Modules and Routing

Creating Single-Page Applications







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The NgModule

Building Blocks of the Application

Angular Modules Overview



- NgModules help organize an application into cohesive blocks of functionality
- An NgModule is a class decorated with @NgModule

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
```

- Many Angular libraries are NgModules
 - FormsModule, HttpClientModule, RouterModule
- Many third-party libraries are available as NgModules
 - Material Design, Ionic, Angular Fire

Creating Custom Modules



- Creating you own modules is useful when the application grows
- Only the root module should contain BrowserModule
- All custom-made modules should import CommonModule

```
import { CommonModule } from '@angular/common';
```

- Custom made modules have exports array
 - Components added in declarations are private by default
 - This is done because of reusability

Creating Custom Modules (2)

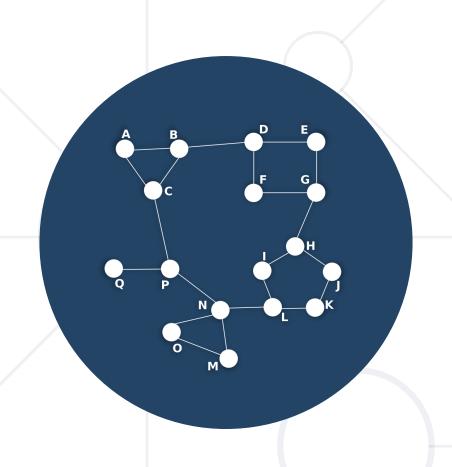


```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { CommonModule } from '@angular/common';
@NgModule({
  imports: [ CommonModule ],
  declarations: [
   CustomerListComponent,
   CustomerDetailsComponent ],
  exports: [ CustomerListComponent ],
                                          Export to render outside
  providers: [ CustomersService ]
                                               this module
export class CustomersModule { }
```

Suggested Common Module



- Shared Module to contain all common components, directives and pipes used by a lot of places
- Core Module to contain singleton services and components needed only once in the application
- Authentication Module (Register, Login, Logout)
- Feature Module to contain feature specific components
- More info: https://angular.io/guide/ngmodules



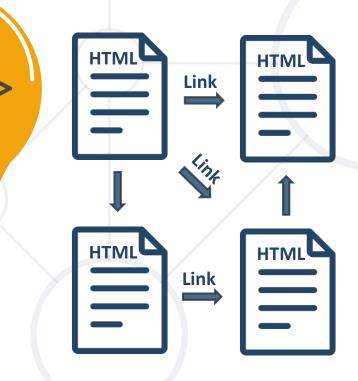
Routing Concepts

Navigation for Single Page Applications

What is Routing?



- Allows navigation, without reloading the page
- Pivotal element of writing Single Page Applications







Navigation using Routing

Single Page Applications



- A Router loads the appropriate content when the location changes
 - E.g. when the user manually enters an address
- Conversely, a change in content is reflected in the address bar
 - E.g. when the user clicks on a link
- Benefits
 - Load all scripts only once
 - Maintain state across multiple pages
 - Browser history can be used
 - Build User Interfaces that react quickly





Router Module

Setup, Links, Redirects, Parameters

Define the Template



First add the base meta tag into the index.html file

```
<base href="/">
```

Usually added by the CLI

Add a nav tag so the user can navigate through the app

Define the router outlet where the content will be rendered

```
<router-outlet></router-outlet>
```

Create Routes Module



Import NgModule, RouterModule and Routes

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core'
import { RouterModule, Routes } from '@angular/router';
```

Define the needed routes as an array of objects

```
const routes: Routes = [
    { path: 'home', component: HomeComponent },
    { path: 'about', component: AboutComponent }
]
'/'is omitted
```

Create Routes Module



Define the App Routes Module using the decorator

```
@NgModule({
 declarations: [
                          Registers all app routes
  HomeComponent,
  AboutComponent
                             (done only once)
 imports: [ RouterModule.forRoot(routes) ],
 exports: [ RouterModule ]
export class AppRoutesModule { }
```

Create Routes Module (3)



Finally import the routes module in app module

```
import { AppRoutesModule } from './routes.module.ts'
// Other imports for core module
@NgModule({
declarations: [ AppComponent ],
 imports: [
  BrowserModule,
 AppRoutesModule,
export class AppModule { }
```

The RouterLink Directive



A basic usage of the RouterLink directive

```
<a routerLink="/user/profile">Profile Page</a>
```

Bind to the directive a pass an array of parameters

```
<a
[routerLink]="[ '/user', 1, 'profile' ]">
   Profile Page
</a>
```

Navigate Programmatically



Inject the Angular Router in components

```
constructor(
  private router: Router
) { }
From "@angular/router"
```

Use it to navigate from one component to another

```
loadData() {
  // Service call goes here
  this.router.navigate([ '/home' ])
}
```

Passing Parameters to Routes



Define routes with parameters the following way

```
{ path: 'user/:id', component: UserDetailsComponent }
```

Nested parameters

```
path: 'user/:id/:username',
component: UserProfileComponent
}
```

Fetching Parameters



Inject ActivatedRoute in components

```
constructor(
  private route: ActivatedRoute
) { }
```

Retrieve parameters directly from the snapshot

```
ngOnInit() {
  const id = this.route.snapshot.params['id']
}
Only runs one time when
```

the component is **initiated**

Fetching Parameters Reactively



 To change the content of a component inside the same one use an Observable instead

```
ngOnInit() {
  this.route.params
    .subscribe((params: Params) => {
      const id = params['id']
      }
  )
}
```

Query Strings and Fragments



To pass query parameters/fragments attach directives

```
<a
   [routerLink]="[ '/users', user.id, user.name ]"
   [queryParams]="{ search: 'Peter' }"
   fragment="loading"
</a></a>
```

Retrieve them from the snapshot

```
this.route.snapshot.queryParams this.route.snapshot.fragment
```

Setting Up Child (Nested) Routes



 Create nested routing by defining child routes using the children property of a route

New router outlet needed at UsersComponent

```
<router-outlet></router-outlet>
```

Using Wildcards and Redirects



- If the requested URL doesn't match any paths for routes, show a 404 Not Found Page
 - This is done by using a wildcard '**'

```
{ path: '**', component: PageNotFoundComponent }
```

To redirect from one path to another

```
{ path: '', redirectTo: 'home', pathMatch: 'full' }
```

Telling the router how to match a URL to the path of the route



Router Guards

Protecting Routes

Guards Overview





- Limiting access to a route is needed in every application
- In Angular there are route guards
 - Build a guard service
 - Register the service in an Angular module
 - Add the guard to a desired route

CanActivate Guard



- The CanActivate guard checks criteria before activating a route
- It limits route access to specific users (register users, admins..)
- Called when the url changes

```
import { Injectable } from "@angular/core";
import {
   Router, CanActivate,
   ActivatedRouteSnapshot,
   RouterStateSnapshot
} from "@angular/router";
```

Guard Example



Create a guard that restricts non-authenticated users

```
@Injectable()
export class AuthGuard implements CanActivate {
   canActivate(
    route: ActivatedRouteSnapshot,
    state: RouterStateSnapshot) : boolean {
     return this.checkIfLogged(state.url);
  checkIfLogged(url : string) : boolean {
     // Use the authentication service
```

Angular Router Resolver



- The Angular Router provides a resolve property
- It takes a route resolver and allows your application to fetch data before navigating to the route

Implement the Resolver



Create the Resolver Guard

```
@Injectable()
export class UserResolver implements Resolve<User> {
   resolve(route: ActivatedRouteSnapshot,
    state: RouterStateSnapshot) {
     return this.usersService.getUserById(route.params['id']);
   }
}
Inject the service inside
   the guard
```

Use It Inside a Component



 Inside a Component fetch the data from the data property of the snapshot

```
constructor (
  private route: ActivatedRoute
) {
  ngOnInit() {
  this.user = this.route.snapshot.data['user'];
}

The name bound inside
  the route resolver
```

Summary



NgModules help organize an application

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core'
```

- Routing allows navigation without reloading the page
- The Router Module in Angular is a powerful tool
 - It supports routing with params, child routes, route guards, resolvers and more





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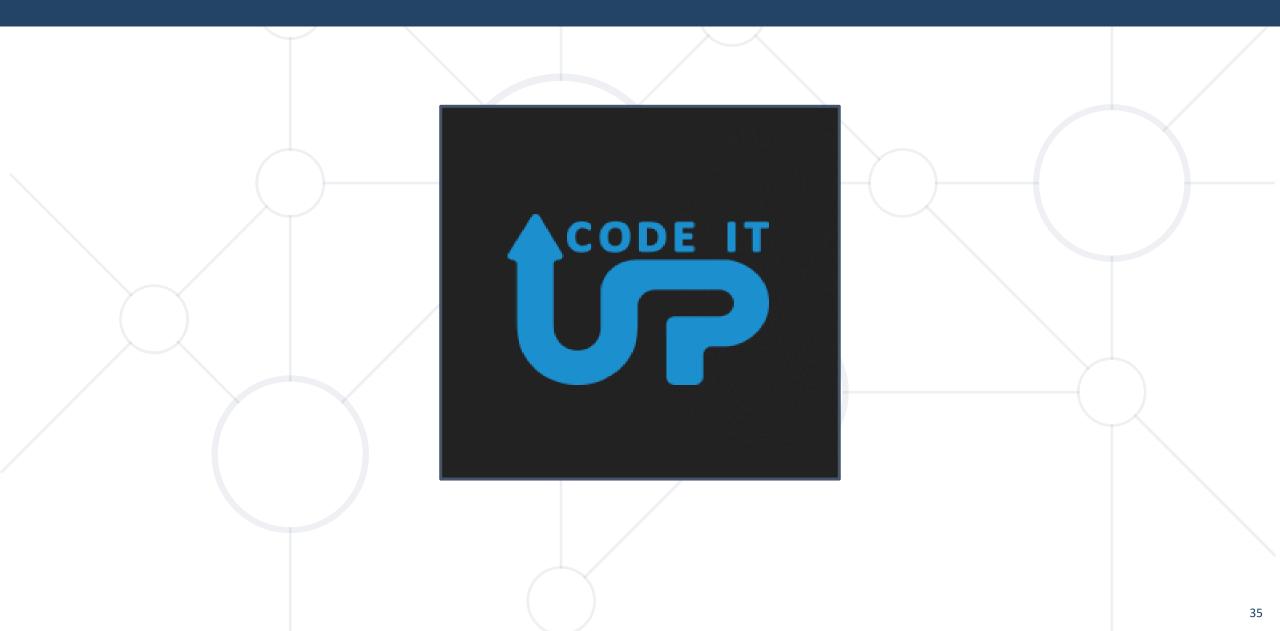






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