

Learning Consolidation

Develop SPA Using Angular Components



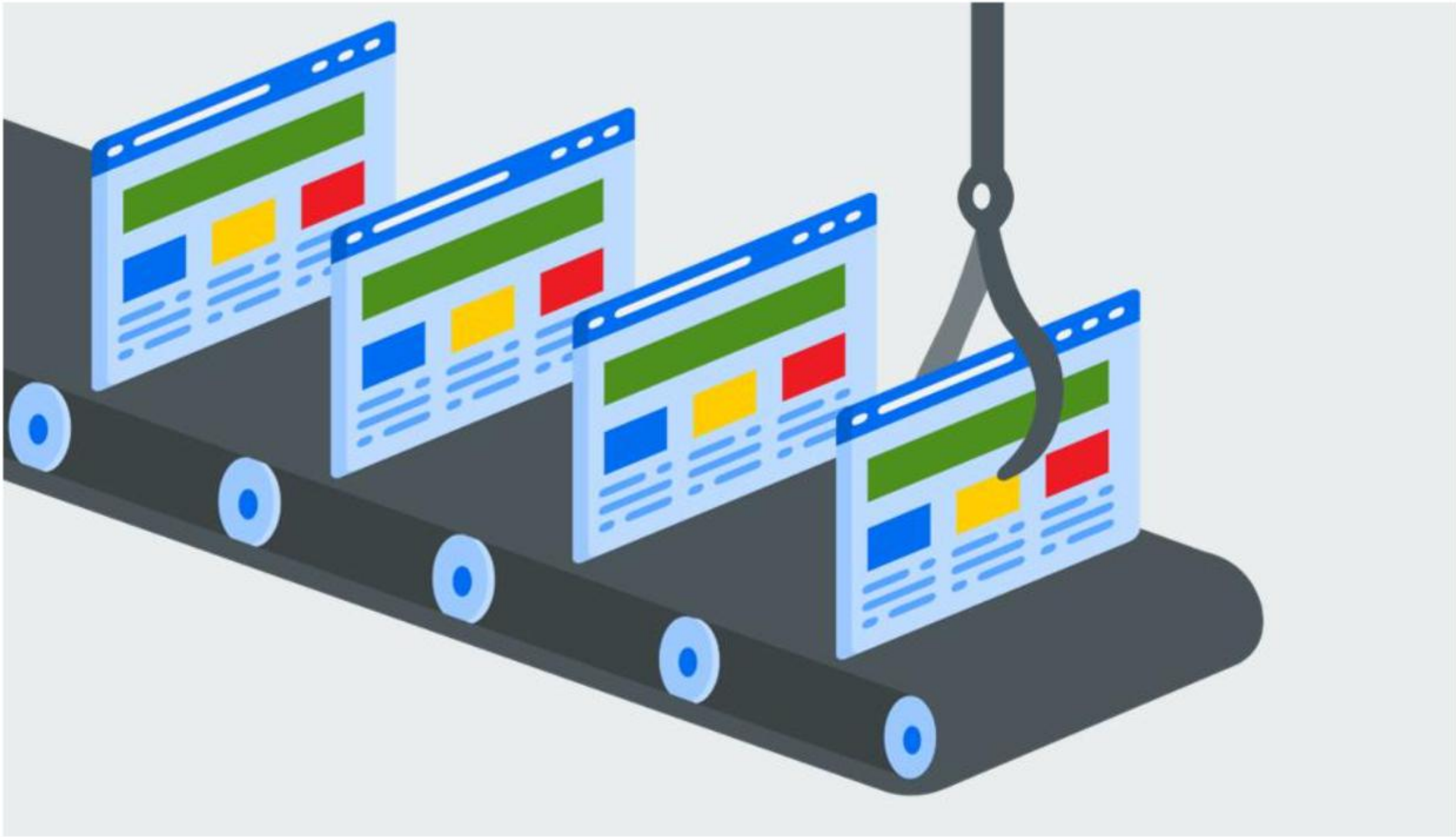
In this sprint, you learned to:

- Differentiate between Multi-page Application (MPA) and Single-page Application (SPA)
- Create an Angular project using the CLI tool
- Create Angular components, the main building block for Angular applications
- Design user interface for views using component templates
- Explore the file and folder structure of an Angular project
- Add behavior and data to views using interpolation and property binding in templates
- Handle the events raised by user actions using event binding
- Explain two-way binding using ngModel



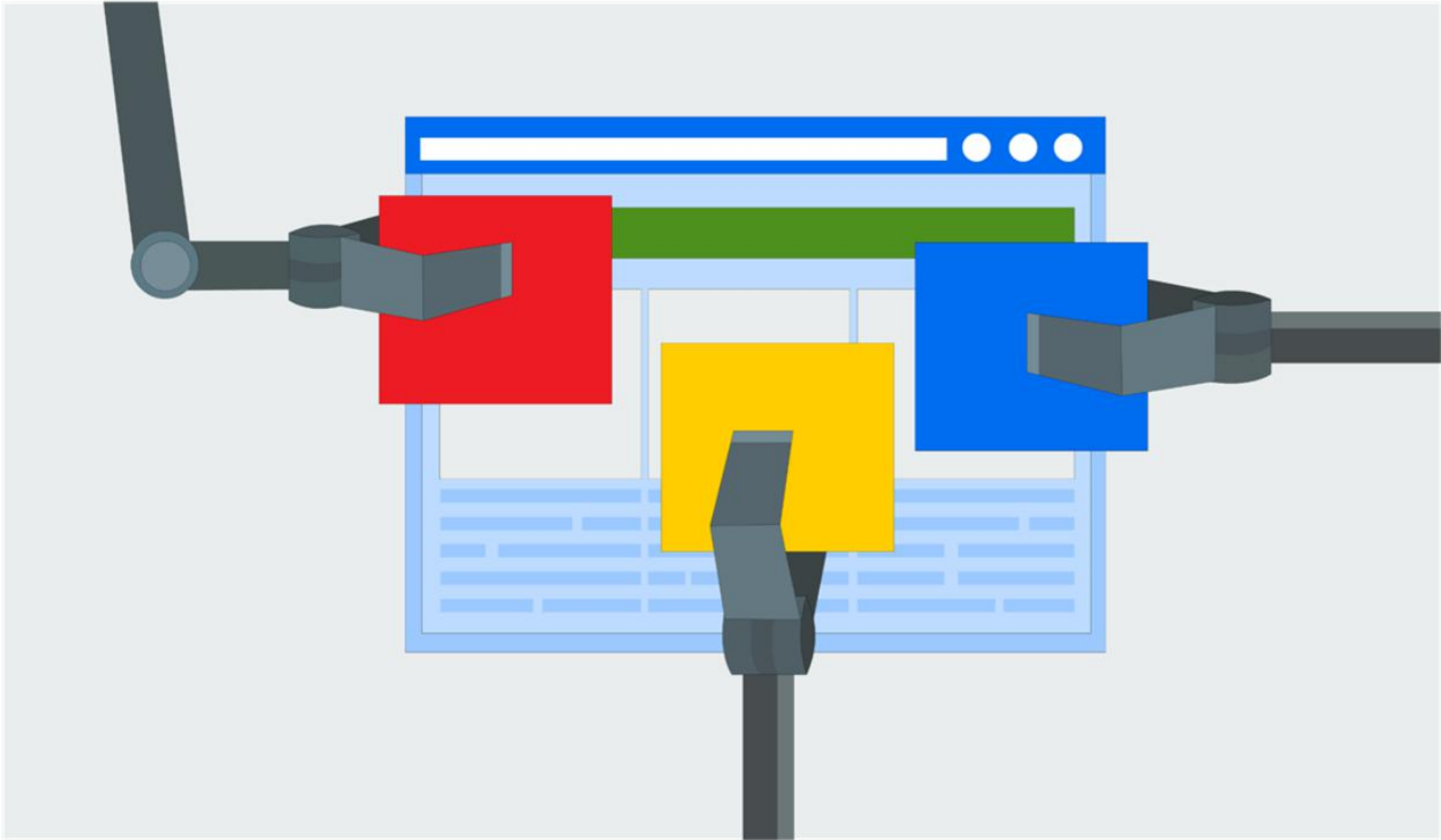
Multi-page applications consists of several pages with static information (text, images, etc.) and links to the other pages with the same content.

MPA Approach



Single-page applications consist of just one single page that works inside a browser and does not require page reloading during use.

SPA Approach

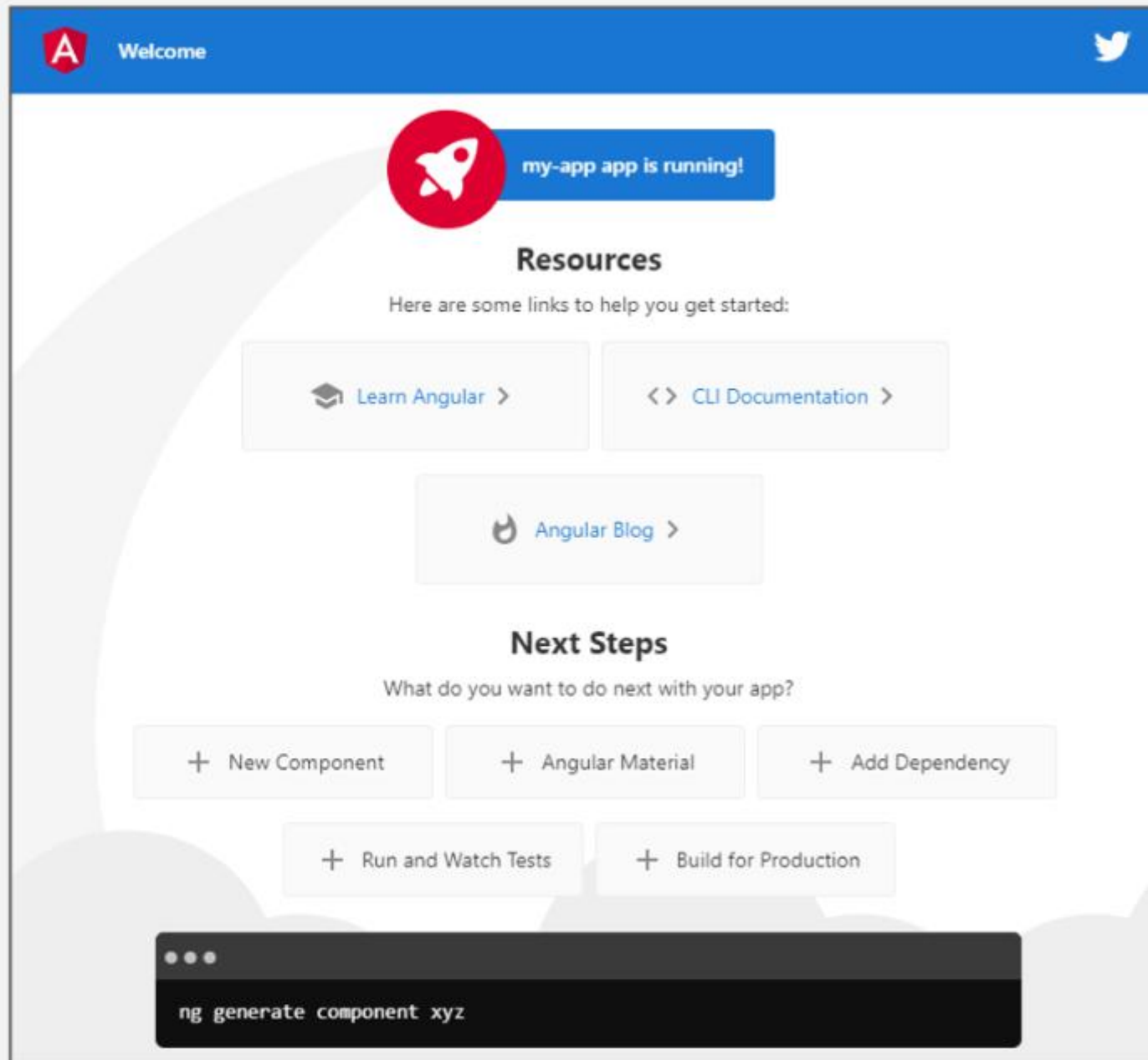


Angular Framework

- Angular is a component-based framework for building scalable web applications.
- It is a development platform built on TypeScript for creating efficient and sophisticated single-page apps.
- It is a well-integrated library collection that covers various features, including routing, forms management, client-server communication, and much more.
- Angular includes a suite of developer tools to help you develop, build, test, and update your code.



Delete the default content present in the app.component.html to start working with your project.



Angular Application Output created using Angular CLI command

Install Angular CLI

- Install Angular CLI using the command in the terminal window:

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

- To create a new workspace and initial starter app, use the "ng new" command, which prompts for information about features to include in the initial app.

```
ng new first-app
```

- Run the application with the included server after navigating to the workspace folder.

```
cd first-app
```

```
ng serve --open
```

Workspace and Project Files

- The ng new command creates an Angular workspace folder and generates a new application skeleton.
- A workspace can contain multiple applications and libraries.
- The initial application created by the ng new command is at the top level of the workspace.
- Generating an additional application or library in a workspace goes into a project/subfolder.
- A newly generated application contains the source files for a root module with a root component and template.
- Each application has a src folder that contains the logic, data, and assets.

```
▼ FIRST-APP
  > e2e
  > node_modules
  > src
  ≡ .browserslistrc
  ⚙ .editorconfig
  💎 .gitignore
  {} angular.json
  📄 karma.conf.js
  {} package.json
  {} package-lock.json
  ⓘ README.md
  {} tsconfig.json
  {} tsconfig.app.json
  {} tsconfig.spec.json
  {} tslint.json
```


Angular CLI Commands

Command	Alias	Description
add		Adds support for an external library to your project
analytics		Configures the gathering of Angular CLI usage metrics
build	b	Compiles an Angular app into an output directory named dist/ at the given output path
Config		Retrieves or sets Angular configuration values in the angular.json file for the workspace
deploy		Invokes the deploy builder for a specified project or for the default project in the workspace
doc	d	Opens the official Angular documentation (angular.io) in a browser and searches for a given keyword
e2e		Builds and serves an Angular app, then runs end-to-end tests
extract-i18n	i18n-extract xi18n	Extracts i18n messages from source code

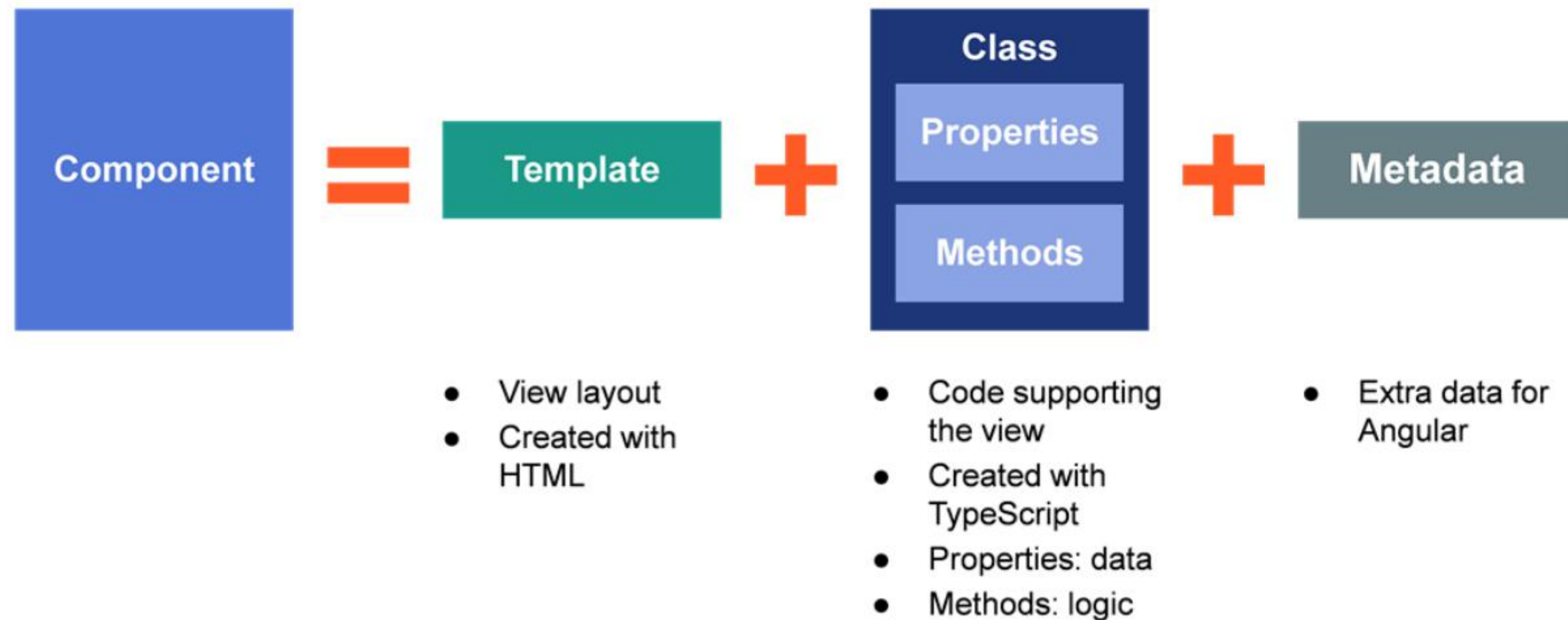
Angular CLI Commands (Contd.)

Command	Alias	Description
generate	g	Generates and/or modifies files based on a schematic
help		Lists available commands and their short descriptions
lint	l	Runs linting tools on the Angular app code in a given project folder
new	n	Creates an Angular workspace
run		Runs an Architect target with an optional custom builder configuration defined in your project
serve	s	Builds and serves your app, rebuilding on file changes
test	t	Runs unit tests in a project
version	v	Outputs Angular CLI version

Angular Component

Components are the main building block for Angular applications. Each component consists of:

- An HTML template that declares what renders on the page.
- A TypeScript class that defines behavior.
- A CSS selector that defines how the component is used in a template.
- Optionally, CSS styles are applied to the template.



The above image lists the various terms used in defining an Angular component.

- The import statement in the first line is used to import the Angular Component decorator from the @angular/core library.

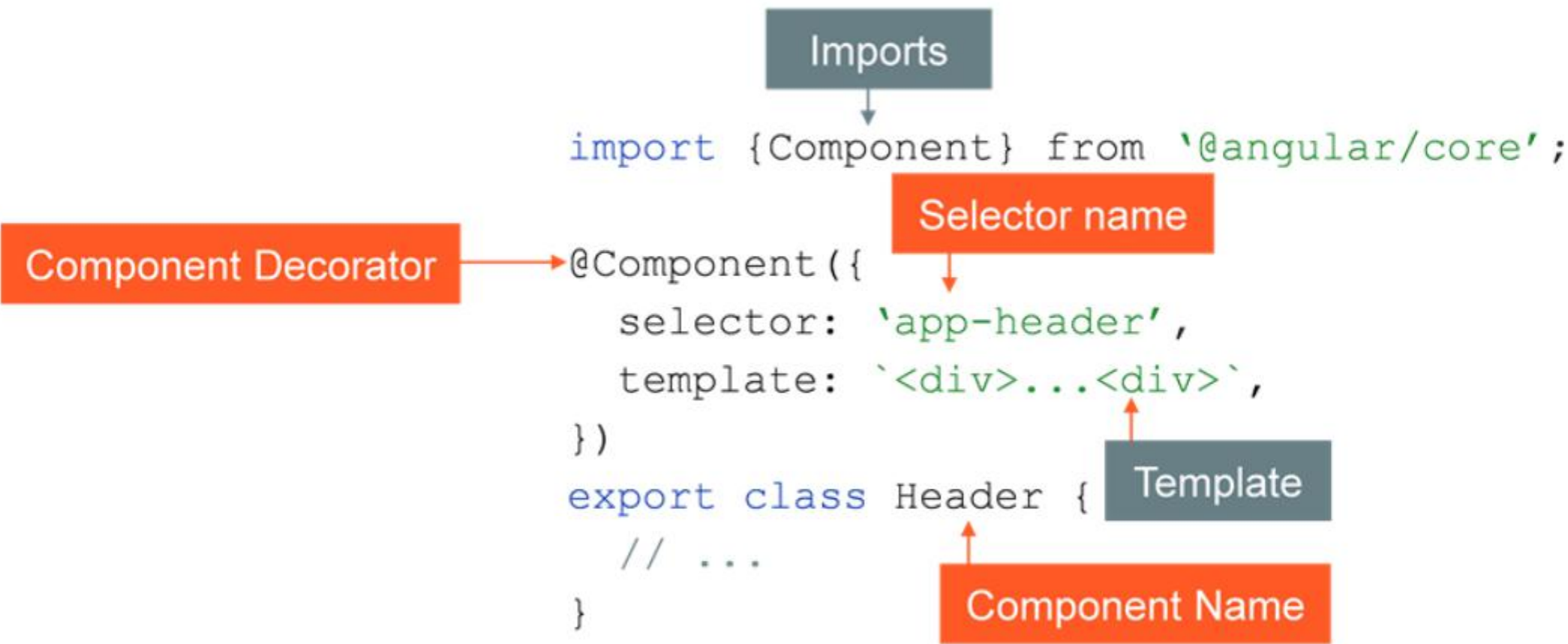
- @Component decorator: The metadata for a component tells Angular where to get the major building blocks needed to create and present the component and its view.

- Inside the @Component decorator, the component's CSS selector is added using a selector property.

- A template property is added inside the @Component decorator to define the template within the component.

- The component class Header is exported to be used in other modules.

Angular Component Class



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Go to the angular.json file and explore the important properties like:

- **Workspace configuration:** version, newProjectRoot, defaultProject, schematics, and projects.

- **Project Configuration Options:** root, sourceRoot, projectType, prefix, schematics, and architect.

- **Project Tool configuration Options:** The architect is the tool that the CLI uses to perform complex tasks, such as compilation and test running. Architect is a shell that runs a specified builder to perform a given task according to a target configuration.

Angular defines default builders for use with specific CLI commands or with the general ng run command.

The architect section of angular.json contains a set of Architect targets. Many of the targets correspond to the CLI commands that run them.

Each target specifies a builder for that target, Options, and Configuration properties for setting defaults.

Some of the targets are:

```
"architect": { "build": { }, "serve": { }, "e2e": { }, "test": { }, "lint": { }, "extract-i18n": { }, "server": { }, "app-shell": { } }
```

angular.json Configuration File Overview

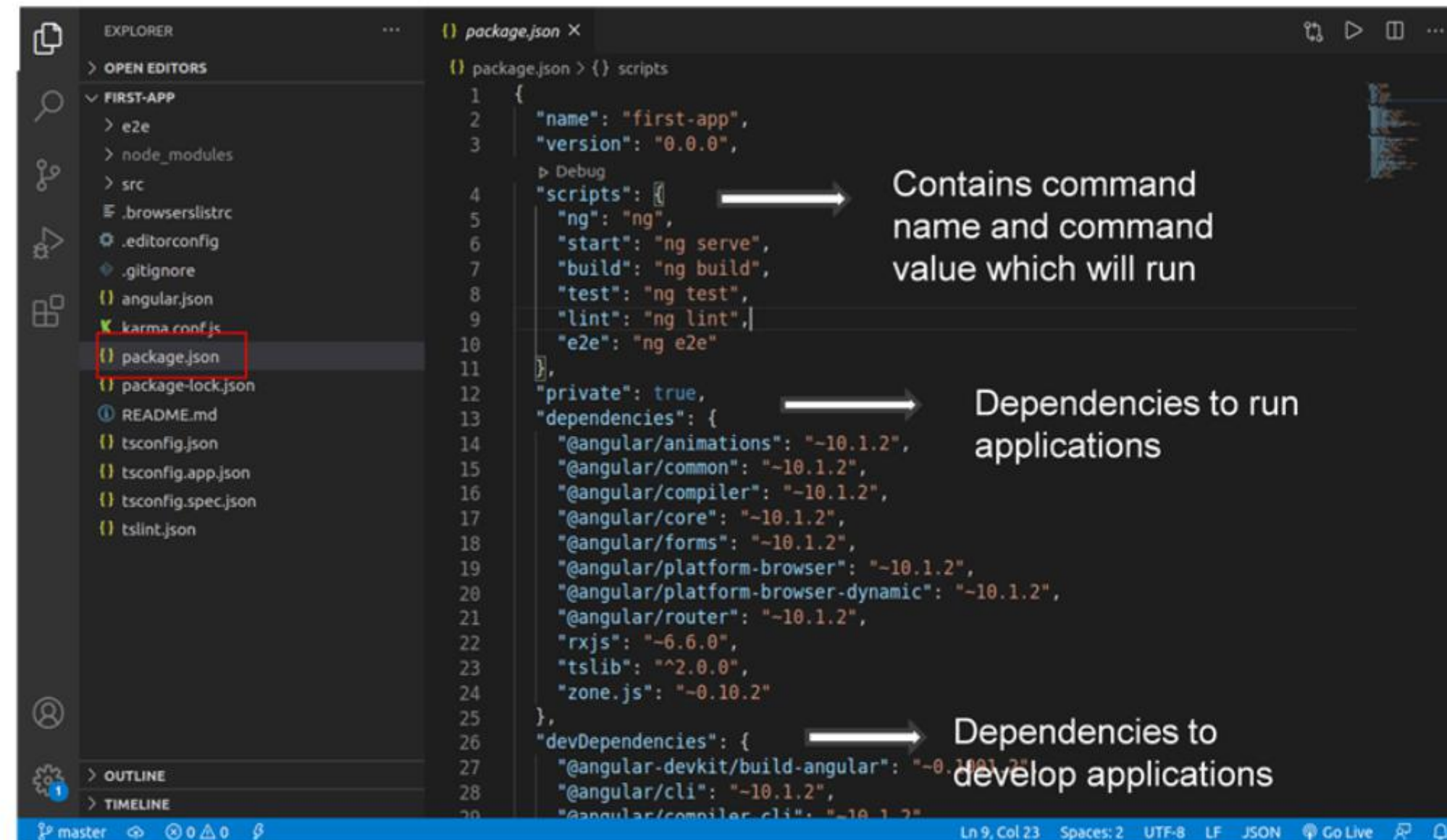
The screenshot shows the VS Code editor with the `angular.json` file open. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the project structure, with `angular.json` highlighted. The main editor displays the JSON content of `angular.json` with several annotations:

- Project Name:** An arrow points from the text "Project Name" to the `"first-app"` key in the `"projects"` object.
- Contains set of architect targets like build targets:** An arrow points from the text to the `"architect"` key in the `"first-app"` object.
- Entry point for TS file:** An arrow points from the text to the `"main"` property within the `"options"` object.
- Assets folder location:** An arrow points from the text to the `"assets"` array within the `"options"` object.
- Styles folder location:** An arrow points from the text to the `"styles"` array within the `"options"` object.
- Production configuration:** An arrow points from the text to the `"production"` key within the `"configurations"` object.

```
{
  "newProjectRoot": "projects",
  "projects": {
    "first-app": {
      "projectType": "application",
      "schematics": {},
      "root": "",
      "sourceRoot": "src",
      "prefix": "app",
      "architect": {
        "build": {
          "builder": "@angular-devkit/build-angular:browser",
          "options": {
            "outputPath": "dist/first-app",
            "index": "src/index.html",
            "main": "src/main.ts",
            "polyfills": "src/polyfills.ts",
            "tsConfig": "tsconfig.app.json",
            "aot": true,
            "assets": [
              "src/favicon.ico",
              "src/assets"
            ],
            "styles": [
              "src/styles.css"
            ],
            "scripts": []
          },
          "configurations": {
            "production": {
              "fileReplacements": [
                {
                  "replace": "src/environments/environment.ts",
                  "with": "src/environments/environment.prod.ts"
                }
              ],
              "optimization": true,
              "outputPath": "dist/first-app",
              "sourceMap": false,
              "namedChunks": false,
              "extractLicenses": true,
              "vendorChunk": false
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```


Initially, the package.json includes a starter set of packages, some of which are required by Angular and others that support common application scenarios.

package.json Configuration File



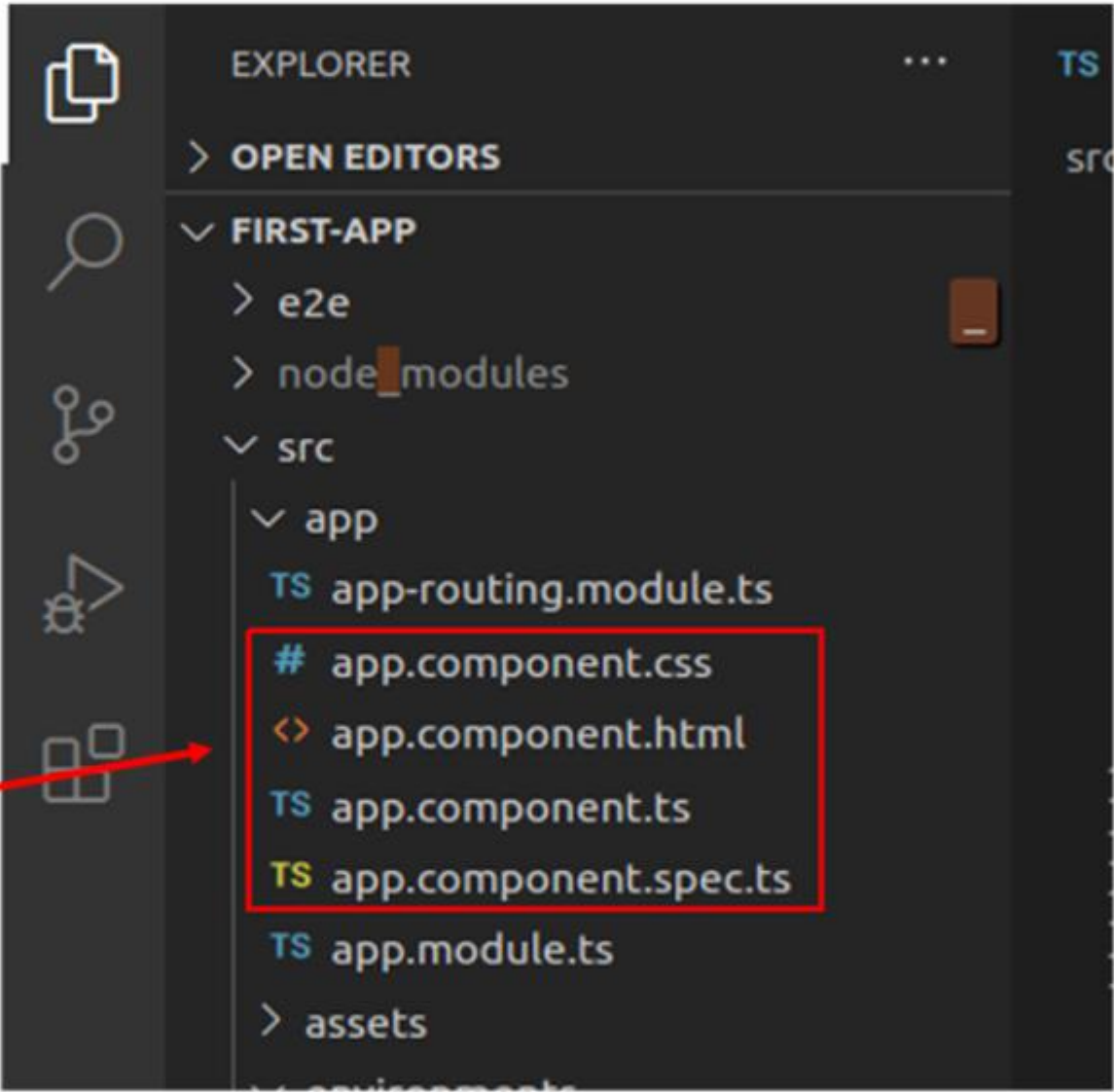
The package.json is organized into two groups of packages:

- Dependencies are essential for *running* applications.
- DevDependencies are only necessary to *develop* applications.

When the angular app is served and opened in the browser, the index.html file in the src folder calls the app-root root component. The root component is defined in app.components.ts which targets app.component.html.

Index.html

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<title>First App</title>
<base href="/">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
<link rel="icon" type="image/x-icon" href="favicon.ico">
</head>
<body>
<app-root></app-root>
</body>
</html>
```

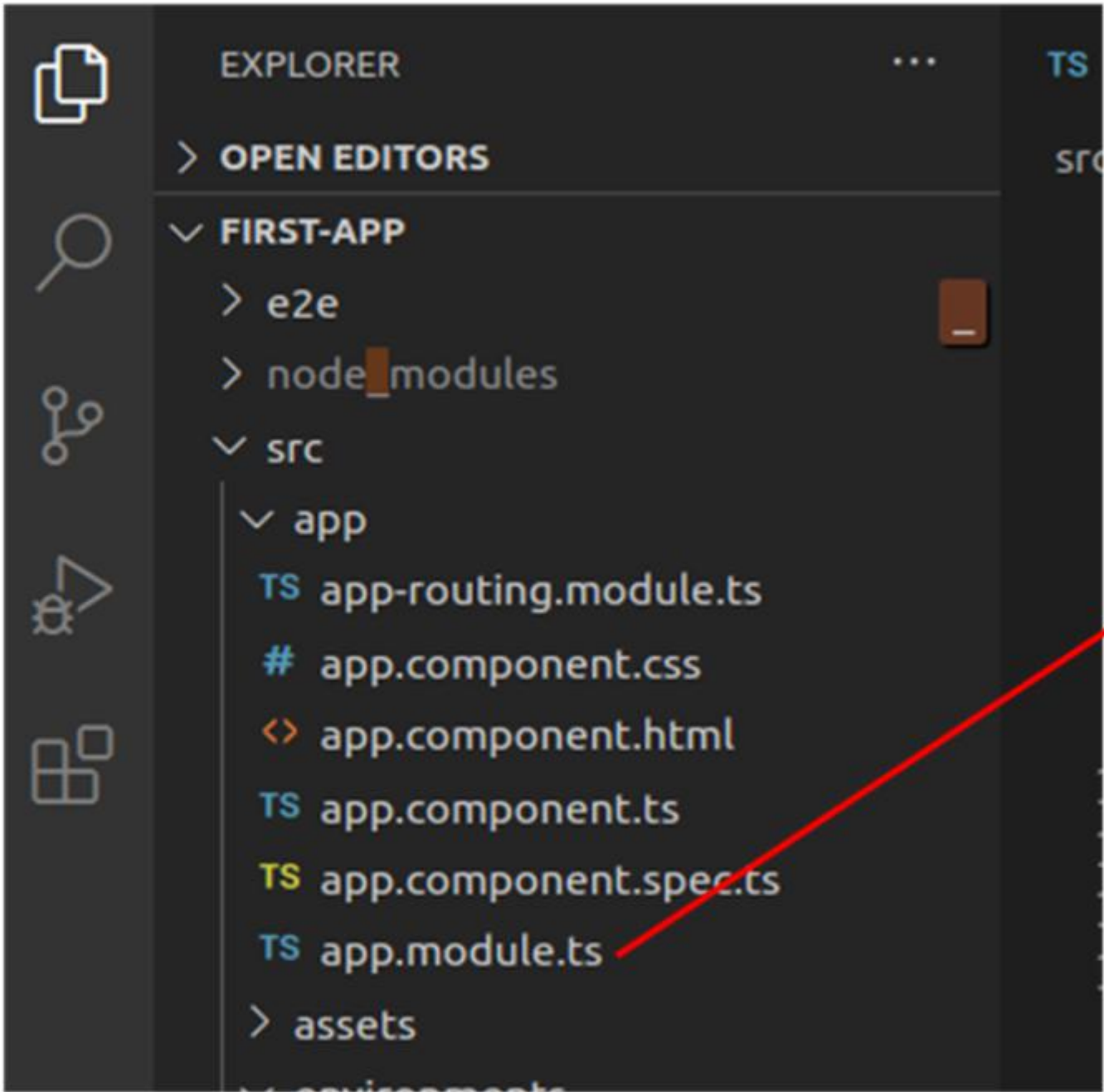


The `main.ts` file is the first code that gets executed. The job of `main.ts` is to bootstrap the application. It loads everything and controls the startup of the application.

`platformBrowserDynamic().bootstrap(AppModule)` tells the builder to start the app from the `AppModule`. `AppModule` refers to the `app.module.ts` file.

`environment.production` is a boolean constant declared in `environment.ts` whose value will be true for the production environment.

main.ts File



```
import { enableProdMode } from '@angular/core';
import { platformBrowserDynamic } from '@angular/platform-browser-dynamic';

import { AppModule } from './app/app.module';
import { environment } from './environments/environment';

if (environment.production) {
  enableProdMode();
}

platformBrowserDynamic().bootstrapModule(AppModule)
  .catch(err => console.error(err));
```

app.module.ts

This module created with the `@NgModule` decorator, which has declarations of all the components we are creating within the app module so that angular is aware of them. Here, we also have an imports array where we can import other modules and use them in our app.

There is a list of all components that should be known to Angular when it analyzes our `index.html` file.

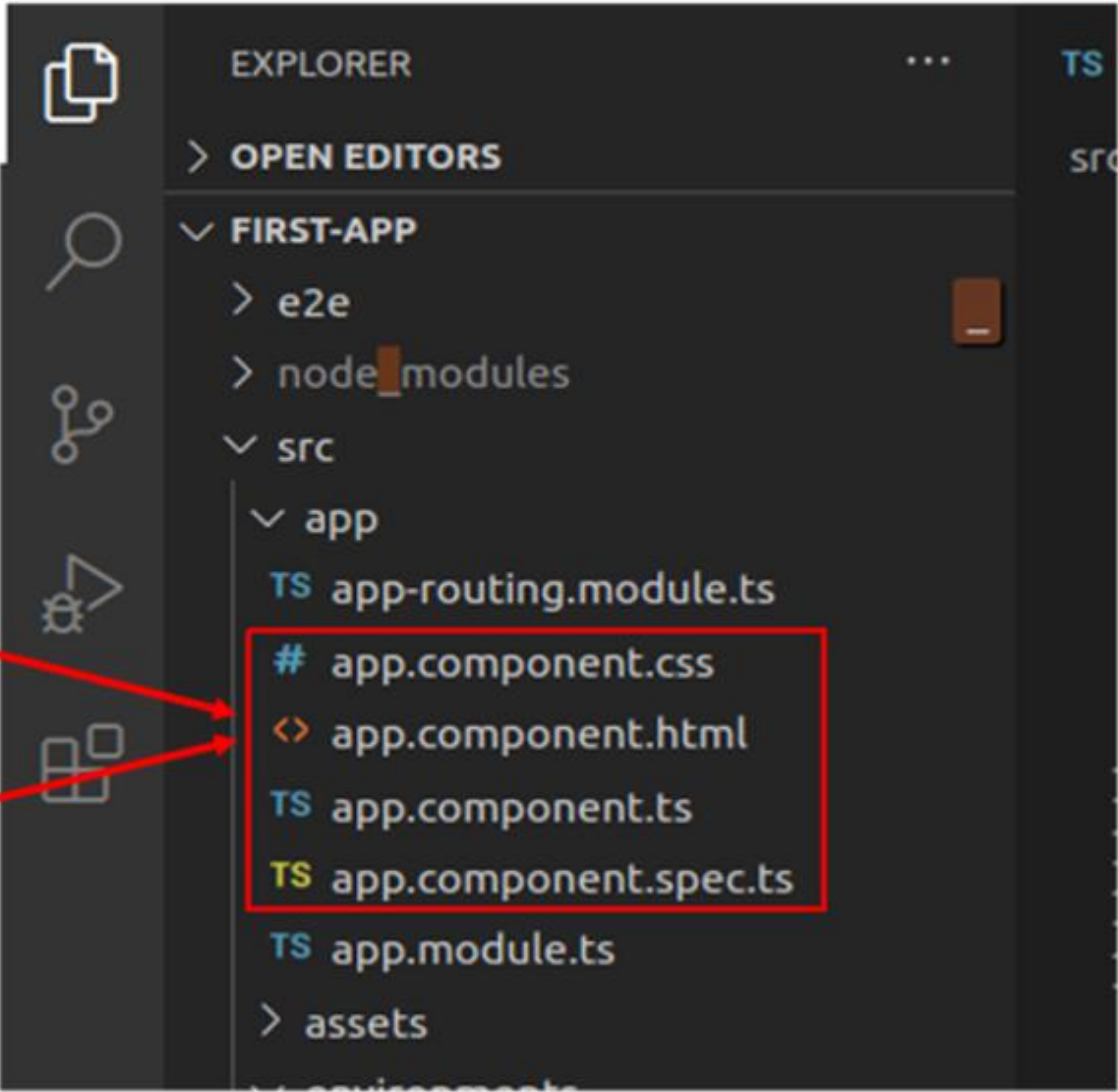
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import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';

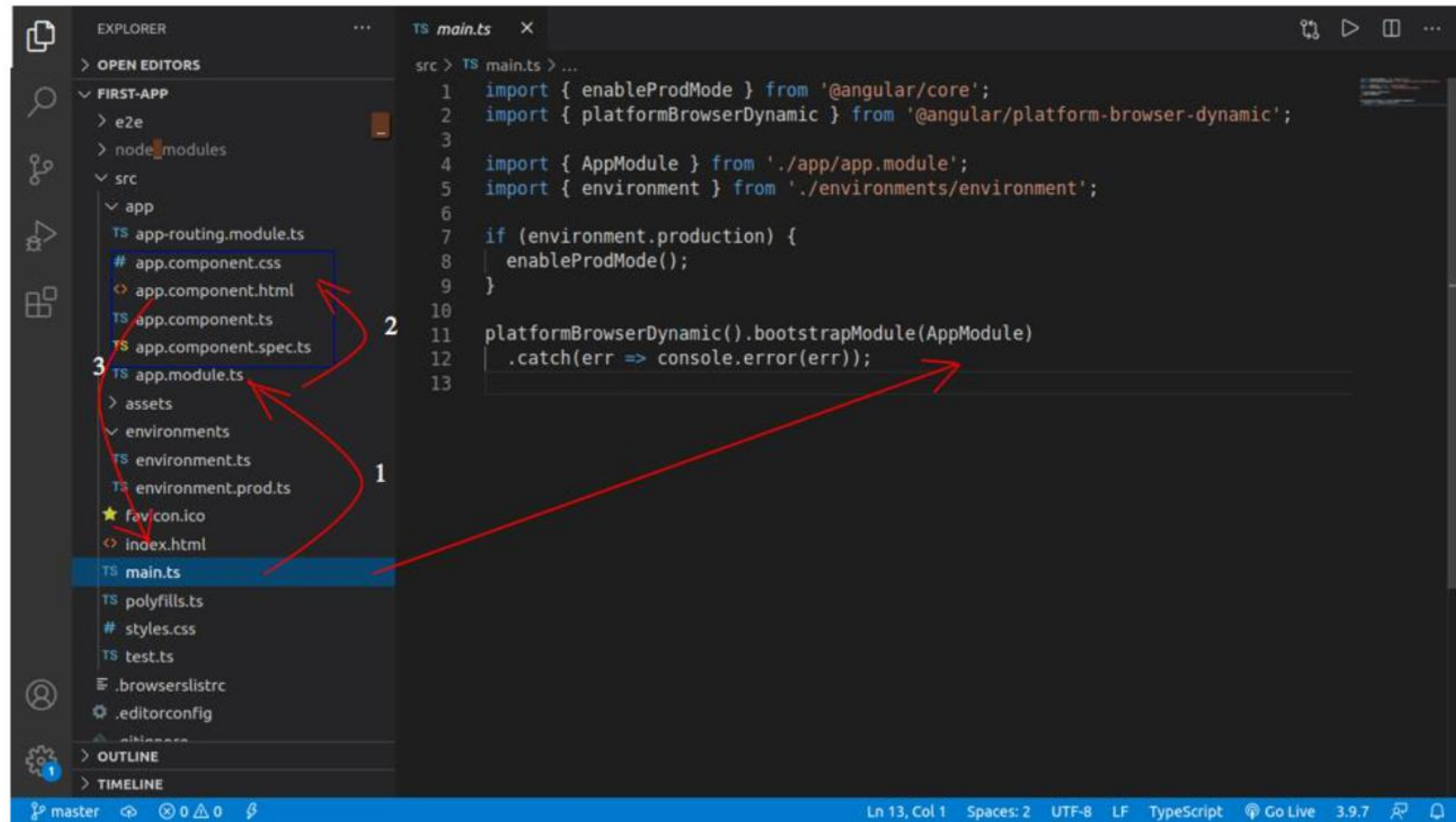
import { AppRoutingModule } from './app-routing.module';
import { AppComponent } from './app/component';

@NgModule({
  declarations: [
    AppComponent
  ],
  imports: [
    BrowserModule,
    AppRoutingModule
  ],
  providers: [],
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]
})
export class AppModule { }
```

Start with AppComponent



How Does Angular Trigger index.html and Start Working?



Built-in Directives

- Directives are classes that add additional behavior to elements in your Angular applications.
- Angular built-in directives manage forms, lists, styles, etc.
- Different types of directives:
 - Components: Most common directive used with the template.
 - Attribute Directives: Change the appearance or behavior of an element, component, or another directive.
 - Structural Directives: Change the DOM layout by adding and removing DOM elements.
- Built-in Structural Directives:
 - *NgIf: Conditionally creates or disposes of subviews from the template.

```
<div *ngIf="fruit" class="name">{{fruit.name}}</div>
```
 - *NgFor: Repeat a node for each item in a list.

```
<div *ngFor="let fruit of fruits">{{fruit.name}}</div>
```
 - *NgSwitch: A set of directives that switch among alternative views.

Check this [link](#) to know more about built-in attribute directives.

Data Binding Markup: Summary



DOM



Component

Self-Check

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