/npm install --save-dev parcel
```

Add react

node/npm install --save react react-dom

Creating a React.js app

Create index.js inside *src/main/javascript* as follows:

...

Add Execution npm install

Add Execution run npx parcel build

Edit the **package.json** that npm just created so that Parcel will assemble an ES6 module for us:

```
{
...
"source": "src/main/javascript/index.js",
"targets": {
    "default": {
        "distDir": "target/classes/static"
     }
},
...
}
```

The Plug in in pom.xml

// run

```
<plugin>
                                <groupId>com.github.eirslett
                                <artifactId>frontend-maven-plugin</artifactId>
                                <version>1.15.0</version>
                                <executions>
                                        <execution>
                                                <goals>
                                                        <goal>install-node-and-npm</goal>
                                                </goals>
                                        </execution>
                                        <execution>
                                                <id>npm install</id>
                                                <goals>
                                                        <goal>npm</goal>
                                                </goals>
                                        </execution>
                                        <execution>
                                                <id>npx run</id>
                                                <goals>
                                                        <goal>npx</goal>
                                                </goals>
                                                <phase>generate-resources</phase>
                                                <configuration>
                                                        <arguments>parcel build</arguments>
                                                </configuration>
                                        </execution>
                                </executions>
                                <configuration>
                                        <nodeVersion>v22.12.0</nodeVersion>
                                </configuration>
                        </plugin>
Ready to use SPA Spring Web App Basic
cd C:\HONG\JAVAtest2025
git clone https://github.com/hong1234/demo3springb34base.git
cd demo3springb34base
.\mvnw spring-boot:run
http://localhost:8080/react
http://localhost:8080
.\mvnw clean package
java -jar target/demo3-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar
```