**Documentation: Creating an Electron App from an Ionic Angular Project**

This guide outlines the steps to create an Electron application from an **Ionic Angular** project.

**Prerequisites**

1. **Node.js** and **npm** installed.
2. Existing **Ionic Angular** project.

**Steps to Create Electron App**

**Step 1: Install Required Dependencies**

Run the following commands to install Electron and other required packages:

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npm install --save-dev electron

npm install electron electron-builder concurrently --save-dev

**Step 2: Update index.html**

Modify the <base> tag in index.html located in the www folder (after the Angular build):

html

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<base href="./">

**Step 3: Create Required Files**

Create the following files in the root directory of your project:

**main.js**

This file initializes the Electron app.

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const { app, BrowserWindow } = require('electron');

const path = require('path');

function createWindow() {

const win = new BrowserWindow({

width: 800,

height: 600,

webPreferences: {

preload: path.join(\_\_dirname, 'preload.js'),

contextIsolation: true,

nodeIntegration: true,

},

});

win.loadFile(\_\_dirname + '/www/index.html'); // Serve the Angular app

}

app.on('ready', createWindow);

app.on('window-all-closed', () => {

if (process.platform !== 'darwin') app.quit();

});

app.on('activate', () => {

if (BrowserWindow.getAllWindows().length === 0) createWindow();

});

**preload.js**

This file allows safe communication between Electron and the DOM.

javascript

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window.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', () => {

const replaceText = (selector, text) => {

const element = document.getElementById(selector);

if (element) element.innerText = text;

};

for (const dependency of ['chrome', 'node', 'electron']) {

replaceText(`${dependency}-version`, process.versions[dependency]);

}

});

**Step 4: Update package.json**

Modify package.json to include Electron scripts and define the entry point:

json

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"main": "main.js",

"scripts": {

"start": "ng serve",

"build": "ng build",

"electron:start": "ng build && concurrently \"ng build --watch\" \"electron .\"",

"electron:build": "ng build && electron-builder"

}

**Step 5: Build and Run the App**

**Start Electron App for Development**

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npm run electron:start

**Build Electron App**

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npm run electron:build

**Step 6: Package as an Executable (Optional)**

To create a .exe file for Windows:

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electron-packager ./ demoIonictoAngularApp --platform=win32 --overwrite

**Step 7: Configure Electron Builder (Optional)**

For advanced configurations, add a build section in package.json or create a electron-builder.json file:

**Example build Configuration:**

json

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"build": {

"appId": "com.example.yourapp",

"productName": "YourAppName",

"directories": {

"output": "dist\_electron"

},

"files": [

"www/\*\*/\*",

"main.js"

],

"win": {

"target": "nsis"

},

"mac": {

"target": "dmg"

},

"linux": {

"target": "AppImage"

}

}

**Notes**

1. Ensure www contains your Ionic app's built files (ng build output).
2. For further Electron customizations, refer to the Electron Documentation.

This setup allows you to integrate Ionic Angular with Electron and package it as a desktop application.

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