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introducing postcss

I've been hearing a lot about PostCSS on Twitter lately. In general people seemed to be singing its praises so this weekend I took a bit of time to investigate.

what is postcss?

PostCSS is a pre-processor that runs plugins against your CSS. You may have already heard of autoprefixer which is a PostCSS plugin that applies the appropriate vendor prefixes to your styles.

There are many plugins available which combined allow you to do everything Sass can do and most likely more. I'm especially fond of the future syntax plugins that allow to use modern CSS features such as variables and colour functions today.

is it hard to learn?

If you already know CSS, then there's nothing more to learn. You carry on writing CSS and let the plugins take care of everything else. Setting up the plugins does require knowledge of your build process, whether it's based on Grunt, Gulp, webpack, Broccoli, Brunch, or other weirdly named front-end build tool, but it works with pretty much everything.

will postcss replace sass?

It's hard to say if PostCSS will replace Sass. I'm definitely a fan of PostCSS, but not to the point where I'd want to port all my existing Sass projects over to it just yet.

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