

elastic ui - Angular 4 Material Design + Redux/ngrx Admin Template

Introduction

elastic ui is a creative material design admin template built with Angular 4 and the Angular-CLI. It extends the Material Design components built by the Angular 4 team and it offers you everything you need to get started with your next CRM, CMS or dashboard based project.

Support is available through email, ThemeForest comments or chat. If you purchased the theme and love it, consider giving it a 5-star rating here on ThemeForest. It really helps pushing out more updates and adding more great features.

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Getting Started

In this section you will find the basic folder structure and everything you need to get the theme up and running the first time to start developing.

Folder Structure

Name	Description
<code>.angular-cli.json</code>	Used for configuration of project specific settings. You can add external styles and scripts, change the output folder, add assets, add environment files and more.
<code>e2e</code>	Will be used for end-to-end tests to ensure functionality for users before deploying.
<code>node_modules</code>	All external modules used are here. Do not mess with this folder, as it is auto-generated by using <code>npm install</code> .
<code>package.json</code>	Contains all dependencies used for production and development.
<code>src</code>	Contains all Angular 4 Typescript code, assets and basically everything the end user will have access to.
<code>tslint.json</code>	Angular-CLI includes an automatic Typescript-Linter, which can be configured with this file.

Using Angular-CLI

Angular-CLI allows you to create a new App in a matter of seconds and provides an awesome way to generate scaffolds for basically all Angular 4-Components. [You can take a look at what commands are available here.](#)

In this article, we are going to install Angular-CLI and its prerequisites and then generate our first project with a few various components.

Prerequisites

Before we can install Angular-CLI we will have to get a few things set up first. To run Angular-CLI we will need to install these 2 prerequisites first.

- **NodeJS** v4 or newer (we recommend v6 or newer)

[A detailed instruction on how to install NodeJS is available here.](#)

Installing Angular-CLI

Installing Angular-CLI is as simple as running this simple command:

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

and the package manager `npm` will do the rest.

Generating the first Component

Now that we have installed all prerequisites it's time to start developing our app. Angular-CLI offers a lot of assistance and allows you to generate basically all Angular 4-Components there are. *(In a smart way!)*

To generate our first component we simply open up a terminal and navigate in our Angular 4-App. Now we simply run `ng g component client` and we get a new component in `/src/app/client` with the following files:

- `client.component.ts`
- `client.component.html`
- `client.component.css`
- `client.component.spec.ts`

The files `client.component.ts` and `client.component.spec.ts` contain the most code, the other files only contain placeholders.

`client.component.ts`

```
import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';

@Component({
  moduleId: module.id,
  selector: 'app-client',
  templateUrl: 'client.component.html',
  styleUrls: ['client.component.css']
})
export class ClientComponent implements OnInit {

  constructor() { }

  ngOnInit() {
  }

}
```

By executing this short command, we just saved ourselves a lot of time creating all these component files and boilerplate code.

[Syntax for all commands are available here.](#)

Generating a Service in a specific folder

Now we have our `client` component, but what if we want to share some data between components and need to create a `service` to manage this all. Well, we probably would want the service to be in the correct folder, probably right in the components folder in `/src/app/client`.

Either way, with Angular-CLI we can generate in any folder, wherever we want. Simply use the path (*relative to `/src/app/`*) and use it as the name of the generated component.

```
ng g service client OR ng g service client/shared
```

Or anything you need. Afterward we will find two generated files in our specified folder: `client.service.ts` and `client.service.spec.ts`.

`client.service.ts`

```
import { Injectable } from '@angular/core';

@Injectable()
export class ClientService {

  constructor() { }

}
```

Live-Preview and App-Start

Now that we have generated our components, we sure want to see how the result will look like. Luckily Angular-CLI comes pre-configured with a **Live Compile and Reload Server** for which you simply have to run `ng serve` and after a few seconds your site will be live at `http://localhost:4200`.

All changes you now make to your app will automatically be compiled and your open browser window will be reloaded.

These were the first steps with the awesome Angular-CLI and Angular 4. Following we are going to get more in detail about developing with Angular-CLI and using the power of Angular 4 right.

Customizing

Everything shown in the demo can also be customized and most things are generated dynamically, for example the navigation menu.

Add a Menu Item

Menu Items can be added from anywhere, but we recommend to define them in the route-handler component. Here's an example directly from our demo:

```
// Top Level Item (The item to click on so the dropdown opens)
const dashboard = new SidenavItem({
  name: 'Dashboard',
  icon: 'dashboard',
  subItems: [ ],
  position: 1
});

// Sub Items for the Top Level Item (The items shown when you clicked on the dropdown item)
// Note: The Top Level Item is added as "parent" in those items, here "dashboard" (variable from above)
const dashboardSubItems = [
  new SidenavItem({
    name: 'All-In-One',
    route: '/',
    parent: dashboard,
    subItems: [ ],
    position: 1,
    routerLinkActiveOptions: {
      exact: true
    }
  })
],
new SidenavItem({
```

```

        name: 'Statistics Dashboard',
        route: '/dashboard/statistics',
        parent: dashboard,
        subItems: [ ],
        position: 1
    })),
    new SidenavItem({
        name: 'CRM Dashboard',
        route: '/dashboard/crm',
        parent: dashboard,
        subItems: [ ],
        position: 1
    })),
];

// Push the just created Sub Items into the Top Level Item
dashboard.subItems.push(...dashboardSubItems);

// Send the created Menu structure to Redux/ngrx (you only need to send the Top Level Item, all dropdown items will be
this.store.dispatch(new SidenavAction.AddSidenavItemAction(dashboard));

```

Receive, send and map data to a server with GET and POST requests

Receiving data from a server to process or display it in Angular 4 can be quite tricky with the new observables and syntax. Here you'll find an example how you can do this.

First of all create an abstract `BaseService` where you configure your Backend-URL and the correct paths for your backend.

base.service.ts

```

import { Http, Headers } from '@angular/http';
import { Inject, Injectable } from '@angular/core';
import 'rxjs/add/operator/map';

@Injectable()
export abstract class BaseService {
    config: String;
    http: Http;
    modelName: string;
    model: any;

    constructor(@Inject(Http) http: Http) {
        this.http = http;
        this.config = 'http://yourBackend.url'
    }

    mapListToModelList (list: Array<Object>) {
        list.forEach((item, index) => {
            list[index] = this.mapModel(item);
        });

        return list;
    }

    mapModel(model: any) {
        return this.model(model);
    }

    findById(id: number, populate: Array<string> = null) {
        return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
            let url = this.config + '/' + this.modelName + '/' + id;

            if (populate) {
                url = url + '?populate=' + populate.join(', ');
            }

            console.log('URL', url);

            this.http.get(url)
                .map(res => res.json())
                .subscribe(res => {
                    if (res.error) {
                        reject(res.error);
                    } else {

```

```

        resolve(this.mapModel(res));
    }
    });
});
}

find(populate: Array<string> = null) {
    return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
        let url = this.config + '/' + this.modelName;

        if (populate) {
            url = url + '?populate=' + populate.join(', ');
        }

        this.http.get(url)
            .map(res => res.json())
            .subscribe(res => {
                if (res.error) {
                    reject(res.error);
                } else {
                    resolve(this.mapListToModelList(res));
                }
            });
    });
}

upsert(model: any) {
    return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
        let url = this.config + '/api/' + this.modelName;

        var headers = new Headers();
        headers.append('Content-Type', 'application/json');
        headers.append('Accept', 'application/json');

        this.http.put(url, JSON.stringify(model), {headers : headers})
            .map(res => res.json())
            .subscribe(res => {
                console.log(res);
                if (res.error) {
                    reject(res.error);
                } else {
                    resolve(this.mapModel(res));
                }
            });
    });
}

create(model: any) {
    return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
        let url = this.config + '/' + this.modelName;

        var headers = new Headers();
        headers.append('Content-Type', 'application/json');
        headers.append('Accept', 'application/json');

        this.http.post(url, JSON.stringify(model), {headers : headers})
            .map(res => res.json())
            .subscribe(res => {
                console.log(res);
                if (res.error) {
                    reject(res.error);
                } else {
                    resolve(this.mapModel(res));
                }
            });
    });
}
}

```

Then you'll need a more specific service, in this example it's called `customerService`. This Service extends the `BaseService` inheriting all it's functions.

You will need to define a variable `modelName` which will appear in the called GET path in `BaseService`.

customer.service.ts

```

import { Injectable, Inject } from '@angular/core';
import { Http } from "@angular/http";
import { BaseService } from "../../shared/base.service";
import { Customer } from "../../customer.model";

@Injectable()
export class CustomerService extends BaseService {
  model: any;
  modelName = 'customer';

  constructor(@Inject(Http) http:Http) {
    super(http);

    this.model = (construct: any) => {
      return new Customer(construct);
    };
  }
}

```

Before using the data, you should map it as a class, so Typescript knows what it is and you know later on too. This is a sample Customer class.

customer.model.ts

```

export class Customer {
  firstName: string;
  lastName: string;

  constructor(model: any = null) {
    if (model) {
      this.firstName = model.firstName;
      this.lastName = model.lastName;
    }
  }
}

```

Last but not least you can finally inject the `CustomerService` and call one of these functions:

- `.find()` => GET to <http://yourBackend.url/customer> -> returns Array of Customers
- `.findById(1)` => GET to <http://yourBackend.url/customer/1> -> returns single Customer Object
- `.create(model)` => POST to <http://yourBackend.url/customer>
- `.upsert(model)` => UPDATE to <http://yourBackend.url/customer>

customer.component.ts

```

import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { CustomerService } from "../../shared/customer.service";
import { Customer } from "../../shared/customer.model";

@Component({
  selector: 'app-customer',
  templateUrl: './customer.component.html',
  styleUrls: ['./customer.component.css']
})
export class CustomerComponent implements OnInit {
  customers: Customer[] = [ ];

  constructor(private customerService: CustomerService) { }

  ngOnInit() {
    this.customerService.find().then((customers) => {
      this.customers = customers;
    });
  }
}

```

Note: You may need to adjust the `import` paths according to your directory structure.

URL mapping on an Apache Server

To allow for the URL to automatically route to the appropriate component on an Apache server like the internal ng serve server, you need to create a .htaccess file that routes all requests to the index.html file.

Here is an example how we did it on our demo-page:

```
<IfModule mod_rewrite.c>
  RewriteEngine On
  RewriteBase /
  RewriteEngine On
  RewriteCond %{HTTPS} off
  RewriteRule ^(.*)$ https://%{HTTP_HOST}%{REQUEST_URI} [L,R=301]
  RewriteRule ^index\.html$ - [L]
  RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-f
  RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d
  RewriteRule . /index.html [L]
</IfModule>
```

Note: We're using https, if you don't have or need https, remove the s from https:// and the RewriteCond with %{HTTPS} off.

Credits

In our theme we use various different external libraries. All of these libraries have their own complete documentation which can help you develop. In this section we list links to those libraries.

- [Angular Material 2](#) - Awesome library for Material Components and core component in our theme.
- [Google Material Icons](#) - Simply the best Material Icons out there.
- [RxJS](#) - Angular 4 Dependency - A new approach to how data can be handled in Observables.
- [HighlightJS](#) - Simple Syntax highlighting. Our theme includes a directive to apply the highlighting quickly to `<code>` blocks.
- [Normalize.css](#) - Convenient reset of browser-specific styles to industry-standard styling.
- [Chart.js](#) - Create advanced charts, completely customizable.
- [Smooth Scrollbar](#) - Simple and perfect scrollbar, working cross-browser.
- [Lodash](#) - "A modern JavaScript utility library delivering modularity, performance & extras."
- [Roboto Font](#) - Google's official Material Design Typography font.
- [Google Maps for Angular 4](#) - Google's official Material Design Typography font.

Assets

- All Avatars used are from [Adorable Avatars](#) licensed MIT and can therefore be also used in your application and are included in the download.
- Backgrounds used are from [Unsplash](#). A great site for images to use on your website!

All other assets shown in the demo are included in the download. All external libraries are usually loaded with `npm install`, except "HighlightJS", which is bundled.

