Distribution Decisions

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The Plan

Key decisions

1. Closed, inner, or open source
2. Package hosting
3. Import approach
4. How to specify package files
5. Output formats
6. Documentation hosting

Decision:
Closed source, inner source,
or open source?

Consider open-sourcing your components

Open Source

Help the community

Recruiting

Public review = Find issues quickly

Free development

Closed Source

Privacy

Freedom

Include company-specific features

Consider “Inner Sourcing”

Components are *internally* “open source”

No team owns a component

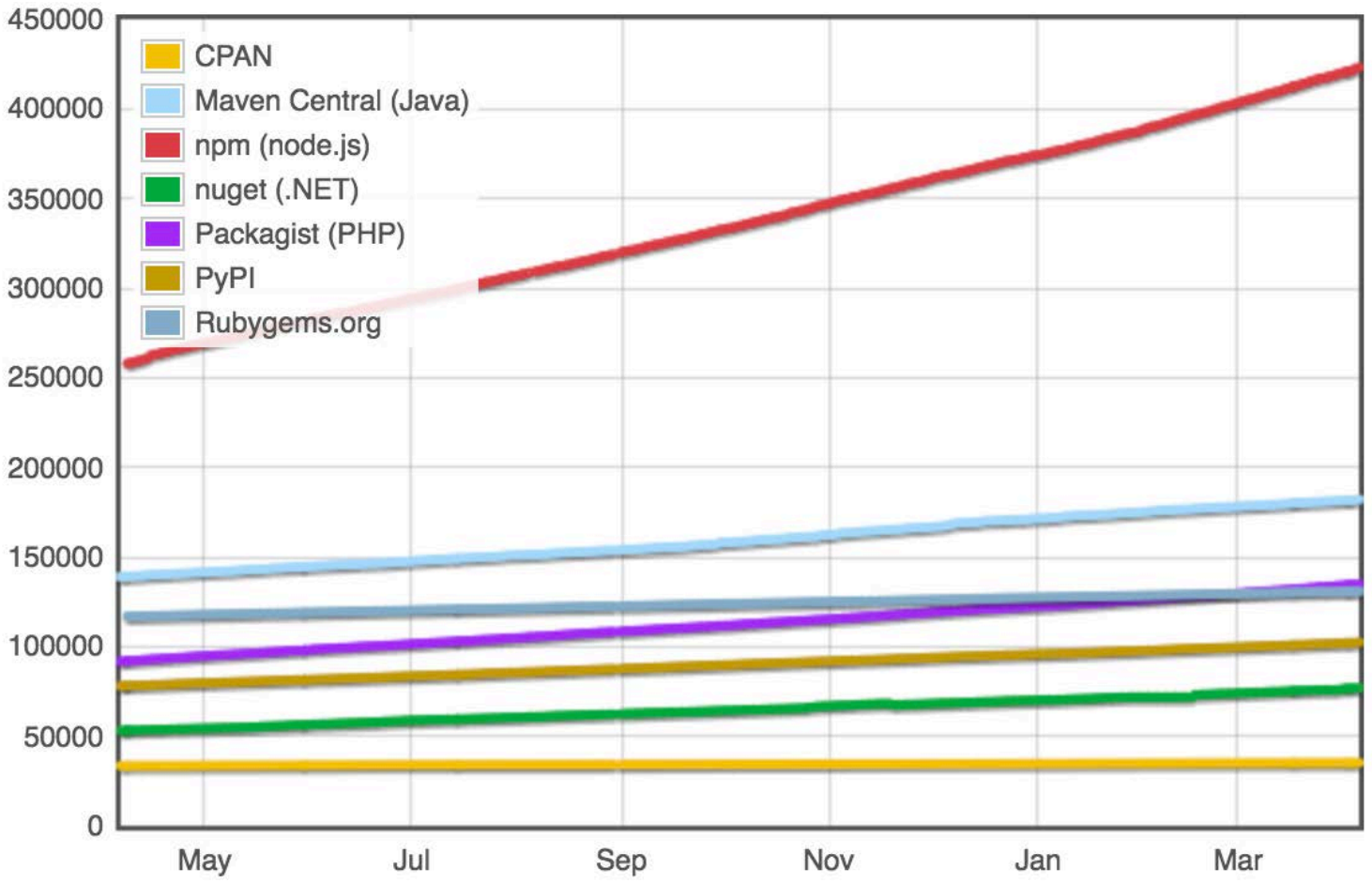
Everyone uses and contributes

Centralized	Inner sourced
Single group “on the hook”	No bottleneck
Avoid duplication	More involvement
	More investment

Decision:
Package hosting


npm

Module Counts



Nexus Repository Pro

The world's best way to organize, store, and distribute software components.

FREE TRIAL TAKE A TOUR

Better Than The Competitors **See the Comparison →**

Artifactory

As the first, and only, universal Artifact Repository Manager on the market, **JFrog Artifactory** fully supports software packages created by any language or technology.

Artifactory is the only **enterprise-ready** repository manager available today, supporting secure, clustered, High Availability Docker registries.

Integrating with all major **CI/CD** and **DevOps** tools, Artifactory provides an end-to-end, automated

ProGet | UNIVERSAL PACKAGE MANAGER

Automatic Failover

High Availability provides stability even at heavy load times, keeping performance standards high and maintaining usability at the enterprise.

Central Repository

Access to all your vital software development components regardless of location with Multi-site replication and support for NuGet, npm, Maven, Docker, and more!

Scalability

Endless scalability, easy disaster recover, and granular control with Amazon S3 and Azure blob storage.

Universal Package Managers

Advantages	Disadvantages
Complete control	Undiscoverable
Centralized asset hosting	Must grant access
Easier on-boarding / management	Must configure registry setting
Avoid separate fees for each type	

	Open Source	Solo	Organizations	npm Enterprise
	Sign Up	Buy Plan	Buy plan	Get in touch
Pricing	Free	$7 / month	$7 / month / user 2-user minimum	from $16 / month / user
Search and install over 250,000 open source packages	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Publish and download open source packages	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Publish and download private packages		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Manage permissions for groups and teams			Yes	Yes
Self-host the npm registry				Yes
Integrate with authentication and single-sign-on platforms				Yes

Private namespace!

```
npm install @your-org/package
```

We’re going to publish our package publically to npm.

Decision:
Import Approach

Import Approaches

1. Named import

```
import {Label} from 'ps-react';
```

2. Import from /lib

```
import Label from 'ps-react/lib/Label';
```

3. Import from package root

```
import Label from 'ps-react/Label';
```

Approach 1: Named Import

```
import {Label} from 'ps-react';
```

1. Imports *_everything_* _in_ ps-react
2. References the Label component as “Label”

- ✓ Most concise
- ✗ Imports entire library
- ✗ Bloats bundle ☹
- ✗ Need index.js at root

Approach 2: Import from /lib

```
import Label from 'ps-react/lib/Label';
```

- ✓ Imports single component
- ✓ No index.js at root needed
- ✓ Most common
- ✓ Simple build setup
- ✗ More typing

Approach 3: Import from Package Root

```
import Label from 'ps-react/Label';
```

- ✓ Imports single component
- ✓ Concise - No /lib in path
- ✓ No index.js at root needed
- ✗ Custom build
  - Generate package.json
  - Copy assets
  - No .npmignore/files array
  - Run ”npm publish” from /lib

```
// Ant Design
import { Breadcrumb } from 'antd';


// Blueprint
import { Spinner } from "@blueprintjs/core";


// React Toolbox
import AppBar from 'react-toolbox/lib/app_bar';


// Material-UI:
import AppBar from 'material-ui/AppBar';
```

Javascript

React-Bootstrap is a complete re-implementation of the Bootstrap components using React. It has no dependency on either `bootstrap.js` or jQuery. If you have React setup and React-Bootstrap installed you have everything you need.

You can consume the library as CommonJS modules, ES6 modules via Babel, AMD, or as a global JS script.

> ### Bundle size optimization
>
> If you install React-Bootstrap using **npm**, you can import individual components from `react-bootstrap/lib` rather than the entire library. Doing so pulls in only the specific components that you use, which can significantly reduce the size of your client bundle.

CommonJS

```
var Alert = require('react-bootstrap/lib/Alert');
// or
var Alert = require('react-bootstrap').Alert;
```

ES6

Es6 modules aren't supported natively yet, but you can use the syntax now with the help of a transpiler like Babel.

```
import Button from 'react-bootstrap/lib/Button';
// or
import { Button } from 'react-bootstrap';
```

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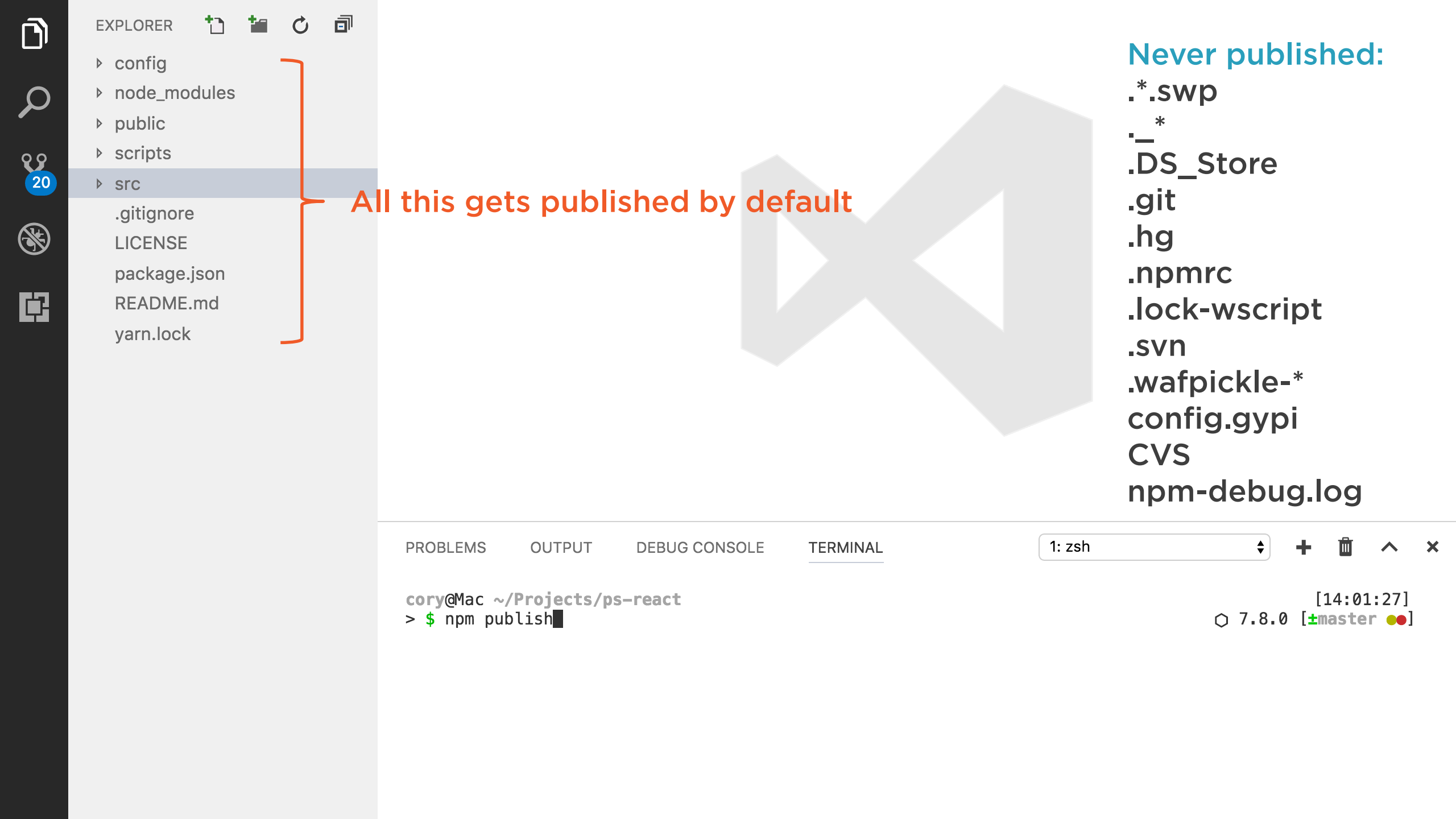
I'll show how to support each approach

Decision:
How do I tell npm which files to publish?

“npm publish”

Nearly

Publishes ^ everything it finds in the directory where it’s run.


EXPLORER
config
node_modules
public
scripts
src
.gitignore
LICENSE
package.json
README.md
yarn.lock
All this gets published by default
Never published:
.*.swp
._*
.DS_Store
.git
.hg
.npmrc
.lock-wscript
.svn
.wafpickle-*
config.gypi
CVS
npm-debug.log
PROBLEMS
OUTPUT
DEBUG CONSOLE
TERMINAL
1: zsh
cory@Mac ~/Projects/ps-react
> $ npm publish
[14:01:27]
7.8.0 [±master]

Decision: Specifying npm Package Files

List files to ignore

List files to publish

Copy files to publish

```
#React Storybook Stories
Stories

#Uncompiled src code
src

#Create react app config and scripts
config
scripts

#The documentation build
docs

#Public dir for docs
public

#Editorconfig
.editorconfig
```

.npmignore

List files you DON’T want published

Place in project root

Comments start with #

files array in package.json

```
"files": [
  "lib"
],
```

Why use files array?

Easy to understand
No extra file
No accidental publish
Less maintenance

Automatically included:

package.json
README (and its variants)
CHANGELOG (and its variants)
LICENSE / LICENCE

1. Write build to /lib
2. Write package.json to /lib
3. Copy relevant files to /lib
4. Run ”npm publish” from /lib

Dedicated folder

Why bother?

Writes components to package root
Enables short, direct imports:

```
import Label from 'ps-react/Label';
```

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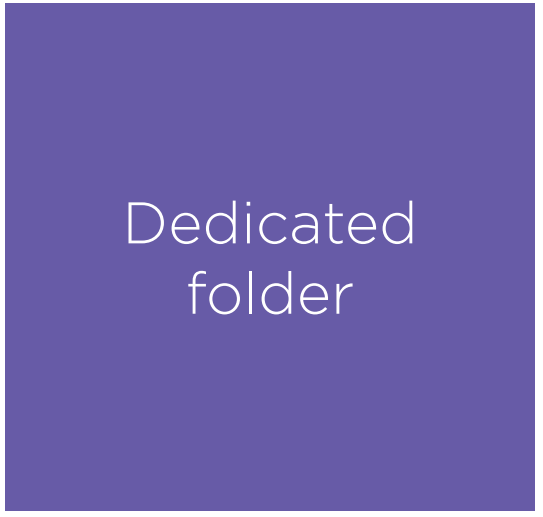
Typically recommended



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Enables shorter direct imports

In the final module, I'll demonstrate the files array approach and the dedicated folder approach.

Decision:
Output formats

Potential Build Output Formats

ES5

ES Module

UMD

ES5 with CommonJS

ES5 with ES module

Universal Module Definition

Definitely do this.

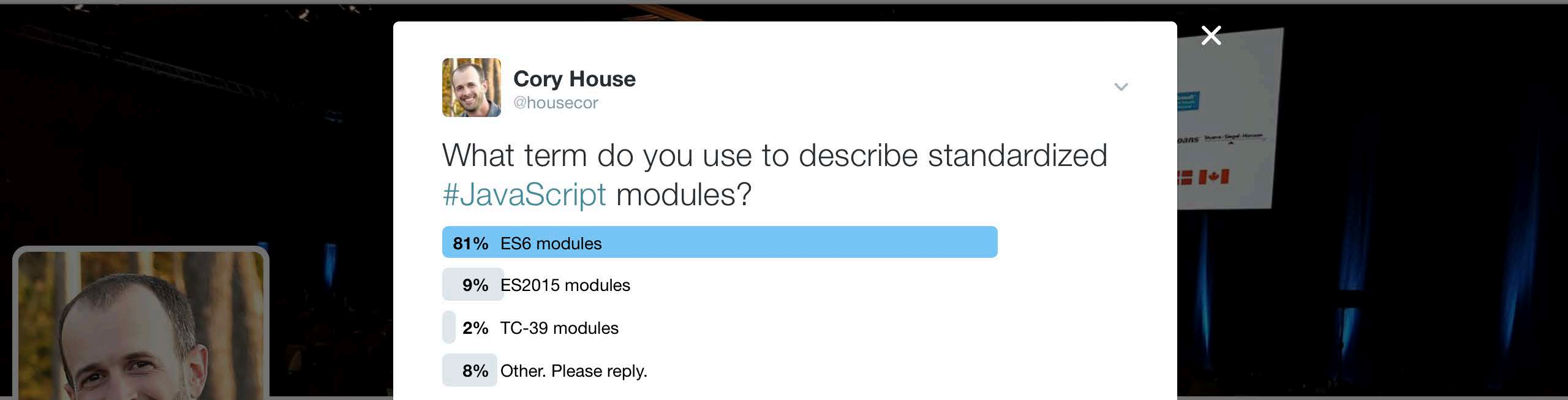
Consider doing these

ES Module Build

```
import react from 'react'
// code here
export default MyComponent;
```

People call this...

- ES6 Module
- ES2015 module
- TC-39 module
- JavaScript module
- EcmaScript module
- ES Module
- ESM
- Module



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What term do you use to describe standardized #JavaScript modules?

- **81%** ES6 modules
- **9%** ES2015 modules
- **2%** TC-39 modules
- **8%** Other. Please reply.

291 votes • Final results

RETWEETS 4 LIKES 5

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Relevant example.

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What's an ES Module Build? ¯_(ツ)_/¯

Transpile everything *except* modules

```
var jquery = require('jquery')
// Code here
module.exports = myObj;
```

◀ CommonJS

...into this

```
import jQuery from 'jquery'
// Code here
export default myObj;
```

◀ ES module

Our current build transpiles this...

Why Provide an ES Module Build?

Modules are statically analyzable

- Reliable autocompletion
- Tree shaking / dead code elimination
- Smaller bundle size

Step 1: Call Babel Preset

```
"presets": [
  "./config/pluralsight-babel-preset",
  "stage-1",
  "react"
]
```

Step 2: Disable ES Module Transpile in ES Build

```
const env = require('babel-preset-env').buildPreset;

module.exports = {
  "presets": [
    [”env", {
      "es2015": {
        "modules": process.env.BABEL_ENV === 'es' ? false : 'commonjs'
      }
    }]
  ]
};
```

Step 3: Add npm Script

```
"build:es": "cross-env BABEL_ENV=es babel ./src/components
--out-file ./lib/index.es.js --ignore spec.js",
```

Step 4: Add Module Entry to package.json

```
"module": "./lib/index.es.js",
```

Is this worth doing?

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Importing specific components provides most of the benefits without this extra complexity.

Only 2 of the 5 most popular React component libraries offer an ES module build.

UMD Build

UMD

Universal Module Definition

Expose your component as a global variable

JavaScript Module Styles

- IIFE
- AMD
- CommonJS
- ES modules (aka ES6)
- UMD

If you publish in UMD, people using all these module styles can use your component

Why UMD?

- Just slap a script tag on the page
- Exposes code on global variable
- No build needed – just add a script tag
- Friendly to experimentation in JSFiddle, JS Bin, etc.
- Useful for public components

UMD

```
(
  function (global, factory) {
    typeof exports === 'object' && typeof module !== 'undefined' ? factory() :
      typeof define === 'function' && define.amd ? define(factory) :
        (factory());
  }(this, function () {
    // Your JavaScript code here
  })
);
```

Q: What should I name the global var?

A: PascalCased component name.

Only 1 of the top 5 React component libraries offers a UMD build.

We're going to set up a traditional npm package build:

We'll transpile our code to ES5 with CommonJS using Babel.

Decision:
Documentation Hosting

Cloud Hosting

Static files only

Wrap Up

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Final module: Let's publish!