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State Management with NgRx - Basics

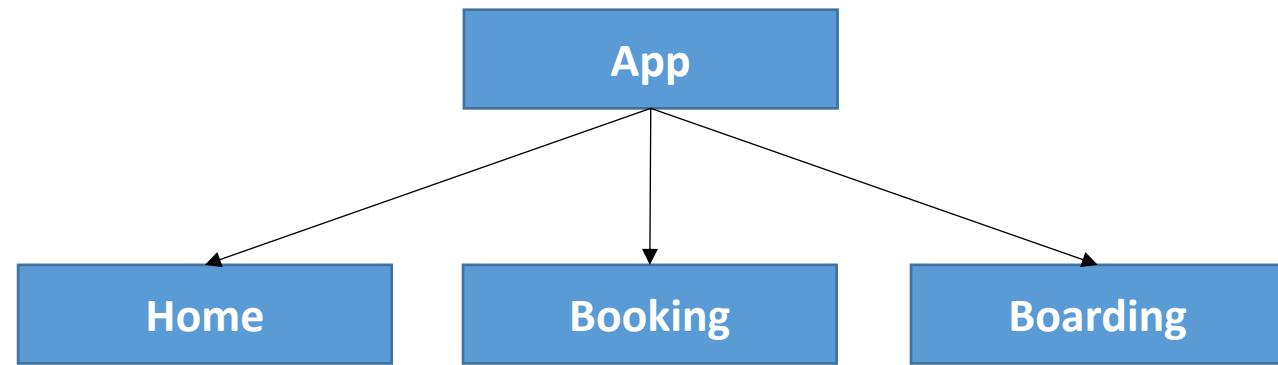
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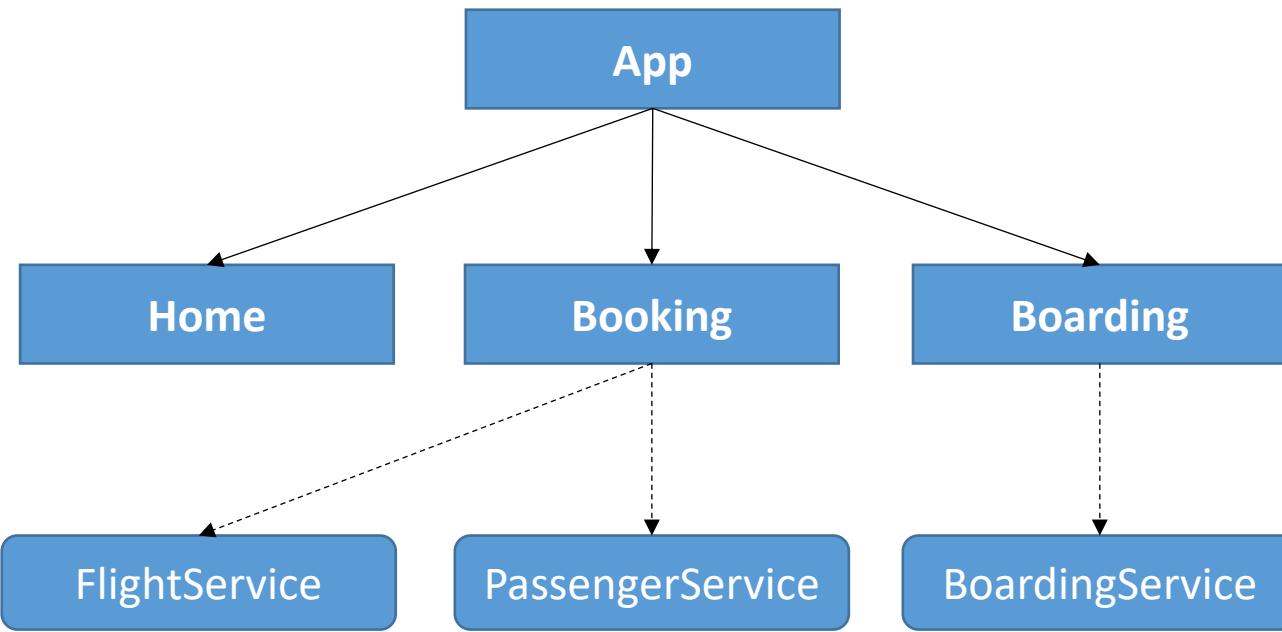
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Motivation



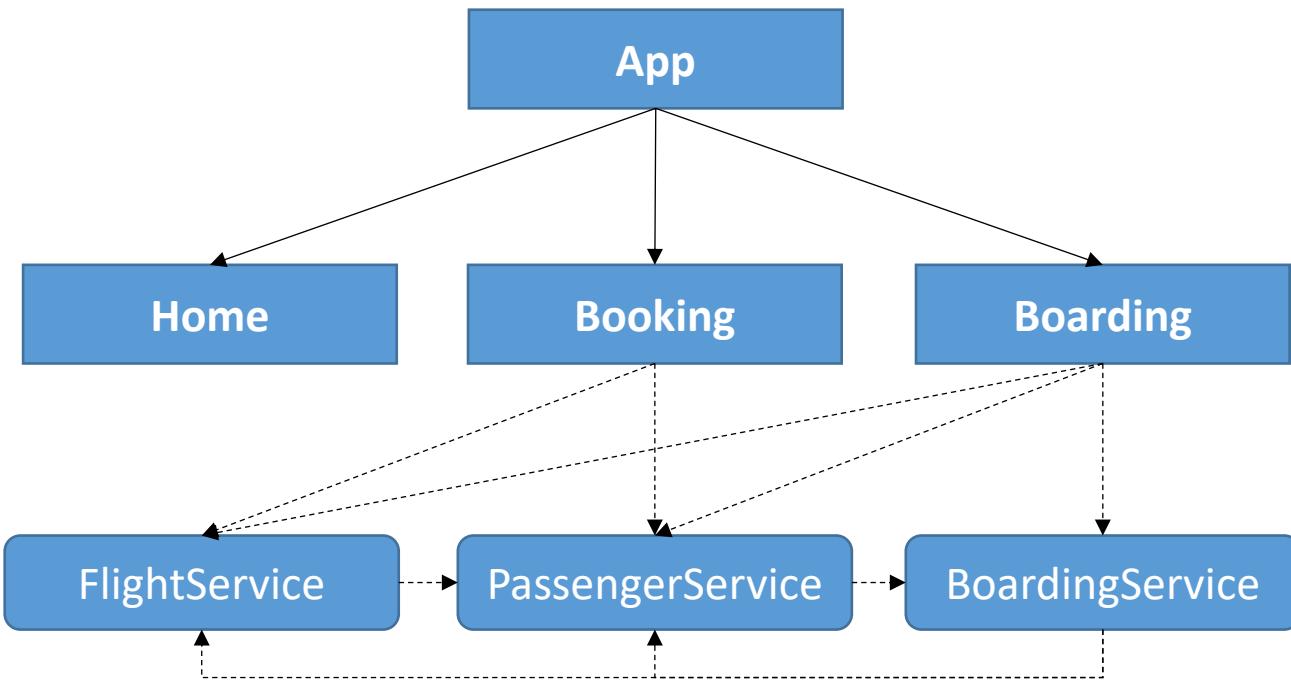




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Redux

- Redux makes complex UI manageable
- Origin: React Ecosystem
- Implementation used here: `@ngrx/store`
- Alternative: `@ngxs/store`
- Or: `@dataroma/akita`



Alternatives

Alternatives

- NGXS
 - More Object-Oriented
 - Built-In Immutability
 - Reducer/Store also works with Asynchrony – no need for Effects
- Akita
 - Not based on Redux, only RxJS
 - Works very similar to @ngrx/entity
 - Can be seen as a simplified subset of ngrx
 - Very limited in terms of customisation

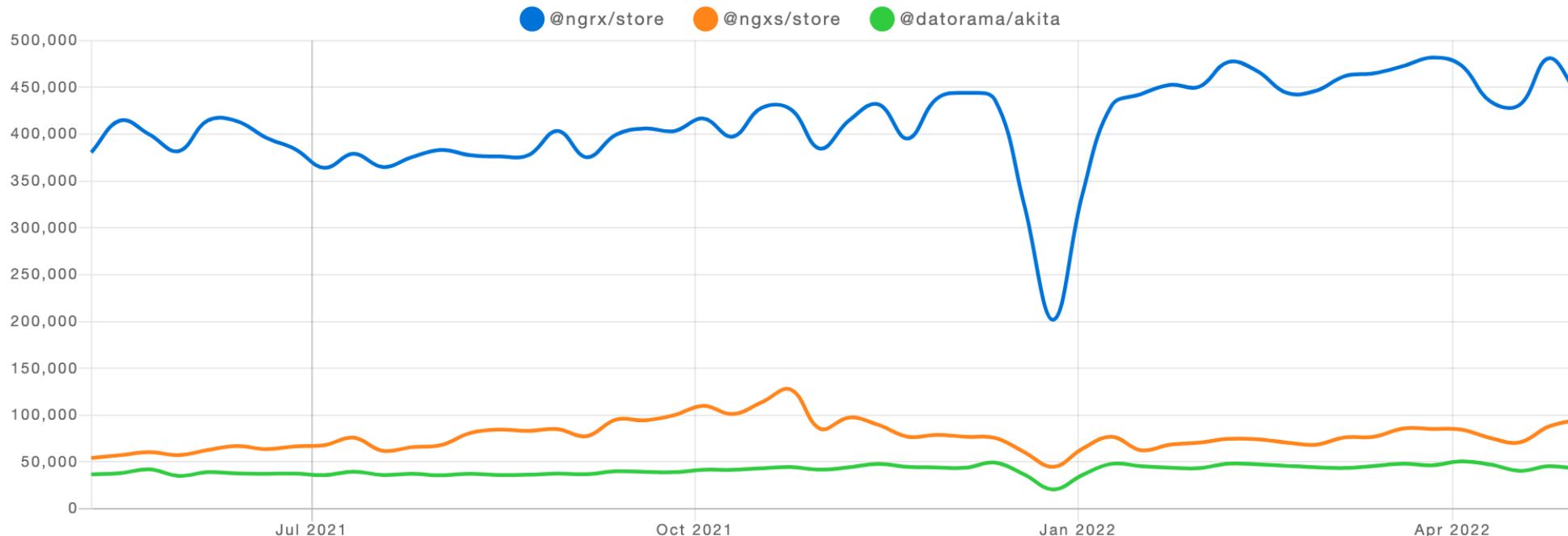
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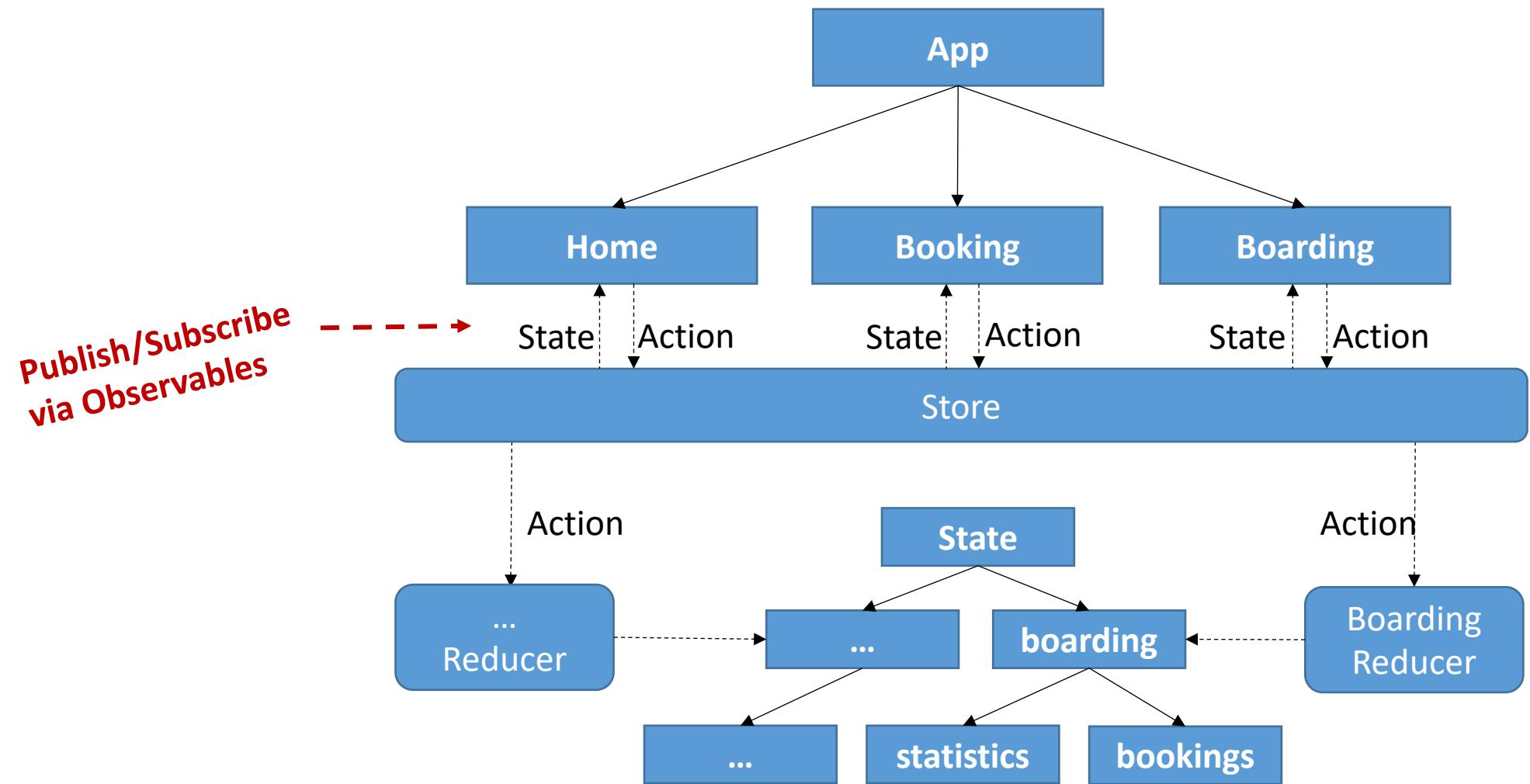
@datorama/akita vs @ngrx/store vs @ngxs/store

Enter an npm package...

@ngrx/store ✕ @ngxs/store ✕ @datorama/akita ✕ + @angular-redux/store + ngxs + akita + mobx + store

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Single Immutable State Tree

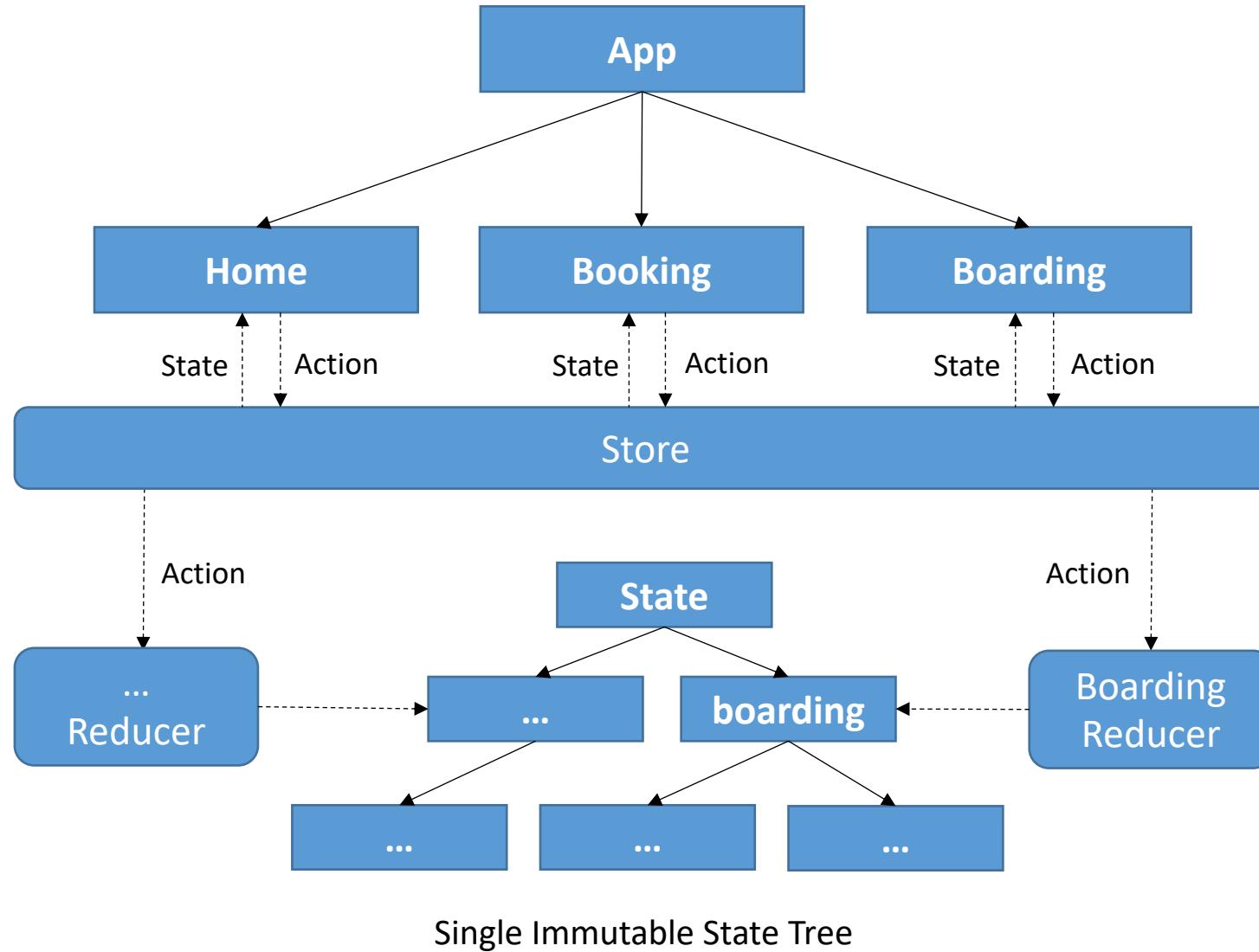


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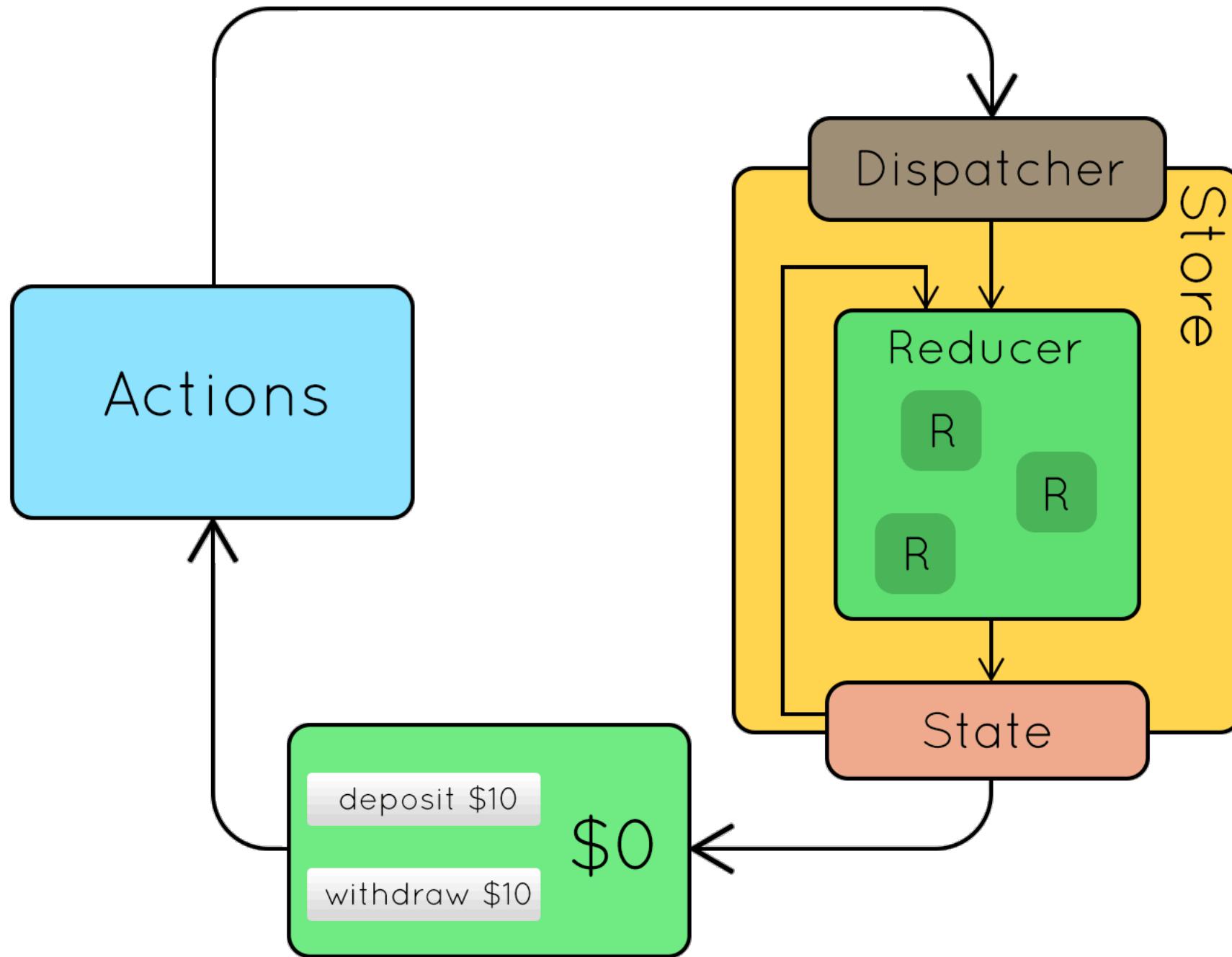
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- One "source of truth"
- Prevents Cycles
- Easy to debug
- Structured
- Performance
 - Observables
 - Immutables



State



State

```
export interface FlightBookingState {  
  flights: Flight[];  
  statistics: FlightStatistics;  
  basket: object;  
}
```

State

```
export interface FlightBookingState {  
  flights: Flight[];  
  statistics: FlightStatistics;  
}  
  
export interface FlightStatistics {  
  countDelayed: number;  
  countInTime: number;  
}
```

AppState

```
export interface AppState {  
  flightBooking: FlightBookingState;  
  currentUser: UserState;  
}
```



Actions

Actions

- Actions express *events* that happen throughout your application
- `dispatch(flightsLoaded({ flights }))`
- Defined as constants

Actions consist of

- Type (must have)
- Payload (optional)

Defining an Action

```
export const flightsLoaded = createAction(  
  '[FlightBooking] FlightsLoaded',  
  props<{flights: Flight[]}>()  
);
```

Reducer



Reducer

- Function that executes Action
- Pure function (stateless, etc.)
- Each Reducer gets each Action
 - Check whether Action is relevant
 - This prevents cycles

Reducer

- Reducers are responsible for handling transitions from one state to the next state in your application
- Signature of "on"

`(currentState, action) => newState`

Reducer for FlightBookingState

```
export const flightBookingReducer = createReducer(  
  initialState,  
  
  on(flightsLoaded, (state, action) => {  
    const flights = action.flights;  
    return { ...state, flights };  
  })  
)
```

Map Reducers to State Tree

```
const appReducers = {
  "flightBooking": flightBookingReducer,
  "currentUser": authReducer
}
```

A close-up photograph of several wooden barrels stacked together. The barrels are made of dark wood and have metal bands around them. Some have circular holes. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the wood and the metallic sheen of the bands.

Store

Store

- Manages state tree
- Allows to read state (via Selectors / Observables)
- Allows to modify state by dispatching actions

Registering @ngrx/store



Registering @ngrx/Store

```
@NgModule({
  imports: [
    ...
    StoreModule.forRoot(reducers)
  ],
  ...
})
export class AppModule { }
```

Registering @ngrx/Store

```
@NgModule({
  imports: [
    [...]
    StoreModule.forRoot(reducers),
    !environment.production ? StoreDevtoolsModule.instrument() : []
  ],
  [...]
})
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```

@ngrx/store-devtools

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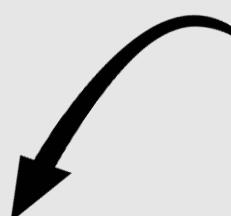
- Add Chrome / Firefox extension to use Store Devtools
 - Works with Redux & NgRx
 - <https://ngrx.io/guide/store-devtools>

A Curiosity rover is shown on the surface of Mars, performing a wheelie maneuver. The rover's body is tilted, with its front wheels lifted off the ground. A bright yellow spray of dust is visible at the point where the front wheels were in contact with the reddish-brown Martian soil. The background shows the vast, arid landscape of Mars under a hazy orange sky.

ngrx and Feature Modules

Registering @ngrx/Store

```
@NgModule({
  imports: [
    ...
    StoreModule.forFeature('flightBooking', flightBookingReducer)
  ],
  ...
})
export class FlightBookingModule { }
```



State branch for feature

Demo & Lab

NgRx Store

Selectors

Selectors

- Selectors are pure functions used for obtaining slices of store state (also called state streams)
- `select(tree => tree.flightBooking.flights): Observable<Flight[]>`
- We can use [createSelector](#) or [createFeatureSelector](#)

Using selectors for manipulation (filtering)

```
export const selectFlightBookingState =  
  createFeatureSelector<fromFlightBooking.State>  
  (fromFlightBooking.flightBookingFeatureKey);
```

```
export const selectFlights =  
  createSelector(selectFlightBookingState, (s) => s.flights);
```

Defining selectors with Payload

```
export const selectFlightsWithProps =  
  (props: { blackList: number[] }) =>  
    createSelector(selectFlights, (flights) =>  
      flights.filter((f) => !props.blackList.includes(f.id)));
```

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NgRx Selectors

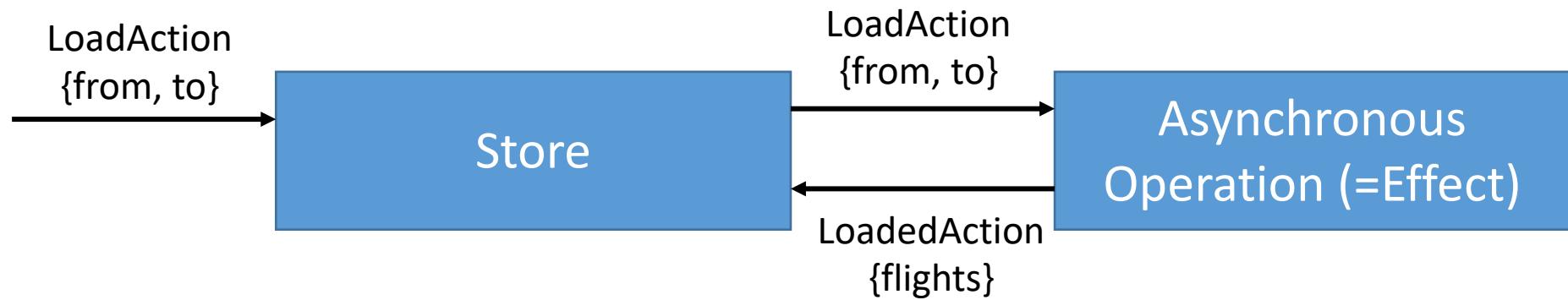
Effects



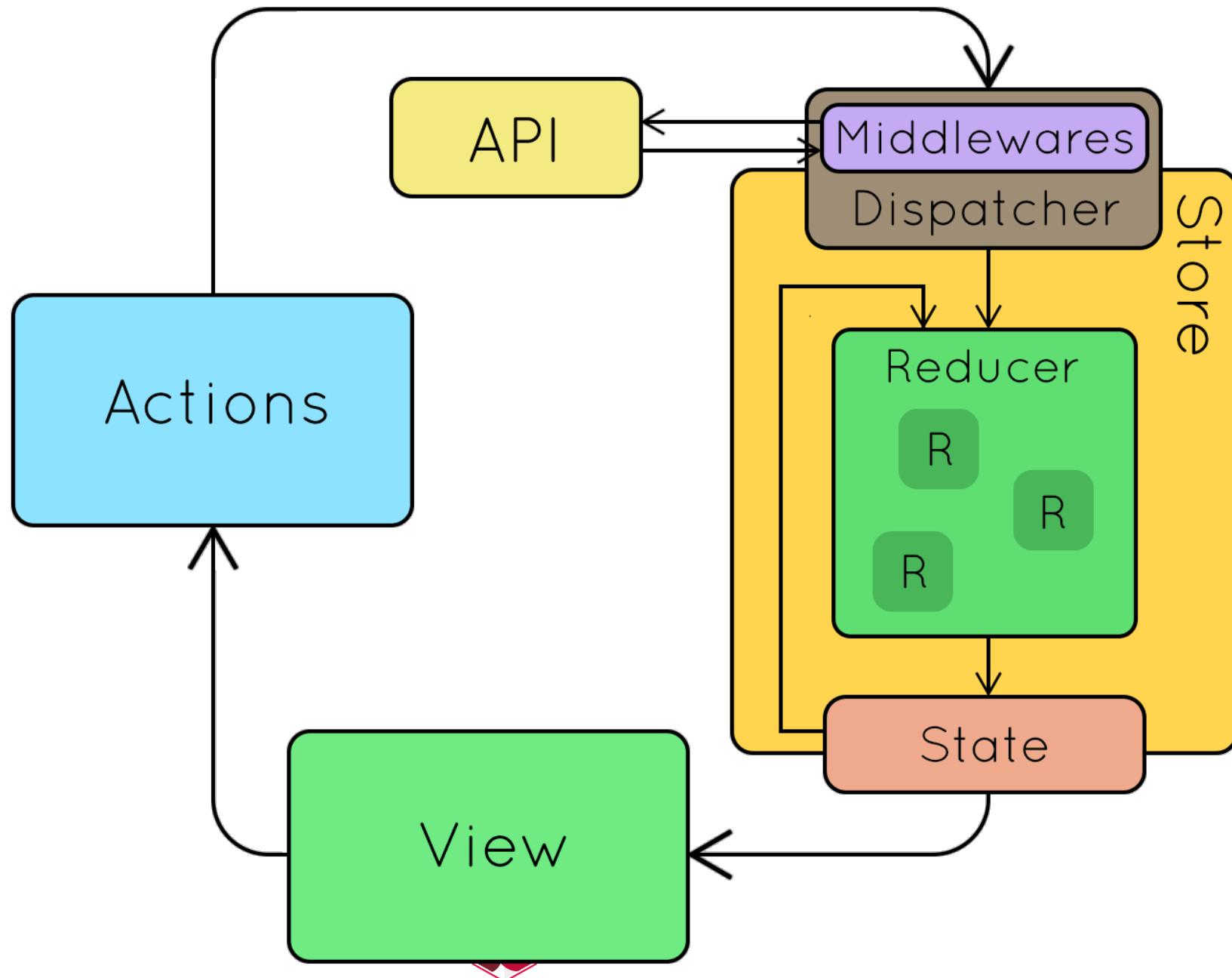
Challenge

- Reducers are synchronous by definition
- What to do with **asynchronous** operations?

Solution: Effects



ng add @ngrx/effects



Effects are Observables



Implementing Effects

```
@Injectable()  
export class FlightBookingEffects {  
  
    [...]  
  
}
```

Implementing Effects

```
@Injectable()
export class FlightBookingEffects {

  constructor(
    private flightService: FlightService, private actions$: Actions) {
  }

  [...]

}
```

Implementing Effects

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@Injectable()
export class FlightBookingEffects {

    constructor(
        private flightService: FlightService, private actions$: Actions) {
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    myEffect$ = createEffect(() => this.actions$.pipe(
        ofType(loadFlights));
}
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    map(flights => flightsLoaded({flights})));
}

}
```

Implementing Effects

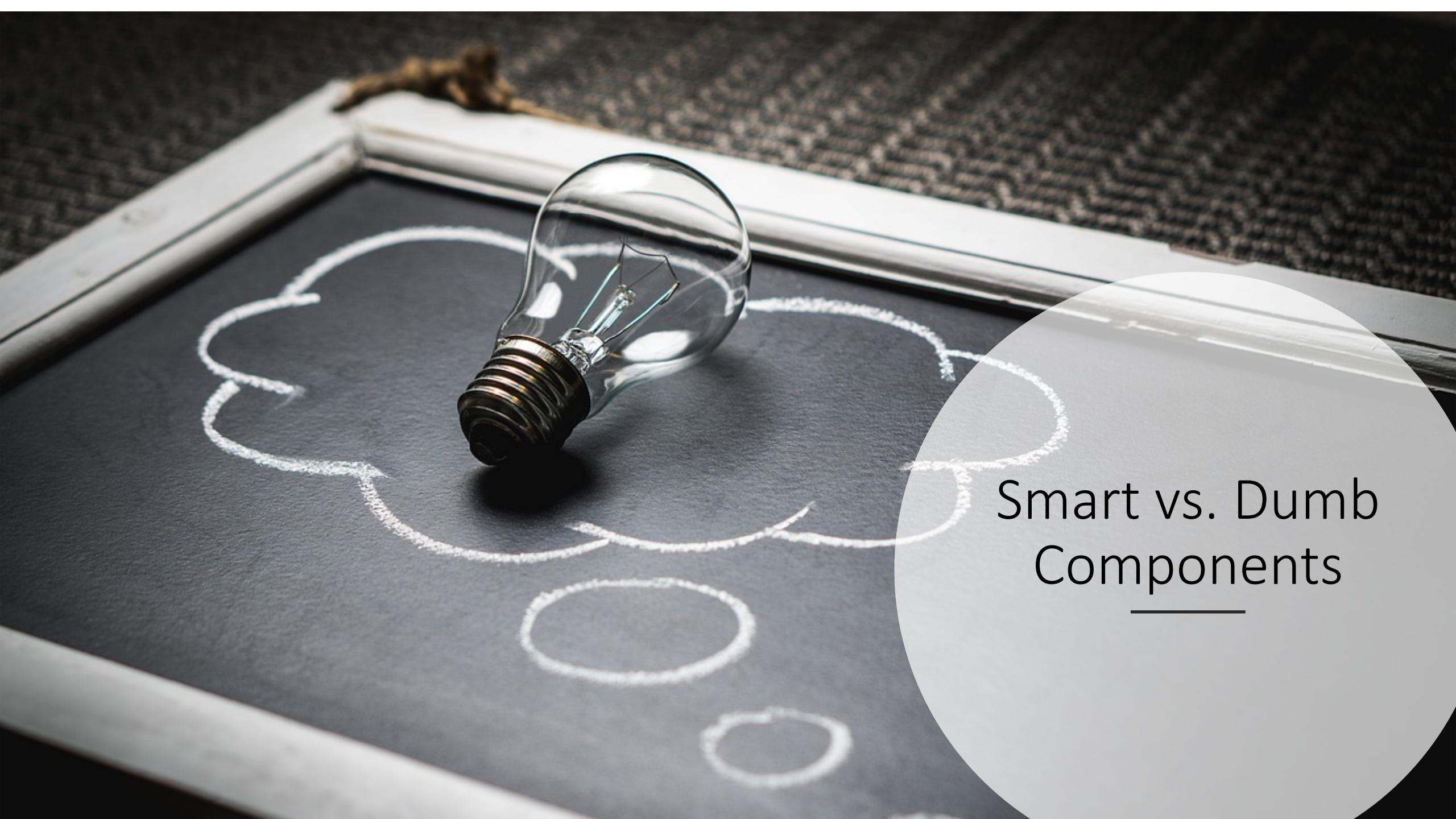
```
@NgModule({
  imports: [
    StoreModule.provideStore(appReducer, initialState),
    EffectsModule.forRoot([SharedEffects]),
    StoreDevtoolsModule.instrument()
  ],
  [...]
})
export class AppModule { }
```

Implementing Effects

```
@NgModule({
  imports: [
    [...]
    EffectsModule.forFeature([FlightBookingEffects])
  ],
  [...]
})
export class FeatureModule {
```

Demo & Lab

NgRx Effects

A photograph of a clear incandescent lightbulb lying on a dark surface. A white chalk outline of a cloud with three smaller circles inside is drawn on the surface. In the background, a piece of chalk lies across the top of the board.

Smart vs. Dumb Components

Thought experiment

- What if <flight-card> would directly talk with the store?
 - Querying specific parts of the state
 - Triggering effects
- Traceability?
- Performance?
- Reuse?

Smart vs. Dumb Components

Smart Component

- Drives the "Use Case"
- Usually a "Container"

Dumb

- Independent of Use Case
- Reusable
- Usually a "Leaf"



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Like this topic?

- Check out the NgRx Guide
- <https://ngrx.io/guide/store> and
- <https://ngrx.io/guide/data/architecture-overview>