Strongly Typing the State



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The state of our state



Module Overview



Define interfaces for slices of state

Use the interfaces for strong typing

Set initial state values

Build selectors



```
showProductCode: true,
currentProduct: {...},
products: [...],
hideWelcomePage: true,
maskUserName: false,
currentUser: {...},
customerFilter: 'Harkness',
currentCustomer: {...},
customers: [...],
allowGuest: false,
includeAds: true,
displayCustomerDetail: false,
allowEdit: false,
listFilter: 'Hammer',
displayAddress: false,
orders: [...],
cart: [...],
```

```
app: {
 hideWelcomePage: true
products: {
 showProductCode: true,
 currentProduct: {...},
 products: [...]
users: {
 maskUserName: false,
 currentUser: {...}
customers: {
 customerFilter: 'Harkness',
 currentCustomer: {...},
 customers: [...]
```

```
export interface State {
  app: AppState;
  products: ProductState;
  users: UserState;
  customers: CustomerState;
}
```

```
export interface AppState {
  hideWelcomePage: boolean;
}
```

```
export interface ProductState {
   showProductCode: boolean;
   currentProduct: Product;
   products: Product[];
}
```

```
export interface UserState {
  maskUserName: boolean;
  currentUser: User;
}
```

```
export interface CustomerState {
  customerFilter: string;
  currentCustomer: Customer;
  customers: Customer[];
}
```

```
app: {
 hideWelcomePage: true
},
products: {
 showProductCode: true,
 currentProduct: {...},
 products: [...]
},
users: {
 maskUserName: false,
 currentUser: {...}
},
customers: {
 customerFilter: 'Harkness',
 currentCustomer: {...},
 customers: [...]
},
```



Defining an interface for a slice of state



Lazy Loading

```
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chunk {polyfills} polyfills.js, polyfills.js.map (polyfills) 141 kB [initial] [rendered]
chunk {products-product-module} products-product-module.js, products-product-module.js.map (products-product-module) 51.8 kB
[rendered]
chunk {runtime} runtime.js, runtime.js.map (runtime) 9.02 kB [entry] [rendered]
chunk {styles} styles.js, styles.js.map (styles) 684 kB [initial] [rendered]
chunk {vendor} vendor.js, vendor.js.map (vendor) 3.62 MB [initial] [rendered]
```

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main.js	200	script	welcome	48.8	2	1		
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app

```
import { ProductState } from '../products/state/product.reducer';
import { UserState } from '../user/state/user.reducer';

export interface State {
  products: ProductState;
  users: UserState;
}
```

app

```
import { UserState } from '.../user/state/user.reducer';
export interface State {
  users: UserState;
}
```

products

```
import * as AppState from '../../state/app.state';
export interface State extends AppState.State {
  products: ProductState;
}
```



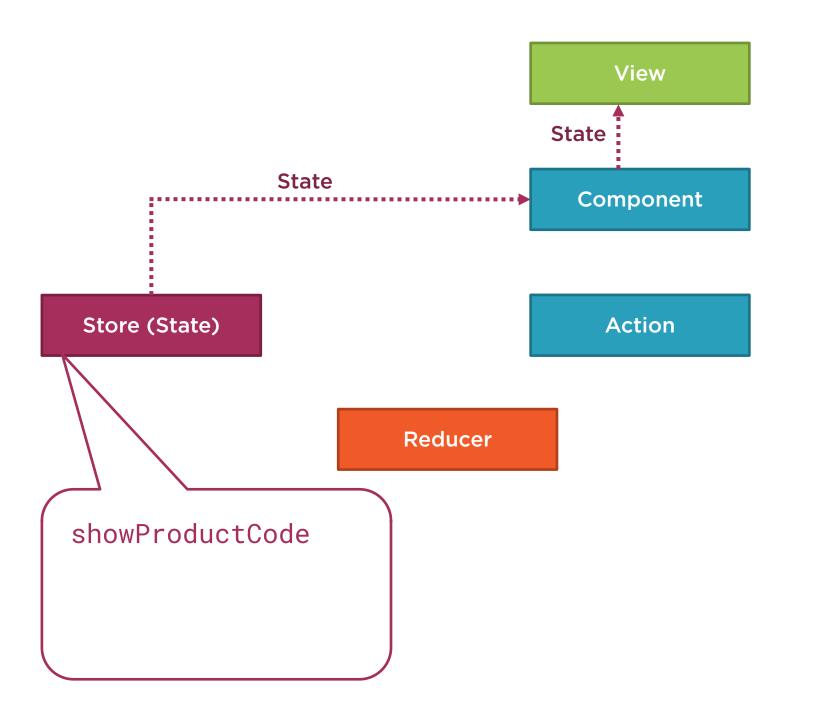
Extending the state interface for lazy loaded features

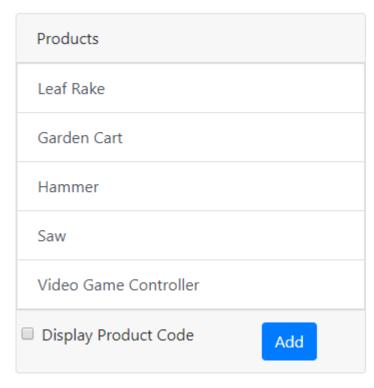




Strongly typing the state







Set Initial Values

Product Reducer

```
const initialState: ProductState = {
   showProductCode: true,
   currentProduct: null,
   products: []
};
```

Product Reducer

```
export const productReducer = createReducer<ProductState>(
   initialState,
   on(ProductActions.toggleProductCode, (state): ProductState =>
   {
     return {
        ...state,
        showProductCode: !state.showProductCode
     };
   })
);
```



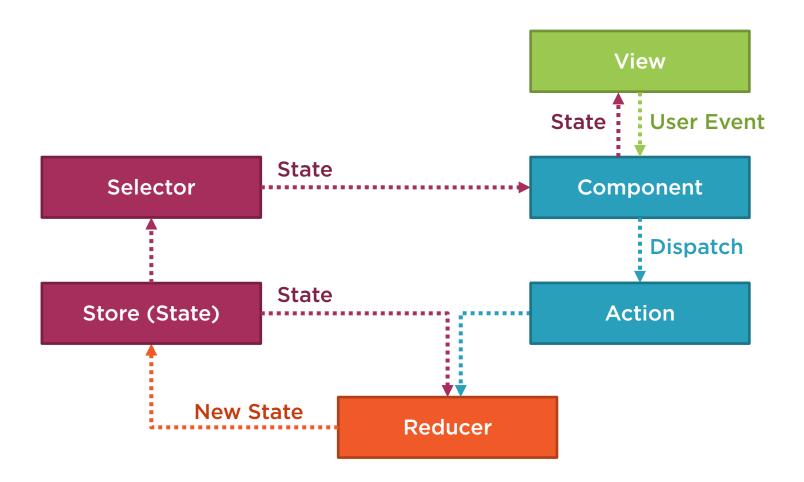
Setting initial state values



```
app: {
  hideWelcomePage: true
products: {
  showProductCode: true,
 currentProduct: {...},
 products: [...]
users: {
 maskUserName: false,
 currentUser: {...}
```

- 1. Hard-coded string
- 2. Knows the store structure
- 3. Watches for any changes

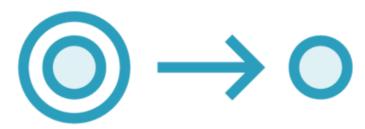
```
this.store.select('products').subscribe(
  products => this.displayCode = products.showProductCode
);
```



Benefits of Selectors



Provide a strongly typed API



Decouple the store from the components



Encapsulate complex data transformations



Reusable



Memoized (cached)



Selector

```
const getProductFeatureState =
  createFeatureSelector<ProductState>('products');
```

```
app: {
  hideWelcomePage: true
products: {
  showProductCode: true,
  currentProduct: {...},
  products: [...]
users: {
 maskUserName: false,
  currentUser: {...}
```



Selector

```
const getProductFeatureState =
  createFeatureSelector<ProductState>('products');
   products: {
   showProductCode: true
     currentProduct: {...},
     products: [...]
export const getShowProductCode |= createSelector(
   getProductFeatureState,
   state => state.showProductCode
```

```
app: {
  hideWelcomePage: true
products: {
  showProductCode: true,
  currentProduct: {...},
  products: [...]
users: {
  maskUserName: false,
  currentUser: {...}
```

Using a Selector

Without a selector

```
this.store.select('products').subscribe(
   products => this.displayCode = products.showProductCode
);
```

With a selector

```
import { State, getShowProductCode } from '../state/product.reducer';

this.store.select(getShowProductCode).subscribe(
    showProductCode => this.displayCode = showProductCode
);
```



Building selectors





Using selectors



Composing Selectors

```
createFeatureSelector<ProductState>('products');

export const getCurrentProductId = createSelector(
  getProductFeatureState,
  state => state.currentProductId
);
```

const getProductFeatureState =

```
export const getCurrentProduct = createSelector(
   getProductFeatureState,
   getCurrentProductId,
   (state, currentProductId) =>
     state.products.find(p => p.id === currentProductId)
);
```

```
export const getCurrentProduct = createSelector(
   getProductFeatureState,
   (state) =>
    state.products.find(p => p.id === state.currentProductId)
);
```

```
app: {
 hideWelcomePage: true
products: {
  showProductCode: true,
  currentProductId: 5,
  products: [...]
users: {
 maskUserName: false,
  currentUser: {...}
```



Checklist: Strongly Typing State

```
Define an interface for each slice of state:
export interface ProductState {
  showProductCode: boolean;
 currentProduct: Product;
 products: Product[];
Compose them for the global application state
Use the interfaces to strongly type the state
import { State } from './state/product.reducer';
constructor(private store: Store<State>) { }
```

Checklist: Initializing State

```
Set initial values:
const initialState: ProductState = {
  showProductCode: true,
  currentProduct: null,
  products: []
Initialize the state:
export const productReducer = createReducer<ProductState>(
 initialState,
on(...)
```

Checklist: Building Selectors

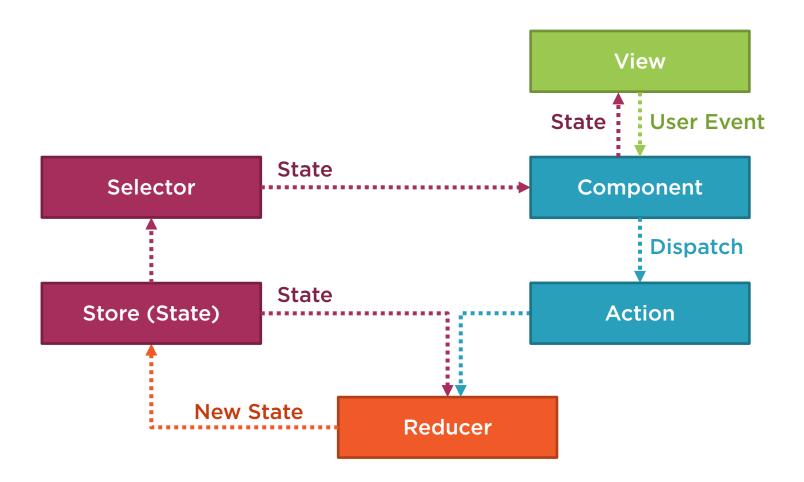
Build selectors to define reusable state queries Conceptually similar to stored procedures

Feature selector:

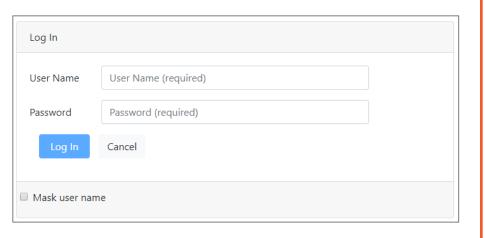
```
const getProductFeatureState =
  createFeatureSelector<ProductState>('products');
```

State selector:

```
export const getShowProductCode =
  createSelector(
    getProductFeatureState,
    state => state.showProductCode
);
```



Homework



Strongly type the user state

Build selectors for maskUserName and currentUser

Modify the reducer to use the strongly typed state

Modify the login component to use the strongly typed state and selector

