IN4MATX 133: User Interface Software

Lecture: Separation in Angular

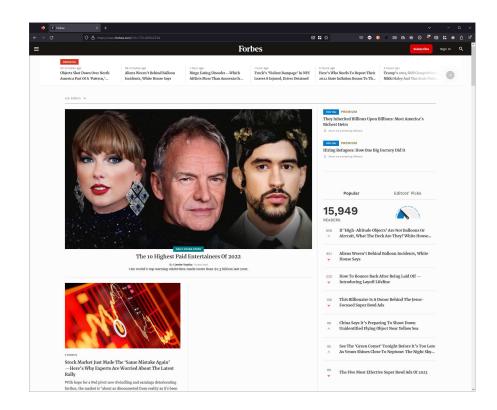
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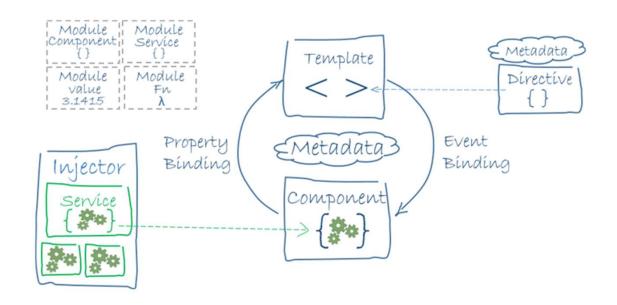
A "large" client interface

- Hundreds of pages and ways to navigate between pages
- Repeated UI elements (status updates)
 - Angular implements these as components
- Different content, links, etc. displayed for each person



A "large" client interface

- Loading lots of libraries can be slow and expensive
- So Angular supports sectioning parts of projects into distinct modules



https://angular.io/guide/architecture

- Segment code into a library, similar to a JavaScript library
- A component only imports the modules it needs

- By default, each Angular app has one module, app.module.ts
- But an app can create multiple modules to section off code
- ng generate module [name]
- Modules can *import* other modules
- Modules also declare which components they use
 - When you create a new component (ng generate component [name]), it automatically gets added to the declarations for the root module

```
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { AppRoutingModule } from './app-routing.module';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
import { HelloComponent } from './hello/hello.component';
import { DayComponent } from './day/day.component';
@NgModule({
 AppComponent,
   HelloComponent,
   DayComponent
 ],
               ◆Modules to import
 imports: [
   BrowserModule,
   AppRoutingModule
 ],
 providers: [],
 bootstrap: [AppComponent]  The "root" component of the module
export class AppModule { }
```

- BrowserModule is included by default
 - Required to run any app in the browser
- When creating an Angular project, can specify whether a Routing module should be created
 - Routing: defines what URIs to send to what endpoints
 - For Angular, defines what URIs to send to what components

Angular routing

app-routing.module.ts

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { Routes, RouterModule } from '@angular/router';
import { ArtistPageComponent } from './pages/artist-page/artist-page.component';
import { TrackPageComponent } from './pages/track-page/track-page.component';
import { AlbumPageComponent } from './pages/album-page/album-page.component';
import { HomePageComponent } from './pages/home-page/home-page.component';
const routes: Routes = [
                                                      ◆Listens for any endpoint
 { path: 'artist/:id', component: ArtistPageComponent},
 { path: 'track/:id', component: TrackPageComponent},
                                                         artist/:id
 { path: 'album/:id', component: AlbumPageComponent},
 { path: '', component: HomePageComponent}
                                                         id can be retrieved in
1;
                                                         album-page.component.ts
@NgModule({
 imports: [RouterModule.forRoot(routes)],
 exports: [RouterModule]
})
export class AppRoutingModule { }
```

Retrieving route in a component

```
import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { ActivatedRoute } from '@angular/router';

@Component({
    selector: 'app-album-page',
    templateUrl: './album-page.component.html',
    styleUrls: ['./album-page.component.css']
})
export class AlbumPageComponent implements OnInit {
    constructor(private route: ActivatedRoute) { } \( \bigcup \) "Injecting a service"

    ngOnInit() {
    var albumId = this.route.snapshot.paramMap.get('id'); \( \bigcup \) Retrieve the id
    from the URI
}
```

Angular services

- Anything not associated with a specific view should be turned into a service
 - e.g., getting data from an API, parsing URIs for routing information
- Helps keep components lightweight
- Services can then be injected into a component (importing)
- To inject, import the service and retrieve it as a parameter in the constructor
- ng generate service [name]

Angular services

Angular services

```
import { Injectable } from '@angular/core';  Defined as injectable
import { HttpClient, HttpHeaders } from '@angular/common/http';

@Injectable({ Services can inject other services!
  providedIn: 'root'  What module(s) can use this service
})

export class SpotifyService {
  baseUrl:string = 'http://localhost:8888';

  constructor(private http:HttpClient) { }  HttpClient injected

  private sendRequestToExpress(endpoint:string) {
  }
}
```

Import a custom service

```
import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { ActivatedRoute } from '@angular/router';
import { SpotifyService } from '../../services/spotify.service';
                                  Import service via file structure
@Component({
  selector: 'app-album-page',
  templateUrl: './album-page.component.html',
  styleUrls: ['./album-page.component.css']
export class AlbumPageComponent implements OnInit {
  constructor (private route: ActivatedRoute,
private spotifyService:SpotifyService) { }
 Inject it like any other service
```

Angular classes

- Plain-old classes can also be made in Angular
 - Any processing or munging you need to do, for example

```
• ng generate class [name]
export class Dataparser {
  public constructor() {
    console.log('Hello, world!');
  }
}
```

Import a class

Import a library

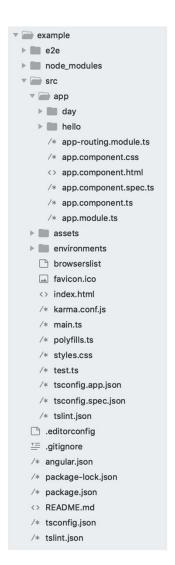
- Since Angular is in TypeScript, it can use any JavaScript or TypeScript library
- Install as normal with npm: npm install [packagename]
 - If you want TypeScript typings, don't forget to install @types/[packagename]

Import a library

```
import * as chroma from 'chroma-js';  Note: different syntax
export class Dataparser {
   constructor() {
    console.log(chroma('royalblue')); // *#4169e1'
   }
}   Can now be referenced
```

Angular's file structure

- Angular projects generate a *lot* of files
 - There are about 75 in the starter code for A3
- Most are boilerplate



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