

CIS 371 Web Application Programming

App Navigation

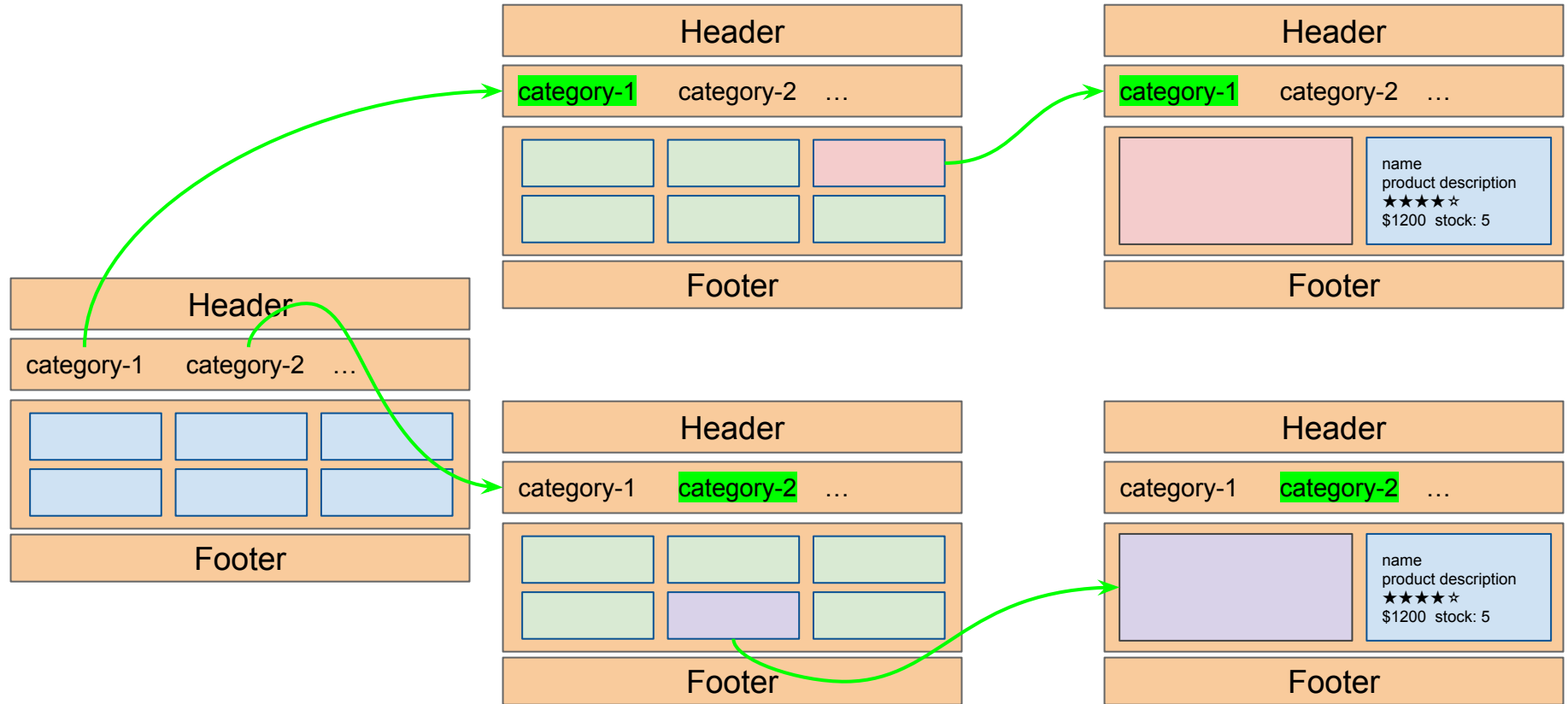
Navigate Among Multiple Views



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Routing Web App Navigation



Traditional Web Page Solution

```
<h1>Local Weather</h1>
```

```
<a href="forecast.html">Forecast</a>
```

```
<a href="settings.html">Weather Settings</a>
```

home.html

```
<h1>Forecast</h1>
```

```
<div>
```

```
<!-- content -->
```

```
<a href="home.html">Home</a>
```

```
</div>
```

forecast.html

```
<h1>Weather Settings</h1>
```

```
<div>
```

```
<!-- content -->
```

```
<a href="home.html">Home</a>
```

```
</div>
```

settings.html

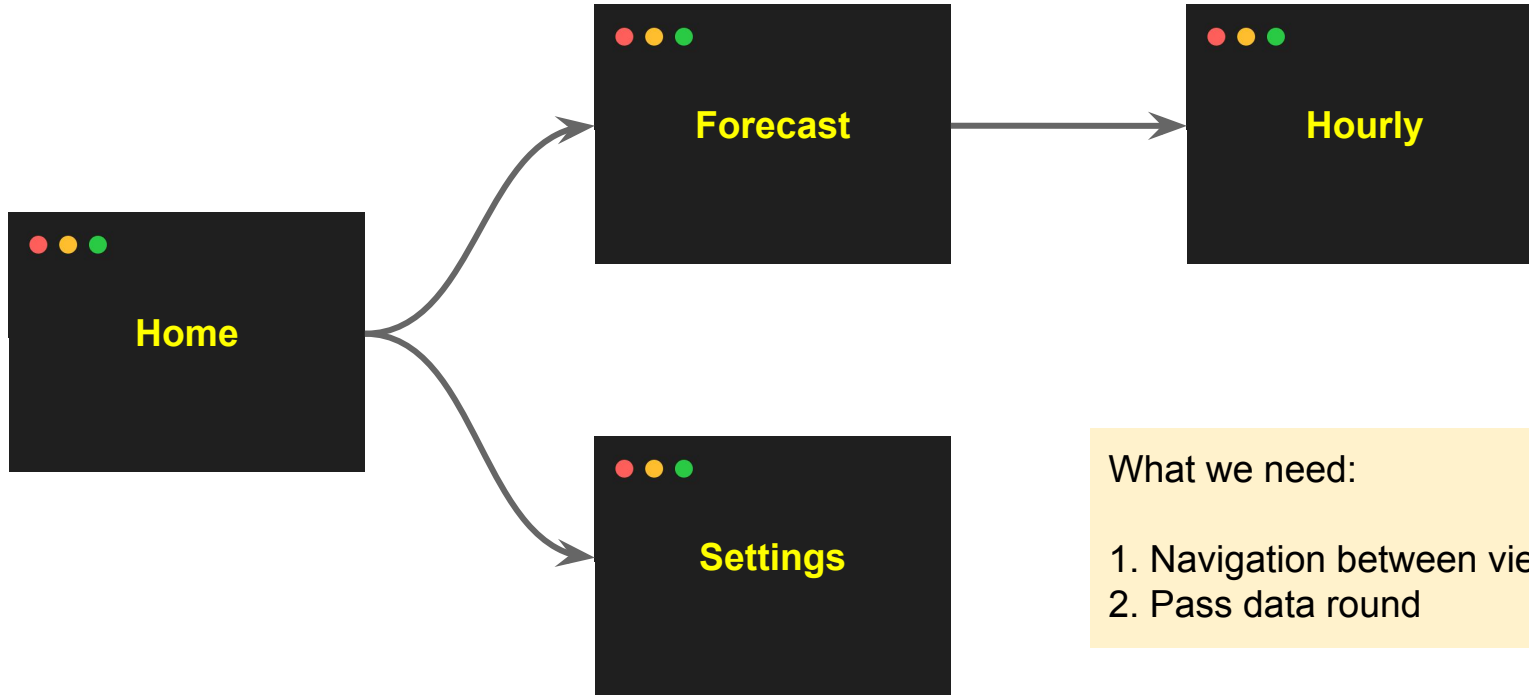
Legacy Web Pages vs. Modern Web Apps

| | Legacy Web Sites | Modern Web Apps |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Structure | One .html file per page | Single Page Application (SPAs) |
| Contents Organization | Multiple pages | Multiple web components (“views” / “screens”) |
| Transitions | Replace the entire page with new .html from the server | Replace only part of the page with new component |

Commonality: The browser features for maintaining navigation history

- Back / Forward buttons
- History Stack
- Each page/component is associated with a unique URL path

Weather App



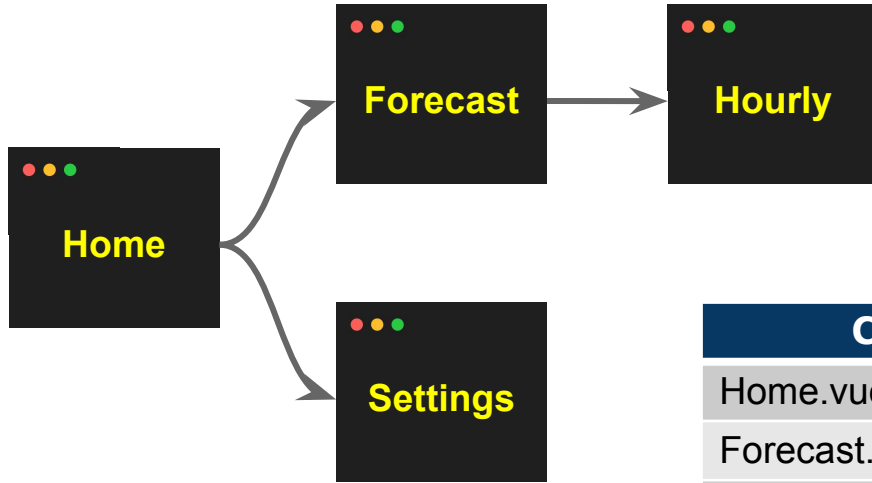
What we need:

1. Navigation between views
2. Pass data round

Vue Router 4.x

<https://router.vuejs.org>

Step 1: Installation & Setup



```
npm install --save vue-router@4  
# OR  
yarn add vue-router@4
```

| Component | URL (internal) Path |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Home.vue (landing page) | / |
| Forecast.vue | /forecast |
| Hourly.vue | /hourly |
| Settings.vue | /settings |

Step 2: Define Routes (in an array)

main.ts

```
import { createApp } from "vue";
import { createRouter, createWebHashHistory } from "vue-router";
import App from "./App.vue";
import Home from "./components/Home.vue";
import Forecast from "./components/Forecast.vue";
import Settings from "./components/Settings.vue";

// STEP 2A: Define the routes/navigation paths
const myComponentRoutes = [
  { path: "/", component: Home },
  { path: "/forecast", component: Forecast },
  { path: "/settings", component: Settings },
];
const myRouter = createRouter({ routes: myComponentRoutes /* more option */ });

// STEP 2B: Use the router with your VueJS app
createApp(App).use(myRouter).mount("#app");
```


Step 3: Include “View Container” in App.vue

```
<template>
  <header>Welcome to MyApp </header>

  <main><router-view></router-view></main>
  <footer>Footer of the page</footer>
</template>
<script lang="ts">
// No special code needed
</script>
```

App.vue

Welcome to MyApp

logo

This part of the screen is a placeholder for components/views managed by Vue Router

Footer of the page

Step 4: Use Links in Components

Home.vue

```
<template>
  <h1>Home</h1>
  <a href="sample.html">For your comparison</a>
  <RouterLink to="/forecast">Forecast</RouterLink>
  <RouterLink to="/settings">Settings</RouterLink>
</template>
```

Settings.vue

```
<template>
  <h1>Settings</h1>
</template>
```

Forecast.vue

```
<template>
  <h1>Forecast</h1>
  <RouterLink to="/hourly">Hourly</RouterLink>
</template>
```

How To Transition Programmatically

Use Case: Hourly Forecast only for Prime Members

Forecast.vue (before)

```
<template>
  <h1>Forecast</h1>
  <RouterLink to="/hourly">Hourly</RouterLink>
</template>
```

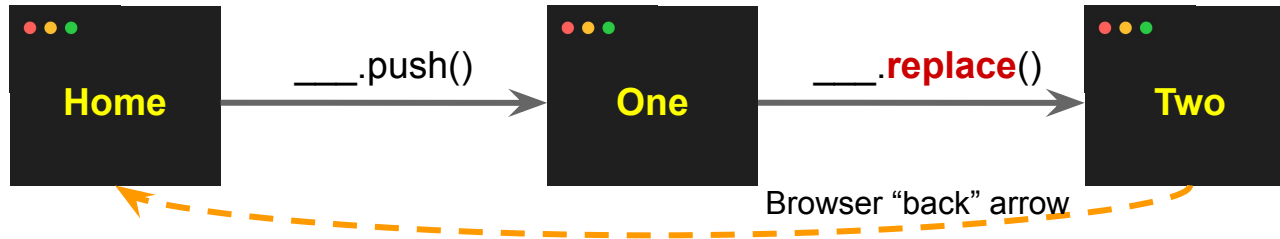
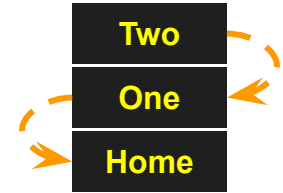
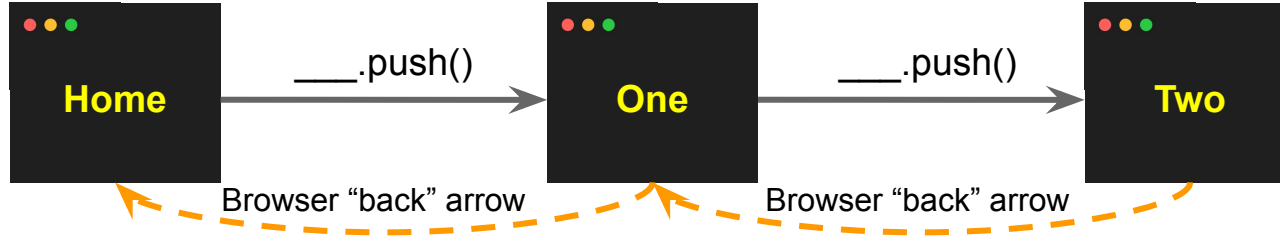
Forecast.vue (after)

```
<template>
  <h1>Forecast</h1>
  <button @click="canIHourly">Prime Hourly</button>
</template>
<script setup lang="ts">
import { useRouter } from "vue-router";
const appNav = useRouter();
function canIHourly() {
  if (prime_membership_is_confirmed) {
    appNav.push({ path: "/hourly" });
  }
}
</script>
```

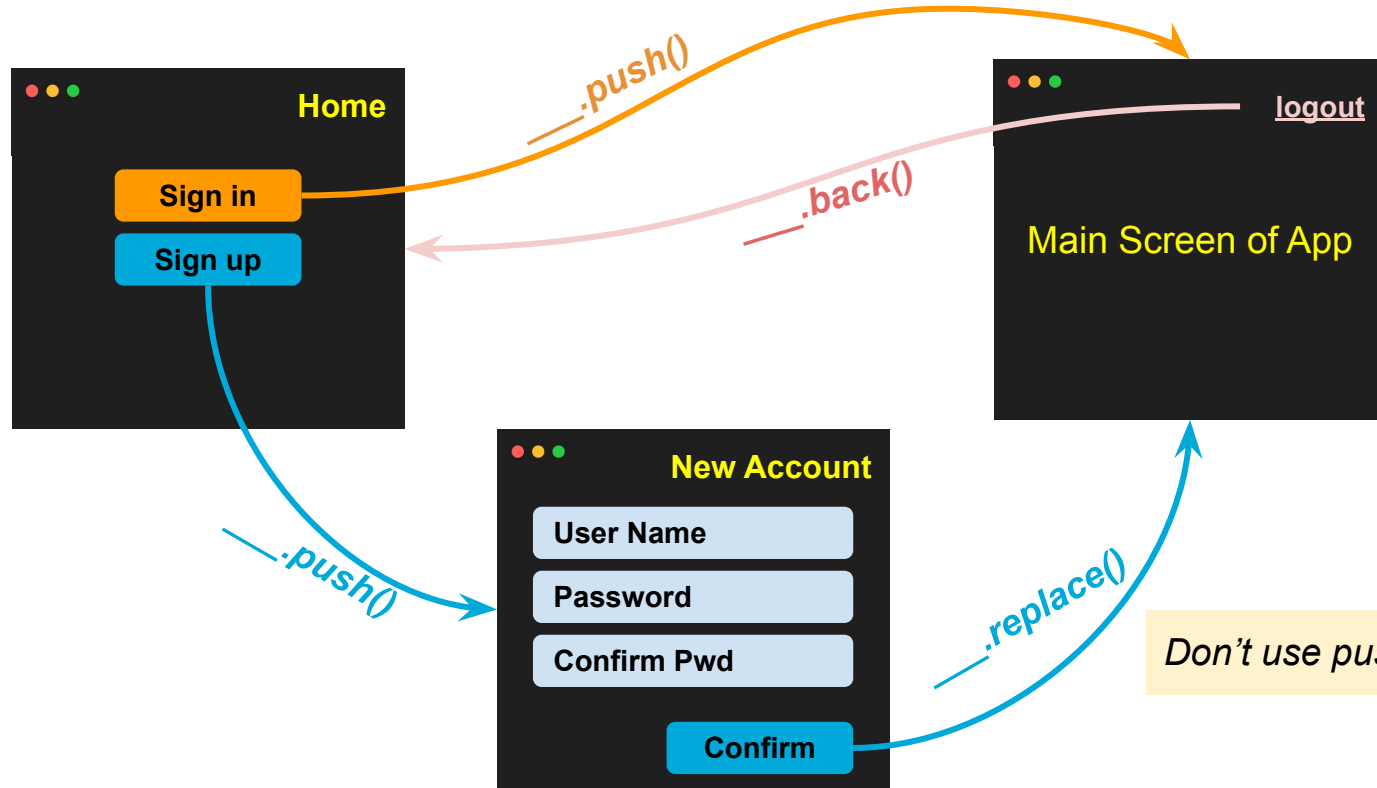
Vue Router Navigation Functions

| Function | By Name | Explanation |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|
| push() | _____.push({path: "/fooPath"}); | Adds an entry to the browser's history and navigates to a different route '/fooPath'. |
| replace() | _____.replace({path: "/fooPath"}); | Replaces the current route. This means that pressing the browser's back button won't take you to the previous page but to the one before that. In this example, it replaces the current route with /fooPath |
| back() | _____.back() | Equivalent to the user clicking the browser's back button. It moves one step backward in the browser's history. |
| forward() | _____.forward() | Equivalent to the user clicking the browser's forward button. It moves one step forward in the browser's history. |
| go() | _____.go(-2) | Same as calling \$router.back() twice |
| | _____.go(1) | Same as calling \$router.forward() |

Browser History Stack: `push()` vs. `replace()`

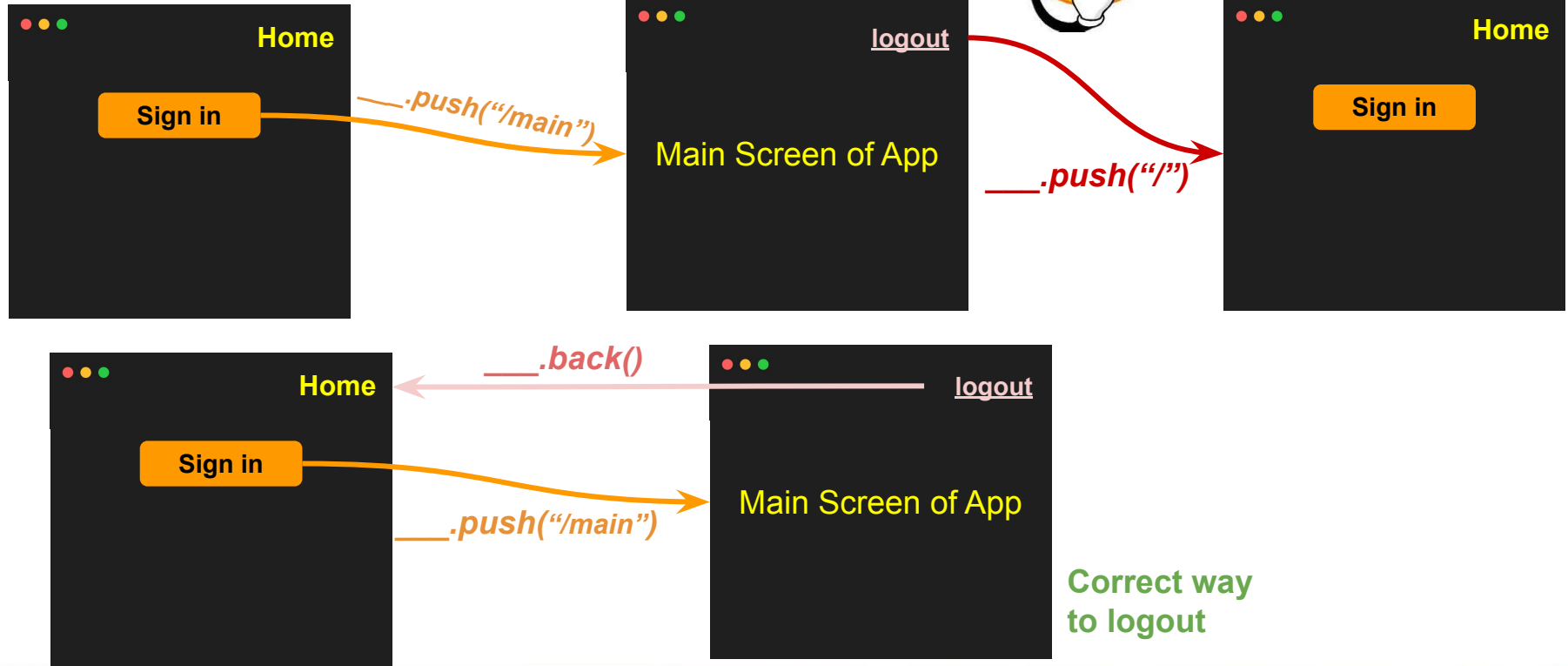


App Screen Flow



Don't use push() here!!

App Screen Flow



Passing Data To Components

Limited to “string-like” data

HTTP paths and query parameters

protocol
(URL scheme)

hostname

path to resource

data in query parameters

`http://` `weather.org` `/api/v3/forecast` `?` `lat=42.551&lon=-82.761`

`http://` `weather.org` `/api/v3/forecast/lat/42.551/long/-82.761`

data embedded in path

Passing "String-like" Data To Components

Component Route

Show **7-day** forecast for ZIP code **49401**

| Component | Path | Name | Data Embedded in Path |
|-------------------|---------|-------|---|
| ForecastByZip.vue | /region | ByZip | /region/ 49401 / 7d /region/ 49401 /next/ 7d |

```
import FBZ from "../components/ForecastByZip.vue";
const myComponentRoutes = [
  { component: Home, path: "/" },
  { component: Forecast, path: "/forecast" },
  { component: Settings, path: "/settings" },
  {
    name: "ByZip",
    component: FBZ,
    props: true,
    path: "/region/:zipCode/:numDays",
  },
  // { name: "ByZip", component: FBZ, props: true, path: "/region/:zipCode/next/:numDays" }
];
```

main.ts

Sending & Receiving Props

```
import FBZ from "../components/ForecastByZip.vue";
const myComponentRoutes = [
  /* more routes here */
  {
    name: "ByZip",
    component: FBZ,
    props: true,
    path: "/region/:zipCode/:numDays",
  },
];
```

main.ts

```
<script setup lang="ts">
type ForecastDetailType = {
  zipCode: string;
  numDays: number;
};
const props = defineProps<ForecastDetailType>();
</script>
```

ForecastByZip.vue (recipient)

```
<script setup lang="ts">
import { useRouter } from "vue-router";
const appNav = useRouter();
function checkAtZip() {
  appNav.push({
    name: "ByZip",
    params: {
      zipCode: "48823",
      numDays: 10,
    },
  });
}
</script>
```

___.vue (sender)

Advanced: CSS View Animations/Transitions

App.vue

No `<transition>`

```
<template>
  <div>
    <span>Welcome to MyApp</span>
    
    <router-view></router-view>
    <div>Footer of the page</div>
  </div>
</template>
```

With `<transition>`

```
<template>
  <div>
    <span>Welcome to MyApp</span>
    
    <transition>
      <router-view></router-view>
    </transition>
    <div>Footer of the page</div>
  </div>
</template>
```

Welcome to MyApp

logo

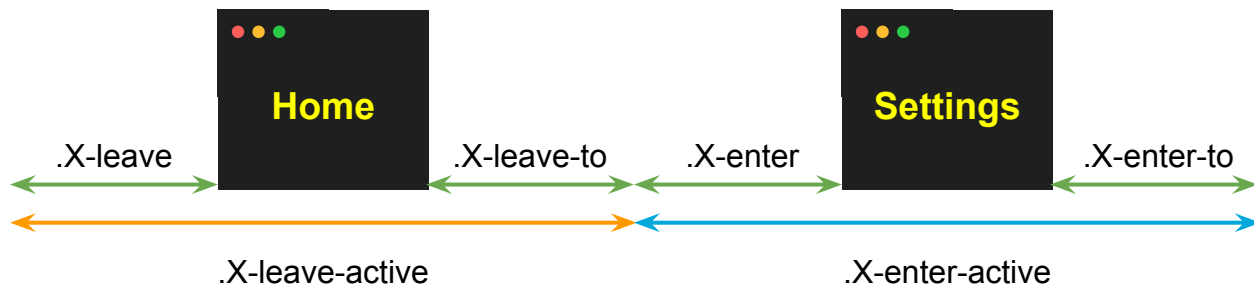
**View switching is managed by Vue Router
using CSS transition/animation**

Footer of the page

Transition Classes: Page Transition Animation

Page transition: Home.vue \Rightarrow Settings.vue

- Leaving Page: Home (removed from router-view)
- Entering Page: Settings (inserted into router-view)
- Controlled by six CSS classes



<transition> & Transition CSS Classes

```
<transition name="XYZ">
  <router-view></router-view>
</transition>
```

CSS for outgoing view

```
.XYZ-leave-active {
  /* General animation/transition control */
}
.XYZ-leave {
  /* CSS properties BEFORE the view appears */
}
.XYZ-leave-to {
  /* CSS properties AFTER the view appears */
}
```

CSS for incoming view

```
.XYZ-enter-active {
  /* General animation/transition control */
}
.XYZ-enter {
  /* CSS properties BEFORE the view appears */
}
.XYZ-enter-to {
  /* CSS properties AFTER the view appears */
}
```


Transition Example

Outgoing view slides DOWN (from 0% to 100%) in 100 ms

```
<transition name="xaml">
  <router-view></router-view>
</transition>
```

Incoming view slides RIGHT (from -100% to 0%) in 500ms

```
.xaml-leave-active {
  transition-property: all;
  transition-duration: 100ms;
  transition-timing-function: ease;
}
.xaml-leave {
  transform: translateY(0%);
  background: red;
}
.xaml-leave-to {
  transform: translateY(100%);
  background: green;
}
```

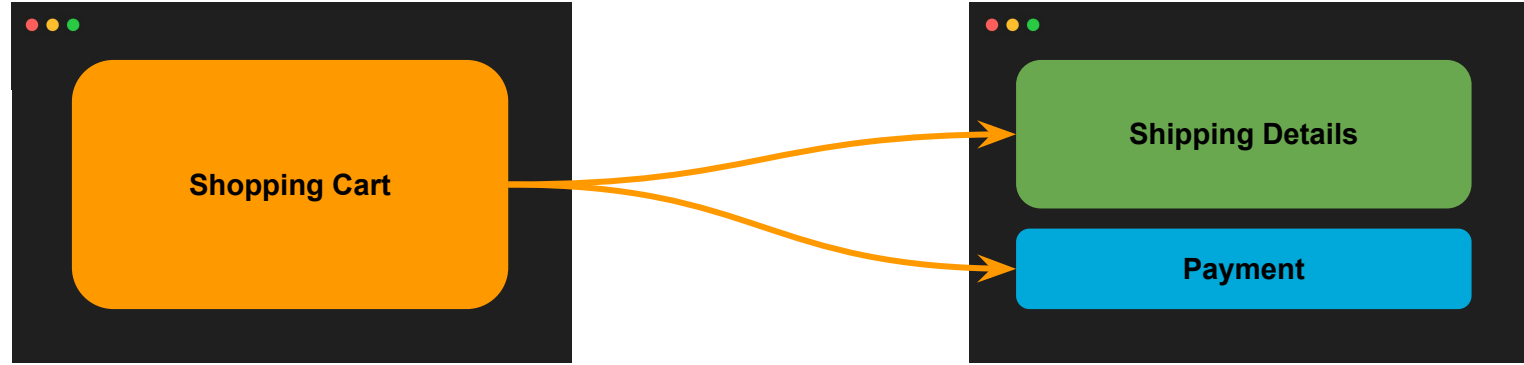
CSS for outgoing view

```
.xaml-enter-active {
  transition-property: all;
  transition-duration: 500ms;
  transition-timing-function: ease-out;
}
.xaml-enter {
  transform: translateX(-100%);
}
.xaml-enter-to {
  transform: translateX(0%);
}
```

CSS for incoming view

Graphs of
Timing
Functions

Navigate into Multi-View Destination?



Navigate into Multi-View Destination

```
<!-- UI content -->
<div>
  <router-view></router-view>
  <router-view name="side"></router-view>
</div>
```

```
/* routing table */
{
  name: "shipAndPay",
  path: "/_____",
  components: {
    default: ShippingDetails,
    side: Payment,
  },
},
```

Vue router navigation guards (hook functions)

Vue Router Navigation Guards

```
const router = createRouter({
  // vue router options go here
});
// "beforeEach" navigation guard
router.beforeEach((to, from, next) => {
  // your code here
  next();
});

// "afterEach" navigation guard
router.afterEach((to, from, failure) => {
  // your code here
});
```

main.ts

Global navigation guards: applied to the entire app

```
<script lang="ts">
export default class MyComponent extends Vue {
  beforeRouteEnter(to, from, next) {
    // your code here
  }
  beforeRouteLeave(to, from) {
    // your code here
  }
}
</script>
```

MyComponent.vue

In Component navigation guards: applied only to a specific component

Navigation Guards

Navigation Guard: Typical Use Case

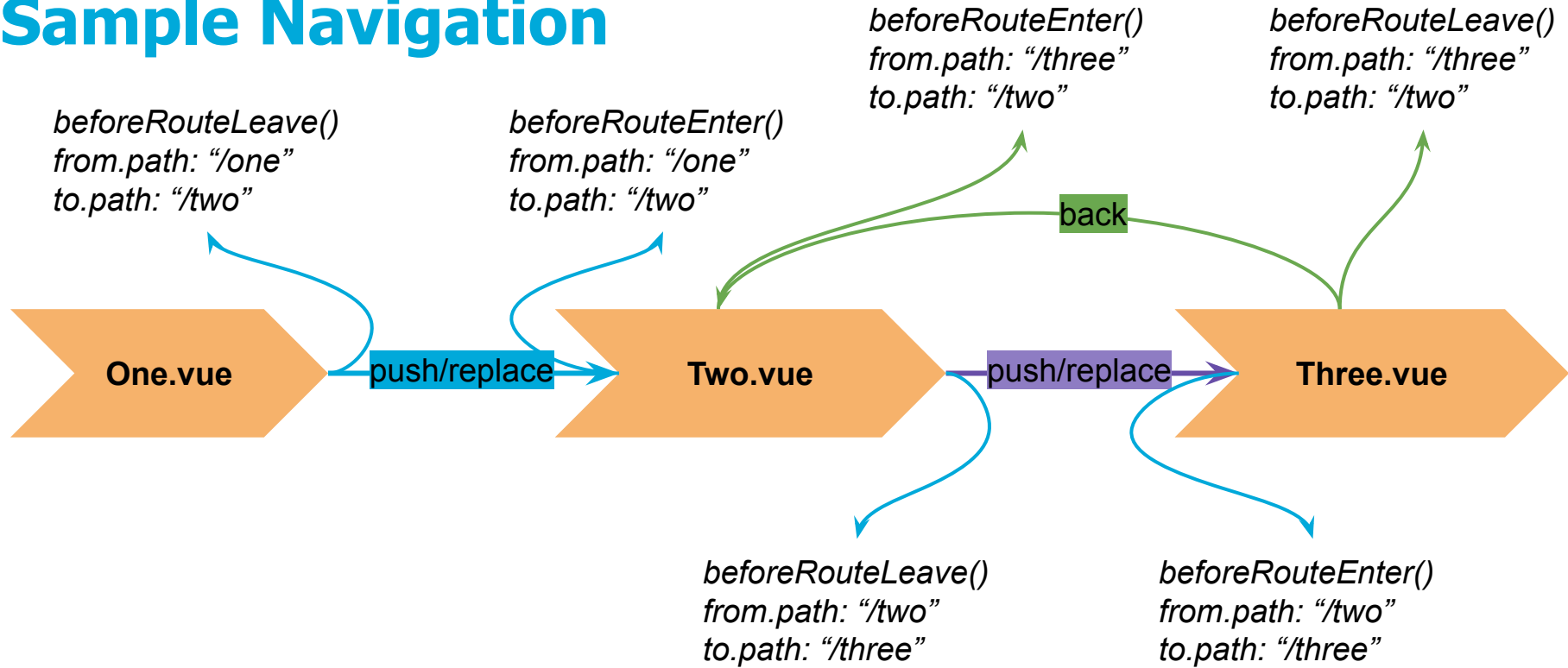
```
// BAD
router.beforeEach((to, from, next) => {
  if (to.name !== "Login" && !isAuthenticated) next({ name: "Login" });
  // if the user is not authenticated, `next` is called twice
  next();
});
```

```
// GOOD
router.beforeEach((to, from, next) => {
  if (to.name !== "Login" && !isAuthenticated) next({ name: "Login" });
  else next();
});
```

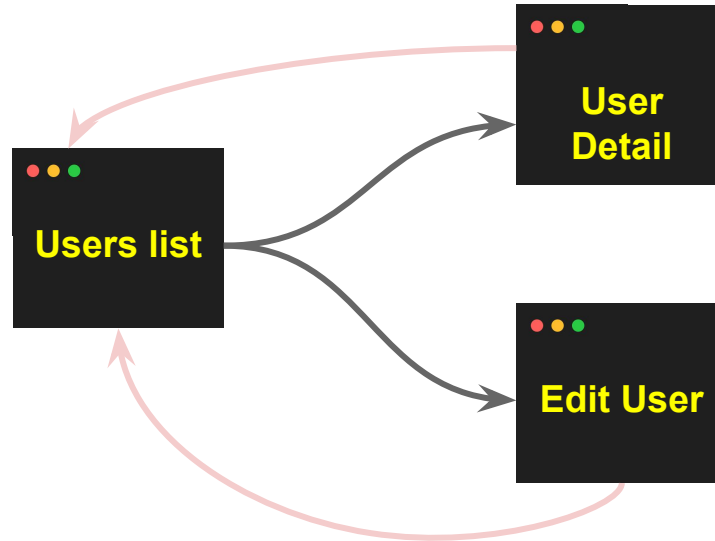
Vue Router Navigation Guards

| Navigation Guard | Description | Example of Use Cases |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <code>beforeRouteEnter()</code> | Called before Vue Router navigates into this component | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep statistics of how users enter a specific component• Prevent users from entering a specific component based on some conditions |
| <code>beforeRouteLeave()</code> | Called before Vue Router navigate away from this component | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warn the user to save data when changes have been made• Undo any actions performed in <code>beforeRouteEnter()</code> |

Sample Navigation



Sample Code: Random User App



Demo