Angular 5 Training Course

Exercise E-di

- Dependency injection (DI) allows us to separate our project into loosely coupled parts.
- The **connections** between the parts are clearly defined.
- Each part is testable in **isolation**.
- Mock data can be **injected** into components.
- This example passes a service and an object between different parts of the project using DI.

Setup

- Duplicate **c-compose** and rename the folder **e-di**.
- · Rebuild the project using NPM.

```
npm install
ng serve --open.
```

Create a data service

- The fruit data is hard-coded in the main component as an array. We can move it into a **service**.
- We will pass an instance of the service into the main component constructor using DI.
- Use the Angular-CLI to generate a new service.

```
ng generate service service/data --dry-run
ng generate service service/data
```

- Note: this command does not update **src/app/app.module.ts**.
- We need to manually add the service to the **NgModule providers** array.

```
import { DataService } from './service/data.service';
providers: [DataService]
```

• The Angular CLI creates a minimal service class with an empty constructor. The class is wrapped in an **Injectable** annotation.

```
@Injectable()
export class DataService {
   constructor() {}
}
```

• Move the fruit array into the service, and create a getter method:

```
fruit = [ .... ];

getFruit() {
    return this.fruit;
}
```

• Import this service into the shop component:

```
import { DataService } from "./service/data.service";
```

· Pass the service into the constructor.

```
constructor( private ds:DataService ) { .. }
```

· Call the getFruit method of the service.

```
this.fruit = ds.getFruit();
```

- Review the Injector Graph in the **Augury** Chrome extension.
- Exercise: add a boolean parameter to getFruit which filters in only items that are in-stock.

Inject data objects directly

- · You can pass simple JS data objects around using DI.
- Create a file config/app.config.ts that holds project configuration information.
- This object contains two properties.
- The **provide** property is the name that this object is referred to in DI.

• Its data is held as an object in the **useValue** property.

```
// config/app.config.ts

export const Config = {
    provide:"config",
    useValue : {
        shop : "Southwold Organics",
        addr : {
            street : "14 Dolphin..",
            postcode : "IP18 4HZ"
        }
    }
}
```

• Import it into app.module.ts and add it to the list of providers.

```
import { Config } from './config/app.config';
providers: [ DataService,Config ]
```

• This object can be injected into the constructor.

```
import { Inject } from '@angular/core';
constructor( @Inject("config") private config ,
private ds:DataService )
```

• Refactor the constructor to use this object.

```
this.shop = config.shop;
this.addr = config.addr;
```

• Review the DI in the Augury Chrome extension.

Use HTTP to read the data from a JSON file.

- Create a JSON file in the assets folder: assets/data/fruit.json
- · Note the JSON data needs to be stringified.
- Add the Angular HTTP module to app.module.ts

```
import {HttpClientModule} from '@angular/common/http';
imports: [BrowserModule,HttpClientModule]
```

• Import the Angular HTTP client into the service.

```
import { HttpClient } from '@angular/common/http';
```

• Inject the HTTP client into the service constructor.

```
constructor( private http: HttpClient ) {}
```

• Change getFruit to use the HTTP get() method to read the JSON file.

```
path : "assets/data/fruit.json";

getFruit() {
    return this.http.get( this.path );
}
```

• The main component already calls getFruit but this code will cause a runtime error.

```
this.fruit = ds.getFruit();
```

- The HTTP get method returns an **Observable**, an object for handling an asynchronous stream of data.
- We need to subscribe to this stream in order to read the data.

```
this.ds.getFruit().subscribe( fruit => this.fruit = fruit );
```

• Observables will be covered in more detail later in the course.