

Implement Interactions Between Angular Components







Practice

 Practice: Create an Angular application with multiple components to add and view data





Points to Remember

- The boilerplate code contains the basic Angular application code with app component and app module.
 - The components need to be created in the same code.
- Components should be rendered based on the component hierarchy designed.
- Avoid usage of the type any to declare variables/constants.
- Unused code should be removed from the solution.



Instructions for Practice

- <u>Click here</u> for the boilerplate.
- Read the README.md file in the boilerplate for further instructions about the practice.
- Fork the boilerplate into your own workspace.
- Clone the boilerplate into your local system.
- Open command terminal and set the path to the folder containing the cloned boilerplate code.
- Run the command npm install to install the dependencies.
- Open the folder containing the boilerplate code in VS Code.
- Complete the solution in the given partial code provided in the boilerplate.

Notes:

The solution of this practice will undergo an automated evaluation on hobbes. (Local testing is recommended prior to hobbes testing)

The test cases are available in the boilerplate.







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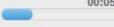
An application called Contact-Gallery needs to be developed that should allow the users to manage their contact details. It should allow its users to add a new contact as well as view the existing contacts.

This application should be developed as a single page application (SPA) using multiple components.

Note: The tasks to develop the solution are given in the upcoming slide.



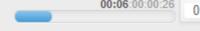




Tasks

- To develop the solution for the Contact-Gallery application, following tasks need to be completed:
 - Task 1: Create components for the Contact-Gallery application.
 - Task 2: Display the existing contacts.
 - Task 3: A dd a new contact.

Note: The details of the tasks listed above are provided in the upcoming slides

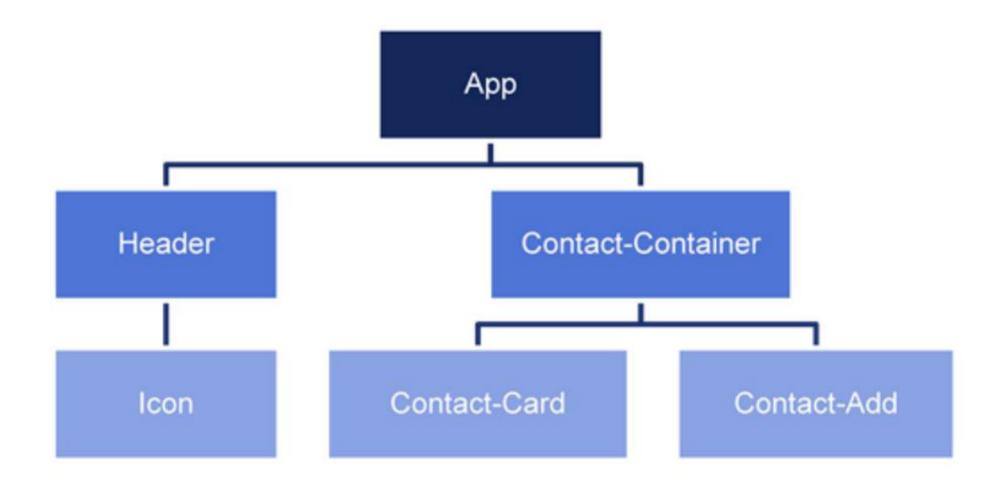


Task 1: Create Components for the Contact-Gallery Application

Note: The boilerplate code contains an Angular application named Contact-Gallery created using the Angular CLI command, ng new contact-gallery.

Modify the application code as per the steps given below:

Step 1: Create components as shown in the component hierarchy diagram below:





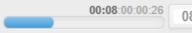


Task 1: Create Components for the Contact-Gallery Application (Cont'd.)

To create the components, use Angular CLI command:

```
ng generate component <component-name> or ng g c <component-name>
Note:
```

- The names of the components should match with the names displayed in the hierarchy diagram. (this is the requirement of the test code, failing to do so shall lead to test failure)
- Delete the existing code from the app.component.html file.
- Step 2: Render the components using component selector as per the hierarchy.
 - App component should render Header and Contact-Container components.
 - Header component should render Icon component.
 - Contact-Container component should render Contact-Card and Contact-Add components.



Task 1: Create Components for the Contact-Gallery Application (Cont'd.)

- Step 3: Design Header and Icon components to display the application title and a settings icon.
 - The image for Settings icon is provided in the assets folder.
 - The code snippets to design these components are given below:

```
<input type="text" placeholder="Enter Search Text">
Search Component
<img src="../../assets/settings.png">
Icon Component
```

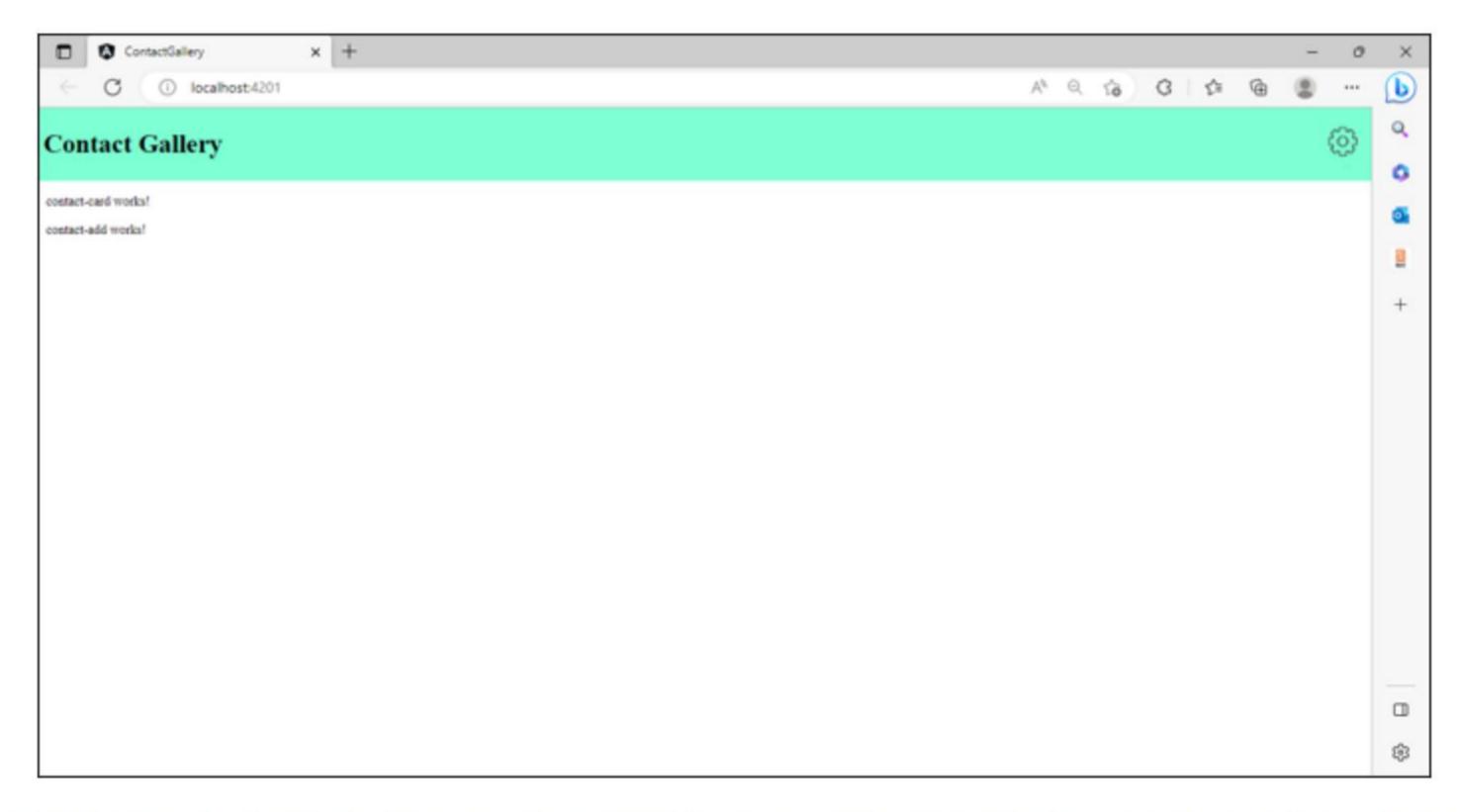
```
<div id="header">
    <h1>Contact Gallery</h1>
    <app-icon></app-icon>
</div>
```

Header Component





Expected Sample Output

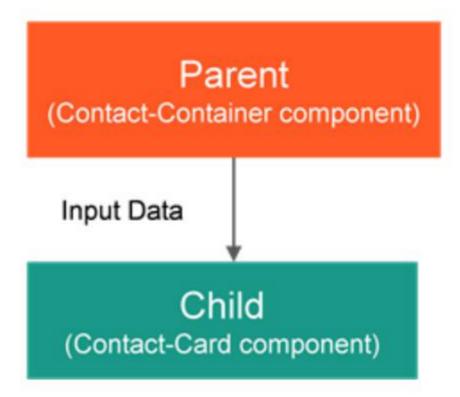


Note: The CSS effects shown in the sample output image can be modified as per learner's preference.



Task 2: Display the Existing Contacts

Modify the Contact-Gallery application code to design a view that displays the contacts stored in the contacts.ts file. The diagram below shows the interaction between the Contact-Container and Contact-Add components for implementing the display functionality.



- Step 1: Create folder with the name models under the app folder of the Contact-Gallery code.
- Step 2: Copy the contacts.ts and contact.ts files from the resources folder provided with the boilerplate code.
 - The CONTACTS array, defined in the contacts.ts file under the models folder, stores object of type Contact. The type Contact is defined in the contact.ts file under the models folder.





- Step 3: In the Contact-Card component, declare a property named contact of type Contact and adorn it with @Input() decorator to mark it as the input property.
 - Make sure that the type Contact is imported from the file contact.ts located inside the models folder.
 - Also, make sure that the decorator Input is imported from the @angular/core package.
 - The input property contact will receive the contact data passed by the parent component Contact-Container.

```
import { Contact } from '../models/contact';
@Component({
...
})
export class ContactCardComponent implements OnInit {

@Input() contact?: Contact;
constructor() { }
ngOnInit(): void { }
}
```



Step 4: In the template of the Contact-Card component, render the contact details available with the contact property.

```
<div class="card">
    <h3>{{contact?.firstName}}.{{contact?.lastName}}</h3>
    <h4>{{contact?.email}}</h4>
    <h4>{{contact?.contactNo}}</h4>
</div>
```



- Step 5: Declare property contacts in the .ts file of the Contact-Container component.
 - The contacts property should be of the type Contact array.
 - Make sure that the type Contact is imported from the file contact.ts located inside the models folder.
- Step 6: Assign the data of CONTACTS array declared in the contacts.ts file to the contacts property of the Contact-Container component.

Make sure that the CONTACTS array is imported from the file contacts.ts located inside the

models folder.

```
import { Contact } from '../models/contact';
import { CONTACTS } from '../models/contacts';
@Component({
export class ContactContainerComponent {
  contacts: Contact[] = CONTACTS;
  constructor() { }
```



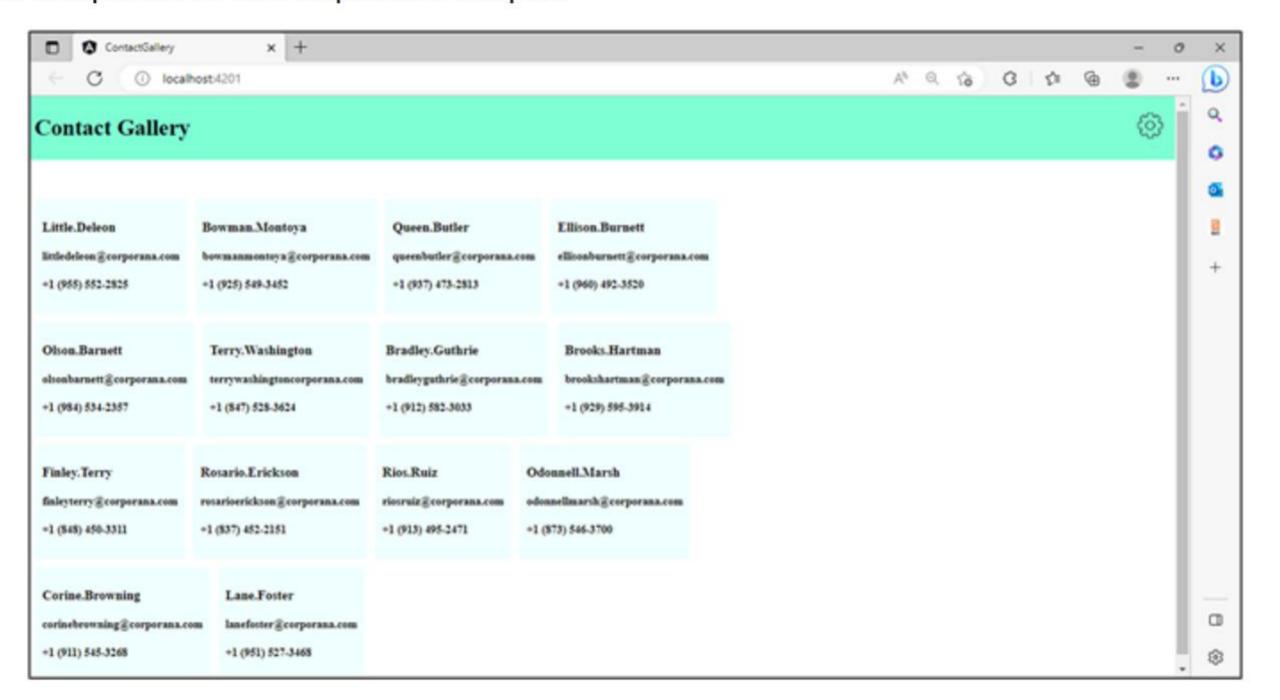
- Step 7: On the template of the Contact-Container component (.html file), iterate through the
 contacts property using the *ngFor directive.
 - At each iteration, the Contact-Container component should render the Contact-Card component providing a contact object as the input to the contact property of the Contact-Card component using property binding.





Expected Sample Output

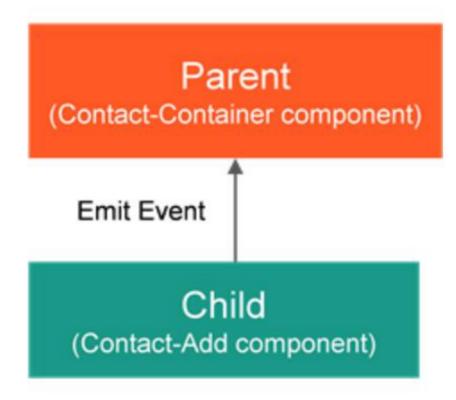
- Display the contact details of each contact data in grid layout.
- Below is a snapshot of the expected output:



Note: Styling the contact data is optional.

Task 3: Add a New Contact

Enhance the Contact-Gallery application to add the details of a new contact using the Contact-Add component. The diagram below shows the interaction between the Contact-Add and the Contact-Container components for implementing the add functionality.



The steps to implement the add functionality are given below:

- Step 1: Declare the output property contactAdded in the class of the Contact-Add component.
- Step 2: Define the method addContact() in the class of the Contact-Add component.



 Step 3: In the body of the addContact() method, the contactAdded event should be emitted with the contact data.

```
import { Component, OnInit, Input, Output, EventEmitter } from '@angular/core';
import { Contact } from '../models/contact';
@Component({
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export class ContactAddComponent implements OnInit {
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 contact: Contact = {};
 @Output()
 contactAdded: EventEmitter<any> = new EventEmitter<any>();
 constructor() { }
 ngOnInit(): void { }
 addContact() {
    this.contactAdded.emit(this.contact);
```

- Step 4: Add the following in the template of the Contact-Add component:
 - Input fields to accept the contact's first name, last name, email and contact number details.
 - A button that should call the addContact() method when it is clicked.

- Step 5: In the class of the Contact-Container component, define the method onContactAdded() which will be called to handle the contactAdded event.
 - The handler method should accept contact data passed by the child component using \$event argument.
 - The handler method should update the contacts property with newly added contact details and raise an alert with the message "Contact Added".

```
// import statements
@Component({ ... })
export class ContactContainerComponent implements OnInit {
  contacts: Contact[] = CONTACTS;
 constructor() { }
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 ngOnInit(): void { }
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 onContactAdded($event:any) {
   this.contacts.push($event);
    alert(`Contact Added`);
```



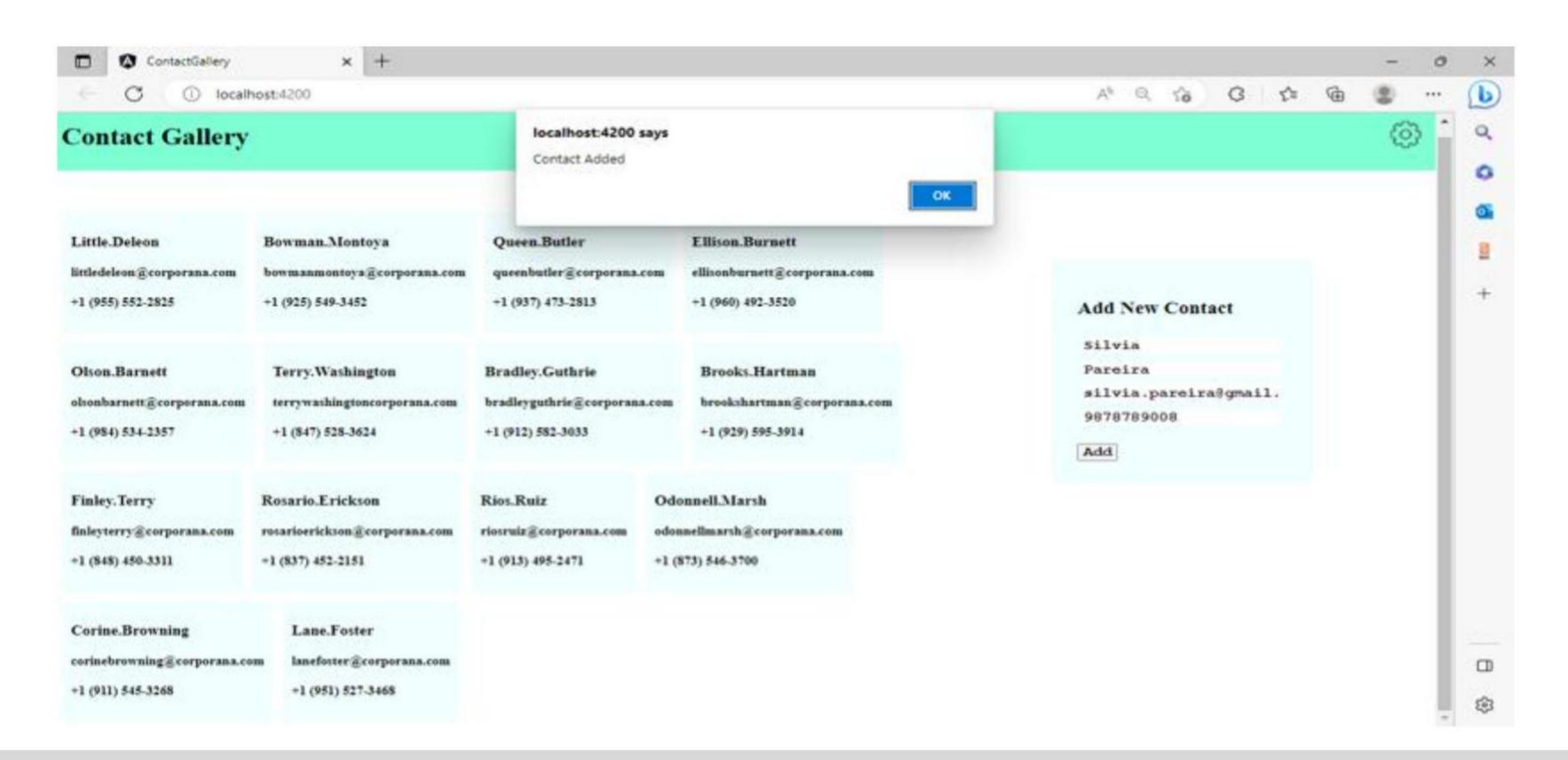
Step 6: In the template of the Contact-Container component, while rendering the Contact-Add component, call the onContactAdded() method to listen to and handle the contactAdded event.

```
<div id="contact-container">
    <div id="contact-cards">
        <app-contact-card class="contact-card"</pre>
            *ngFor="let contact of contacts" [contact]="contact">
        </app-contact-card>
    </div>
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    <app-contact-add (contactAdded)="onContactAdded($event)">
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</div>
```



Expected Sample Output with Alert Box

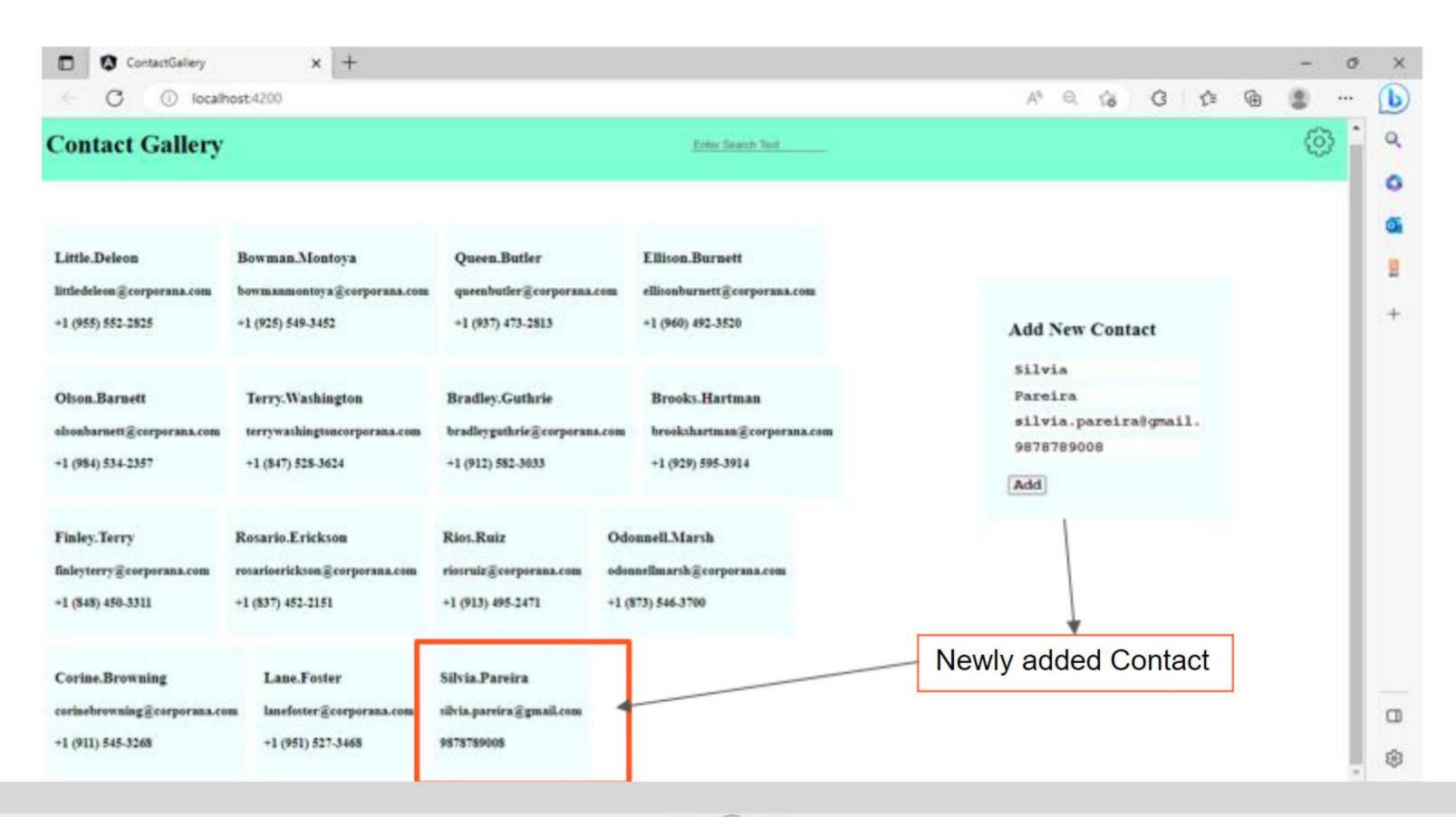
Below is a snapshot of the expected output:





Expected Sample Output with Added Contact

Below is a snapshot of the expected output:



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Test the Solution Locally

Test the solution first locally and then on hobbes. Steps to test the code locally are:

- From the command line terminal, set the path to the folder containing cloned boilerplate code.
- Run the command ng test or npm run test to test the solution locally and ensure all the test cases pass.
- Refactor the solution code if the test cases are failing and do a re-run.
- Finally, push the solution to git for automated testing on hobbes.