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Advanced Angular using ReactiveX and Redux

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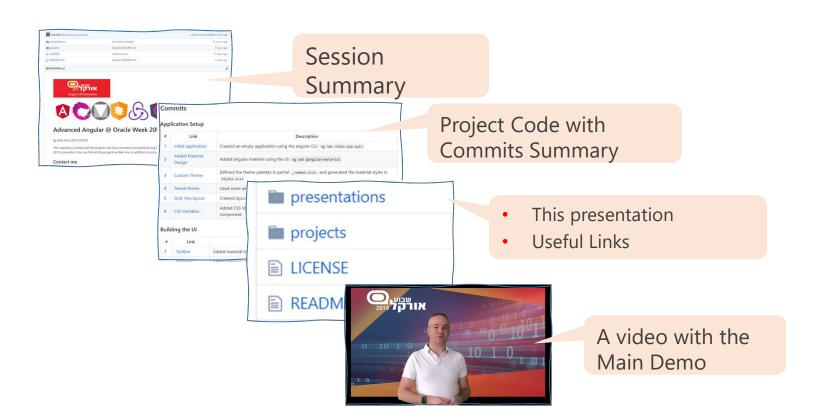






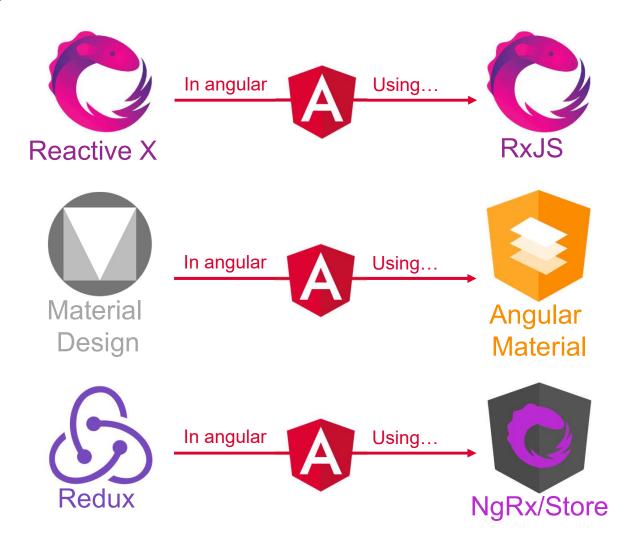
We have a GitHub Repository!

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Our Agenda:







Reactive X



Rx - Motivation

- Mostly useful when using single point of data with multiple consumers
- The traditional solution to this is using method invocation to pull data
- There are several problems with this approach:
 - · Redundancy Multiple method invocation to "calculate" the same data
 - Synchronization When should each consumer ask for data
- Reactive X moves the initiative to the producer. Instead of being asked for data, it pushes it to the consumer.
- The producer Acts, the consumer Re-acts.
- Hence Reactive...



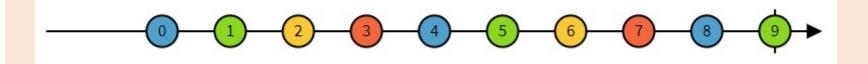
Some Buzzwords

- Observer Pattern
- Iterator Pattern
- Asynchronous Development



Streams

A Stream is a sequence of events describing the state of a single data over time.



- Streams may end successfully
- Streams may end in failure
- Streams may never end…



Observers

An Observer<T> is an object that get's notified regarding a stream of <T>. Notifications are done using the following methods

Next(value: T)	called to notify the observer of the new value of the data
Complete()	called to indicate that the stream is over – so the value will no longer change
Error(err: any)	called to indicate that there is something wrong with the stream – and that there will be no more events, but for a bad reason

 Of course, Observer<T> is an interface to be implemented so your object may be called about a stream.



Observable<T>

An Observable<T> is an object that allows multiple Observers<T> to subscribe.

Subscribe(observer: Observer<T>)

Subscribe another observer



Warm and Cold Observables

- An Observable is lazy
- It does not really start unless you subscribe.
- In fact the only logic you can provide into an observable is on the subscribe callback

A "Cold" Observable is an that relies on subscribers to start producing events

A "Warm" Observable produces the same events regardless of subscriptions





DEMO Observables



Demo Conclusions:

- You can not run any logic in an observable, except that one that decides how to treat new observers when they subscribe.
- This is the **only way to access observers** and raise events.
- Cold Observables will only execute when they are subscribed to.
- And they will re-execute every time they are subscribed again.



Is it like promises?

- Well yes and no.
- A promise is like an observable that only throws one next, and always throws complete right after the single next.
- In a way love (rxjs) is a promise that lasts forever 😂
- Oh and promises are not lazy... they run code as soon as the promise is created even if it is never listened to. ("then"-ed to)





Observables may send different events to each observer

Accessing an observer is possible only in the constructor

A constructed observer is "read only". You can subscribe to it, but you can not emit events



Subjects

A Subject is an observable that allows you to emit events.

It is both an Observable and an Observer at the same time



- When you call "next", "complete" or "error", it sends the event to all subscribed observers
- In a way, it is like a writeable observable
- Is it a "cold" or "warm" observable?



Behavior Subject

- BehaviorSubject<T> extends Subject<T>
- When subscribed to, it emits the latest event to the subscriber
- Ideal for storing variable state
- Requires an initial value on constructor (why?)
- Has a Value property you can use to get the value of the latest event.





DEMOSubjects



Unsubscribe!

- Consider a specific scenario
 - Single service
 - Component subscribes to service
 - Component gets destroyed and re-created many times
- Service observable now points to component (in the callback)
- It accumulates callbacks
- Memory leaks
- Probably even more problematic: performance leaks
- Possibly also problematic responses to changes
- Some services do not require unsubscribe:
 - http
 - activatedRoute





Async Pipe

- A new method of development where you bind directly to the observables in the component.
- It Subscribes and Unsubscribes for you which avoids memory leaks
- Also works with promises



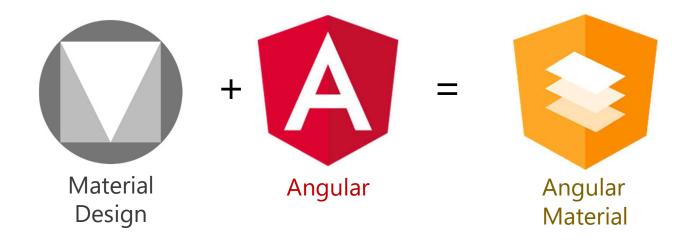


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Material Design

with @angular/material







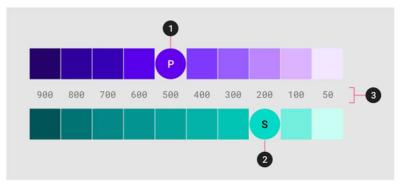
Material Design

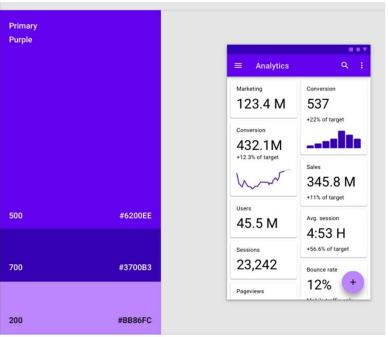
- A set of well-defined design guidelines
- Developed by Google on 2014
- Summarized in a detail web site: https://material.io/design/
- Defines:
 - Color system (themes and palettes)
 - Icons
 - Fonts
 - Standard Margins, shadows, and corner radiuses
 - Animations
 - A set of component designs



The Color System

- Themes are defined using:
 - A primary color palette
 - A Secondary (accent) color palette
 - Dark / Light
- The 3 parameters yield a set of reusable colors:

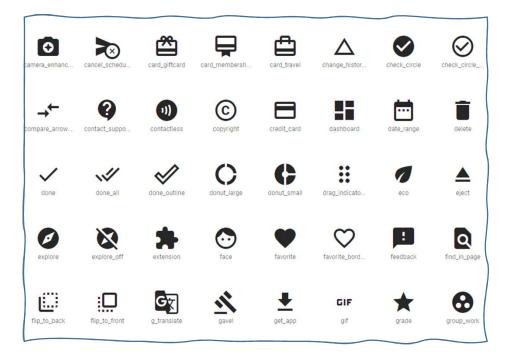






Icons

- Material Design defines how icons are to be created
- It also comes with a (large) set of predefined icons







Angular Material

- An implementation of Material Design as Angular Components.
- Uses Sass to define themes and standard classes.
- Uses another package called "CDK" to develop the components
- We are also able to use the same package to extend the components library





Angular Material

• Includes a large set of the "Material Design"

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Simple placeholder *

Components including:

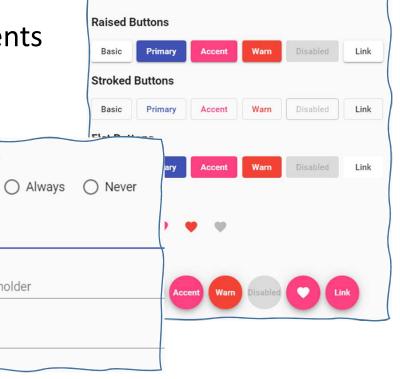
Form Controls

Text with a badge

Icon with a badge

Button with a badge on the left

- Cards and other layout components
- Buttons and Indicators
- Supports popups and dialogs



Basic Buttons





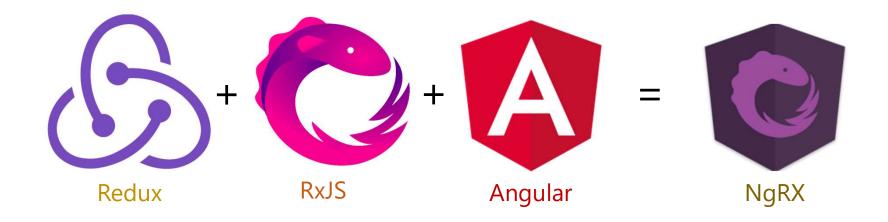
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Building UI



Redux

with @ngrx/store





Our Goal

- Understand Redux
- Understand how to combine Redux with Angular
- Understand how combining the two can improve performance



Our Objective

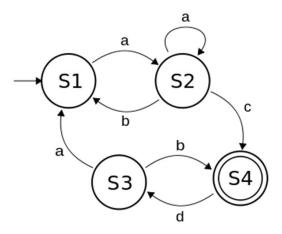
- Following our Redux lesson, our objective:
 - Create a Popup Quiz app
 - Entire app with chage detection strategy OnPush



What is a State

- In college at automation course we learned about Finitestate machine (FSA)
- FSA is a mathematical model of computation
- FSA can be in one state out of a group of final states at any given time
- FSA can transition to a new state based on certain change in input

Can we look at our frontend application as an FSA?

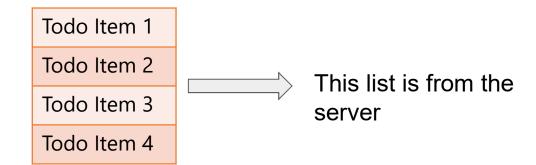


What can be the cause of a transition in state in a frontend web app?



Todo App State

- In our todo app we have a component that displays the list of todo items
- At the beginning, the list is empty and we query the server for the list of items
- After the server return our response we display the list of tasks
- The todo list component looks like this:



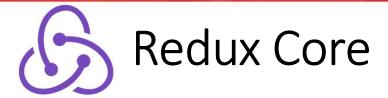




What is Redux

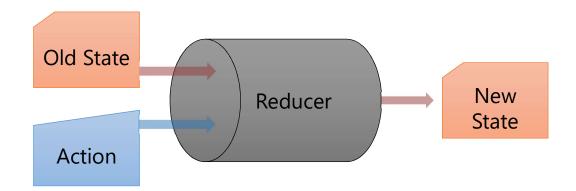
- Predictable state container for JS apps
- Using redux we have a single object holding the state of our app which is called store
- The state in the store can be an Object, Array, Primitive but it's highly recommended that it will be **immutable**
- The only way to change the state is by calling a method on the store called **dispatch**
 - store.dispatch(action)
- An action is a simple object describing what happened
- The store decides how the state will change using a pure function called reducer
- The reducer answers the questions How does the state change?
 - (state, action) => state



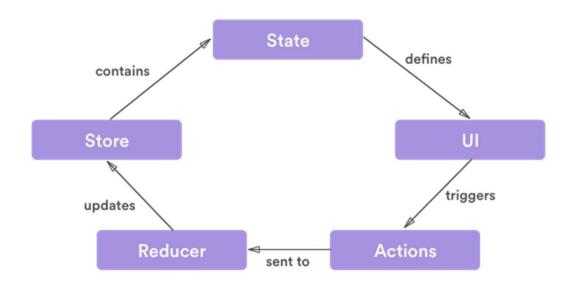


Redux core concepts are:

- Actions
- Reducers
- Store









Actions and Action creators

- Action is a simple JS Object
- The action needs to hold the following information
 - identifier of the action (string)
 - data associated with the action
 - o example: {type: 'SET_LOADING', payload: true }
- Action creator is a pure function which returns an action
- The latest NgRx provides action creators

```
function setIsLoading(isLoading) {
    return {type: 'SET_LOADING', payload: isLoading};
}
Which action creators do you think our
    Todo app requires?
```



Reducers

- Reducers are functions that apply action to create a new state
- Reducers are **pure** functions
- Reducers get the current state and action as arguments
- The reducer need to decide based on the action and the current state what the next state will be
- The state has to be **immutable**.
- When our state grows if we use only a single reducer the reducer will be huge so it is better to split the state to sections and also split the reducers
- Redux has a function called combineReducers to help us split the app and make each reducer in charge of certain section of the state



combineReducers

- When our state grows so will our single reducer
- We want to split the state to logical sections
- Let's say our quiz application will need to hold information about the current user
- We will create another reducer that will handle the user info and combine those reducers with the combineReducers function.
- The latest NgRx has an alternative which is easier for lazy loaded feature modules



Store

- there is a single store in redux application
- the store holds the state of our app
- to create the store we use createStore
 - o createStore(reducers, initialState)
- we need to pass to the createStore the combined reducers and optional initial state
- Let's create our store



Redux dev tools

- one of the strong features of redux is the ease of testing and ease of development
- you have a state and the app should behave according to the state
- for development purpose it's better if we can easily examine the current state and all the actions that got us to this state
- there is an easy to use browser extension:
 - https://github.com/zalmoxisus/redux-devtools-extension
- to install the devtool extension:
 - ng add @ngrx/store-devtools



Combining with Angular

 Now that we know what Redux is, lets try and combine Angular and redux together using @ngrx/store







What is @ngrx/store

- state management for Angular applications inspired by redux
- we select items from the state and get them as observables
- we then use async pipe to display them in the components
- async pipe will cause a re-render even if the component is in change strategy on push
- install with ng add:

ng add @ngrx/store



Store as a Module

- Similar to how we placed routing in separate modules, we will do the same with our state
- Each module which needs to add items to our state will have that logic in a store module
 - o app-store will contain store module for the root module
 - **user-store -** will contain store module for the feature module called user
- Inside each module we can split the reducers based on logical sections



Actions

- Let's start by implementing our actions
- We will use the createAction function.
- We will define the action payload using the props function.
- We will also use typescript grouping to group them under a single alias



Selectors

- Selectors are used to create pre-built reusable queries
- We will use the createFeatureSelector function to create a selector that queries the entire "slice" or "feature" of the store.
- We will use the createSelector function to create a selector that queries a specific piece of data from the store.
- We will also use typescript grouping to group them under a single alias



Reducer

- We will define an interface that describes the section of the state that the reducer is in charge of
- We will define our initial state
- Create our reducer as a pure function with using the "on" function.
- The pure function will use the types defined in the action file



Store Module

- We will call StoreModule.forRoot to create our store
- It will get the reducer map we created before
- For lazy loaded module their state will be lazy loaded as well and we will call the function StoreModule.forFeature
- We will add our store module to the app module
- We can now inject the store to our services and components



Components

- Inject the store to the components
- We can use the store.dispatch method to invoke actions.
- We can use the store.select method to use selectors and create observables.
- We will use the async pipe to display that observable



Summary

- With redux we can manage the state of our app
- The only way to change the state is by calling store.dispatch(action)
- Reducers will decide how the state changes
- As a best practice, we will use selectors to access the data using observables.
- Combining Angular and redux is a powerful tool which gives us
 - More testable app
 - Better performance
 - Easier management of the data of our app





DEMO Logic and Data using NgRx Store



Thank You



