

## Prerequisites

1. Verify you have npm 3+ installed (run `npm -v` to check).
2. Install Yeoman and the aspnetcore-spa generator globally:

```
npm install -g yo generator-aspnetcore-spa
```

3. Install Webpack globally:

```
npm install -g webpack
```

## Creating a new Angular 2 application

1. From a commandline, create and navigate to a new empty directory.
2. Create a new Angular 2 application using the "aspnetcore-spa" scaffolder:

```
yo aspnetcore-spa
```

3. View the application code by typing `code .` to launch Visual Studio Code in the current directory.

## Running the Angular 2 application

1. From the commandline, set the ASP.NET Core development mode environment variable:

```
set ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT=Development
```

**Note:** On OSX this is done using `export ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT=Development`

1. Run the application using the `dotnet watch` tool:

```
dotnet watch run
```

2. Navigate to `http://localhost:5000` to view the application.

**Note:** Leave the application running and the browser window open for the remainder of the lab.

## Experiment with Hot Module Reloading (HMR)

1. Navigate to the Counter page in running web application.
2. In Visual Studio Code, edit the Counter template (`\ClientApp\components\counter\counter.html`) to change the H2 heading text.
3. Edit the counter implementation (`\ClientApp\components\counter\counter.ts`) to change the counter increment to 10:

```
export class Counter {  
    public currentCount = 0;  
  
    public incrementCounter() {  
        this.currentCount+=10;  
    }  
}
```

```
}  
}
```

4. Observe that the application has refreshed with your changes. View the console output to see the debug messages printed out during the updates.

## Extra

1. Create a Knockout, React, or React + Redux application using the above steps but selecting a different option in the Yeoman scaffolder.
2. Create a production build by setting `ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT=Production`, then running the following:

```
webpack --config webpack.config.vendor.js  
webpack
```

Then inspect the front-end resources in browser tools and verify that the resources are minified.