React in Angular

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Overview

- React components can be used in Angular apps!
- Even in ones created with the Angular CLI
 - npm install -g @angular/cli
 - ng new my-app
 - cd my-app
 - ng serve
 - browse localhost: 4200

npm Installs

- Core React library
 - npm install react
- React library for DOM rendering
 - npm install react-dom
- React library for specifying "prop types"
 - npm install prop-types
 - could also use Flow or TypeScript
- Babel for transpiling React code containing JSX
 - npm install -D babel-cli
- Babel preset plugin
 - npm install -D babel-preset-env
 - "automatically determines the Babel plugins you need based on your supported environments"
- Babel JSX plugin
 - npm install -D babel-plugin-transform-react-jsx

Babel Setup

Create .babelrc file at project root

Add npm script to run babel on all React component source files

```
"react-build": "babel 'src/react/**/*.jsx' -d .",
```

- only runs on .jsx files under src/react
- creates .js files in same directory that can be imported into Angular source files
 - don't check these into version control

Example React Component

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src/react/hello.jsx

```
import * as React from 'react';
import PropTypes from 'prop-types';

export class Hello extends React.Component {
   render() {
     return <h1>Hello, {this.props.name}!</h1>;
   }
}

Hello.propTypes = {
   name: PropTypes.string.isRequired
};
```

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src/react/react-util.js ...

```
import * as React from 'react';
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
/**
 * This creates a custom element that uses a
 * Web Component to wrap a given a React component
 * @param {Object} customElementName the name of the custom element to be created
 * @param {Object} reactComponent the React component to be rendered
 * @param {string[]} propNames an array of prop names used by the React component
export function createCustomElement(
 customElementName,
 reactComponent,
 propNames
 class ReactWebComponent extends HTMLElement {
    constructor() {
      super();
      const shadow = this.attachShadow({mode: 'open'});
      this.mountPoint = document.createElement('span');
      shadow.appendChild(this.mountPoint);
      this.props = {};
```

... src/react/react-util.js

```
static get observedAttributes() {
    return propNames;
  attributeChangedCallback(name, oldValue, newValue) {
    this.props[name] = newValue;
    this.render();
  connectedCallback() {
    Array.from(this.attributes).forEach(
      a => (this.props[a.name] = a.value)
    );
    this.render();
  render() {
    const reactElement = React.createElement(reactComponent, this.props);
    ReactDOM.render(reactElement, this.mountPoint);
customElements.define(customElementName, ReactWebComponent);
```

Web Components ...

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- Can wrap a React component in a Web Component that become custom elements
- To enable use of custom elements in an Angular app,
 add the highlighted parts below in src/app/app.module.ts

```
import {BrowserModule} from '@angular/platform-browser';
import {NgModule, CUSTOM_ELEMENTS_SCHEMA} from '@angular/core';
import {AppComponent} from './app.component';

@NgModule({
   declarations: [AppComponent],
   imports: [BrowserModule],
   providers: [],
   bootstrap: [AppComponent],
   schemas: [CUSTOM_ELEMENTS_SCHEMA]
})
export class AppModule {}
```

... Web Components

- To create custom elements that use Web Components to render a React components
 - create src/react/index.js

```
import {createCustomElement} from './react-util';
import {Hello} from './hello';
// Can import more React components.

createCustomElement('x-hello', Hello, ['name']);
// Can create more custom elements.
```

- import this in src/app/app.module.ts to make the custom elements available import '../react';
- To use the custom elements, add lines like the following in some .html file where they should be rendered

```
<x-hello name="Tami"></x-hello>
```

Steps to Run

- npm run react-build
 - to compile all the React .jsx files to .js files
- npm start
 - to start a local Angular web server
- browse localhost: 4200

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