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Migrating from AngularJS to Angular + TypeScript

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Level: Intermediate

Code Again for the First Time!

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Introduction

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Agenda

- AngularJS and Angular
- TypeScript
- Decisions, decisions, decisions
- Project setup
 - project.json
 - webpack
- Hybrid bootstrap via Angular Upgrade module
- Component conversion



AngularJS and Angular

- AngularJS = Angular 1.x
 - Complete client side framework for creating JS Apps
 - Based on JavaScript
 - Dynamic content via two-way data-binding
 - Leverages \$scope and controllers
- Angular = Angular 2.x +
 - Complete rewrite of AngularJS
 - Written in TypeScript
 - Improved performance
 - Leverages component based UI



TypeScript

- High level language like JavaScript yet offering familiar OO concepts and techniques
- Superset of JavaScript
- All valid JavaScript is valid TypeScript
 - Transpiled to JavaScript
 - Microsoft chose to build atop JavaScript
 - Big wins for TypeScript in Angular 2.0 adoption
- Offers compile-time checking for type safety
- Provides features ahead of ECMAScript Standards
- Pick your favorite IDE
- Intellisense!



Architectural Decisions

- Rewrite vs Hybrid
 - Size of the codebase
 - TypeScript use
 - Version of AngularJS
 - General quality of original codebase
 - Time allotment
 - Migrate over time
 - Bang Bang approach
 - Code needing refactoring
 - Longevity of the codebase
 - Front-end churn
- Hybrid Estimates



Angular Migration Assistant

- Quick check to assess ng1 application
- Install globally
 - `npm install ngma -g`
- Run against project directory
 - `ngma <directory>`
- Additional input/feedback



Migration AngularJS -> Angular

- Angular Upgrade Module
 - Allows AngularJS and Angular to coexist in a single application
- Two independent frameworks running
 - Each framework treats the other as a black box
 - Each DOM element owned by respective framework
 - AngularJS directives execute in AngularJS
 - Angular components execute in Angular
- Preparation in AngularJS
 - Component Directives
 - Migrate factories to services
 - Migrate to TypeScript



Project Environment Choices

- Visual Studio Code
 - Static Files Only
- Visual Studio
 - .NET + Angular Web
 - ASP.NET Core + Angular Web
- WebStorm
 - Static Files Only
- Sublime Text, Atom Editor...
- Windows, Mac, Linux
- Make considerations if you must work with server-side code too



Configure package.json

- if (package.json){ let result = “move to next step” }
- Add package.json to the application
 - Begin updating dependencies in index.html and remove from nuget
 - Replace with npm packages
- Add in node types
 - typings and tsd are deprecated
- Decide on build process and server
 - Prefer to unhook from Visual Studio .NET builds for front-end code
 - Lite-server, webpack dev server
- Configure npm scripts for running



Add a Module Loader / Bundler

- SystemJS
 - Module loader enabling dynamic ES module workflows in browsers and NodeJS
 - `npm install systemjs`
- Webpack
 - Module bundler; emits 1...n bundles based on configuration
 - `npm install webpack`
 - Add dev dependencies for webpack loaders
 - Create configuration
 - Don't start with a blank slate
 - Start with an auto-generated configuration
 - Use a template from Angular ToH or similar



Scaffold Angular

- Add @angular and minimum required dependencies from npm
 - Be cautious with the versions of TS and Angular
- Add in the entry point of the application
 - `main.ts`
 - `app.module.ts`
- Remove `<ng-app>`

```
"dependencies": {
  "@angular/common": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/compiler": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/core": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/forms": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/http": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/platform-browser": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/platform-browser-dynamic": "~5.2.6",
  "@angular/router": "~5.2.6",
  "core-js": "~2.5.3",
  "rxjs": "~5.5.0",
  "zone.js": "~0.8.20",
  "angular": "~1.5.2",
  "angular-ui-bootstrap": "~1.2.5",
  "angular-ui-router": "~0.2.18",
  "bootstrap": "~3.3.6",
  "jquery": "~1.9.1"
},
```

Alerts me in Visual Studio Code to install



Hybrid Application Checkpoint 1

- STOP, GOTO line 200
 - Don't proceed with any further upgrades
 - Ensure the app runs as a hybrid Angular + AngularJS application
- Run the application in the browser
 - Ensure there aren't any console errors
 - Ensure all files are still loaded and application functions correctly
- Common issues
 - Module/loader bundler configuration
 - Name of the ng1 module not matching
 - Incorrectly configured entry point code
 - Incorrect references



Migrate to TypeScript

- TypeScript
 - Current version 2.7.2
- `npm install -g typescript`
- Add a `tsconfig.json` file to project
 - `tsc --init`
 - If unsure of settings, copy from Angular template as base
- Convert files to `.ts`
 - New files always use `.ts` if still in AngularJS
- Incorporate build process for TypeScript compilation



Nrwl Extensions

- Open Source extensions for ng
 - Referred to as 'Nx'
- AngularJS Upgrade Module
 - CLI commands to generate hybrid app
 - Adds UpgradeModule
 - Configure AngularJS app
 - Add needed dependencies to package.json



Create an Angular Component

- Convert a controller to an Angular component
- Be pragmatic about refactoring
 - The desire might be to overhaul bad practices
 - Time might dictate another constraint
 - Investigate beforehand and lay a trail of desired conversion techniques for the team
- Create component TypeScript file
 - Copy in contents from controller
 - Manage issues, refactor minimally at 1st
- Create view HTML file
 - Convert/modify directives as needed for Angular



Convert Services to Providers

- This is *typically* easier to do than converting components
- Dependency graph of injected ng1 services
 - Convert in small doses
 - ng1 services can still be injected into ng components, services, directives
 - Set up service as Provider to be injected in ng module
- Downgrade ng providers if needing to inject into ng1
- Update unit testing



Routing Conversion

- Add an app.component
 - Renders the content of the active route
- Add Routing Module
 - Specifies routing configuration
- Refactor direct links and router viewports



Remove AngularJS

- Once a fully converted app to Angular
 - Remove hybrid bootstrap
 - Remove downgraded services/components
 - Clean up unused packages
 - Remove AngularJS references from index.html
- Angular CLI considerations
- Keep current with Angular and TS!



Useful References

- GitHub Repo of this Code
 - <https://github.com/AllenConway/AngularJSAngularHybrid>
 - Pull the different branches for different stages!!
 - AngularJS (*before*)
 - AngularHybrid (*after*)
- Angular Upgrade Guide
 - <https://angular.io/guide/upgrade>
- Using Webpack with Angular
 - <https://angular.io/guide/webpack>
- Webpack
 - <https://webpack.js.org/>
- » AngularJS
 - › <https://angularjs.org>
- » Angular
 - › <https://angular.io>
- » Plunker (Angular Playground)
 - › <http://plnkr.co>
- » TypeScript
 - › <https://www.typescriptlang.org>



Thank you! Q&A



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