Resilient Apps with Angular 2

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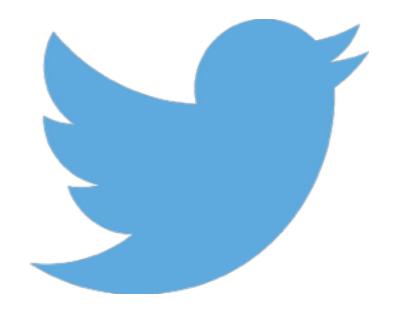


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Today's Agenda

- An Overview of Angular 2
- Handling the Offline Status
- ServiceWorker API
- ServiceWorker and Angular 2
- Redux and Angular 2



Angular 2



Tech Stack

- TypeScript
- RxJS
- JSPM or WebPack
- NPM or Grunt and Gulp (seriously?!?)
- Karma + (Jasmine or Mocha) + Chai



TypeScript

- A super set of JavaScript developed by Microsoft
- Implements classes, interfaces, inheritance, strict data typing, private properties and methods, etc.
- Angular Team choice for the new version of Angular (Microsoft and Google are now buddies!)





http://reactivex.io/rxjs/

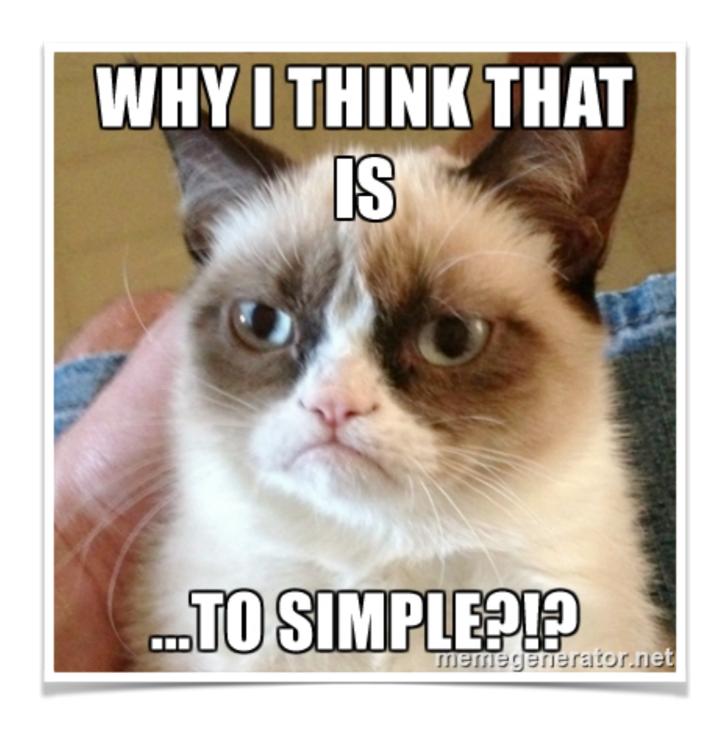
- A reactive streams library that allows you to work with asynchronous data streams
- Combines Observables and Operators so we can subscribe to streams and react to changes using composable operations



RxJS, hello world!

```
let counter = 0;
rx.Observable
  .interval(1000)
  .take(3)
  .safeApply($scope, function(x) {
    counter = x;
})
  .subscribe(); // shows 0, 1, 2
```







Components

```
import {Component} from '@angular/core';
@Component({
    selector: 'hello',
    template: 'Hello, {{name}}''
})
export class Hello {
 name: string;
  constructor() {
    this.name = 'World';
```

Components

- selector is the element property that we use to tell Angular to create and insert an instance of this component
- template is a form of HTML that tells Angular how to render this component



@Input and @Output

- The @input attribute defines a set of parameters that can be passed down from the component's parent
- The @output attribute is used to send data out of components



Constructor vs ngOnInit()

- The Constructor ensures proper initialization of fields in the class and its subclasses
- Angular DI analyzes the constructor parameters and when it creates a new instance it tries to find providers that match the types of the constructor parameters
- ngOnInit is a life cycle hook to indicate that that Angular is done creating the component



Components LifeCycle

- ngOnChanges called when an input binding value changes
- ngOnInit after the first ngOnChanges
- ngDoCheck after every run of the change detection mechanism
- ngAfterContentInit after component content initialized
- ngAfterContentChecked after every check of component content change
- ngAfterViewInit after component's view(s) are initialized
- ngAfterViewChecked after every check of a component's view(s)
- ngOnDestroy just before the component is destroyed



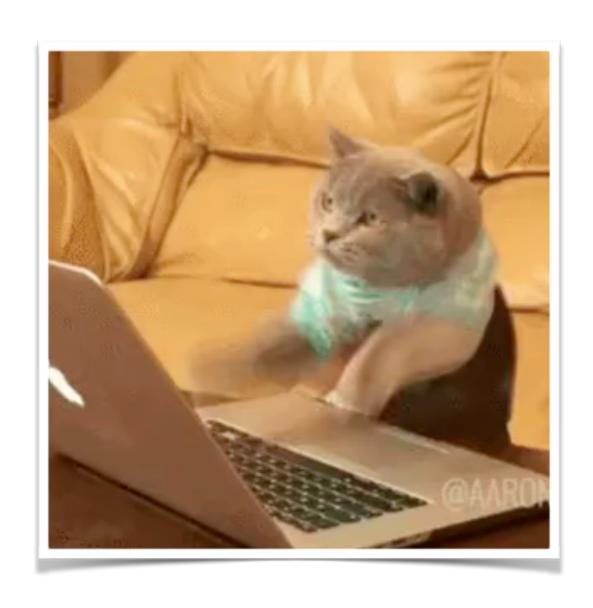
Template and Bindings

• Interpolation({{}})
 My current hero is
 {currentHero.firstName}}

- Two-way binding with NgModel([()])
 <input [(ngModel)]="currentHero.firstName">



Online Tutorials





Handling Offline Status



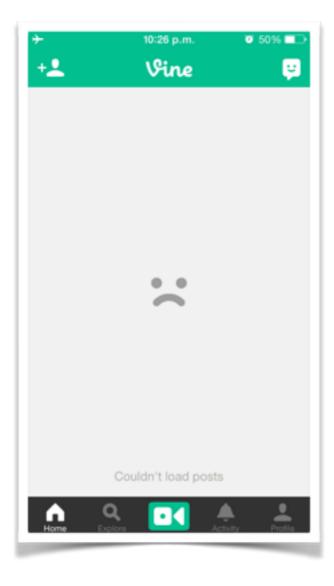
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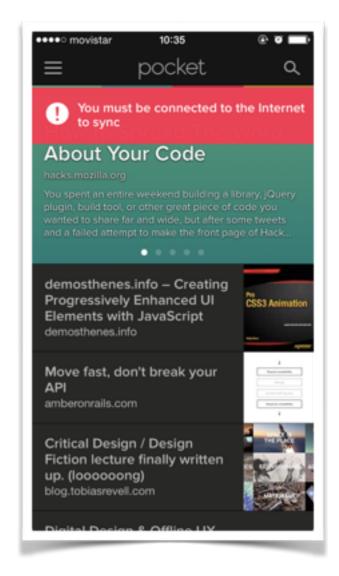
- Treat offline as the norm
- All request must have a fallback
- Use available API's to detect device & network capabilities
- Adapt application logic to match the device & network capabilities



Offline Statuses









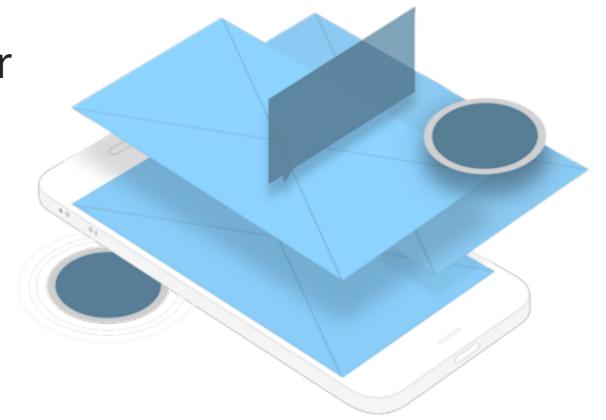
Offline is a New Opportunity

- Designing apps and their interfaces for intermittent connectivity leads to an abundance of new scenarios and problems
- Solving all of them means that your app should preempting users' needs



Identify App Layers and Assets

- Communication Layer
- Network Layer
- Bundles
- User Interface





Communication Layer

Be sure to decouple components as much as possible; otherwise caching the dependencies will proof difficult when implementing any strategy.



Network Layer

Use the fetch API and avoid implementing a call-back pyramid of doom; take advantage of the Promises and of their sequential syntax.



Bundles

Avoid a single bundle; breaking down the app in more than a single monolithic bundle will be the key for a layered caching strategy.

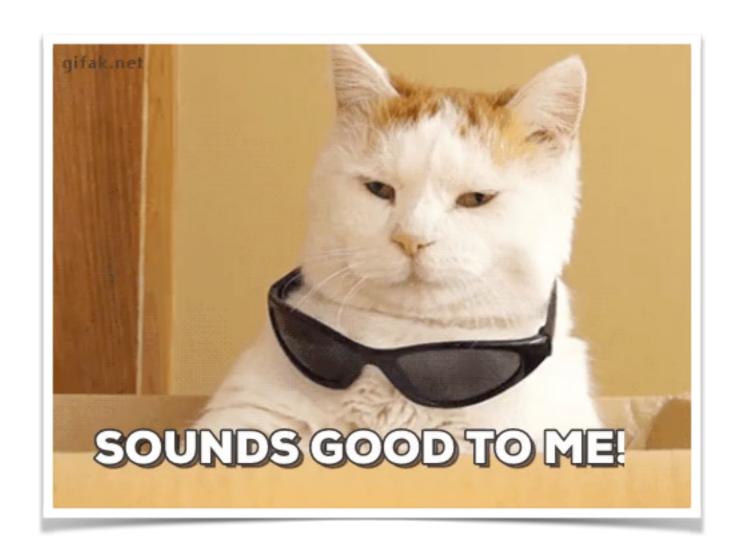


User Interface

Optimizing the UI for different screens means also feeding the app with appropriately compressed images, this consideration is the key to avoid issues with caches size.



Do You Want More Details?





Service Worker API



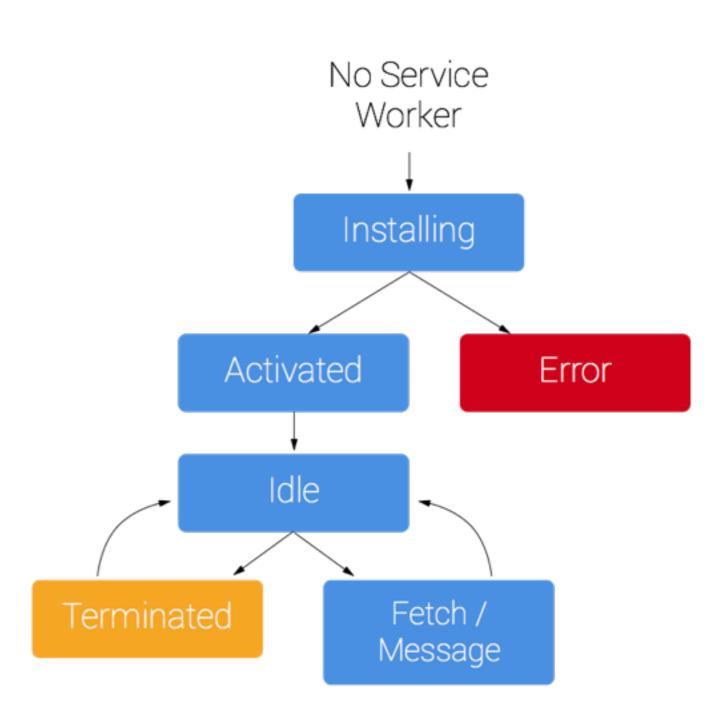
In a Nutshell

- Service workers are event-driven workers that act as <u>proxy</u> servers that sit between web applications, the browser, and the network (when available)
- The <u>ServiceWorker</u> API allows us to make sites work offline through intercepting network requests and programmatically telling the browser what to do with these requests



Lifecycle

- On install
- On activate
- On push message
- On background-sync
- On terminate





Registering a ServiceWorker

```
let nav = <any> navigator;
if ('serviceWorker' in nav) {
  nav.serviceWorker.register('./service-worker.js')
  .then(function(reg) {
    console.log('yey!', <any> reg);
  }).catch(function(err) {
    console.log('boo!', <any> err);
  });
```



ServiceWorker Installation

```
self.addEventListener('install', function(event) {
 event.waitUntil(
      caches.open('v1').then(function(cache) {
            return cache.addAll([
                    '/sw-test/',
                    '/sw-test/index.html',
                    '/sw-test/style.css',
                    '/sw-test/app.js'
                  1);
```

Not Blocking Installation

```
self.addEventListener('install', function(event) {
   event.waitUntil(self.skipWaiting());
});
```



Configuring Caches

```
// Import version number
importScripts('service-worker-cache-version.js');

// Caches name definition
let staticCacheName = `cache-static-v${cacheVersion}`;
let imageCacheName = `cache-img-v${cacheVersion}`;
let apiCacheName = `cache-api-v${cacheVersion}`;
```



Handling Caches Size

```
event.waitUntil(
  caches.keys().then(function(keyList) {
    return Promise.all(keyList.map(function(key) {
      if (cacheWhitelist.indexOf(key) === -1) {
        return caches.delete(key);
    }));
```



Fetch Requests

```
this.addEventListener('fetch', function(event) {
    // Magic happens here
    event.respondWith(

    // Optional cache fallback implementation
    caches.match(event.request)
    );
});
```



No Extra Testing Effort

- A ServiceWorker returns eventually cached results
- Emulating offline the tests previously written should fulfill without any extra effort

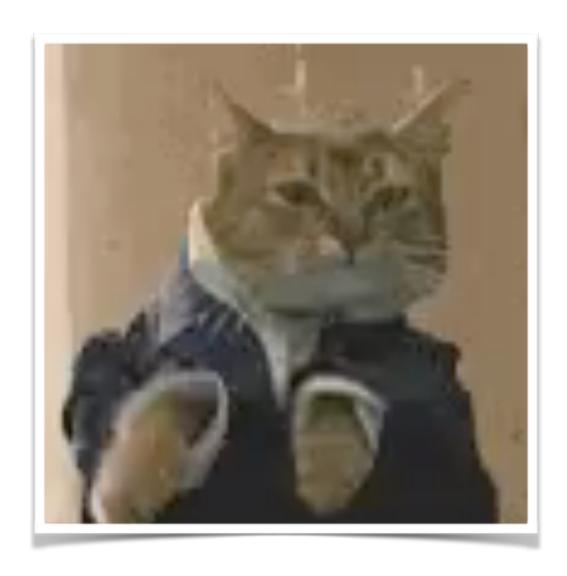


Security

- During development you'll be able to use ServiceWorker through localhost
- To deploy it on a site, you'll need to set up HTTPS on your server



There is More?



oh yeah!



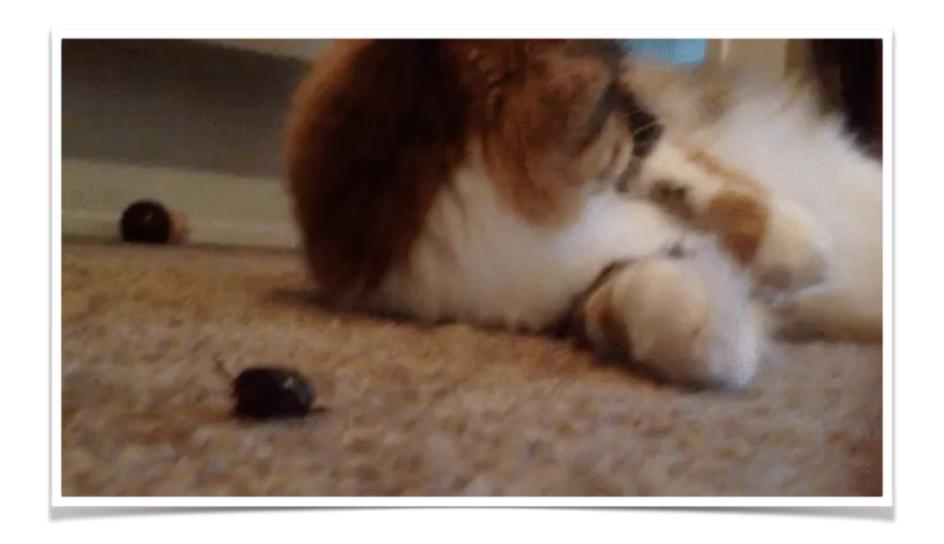
Push Notifications

```
self.addEventListener('push', function(event) {
  if (event.data.text() == 'new-tweet') {
   // Handle caches and prepare the content for the view
 }});
self.addEventListener('notificationclick', function(event) {
 if (event.notification.tag == 'new-tweet') {
   // Assume that all of the resources needed to render
   // the 'inbox' have previously been cached
   new TweetView('inbox');
});
```

Background Sync

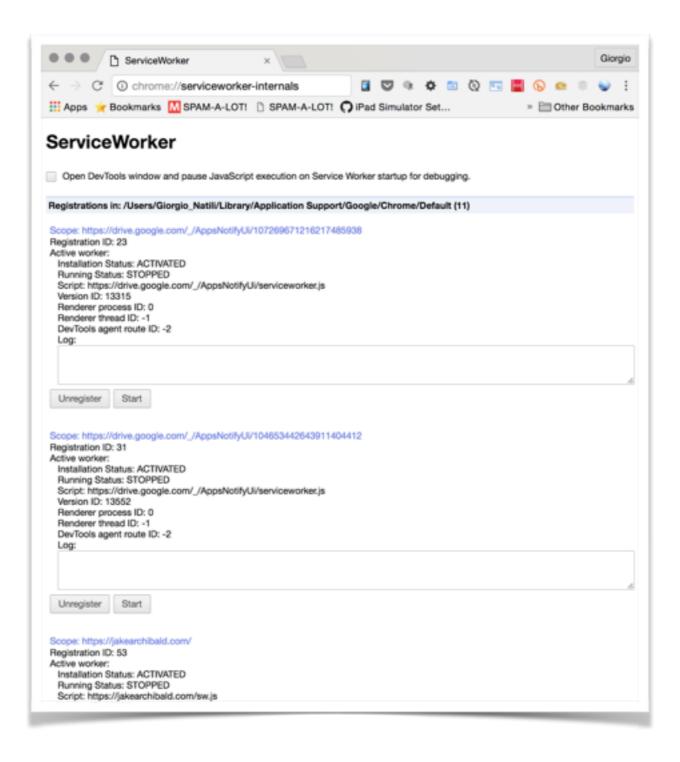


How to Debug?



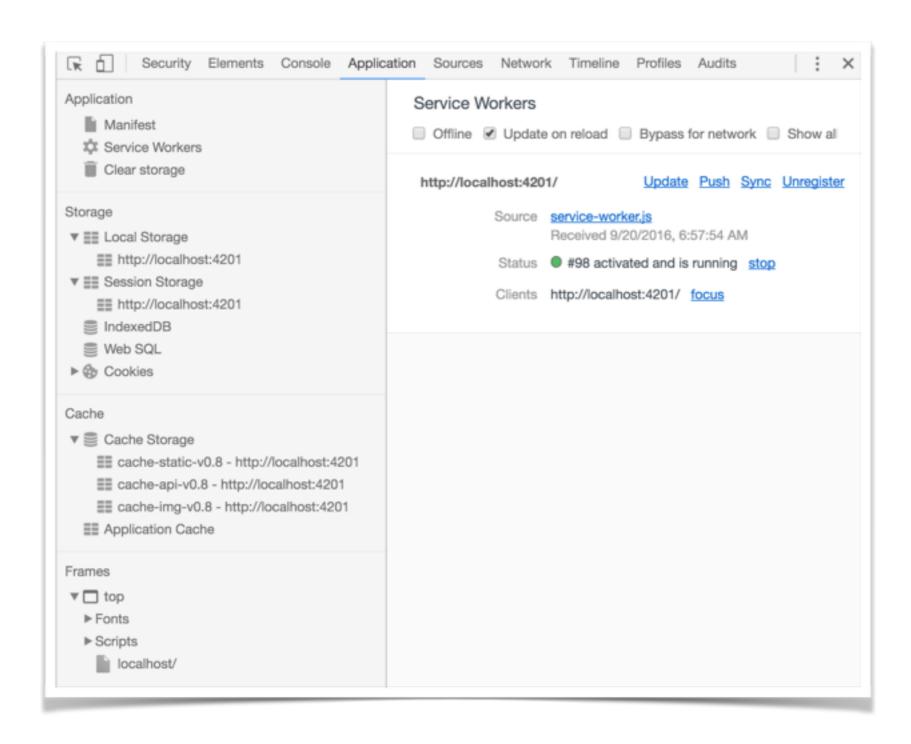


Chrome Internals





Developer Tools





Demo



ServiceWorker with Angular 2



Installing the DataType

```
$ npm install --save @types/service_worker_api
```



Angular 2 Services

- Angular comes with its own HTTP library which we can use to call out to external APIs
- In Javascript, there are generally three approaches to dealing with async code:
 - Callbacks
 - Promises
 - Observables



Promises vs Observables

- Observables are cancelable
- Observables can be retried (retry and retryWhen)



Dos and Don'ts with SW API

- Don't debug your service in a standard browser window
- Never create a monolithic service
- Keep your service in your app root
- Handle scopes properly



That Sounds...



... powerful!



Redux & Angular 2



Redux in a Nutshell

- Redux is a predictable state container for JavaScript applications
- Instead of mutating the state directly, you specify the mutations you want to happen with plain objects called actions
- Then you write a special function called a <u>reducer</u> to decide how every action transforms the entire application's state
- You should always return the state of the app



App State

- Hold the entire app state in a single store, which is also immutable and normally serializable.
- Don't design the state to map the server side API
- Never hold duplicate data in the app state (items in stock or out of stock)





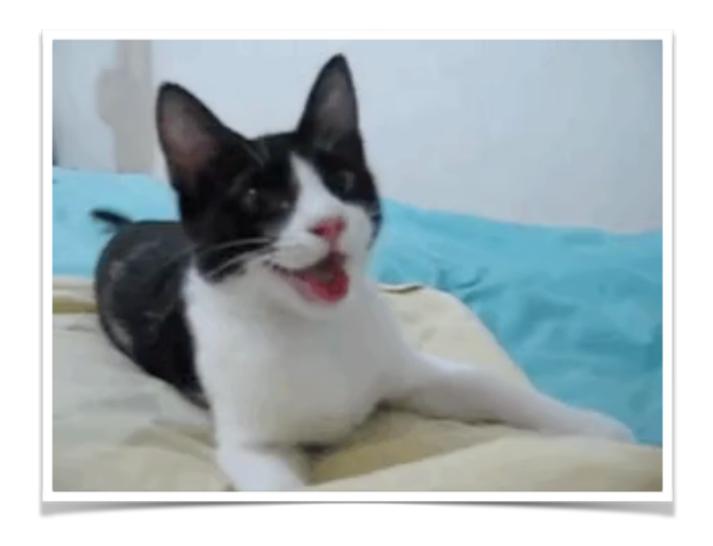


Local Storage

```
const persistState = require('redux-localstorage');
export const enhancers = [
    persistState('lastSearch',
        { key: 'ng2-redux/examples/lastSearch' })
];
```



Do we need redux for this?



... yes!!!



Redux Actions

"Actions are payloads of information that send data from your application to your store"

```
{ type: 'ADD_TODO', text: 'Use Redux' }
{ type: 'REMOVE_TODO', id: 42 }
{ type: 'LOAD_ARTICLE', response: { ... } }
```



Redux Reducers

"Actions describe the fact that something happened, then a **reducer** handle the event and eventually update the app state"



Redux Reducers

```
import * as TodoActions from './todoActions';
const initialState = {
 todos: [],
 currentFilter: 'SHOW ALL'
export function rootReducer(state = initialState, action) {
  switch (action.type) {
    case TodoActions.ADD TODO:
      return {
        todos: state.todos.concat({
          id: action.id,
         text: action.text,
          completed: action.completed
        }),
        currentFilter: state.currentFilter
    case TodoActions.TOGGLE TODO:
      return {};
    // Continue...
```



Redux Stores

"A Redux *store* is the object that brings together actions and reducers offering a centralized way to dispatch actions and access the app state"

```
import { createStore } from 'redux'
import todoApp from './reducers'
import { addTodo} from './actions'

let store = createStore(todoApp)

// Log the initial state
console.log(store.getState())

// Dispatch some actions
store.dispatch(addTodo('Learn about actions'))
```



Redux Data Flow

- You call store.dispatch (action)
- The store calls the <u>reducer</u> function you gave it
- The root reducer may combine the output of multiple reducers into a single state tree
- The <u>store</u> saves the complete state tree returned by the root reducer



How it Sounds?





Demo



Resources

- Differences between Jasmine and Mocha https://www.codementor.io/

 javascript/tutorial/javascript-testing-framework-comparison-jasmine-vs-mocha
- NG2 CLI https://github.com/angular/angular-cli
- Why NPM https://medium.freecodecamp.com/why-i-left-gulp-and-grunt-for-npm-scripts-3d6853dd22b8#.p9a02z5lf
- Mocha with Angular https://github.com/angular/angular/issues/11230
- Angular2 API https://angular.io/docs/ts/latest/api/
- Angular Universal https://github.com/angular/universal
- All about offline first https://jakearchibald.com



Questions and Answers



"Keep calm and enjoy the Offline Status!"

Thanks!

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