**Section 11: Changing Pages with Routing**

**Section 11: Lecture 112//Module Introduction**

1. We already learnt a lot about angular, this far we really built a single page application. We changed directives and so on to change the potions of this page – but in the end we always were on the same page. If we look at the URL on the top it was always localhost: 4200.
2. Now, what if we have page where we want to display several pages – like e have /users or we have /accounts page for this we indeed need multiple pages i.e. multiple index HTML files – but really we don’t need because angular ships with its own router which allows you to change the URL – in the URL bar and still only use one page but then exchange major parts or lot of parts of that page.
3. To the user it looks like a new page was loaded may because only the headed is the same. But behind the scenes it is still JavaScript changing lot of parts in your DOM/in your page, making it look like new page was rendered but you are still in the angular world i.e. in your single page application
4. Let’s take a closer look in this module.

**Section 11: Lecture 113// Why do we need a Router?**

1. Attached to the section we have an example project. We can notice in that project that we cannot switch the pages.
2. To work in this module, we need angular router. We must know which routs our project application has.
3. We want to split all the given tabs in the application into multiple pages i.e. multiple page looking components as angular creates a single page application.
4. Here we have users, servers, and Home on the same page – so that is something we can improve. It would be nice to have separate URLs for these 3 tabs and for this we need angular router.
5. Angular router knows which route our front end application has. Notice pattern from a full stack application where you also register some routes. Now, we can do the same thing in angular.

**Section 11: Lecture 114//Understanding the example project**

1. In our app, we got three sections:

* Home
* Servers
  + View and Edit Servers
  + A Service is used to load and update Servers
* Users
  + View Users

This app will be improved by adding routing but feel free to play around with it - besides routing, everything should be working fine.

**Section 11: Lecture 115//Setting up and loading routes**

1. So, here I am in the source code responsible for the app we saw in the last lecture. Now we can see that we have the 3 major components and then some sub-components of these components.
2. In the app.component.html I am loading them all i.e. my home component, server’s component, and users’ component. For now, we will ignore the sub components.
3. Now, where do we register such routes? – these routes are responsible for our whole app.
4. Now, if we enter /users in the URL then we want to load the users’ component as our main pagelet. Now, this is the core part of our app, so, where should we register it? - well, app.module.ts sounds like a good place, because here is where we configure our app. Here only we add our components and so on.
5. Now, here we will add a new constant called appRoutes; now, this constant should be of a type the routes type which must be imported from @angular/router. This constant should hold an array because our application has multiple routes.
6. We add all the routes and want to setup this array for now. Each route for now is just a JavaScript object in this array.
7. Now, the question is that how does such a rout should be configured in an angular app? - It must follow a pattern and a structure for angular to be able to use it. And this structure always needs a path.
8. Just give the name of the path in the object in the constant and define what should happen when this path is reached. The action typically is the component. Now, we will inform angular here that when the certain path here is reached then this component should be reached. And this component would then be the page which gets loaded.
9. We must make sure we are configuring the components in our app such that they look like pages.
10. Now, just by adding that constant angular won’t know what to do. How would angular know that you want to use this constant? – so, we somehow must register these routes in our app and we do this by adding a new import here i.e. we must add the router module.
11. Using RouteModule.forRoot(appRoutes) we would be able to register our routing functionality in our app. And now angular knows our routes.
12. The missing piece is to render the currently selected component.
13. app.module.ts
14. import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
15. import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
16. import { FormsModule } from '@angular/forms';
17. import { HttpModule } from '@angular/http';
18. import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
19. import { HomeComponent } from './home/home.component';
20. import { UsersComponent } from './users/users.component';
21. import { ServersComponent } from './servers/servers.component';
22. import { UserComponent } from './users/user/user.component';
23. import { EditServerComponent } from './servers/edit-server/edit-server.component';
24. import { ServerComponent } from './servers/server/server.component';
25. import { ServersService } from './servers/servers.service';
26. import { Routes, RouterModule } from '@angular/router';
28. const appRoutes: Routes = [
29. { path: '', component: HomeComponent },
30. { path: 'users', component: UserComponent },
31. { path: 'servers', component: ServerComponent }
32. ];
33. @NgModule({
34. declarations: [
35. AppComponent,
36. HomeComponent,
37. UsersComponent,
38. ServersComponent,
39. UserComponent,
40. EditServerComponent,
41. ServerComponent
42. ],
43. imports: [
44. BrowserModule,
45. FormsModule,
46. HttpModule,
47. RouterModule.forRoot(appRoutes)
48. ],
49. providers: [ServersService],
50. bootstrap: [AppComponent]
51. })
52. export class AppModule { }

14. app.component.html:

<div class="container">

<div class="row">

<div class="col-xs-12 col-sm-10 col-md-8 col-sm-offset-1 col-md-offset-2">

<ul class="nav nav-tabs">

<li role="presentation" class="active"><a href="#">Home</a></li>

<li role="presentation"><a href="#">Servers</a></li>

<li role="presentation"><a href="#">Users</a></li>

</ul>

</div>

</div>

<div class="row">

<div class="col-xs-12 col-sm-10 col-md-8 col-sm-offset-1 col-md-offset-2">

<router-outlet></router-outlet>

</div>

</div>

</div>

**Section 11: Lecture 116// Navigating with Router Links**

1. As we can see that right now, we can change pages or make routing work by typing the URLs not by just clicking the buttons or menu items. It would also be nice to make some links work in our application here.
2. So, lets add some links to our application. Now, when we give link paths for routing in the app.component.html we see that now when we click on the menu item buttons the page reloads.
3. Every link we click the page reloads. This however is not the best behavior because restarts our app on every click to the button. That means our whole application state will be lost. It might not be the behavior we want to offer to the user.
4. So, this not how we should implement navigation. How should we implement then? - there is a special directive angular gives us i.e. routerLink.
5. Another way of using routerLink is by using Property Binding.
6. app.component.html:
7. <div class="container">
8. <div class="row">
9. <div class="col-xs-12 col-sm-10 col-md-8 col-sm-offset-1 col-md-offset-2">
10. <ul class="nav nav-tabs">
11. <li role="presentation" class="active"><a routerLink="/">Home</a></li>
12. <li role="presentation"><a routerLink="/servers">Servers</a></li>
13. <li role="presentation"><a [routerLink]="['/users']">Users</a></li>
14. </ul>
15. </div>
16. </div>
17. <div class="row">
18. <div class="col-xs-12 col-sm-10 col-md-8 col-sm-offset-1 col-md-offset-2">
19. <router-outlet></router-outlet>
20. </div>
21. </div>
22. </div>

**Section 11: Lecture 117//Understanding Navigation Paths**

1. In the last lecture we added this navigation, we also mentioned that we can change the way in which we use the paths here.
2. Now, in the servers.component.html we added this router link which was earlier only present at app.component.html.
3. servers.component.html:
4. <div class="row">
5. <div class="col-xs-12 col-sm-4">
6. <div class="list-group">
7. <a
8. href="#"
9. class="list-group-item"
10. \*ngFor="let server of servers">
11. {{ server.name }}
12. </a>
13. </div>
14. </div>
15. <div class="col-xs-12 col-sm-4">
16. <a routerLink="../server">Reload Page</a>
17. <app-edit-server></app-edit-server>
18. <hr>
19. <app-server></app-server>
20. </div>
21. </div>

**Section 11: Lecture 118//Styling active router links**

1. One thing is that we are not getting any indication of what the currently active route is, this is purely CSS thing.
2. Now, home page here is set to active by default. But we can set it dynamically to know which route is currently executing. Angular gives us a directive for this i.e. routerLinkActive directive.

**Section 11: Lecture 119//Navigating Programmatically**

1. Till now we have learnt how to add routs and how to load them. Either by navigation bar or by clicking some links. What now if we want to load a route programmatically.
2. Say, we finished some operation or the user clicked some button or the user clicked some button and then we want to trigger the navigation from our typescript code.
3. Let’s say in our home component here we add a new button to it and on this button I simply want to load the server.
4. Now, when the button is clicked and the click method is called we need to tell this to angular router that please navigate somewhere else.
5. [home.component.html](http://home.component.html):
6. <h4>Welcome to Server Manager 4.0</h4>
7. <p>Manage your Servers and Users.</p>
8. <button class ="btn btn-primay" (click) = "onLoadServers()">Load Servers</button>
10. [Home.component.ts](http://Home.component.ts):
11. import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';
12. import { Router } from '@angular/router';
13. @Component({
14. selector: 'app-home',
15. templateUrl: './home.component.html',
16. styleUrls: ['./home.component.css']
17. })
18. export class HomeComponent implements OnInit {
19. constructor(private router: Router) { }
20. ngOnInit() {
21. }
22. onLoadServers(){
23. //complex calculation
24. this.router.navigate(['/servers']);
25. }
26. }

**Section 11: Lecture 120 //Using Relative Paths in Programmatic navigation**