Angular Advanced State management with @ngrx/store



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What is State Management?

- Various design patterns, used for managing state (data in its broadest sense!) in your application.
- Multiple solutions possible depends on application & framework

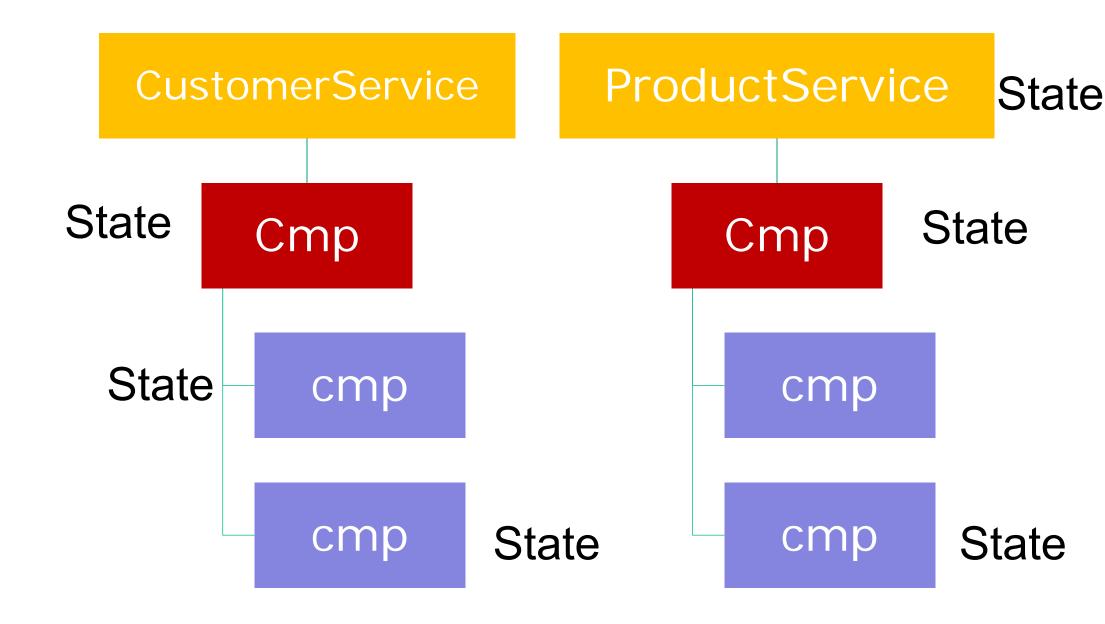




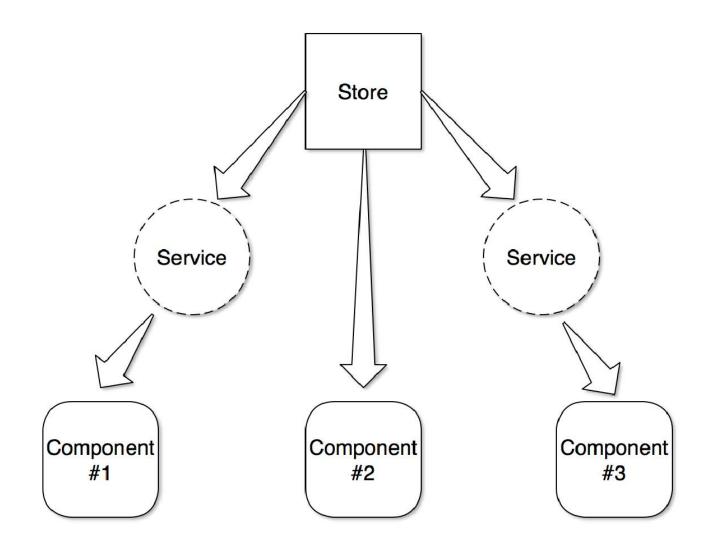
Benefits of using a store

- State is only changed in a controlled way
- Component state is also driven from the store
- Based on immutable objects b/c they are predictable
- In Angular immutability is fast
 - Because no changes can appear, no change detection is needed!
- Developer tools available to debug and see how the store changes over time
 - "Time travelling Developer tools"

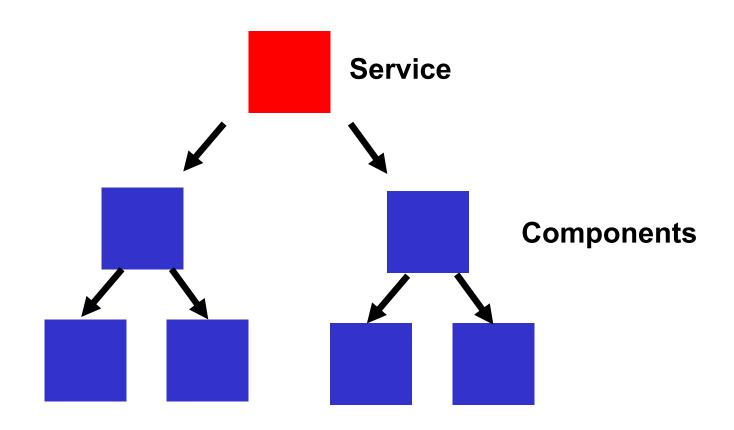
State management without a store



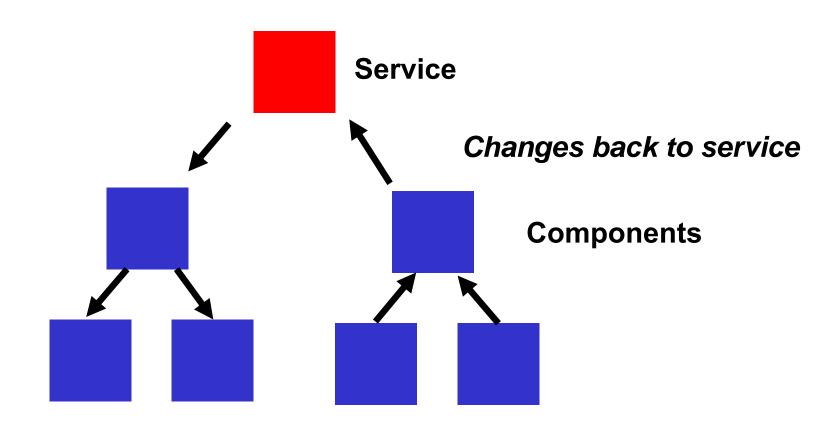
Store architecture - #1



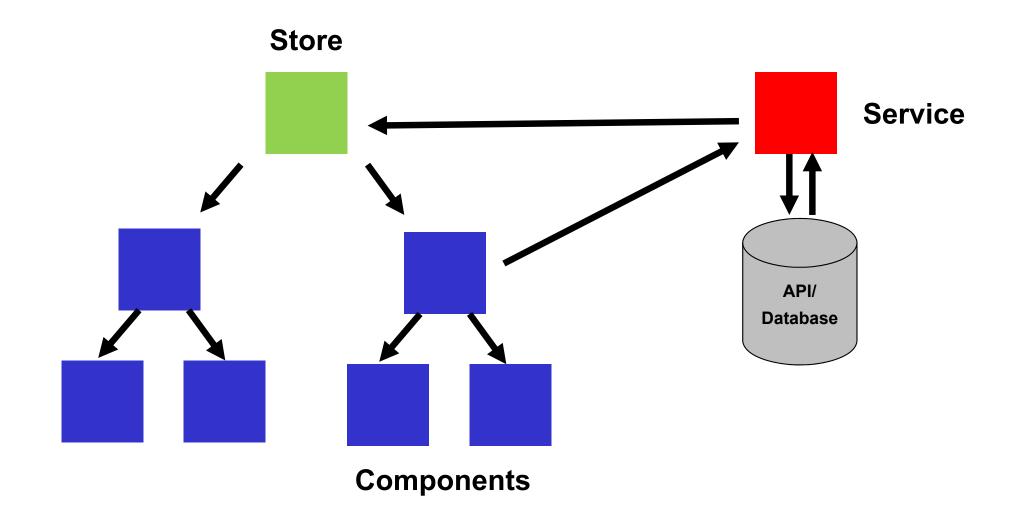
Store architecture - #2 - traditional



Store architecture - #2



Store architecture - #2 with a store



Angular State Management

Simple applications - In the component

```
counter : number = 0;
this.counter += 1;
```

• Intermediate applications - In a service

```
counter: number = 0;this.counter = this.counterService.increment(1);
```

Cache counter value in the service

Larger applications - In a data store – all based on observables

```
counter$: Observable<number>;

constructor(private store: Store<AppState>){
        this.counter$ = store.select('counter');
}

increment(){
        this.store.dispatch({ type: INCREMENT });
}
```



Store Terminology and concepts

Important Store terminology / concepts

Store

"The store can be seen as your client side database. But more importantly, it reflects the state of your application. You can see it as the single source of truth."

"The store holds all the data. You modify it by dispatching actions to it."

Reducer

"Reducers are functions that know what to do with a given action and the previous state of your app.

Reducers will take the previous state from your store and apply a pure function to it. From the result of that pure function, you will have a new state. The new state is put in the store."

Actions

"Actions are the payload that contains needed information to alter your store. Basically, an action has a **type** and a **payload** that your reducer function will take to alter the state."

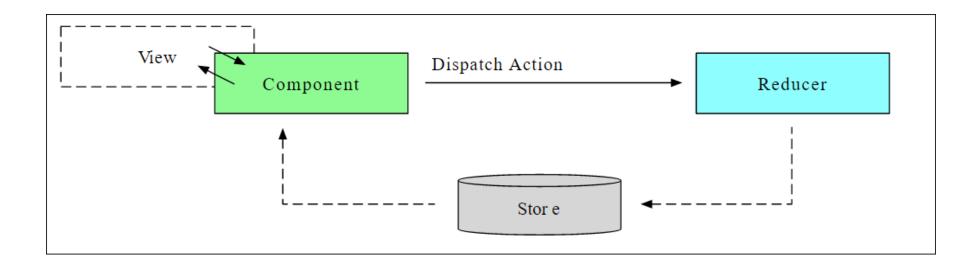
Dispatcher

"Dispatchers are simply an entry point for you to dispatch your action. In Ngrx, there is a dispatch method directly on the store. I.e., you call this.store.dispatch({...})"

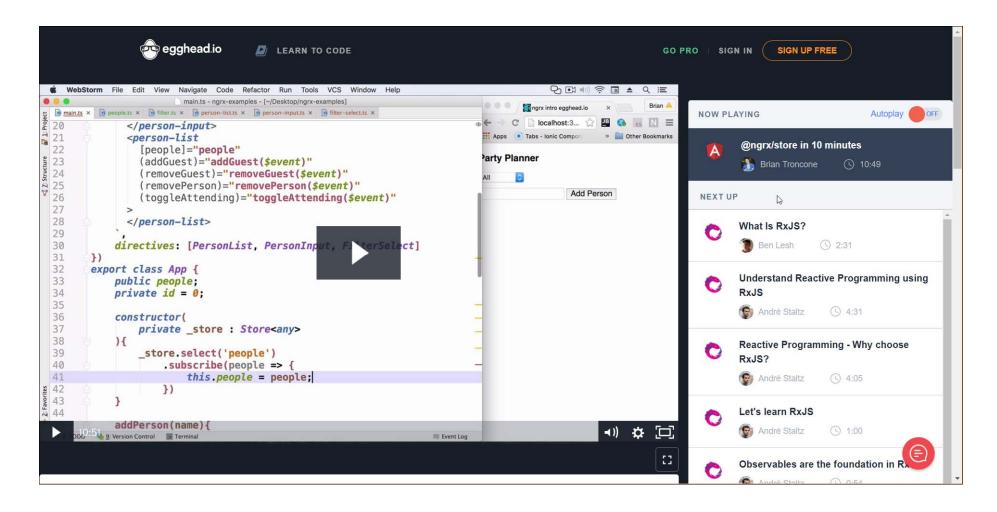
Reducers, Store and components

The **Component** first dispatch an Action. When the **Reducer** gets the Action, it will update the state(s) in the **Store**.

The Store has been injected to the Component, so the View will update based on the store state change (it is subscribed).



Store concepts in a video



https://egghead.io/lessons/angular-2-ngrx-store-in-10-minutes

Setting up @ngrx/store

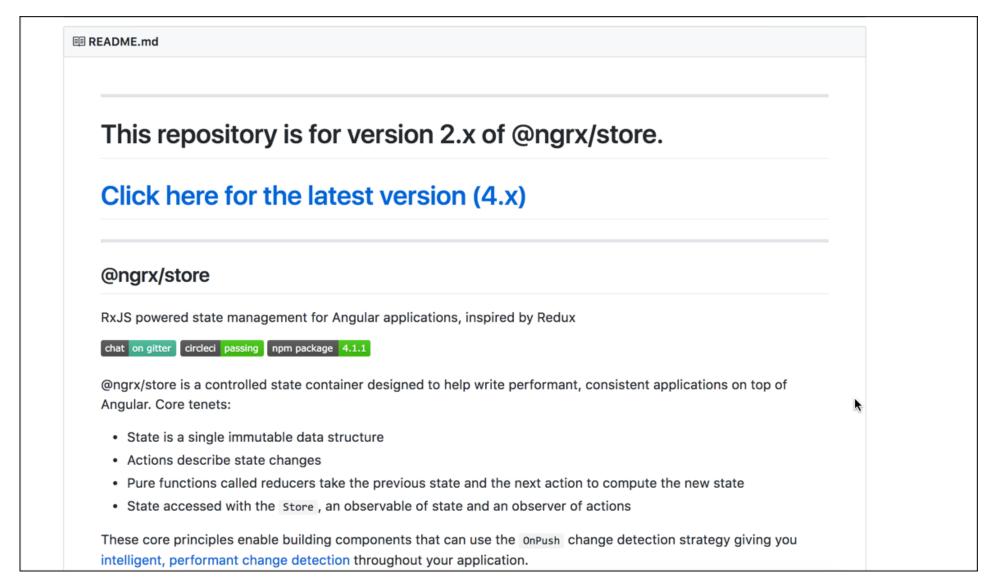
- Install core files & store files
- Create new project or add to existing project
- v2.x:

npm install @ngrx/core @ngrx/store --save

• V4.x +:

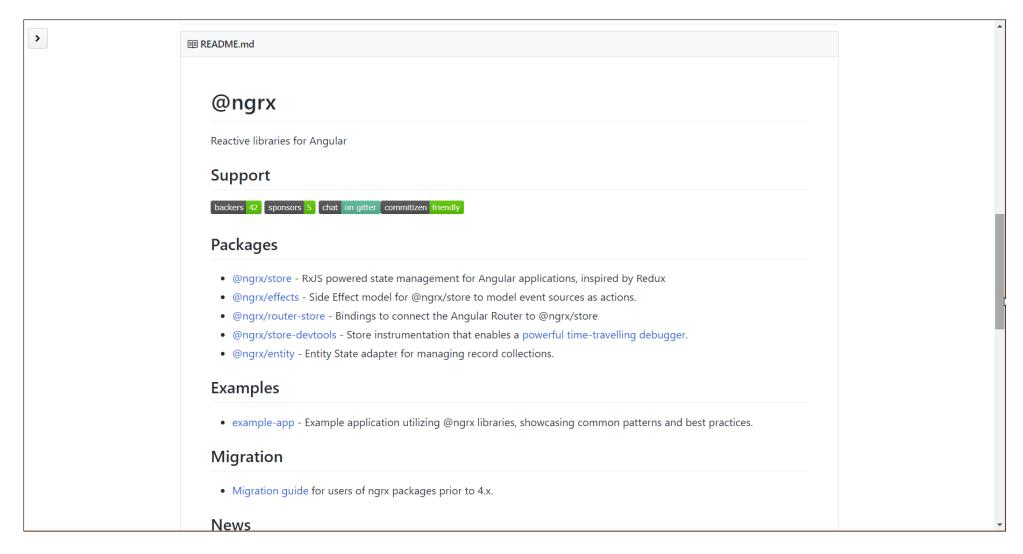
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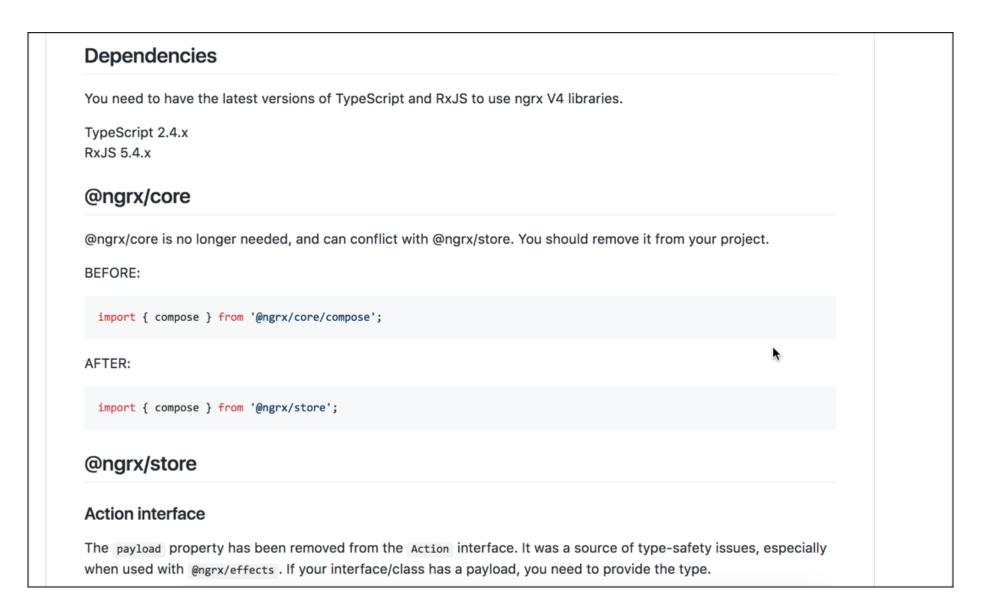
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https://github.com/ngrx/platform

Migration guide (but Google is more useful):



https://github.com/ngrx/platform/blob/master/MIGRATION.md

1. Create your first reducer

- A reducer is simply an exported function with a name.
- It takes two parameters:
 - Current state, or otherwise empty object/initial state
 - action, of type Action
- action is of shape {type : string , payload? : any}.
- NO DEFAULT payload in @ngrx/store >4.0.0
- Switch on action.type
 - Later: use abstraction. For now a simple string
 - Always provide a default action which returns the unaltered state.

New file – counter.ts

```
// counter.ts - a simple reducer
import {Action} from '@ngrx/store';
export function counterReducer(state: number = 0, action: Action) {
   switch (action.type) {
      case 'INCREMENT':
         return state + 1;
      case 'DECREMENT':
         return state - 1;
      case 'RESET':
         return 0;
      default:
         return state;
```

2. Adding store and reducer

- Register the state container with your application.
- Import reducers
- V.2.0.0: Use StoreModule.forRoot() to add it to the module

```
// Store stuff
import {StoreModule} from '@ngrx/store';
import {counterReducer} from './reducers/counter';
@NgModule({
   imports
      BrowserModule,
      StoreModule.forRoot({counter: counterReducer})
   ],
})
export class AppModule {}
```

3. Using the Store Service

- Import and inject the Store service to components
- Create an interface (or class) for your AppState
- Initialize the store with AppState Type
- Use store.select() to select slice(s) of the state
- Add methods to call reducer functions
 - increment()
 - decrement()
 - etc..

```
import {Component} from '@angular/core';
import {Store} from '@ngrx/store';
import {Observable} from 'rxjs/Observable';
interface AppState {
   counter: number;
@Component({
   selector : 'app-root',
   templateUrl: './app.component.html'
})
export class AppComponent {
   counter$: Observable<number>;
   constructor(private store: Store<AppState>) {}
   ngOnInit() {
      this.counter$ = this.store.select('counter')
   increment() {
      this.store.dispatch({type: 'INCREMENT'})
```

Next steps



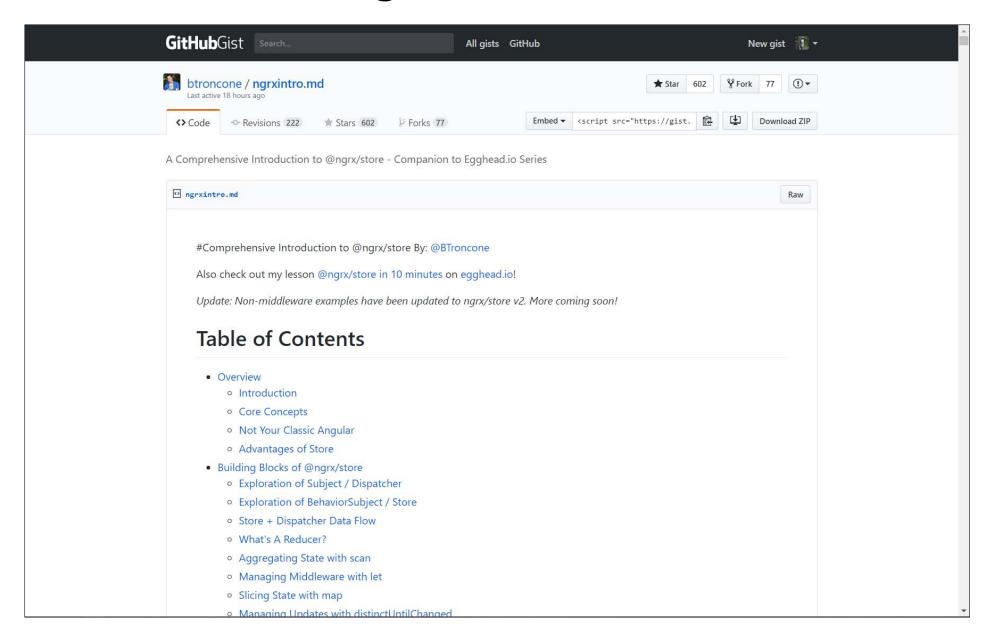
Add new components, subscribe to store, enhance store, etc.

Workshop

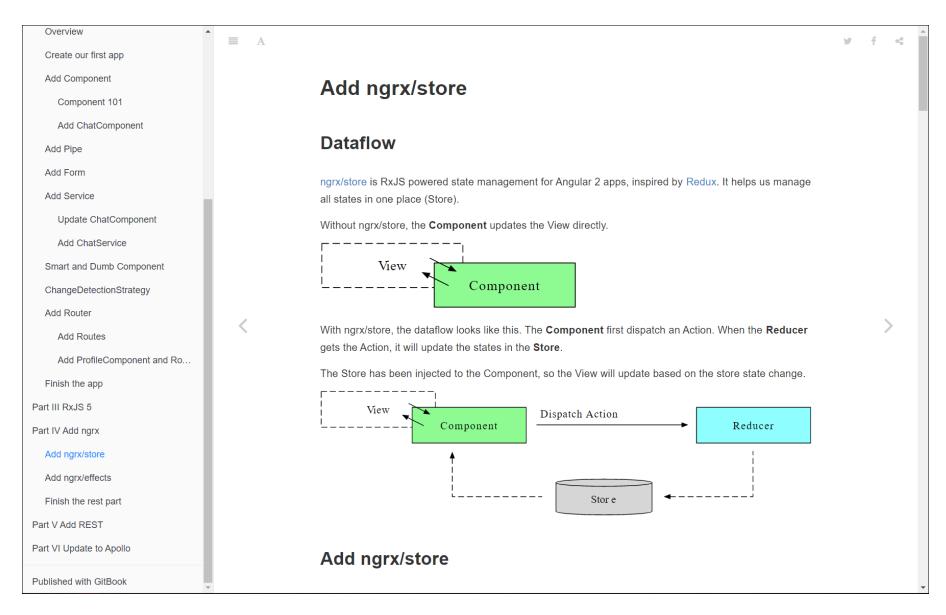
- Create a new app, follow the previous steps to add a Store
- OR: Start from ../200-ngrx-simple-store
- Make yourself familiar with the store concepts and data flow. Study the example code.
- Create some extra actions on the reducer. For example:
 - Add +5 with one click
 - Subtract -5 with one click
 - Reset counter to 0 if counter >= 10;

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More info on @ngrx/store



Gitbooks



https://hongbo-miao.gitbooks.io/angular2-server/content/part4/add-ngrx-store.html

OneHungryMind – Lukas Ruebbelke



ABOUT

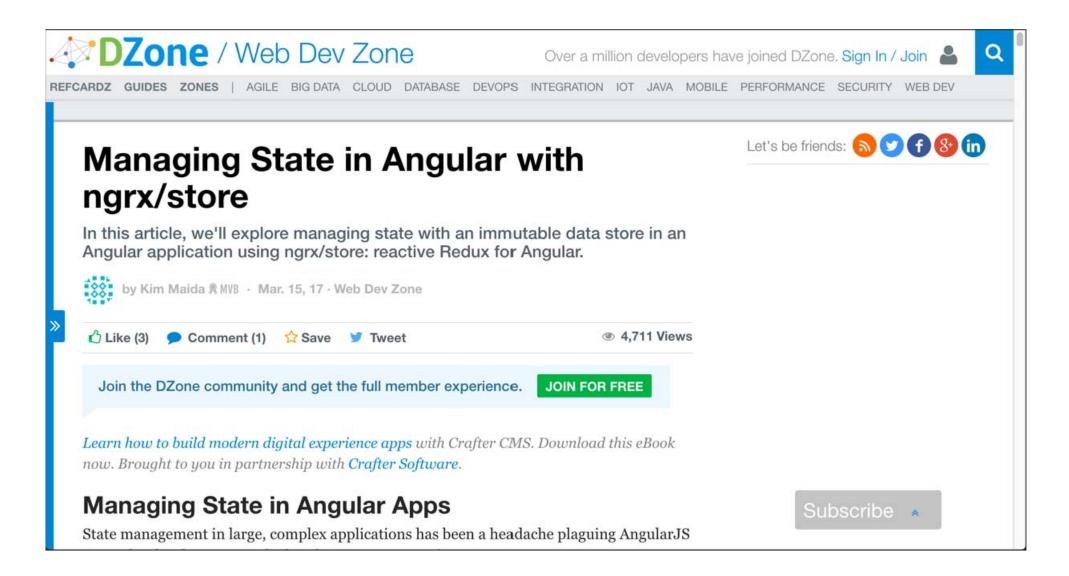
Build a Better Angular 2 Application with Redux and ngrx

& Lukas Ruebbelke



The Evolution of Angular State Management

Dzone article



https://dzone.com/articles/managing-state-in-angular-with-ngrxstore

Rob Wormald - co-created @ngrx/store



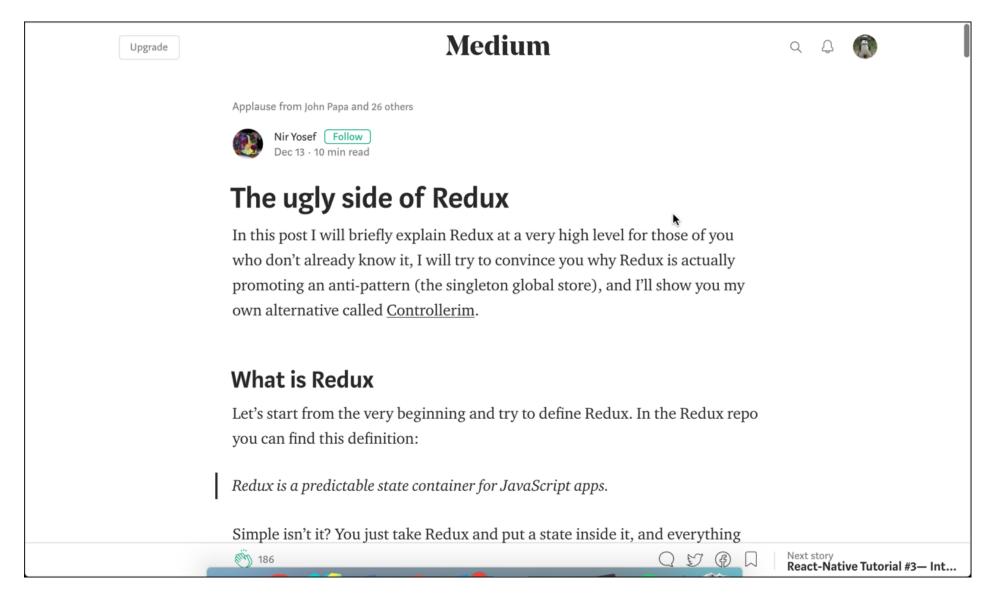
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhA7zZ23Odw - and more

NEW! As per Dec. 2017



https://ultimateangular.com/ngrx-store-effects

Think about this - "The Ugly side of Redux"



https://medium.com/@niryo/the-ugly-side-of-redux-6591fde68200