



## **Closure Compiler:**

# **Speeding Web Applications by Compiling JavaScript**

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# Outline

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- What is it and what does it do?
- More advanced usage
- How do I get started?
- Questions?

# Building Large Scale Web Applications

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**Faster websites = more business and traffic!**

Our apps are big, and our teams are large

- How do we decrease latency with 100KLOC webapps?
- How do we share functionality in a library without code bloat?
- How do we help developers catch bugs sooner?
- How do we help projects with hundreds of developers?



# What is Closure Compiler?

- Source-To-Source Javascript Compiler
- Closure Compiler do more than Javascript minifications
- Leveraged compiler optimizations and static analysis techniques
- Integrated a static type system in a dynamic language
- Introduce a module loading system and optimizations for it
- Open sourced!!!!



# Who uses it?



Google Web Search, Gmail, Google Docs, Google  
Spreadsheets, Google Presentation, Calendar, Blogger  
Google Maps, Google Books, Google Analytics, Google  
Finance ...

Externally: used by JQuery and growing!



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Productivity!

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# Detect Errors Before Runtime

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- Variable Checks
- Property Checks
- Control Flow Structure Checks
- Browser Specific Quirks
- Many more to help you detect errors before it happens!

# Type Check and Type Inference

```
/** @constructor */  
function Apple() {}
```

```
/** @param {Apple!} a */  
function store(a) {}
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```
var x = getRandomFruit();
```

```
if (x instanceof Apple) {  
  var y = x;  
  ....  
  store(y);  
}
```



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Performance!

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# Example Compression: Closure's Date Picker Example

## goog.ui.DatePicker

### Default: ISO 8601

« 2010 »		« April »						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
13	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
15	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
17	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
18	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Today						None		

2010-04-05

### English (US)

« May »		« 2010 »						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
17	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
18	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
19	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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Today						None		

2010-05-12

### Custom

- ShowFixedNumWeeks
- ShowOtherMonths
- ExtraWeekAtEnd
- ShowWeekNum
- ShowWeekdays
- AllowNone
- ShowToday
- UseNarrowWeekdayNames
- UseSimpleNavigationMenu

« 2006 »		« January »						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
52	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	

### German

« Mai »		« 2010 »						
Mo.	Di.	Mi.	Do.	Fr.	Sa.	So.		
17	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
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Today						None		

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### Malayalam

« 2010 »		« »						
[Navigation icons]								

# File Sizes for Date Picker Example

	Original	Compression: Whitespace	Compression: Simple	Compression: Advanced
Uncompressed size	701 KB (0%)	351 KB (50%)	301 KB (58%)	33 KB (95%)
Gzip size	146 KB (0%)	61 KB (58%)	55 KB (62%)	12 KB (92%)
Time to load page		800 ms	700 ms	474 ms

# Lots of Optimizations

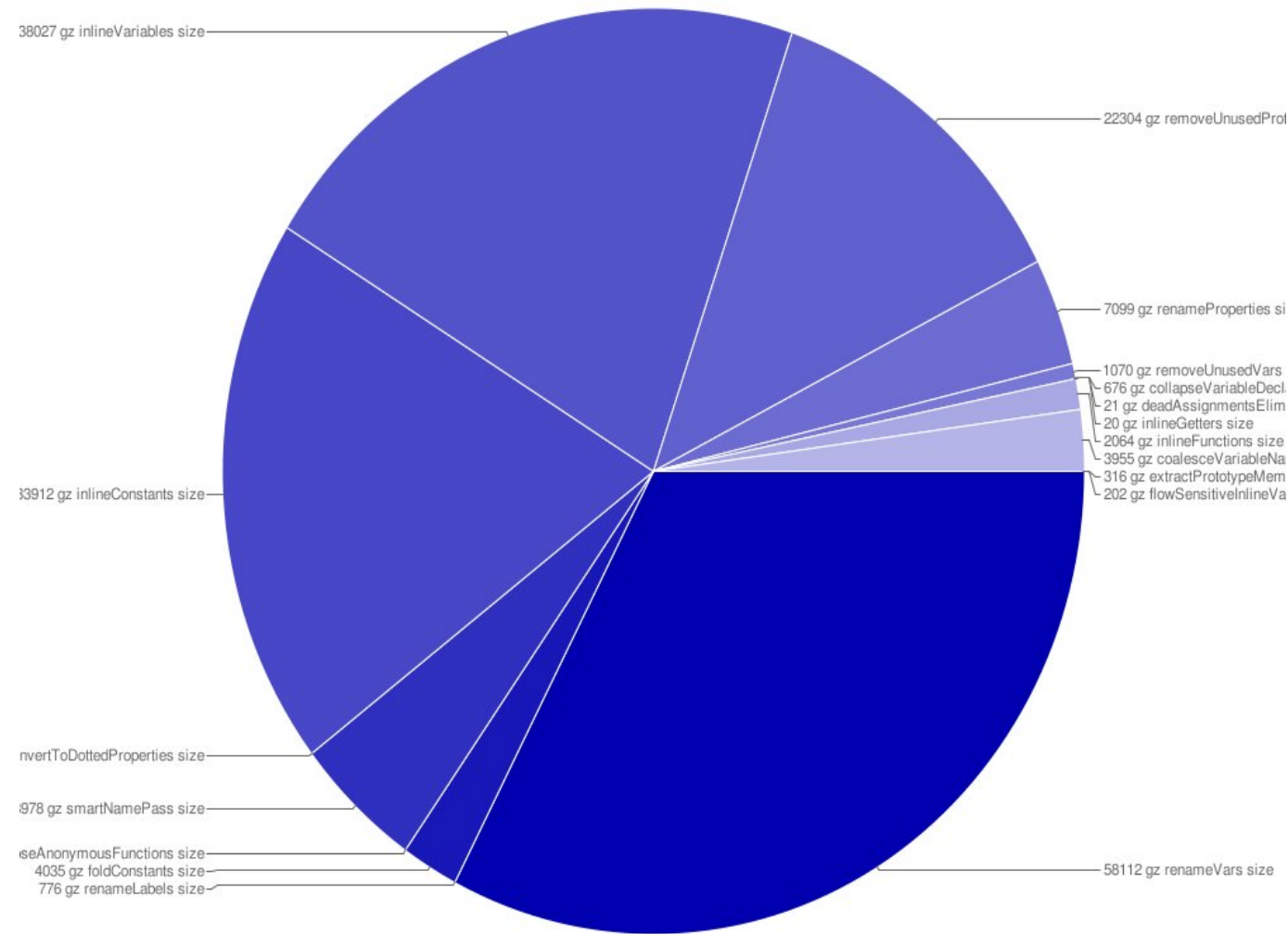
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# Lots of Optimizations

- Rename Variables
- Rename Properties
- Rename Labels
- Inline Functions
- Inline Variables
- Optimize Arguments
- Chain Calls
- Remove Dead Code
- Remove Dead Assignments
- Remove Unused Variables
- Remove Unused Properties
- Alias Strings
- Alias Keywords
- Collapse Properties
- Devirtualize Functions
- Side Effect Computations
- Rewrite Common Functions
- Coalesce Variable Names
- .... **MANY MORE!!!!**

# Lots of Optimizations



~30% Renaming  
~30% Inlining  
~15% Dead Code



# Examples of Optimizations: Constant Folding

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```
if (x < (lineLength - (ellipsisLength * 2))) {
```

becomes

```
if (x < 74) {
```





# Examples of Optimizations: Coalesce Variable Names

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```
myVar = 3; otherVar = myVar + c; fVar = otherVar++;
```

becomes

```
a = 3; a = a + c; a++;
```

# Examples of Optimizations: Function Inlining

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```
function fieldValue() {  
    return field + offset;  
}  
y = fieldValue();
```

becomes

```
y = field + offset;
```

# Examples of Optimizations: Simple Common Subexpression

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```
Foo.prototype.bar1 = ....  
Foo.prototype.bar2 = ....
```

becomes

```
t = Foo.prototype;  
t.bar1 = ...  
t.bar2 = ...
```

# Examples of Optimizations: Collapse Properties

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```
goog.ui.messages.foo = function() { ....  
goog.ui.messages.foo();
```

becomes

```
goog$ui$messages$foo = function () { ...  
goog$ui$messages$foo();
```

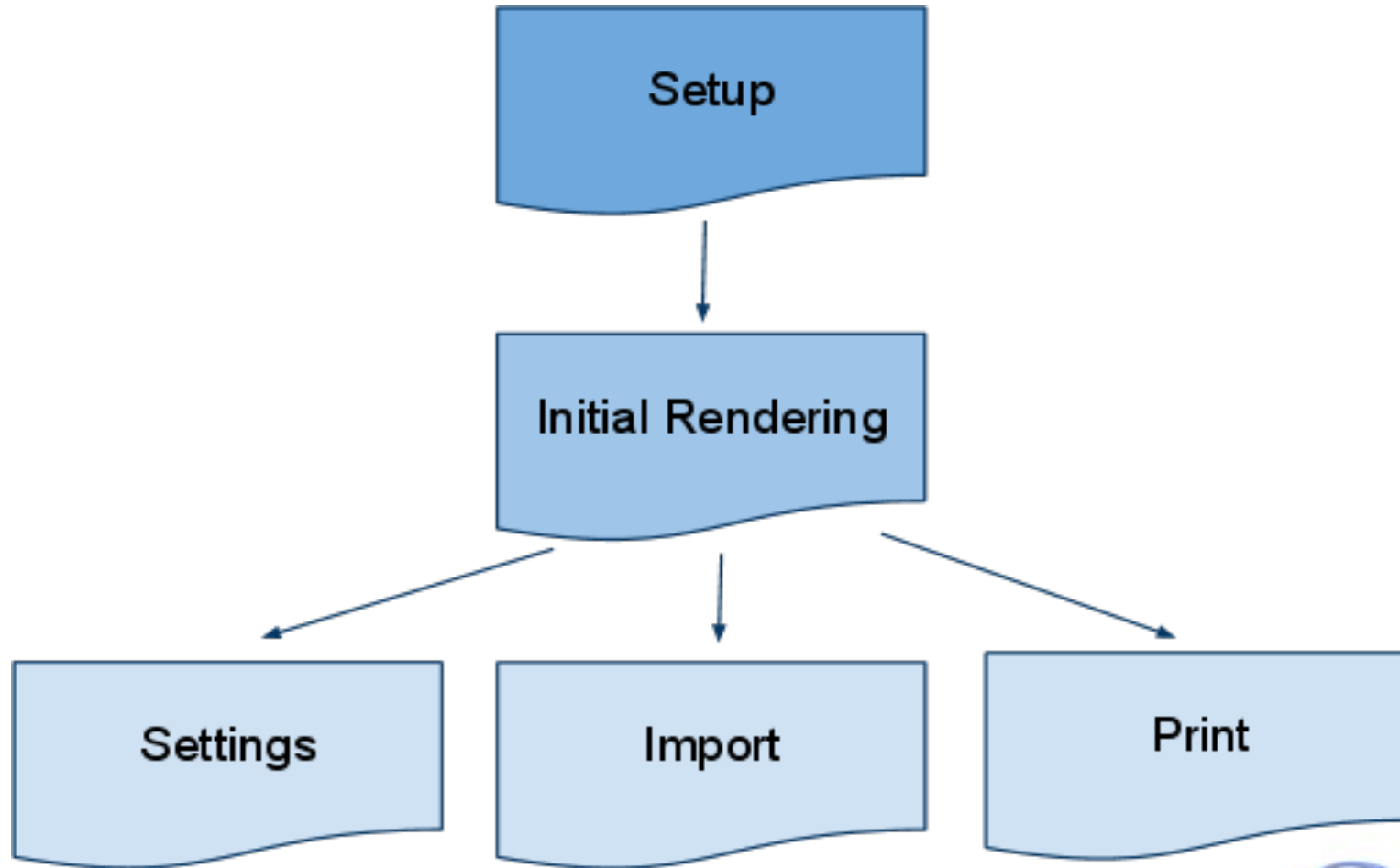
becomes (with Variable Renaming)

```
a = function() {.,...  
a();
```



# Cool Optimizations: Cross-module Code Motion

Modules



# Cross Module Code motion

```
// Init Mod
```

```
function Graph() { ... }  
Graph.prototype.display = function() { ... };  
Graph.prototype.resize = function() { ... };  
var g = new Graph();
```

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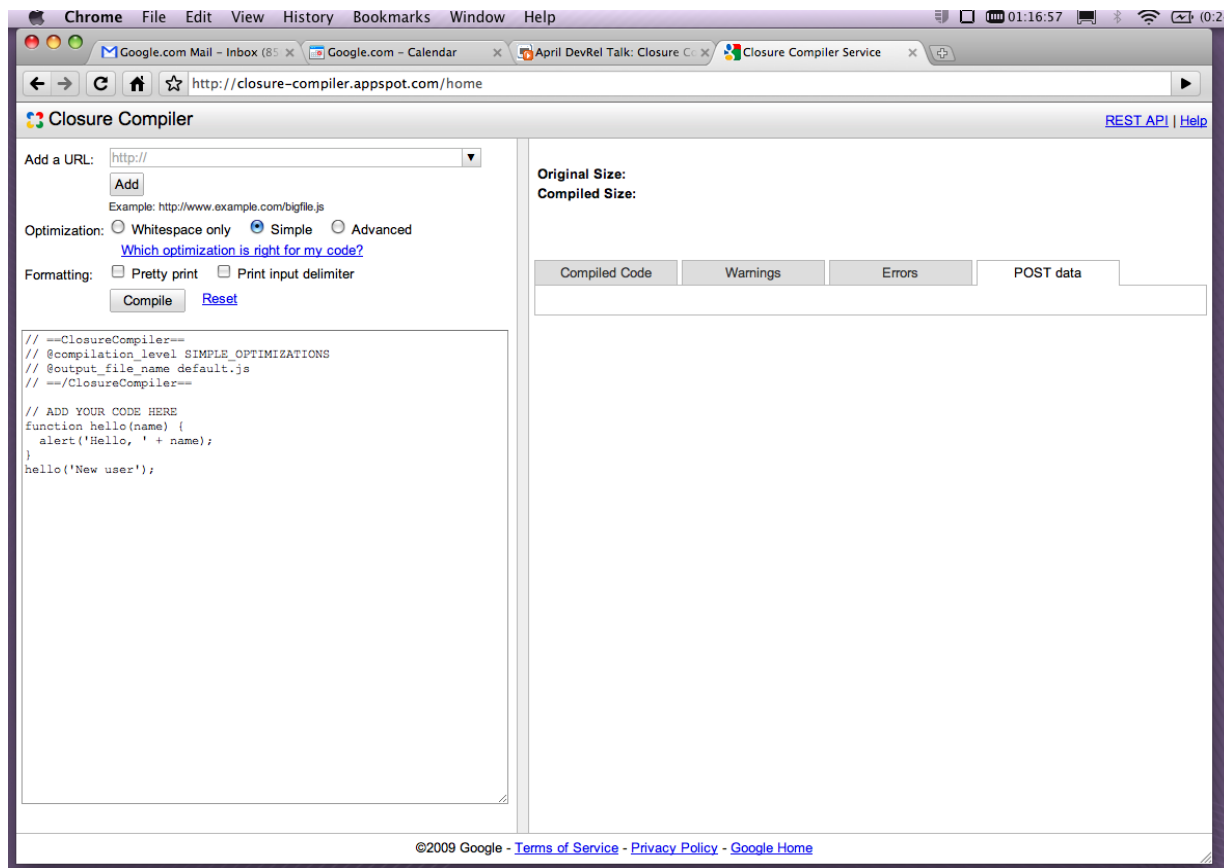
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# How to use Closure Compiler

Online (Interactive and REST API):  
<http://closure-compiler.appspot.com>



The screenshot shows the Closure Compiler web interface in a Chrome browser. The browser's address bar displays `http://closure-compiler.appspot.com/home`. The page title is "Closure Compiler" with links for "REST API" and "Help".

On the left side, there is a form with the following elements:

- "Add a URL:" field with a dropdown menu showing "http://", an "Add" button, and an example: "http://www.example.com/bigfile.js".
- Optimization options:  Whitespace only,  Simple,  Advanced. A link "Which optimization is right for my code?" is below.
- Formatting options:  Pretty print,  Print input delimiter.
- "Compile" and "Reset" buttons.

The main text area contains the following code:

```
// ==ClosureCompiler==
// @compilation_level SIMPLE_OPTIMIZATIONS
// @output_file_name default.js
// ==/ClosureCompiler==

// ADD YOUR CODE HERE
function hello(name) {
  alert('Hello, ' + name);
}
hello('New user');
```

On the right side, there are sections for "Original Size:" and "Compiled Size:", and a tabbed interface with tabs for "Compiled Code", "Warnings", "Errors", and "POST data".

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer: "©2009 Google - [Terms of Service](#) - [Privacy Policy](#) - [Google Home](#)".



# How to use Closure Compiler

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Download and use it:

```
java -jar compiler.jar --js my1.js --js_output_file out.js
```

Sources, binaries, discussion and feature requests at:

<http://closure-compiler.googlecode.com>



# Questions

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