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# Why and how to self host Google fonts & icons in your Angular app

The popular Angular Material UI library adds links to Google's CDN server to load required fonts e.g. Roboto and Material Icons. A recent verdict in Germany by the distric court Munich states that this is problematic from a GDPR viewpoint. This article provides the simple steps on how to self host these fonts.



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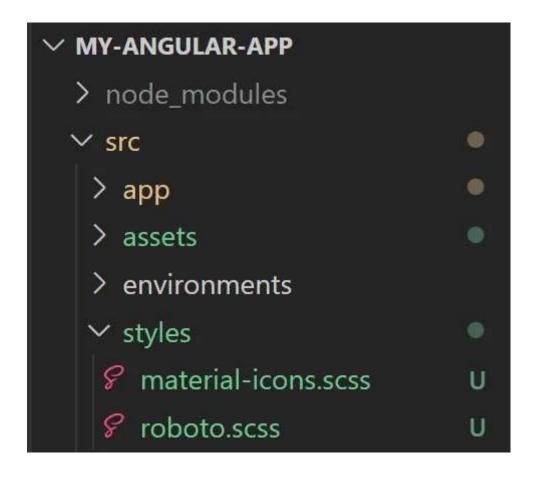
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Having read this article it might be a good idea to self host all fonts on your own server instead of loading it from Google. Not let's take a look how this works:

If you add Angular Material to a Angular project by default the required fonts and icons are loaded from the Google CDN via stylesheets:

```
<!doctype html>
 2
     <html lang="en">
 3
     <head>
       <meta charset="utf-8">
 4
 5
       <title>MyAngularApp</title>
       <base href="/">
 6
 7
       <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
 8
       <link rel="icon" type="image/x-icon" href="favicon.ico">
 9
       <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.gstatic.com">
10
11
       <link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Roboto:wght@300;400;500&display=swap" re</pre>
       <link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/icon?family=Material+Icons" rel="stylesheet">
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     </head>
     <body class="mat-typography">
14
       <app-root></app-root>
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     </body>
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     </html>
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Let's download both stylesheets and save them in a styles directory in our src folder:



Next we need to download all font files in those two stylesheets and save them to our assets folder:

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    ★ material-icons.woff2
```

Now that we have all fonts locally we can replace the links to those files in both stylesheets to the relative ../assets/ folder:

```
1
     . . .
 2
     @font-face {
 3
     font-family: "Roboto";
      font-style: normal;
 5
     font-weight: 300;
      font-display: swap;
7
       src: url(../assets/KFOlCnqEu92Fr1MmSU5fCRc4EsA.woff2) format("woff2");
       unicode-range: U+0460-052F, U+1C80-1C88, U+20B4, U+2DE0-2DFF, U+A640-A69F,
         U+FE2E-FE2F;
9
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     }
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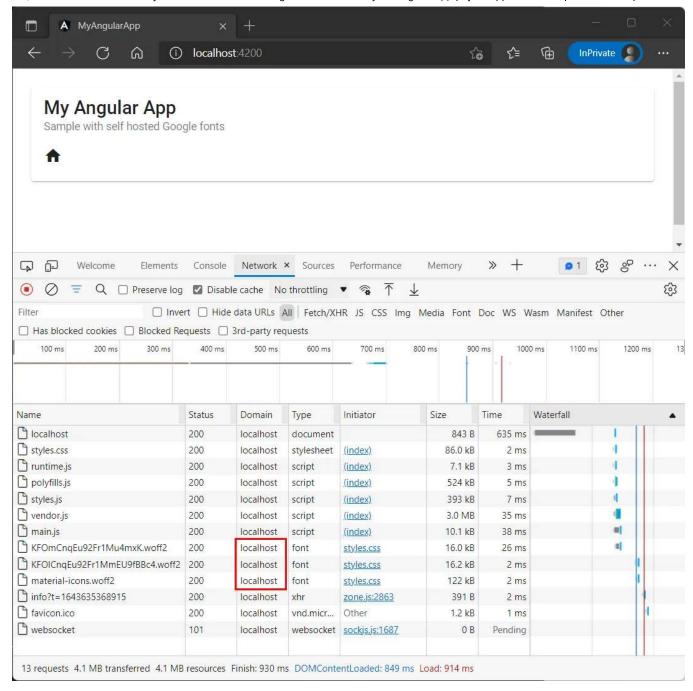
To use bundles for our fonts let's import both stylesheets in our main styles.scss:

```
1 @import 'styles/roboto.scss';
2 @import 'styles/material-icons.scss';
3
4 html, body { height: 100%; }
5 body { margin: 0; font-family: Roboto, "Helvetica Neue", sans-serif; }
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And finally we can remove the links to Google from our index.html:

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<!doctype html>
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     <head>
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      <meta charset="utf-8">
      <title>MyAngularApp</title>
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     <base href="/">
 6
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       <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
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The app now loads all assets including the required fonts locally:



#### **Summary**

It's easy to avoid GDPR violations due to loading fonts from Google by self hosting the fonts in your Angular project.

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