Angular 6 Training Course

Exercise P-Angular6

 This document describes some of the new features added to Angular version 6 in May 2018.

Setup

- To build Angular 6 projects, install the latest version of the Angular CLI and the latest version of Node.
- Angular 6 CLI requires Node v9.8 or later. Check the Node version

```
node --v
```

• Install the latest version of the Angular CLI.

```
npm install -g @angular/cli
```

- Mac users may need to prefix this command with sudo.
- Check the Angular CLI version is 6 or later.

```
ng --version
```

Bootstrap

- The Angular 6 CLI makes it easier to add **Bootstrap** to an Angular project.
- · Create a new project.

```
ng new boot
```

· Add Bootstrap support to the project

```
ng add @ng-bootstrap/schematics
```

• This adds Bootstrap-specific code to your main app.module.ts file.

```
import { NgbModule } from '@ng-bootstrap/ng-bootstrap';

@NgModule({
  imports: [
```

```
BrowserModule, NgbModule.forRoot()
]
})
```

• Bootstrap-specific code can now be used in templates such as app.component.html:

Service Workers (Progressive Web Apps)

- Service Workers are custom Javascript code which run before an HTTP request to a web page.
- They can be used to cope with the case where an internet connection is lost.
- · Create an Angular project

```
ng new worker
```

• Add Service Worker support

```
ng add @angular/pwa
```

• This command will change app.module.ts:

```
import { ServiceWorkerModule } from '@angular/service-worker';
```

imports: [ServiceWorkerModule.register('/ngsw-worker.js', { enabled: environment.production })], • Add an image to the project assets folder and display that image in the main template. When you test the Service Worker later, this image should still display even if the page is offline.

```
<img src="assets/book.jpg"/>
```

· Build the project with the production flag on

```
ng build --prod
```

- This will create a folder dist/worker inside your folder folder.
- This folder needs to be served from an HTTP web server.
- · One solution is to globally install http-server

```
npm install http-server -g
```

• Change director to the dist/worker folder and run a local web server from there.

```
cd dist/worker
http-server -p 4000
```

- Open a browser at localhost:4000
- The Angular page should now run.
- In the Chrome web tools open the Network tab.
- · Select the offline checkbox and reload the page.
- Normally this would cause an internet connection error.
- But the Service Worker intercepts your HTTP request and serves up a cached version of the page if it cannot connect to the server.
- For more information about Service Workers, check this eBook by Jeremy Keith : https://abookapart.com/products/going-offline

Service Providers

- Services are utility classes, instances of which can be used in components using **Dependency Injection**.
- In Angular 5, you need to define any services used in the **providers** array of your **app.module.ts** file.

```
providers:[ DataService ]
```

- Forgetting to define this provider is a common source of bugs.
- Angular 6 removes the need to define this providers array.
- Instead you can defined a providedIn property in the service.
- This change makes the service more portable/self-contained.

Observables, RxJS

- The syntax for using Observables has changed. The course examples have been updated to reflect this.
- The syntax of import statements has changed:

```
import { Observable } from 'rxjs';
import { map } from 'rxjs/operators';
```

• Some functions such as map, now need to wrapped within a pipe method:

```
pipe( map( .. ))
```

Angular Elements

- Angular 6 let you package a component as a **custom element**.
- Custom elements are a web-standard for creating new custom HTML elements.
- This allows you to add an Angular component to a web page which is not itself an Angular project.
- Create a new project and then add support for Angular elements:

```
ng new project
ng add @angular/elements
```

• The main changes to create a custom element happen in app.module.ts

```
import { NgModule, Injector } from '@angular/core';
import { createCustomElement } from '@angular/elements';
```

- This example assumes the component is named AppComponent.
- No instance of the component is created within your Angular code. An instance will be created in the HTML page where it is used.
- So the **bootstrap** array is empty and a new **entryComponents** array is defined:

```
@NgModule({
```

```
bootstrap: [],
entryComponents: [AppComponent]
})
```

• The AppModule adds code which registers the component as a custom element called my-city with the browser on the web page where it is used.

```
export class AppModule {
    constructor(private injector: Injector) {}
    ngDoBootstrap() {
        const el = createCustomElement(SomeComponent, {
        injector: this.injector });

        customElements.define('my-city', el);
    }
}
```

- Edit app.component.ts.
- We want the component to accept the name of a city as an input. In this example, Seville is also defined as the default value.

```
export class AppComponent {
    @Input() name = 'Seville';
}
```

• Create a simple template in app.component.html to display this name.

```
<h1>{{ name }}</h1>
```

- We want the component to use style encapsulation, but it will be running within a normal web page, not an Angular app.
- · We set it to Native to use the Shadow DOM.

```
import { ViewEncapsulation } from '@angular/core';

@Component({
   selector: 'my-city',
   templateUrl: './app.component.html',
   styleUrls: ['./app.component.css'],
   encapsulation: ViewEncapsulation.Native
})
```

 We can generate a production build, disabling random cache-busting file names:

```
ng build —prod --output-hashing none
```

- This will create a new folder in the dist folder, based on the name of the project.
 In this case it creates dist/project.
- Edit the index.html file to create an instance of the component:

- Note: the multiple JS files here could be bundled/minified into a single JS file.
- To view this page, it needs to be served from an HTTP url.
- In the dist/project folder, open an HTTP server

```
http-server
```

- Open a browser at localhost:8080
- The Angular component should now run as a custom element on an ordinary web page.
- Check browser support for custom elements at https://caniuse.com/#search=custom%20ele