Angular YouTube

The focus of this application is the display of information from the <u>Angular channel on YouTube</u> using the <u>Angular UI framework</u> and <u>Angular Material</u> components. Application state management is handled by <u>NgRedux</u>.

Project Structure

The application uses the following Angular components and services:

- MatTable the Angular Material component that displays the video data.
- VideoTableDataSource a service that provides data for the MatTable component. This class extends the DataSource class from the <u>Angular Component Development Kit</u> and obtains video data and metadata using the VideoTableService. This service also sets up an Observable loading\$ property used for displaying a MatProgressSpinner component as a data loading indicator.
- VideoTableService a service that uses Angular's HttpClient to get the video data via an HTTP Get request to the YouTube Data API. Domain model interfaces residing in the model.ts file represent the YouTube API HTTP response data containing the video information and metadata encapsulated in the YouTubeApiResponse interface. This interface contains an array of Video objects which hold the data displayed in the data table. Note that the Video.description field is truncated to 150 characters in each data table row to save space.
- MatPagination the Angular Material component used to paginate the video data displayed by the MatTable component. Metadata used by this component is contained in a YouTubeApiResponse object that populates the appropriate fields in the VideoTableDataSource service.
- VideoTableComponent a custom component that is a container for the MatTable and MatPagination components. This component and related services and models are packaged in the Angular module VideoTableModule to promote encapsulation and reusability.
- ErrorHandlerService extends the Angular ErrorHandler class to capture application errors and provide logging and a UI alert containing a non-technical message for the user if an error occurs.
- AppRoutingModule defines and sets up application routing to the VideoTableComponent as the app's default path.
- VideoDetailsComponent used to display an individual video and its details in a separate page when a row in the video table is clicked. The video is displayed in an IFRAME to allow the user to play the video published on the YouTube site.
- NgRedux a third party implementation of the Redux architectural pattern used to manage application state. The redux store is configured in AppModule to hold state defined in the AppState interface in redux/root.ts. The same file holds the reducer implementation (called rootReducer). All actions and action creators are located in the redux/actions.ts file. AppState holds the current Video object to be displayed on the video details page and a cache of API response objects keyed by pageToken used to prevent duplicate http requests for video table data. Redux action and action creators are defined as TypeScript interfaces to promote type safety. NgRedux is also configured to run the Redux Dev Tools extensions for Chrome and Firefox when the application is in development mode to aid debugging.

Project setup

To create and run the application, clone this repository (or unzip the code archive), and invoke npm install to install the project's dependencies. This and the following npm commands need to be executed in the project's root folder.

Running the Application in the Development Server

In order to run the application, you need to put a keys.js file in a project root folder named private. The file will contain your YouTube Data API key. The code in the file should look like this:

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export const secrets = {
   apikey: 'YouTube Data API key here'
};
```

Run npm start to build the application and start the development server and browse to http://localhost:4200/ to view the application. The app will automatically reload if you change any of the source files.

Running Unit Tests

Execute npm test to run the unit tests via Karma in watch mode.

Execute npm run code-coverge to run the unit tests and collect code coverage data. Once the test run is finished an HTML code coverage report can be found in code-coverage/index.html.

Running End-to-End Tests

Run npm run e2e to execute the end-to-end tests via Protractor.

Production Build

Run npm run build to build the project for production. The build artifacts will be stored in the dist/directory.

Project Scaffolding

This project was created with Angular CLI version 1.7.3.

TODOs

Additional work can be done on the project beyond its original requirements to make it more useful. This includes:

- Move the YouTube Data API key into an environmental variable set at the command line.
- Implement a logging service that connects with a server-side alerting service like Sentry.
- Create header, footer and navigation components to aid AppComponent layout and functionality.
- Use CSS media queries to adapt the layout of the video table (and any new pages) to small screens.
- Improve styling based on the application owner's design requirements.