Angular2+ (breaking down complexities)

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In Session 1

Angular2+ (breaking down complexities)

- We will look at the fundamental parts of Angular2/4/5
- This is part of multi-part series (more on that later)
- Perquisites (software dependencies, some general web development like basic HTML, some programming knowledge)
- We install the required tooling i.e. nodejs, npm, VScode
- We will initialize a new angular project using the Angular Cli
- Examine the project files, run the project using ng serve –o, ng build. Look at all the various configuration files.
- Cover the very basics of typescript
- Explain and Examine the build process of angular

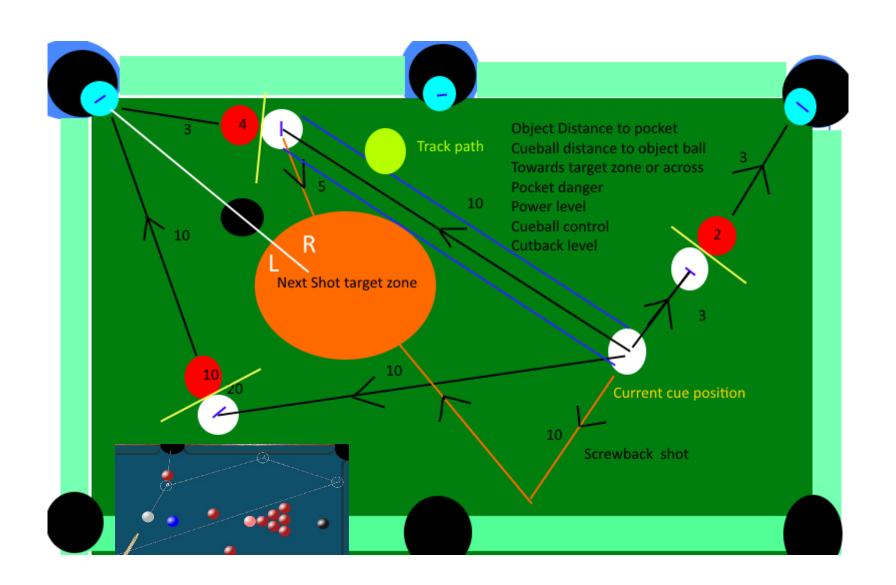
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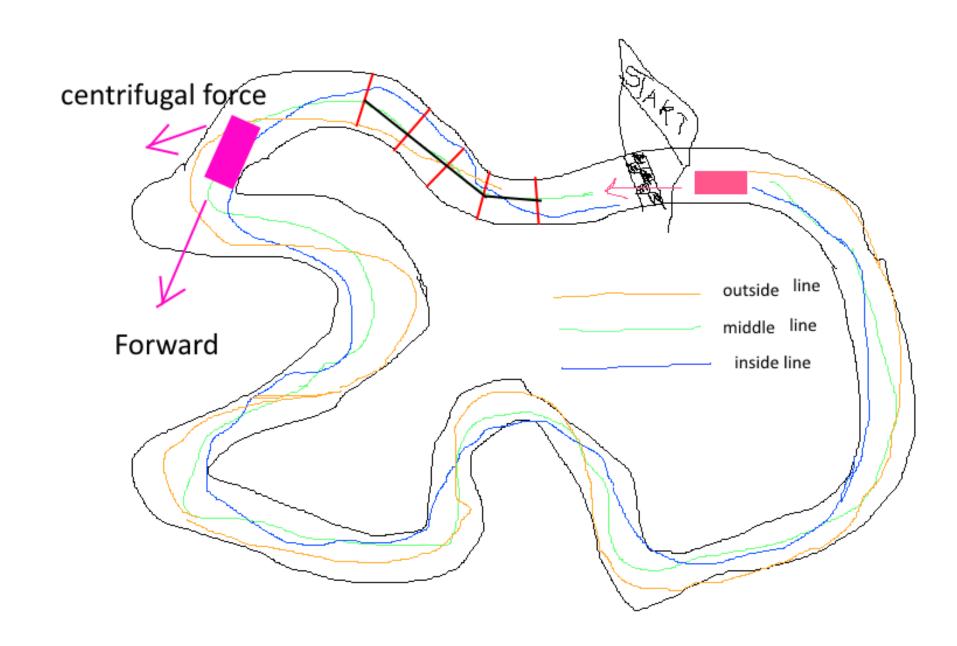
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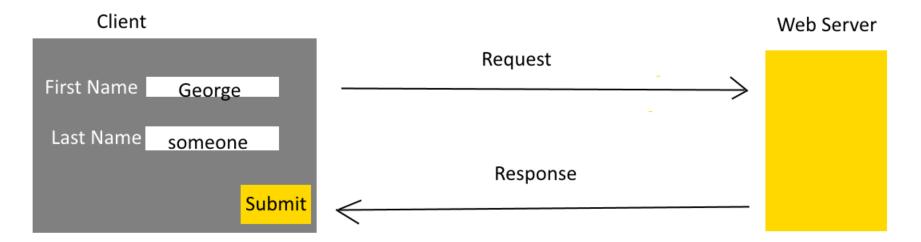
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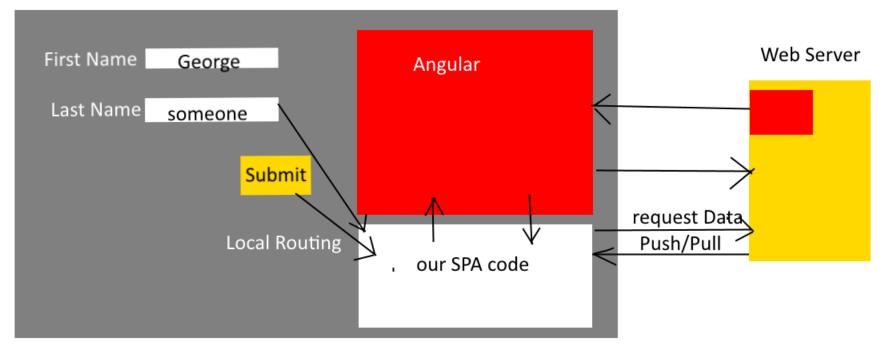


Lets Gets Started

Angular (SPA)s The big Picture



SPA (Single Page Application)



The Tooling

- We need Nodejs as all the tooling and support of packages are shipped and maintained via NPM (Node Package Manager)
- Angular Cli is a NPM package that allows us to scaffold out a working application and add different components to it.
- Typescript compiler NPM package to transcompiler from .TS typescript files to Javascript. .JS files
- Visual Studio Code but you can use Visual Studio or a JetBrain IDE

Nodejs

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- https://nodejs.org/en/



Node.js® is a JavaScript runtime built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine. Node.js uses an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model that makes it lightweight and efficient. Node.js' package ecosystem, npm, is the largest ecosystem of open source libraries in the world.

Spectre and Meltdown in the context of Node.js.

Download for Windows (x64)



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Visual studio Code

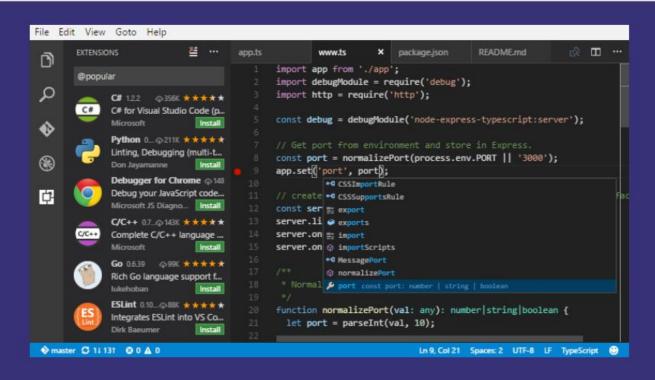
The Tooling (VSCode)

- We will use VScode as it has great support for Typescript
- https://code.visualstudio.com/



Version 1.20 is now available! Read about the new features and fixes from January.





Typescript

- TypeScript is a programming language which was developed by Microsoft. Version 0.8 launched for public use in October 2012
- Development at Microsoft lead by Anders Hejlsberg, the lead architect of c# - also the creator of Delphi and Turbo Pascal etc. (as you all know !!!)
- Maintained by Microsoft, the language comes with an addition of class-based object oriented programming and as optional static typing i.e. or just type JavaScript.
- It is possible to create JavaScript applications for client or server side using the TypeScript.
- In addition, the language has support for definition files containing type information of current JavaScript libraries. This feature is quite similar to header files in the C or C++ languages which describe the structure of current object files.

Create Project Directory for typescript Demo

- Open a command or powershell prompt
- // make a vscodeprojects directory for your projects
- > md c:\users\george\documents\vscodeprojects
- // cd into the directory
- > cd c:\users\george\documents\vscodeprojects
- // make a directory called typescript and cd into it
- > md typescript
- >cd typescript
- > c:\users\george\documents\vscodeprojects\typescript

The Tooling - Typescript

- So with the prerequisite of nodejs installed
- next install typescript globally with:
- npm install -g typescript
- next check the version installed with:
- tsc -v
- NOTE: I now have 2.7.2 (2.6.2 or greater is fine)

```
:\Users\george>tsc -v
/ersion 2.6.2
```

The Tooling - Typescript

Let's now generate tsconfig.json to control tsc settings

Try to run in your console the following to check the version:

```
$ tsc -v
```

If the version is older than 1.6 you will need to update:

```
$ npm install -g typescript
```

Remember that you need to install node.js to use npm.

The correct command is --init not init:

```
$ tsc --init
```

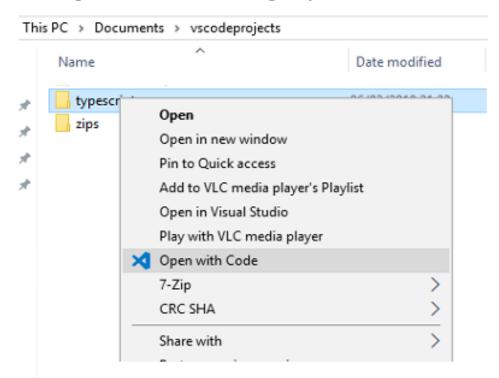
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Now open your Project Directory in Vscode

- Now to open Vscode in your current directory on windows type: code . (code followed by a fullstop) not vscode !!!
- code.

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 Or you can let VSCode open the folder in windows explorer by right clicking and selecting open with vs code



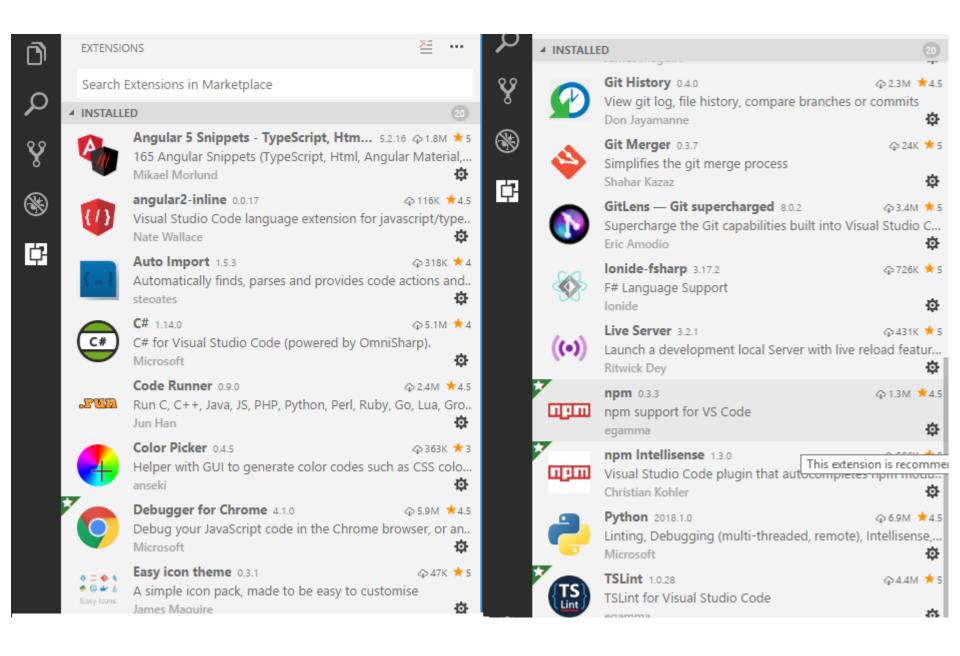
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Next we cover the basics of Typescript

- Set options in the tsconfig file : for dist output & ES version. Look at Tslint and the extensions in VSCode
- Review how to change Tslint settings or disable in file with /* tslint:disable */ or enable /* tslint:enable */
- How to set a watch to invoke TSC to compile our files
- Write some basic typescript (enough to understand and work with angular 2/4/5
- Import & export classes. Define/instantiate Classes, private/ public methods, functions, instance/static variables, var & let.
- Interfaces, Enums, Unions.
- Examine the TSC Typescript compiler output and compare to Javascript, with regards to the tsconfig ES setting. IIFE(Immediately Invoked Function Expressions).

Typescript Basics and VSCode Tooling Demo

The VSCode Tooling extensions



Typescript Support

- It now has wide support in IDE like Visual Studio Code, Visual studio 2017 and in JetBrains IDE products.
- It is Distributed via npm Current version is 2.7.2 (www.npmjs.com/package/typescript)
- https://angular-2-training-book.rangle.io
- https://www.gitbook.com/book/rangle-io/ngcourse2/details
- https://angular-2-training-book.rangle.io/handout/features/

A few words about ECMAScript/Javascript

- The ECMAScript specification is a standardized specification of a scripting language developed by Brendan Eich of Netscape; initially it was named Mocha, later LiveScript, and finally JavaScript. In December 1995, Sun Microsystems and Netscape announced JavaScript in a press release. In March 1996, Netscape Navigator 2.0 was released, featuring support for JavaScript.
- Javascript releases are code names ES_ and the year of release.
- ES5 was released in 2009 the common version supported by all browsers. ES5 Added "strict mode"
- ES6 EMCAscript 2015 also referred to as fat arrow () => ☺
- Currently, the standard is to publish a new ES specification version once a year. ES6 was published in 2015 and ES7 was published in 2016.
- ECMAScript 8 or ECMAScript 2017 was officially released at the end of June.

Note about standards

- ES7 has support for decorators
- Great blog post by Addy Osmani
- https://medium.com/google-developers/exploring-es7-de

```
function superhero(target) {
  target.isSuperhero = true;
  target.power = 'flight';
}
@superhero
class MySuperHero() {}
console.log(MySuperHero.isSuperhero); // true
```

TRANSCOMPILING/TRANS-COMPILERS

 So what is it well e.g. we can take perhaps some Javascript written in ES6 and run it through a trans-compiler and output ES5 which is better supported in Browsers. Two well known trans-compilers used over the last few years were google/traceur-compiler & Babel

Babel is a JavaScript compiler.

Use next generation JavaScript, today.

Put in next-gen JavaScript

var name = "Guy Fieri"; var place = "Flavortown"; `Hello \${name}, ready for \${place}?`;

Template literals are string literals allowing embedded expressions. You can use multi-line strings and string interpolation features with them. They were called "template strings" in prior editions of the ES2015

Get browser-compatible JavaScript out

```
var name = "Guy Fieri";
var place = "Flavortown";
"Hello " + name + ", ready for " + place + "?";
```

specification

Check out the REPL to experiment more!

IIFE(Immediately Invoked Function Expressions)

 Self-invoking functions in JavaScript (or Immediately Invoked Function Expressions) -- (pseudo code of the revealing pattern)

```
var module = (function (name,amount) {
// private
  var pname = name;
  var pbankaccount =amount;
  var getAccount = function (){
    return pbankaccount
 return {
 _// public
      getBankaccount: getAccount
 };
}(name,amount));
```

Modular/Component Design. Use Case

Use Case – The Azure Portal

 Lets just use the Azure portal as a means to under a large complex system.

 Note: *Whilst the azure portal does not use angular, we will just highlight some features used in the building of it to illustrate the idea of a modular/component design.

Under the Hood of the new Azure Portal

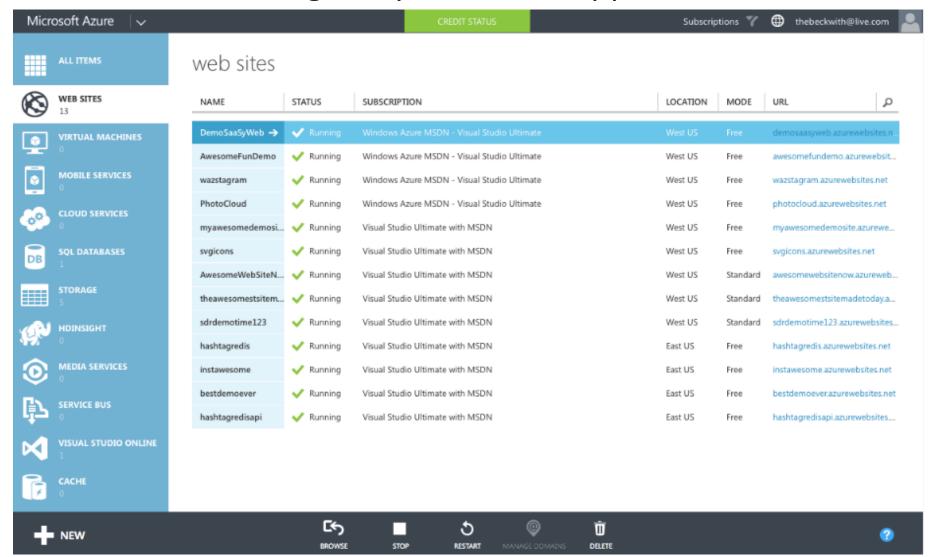
Justin Beckwith - (http://jbecks.com)



- http://jbeckwith.com/2014/09/20/how-the-azure-portal-works/
- In this 2014 blog article he explains the building of the new Azure portal, when he worked at Microsoft. Now works at Google.
- The first version of the portal was built using a Asp.net MVC application. But due to scalability and building components between teams they moved to a new pattern.
- The new portal consisted of using iframes, so that each part of the portal could operate independently. So that each development team could develop in the safe knowledge that changes to the their section would not interfere with the global application.
- So lets looks at the old and the new version

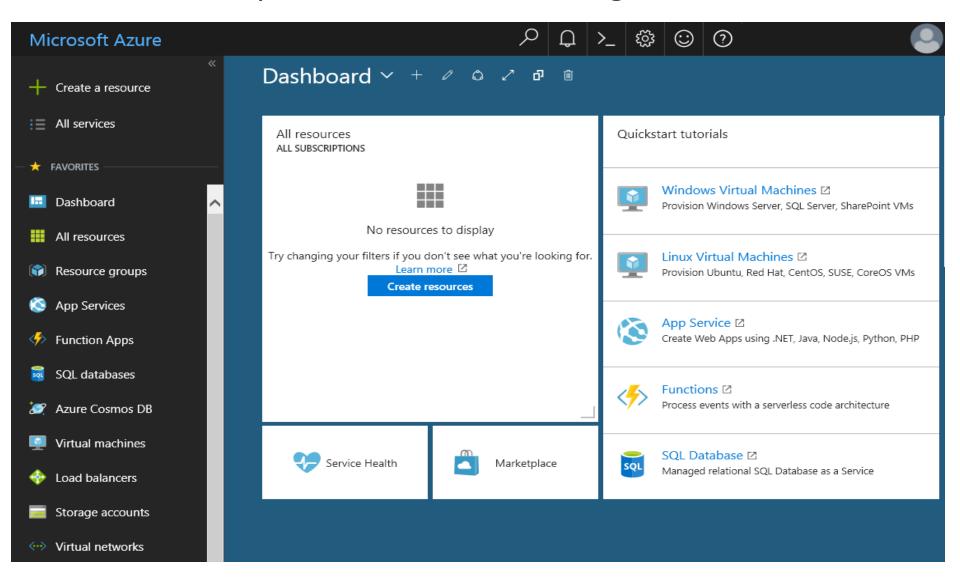
The old Azure Portal

Built using a Asp.net MVC application

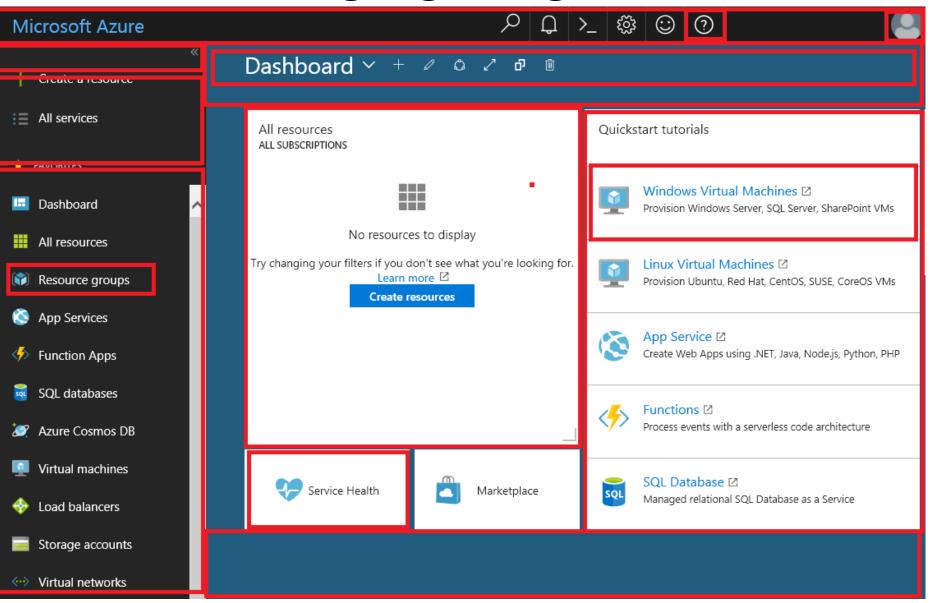


The new Azure Portal

New portal consisted of using iframes



Highlight regions



So Lets talk Angular

Angular TimeLine

- Angular 1 or AngularJS as it known today released in 2010
- It is still maintained stable is 1.6.9 as of 3rd February 2018
- It was popular until the Angular team did a pivot and decided to reinvent Angular.

Why Angular 2 (second Generation) Improvements in Angular 2/4/5

- 1. Change updates new way to update components on the webpage.
- 2. The modularity of the angular modules got better with looser coupling and deployed SPA is smaller due to just including the required parts. (plus precompiling some parts)
- 3. Typescript being a superset of Javascript has allowed people with an C#/Java or an basic OOP background to be productive.

Angular 2/4/5 – 6 in Beta

- The Naming convention (explained on the next slide)
- Now branded just as Angular !!! (No confusion right).
- "Angular is an TypeScript-based open-source front-end web application platform led by the Angular Team at Google and by a community of individuals and corporations. Angular is a complete rewrite from the same team that built AngularJS".
- Angular 2 Initial release: 14 September 2016; (16 months ago)
- Stable release: 5.2.3 / 31 January 2018; (17 days ago)
- Preview release: 6.0.0-beta.2 / 31 January 2018; (17 days ago)

Angular 2 (second Generation) uses Sematic Versioning

CODE STATUS	STAGE	RULE	EXAMPLE #
First Release	New Product	Start with 1.0.0	1.0.0
Bug fixes, other minor changes	Patch Release	Increment the third digit	1.0.1
New Features that don't break existing features	Minor release	Increment the middle digit	1.1.0
Changes that break backward compatibility	Major release	Increment the first digit	2.0.0
ಿSemver for Consumers		Major	`Miı

As a consumer, you can specify which kinds of updates your app can accept in the **package.json** file.

If you were starting with a package 1.0.4, this is how you would specify the ranges:

- Patch releases: 1.0 or 1.0.x or ~1.0.4
- Minor releases: 1 or 1.x or ^1.0.4
- Major releases: * or x

```
CLI tool for Angular
Latest version: 1.7.1 core": "~0.4.2",

"@angular/cli": "1.6.3",

"@angular/compiler-cli": "^5.0.0",

"@angular/language-service": "^5.0.0",

"@types/jasmine": "~2.5.53",

"@types/jasminewd2": "~2.0.2",

"@types/node": "~6.0.60",

"codolwzon": "^4.0.4"
```

More about package.json prefixs

- Save your default prefix using npm config set save-prefix=""
- https://www.npmjs.org/doc/files/package.json.html
- https://docs.npmjs.com/misc/semver#x-ranges-12x-1x-12-
- ^ upto major version
- ~ upto to minor version
- >version Must be greater than version
- >=version greater or equal to version
- <version
- <=version</p>
- * any version
- Lastest obtains the latest version.
- It is also possible to specify an exact range of versions, like
 1.2.0 | | >=1.2.2 <1.3.0

Angular Startup process

The Angular building blocks

- Modules these files are a way to group components, directives, services and import other modules. Every SPA need at least one root module and one root component
- Components define a selector tag to be used elsewhere with the html. The output of
 this selector tag is the Html mark-up that you place in the component's template. The
 component also has a typescript class to provide the data for your component or to
 respond to events e.g. like a button click event or text change event.
- Directives are the same as components BUT don't have a Template. Just like components they do have a typescript class and therefore can provide some supporting function in terms of properties or events processing and are used by other components or by basic HTML tags.
- Pipes are meant to filter or transform data. With the idea that the outcome of one pipe can be fed into another.
- Services are a way to provide supporting services to components e.g. Shared data or a service may go out and make a remote call. Services provide the means to mediate shared operations. Services are inserted into a component's constructor by means of dependency injection.

The root Component(app-root)

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <title>Angularcli2template</title>
  <base href="/">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
  <link rel="icon" type="image/x-icon" href="favicon.ico">
</head>
<body>
  <app-root></app-root>
</body>
</html>
```

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</head>
<body>
 <h1>My Angular App</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

Components

app/app.component.ts

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
@Component({
  selector: 'app-root',
  template: '<h1>My Angular App</h1>'
})
export class AppComponent {}
```

app/app.module.ts

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
                                             node_modules
                                               .bin
@NgModule({
                                              @angular
  imports: [BrowserModule],
                                               animations
                                                cli
  declarations: [AppComponent],
                                                common
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]
                                                 compiler
                                                 compiler-cli
})
                                                 forms
export class AppModule { }
                                               ▶ iii http
```

The Angular Boot Strap process main.ts

main.ts

```
import { enableProdMode } from '@angular/core';
     import { platformBrowserDynamic } from '@angular/platform-browser-dynamic';
     import { AppModule } from './app/app.module';
4
     import { environment } from './environments/environment';
6
     if (environment.production) {
       enableProdMode();
8
9
10
     platformBrowserDynamic().bootstrapModule(AppModule)
11
       .catch(err => console.log(err));
12
13
```

environment.ts

```
// The file contents for the current environment will overwrite these during build.
// The build system defaults to the dev environment which uses `environment.ts`, but if you do
// `ng build --env=prod` then `environment.prod.ts` will be used instead.
// The list of which env maps to which file can be found in `.angular-cli.json`.

export const environment = {
   production: false
};
```

The first thing that we notice is that our module is importing the **BrowserModule** as an explicit dependency. The **BrowserModule** is a **built-in** module that exports basic **directives, pipes and services**. Unlike previous versions of Angular, we have to explicitly import those dependencies to be able to use directives like *ngFor or *ngIf in our templates.

app/app.module.ts

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
@NgModule({
  imports: [BrowserModule],
  declarations: [AppComponent],
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]
})
export class AppModule { }
```

Modules and Components

- Lets just differentiate between Modules and Components in Angular 2/4/5.
- Component have templates, they are the small units of work that can hold our visual html elements.
- An Angular application must have 1 root Module, but can have 0 or more extra modules (referred to as feature modules)
- Modules exist as a means to group components together logically and provides a separate of concerns. Only the module with that component knows of it's existence.
- For one module to use another module we need to export a module and then import it. (Most importantly Angular modules are not and I repeat not ES6 modules.)

Angular Cli

The Tooling Angular Cli

- Angular Cli is a NPM package that allows us to scaffold out a working application and add different components to it.
- To see if you already have angular-cli installed type ng –v
- To install the latest version of angular cli type
- npm install -g @angular/cli@latest
- confirm installation with ng –v (note: I have an older version)



- To see a list of you global packages type :
- npm list -global --depth 0

The Tooling (Important remove old angular version)

- If you have an old version of angular cli, then you have to remove the old one. Note the old package was called angular-cli
- The new package is called @angular/cli

You can run these two snippets to upgrade from angular-cli to the new package @angular/cli.

```
npm uninstall -g angular-cli
npm cache clean
npm install -g @angular/cli@latest
```

```
rm -rf node_modules dist
npm uninstall --save-dev angular-cli
npm install --save-dev @angular/cli@latest
npm install
ng update
```

Angular Cli command

- ng new <your app name> i.e. ng new mywebapp
- (component creates a directory by default) i.e. name/name.ts
- Create a component : > ng generate component name
- (Modules, Directives, Services, Pipes don't create a directory by default). But you can specify to i.e. ng generate module mydir\name
- Create a feature module : > ng generate module name
- Create a directive with: > ng generate directive name
- Create a service with : > ng generate service name
- Create a pipe with > ng generate pipe name

Angular Cli command

- You can use shorts with single letters
- ng new <your app name> i.e. ng n mywebapp
- Create a component : > ng g c name

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- Create a feature module : > ng g m name
- Create a directive with: > ng g d name
- Create a service with : > ng g s name
- Create a pipe with > ng g p name

- --app (aliases: -a) default : 1st app. Specifies app name to use
- --change-detection (aliases: -cd) Specifies change detection strategy
- --flat default : false. Flag to indicate if a dir is created
- --export default: false. if declaring module exports the component.
- --inline-style (aliases: -is) default : false. Specifies if the style will be in the ts file
- --inline-template (aliases: -it) default: false. Specifies if the template will be in the ts file.
- --module (aliases: -m) Allows specification of the declaring module's file name (e.g 'app.module.ts').
- --prefix Specifies whether to use the prefix.
- --skip-import default : false. Allows for skipping the module import.
- --spec Specifies if a spec file is generated.
- --view-encapsulation (aliases: -ve). Specifies the view encapsulation strategy

Angular Cli command options

- You can dry run a command with : -d short dry run
- Create a component : > ng g c name –d
- The -d command shows the files it will creates, their full paths.
 if the files exist it will also info you of that fact.

 You can force a a component to be created as a flat file, instead of being placed in a directory with --flat

Create a component as a flatfile : > ng g c name --flat

There are other options ...

Angular Cli build command options

- We can serve our angular app, so it is built and run in memory with:
- ng serve -open
- or ng serve –o
- -o is a shortcut

- We can build our angular with a development build with:
- ng build
- Or for production with:
- ng build --prod

The mapping used to determine which environment file is used can be found in <code>.angular-cli.json</code>:

```
"environmentSource": "environments/environment.ts",
"environments": {
   "dev": "environments/environment.ts",
   "prod": "environments/environment.prod.ts"
}
```

These options also apply to the serve command. If you do not pass a value for environment, it will default to dev for development and prod for production.

```
# these are equivalent
ng build --target=production --environment=prod
ng build --prod --env=prod
ng build --prod
# and so are these
ng build --target=development --environment=dev
ng build --dev --e=dev
ng build --dev
ng build --dev
ng build
```

Angular Cli build options - highlight a few

- https://github.com/angular/angular-cli/wiki/build
- --sourcemap (aliases: -sm, sourcemaps)
- --aot (Build using Ahead of Time compilation)
- --output-hashing (aliases: -oh) Define the output filename cachebusting hashing mode.

Bundling & Tree-Shaking

All builds make use of bundling and limited tree-shaking, while --prod builds also run limited dead code elimination via UglifyJS.

Both --dev / --target=development and --prod / --target=production are 'meta' flags, that set other flags. If you do not specify either you will get the --dev defaults.

Flag	dev	prod
aot	false	true
environment	dev	prod
output-hashing	media	all
sourcemaps	true	false
extract-css	false	true
named-chunks	true	false
build-optimizer	false	true with AOT and Angular 5

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In summary

We looked at Modules, Components, Directives,
 Services, Pipes. Touched on the Demo – we will expand upon that at a future meetup.

 We looked at the tooling, config files with AngularCli, typescript, Visual Studio Code, NodeJS and npm.

 Set down the basics for the next discussion covering Angular routing and back end services i.e. Nodejs and Rxjs in an upcoming meetup.