

Routing

Single Page Applications (SPAs)

A web application usually consists of more than one view:

- A list of cars
- Details of a single car
- Edit car information

For a SPA, this means that either...

- All views must be on that one HTML page
- Views must be loaded dynamically through AJAX



Angular routes

Angular supports routing by loading views in dynamically through AJAX. To implement routing:

1. Define routes based on the Route interface

```
export interface Route {
   path?: string;
   component?: Type<any>;
   ...
}
```

- 2. Call RouterModule.forRoot([...]) to supply all the routes
- 3. Place an <router-outlet></router-outlet> in the HTML of your root component. This is the element where the different views are loaded beside.

Angular routes

Provide routes during bootstrap:



Accessing route information

Inject ActivatedRoute:

Define where the views are shown



app/my-app.component.html

```
<h1>Welcome to the car app!</h1>
<router-outlet></router-outlet>
```



Link to another route

You can use the routerLink directive to link to another route

```
<a routerLink="/cars">Back to the cars overview</a>
```

We can also use an Angular expression

```
<a [routerLink]="['/cars', 14]">View details of this amazing car</a>
```

Accessing route parameters

Or, if you're not interested in parameter changes:

```
ngOnInit() {
    console.log('Retrieve some car data:', this.route.snapshot.params.id);
}
```



A route can have child routes

Pre-fetching data

Angular routes have a **resolve** mechanism to pre-fetch data.



Pre-fetching data

The resolver itself looks as follows:

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To get that fetched data in your component, check data of your ActivatedRoute.

```
constructor(private route: ActivatedRoute) { }

ngOnInit() {
   this.route.data
        .subscribe((data: { car: Car }) => {
            console.log('found car:', this.car);
        });
}
```



Control route access

By placing a guard on a route:

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The guard itself looks like this:



Lazy load routes

Angular supports lazy loading routes through the loadChildren property, thus shortening initial load time.

and define the subroutes using RouterModule.forChild().

```
@NgModule({
   imports: [
       RouterModule.forChild(adminRoutes),
   ],
})
export class AdminModule { }
```

Lazy loud routes

If configured correctly, running a build with ng build should also generate a separate chunk.

```
chunk {scripts} scripts.fe0becbb6bce177076a6.js (scripts) 203 kB [rendered]
chunk (0) 0.518b5c028a0e1bcefc6.js () 58.2 kB [rendered]
chunk (1) runtime.542f3d4c29f3e62da136.js (runtime) 1.84 kB [entry] [rendered]
chunk (2) styles.1927224d725878310e0b.css (styles) 62.7 kB [initial] [rendered]
chunk (3) polyfills.7131f759b4376e5918969.js (polyfills) 59.6 kB [initial] [rendered]
chunk (4) main.8c8cd98a88a14a100c83.js (main) 913 kB [initial] [rendered]
```



Recap

- Angular supports routing through the RouterModule
- Use <router-outlet> to define where views are loaded into
- Link to other views with routerLink
- Child routes are supported with children
- · Protect routes with guards
- Lazy load routes using loadChildren

