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In Pursuit of Open Source

Henry Zhu



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@left_pad



hzoo

henryzoo.com



Henry Zhu

@left_pad

😅😅 east and west coast Henry Zhu's
finally meet 😊😊 @henballs



1:19 PM - 24 Oct 2017

Discovering the joys of open source

Scratching my own itch

hzoo / WholsOk

Code Issues 0 Pull requests 0 Wiki Releases 0 More ▾

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Twitter portion of WholsOk from Random Hacks of Kindness Dec 2010

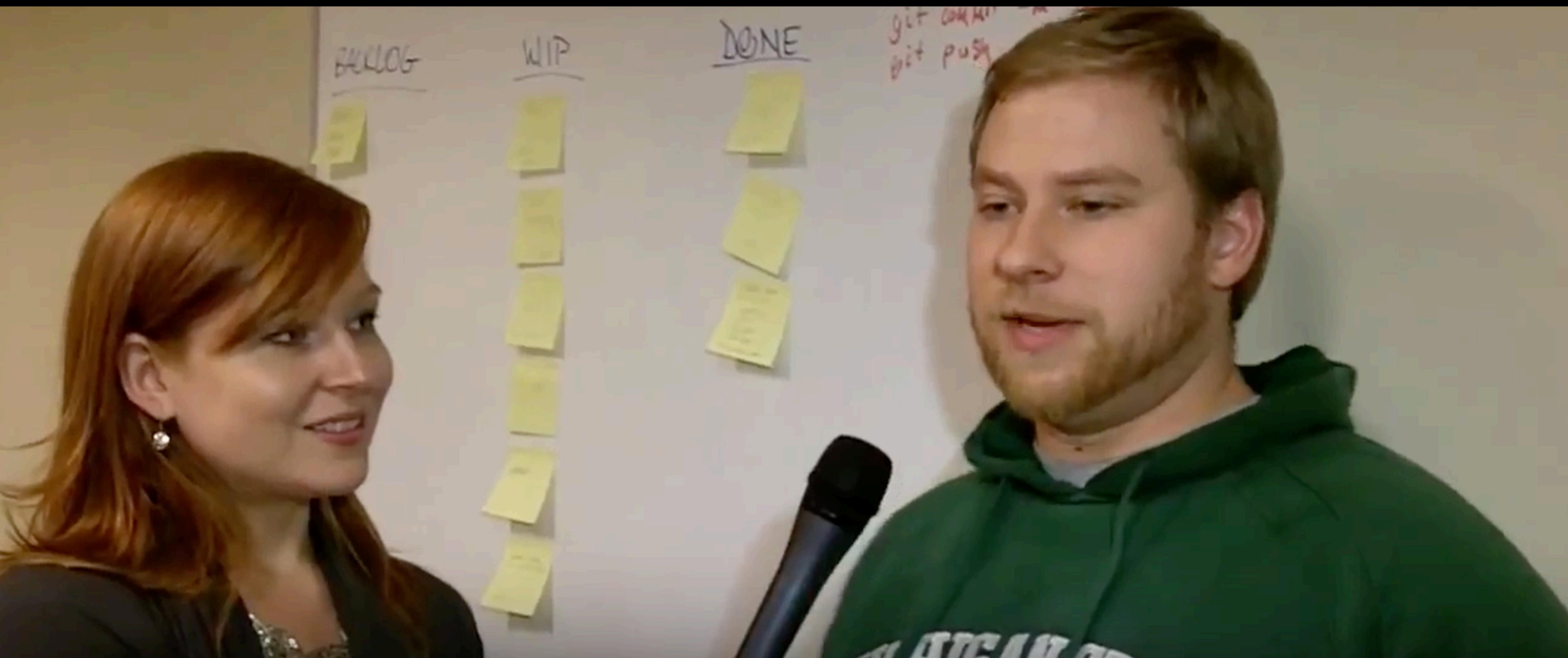
unmaintained

5 commits 1 branch 0 releases 1 contributor

Branch: master ▾ Create new file Find file Clone or download ▾

| File | Commit Message | Date |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  hzoo | Update README.md | Latest commit 2facf0c on Feb 10, 2014 |
|  images | initial commit for twitter code | 6 years ago |
|  twitteroauth | initial commit for twitter code | 6 years ago |
|  README | add readme | 6 years ago |

Teamwork: Hackathons



Contributor: angular.js



Job Interview??



Joel Kemp

to hi

5/7/15 ★

Reply



Hey Henry,

As you may know, Mike Sherov and I work on the Behance team at Adobe in New York. We're looking to hire a JavaScript engineer for our small JS team (6 people) and I think you'd be an awesome fit. You do great work on JSCS and we want someone great to join our talented team.

Would you be at all interested? I know you're based out of Georgia, but I figured I'd reach out just in case.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,
Joel

Core team: JSCS



JSCS has merged with ESLint!

JSCS is a code style linter and formatter for your style guide



Maintainer?

BABEL

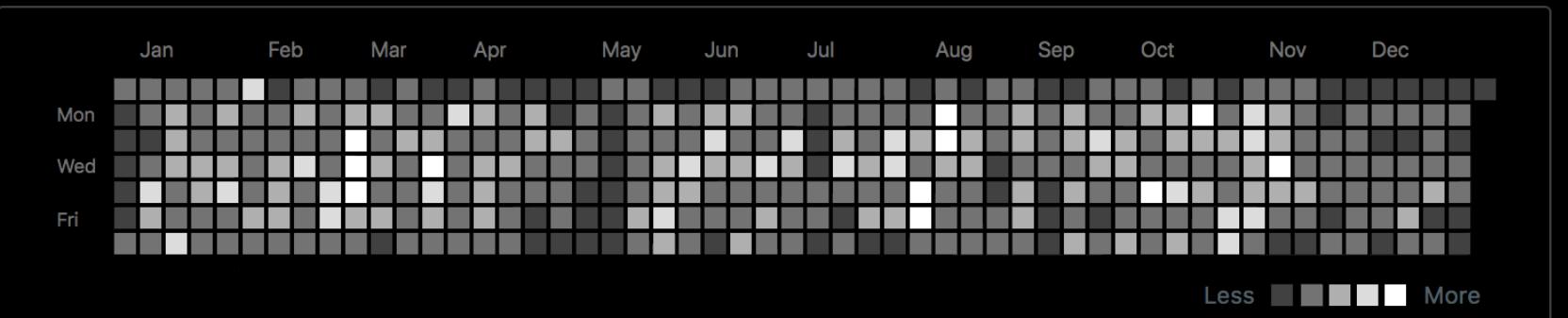
I want to thank everyone who has ever helped out even the littlest bit with Babel. A huge shoutout to Logan Smyth ([@loganfsmyth](#)), Henry Zhu ([@hzoo](#)), Jesse McCarthy ([@jmm](#)), and Denis Pushkarev ([@zloirock](#)) for all their hard work managing issues and contributing to Babel.

We're excited to finally release Babel 6 to the world. As always, we're committed to pushing Babel to be the best tool it can be, so please keep the GitHub issues and pull requests coming!

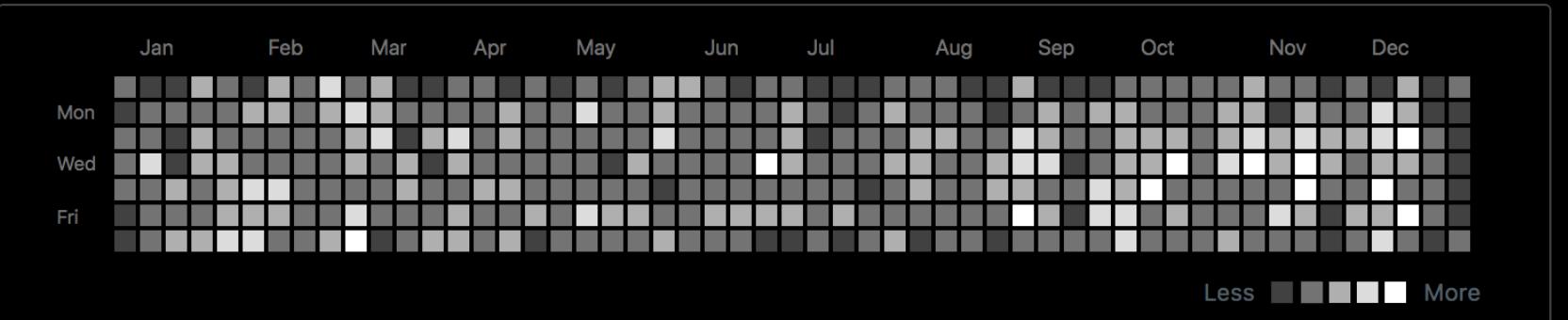
<https://babeljs.io/blog/2015/10/29/6.0.0>

Obsessed?

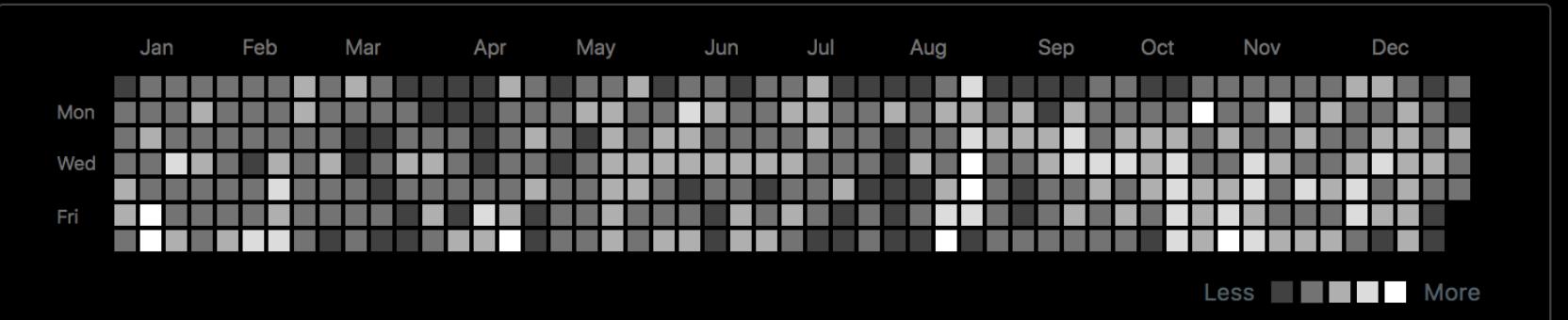
2,744 contributions in 2017



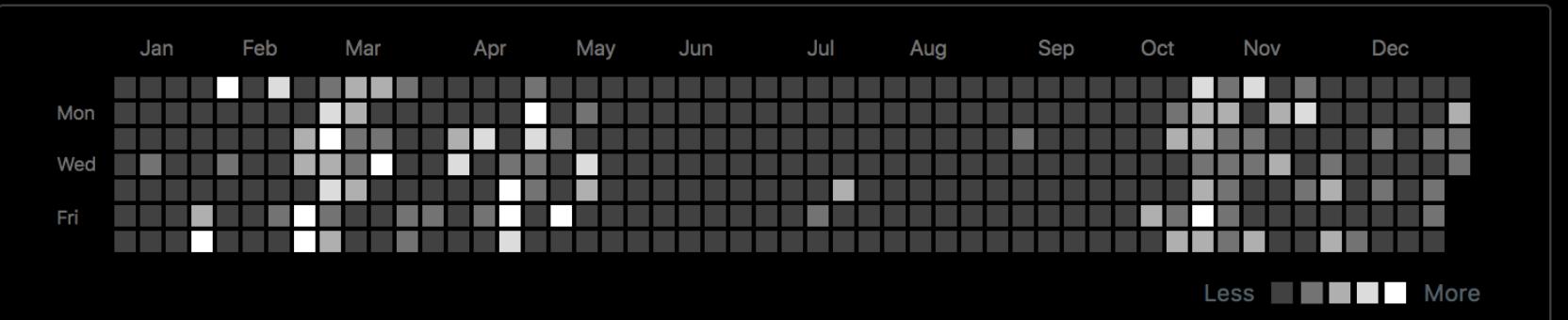
2,978 contributions in 2016



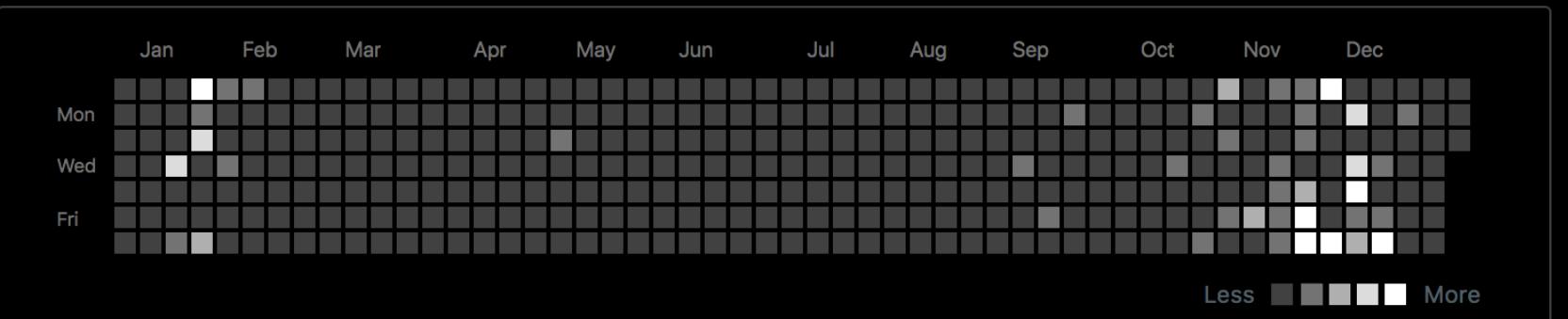
1,781 contributions in 2015



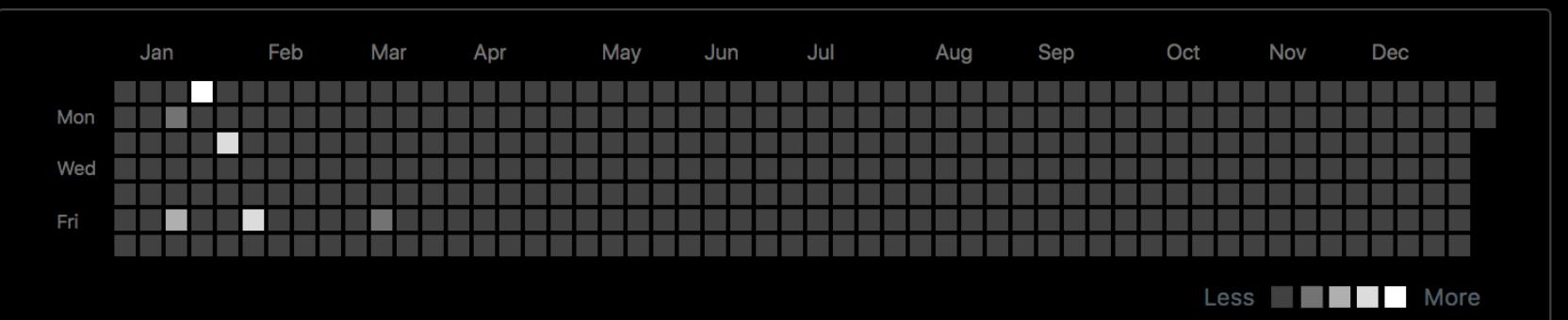
382 contributions in 2014



197 contributions in 2013



14 contributions in 2012



“Full time” maintainer

Part time at Behance



Lea Verou 
@LeaVerou

Following ▾

Reading [medium.freecodecamp.org/were-](https://medium.freecodecamp.org/were-nearing-the-end-of-2016-and-the-things-that-stood-out-were-1f3a2a2a2)
[nearing-the-end-of-2016-and-the-things-that-stood-out-were-1f3a2a2a2">the thing that stood out was that](https://medium.freecodecamp.org/were-nearing-the-end-of-2016-and-the-things-that-stood-out-were-1f3a2a2a2)
[@Behance is sponsoring half of @left_pad's](https://medium.freecodecamp.org/were-nearing-the-end-of-2016-and-the-things-that-stood-out-were-1f3a2a2a2)
[time to work on Babel. There are employers](https://medium.freecodecamp.org/were-nearing-the-end-of-2016-and-the-things-that-stood-out-were-1f3a2a2a2)
[that will pay you to work on Open Source?](https://medium.freecodecamp.org/were-nearing-the-end-of-2016-and-the-things-that-stood-out-were-1f3a2a2a2)
Amazing!
Huge props @behance!



a year passes...



Henry Zhu
@left_pad

FYI going to take a step back from open source and maintaining Babel as much 😊. I'll probably still do things like docs/posts/changelog/releases and am not going away.

7:45 AM - 5 Dec 2017

“What if?” became more realistic
(not easier)

Two months ago!



Henry Zhu

@left_pad

I've left my job to work on open source full time!

I just launched a Patreon at patreon.com/henryzhu so if you want to support my future work please check it out!

So now what, #freedom?

The image shows a dark-themed mobile application interface. At the top, there is a large, rounded rectangular container with a thin gray border. Inside this container, on the left, is a circular profile picture of a man with glasses. To the right of the profile picture, the name "Brian Ng" is displayed in white, bold font, followed by the handle "@existentialism" in a smaller, lighter font. On the far right edge of this container, there is a small downward-pointing arrow icon. Below this container, the main content area has a black background. A white rectangular card represents a tweet. The card contains the text "Not a good start for @left_pad 😭" in white. To the left of the text is a small square profile picture of a young man with glasses. Below the card, another white rectangular area represents a reply. It contains the text "i'm already burnt out just cloning the repo" in black. To the left of this reply text is a small square profile picture of a young man with glasses, matching the one in the tweet card.

Brian Ng
@existentialism

Not a good start for @left_pad 😭

hzoo 8:52 PM
i'm already burnt out just cloning the repo

Not just think, but *live* open source?

For though I am free from all,
I have made myself a servant to all,
that I might win more of them

1 Cor 9:19

Freeing the maintainer

We aren't obligated to continue on

Open Source reflects our character

Henry Zhu
@left_pad

lol so I'm trying to open a channel and I noticed some users in our Slack

no, i want get help about babel you are idiot ○ vbz

use babel Edison ○ eddyson0103

babel_newb ○

10:51 PM - 20 Sep 2017

Instant everything



denysonique 9:29 AM

joined #discussion.



denysonique 9:30 AM

babel-node script.js // SyntaxError: Unexpected token import



hzoo 10:24 AM

um

is that a support question? it's probably not picking up your babelrc file (if you have one)

Too real



Ingvar Stepanyan
@RReverser

1. Open a new tab with Twitter.
2. Find nothing interesting.
3. Unconsciously open one more identical tab with Twitter, hoping to find something interesting there.
4. Repeat.

3:56 PM - 23 Apr 2018

Entitlement



Henry Zhu
@left_pad

Wow a whole year 🎉!

Almost year, the problem still exists. WTF?

9:04 AM - 2 Aug 2017

Mixed Responses



ken ~ / (°□°) ~ ken
@piq9117

Wow. Thank you @babeljs. Thats such a human message.

```
npm WARN deprecated babel-preset-es2015@6.24.1: We're super 🐱 excited that you're trying to use ES2015 syntax, but instead of making more yearly presets 😭, Babel now has a better preset that we recommend you use instead: npm install babel-preset-env --save-dev. preset-env without options will compile ES2015+ down to ES5 just like using all the presets together and thus is more future proof. It also allows you to target specific browsers so that Babel can do less work and you can ship native ES2015+ to user 😊! We are also in the process of releasing v7, so please give http://babeljs.io/blog/2017/09/12/planning-for-7.0 a read and help test it out in beta! Thanks so much for using Babel 🙏 please give us a follow on Twitter @babeljs for news on Babel, join slack.babeljs.io for discussion/development and help support the project at opencollective.com/babel
npm WARN deprecated minimatch@2.0.10: Please update to minimatch 3.0.2 or higher to avoid a
```

2:02 PM - 17 Sep 2017

Mixed Responses

Deprecation warnings are obnoxious and unnecessary #6358



Closed methodbox opened this issue on Oct 1, 2017 · 2 comments · Jump to bottom

Edit

New issue



methodbox (Methodbox.io) on Oct 1, 2017



Assignees



No one—assign yourself

Labels



“(ツ)／＼”

Projects



None yet

Milestone



No milestone

Notifications

Choose one: is this a bug report or feature request?

Feature Request

Expected Behavior

Deprecation warnings that are not used for spam and massive blocks of unreadable text.

Current Behavior

Horribly obnoxious deprecation warning which is fundamentally spam:

```
$ npm install -g vue-cli
npm WARN deprecated babel-preset-latest@6.24.1: We're super 😺 excited that you're trying
npm WARN deprecated babel-preset-es2016@6.24.1: We're super 😺 excited that you're trying
npm WARN deprecated babel-preset-es2017@6.24.1: We're super 😺 excited that you're trying
```

Unsubscribe

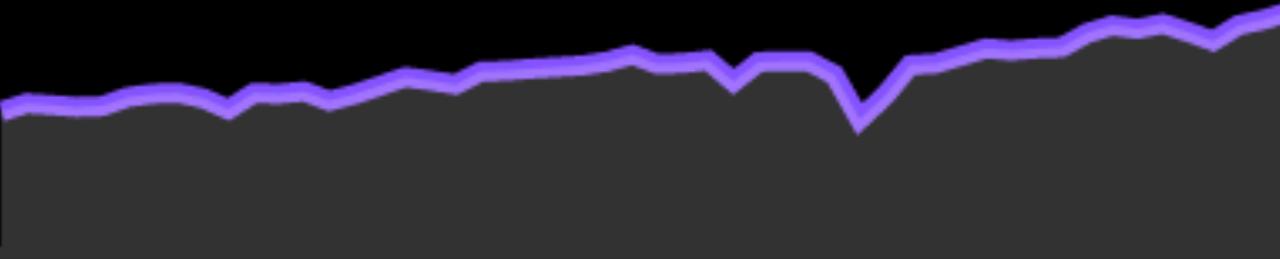
Just a numbers game?

install

```
> npm i babel-core
```

⬇ weekly downloads

3,561,783



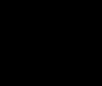
Just a numbers game?

Dependency graph

Dependencies Dependents

Repositories that depend on **babel-core**

Package: **babel-core** ▾

| 989,696 Repositories | 65,192 Packages |
|---|-----------------|
|  dmtopp / js-boilerplate | ★ 0 ⚡ 0 |
|  KEXPCapstone / demo | ★ 0 ⚡ 0 |
|  user / project | ★ 0 ⚡ 0 |
|  user / project | ★ 0 ⚡ 0 |

Just a numbers game?

facebook



NETFLIX

mozilla

YAHOO!

PayPal

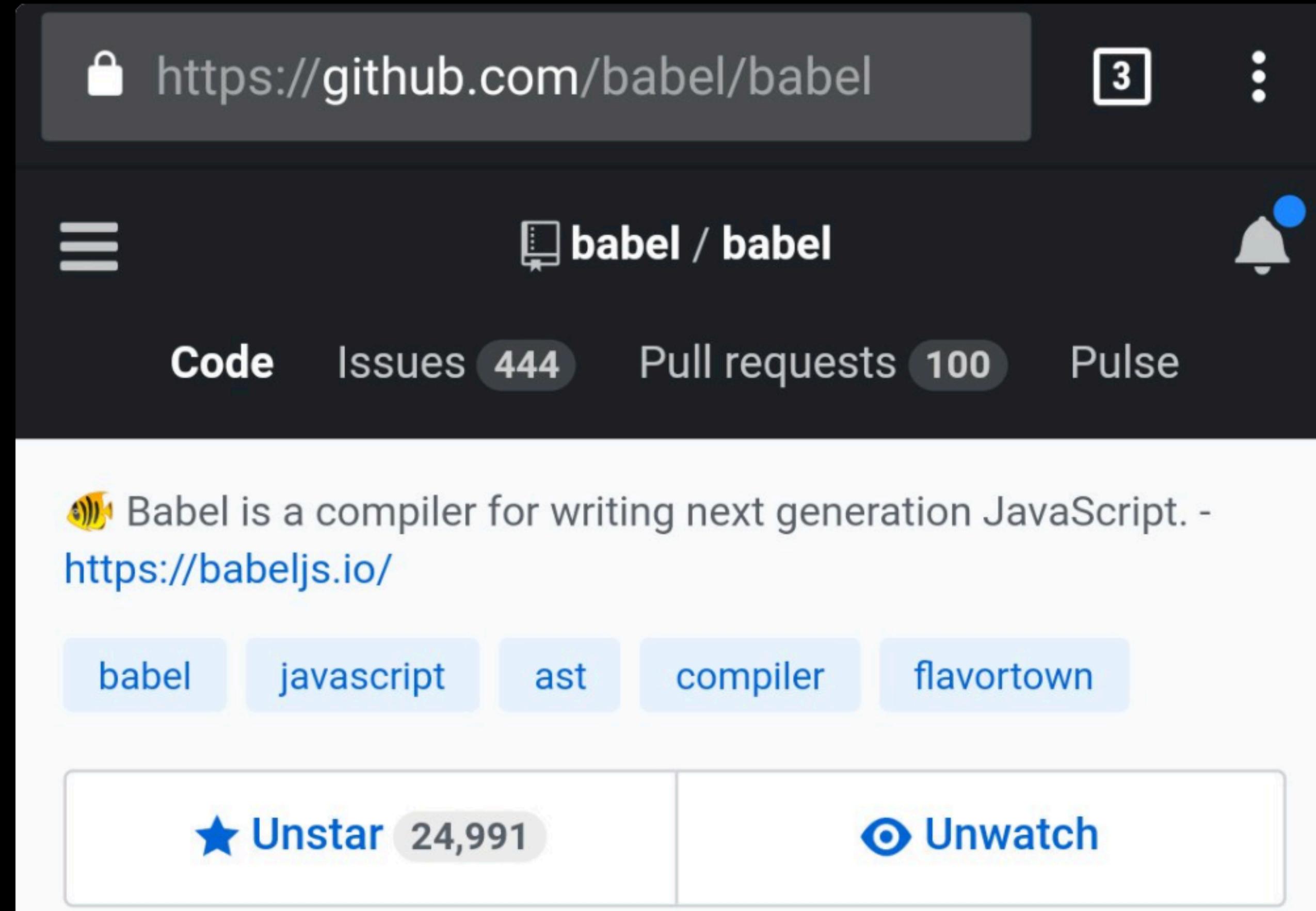
airbnb

reddit

Spotify®

Just a numbers game?

We're almost at 25k stars!



Inbox Zero?

Notifications Watching Open all unread in tabs

| Unread | 834 | babel/babel | | | |
|-------------------|-----|--|---|---------------|------|
| Participating | 174 | Fix default sourceFileName. |  | 4 minutes ago | ✖️ ✓ |
| All notifications | | Bring `pipelineOperator` flag in line with minimal |  | 5 hours ago | ✖️ ✓ |
| | | Feature request: allow passing config file to babel-node |  | 9 hours ago | ✖️ ✓ |
| babel/babel | 523 | Class private properties |  | 16 hours ago | ✖️ ✓ |
| tc39/agendas | 63 | | | | |

GitHub feels "transactional"

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository `babel / babel`. The top navigation bar includes options for `Code`, **Issues 512** (which is selected), `Pull requests 104`, `Projects 0`, `Wiki`, `Insights`, and `Settings`. The right side of the header shows statistics: `Unwatch 795`, `Unstar 27,316`, `Fork 2,656`. The main area shows a form for creating a new issue. The title field is active, containing the placeholder `Title`. Below the title is a rich text editor toolbar with buttons for `Write` and `Preview`, and various text styling options like bold, italic, and code blocks. The preview area contains the following text:

```
<!---
Thanks for filing an issue 😊 ! Before you submit, please read the following:

Search open/closed issues before submitting since someone might have asked the same thing
before!
```

To the right of the preview area are three configuration sections: **Assignees** (No one—assign yourself), **Labels** (None yet), and **Projects** (None yet).



15-day streak lost! Do you want
to repair it?

REPAIR FOR \$2.99

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month with Duolingo Plus!

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NO THANKS

5:21 AM - 26 Apr 2018

Always on-call

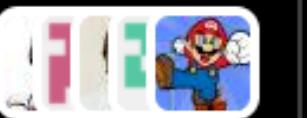
we are fucked...



13



5



25



4



luckyyyyy (青阳魂) on Sep 18, 2017 <>

we are fucked...



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19



6



wh1100717 (Eric Wang) on Sep 18, 2017 <> • edited ▾

we are fucked...

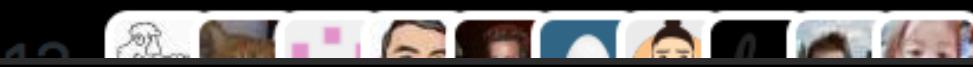
js-beautify@1.7.0 breaks the project installation and trying to use the lower version 1.1
this issue



0



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He wants men to concerned with
what they do; our business is to
keep them thinking about
what will happen to them

- The Screwtape Letters, Chapter 6

What's the cost?



Henry Zhu
@left_pad

"Before you go maintaining anything else,
maintain your own body first" - Mom 😊

3:08 PM - 22 Dec 2017

If I think something is important,
then why am I not devoting my time to it?

"The more often he feels without acting,
the less he will be able ever to act, and,
in the long run, the less he will be able to feel"

The Screwtape Letters - Chapter 13

What are the rhythms
of Open Source?

And what kind of story do
they point towards?

Bring in the whimsy



Henry Zhu

@left_pad

lol the @babeljs slack community:
slack.babeljs.io



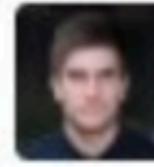
Ken Eucker 2:14 PM

thanks again for your help today, [@hzoo](#), very much appreciated!



Stian Bakken 3:09 PM

joined #discussion



Stian Bakken 3:10 PM



2:17 PM - 18 May 2017

Giving out stickers!



λ Sven . Sauleau
@svensauleau

Make sure to find me at [@jsheroes](#) or
[@devexperiencero](#) I have a ton of [@babeljs](#)
stickers!





Mariko Kosaka

@kosamari

Following



Beautiful 😂 @left_pad @jdan



7:40 PM - 11 Jan 2017



Angus Croll

flâneur

Dec 6, 2017 · 3 min read

Hallelujah—In Praise of Babel

with apologies to Leonard Cohen

Update 1: Now available in [audio](#) courtesy of the brilliant [Shawn Wang](#)

Update 2: This is now the [official song of Babel.js!](#)

I heard there was a clever trick

That rewrote all your JavaScript

But you don't really care for magic, do you

Well it goes like this: the source, the dist

The ES five, the ES six

The sacred script transforming Hallelujah

Maintainers as facilitators



Nadia Eghbal
@nayafia

Thinking: it's not about incentivizing developers to participate in a community, it's about rewarding those who are intrinsically motivated to participate.

1:04 PM - 24 Apr 2018

More face to face?



Community shoutouts



Henry Zhu
@left_pad

Thanks to **@dczombera** for an awesome first PR to **@babeljs!** (always welcomed better syntax error messages)
github.com/babel/babel/pull/1000 cc **@fivetanley**

```
repl: Only expressions, functions or classes are allowed as the `default
` export. (1:15)

> 1 | export default const MyComponent = () => {
|           ^
2 |   return `<div class="foo">HI</div>`;
3 | };
```

Community shoutouts



Sujin Lee
@sujinleeme

🎉 What a surprise! @MarinaGJCho and I were chosen #RGSoC2018 team officially! We are so excited to be open source contributors on @babeljs on this coming summer! Thank @RailsGirlsSoC and @left_pad for welcoming invitation to open source community. ❤️ #RGSoCSunshine

Community shoutouts



Henry Zhu
@left_pad

Want to give a shoutout to one of our Babel team members **@existentialism**, not simply hard work regarding issues and PRs but with ideas and presence (and helping me edit basically anything I've written including all blog posts + talks) 😊, you're awesome!

2:08 PM - 25 Apr 2018

Encouraging regular rest

Restoration through re-storying

APRIL 14, 2014

How to be an open source gardener

I do a lot of work on open source, but my most valuable contributions haven't been code. Writing a patch is the easiest part of open source. The truly hard stuff is all of the rest: bug trackers, mailing lists, documentation, and other management tasks. Here's some things I've learned along the way.

<http://words.steveklabnik.com/how-to-be-an-open-source-gardener>

If you want to build a ship, *don't drum up* people
to collect wood and *don't assign* them
tasks and work, but rather **teach them to**
long for the endless immensity of the sea

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Open Source *shapes* my character

What is Open Source
teaching us to pursue?

patreon.com/henryzhu



Henry Zhu is creating Open Source and Babel

Overview

Posts

Community

BECOME A PATRON

142

patrons

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per month

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> TL;DR I've left my job to work on open source and Babel full time, and have created this Patreon (on 3/2/18) to help fund myself with the community's help!

🙌 I'm **Henry**, an open source maintainer.

Dear friends,

My last day **at Adobe** was 3/1. I've had the wonderful opportunity to work there for 2.5 years, with the last year working on **Babel** itself for half of my time. I've been the primary maintainer on the project for the

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(I don't drink coffee so maybe bubble tea is more relevant 😂)