Parcel Zero-config bundler

CONCEPTS

Zero config: point Parcel at an entry (usually an HTML file) and it follows script, style and image references itself. serve is the default command.

Entry index.html or source field
↓ parcel
Dev server localhost:1234, HMR
↓ parcel build
dist/ minified, hashed files
↓ parcel watch
Watch rebuild, no HTTP server

The cache lives in .parcel-cache; add it and dist to .gitignore. When output looks stale or odd, delete the cache or pass --no-cache.

DEV SERVER

parcel *<entry>*
Start the dev server (same as parcel serve)

parcel serve *<entry>*
Explicit form of the dev server

parcel --port *<port>*
Set the port (default 1234 or $PORT)

parcel --host *<host>*
Listen on one host instead of all

parcel --open [browser]
Open the entry in a browser

parcel --https
Serve dev and HMR over HTTPS

parcel --no-hmr
Turn off hot reloading

parcel --lazy
Build only bundles the browser requests

WATCH

parcel watch *<entry>*
Rebuild on change, no HTTP server

BUILD

parcel build *<entry>*
One production build, then exit

parcel build 'src/*.html'
Build many entries by glob (quote it)

parcel build
Use the source field of package.json

parcel build --no-optimize
Skip minification and optimizations

parcel build --no-source-maps
Do not emit source maps

OUTPUT AND TARGETS

--dist-dir *<dir>*
Output folder (default dist)

--public-url *<url>*
Prefix for absolute URLs in output

--target *<name>*
Build only the named target

package.json fields

Field	Purpose
`source`	Default entry file(s)
`main`	Library output path (CommonJS)
`module`	Library output path (ES module)
`browserslist`	Browsers to support
`targets`	Per-target dist, publicUrl, options

CACHE AND DIAGNOSTICS

--no-cache
Do not read from the cache

parcel --version
Print the Parcel version

CONFIG FILES

Targets in package.json

```
"source": "src/index.html",
"targets": {
  "default": { "distDir": "./public",
"publicUrl": "/app" }
}
```