Angular2

GitHub: <https://github.com/lightforsin/angular-seed>

Commands:

1. **npm install** 🡪 installs dependencies
2. **npm start** 🡪 starts the server

All dependencies and possible npm commands can be found in the *packages.json* file.

# The index.html file

<!-- 1. Load libraries -->

<!-- IE required polyfills, in this exact order -->

<script src="node\_modules/es6-shim/es6-shim.min.js"></script>

<script src="node\_modules/systemjs/dist/system-polyfills.js"></script>

<script src="node\_modules/angular2/bundles/angular2-polyfills.js"></script>

<script src="node\_modules/systemjs/dist/system.src.js"></script>

<script src="node\_modules/rxjs/bundles/Rx.js"></script>

<script src="node\_modules/angular2/bundles/angular2.dev.js"></script>

<!-- 2. Configure SystemJS -->

<script>

System.config({

packages: {

app: {

format: 'register',

defaultExtension: 'js'

}

}

});

System.import('app/boot')

.then(null, console.error.bind(console));

</script>

<!-- 3. Display the application -->

<body>

<my-app>Loading...</my-app>

</body>

# boot.ts

import {bootstrap} from 'angular2/platform/browser'

import {AppComponent} from './app.component'

bootstrap(AppComponent);

# course.service.ts

export class CourseService {

getCourses(): string[] {

return ["Course 1", "Course 2", "Course 4"];

}

}

# auto-grow.directive.ts

import {Directive, ElementRef, Renderer} from 'angular2/core';

// **ElementRef (service)** is used for getting access to the **host** element.

// **Renderer (service)**, used for modifying elements

@Directive({ // directive decorator

selector: '[autoGrow]', // the [ ] means it will be applied as an HTML attribute (e.g. <input autoGrow />)

host: { // subscribe to events raised by this element

'(focus)': 'onFocus()', // when the **focus** event is fired, the onFocus() method is called

'(blur)': 'onBlur()' //\* events are placed between parentheses

}

})

export class AutoGrowDirective {

constructor(private el: ElementRef, private renderer: Renderer){

// when using “private” before the argument, the TS compiler automatically creates the **el** and **renderer** fields within the class

};

onFocus() {

this.renderer.setElementStyle(this.el.nativeElement, 'width', '200');

}

onBlur() {

this.renderer.setElementStyle(this.el.nativeElement, 'width', '120');

}

}

# courses.component.ts

import {Component} from 'angular2/core';

import {CourseService} from './course.service';

@Component({ // attribute, metadata, annotation 🡪 Component decorator

selector: 'courses', // the actual HTML tag 🡪 <courses>

template: `

<h2>Courses</h2>

{{ title }} // interpolation (one-way binding)

<ul>

<li \*ngFor="#course of courses">{{course}}</li> // iterating through a collection

</ul>`,

providers: [CourseService] // declaring dependencies

})

export class CoursesComponent { // exposing the component through “export”

title: string = "Course title";

courses: string[];

constructor(courseService: CourseService) { // dependency injection 🡪 the courseService is injected in the constructor

this.courses = courseService.getCourses();

};

}

# app.component.ts

import {Component} from 'angular2/core';

import {CoursesComponent} from './courses.component'; // importing component

@Component({

selector: 'my-app', // usage: <my-app>

template: '<h1>AJS 2 app</h1><courses></courses>',

directives: [CoursesComponent] // declaring directive dependencies

})

export class AppComponent { }

**Decorators**

They are prefixed with @.

They are functions and must be called as one, passing it a JSON object:

**Conventions**

A component should be named like: **<name>.component**

A service should be named like: **<name>.service**

A directive should be named like: **<name>.directive**

**Other aspects**

Each class is considered a module. That’s why we need to “export” classes to be used in other modules.

A component (@Component) has a template.

A directive (@Directive) does NOT have a template.

*Import {CoursesComponent} from ‘./courses.component’;* 🡪 “**./**” means “current folder”

The HTML template can be written on multiple lines if used between `` (so NOT ‘’)

*template: `*

*<h2>Courses</h2>*

*{{ title }}`*

**Binding**

The following *img* tags do the same thing:

template: `

<img src="{{ imageUrl }}" /> // recommended when displaying text

<img [src]="imageUrl" /> // this is the preferred way for DOM properties

<img bind-src="imageUrl" />`

**Class binding**

<button class="btn btn-primary" [class.active]="isActive">Submit</button>

// *isActive* is a bool property of the components’ class

**Style binding**

<button class="btn btn-primary" [style.backgroundColor]="isActive ? 'blue' : 'gray'">Submit</button>

**Event binding**

We use () for event binding and [] for property binding.

<button (click)="onClick()">Submit 1</button>

<button on-click="onClick()">Submit 2</button>

onClick($event) {

$event.stopPropagation();

console.log("Button clicked", $event);

}

**Two-way binding**

<input type="text" [value]="title" /> 🡪 one-way binding

<input type="text" [(ngModel)]="title" /> 🡪 two-way binding

<input type="text" bindon-ngModel="title" /> 🡪 two-way binding

**The component API**

Input properties

1st method:

import {Input} from 'angular2/core';

export class FavoriteComponent {

@Input() title: string; 🡪 the “title” property is exposed by declaring it as @Input()

}

This property can be assigned to in the HTML using property binding:

template: `<favorite [title]="the title"></favorite>`

We can also use an alias for the property:

@Input(‘alias-title’) title: string;

This way, we bind the property via the alias: <favorite [alias-title]="the title"></favorite>

2nd method:

@Component({

selector: '…',

template: ‘…’

inputs: ['isFavorite'] 🡪 simply specify the input properties inside the *inputs* array

})

export class FavoriteComponent {

*isFavorite*: boolean = false;

}

This method also allows aliases:

inputs: ['isFavorite: is-favorite'] 🡪 the alias is “is-favorite”

The downside with method 2 is the ‘magic strings’: inputs are strings, not actual entities

Output properties

The syntax is very similar to the Input properties, just use “Output” instead of “Input”. The aliases also work in the same manner.

import {Output} from 'angular2/core';

export class FavoriteComponent {

@Output() title: string; 🡪 the “title” property is exposed by declaring it as @Output()

}

Or the second method:

@Component({

selector: '…',

template: ‘…’

outputs: ['isFavorite'] 🡪 simply specify the input properties inside the *inputs* array

})

Templates

The template can be supplied via an external html template. Inside the component this needs to be specified in the “templateUrl” property and the path needs to be relative to the **root** of the website.

Downside: an extra HTTP request is needed for the HTML.

Styles

@Component({

selector: 'favorite',

styles: [`

.glyphicon-star {

color: orange;

}

`]

})

**!!!** The .glyphicon-star is applied only to the component in which it is declared. Angular does this by adding a generated random HTML attribute on the element:

<i \_ngcontent-wnm-2="" class="glyphicon glyphicon-star"></i>