Reactive Angular met RxJS **Routing & Lazy Loading** Peter Kassenaar – info@kassenaar.com

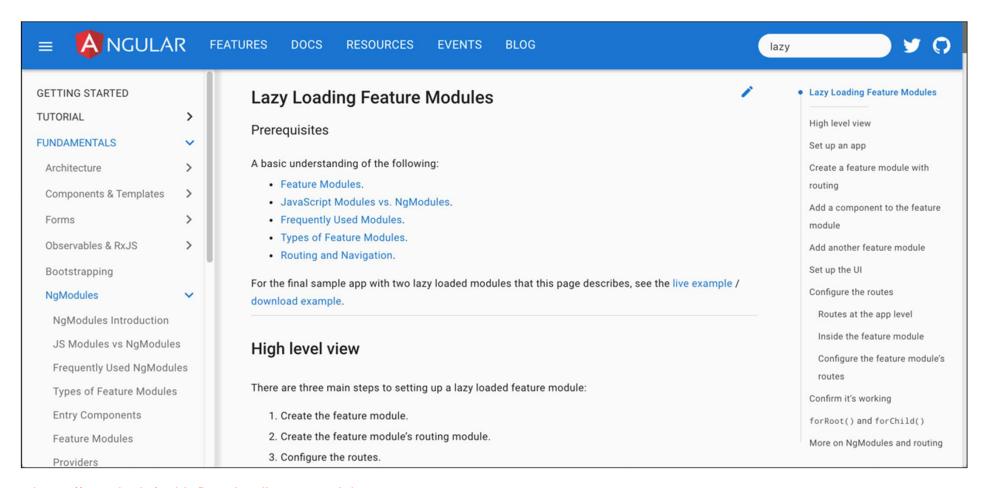
What is lazy loading

- Deferred loading of modules, until the user needs them.
 - Modules are loaded once the user navigates to them.
- OR: for optimal user experience:
 - Load the minimum setup for the application to work, so the user can interact with the app.
 - Then asynchrounously load other modules.
 - They are instantly available if the user navigates to them
- Only modules can be loaded lazily, not components.
- Lazy loading works in conjunction with the router.
- It is considered best practice nowadays to use LL from the start

Victor Savkin - creator of the router



Official documentation



https://angular.io/guide/lazy-loading-ngmodules

How to lazy load : Angular 4.x - 7.x

Add or edit app-routing.module.ts

- Don't point directly to components
- Point to Modules instead. Use loadChildren()
- Note the (ugly) stringnotation

How to lazy load : Angular 8.x+

Add or edit app-routing.module.ts

- Use the browser import() statement
- More in line with other frameworks
- More Typesafe.

Edit app.module.ts (no more loading of modules)

```
// import routing module that defines the LL
import {AppRoutingModule} from './app.routing.module';
@NgModule({
   imports
      BrowserModule,
      AppRoutingModule
   bootstrap : [AppComponent]
})
export class AppModule {
```

Edit separate modules, add RouterModule.forChild() with various components.

Workshop

- Open ../110-lazy-loading.
- Create a new module
- Create a new component inside this new module and give it some UI.
- Add a route to the new component
- Use the new module in the root module and lazy load it
- Add a link to navigate to the lazy loaded module.
- OR:
- Add LL from scratch to your own application, using the steps described in this module.
- Add a new (dynamic) child route to Module

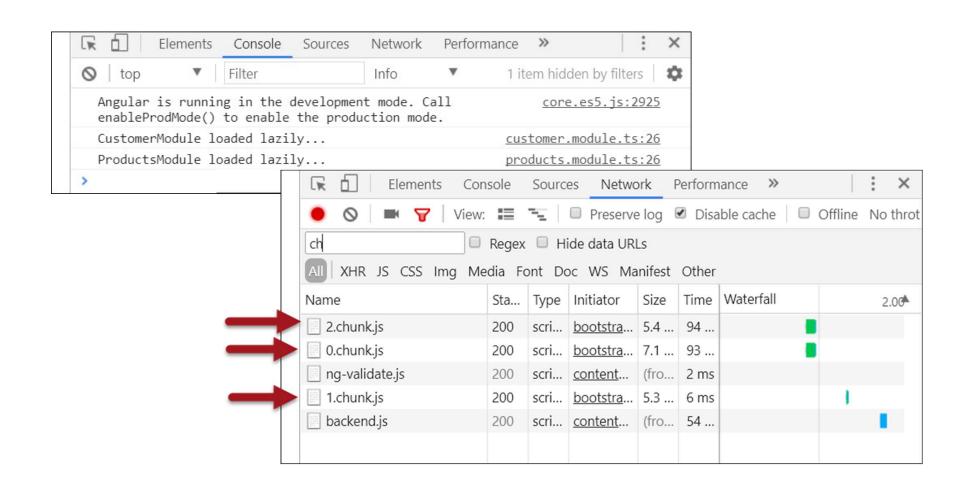
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Preloading strategies

Preloading Strategies

- Optimize Lazy Loading even further: preloading strategies
 - Load all modules in background
 - Load only modules you want to load in the background
- **Default preloading:** PreloadAllModules



https://angular.io/api/router/PreloadAllModules

Custom preloading strategy

- Define which module(s) are loaded lazily, while others are loaded on demand
- Solution: compose a strategy that only preloads routes when a custom data.preload flag is set to true

```
path: 'products',
  loadChildren: () => import('./products/products.module')
    .then(module => module.ProductsModule),
  data: {preload: true} // preload flag
},
{
  path: 'big-module',
  loadChildren: () => import('./very-big-module/very-big-module.module')
    .then(module => module.VeryBigModule)
    // Note: NO flag for preloading
},
```

Steps

- 1. Create new module, with a (potential) heavy load
- 2. Add data property and set { preload:true } to every route you
 want to load lazily
- 3. Assign custom preloader to preloadingStrategy:

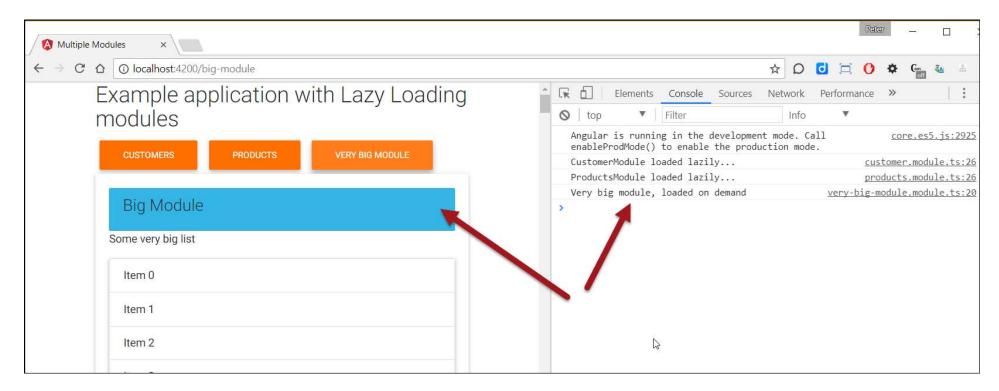
```
cons: config: ExtraOptions = {
   preloadingStrategy: MyCustomPreloader
};
@NgModule({
   imports : [RouterModule.forRoot(routes, config)],
   exports : [RouterModule],
   providers: [MyCustomPreloader]
})
export class AppRoutingModule {
}
```

Define custom loader

```
// app.routing.loader.ts
import { PreloadingStrategy, Route } from '@angular/router';
import { Observable, of } from 'rxjs';
export class MyCustomPreloader implements PreloadingStrategy {
  preload(route: Route, load: Function): Observable<any> {
     // only preload the route if data attribute is set and preload===true
      return route.data && route.data.preload ? load() : of(null);
```

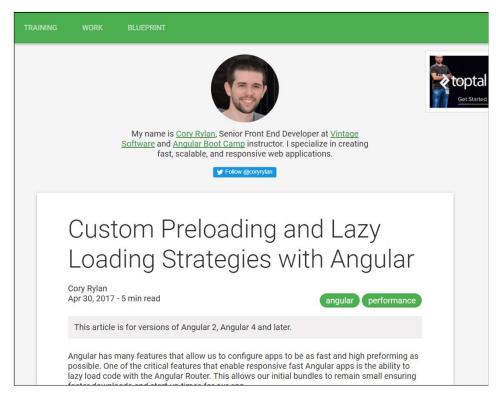
Run the app

Run the app. The first 2 modules should be loaded lazily, the third module should be loaded on demand



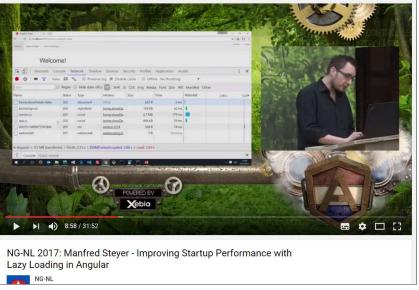
Example: ../120-custom-preloading

More information



https://coryrylan.com/blog/custom-preloading-and-lazy-loading-strategies-with-angular

Manfred Steyer - Improving Startup Performance with Lazy Loading in Angular



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6EMOeCDfjc

Angular | custom preloading strategy







In my previous post I talked about three angular module loading types which are eager loading, lazy loading and preloading strategy. if you haven't read it already you can find it in this link. Today I will talk about preloading strategy and how to write your own preloading strategy.

Workshop

- Add a new module w/ component to your application.
- Add the module to the routing section of your application. Add a link to navigate to the route.
- Let other modules be loaded lazily by adding a data property
- Write a custom preloading service class, e.g.

```
preload.service.ts
```

- Add the custom preloader to app.routing.module.ts.
 - Note: make sure this is (now) actually a Module, as it has to import and provide app.preloader.ts
- Example: ../120-custom-preloading

