

# readme.md for @push.rocks/smartgulp

lightweight gulp replacement

## Install

To install `@push.rocks/smartgulp`, use the following command in your terminal:

```
npm install @push.rocks/smartgulp --save-dev
```

This will add `smartgulp` to your project's `devDependencies`. `smartgulp` is designed to be a lightweight replacement for `gulp`, thus assuming its role in development processes rather than in production environments.

## Usage

In this section, we'll dive into how to effectively utilize `@push.rocks/smartgulp` within your project. `smartgulp` aims to present a simplified interface for handling file streams and processing, similar to traditional `gulp` but with a modernized API and reduced complexity.

## Basic Stream Creation and File Manipulation

First, let's demonstrate how to create a stream from source files and then manipulate these files, ultimately saving the transformed files to a desired directory.

```
// Import smartgulp methods
import { src, dest } from '@push.rocks/smartgulp';

// Create a stream from source files using the `src` function
```

```

src(['src/**/*.ts']) // Specify the glob pattern
  .pipe(
    // Example transformation: Convert TypeScript to JavaScript
    // Use your desired transformer here
    ts() // Assuming `ts()` is a function returning a Transform stream
  )
  .pipe(
    // Save the transformed files to the 'dist' directory
    dest('dist')
  );

```

In the example above, `src(['src/**/*.ts'])` creates a stream that reads all TypeScript files in the `src` directory. Each file is then transformed (for instance, compiled from TypeScript to JavaScript, though the actual transformation function `ts()` is illustrative) and finally written to the `dist` directory via `dest('dist')`.

## Advanced Usage: Custom Transformations

`smartgulp` can be extended with custom transformations, allowing you to perform virtually any file manipulation task. Here's how you can create and use custom transform streams:

```

import { src, dest } from '@push.rocks/smartgulp';
import { Transform } from 'stream';

// Creating a custom transform to prefix file contents
const prefixTransform = new Transform({
  objectMode: true,
  transform(file, encoding, callback) {
    const prefix = '/* Prefixed content */\n';
    file.contents = Buffer.from(prefix + file.contents.toString());
    callback(null, file); // Pass the modified file along the stream
  }
});

// Usage in a pipeline
src(['src/**/*.js']) // Adjust glob pattern as needed
  .pipe(prefixTransform) // Apply custom prefixing
  .pipe(dest('dist')); // Output to 'dist' directory

```

In this scenario, `prefixTransform` is a custom transformation that prepends a comment to the contents of each `.js` file fetched through `src(['src/**/*.js'])`. After transformation, the files are written to the `dist` directory.

## Combining with Other Libraries

`@push.rocks/smartgulp` can be seamlessly integrated with other libraries, making it easy to enhance your build pipeline with additional functionality like linting, minification, and more.

```
import { src, dest } from '@push.rocks/smartgulp';
import someOtherLib from 'some-other-lib';

src(['src/**/*.css']) // Example with CSS files
  .pipe(
    // Assuming `someOtherLib` provides a method for CSS minification
    someOtherLib.minifyCSS()
  )
  .pipe(dest('dist'));
```

## Conclusion

`@push.rocks/smartgulp` offers a simplified, promise-based approach to stream processing and file manipulation. By leveraging its functionality along with custom and third-party transforms, you can create powerful and efficient build pipelines tailored to your project's needs. Whether you're compiling, bundling, minifying, or simply copying files, `smartgulp` provides a lightweight, flexible foundation for your automated workflows.

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