ANGULAR – ROUTING FUNDAMENTALS





MODULE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Implement Routing in Angular
- Configure Routes in a SPA
- Set the default route
- Use Router directives RouterOutlet, RouterLink & RouterLinkActive



AGENDA

- ▶ Understanding Routing
- ► Configuring the Routes
- ► Setting the default route
- ▶ Use of base href
- ▶ Router directives RouterOutlet, RouterLink & RouterLinkActive.
- ► Routing Demo

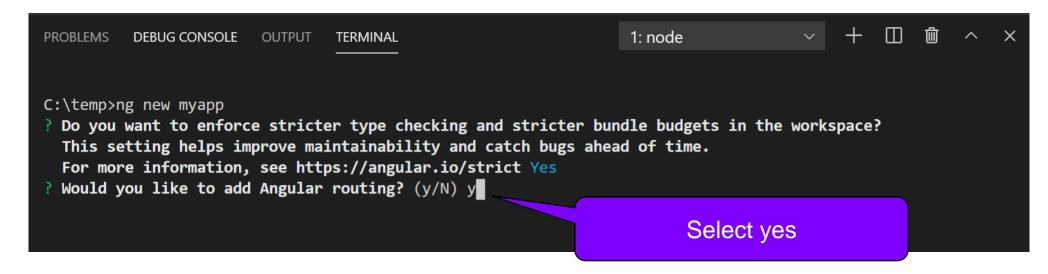


Routing in Angular

- Routing enables navigation from one view to the next as users perform application tasks.
- The Angular Router can interpret a browser URL as an instruction to navigate to a required view component.
- You can navigate imperatively when the user clicks a link/button, selects from a drop box etc
- We can pass optional parameters to the supporting view component that help it decide what specific content to present.
- Angular router logs activity in the browser's history so the back and forward buttons work as well.

Enabling routing in an Angular app

While creating an angular app using Angular CLI, you will be prompted if routing support is required



This will generate an angular NgModule named AppRoutingModule where routes are to be configured



CLI-generated AppRoutingModule

The default AppRoutingModule generated by Angular CLI imports Routes and RouterModule

It sets up a routes array to define the routes

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { Routes, RouterModule } from '@angular/router'; // CLI imports router

const routes: Routes = []; // sets up routes constant where you define your routes

// configures NgModule imports and exports
@NgModule({
  imports: [RouterModule.forRoot(routes)],
  exports: [RouterModule]
})
export class AppRoutingModule { }
```



CLI-generated AppModule

CLI also adds AppRoutingModule to the AppModule's imports array

```
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { AppRoutingModule } from './app-routing.module'; // CLI imports AppRoutingModule
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
@NgModule({
 declarations: [
  AppComponent
 imports: [
                                              AppRoutingModule added to the
  BrowserModule,
                                                 AppModule's imports array
  AppRoutingModule
 providers: [],
 bootstrap: [AppComponent]
export class AppModule { }
```



Understanding Routing

- To understand Angular Routing, let us create an Angular Application which has the below components
 - > HomeComponent,
 - > EmployeesListComponent
 - > DepartmentListComponent
 - > ProductsListComponent
- A navigational menu will be displayed. Based on the link clicked by user, the view will be generated by the corresponding components
- This avoids reaching out to the server for loading a new page

Configuring the Routes – Step 1

Step 1: Create the required components

ng g c home ng g c employees-list ng g c department-list ng g c products-list



Configuring the Routes – Step 2

Step 2: Import the new components into the AppRoutingModule

```
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
import { EmployeesListComponent } from './employees-list/employees-list.component';
import { DepartmentListComponent } from './department-list/department-list.component';
import { ProductsListComponent } from './products-list/products-list.component';
import { HomeComponent } from './home/home.component';
```



Configuring the Routes – Step 3

Step 3: Define an array of route configurations in the AppRoutingModule

Specify the URL path and the component associated with the route



Note:

The '**' path in the last route is a wildcard. The router will select this route if the requested URL doesn't match any routes defined earlier. Useful for displaying a "404 - Not Found" page or redirecting to another route.



ROUTES Array

Routes array has the following properties:

	Description
<u>Property</u>	<u>Description</u>
path	path is a string that uses the route matcher DSL.
pathMatch	pathMatch is a string that specifies the matching strategy.
matcher	matcher defines a custom strategy for path matching and supersedes path and pathMatch.
component	component is a component type.
redirectTo	redirectTo is the url fragment which will replace the current matched segment.
outlet	outlet is the name of the outlet the component should be placed into.
	canActivate is an array of DI tokens used to look up CanActivate handlers. See CanActivate for more
canActivate	info.
	canActivateChild is an array of DI tokens used to look up CanActivateChild handlers. See
canActivateChild	CanActivateChild for more info.
	canDeactivate is an array of DI tokens used to look up CanDeactivate handlers. See CanDeactivate for
canDeactivate	more info.
canLoad	canLoad is an array of DI tokens used to look up CanLoad handlers. See CanLoad for more info.
data	data is additional data provided to the component via ActivatedRoute.
resolve	resolve is a map of DI tokens used to look up data resolvers. See Resolve for more info.
	runGuardsAndResolvers defines when guards and resolvers will be run. By default they run only when
runGuardsAndResolv	the matrix parameters of the route change. When set to paramsOrQueryParamsChange they will also
ers	run when query params change. And when set to always, they will run every time.
children	children is an array of child route definitions.
loadChildren	loadChildren is a reference to lazy loaded child routes. See LoadChildren for more info.
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The default route

- When the application launches, the initial URL in the browser bar is something like: http://localhost:4200
- A default route is added that translates the empty path (") to the desired default path (/home).
- It requires a pathMatch property to tell the router how to match a URL to the path of a route. The router throws an error if you don't.

```
const routes: Routes=[
    {path:'home', component:HomeComponent},
    {path:'employees', component:EmployeesListComponent},
    {path:'departments', component:DepartmentListComponent},
    {path:'products', component:ProductsListComponent},
    {path: ", redirectTo: '/home', pathMatch: 'full' },
    {path: '**', component:HomeComponent}
]
```



Wildcard routes

- A wildcard route is selected when the requested URL doesn't match any of the configured routes
- A wildcard route must be the last route as it matches any URL

```
const routes: Routes=[
    {path:'home', component:HomeComponent},
    {path:'employees', component:EmployeesListComponent},
    {path:'departments', component:DepartmentListComponent},
    {path:'products', component:ProductsListComponent},
    {path: ", redirectTo: '/home', pathMatch: 'full' },
    {path: '**', component:HomeComponent}
]
```

Note: Mostly the wildcard route sends the user to the **PageNotFoundComponent**



base href

- All routing applications should add a <base> element to the index.html as the first child in the <head> tag to tell the router how to compose navigation URLs.
- By default, this is added in the index.html in CLI-generated angular apps

Example: index.html

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
<title>RoutingDemo1</title>
<base href="/">
</nead>
<body>
<app-root></app-root>
</body>
</html>
```



Router directives

- The Angular Router module provides the below Directives for use in the template
 - RouterLink
 - RouterLinkActive
 - RouterOutlet



1. RouterLink

- Once the routes are defined, use the routerLink directive to add routes in the app
- The <a> tag must contain the routerLink attribute

app.component.html

```
<h1 align="center">{{title}}</h1>
<nav align="center">
<a routerLink="/home" router LinkActive="active">Home</a>
<a routerLink="/employees" routerLinkActive="active">Employees List</a>
<a routerLink="/departments" routerLinkActive="active">Departments List</a>
<a routerLink="/products" routerLinkActive="active">Products List</a>
</nav>
```



2. RouterLinkActive

- The RouterLinkActive directive allows to set CSS classes when the link is clicked
- ➤ The template expression to the right of the equals (=) contains a space-delimited string of CSS classes that the Router will add when this link is active (and remove when the link is inactive).

app.component.html



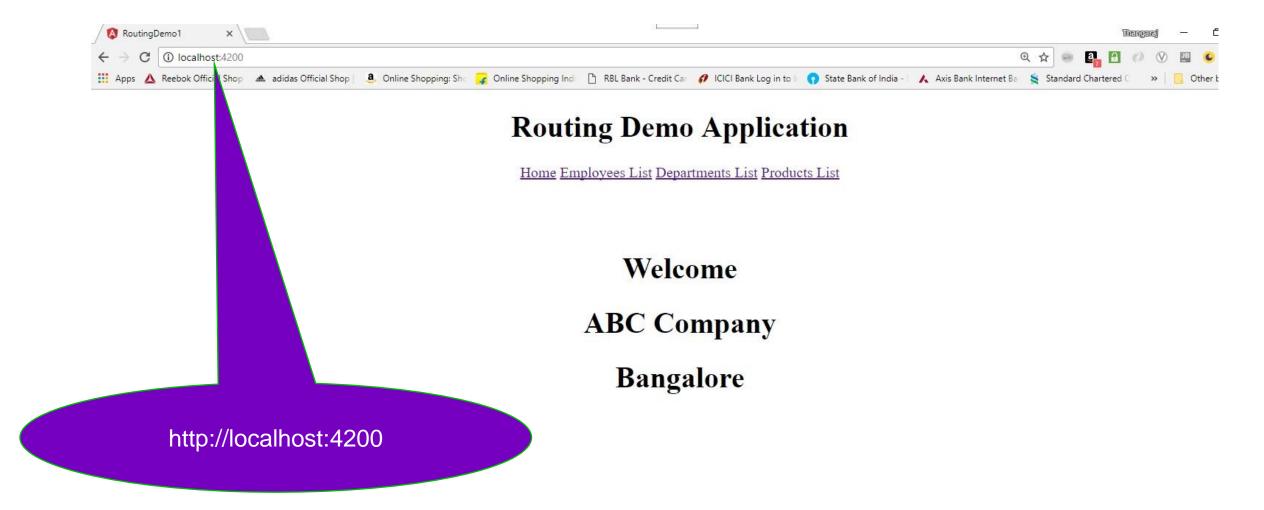
3. RouterOutlet

- The RouterOutlet is a directive from the router library that marks the spot in the template where the router should display the view of the selected component
- The routed view will be rendered in the <router-outlet>

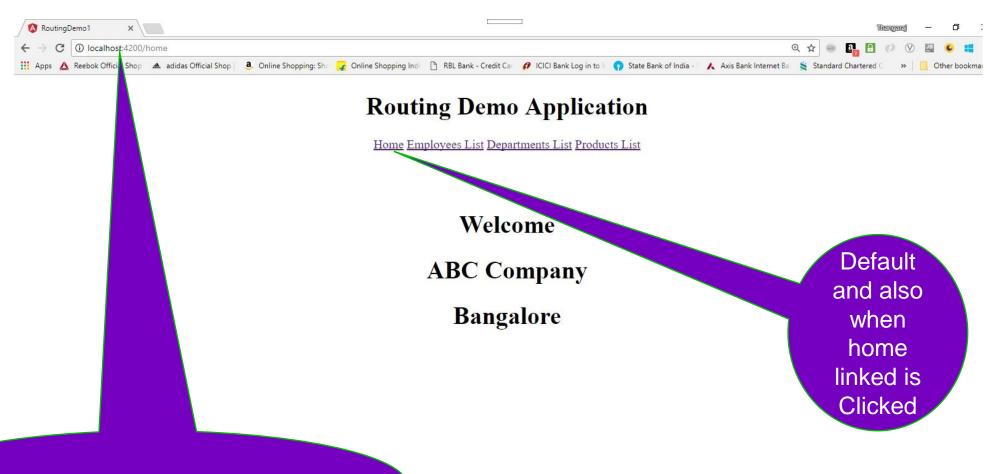
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<nav align="center">
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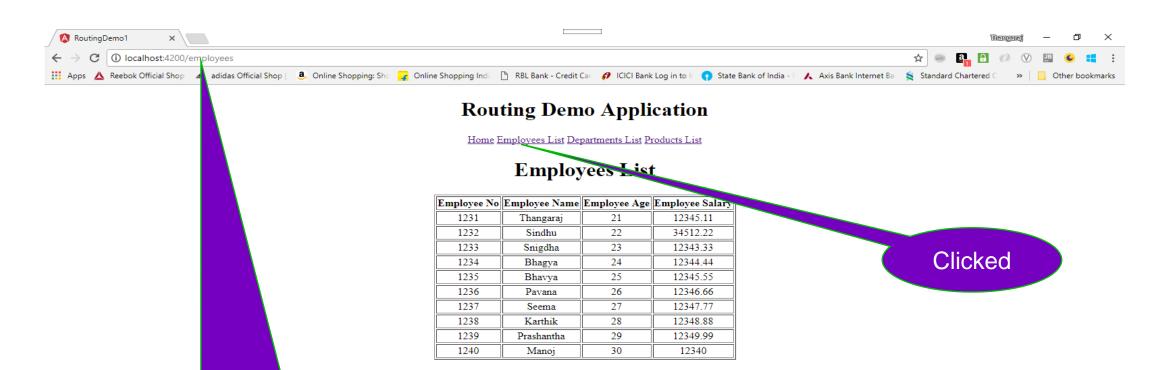




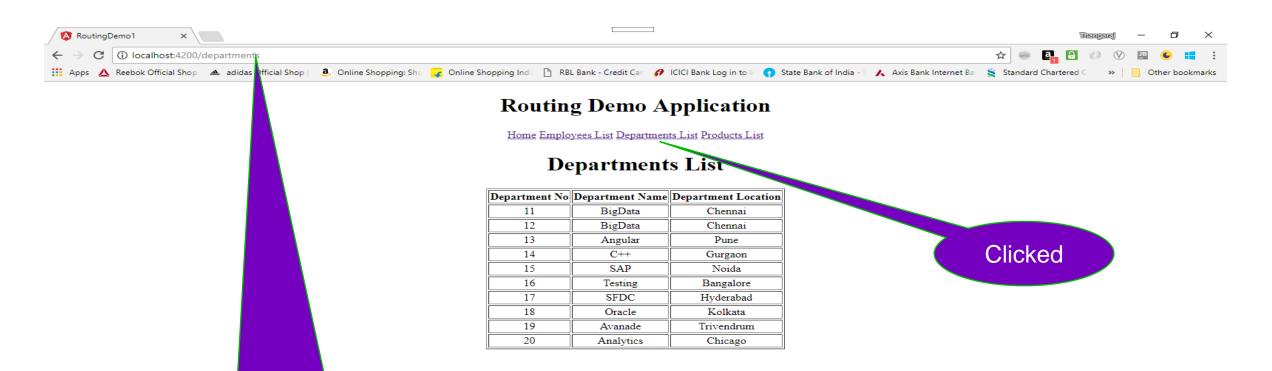


http://localhost:4200/home



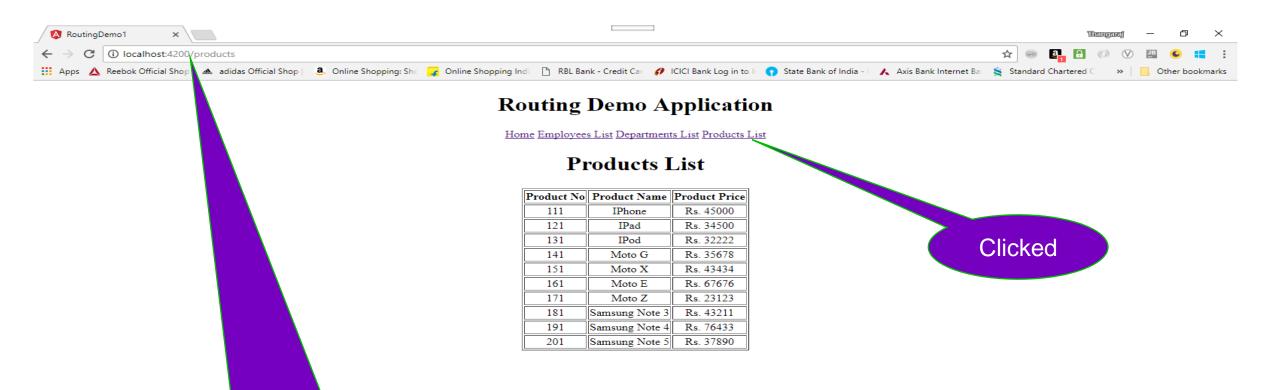


http://localhost:4200/employees



http://localhost:4200/departments

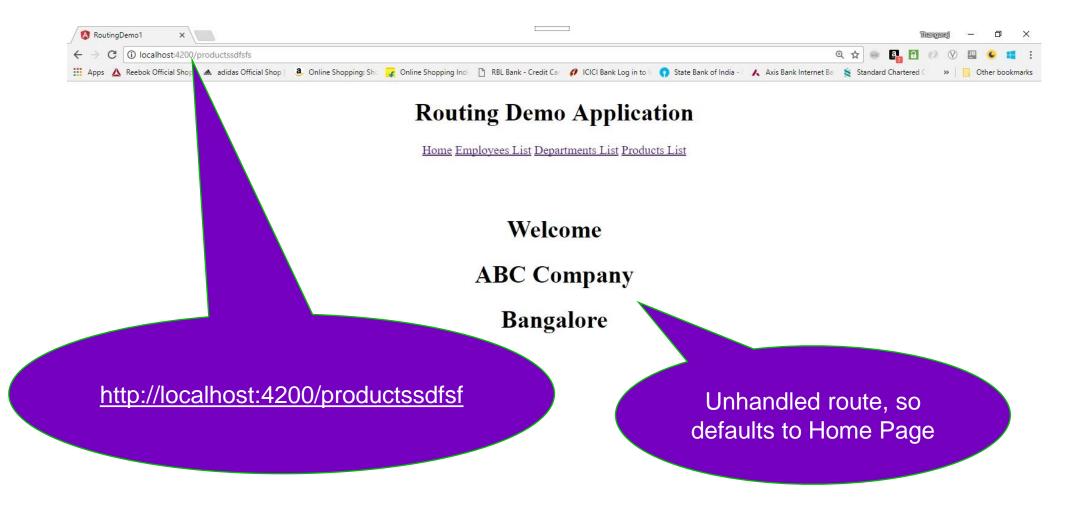




http://localhost:4200/products



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