

Creating a Single-Page Application (SPA) with Angular involves leveraging its routing capabilities to load content dynamically without refreshing the page. Below is a step-by-step guide:

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## 1. Set Up the Angular Project

### Install Angular CLI:

```
npm install -g @angular/cli
```

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### Create a New Project:

```
ng new my-spa-app  
cd my-spa-app
```

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### Run the Development Server:

```
ng serve
```

3. Open your browser at <http://localhost:4200>.

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## 2. Create Components

To structure your SPA, create components for each view or page.

### Generate Components:

```
ng generate component home  
ng generate component about  
ng generate component contact
```

This will create:

- A [HomeComponent](#) for the home page.
  - An [AboutComponent](#) for the about page.
  - A [ContactComponent](#) for the contact page.
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## 3. Set Up Angular Routing

Routing is essential for navigation in an SPA.

1. Open the `app-routing.module.ts` file, which is automatically generated when you create an Angular project.
2. Define the routes:

**Code (`app-routing.module.ts`):**

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { RouterModule, Routes } from '@angular/router';
import { HomeComponent } from './home/home.component';
import { AboutComponent } from './about/about.component';
import { ContactComponent } from './contact/contact.component';
```

```
const routes: Routes = [
  { path: '', component: HomeComponent }, // Default route
  { path: 'about', component: AboutComponent },
  { path: 'contact', component: ContactComponent },
  { path: '**', redirectTo: '', pathMatch: 'full' }, // Wildcard route
];
```

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

Import the `AppRoutingModule` into your `AppModule`:

```
import { AppRoutingModule } from './app-routing.module';
```

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## 4. Define Navigation Links

Add navigation links in the main template to allow users to switch between pages.

**Code (`app.component.html`):**

```
<nav>
  <a routerLink="/" routerLinkActive="active">Home</a>
  <a routerLink="/about" routerLinkActive="active">About</a>
  <a routerLink="/contact" routerLinkActive="active">Contact</a>
</nav>

<router-outlet></router-outlet>
```

**Styles (`app.component.css`):**

```
nav {
```

```
display: flex;
gap: 15px;
background: #f8f9fa;
padding: 10px;
border-bottom: 1px solid #ddd;
}

a {
text-decoration: none;
color: #007bff;
font-weight: bold;
}

a.active {
text-decoration: underline;
}
```

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## 5. Add Content to Components

Populate the components with content:

### HomeComponent (**home.component.html**):

```
<h1>Welcome to the Home Page</h1>
<p>This is the main page of your SPA.</p>
```

### AboutComponent (**about.component.html**):

```
<h1>About Us</h1>
<p>Learn more about our organization.</p>
```

### ContactComponent (**contact.component.html**):

```
<h1>Contact Us</h1>
<p>Feel free to reach out for more information.</p>
```

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## 6. Enable SPA Features

Angular supports navigation without reloading the page by default. However, ensure the following:

### Base Tag:

In **index.html**, add a **<base>** tag to handle relative paths:

```
<base href="/">
```

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### Guard Against 404 Errors:

Configure your server to serve `index.html` for unmatched routes so the Angular router can handle them. For example, in an NGINX server configuration:

```
location / {  
    try_files $uri /index.html;  
}
```

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## 7. Test the Application

Start the app with:

`ng serve`

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  2. Navigate to different routes (`/about`, `/contact`) and notice how the content changes without refreshing the page.
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## 8. Optional Enhancements

1. **Lazy Loading:**  
Optimize performance by loading modules only when needed. Create feature modules for each section and lazy load them using `loadChildren`.
  2. **Route Guards:**  
Protect specific routes with guards like `CanActivate` or `CanDeactivate`.
  3. **Styling Frameworks:**  
Use Angular Material, Bootstrap, or Tailwind CSS for pre-designed UI components.
  4. **Animations:**  
Add transitions between routes using Angular's animation module.
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## Example Directory Structure

`src/`

```
|— app/
|   |— home/
|   |— about/
|   |— contact/
|   |— app-routing.module.ts
|   |— app.module.ts
|   |— app.component.html
|   |— ...
|— assets/
|— index.html
|— styles.css
|— ...
```

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This guide sets up a basic SPA with Angular. Let me know if you need help with advanced features, like lazy loading, forms, or animations!