



Angular Architecture

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Questions

- How to structure an Angular application?
- How to subdivide an Angular application into smaller parts?

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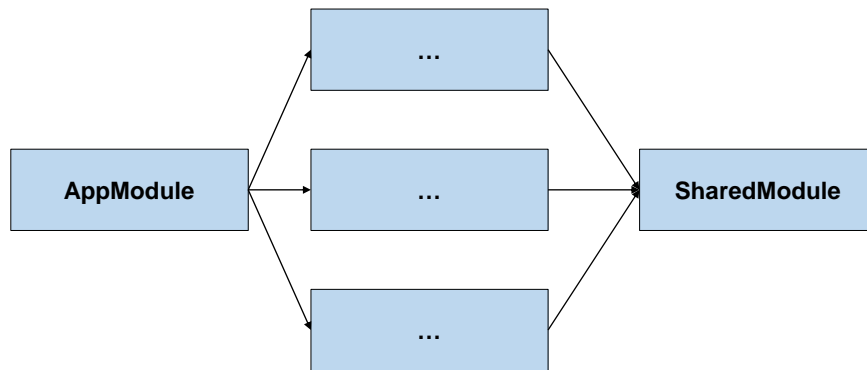
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- Modules
- (npm-)Packages
- Monorepos
- Microservices

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Typical Module Structure



Root Module

Feature Modules

Shared Module

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Why npm Packages?

Reusable Logic

Structuring big Applications

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Structure of an npm Package

- /node_modules
- your-stuff
- package.json

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Properties in package.json (Selection)

name

version

description

entry-point(s)

typings

dependencies

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package.json

```
{  
  "dependencies": {  
    "@angular/core": "4.2.0",  
    "@angular/http": "4.2.0"  
  }  
}
```

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  "dependencies": { },  
  "peerDependencies": {  
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  }  
}
```

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package.json

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{  
  "dependencies": { },  
  "peerDependencies": {  
    "@angular/core": "^4.0.0",  
    "@angular/http": "^4.0.0"  
  },  
  "devDependencies": {  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```

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Barrels

Idea behind Barrels

- ES Module: File == Modul
- Far too fine-grained for consumers of a lib
- Barrel == Façade for those files == Public API

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index.ts as Barrel

```
export * from './src/demo.service';  
export { OtherDemoService } from './src/other-demo.service';  
  
@NgModule({ ... })  
export class LibStarterModule {  
}
```

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Project Start

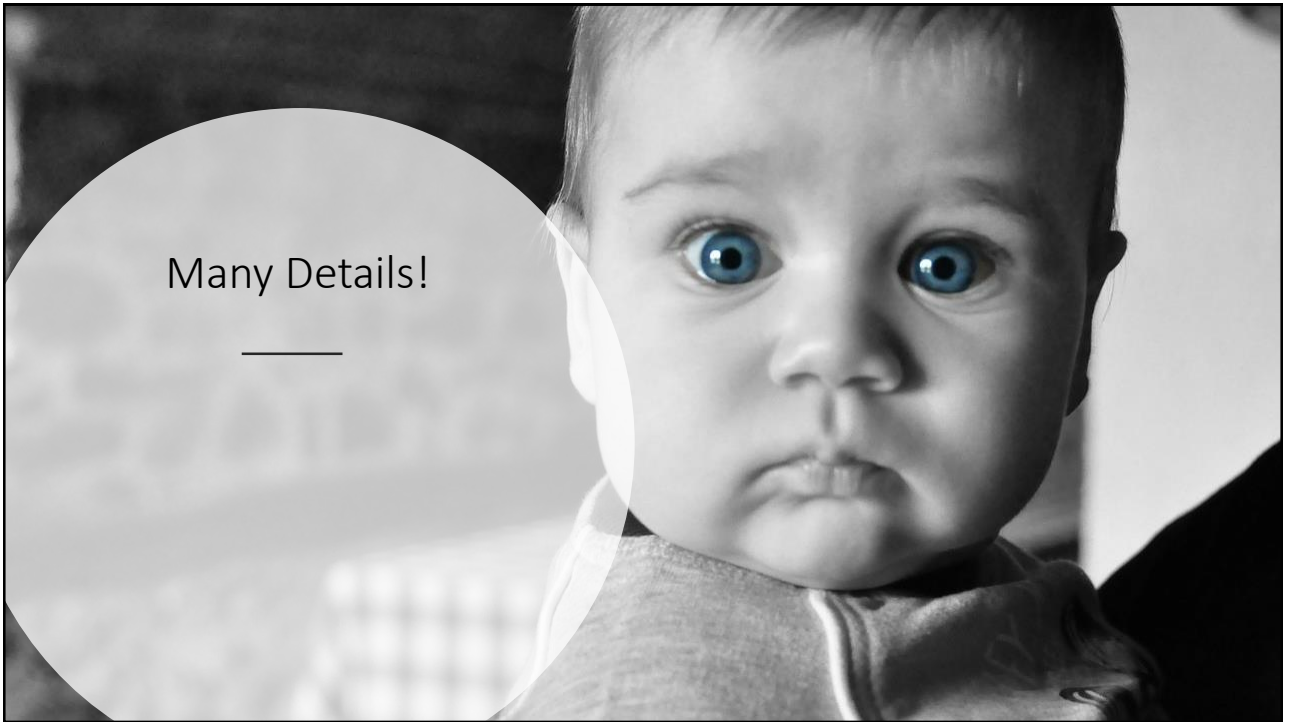


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Angular Package Format





Generator

- `npm install -g yo`
- `npm install -g generator-angular2-library`
- `yo angular2-library`



Yeoman generator
for Angular library





Local testing

- Symbolic Links
- Library: *npm link*
- Consumer: *npm link library-name*

Lessons Learned

- Use "playground app" within lib for debugging (besides unit tests)
- Npm link: ng serve `--preserve-symlinks`
- Testing before production: link dist folder and test with AOT*

* will be default soon

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Publishing to npm Registry

- Increment version in package.json
 - npm version [patch | minor | major | version]
- npm run build
- cd ../dist
- npm publish `--registry http://localhost:4873`
- npm install `--registry http://localhost:4873`

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Locale npm-Registry

- TFS
- Nexus
- Verdaccio
 - Very lightweight
 - `npm i -g verdaccio`
 - Start: `verdaccio`

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Alternatives for setting the Registry

- Global: `npm set registry http://localhost:4873`
 - Default: `registry.npmjs.org`
 - `npm get registry`
- Project: `.npmrc` in project root

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Advantages

- Distribution
- Versioning
- Decoupling between lib authors and app authors

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Disadvantages

- Distribution
 - Versioning
 - Decoupling between lib authors and app authors
- ;-)

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Disadvantages

Distribution

- Annoying within project
- Prevents gritting further libs

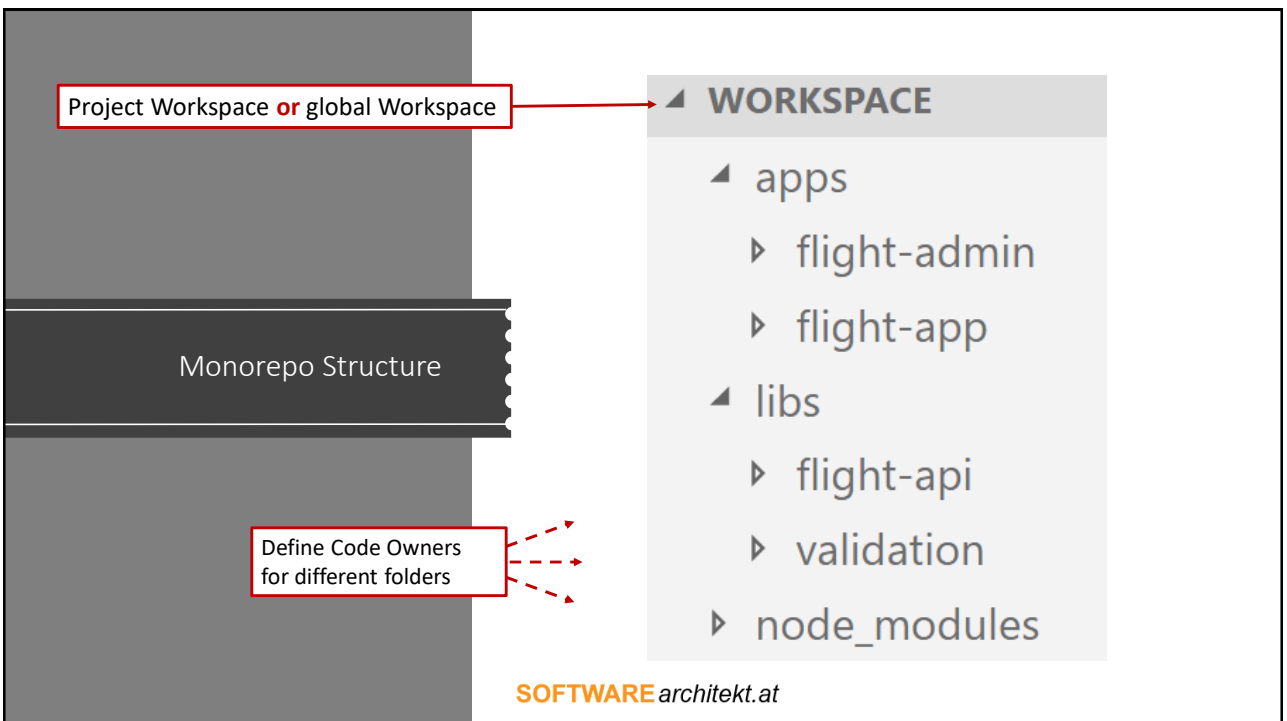
Versioning

- Old versions
- Conflicts
- How to force devs to use latest version?

Decoupling

- What if lib authors == app authors?

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Advantages

Everyone uses the latest versions

No version conflicts

No burden with distributing libs

Creating new libs: Adding folder

Experience: Successfully used at Google, Facebook, ...

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Two Flavors

Company-wide Monorepo

- E. g. used at Google or Facebook

Project Monorepo

- Like Workspaces/Solutions in different IDEs

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Tooling & Generator

<https://nrwl.io/nx>



Nrwl Extensions for Angular

An open source toolkit for enterprise Angular applications.

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Usage

```
npm install -g @nrwl/schematics
```

```
npm install -g @angular/cli
```

```
create-nx-workspace myworkspace
```

```
ng generate app myapp
```

```
ng generate lib mymodule
```

```
ng serve --app=myapp
```

```
ng generate component myButton --app=mymodule
```

```
ng build --app=myapp
```

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Microservices

Idea



System

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Idea



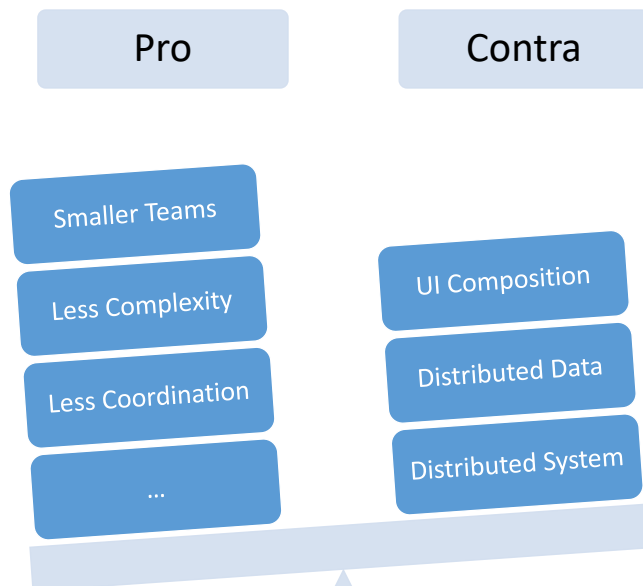
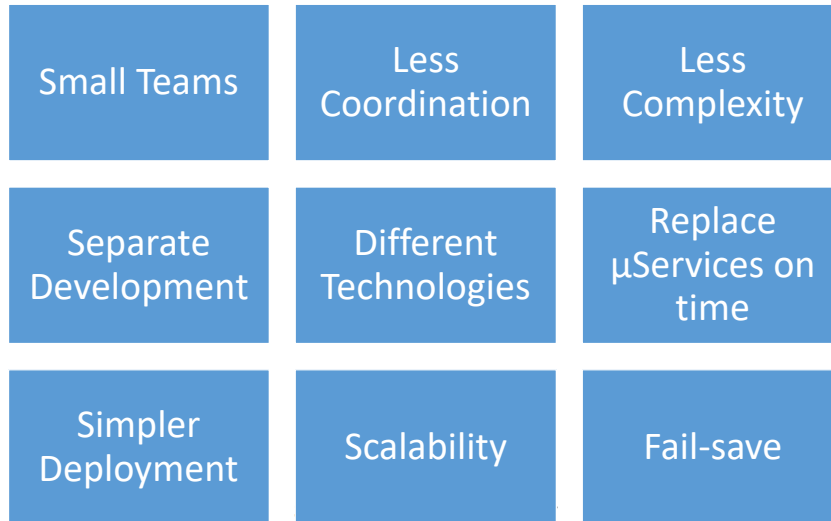
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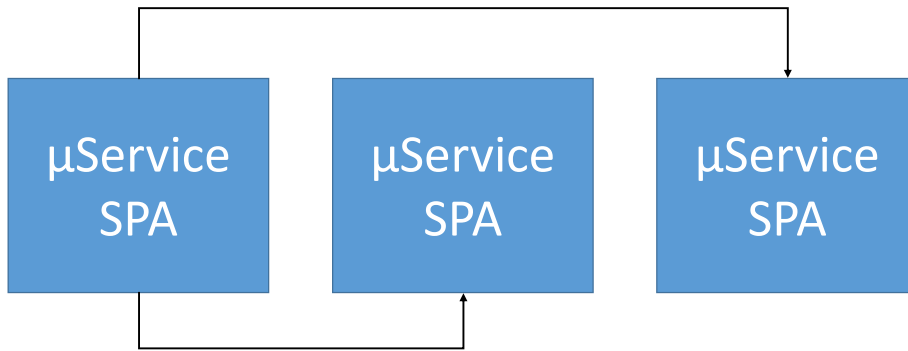
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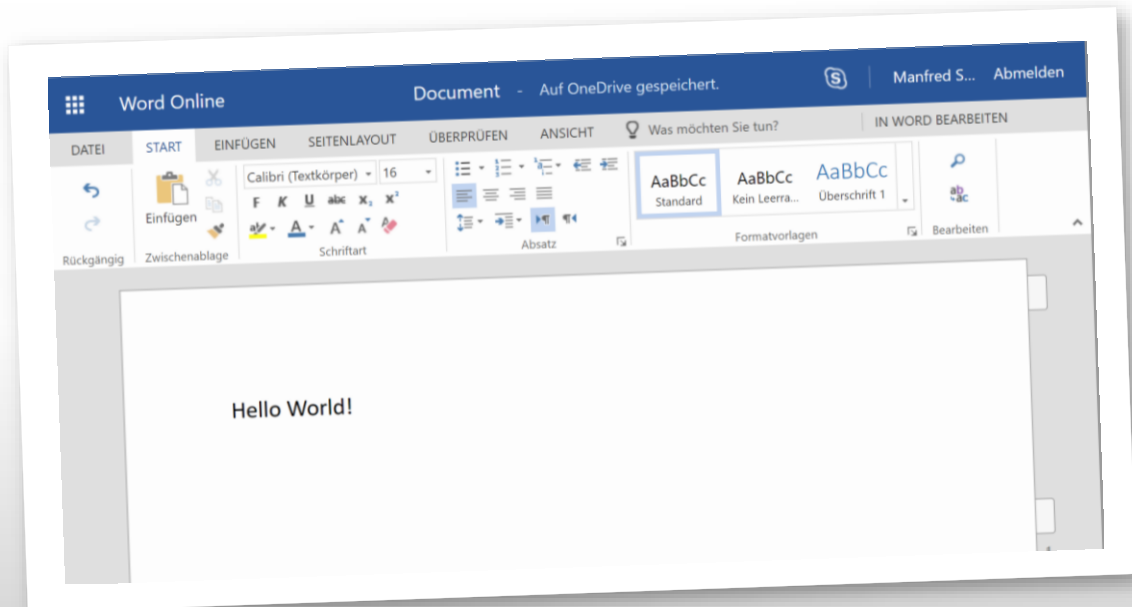
UI Composition w/ Hyperlinks

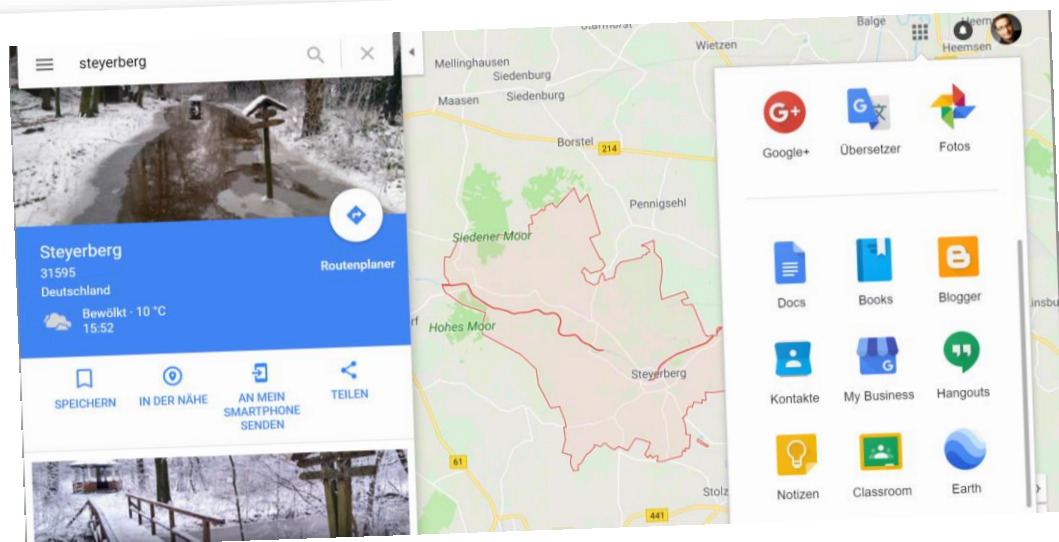
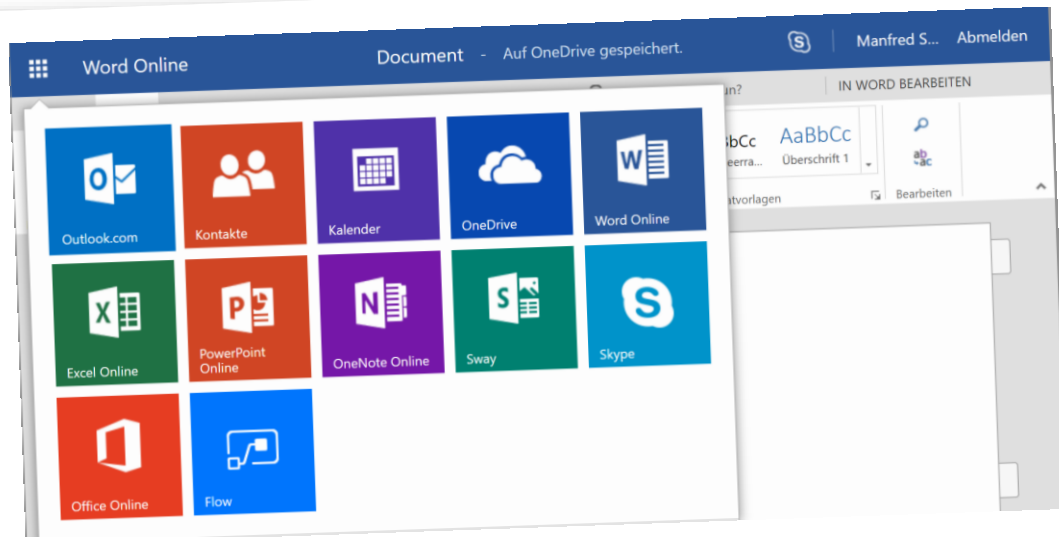
+ Easy
+ Isolation
+ Separate Deployment
+ Separate Development

- Nesting
- No SPA
- Loosing state



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UI Composition w/ iframes

Wait! WTF? iframes?



UI Composition w/ iframes

- + Isolation
- + SPA
- + Can hold state
- + Messaging API

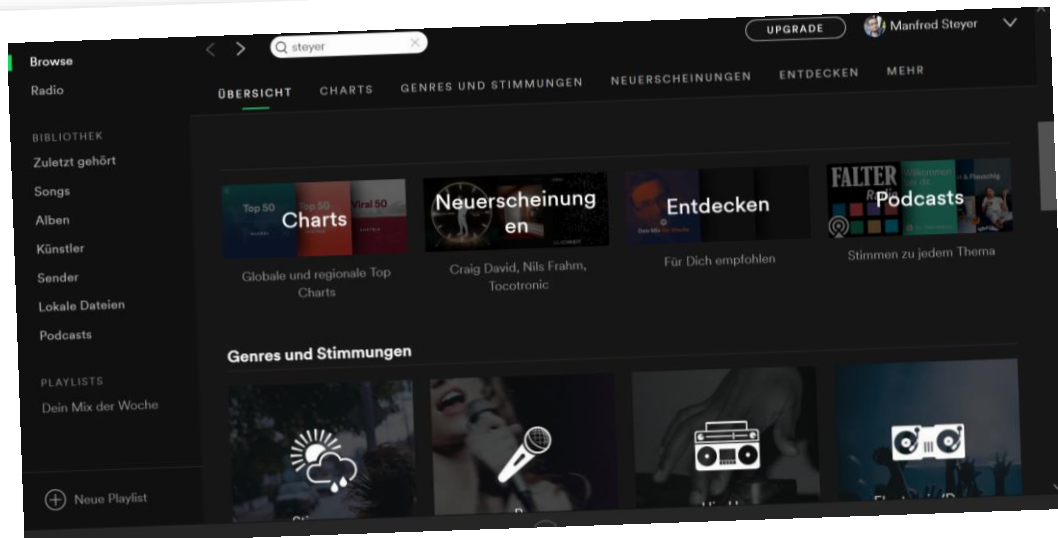
- + Separate Deployment
- + Separate Development
- iframes ;-)
- Nesting
- Overlapping elements

Shell

μService
iframe

μService
iframe

μService
iframe



UI Composition w/ Web Components

- + SPA
- + Nesting: Easy
- + Separate Deployment
- + Separate Development
- + Communication: DOM
- ~ Isolation
- ~ Framework Adoption

Shell

μService
Element

μService
Element

μService

Widget from
other μService

Experimental in Angular 6

UI Composition
w/ Libraries

- + SPA
- + Can hold state
- + Nesting: Easy
- + Straight and well-known
- + Separate Development
- Bad Isolation
- Version Conflicts
- Mixing frameworks difficult
- No separate Deployment

Shell

μService
Comp.

μService
Comp.

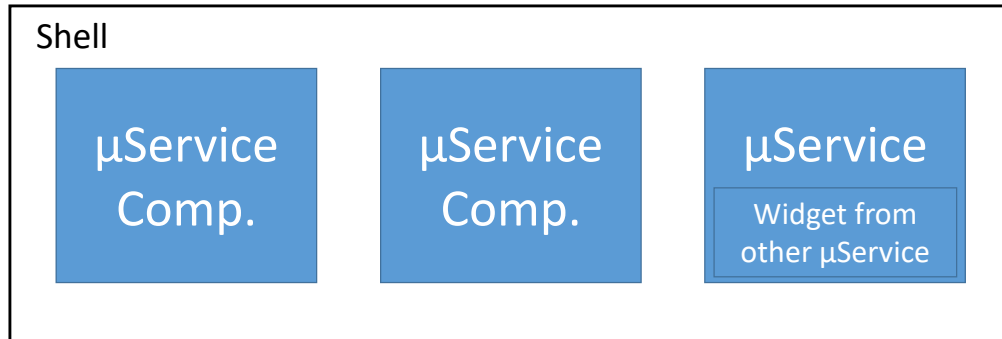
μService

Widget from other
μService

UI Composition w/ Monorepo

- + SPA
- + Can hold state
- + Nesting: Easy
- + No Version Conflicts

- Bad Isolation
- Mixing frameworks difficult
- Separate Dev difficult
- No Separate Deployment



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Not an either/or-thing!

UI Composition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyperlinks • iFrames • Web Components

Reusable Logic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libs • Open Source

Structure for one μService
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Monorepo

Just one possible example!

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Blog

- [A Software Architect's Approach Towards Using Angular \(And SPAs In General\) For Microservices Aka Microfrontends](#)
- [A Lightweight And Solid Approach Towards Micro Frontends \(Micro Service Clients\) With Angular And/Or Other Frameworks](#)
- [Microservice Clients With Web Components Using Angular Elements: Dreams Of The \(Near\) Future?](#)

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Conclusion

Packages for
Structuring
and Reuse

Angular
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Monorepo

Microservices

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