Files and Folders in an Angular project

These files and folders are created and populated when creating a new Angular application using the **ng new** command. The **.ts** extension indicates a TypeScript file.

node_modules: Contains the installed dependencies;

Must exist for **ng serve** command to work; May be created by **npm install**, if missing

This file is quite large and is typically not saved to GitHub;

(should be included in .gitignore file)

Not included in production deploy

src: Folder containing source code for the application;

Angular components, services, and other code that makes up the application;

Contains the app folder

app: Folder containing main Angular application code; Files in this folder:

app.component.css: CSS for your app component

app.component.html: Html for the app component;

Template file todo the data binding

app.component.spec.ts: Unit testing file for the app component

app.component.ts: Defines the root component of the application;

Most important typescript file;

Includes the view logic behind the component.

app.config.server.ts: Configure a Node.js server;

Responsible for bootstrapping the Angular application and

Providing it with the necessary configuration

app.config.ts: Tell Angular how to assemble the application;

Defines the application's root component - entry point for the application;

Defines the application's providers - services used in the application

app.routes.ts: Routing configuration for the application;

Defines all the possible routes in the application; specifies which

component should be displayed for each route.

app.module.ts: Configures the application modules;

All the dependencies for the website;

Used to define the needed modules to be imported, the components to

be declared and the main component to be bootstrapped

No longer required after Angular 17

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index.html: Primary HTML file for the application; The basic structure of the application; Loads the Angular application code.

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main.server.ts: Entry point for server-side rendering (SSR);
Responsible for configuring and starting the server-side rendering process

main.ts: Entry point for an Angular application;
Responsible for bootstrapping the application and loading the root module

styles.css: CSS styling to be applied to all pages in an application

angular.json: Configuration options for the Angular CLI;

i.e Configure the build process, the development server, and other aspects of the Angular CLI.

package-lock.json: Lock down the versions of your dependencies so that a project will always use the same versions, regardless of when they were installed

package.json: Information about the project's dependencies;

Used by the Angular CLI to install/manage dependencies, and to run scripts.

README.md: Contains description or application, directions on use and any other information to be conveyed to a user of the application.

server.ts: Used to run an Angular application on a server;

Responsible for starting the Node.js server/configure it to serve the Angular app; May also include code to handle routing and to provide access to data in a database.

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tsconfig.json: Specifies the TypeScript compiler options for the project;

Control how the TypeScript compiler transpiles TypeScript into JavaScript

tsconfig.app.json: Additional TypeScript compiler options for the project;

Extends/Adds to the options in tsconfig.json

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environments: Folder containing environment-specific configuration files;

Used to configure different aspects of the application ie. API endpoint URLs, for

different environments (development, staging, and production)

Not required for Angular application to run