

**MODULES, PACKAGES
AND CANDY *oh my!***

Hi I'm Francis

A stylized illustration of a woman's face. She has large, dark eyes with pinkish-purple eyeshadow. Her hair is a mix of dark red and yellow, with some strands having black and white diagonal stripes. The background is a light beige color.

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- ▶ Set the stage
- ▶ Explore the landscape
- ▶ What can you do to get free candy?

THE STAGE

JOB INTERVIEW

I had a job interview and I've spent the last two years not really paying attention to new things.

WebPack is Cool!
Is Browserify still cool?

ES Modules **are Cool!**
Is Common JS **still cool?**

ES6 itself is *really* cool

ES2015 **ES6** itself is *really* cool

Babel

BABEL

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ES6 and ES7 proposals and specs
into
ES5

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~~ES6 and ES7~~ ECMA 2015-Next proposals and specs
into
ES5 (ES4 with polyfills)

BROWSER PACKAGING

commonJS with es6 -> browserify -> babelify
-> single file bundle of es5

NODE PACKAGING

commonJS with es6 -> browserify(--node) ->
babelify -> single file bundle of es5

NODE PACKAGING

commonJS with es6 -> babel -> many es5
files

This works for me for a while but I have a job interview.

**What are es6 modules?
Why should we use them?**

Exporting One thing

```
// CommonJS  
module.exports = 'a thing';
```

```
// ES Modules
```

```
export default 'a thing';
```

```
//
```

node-love is a good example

```
// CommonJS
```

```
var heart = require("node-love");
```

```
// '♥'
```

```
// ES Modules
```

```
import heart from "node-love";
```

```
// '♥'
```

```
//
```

Exporting Many Things

```
// CommonJS  
module.exports = {  
  oneThing: 'a thing',  
  anotherThing: () => { console.log('a thing') },  
  lastThing: 4  
};
```

```
require('foo').oneThing; // 'a thing'
```

//

Don't do this

```
// ES Modules (equivalent to CommonJS export)
export default {
  oneThing: 'a thing',
  anotherThing: () => { console.log('a thing') },
  lastThing: 4
};
```

```
import foo from 'foo';
foo.oneThing // 'a thing'
```

//

Exporting Many Things

```
// ES Modules  
export var oneThing = 'a thing';  
export function anotherThing(){ console.log('a thing') };  
  
var lastThing = 4;  
export { lastThing };  
  
import { oneThing } from 'foo'; // 'a thing'  
  
//
```

Exporting Many Things

```
// ES Modules  
export var oneThing = 'a thing';  
export function anotherThing(){ console.log('a thing') };  
  
var bar = 4;  
export { bar as lastThing };  
  
import { oneThing } from 'foo'; // 'a thing'  
  
//
```

ES Modules Can Do Both!?

```
// foo.js
export default 'bar';
export var lastThing = '4';
```

```
// bar.js
import { lastThing } from 'foo'; // 4
import foo from 'foo'; // 'bar'
import foo, { lastThing } from 'foo'; // bar and 4!
```

```
//
```

ES Modules Can Do Both

```
// underscore.js
export function flatten(array) { /* flatten the array */ };
export function zip(array) { /* zip the array? */ };
export default {
  flatten: flatten,
  zip: zip
};
```

```
// bar.js
import { flatten } from 'underscore';
import _ from 'underscore';
```

```
//
```

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MODULES ARE COOL AND ALL BUT WHO CARES?

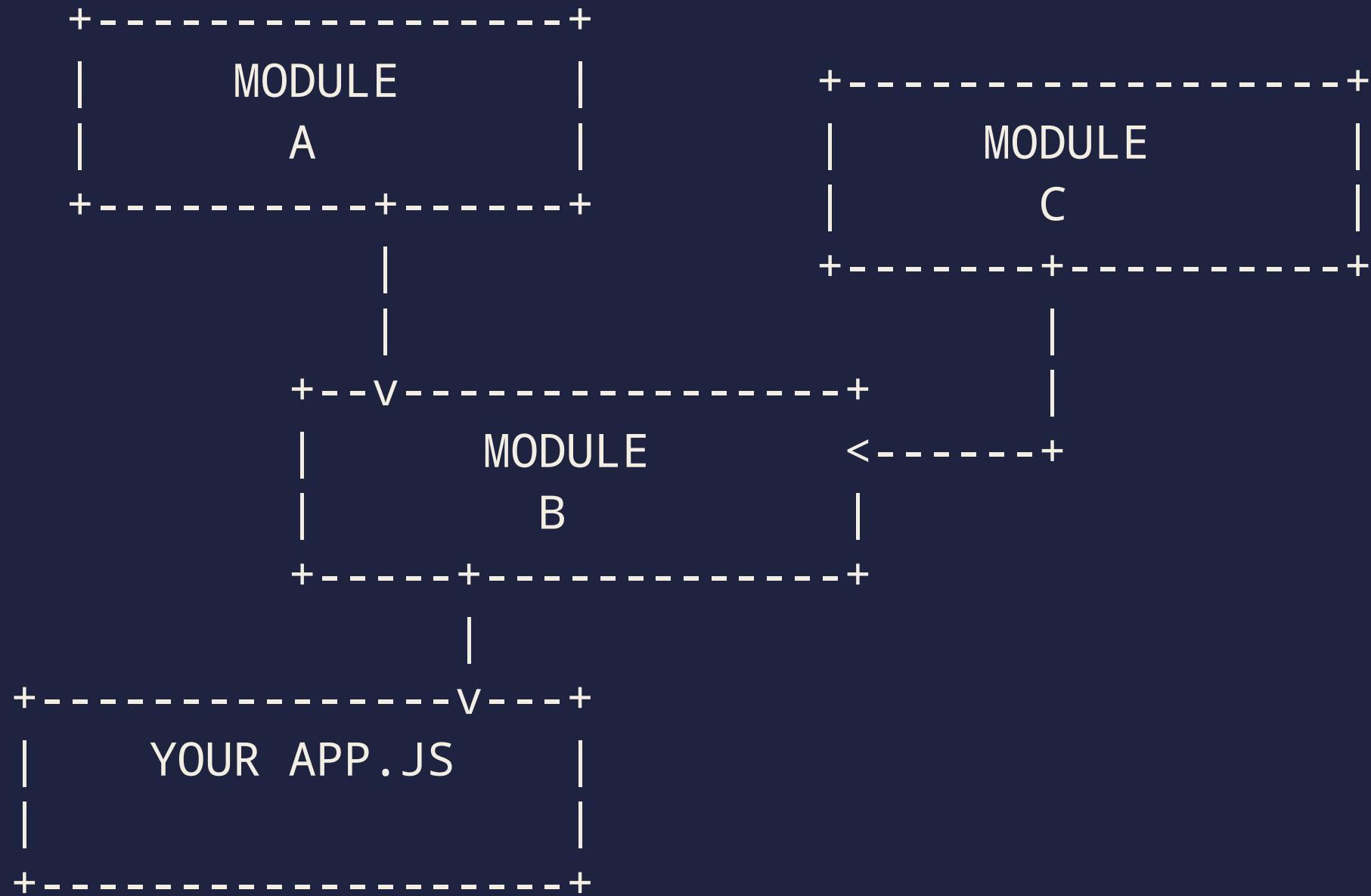
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Note CommonJS and ECMAScript 6 are only roughly similar. The latter has a flat structure, whereas the former is nested. Which style you prefer is a matter of taste, but the flat style has the advantage of being statically analyzable.

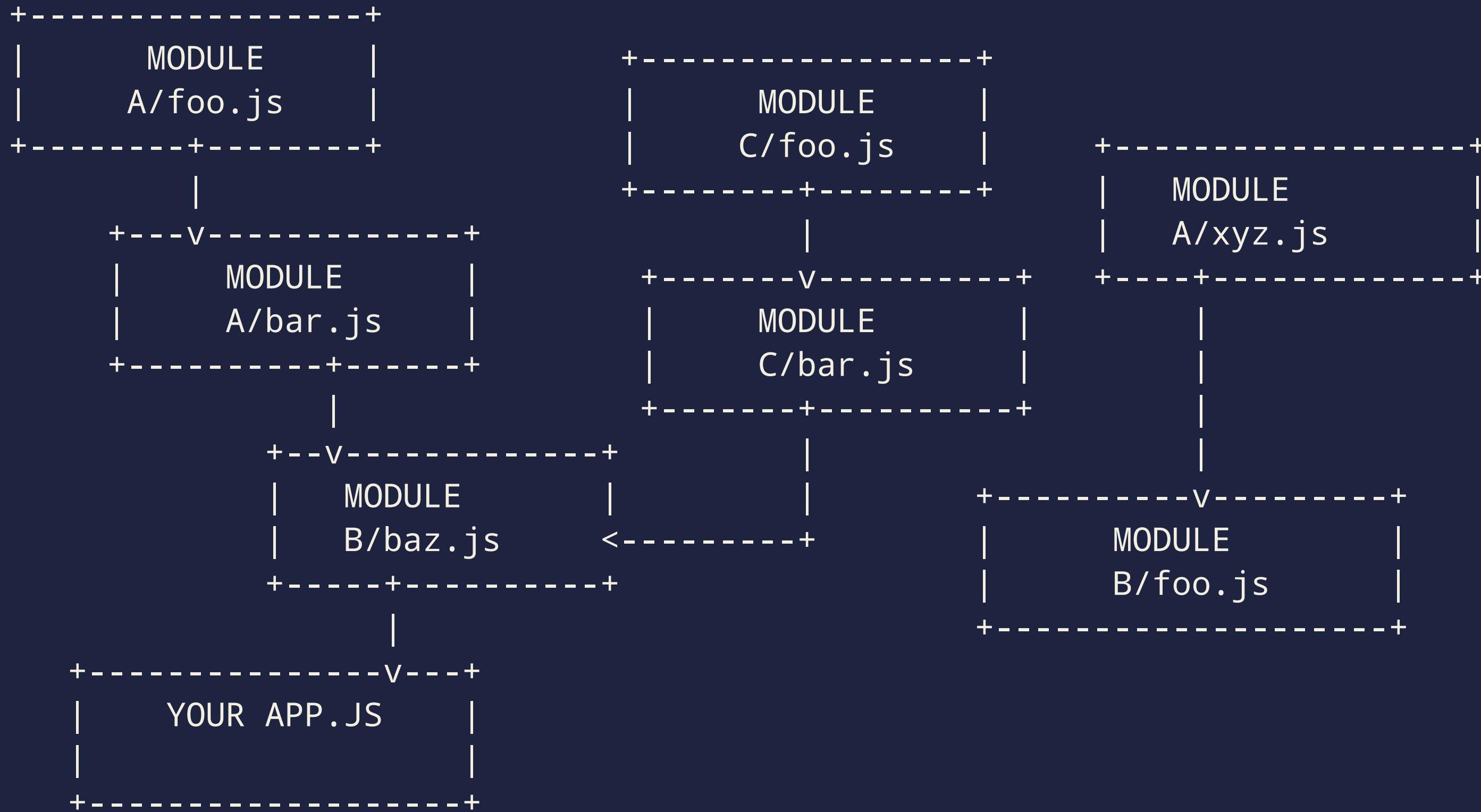
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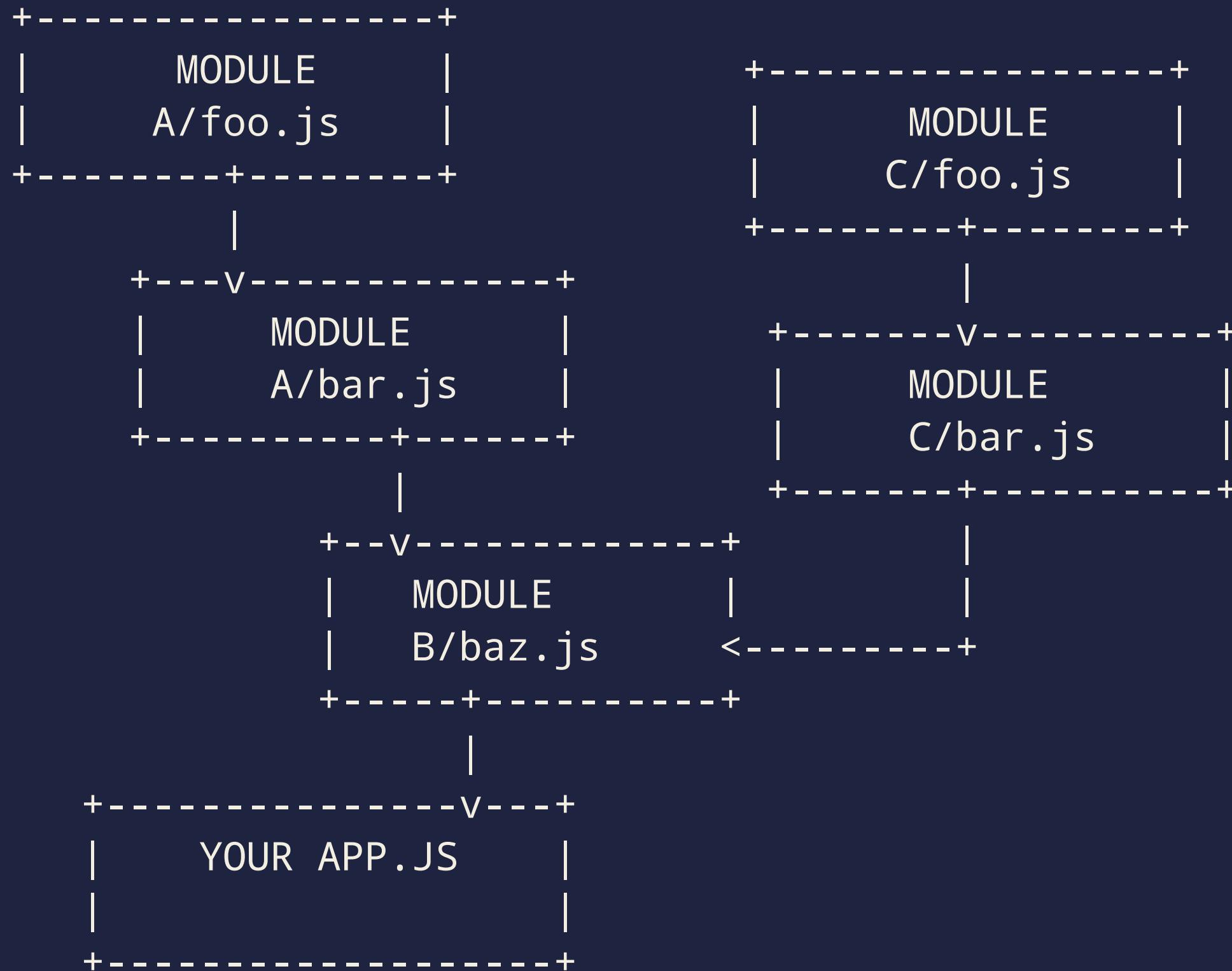
CommonJS Module Import Mapping



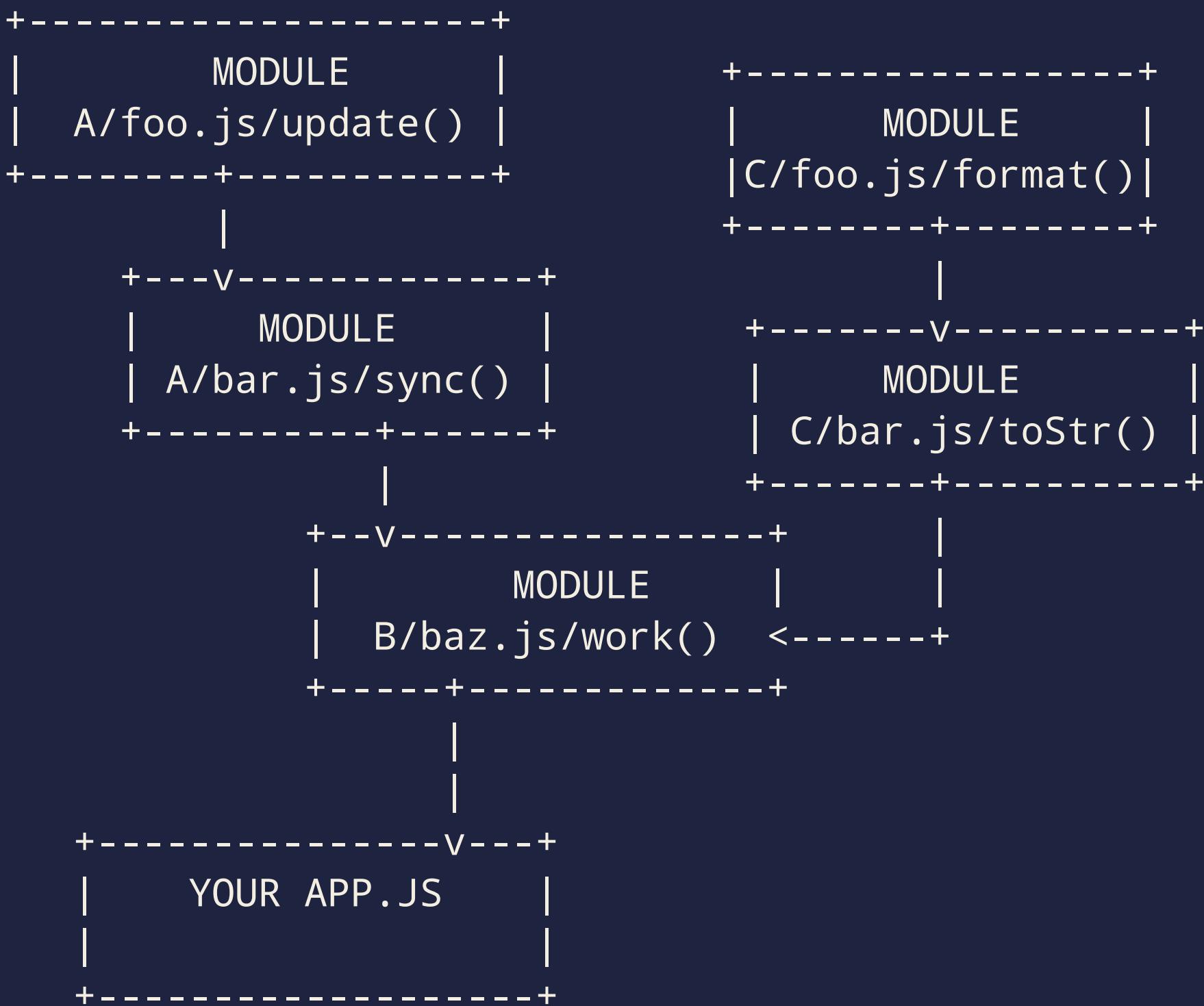
File Based Import Mapping



File Based Import Mapping



Named Export Based Import Mapping



ENTER ROLLUP

ROLLUP THE TreeShaker

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ES Modules + ES Module deps -> rollup/babel
-> "Shaken" CommonJS bundle

"Shaken" CommonJS bundle + CommonJS deps -> browserify
-> ES5 Bundle

THE LANDSCAPE





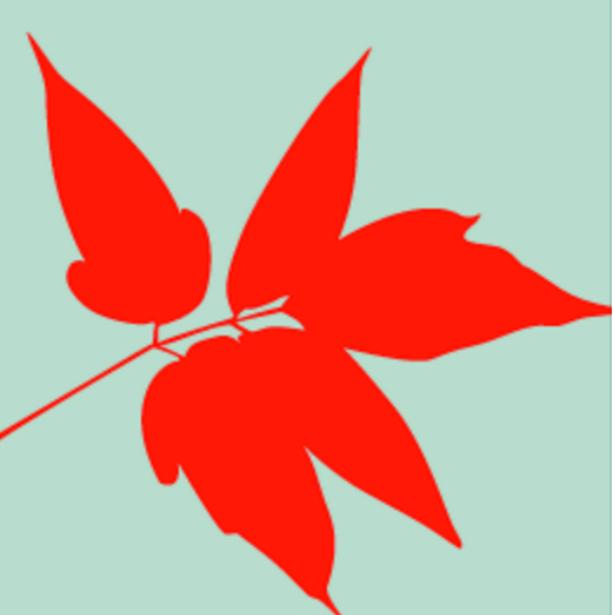
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POUCHDB

The Database that Syncs!

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 **Nolan Lawson**
@nolanlawson



Browserify sadness: the more I modularize
my code, the bigger it gets. 😞
github.com/pouchdb/pouchd...



(#4454) - remove more stuff from PouchDB.utils by nolanla...
This removes nearly all the unnecessary stuff from utils.js. The
remaining stuff is either dangerous to remove because of
widespread (mis-)use (myself included here), or because it's in...
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<https://twitter.com/nolanlawson/status/653058308643921920>



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Why is a monster file with 20 exports smaller than 20 files that you require()
individually? Uglify even squashes the variable names...



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@nolanlawson boiler plate require stuff



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@nolanlawson it's part of what @Rich_Harris was talking about with
github.com/rollup/rollup



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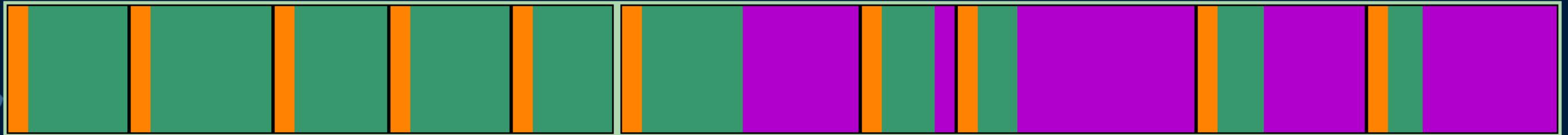


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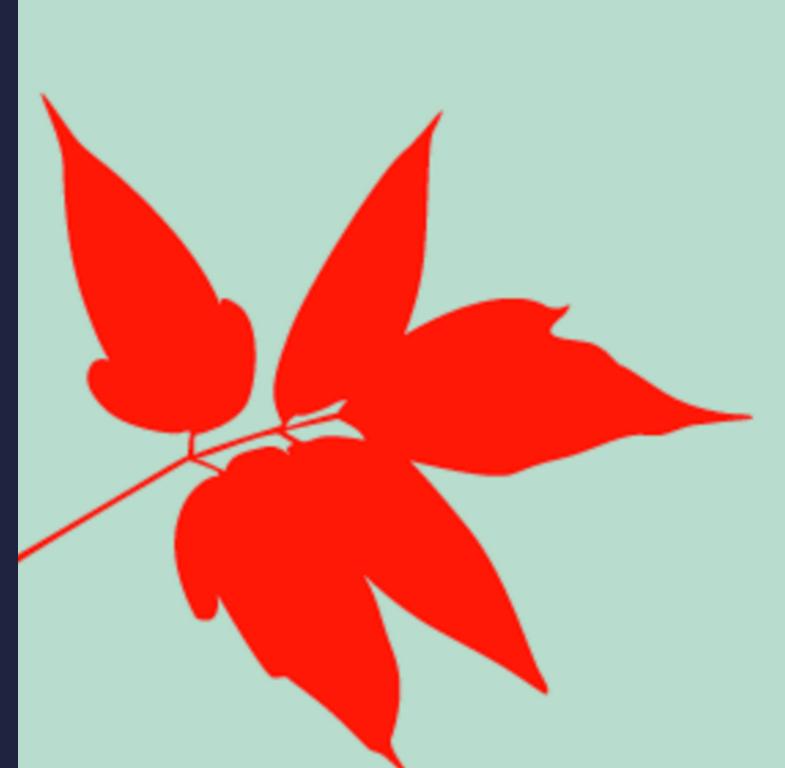
[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/RICH-HARRIS/BROOKLYN-JS-ROLLUP-TALK](https://github.com/rich-harris/brooklyn-js-rollup-talk)



- ▶ Green is live code
- ▶ Orange is boiler plate
- ▶ Purple is dead code

[HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/NOLANLAWSON/ROLLUP-COMPARISON](https://github.com/nolanlawson/rollup-comparison)

Shows lack of overhead when requiring modules



Francis Gulotta @reconbot · Oct 11
@nolanlawson @Rich_Harris npm still didn't have a blessed way of mixing in es6 modules even as an alt source which makes me sad

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nolanlawson/rollup-comparison
compare rollup to browserify/webpack. Contribute to rollup-comparison development by creating an account on GitHub.
github.com

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<https://github.com/pouchdb/pouchdb/pull/4462>



POUCHDB

pouchdb-browserify.js	380KB
pouchdb-rollup.js	364KB

%5 savings!



POUCHDB

pouchdb-browserify.min.js	148KB
pouchdb-rollup.min.js	160KB

%8 loss!?

ROLLUP INLINES ALL FUNCTIONS

 **POUCHDB HAS eval() IN A FEW PLACES**

UGLIFY PROTECTS YOU FROM BREAKING THINGS WITH eval()



kzc commented 22 days ago

Your code calls `eval()` in certain scopes which disables mangling. Both `eval()` and `with` can have adverse effects when functions or variables are renamed. This problem is more apparent with Rollup as opposed to Browserify because Rollup evidently promotes all functions to the same scope.

If you use the following flags to acknowledge the use of `eval()` in your javascript you'll likely get the mangling results you are looking for:

`uglifyjs -c -n 'eval=true'`

<https://github.com/mishoo/UglifyJS2/issues/830#issuecomment-147870241>

but be warned that your `eval()`s may not necessarily work with renamed symbol names.

Admittedly it would be useful if `uglifyjs` would warn of mangling being disabled if `eval()` or `with` are encountered. Please feel free to open a ticket requesting that feature.

See "Mangler options" in the UglifyJS2 docs: <https://github.com/mishoo/UglifyJS2>



Rich-Harris commented 22 days ago

Ah-ha! Thanks, that's very interesting and helpful to know.

MOVED EVAL TO EXTERNAL MODULES

pouchdb-browserify.min.js 148KB

pouchdb-rollup.min.js 160KB

pouchdb-ext-rollup.min.js 144KB

4KB or 3% savings

otted



How much space was in dead code?

How much space was in dead code in CommonJS deps?

How much space was in browserify overhead?

How much space was lost to {objects} in default exports?

#TheLEGOMovie

I have no idea what's going on... at all.

Goal is smaller bundle for libraries

Goal is smaller total bundle for apps

```
var PouchDB = require('./setup');
module.exports = PouchDB;

PouchDB.ajax = require('./deps/ajax/prequest');
PouchDB.utils = require('./utils');
PouchDB.Errors = require('./deps/errors');
PouchDB.replicate = require('./replicate').replicate;
PouchDB.sync = require('./sync');
PouchDB.version = require('./version');
var httpAdapter = require('./adapters/http');
PouchDB.adapter('http', httpAdapter);
PouchDB.adapter('https', httpAdapter);

PouchDB.plugin(require('./mapreduce'));

var adapters = require('./adapters');

Object.keys(adapters).forEach(function (adapterName) {
  PouchDB.adapter(adapterName, adapters[adapterName], true);
});
```



POUCHDB FEATURES (INCOMPLETE)

Multiple Storage engines (LevelDB, IndexedDB, WebSQL)

Database Replication with full support for 7 different servers!

Support for Views with CouchDB style map/reduce

```
import PouchDB from './setup';
export default PouchDB;

export ajax from './deps/ajax/prequest';
export utils from './utils';
export Errors from './deps/errors';
export sync from './sync';
export version from './version';
export { replicate } from './replicate';

import httpAdapter from './adapters/http'
export var http = PouchDB.adapter('http', httpAdapter);
export var https = PouchDB.adapter('https', httpAdapter);

import mapreduce from './mapreduce'
PouchDB.plugin(mapreduce);

import adapters from './adapters';

Object.keys(adapters).forEach(function (adapterName) {
  PouchDB.adapter(adapterName, adapters[adapterName], true);
});
```

```
// sweet-app.js
var PouchDb = require('pouchdb');
var db = new PouchDB('dbname');
db.put({
  _id: 'dave@gmail.com',
  name: 'David',
  age: 68
});
db.allDocs().then(console.log);
```

```
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TOOLS KEEP EVOLVING

Babel 6!

Rollup now has a babel plugin!

esnext :main is gaining traction



Dan Abramov

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Webpack 2 will include experimental support
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imports: [github.com/webpack/webpack...](https://github.com/webpack/webpack)

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@npmjs what is npm? how closely does it care about commonjs? (re es6 modules)

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Forrest L Norvell @othiym23 · Oct 11

@reconbot @npmjs npm cares a great deal about there being a finished module loader spec and at least one browser implementation of it ;)



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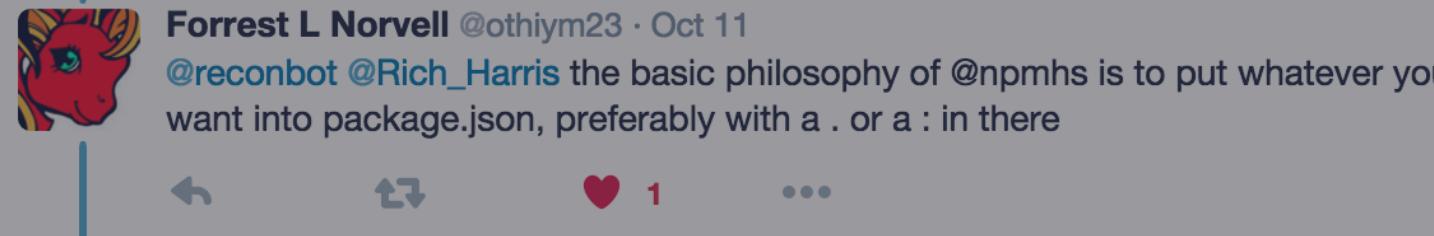


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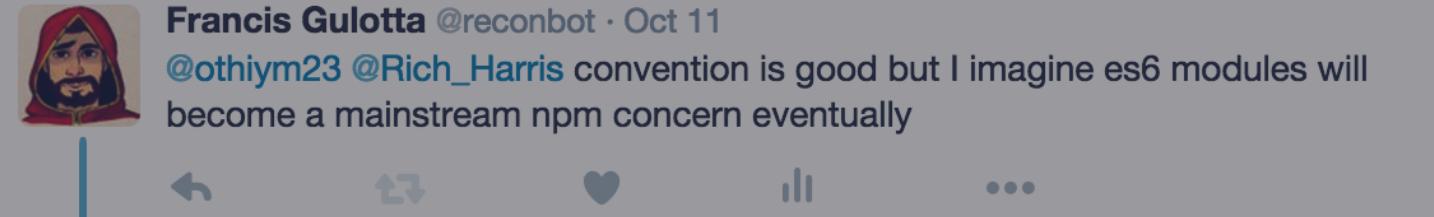
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Can I use

es modules

?  Settings

0 results found.

Why not [suggest this feature be added?](#)

 = Supported  = Not supported  = Partial support  = Support unknown

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Add ES6 modules #1869

[New Issue](#)[Open](#)

prettydiff opened this issue on Aug 31 · 2 comments



prettydiff commented on Aug 31

Please add ES6 modules. I am sure support is likely red across the board, but it would be handy to spell that out as a major missing feature is the browsers.

- <http://www.2ality.com/2014/09/es6-modules-final.html>
- <https://medium.com/ecmascript-2015/es6-modules-d5646d1b9a08>



cvrebert commented on Aug 31

X-Ref: [kangax/compat-table#316](#)

Seems like they haven't been fully shipped in any browser:

- <http://bugzil.la/568953>
- <http://wkgbug.com/147340>
- <https://code.google.com/p/v8/issues/detail?id=1569>
- <https://dev.modern.ie/platform/status/moduleses6/>



dstory commented on Aug 31

Modules are "medium" on our (Edge's) priority list. So, we've not started development, but development is likely some time in future.



Fyrd added the [Support data suggestion](#) label on Sep 1

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FREE CANDY

How much pouchdb do I really use? How big are the bundles?

Fun reading that helps understand things

"ECMAScript 6 modules: the final syntax" by Dr. Axel Rauschmayer
<http://www.2ality.com/2014/09/es6-modules-final.html>

My lovely graphs were made with
<http://asciiflow.com/>

Nolan's blog post on packaging libraries
<http://nolanlawson.com/2015/10/19/the-struggles-of-publishing-a-javascript-library/>

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