Closure Compiler:

Speeding Web Appications by Compiling JavaScript

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Outline

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

Building Large Scale Web Applications

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?

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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!!!!

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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!

Detect Errors Before Runtime

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

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Type Check and Type Inference

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

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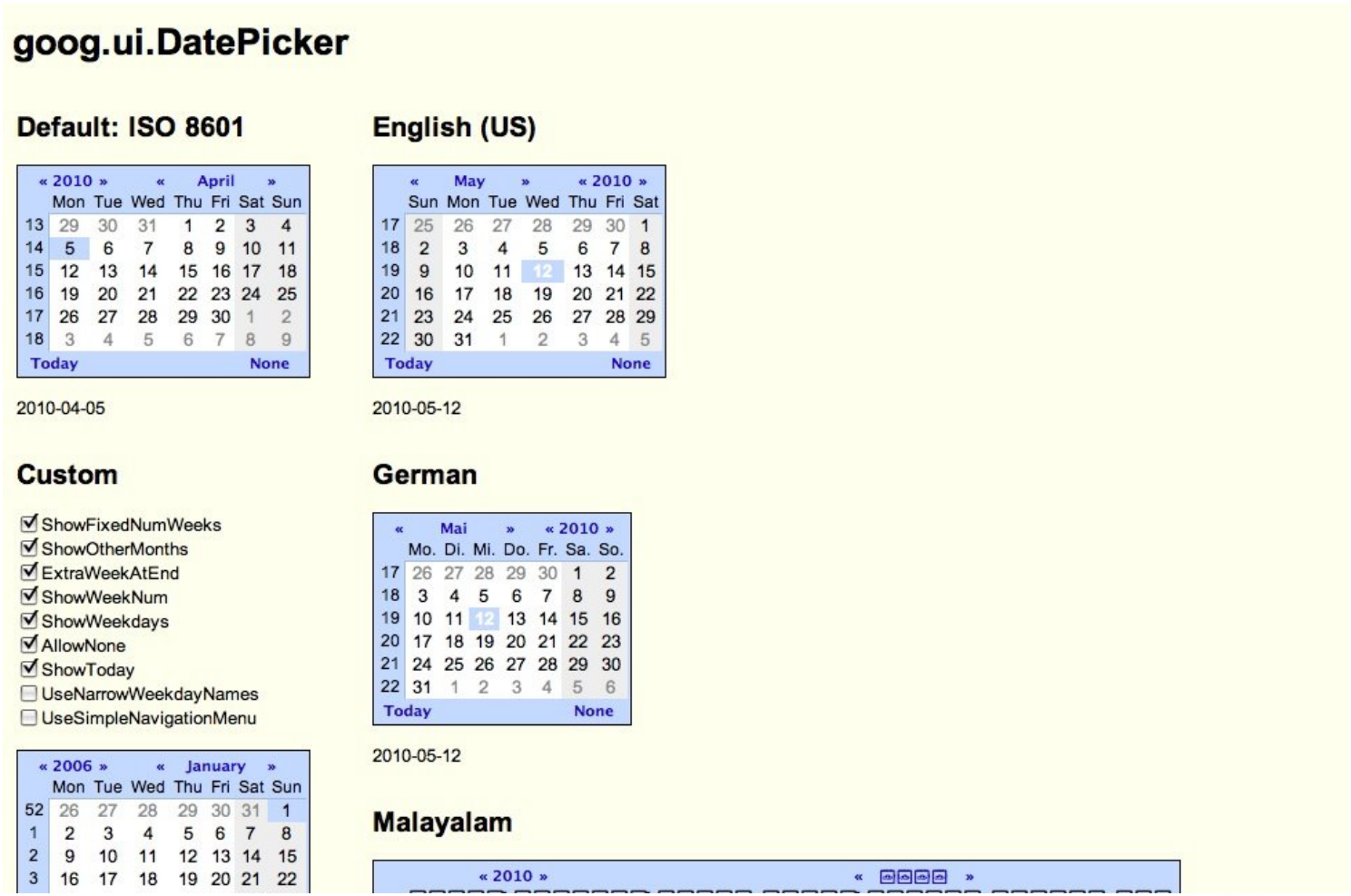
var x = getRandomFruit();

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

Performance!

Example Compression: Closure's Date Picker Example



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!!!!

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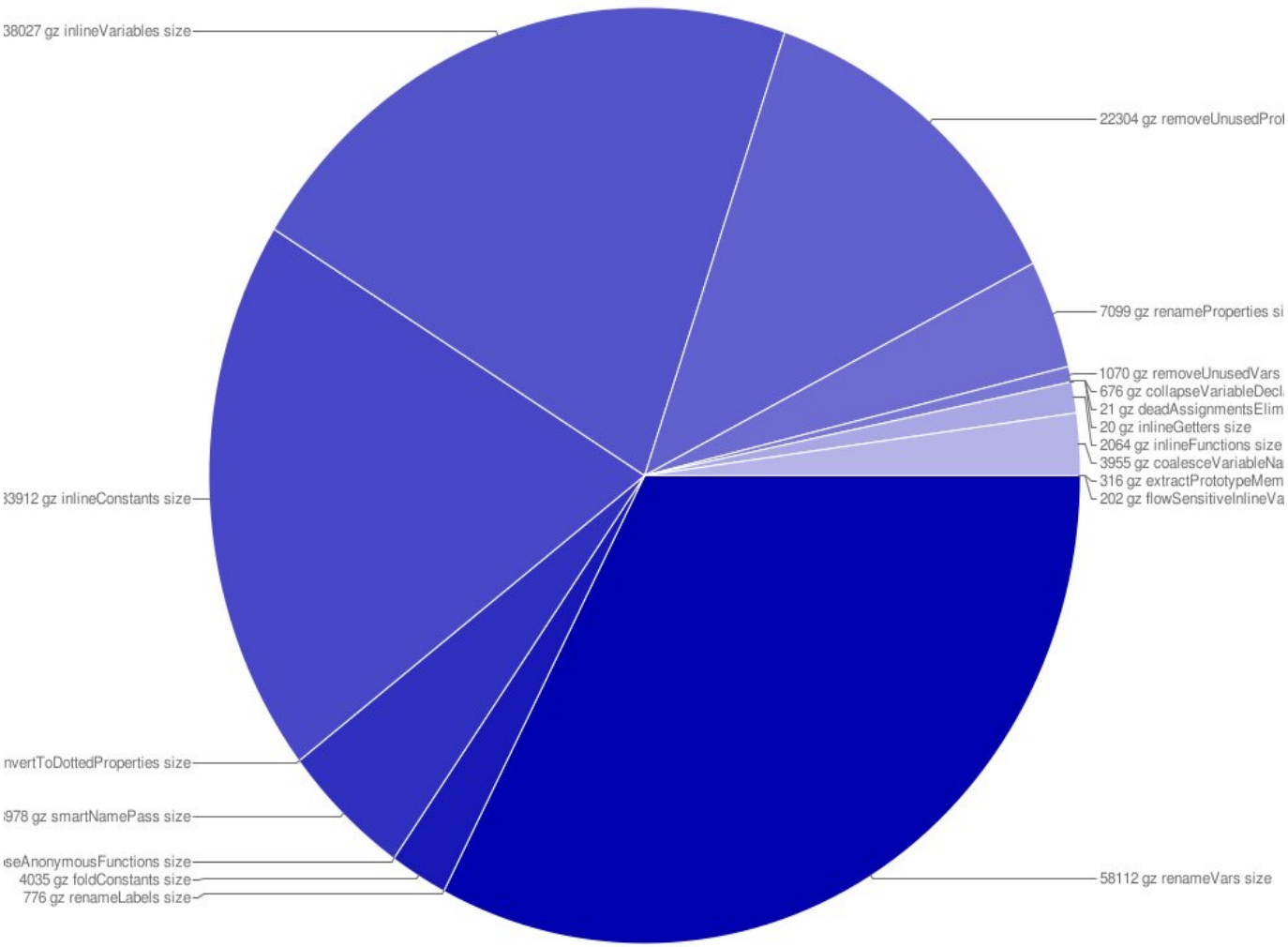

~30% Renaming
~30% Inlining
~15% Dead Code

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Examples of Optimizations: Constant Folding

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

becomes

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

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Examples of Optimizations: Coalesce Variable Names

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

becomes

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

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Examples of Optimizations: Function Inlining

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

becomes

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

Examples of Optimizations: Simple Common Subexpression

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

becomes

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

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Examples of Optimizations: Collapse Properties

```
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();
```

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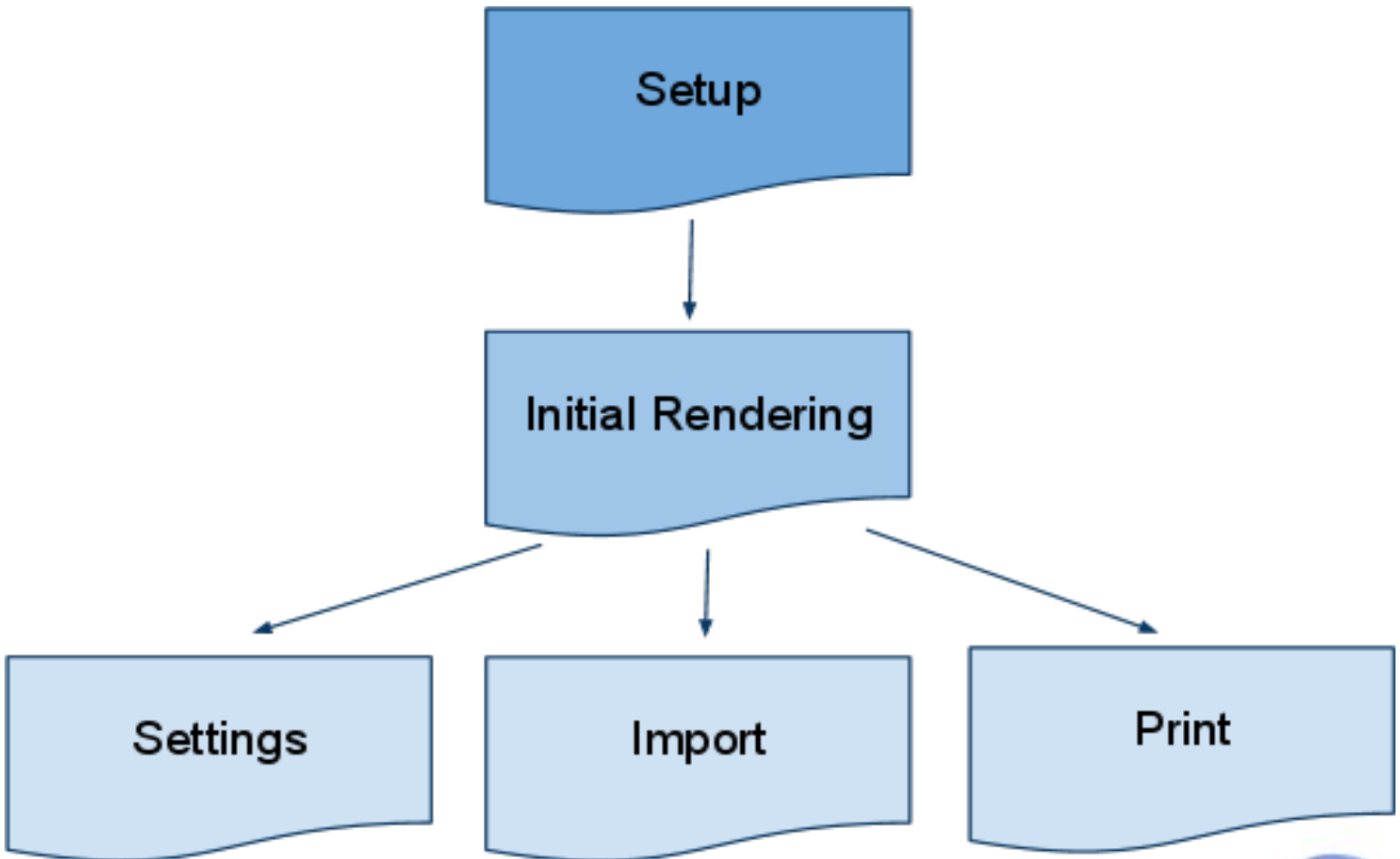
Cool Optimizations: Cross-module Code Motion

Modules



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Cross Module Code motion

```
// Init Mod
function Graph() { ... }
Graph.prototype.display = function() { ... };
Graph.prototype.resize = function() { ... };
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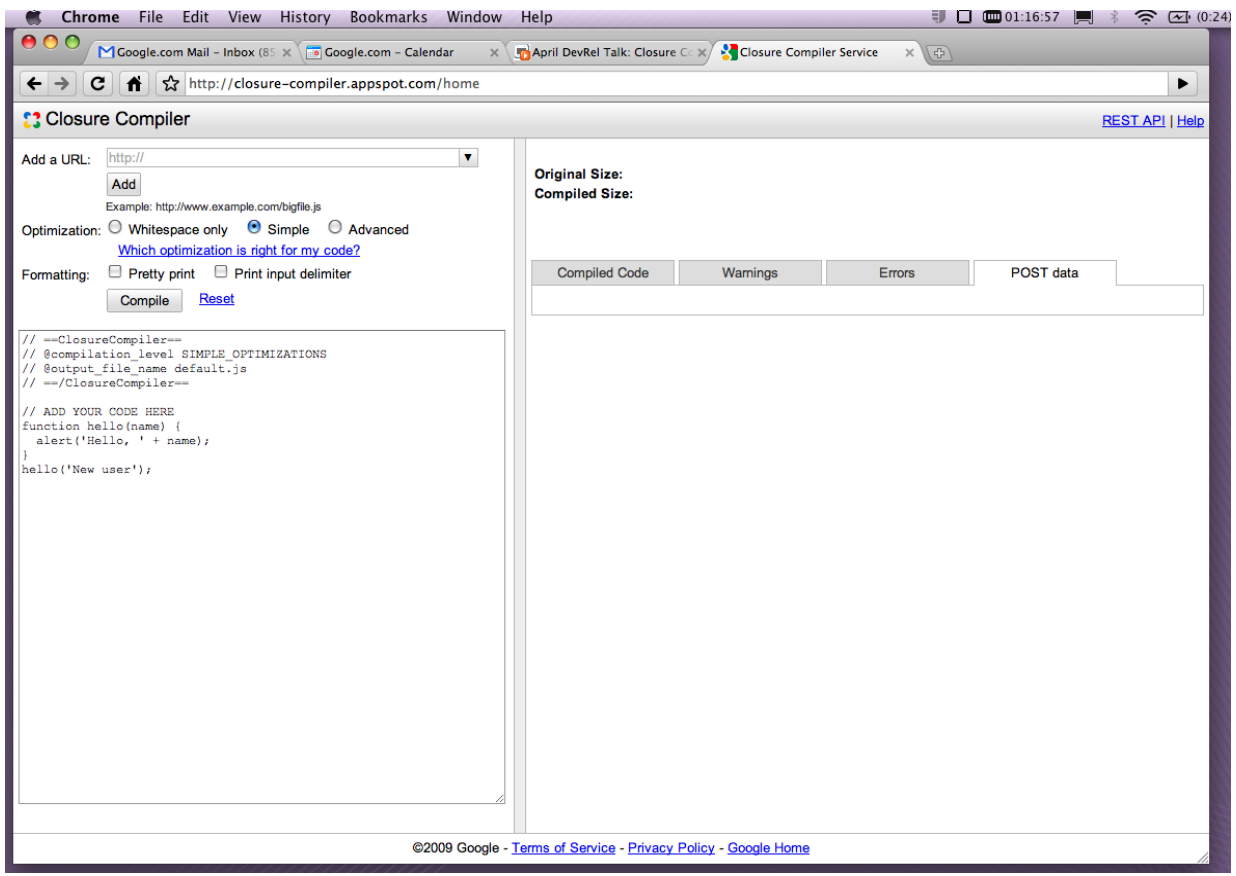
How to use Closure Compiler

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



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How to use Closure Compiler

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

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Questions