Navigating Vue Apps with Routing

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Routing with the Vue Router

Navigating between multiple pages (aka views) while maintaining the browser's history.

https://router.vuejs.org/

Vue Router Features

Modular, component-based configuration

Navigation API

Route parameters

Links with automatic active CSS class
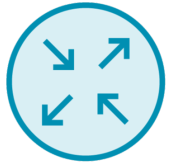
HTML5 history mode or hash mode

How do we ...

Add routing to our app and maintain browser history?

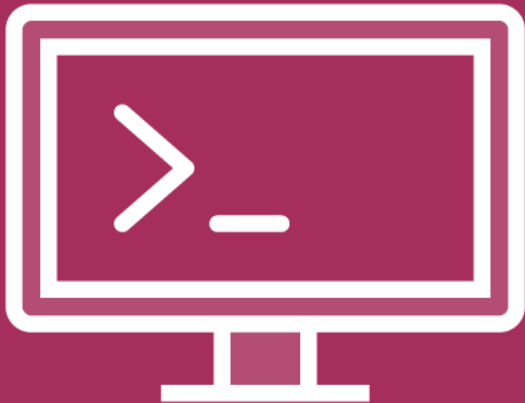Add menus and navigate to the views?

Define routes?

Pass parameters with the routes?

Eager and lazily load components?

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Adding Routing to Your App

Adding Routing to Your Vue App

1 | Add the router to your Vue app

2 | Define your routes

3 | Tell your app about the routes

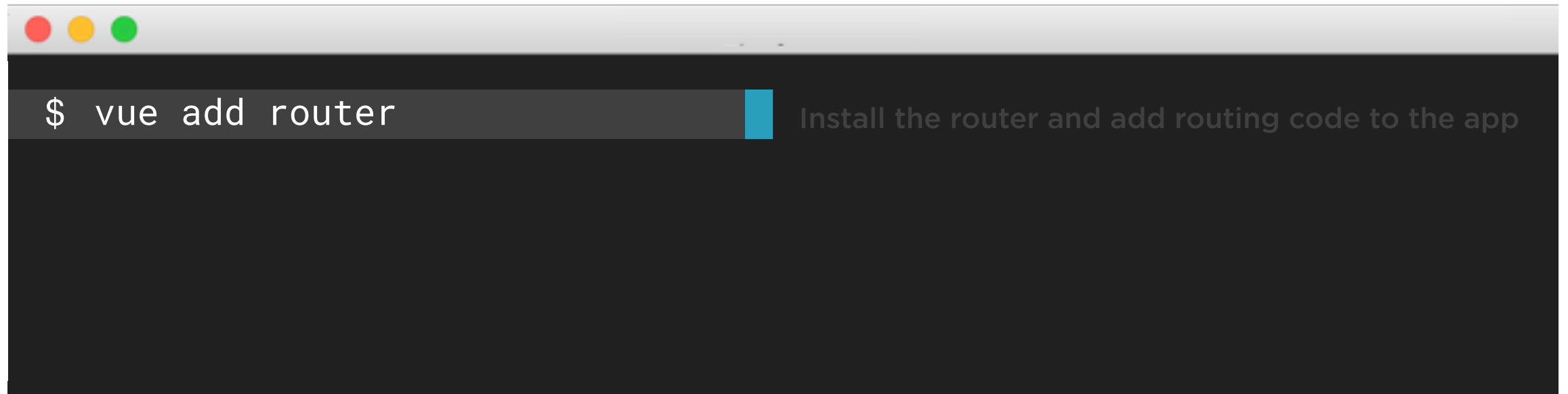4 | Add nav links and a place for the components to display

Installing the Vue Router

Easiest way is to use the Vue CLI's vue add syntax

https://router.vuejs.org/

https://cli.vuejs.org/

```
$ vue add router          Install the router and add routing code to the app
```

Add the Router to Vue

Import the route definitions

Add the routes to the app

The Vue CLI does the work for you

`vue add router`

```js
import Vue from 'vue';

import App from '@/app.vue';

import router from './router';

new Vue({

  router,

  render: h => h(App)

}).$mount('#app');
```

```
router.js

Vue.use(Router);                                    ▮  Add the router to this app


export default new Router({

  mode: 'history',                                  ▮  Enable history mode

  base: process.env.BASE_URL,

  routes: [

    { path: '/', redirect: '/heroes' },             ▮  Default route

    { path: '/heroes', name: 'heroes', component: Heroes },

    { path: '/villains', name: 'villains', component: Villains },

    { path: '*', component: NotFound }

  ]

});
```
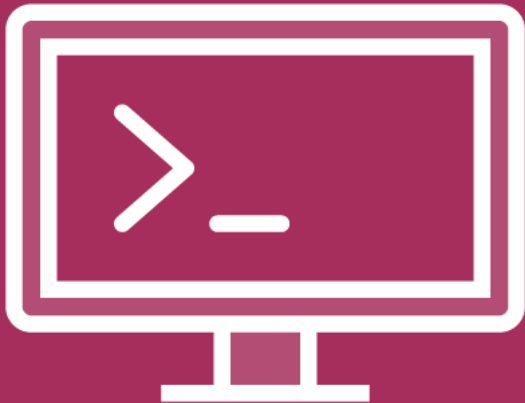
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Adding Navigation

Routing in the Template

The Vue CLI adds the <router-view> and some <router-link> components

Modify them as you need

```
app.vue
        <div id="app">

          <div id="nav">

            <router-link to="/">Villains</router-link>|

            <router-link to="/heroes">Heroes</router-link>     Navigate to this route

          </div>

        <router-view/>                                          Put the component
                                                                that you navigate to,
                                                                here
        </div>
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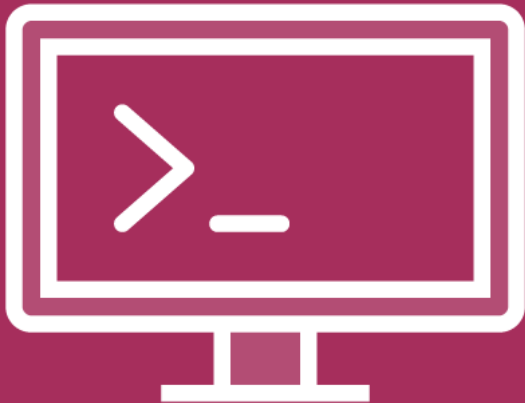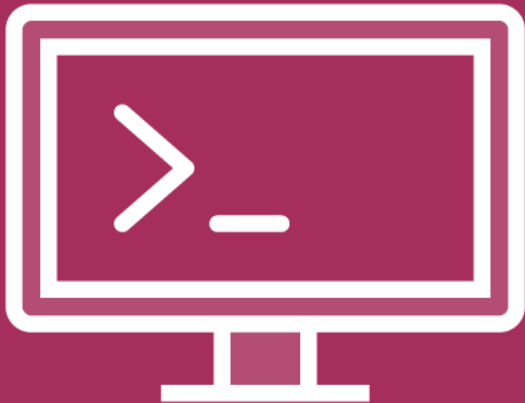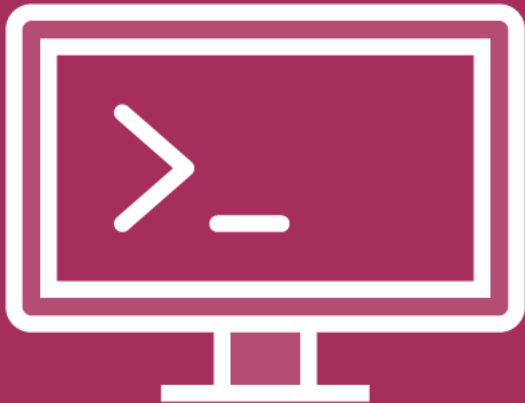
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Defining and Passing Route Parameters

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Pass Router Parameters to Props

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Eager and Lazy Loading

```
router.js
```

```javascript
{ path: '/heroes', name: 'heroes', component: Heroes },
```

Eager loading

```javascript
{
  path: '/villains', name: 'villains',
```

Dynamic import for lazy loading

```javascript
  component: () =>

    import(/* webpackChunkName: "villains" */ './views/villains.vue')
},
```

Dynamic import for lazy loading

Eager and Lazy Loading

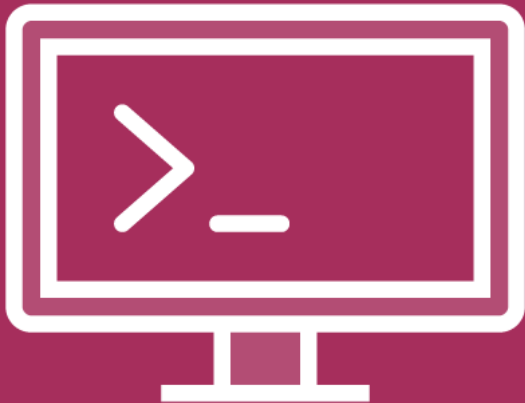**Eager loads when the app loads**

Lazy loads on demand

Lazy load routes with the import syntax

Name the "chunks" (the bundles) with inline comments
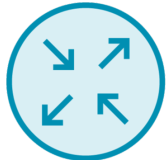
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Navigate via Code

What We Learned

Add routing with the Vue CLI

Create navigation links with <router-link>

Define route names, paths, and components in router.js

Pass parameters and receive them as props

How to eager and lazily load components

Summary

The Vue Router is simple yet powerful

Vue Dev Tools are essential for debugging

Vue Router docs https://router.vuejs.org/