

webpack
ACADEMY

WEBPACK FUNDAMENTALS

<https://github.com/thelarkinn/webpack-workshop-2018>

<https://frontendmasters.com/courses/webpack-fundamentals/>

PROGRAM MANAGER

MICROSOFT WEB PLATFORM, EDGE DEV TOOLS

MAINTAINER + ADVOCATE

WEBPACK

CORE TEAM

ANGULAR / ANGULAR-CLI

EVANGELIST

OPEN SOURCE SUSTAINABILITY





BACKGROUND

Former Tech Support Rep.
gone rogue turned Software
Engineer / Web Developer
who got tired of never being
able to really help the
customer he served.

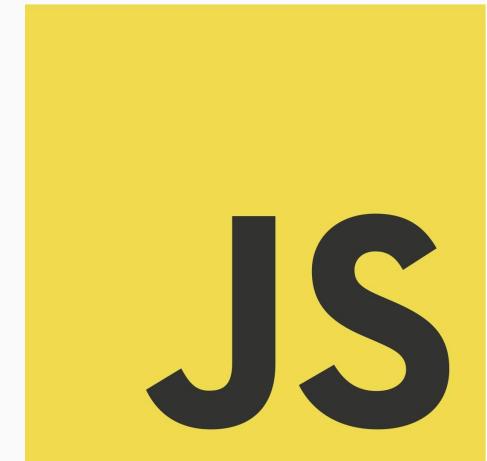
Languages: Ruby,
Objective-C, Swift, Javascript.

Other: Woodworker,
farmer, IoT



Objective

C-Programming



SUSTAINABLE OPEN SOURCE PRACTICES

JAVASCRIPT

BUILDING
CONTRIBUTORS,
COMMUNITY, AND
ECOSYSTEM



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Organizations



Overview

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webpack/webpack

A bundler for javascript and friends. Packs many modules into a few bundled assets. Code Splitting allows to load parts for the application on demand. Through "loaders," modules can be CommonJs, AM...

JavaScript ★ 24k 2.8k

angular/angular-cli

CLI tool for Angular

TypeScript ★ 7.2k 1.4k

angular-starter-es6-webpack

This is an Angular Starter App with component and service generators using gulp for easy component development. Uses Karma-Mocha-Chai as testing suite and Babel Loader and Webpack for ES6

JavaScript ★ 71 49

angular2-template-loader

Chain-to loader for webpack that inlines all html and style's in angular2 components.

JavaScript ★ 100 40

webpack-developer-kit

webpack dev kit for writing custom plugins and loaders on the fly. Education/Exploration tool as well.

JavaScript ★ 55 7

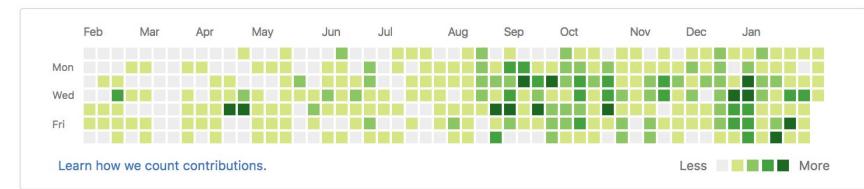
LazyParseWebpackPlugin

(v8-lazy-parse-webpack-plugin) This is a webpack plugin designed to exploit the V8 engines treatment of functions with parens wrapped around them. This lazy loads the parsing decreasing initial loa...

JavaScript ★ 84 6

1,434 contributions in the last year

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EXPECTATIONS

WHY WEBPACK? - HISTORY OF WEB PERFORMANCE + JAVASCRIPT

GETTING STARTED - SETUP, INSTALLATION, SCRIPTS, AND CLI

THE CORE CONCEPTS

STARTING OUT RIGHT

THE ESSENTIALS

PUTTING IT TO PRACTICE

TRIAGE AND DEBUG

CHAPTER 1: WHY?

ORIGINS

JAVASCRIPT - IT'S
JUST SCRIPTS!

```
const button = document.createElement(  
    'button');  
button.innerText = "My button!";  
  
document.body.appendChild(button);
```

2 WAYS TO LOAD

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
  <title>Document</title>
</head>
<body>
  <script src="index.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

```
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<html lang="en">
<head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
    <title>Document</title>
</head>
<body>
    <script>
        var foo = "hello world!";

        console.log(foo);
    </script>
</body>
</html>
```

PROBLEMS

DOESN'T SCALE

TOO MANY SCRIPTS

▲ Max Number of default simultaneous persistent connections per server/proxy:

339

Firefox 2: 2
Firefox 3+: 6
Opera 9.26: 4
Opera 12: 6
Safari 3: 4
Safari 5: 6
IE 7: 2
IE 8: 6
IE 10: 8
Chrome: 6

The limit is per-server/proxy, so your wildcard scheme will work.

FYI: this is specifically related to HTTP 1.1; other protocols have separate concerns and limitations (i.e., SPDY, TLS, HTTP 2).

TOO MANY SCRIPTS

UNMAINTAINABLE SCRIPTS

SCOPE

SIZE

READABILITY

FRAGILITY

MONOLITH FILES

SOLUTION?

TIFE'S

IMMEDIATELY
INVOKED
FUNCTION
EXPRESSION

```
/**  
 * Immediately Invoked Function Expression  
 */  
const whatever = (function(dataNowUsedInside) {  
    return {  
        someAttribute: "youwant"  
    }  
})(1)  
/**  
 * whatever.someAttribute  
 *  
 * > "youwant"  
 */
```

REVEALING MODULE PATTERN

```
var outerScope = 1;
/**/
 * Immediately Invoked Function Expression
 */
const whatever = (function(dataNowUsedInside) {
    var outerScope = 4;
    return {
        someAttribute: "youwant"
    }
})(1)

console.log(outerScope);
/**/
 * console log returns 1! No inner scope leak!
*/
```

TREAT EACH FILE AS
IIFE (REVEALING
MODULE)

MANY SIMILAR PATTERNS

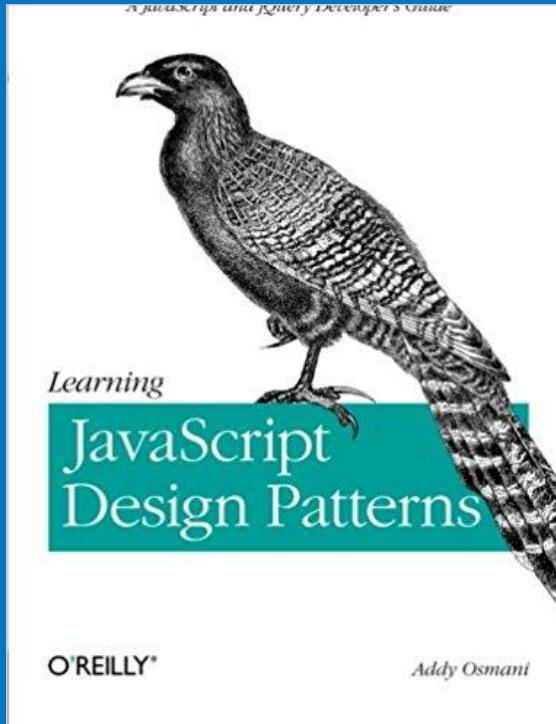


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CONCATENATE!

WE CAN "SAFELY" COMBINE
FILES WITHOUT CONCERN OF
SCOPE COLLISION!*

MAKE, GRUNT, GULP,
BROCCOLI, BRUNCH,
STEALJS

PROBLEMS

FULL REBUILDS
EVERYTIME!

DEAD CODE

CONCAT DOESN'T HELP TIE USAGES ACROSS FILES

The cost of small modules

Posted August 15, 2016 by Nolan Lawson in performance, Web. [78 Comments](#)

Update (30 Oct 2016): since I wrote this post, a bug was found in the benchmark which caused Rollup to appear slightly better than it would otherwise. However, the overall results are not substantially different (Rollup still beats Browserify and Webpack, although it's not quite as good as Closure anymore), so I've merely updated the charts and tables. Additionally, the benchmark now includes the RequireJS and RequireJS Almond bundlers, so those have been added as well. To see the original blog post without these edits, check out this [archived version](#).

About a year ago I was refactoring a large JavaScript codebase into smaller modules, when I discovered a depressing fact about Browserify and Webpack:

“The more I modularize my code, the bigger it gets. 😞”
– Nolan Lawson

Later on, Sam Saccone published some excellent research on [Tumblr](#) and [Imgur](#)'s page load performance, in which he noted:

“Over 400ms is being spent simply walking the Browserify tree.”
– Sam Saccone

In this post, I'd like to demonstrate that small modules can have a surprisingly high performance cost depending on your choice of bundler and module system. Furthermore, I'll explain why this applies not only to the modules in your own codebase, but also to the modules *within dependencies*, which is a rarely-discussed aspect of the cost of third-party code.

LOTS
OF
IIFE'S
ARE
SLOW

~~DYNAMIC~~ ~~LOADING?~~

BIRTH OF JAVASCRIPT MODULES



COMMONJS (MODULES 1.0)

```
// index.js
const path = require("path"); // used for builtin Node.js modules
const {add, subtract} = require("./math"); // or also used modules from another file

const sum = add(5, 5);
const difference = subtract(10, 4);

console.log(sum, difference);

/**
 *
 * math.js (has two named exports {add, subtract})
 *
 *
 */
const divideFn = require("./division");

exports.add = (first, second) => first + second;
exports.subtract = (first, second) => first - second;
exports.divide = divideFn;

/**
 *
 * division.js
 *
 *
 * has a default exports "divide"
 */
module.exports = (first, second) => first/second;
```

STATIC ANALYSIS

NPM+NODE+MODULES

MASS DISTRIBUTION

PROBLEMS

NO BROWSER SUPPORT

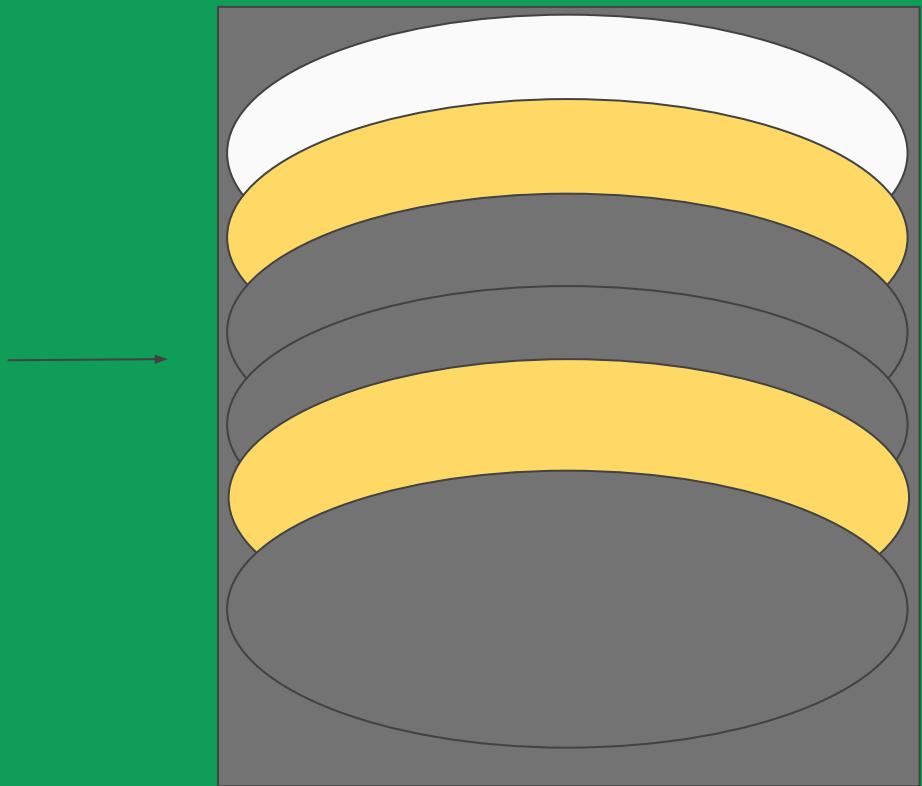
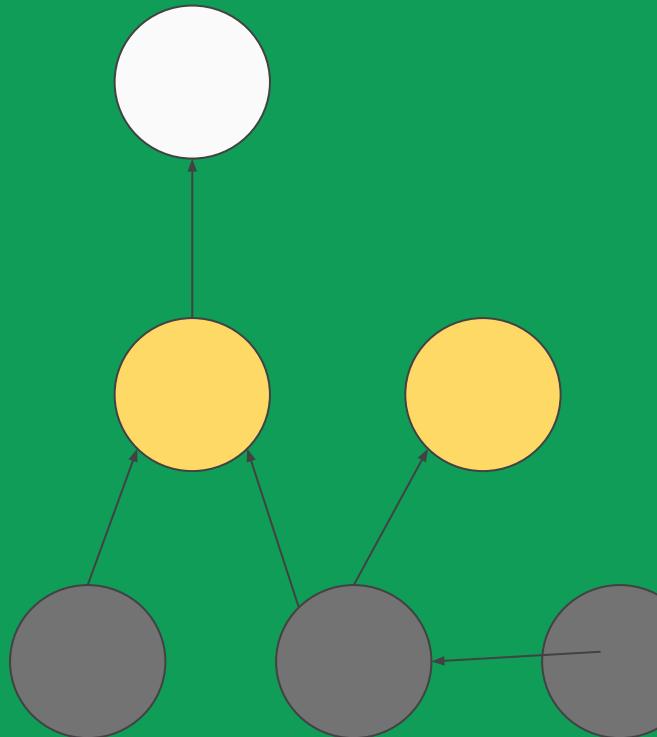
NO LIVE BINDINGS

PROBLEMS WITH CIRCULAR REFERENCES

SYNC MODULE RESO,
LOADER (SLOW)

NO
BROWSER
SUPPORT

SOLUTION?



BUNDLERS / LINKERS

BROWSERIFY (STATIC)
REQUIREJS (LOADER)
SYSTEMJS (LOADER)

PROBLEMS

COMMONJS

```
//loading module  
var _ = require('lodash');
```

```
//declaring module  
module.exports = someValue;
```

NO STATIC / ASYNC /
LAZY LOADING (ALL
BUNDLES UP FRONT)

COMMONJS BLOAT
TOO DYNAMIC

NOT EVERYONE WAS
SHIPPING COMMONJS.

AMD

```
define('myAwesomeLib', ['lodash',
'someDep'],
function (_, someDep) {
    return { ... }
});

```

AMD + COMMONJS

```
define( function(require, exports, module) {  
  var _ = require('lodash');  
  
  //..do things  
  module.exports = someLib;  
});
```

PROBLEMS

TOO DYNAMIC OF LAZY
LOADING (MOMENTJS)

**AWKWARD NON
STANDARD SYNTAX (NO
REAL MODULE SYSTEM)**

SOLUTION?

ESM

```
import {uniq, forOf, bar} from 'lodash-es'  
import * as utils from 'utils';  
  
export const uniqConst = uniq([1,2,2,4]);
```

REUSABLE
ENCAPSULATED
ORGANIZED
CONVENIENT

REUSABLE
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PROBLEMS

ESM FOR NODE?

HOW DO THEY WORK IN THE BROWSER?



**ESM FOR BROWSER IS
VERY VERY VERY SLOW**

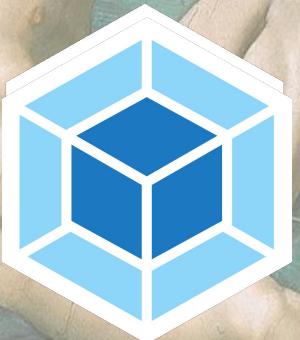
EVERY LIBRARY IS DIFFERENT...

Library authors use the module types that they like
and choose

AND THIS IS JUST FOR
JAVASCRIPT...

Each and every other filetype until now has had to have specific ways
to process it.

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE...



webpack



WEBPACK IS A MODULE BUNDLER

LETS YOU WRITE ANY MODULE
FORMAT (MIXED!), COMPILES
THEM FOR THE BROWSER

SUPPORTS STATIC ASYNC
BUNDLING

RICH, VAST, ECOSYSTEM

THE MOST PERFORMANT WAY TO
SHIP JAVASCRIPT TODAY

WEBPACK - HOW TO USE IT?

CONFIG

(webpack.config.js) Yes, it's a module too!!!

```
module.exports = {  
  entry: {  
    vendor: './src/vendors.ts',  
    main: './src/main.browser.ts'  
  },  
  output: {  
    path: 'dist/',  
    filename: '[name].bundle.js'  
  }  
}
```

WEBPACK - HOW TO USE IT?

WEBPACK CLI

```
$> webpack <entry.js>  
<result.js> --colors  
    --progress
```

```
$> webpack-dev-server  
    --port=9000
```

WEBPACK - HOW TO USE IT?

NODE API

```
var webpack = require("webpack");

// returns a Compiler instance
webpack({
    // configuration object here!
}, function(err, stats) {
    // ...
    // compilerCallback
    console.error(err);
});
```

QUESTIONS?

BREAK!

CHAPTER 2 - FROM SCRATCH

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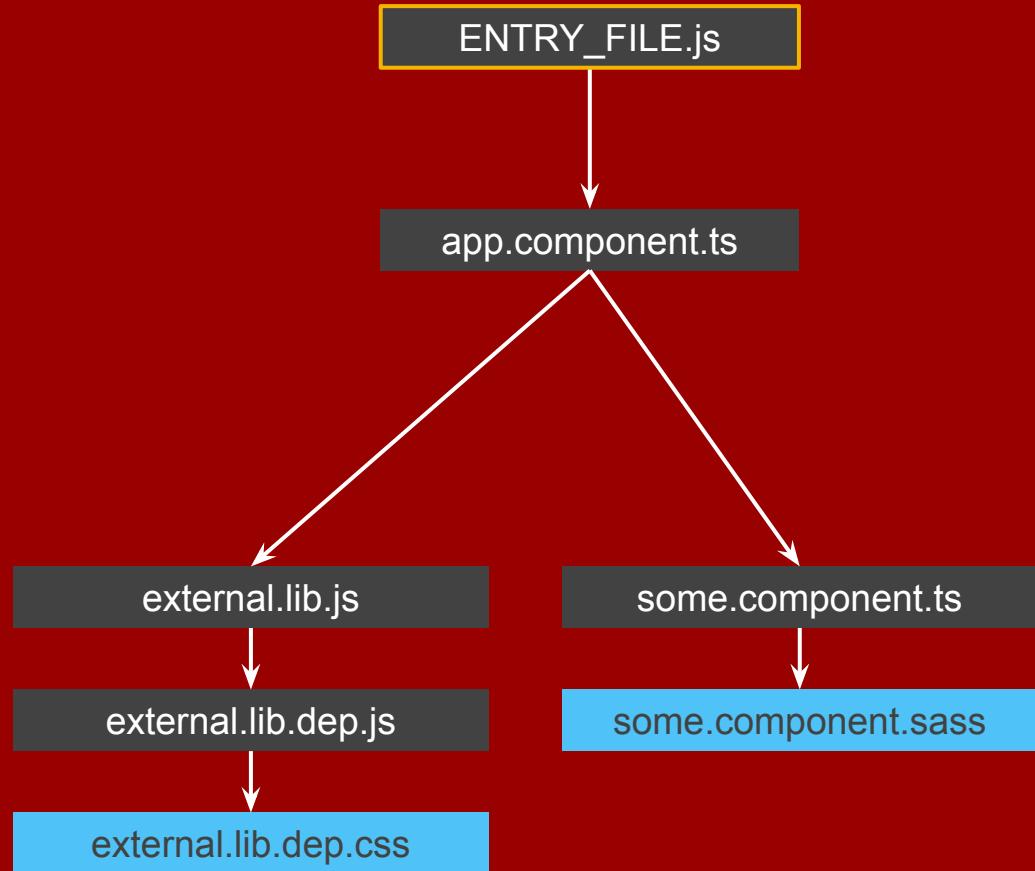
THE CORE CONCEPTS

ENTRY

THE CORE CONCEPTS: ENTRY

The first javascript file to load to “kick-off” your app.

webpack uses this as the starting point



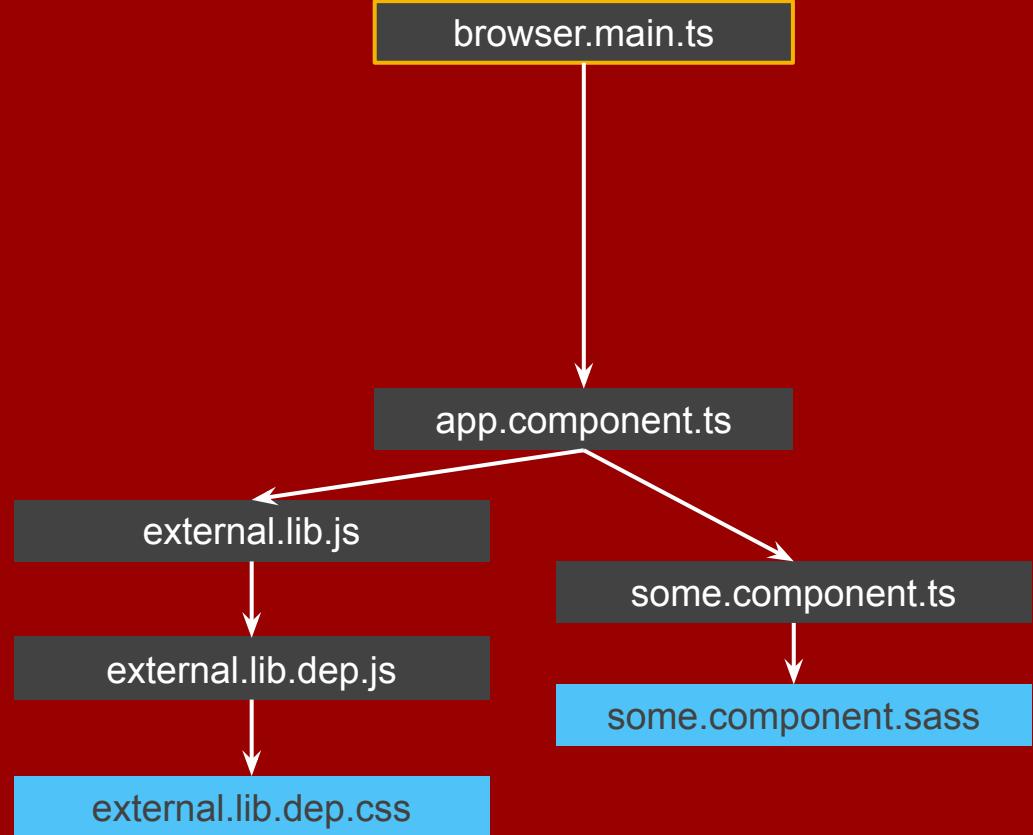
THE CORE CONCEPTS: ENTRY

```
//webpack.config.js
module.exports = {
  entry: './browser.main.ts',
  //...
}

//browser.main.ts
import {
  Component
} from '@angular/core';

import {
  App
} from './app.component';
bootstrap(App, []);

//app.component.ts
@Component({...})
export class App {};
```



THE CORE CONCEPTS: ENTRY

```
//webpack.config.js
module.exports = {
  entry: './browser.main.ts',
  //...
}

//browser.main.ts
import {Component} from
'@angular/core';

import {App} from
'./app.component';

bootstrap(App, []);

//app.component.ts
@Component({...})
export class App {};
```

browser.main.ts

app.component.ts

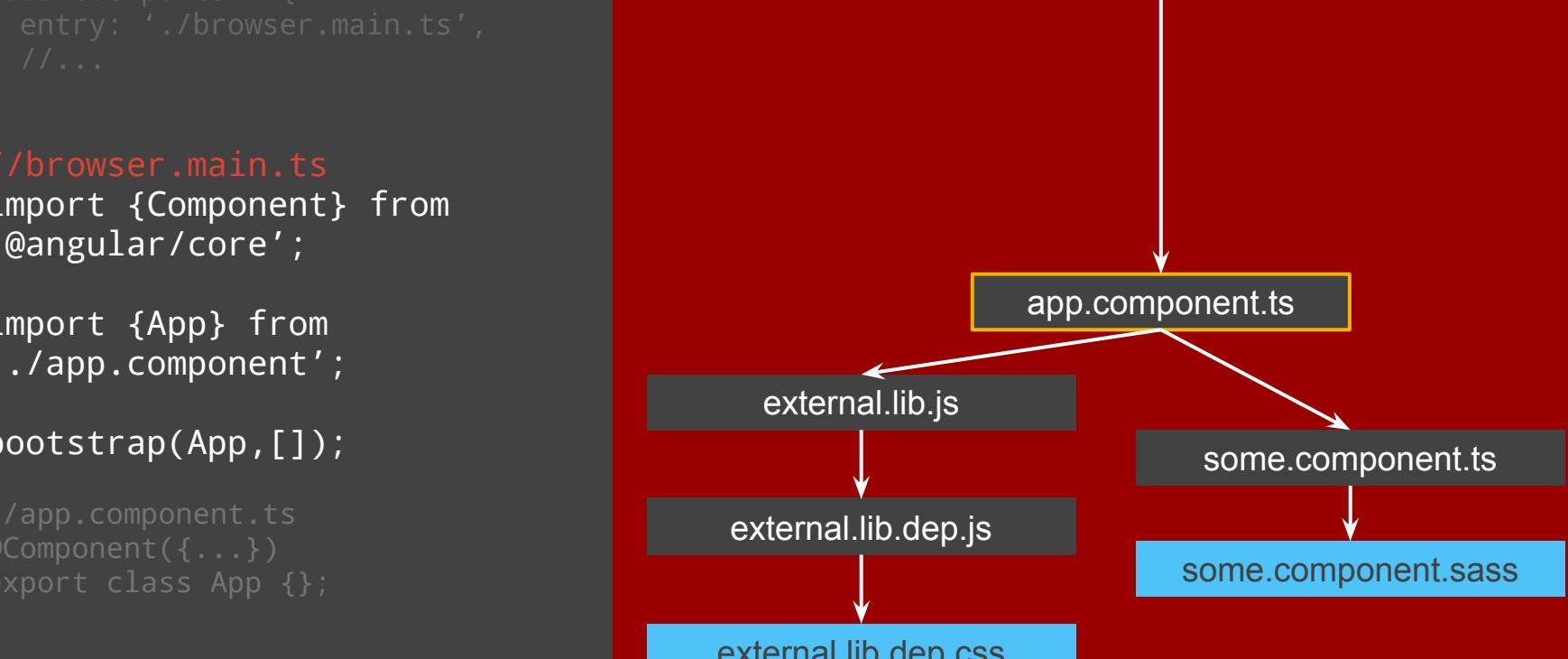
external.lib.js

external.lib.dep.js

external.lib.dep.css

some.component.ts

some.component.sass



THE CORE CONCEPTS

ENTRY

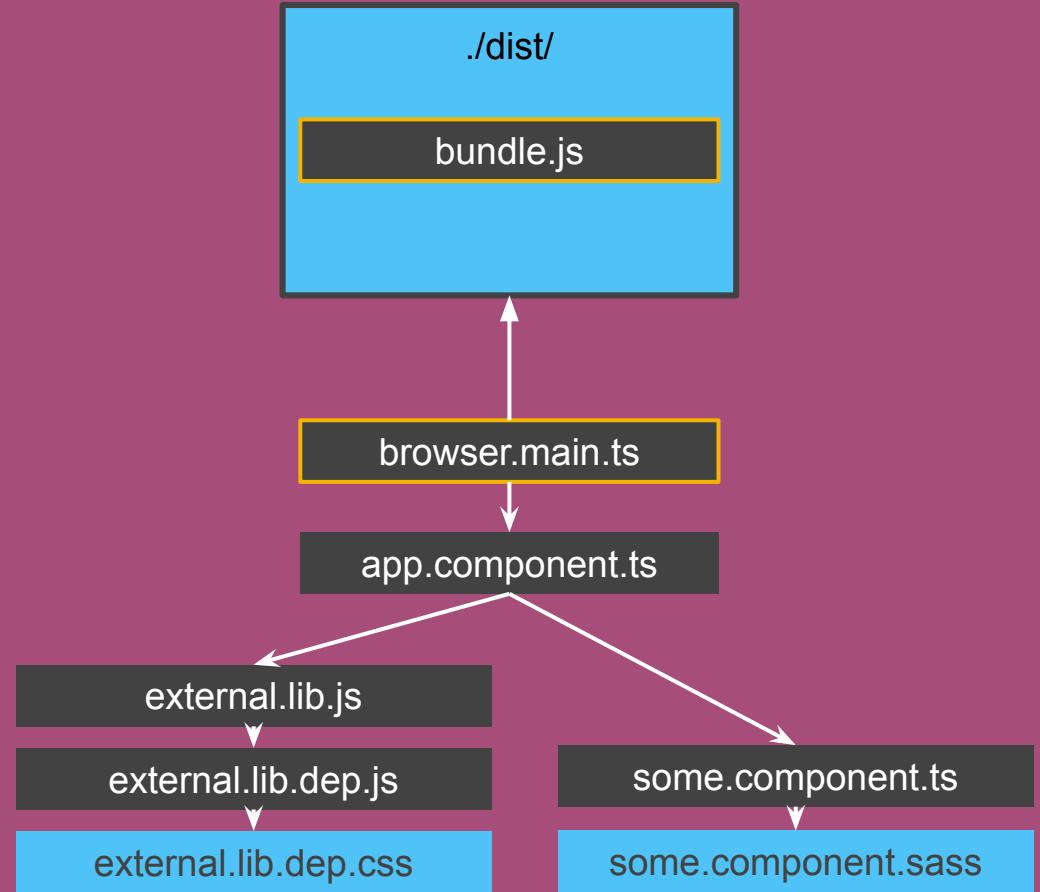
Tells webpack WHAT (files) to load for the browser;
Compliments the *Output* property.

OUTPUT

THE CORE CONCEPTS: OUTPUT

```
//webpack.config.js
module.exports = {
  entry: './browser.main.ts',
  output: {
    path: './dist',
    filename: './bundle.js',
  },
  //...
}

//Generates bundle.js
```



THE CORE CONCEPTS

ENTRY OUTPUT

Tells Webpack WHERE and HOW to distribute bundles (compilations). Works with Entry.

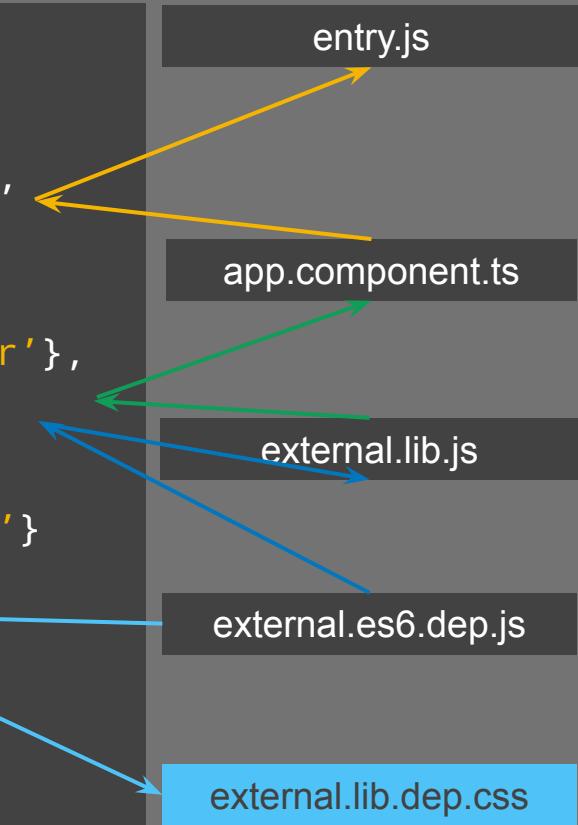
LOADERS +
RULES

THE CORE CONCEPTS: LOADERS

Tells webpack how to modify files before its added to dependency graph

Loaders are also javascript modules (*functions*) that takes the source file, and returns it in a [modified] state.

```
module: {  
  rules: [  
    {test: /\.ts$/, use: 'ts-loader'},  
  
    {test: /\.js$/, use: 'babel-loader'},  
  
    {test: /\.css$/, use: 'css-loader'}  
  ],  
}
```



THE CORE CONCEPTS: LOADERS

```
module: {  
  rules: [  
    {  
      test: regex,  
      use: (Array/String/Function)  
      include: RegExp[],  
      exclude: RegExp[],  
      issuer: (RegExp/String)[],  
      enforce: "pre"/"post"  
    },  
  ],  
}
```

test

A *regular expression* that instructs the compiler which files to run the loader against.

use

An array/string/function that returns loader objects.

enforce

Can be “pre” or “post”, tells webpack to run this rule before or after all other rules

THE CORE CONCEPTS: LOADERS

```
module: {  
  rules: [  
    {  
      test: /\.ts$/,  
      use: [  
        'awesome-typescript-loader',  
        'ng2-asset-loader'  
      ],  
      include: /some_dir_name/,  
      exclude: [/\.(spec|e2e)\.ts$/],  
    },  
  ],  
}
```

include

An *array of regular expression* that instruct the compiler which folders/files to include. *Will only search paths provided with the include.*

exclude

An *array of regular expression* that instructs the compiler which folders/files to ignore.

THE CORE CONCEPTS: LOADERS

CHAINING LOADERS

```
rules: [  
  {  
    test: /\.less$/,
    use:[ 'style', 'css', 'less' ]  
  }  
]
```



THE CORE CONCEPTS: LOADERS

json, hson, raw, val, to-string, imports, exports, expose, script, apply, callback, ifdef-loader, source-map, sourceMappingURL, checksum, cowsay, dsv, glsl, glsl-template, render-placement, xml, svg-react, svg-url, svg-as-symbol, symbol, base64, ng-annotate, node, required, icons, markup-inline, block-loader, bundler-configuration, console, solc, .sol, web3, includes, combine, regexp-replace, file, url, extract, worker, shared-worker, serviceworker, bundle, require.ensure, promise, async-module, bundle, require.ensure, react-proxy, react-hot, image, file, url, img, base64-image, responsive, srcset, svgo, svg-sprite, symbol, svg-fill, fill, line-art, baggage, polymer, uglify, html-minify, vue, toJSON, zip-it, file, lzstring, modernizr, s3, path-replace, react-intl, require.ensure, font-subset, w3c-manifest, web-app-manifest, manifest-scope, coffee, coffee-jsx, coffee-redux, json5, es6, esnext, babel, regenerator, livescript, sweetjs, traceur, ts, typescript, awesome-typescript, webpack-typescript, purs, oj, elm-webpack, miel, wisp, sibilant, ion, html, dom, riot, pug, jade-html, jade-react, virtual-jade, virtual-dom, template-html, handlebars, handlebars-template-loader, dust, ractive, jsx, react-templates, em, ejs, ejs-html, mustache, yaml, yml, react-markdown, front-matter, markdown, remarkable, markdown-it, markdownattrs, ng-cache, ngttemplate, hamlc, haml, jinja, nunjucks, soy, smarty, swagger, template-string, ect, tmodjs, layout, swig, twig, mjml-, bootstrap-webpack, font-awesome-webpack, bootstrap-sass, bootstrap, bootstrap, font-awesome, style, isomorphic-style, style-loader, css, cess, less, sass, stylus, csso, rework, postcss, autoprefixer, namespace-css, fontgen, classnames, theo, bulma, css-to-string, css-loader, po, po2mo, format-message, jsxlate, angular-gettext, json, angular-gettext, webpack-angular-translate, angular-gettext-extract, .pot, gettext, preprocessor, amdi18n-loader, .json, .js, .coffee, sprockets-preloader, properties, transifex, mocha, coverjs, istanbul-instrumenter, ibrik-instrumenter, eslint, jshint, jscs, standard, inject, transform, falafel, image-size, csslint, coffeelint, tslint, parker, sjsp, amdcheck, manifest, gulp-rev, html-test, stylelint, stylefmt, scsslint, htmlhint, documentation, sassdoc, performance-loader



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Following

Where is your god now?

Kornel @kornelski

Run PHP in the browser (with source maps!) via Babel transform. This is the stupidest project I've ever done: gitlab.com/kornelski/babe...

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Now if there was only some way to use PHP to se

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Matt Davis @johnmattdavis · Jul 11

This idea continues to fill me with so many ambiv

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Who do you think provided the source maps?

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```
test.php x
1 Hello <?php
2 define('FOO', max(floatval($c),
3 $bar['x'])[][$b] = json_encode(
4 class Foo extends Bar\Baz {
5     var $z = "hello" . "world";
6     function __construct($some = a
7         parent::__construct(func_get
8             self::$k} = "{$this->z[10]
9
10
11 }
```

▶ (anonymous) test.php:3

FOO: 3

THE CORE CONCEPTS

ENTRY OUTPUT LOADERS

Tells Webpack HOW to interpret and translate files.
Transformed on a per-file basis before adding to the dependency graph

PLUGINS

THE CORE CONCEPTS: PLUGINS

Objects (with an `apply` property)

Allow you to hook into the entire compilation lifecycle

webpack has a variety of built in plugins

THE CORE CONCEPTS: PLUGINS

```
function BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin () { }

BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin.prototype.apply = function(compiler) {
  if (typeof(process) !== 'undefined') {

    // Compiler events that are emitted and handled
    compiler.plugin('done', function(stats) {
      if (stats.hasErrors()) {
        process.stderr.write('\x07');
      }
    });

    compiler.plugin('failed', function(err) {
      process.stderr.write('\x07');
    });
  }
}

module.exports = BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin;
```

Basic Plugin Example

A plugin is an ES5
'class' which
implements an *apply*
function.

The compiler uses it to
emit events.

THE CORE CONCEPTS: PLUGINS

```
// require() from node_modules or webpack or local file
var BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin = require('bell-on-error');
var webpack = require('webpack');

module.exports = {
  //...
  plugins: [
    new BellOnBundlerErrorPlugin(),
    // Just a few of the built in plugins
    new webpack.optimize.CommonsChunkPlugin('vendors'),
    new webpack.optimize.UglifyJsPlugin()
  ]
  //...
}
```

How to use Plugins

require() plugin from *node_modules* into config.

add *new instance of plugin* to *plugins* key in config object.

provide additional info for arguments

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE LIST OF PLUGINS](#)

THE CORE CONCEPTS: PLUGINS

5b25024 on Jun 8

 TheLarkInn Merge

80% of webpack is made up of its own plugin system

17 contributors



300 lines (280 sloc) | 10.6 KB

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```
1  /*
2   *      MIT License http://www.opensource.org/licenses/mit-license.php
3   *      Author Tobias Koppers @sokra
4  */
5  var assign = require("object-assign");
6  var OptionsApply = require("./OptionsApply");
7
8  var LoaderTargetPlugin = require("./LoaderTargetPlugin");
9  var FunctionModulePlugin = require("./FunctionModulePlugin");
10 var EvalDevToolModulePlugin = require("./EvalDevToolModulePlugin");
11 var SourceMapDevToolPlugin = require("./SourceMapDevToolPlugin");
12 var EvalSourceMapDevToolPlugin = require("./EvalSourceMapDevToolPlugin");
13
14 var EntryOptionPlugin = require("./EntryOptionPlugin");
15 var RecordIdsPlugin = require("./RecordIdsPlugin");
```



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THE CORE CONCEPTS

ENTRY
OUTPUT
LOADERS
PLUGINS

Adds additional functionality to *Compilations*(optimized bundled modules).
More powerful w/ more access to CompilerAPI. Does everything else you'd
ever want to in webpack.

EXERCISE TIME

CHAPTER 3 - STARTING OUT RIGHT