Strongly Typing Actions with Action Creators





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Module Introduction



How to write good actions

Using action creators

Update the demo to load products data

Actions express unique events that happen throughout your application



Action Interface

```
{
    type: string;
}
```



Example Action

```
Event source and catego Action to happen

{
    type: '[Products Page] Toggle Show Product Code'
}
```



Example Action

```
Event source and catego Action to happen

{
    type: '[Products API] Load Products Success',
    products: [{ id: 1, name : 'Hammer' }]
```



Example Action with Data

```
type: '[Products API] Load Products Success',
products: [{ id: 1, name : 'Hammer' }]

Optional metadata
```



Rules to Writing Good Actions

Write them upfront

Divide by event source

Many specific actions

Capture events not commands

Descriptive debug logs



Two Action Creator Helper Functions

```
import { createAction} from '@ngrx/store';
createAction();
```



Two Action Creator Helper Functions

```
import { createAction, createActionGroup } from '@ngrx/store';
createAction();
createActionGroup();
```



Action Creator - createAction

```
import { createAction } from '@ngrx/store';
export const loadProducts = createAction('[Products Page] Load Products');
```



Action Creator - createAction

```
import { createAction, emptyProps, props } from '@ngrx/store';
export const loadProducts = createAction('[Products Page] Load Products');
export const productsLoadedSuccess = createAction(
    '[Products API] Products Loaded Success'
    props<{ products: Product[] }>()
);
```



Action Creator - createAction

```
import { createAction, props } from '@ngrx/store';
export const loadProducts = createAction('[Products Page] Load Products');
export const productsLoadedSuccess = createAction(
    '[Products API] Products Loaded Success'
    props<{ products: Product[] }>
export const productsLoadedFail = createAction(
    '[Products API] Products Loaded Fail'
    props<{ message: string }>
```



Action Creator - createActionGroup



Action Creator - createActionGroup

```
import ·
              type: '[Products API] Products Loaded Success',
              products: [{id: 1, name: 'Hammer'}]
export co
    sour
    even
              type: '[Products API] Products Loaded Fail',
              message: 'something went wrong getting products'
});
export const ProductsAPIActions = createActionGroup({
    source: 'Products API',
    events: {
         'Products Loaded Success': props<{ products: Product[] }>(),
         'Products Loaded Fail': props<{ message: string }>()
    },
});
```



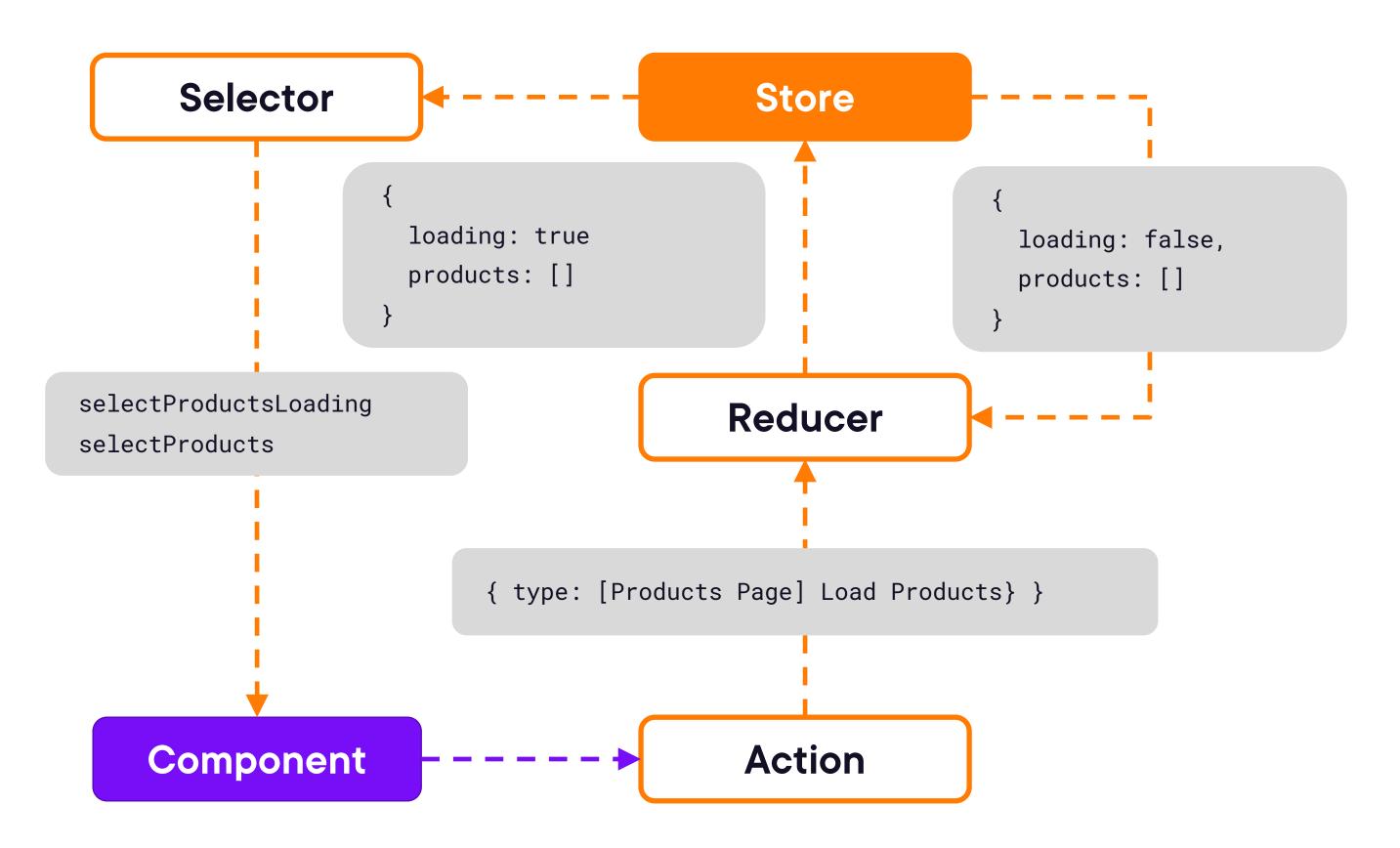
Using Action Creators

```
import { ProductPageActions } from '../state/products.actions';

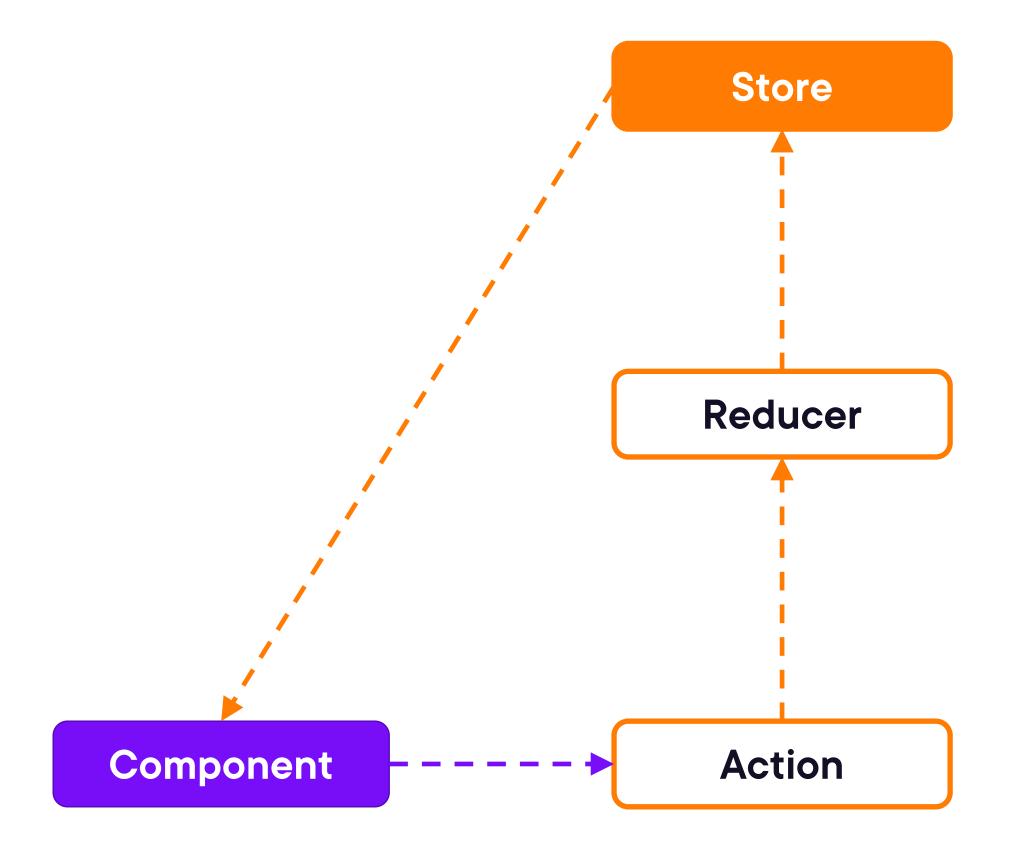
toggleShowProductCode() {
   this.store.dispatch(ProductPageActions.loadProducts());
}
```



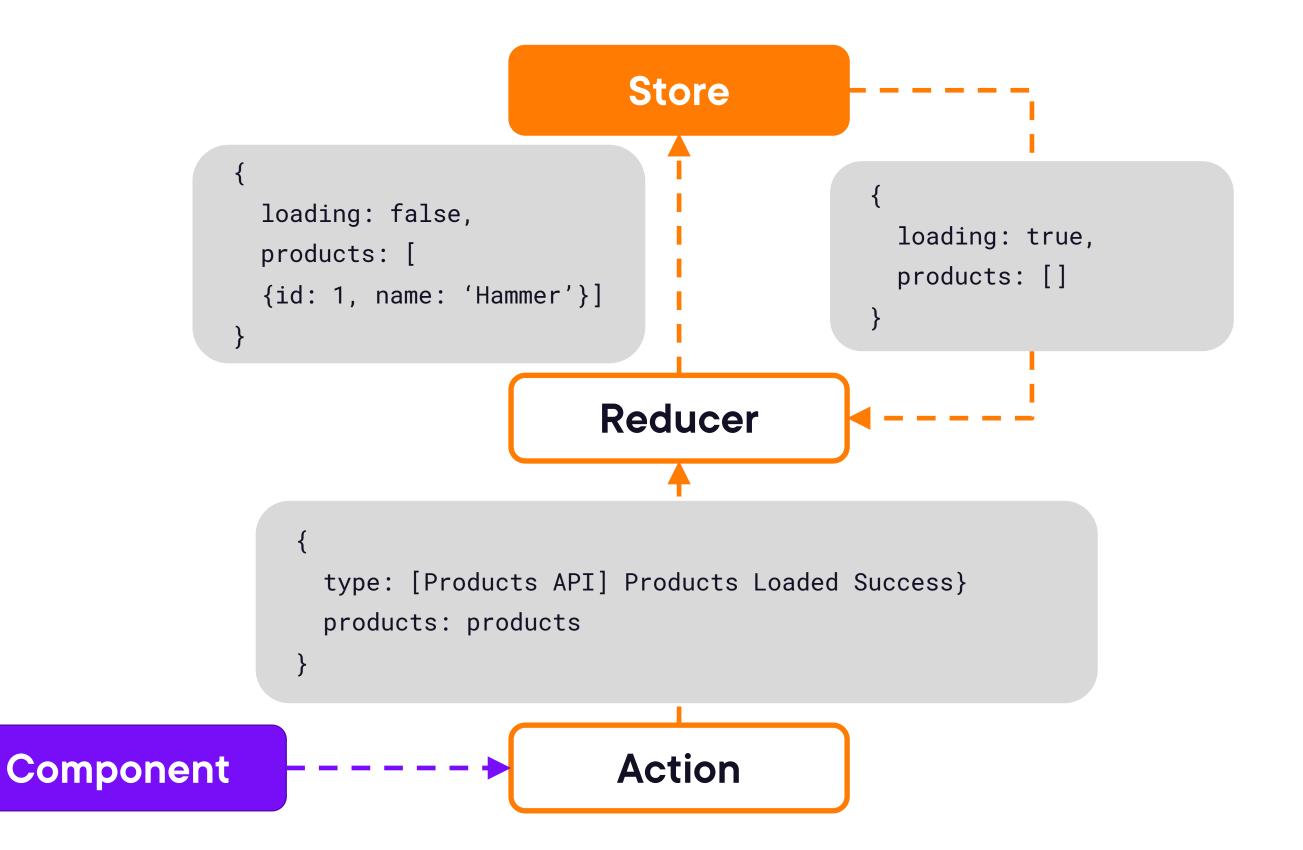
State Lifecycle – Load Products



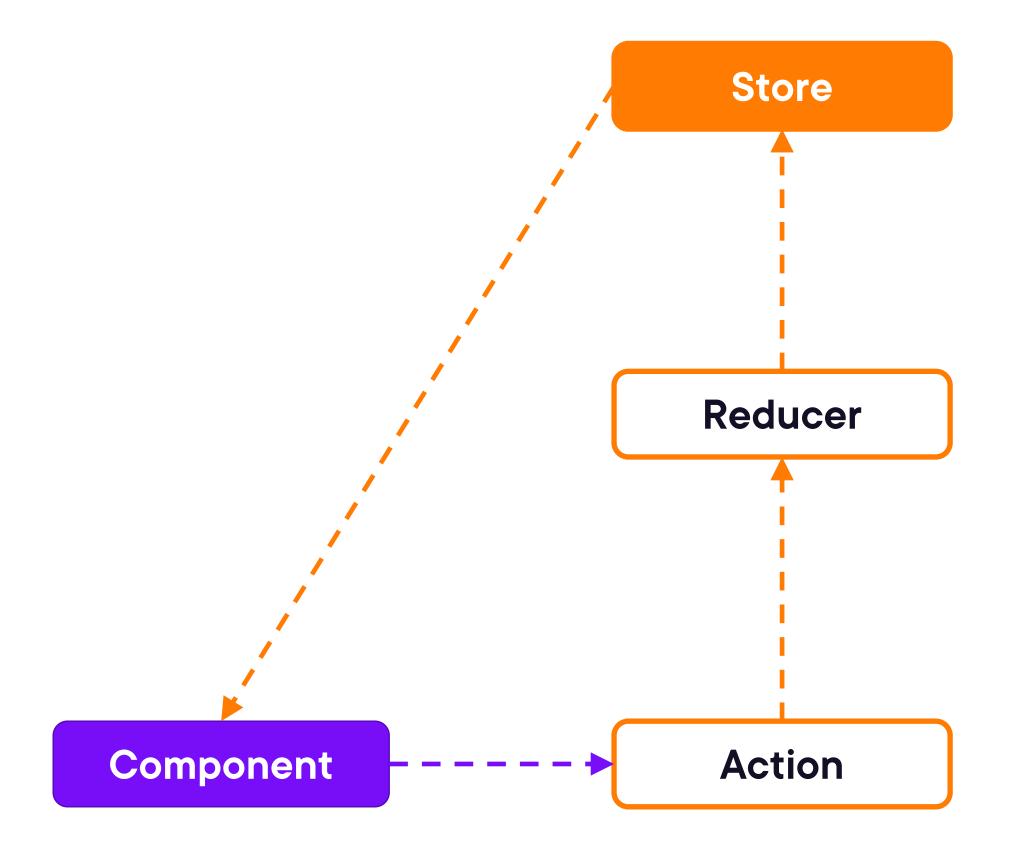
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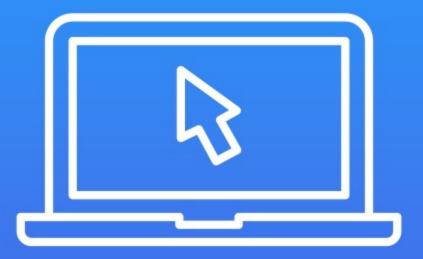
State Lifecycle - Products Loaded Success



State Lifecycle – Load Products



Demo



Adding action creators

- Create products.actions.ts file
- Add createActionGroup methods
- Swap inline to shared actions
- Update our reducer

Demo



Use load products actions

- Update products page component
- Update products reducer