


## First Look at Angular's new resource() and rxResource()

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Angular signals haven't had great support for asynchronous operations, until now! Angular v19, coming out next month, introduces a new experimental API called resource(). And an rxjs-interop API called rxResource(). These features revolutionize how we handle our HTTP requests!

In this video, we take a first look at both resource() and rxResource() and how you can leverage them in your projects.

00:00 New features: resource() and rxResource()

00:35 resource()

01:41 rxResource()

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06:46 Multiple Query Parameters

08:26 resource() vs toSignal()

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10:38 Benefits of resource() and rxResource()

11:25 Wrap up

# resource()

```
products = resource({
  loader: () => fetch(this.url).then(res => res.json())
});
```

# rxResource()

```
products = rxResource({
  loader: () => this.http.get(this.url)
});
```

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12 })
13 export class App {
14   // We are selling StarWars ve
15   private url = 'https://swapi.
16 }
17
18 bootstrapApplication(App, {
19   providers: [
20     provideHttpClient()
21   ]
22 });
23
24
25 export interface Product {
```

# resource()

Request an **async** operation and  
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14   // We are selling StarWars vehicles, so those are our products
15   private url = 'https://swapi.py4e.com/api/vehicles';
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18 bootstrapApplication(App, {
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24
25 export interface Product {
26   name: string;
27   model: string;
28   cost_in_credits: number;
29 }
30
31 export interface ProductResponse {
32   count: number;
33   next: string;
34   previous: string;
35   results: Product[]
36 }
```

We want to retrieve products when our component is initialized,

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17   (property) App.products: ResourceRef<ProductResponse>
18   products = resource({
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```

## rxResource()

Request an **async** operation and get the result as a **writable** signal

```
products = rxResource({
  loader: () => this.http.get(this.url)
});
```

You can use **rxResource()** if you want to still use the HTTP client to return an Observable instead of a Promise.

```
10 template: `
11   `,
12 })
13 export class App {
14   // We are selling StarWars vehicles, so those are our products
15   private url = 'https://swapi.py4e.com/api/vehicles';
16   http = inject(HttpClient);
17
18   // This would normally reside in a service
19   products = rxResource({
20     loader: () => this.http.get(this.url)
21   });
22 }
```

## rxResource()

Automatically **subscribes** to and **unsubscribes** from the observable

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One and Done!

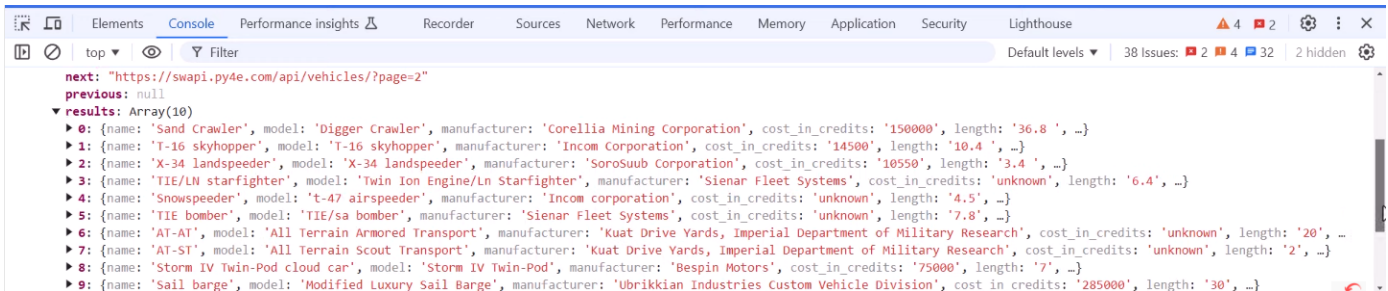
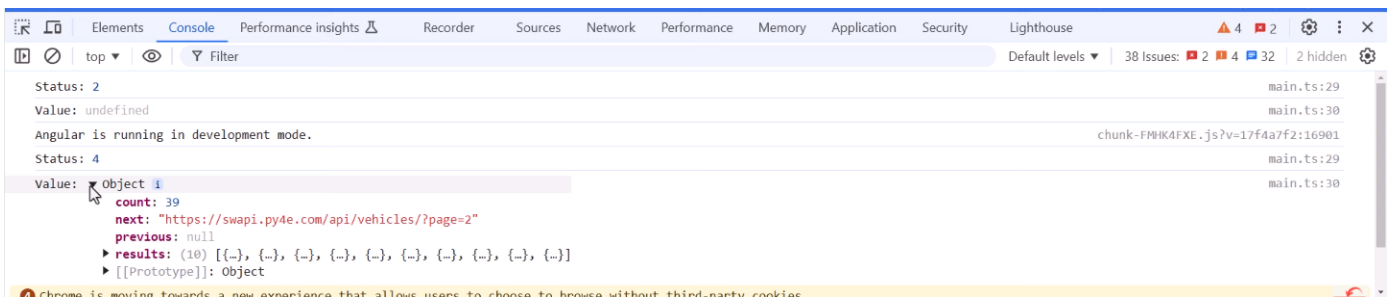
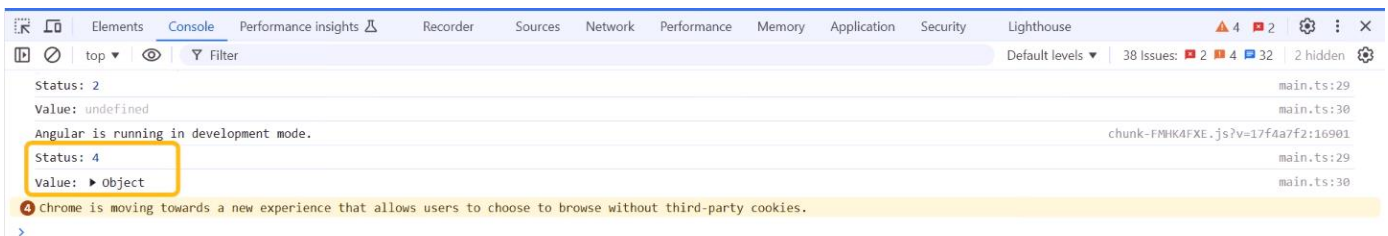
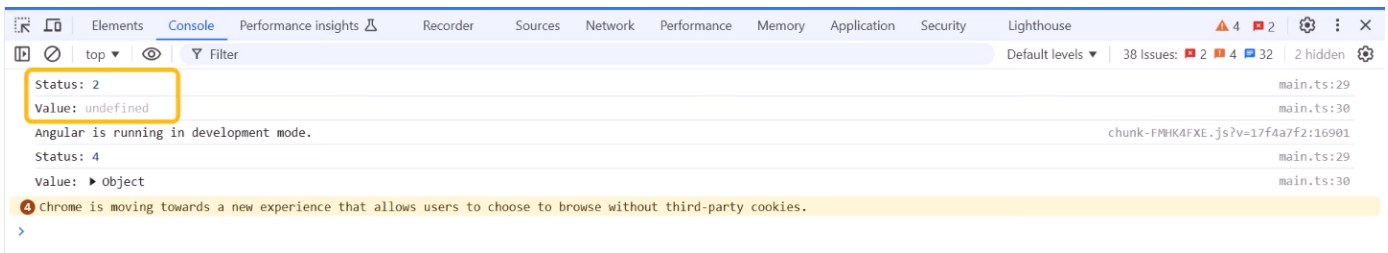
This only emits once and completes.

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```

We now need to get the value of the HttpResponse as a signal as below

```
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resource/rxResource Example (WIP)
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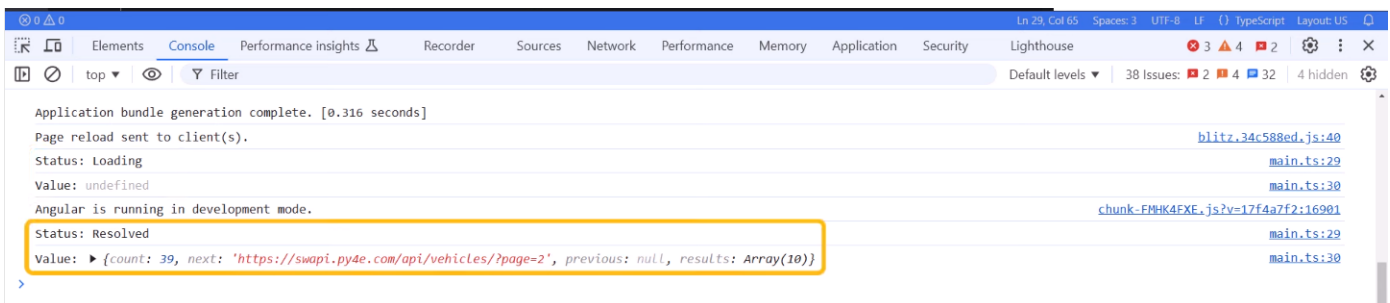
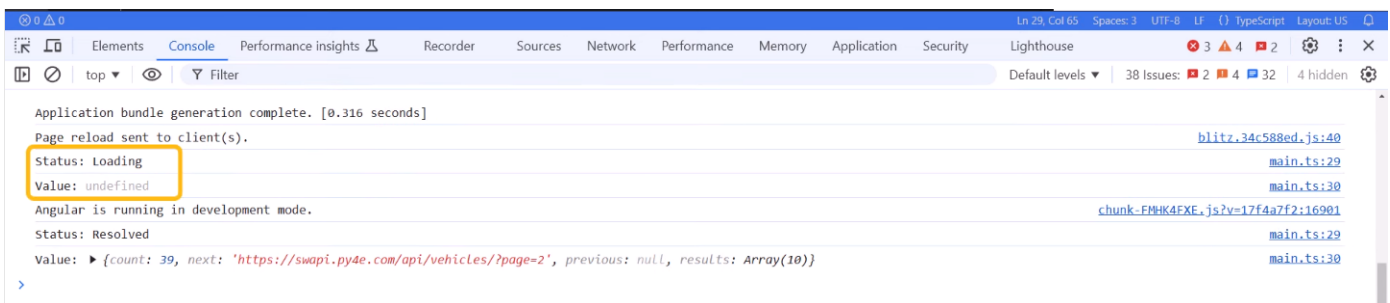
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27
28    eff = effect(() => {
29      console.log('Status:', this.products.status());
30      console.log('Value:', this.products.value());
31    });
32  }
33
34  bootstrapApplication(App, {
35    providers: [
```





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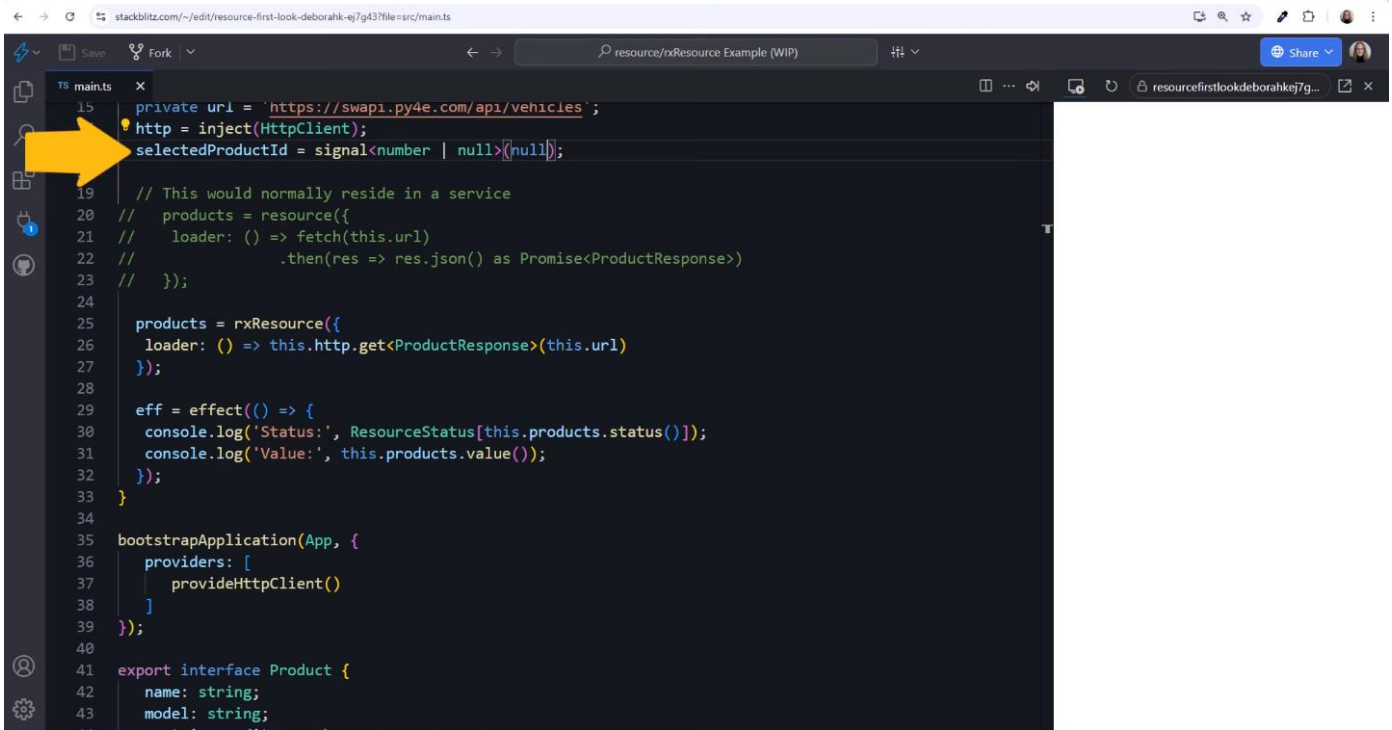
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26 });
27
28 eff = effect(() => {
29   console.log('Status:', ResourceStatus[this.products.status()]);
30   console.log('Value:', this.products.value());
31 });
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34 bootstrapApplication(App, {
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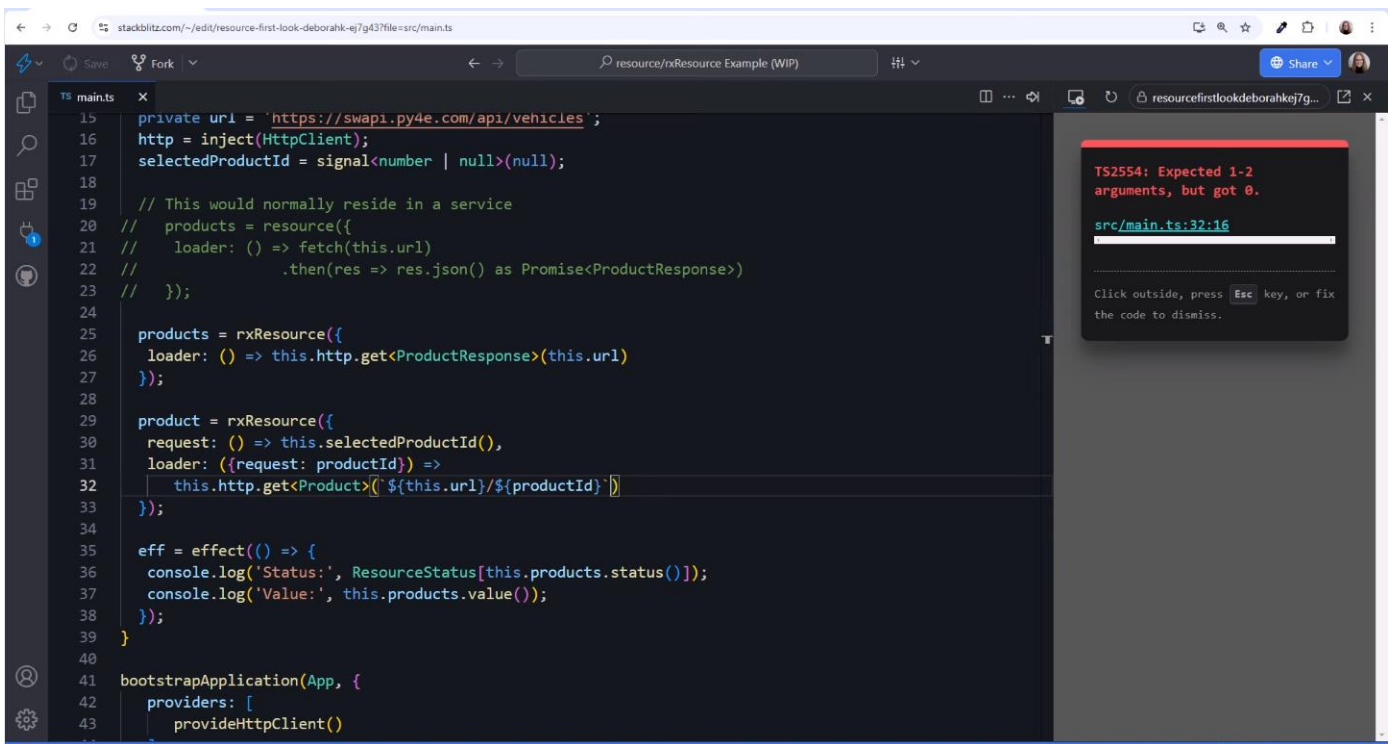
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Next, let us see how we can pass in parameters for our API call as below



The screenshot shows a code editor with a file named `main.ts`. A yellow arrow points to line 16, which contains the code `selectedProductId = signal<number | null>(null);`. The code defines a `Product` interface, a `products` `rxResource`, and an `effect` that logs the status and value of the products. The `bootstrapApplication` function is also shown.

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The screenshot shows the same code editor with a TypeScript error message displayed on the right side. The error message is: `TS2554: Expected 1-2 arguments, but got 0.` The error points to line 32, column 16, in the file `src/main.ts`. The code is the same as in the first screenshot, but the `selectedProductId` is now a `signal` instead of a `resource`. The `effect` function is also shown.

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15 private url = 'https://swapi.py4e.com/api/vehicles';
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24
25 products = rxResource({
26   loader: () => this.http.get<ProductResponse>(this.url)
27 });
28
29 product = rxResource({
30   request: () => this.selectedProductId(),
31   loader: ({request: productId}) =>
32     this.http.get<Product>(`${this.url}/${productId}`)
33 });
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TS2554: Expected 1-2 arguments, but got 0.  
src/main.ts:32:16  
Click outside, press **Esc** key, or fix the code to dismiss.

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```

Reactive async  
code!

Signals in the request  
are tracked

Signals in the loader  
are not tracked

We can also pass in multiple query parameters as below

```
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resource/rxResource Example (WIP)
Share
TS main.ts
15 private url = 'https://swapi.py4e.com/api/vehicles';
16 http = inject(HttpClient);
17 selectedProductId = signal<number | null>(null);
18 color = signal('slate gray');
19
20 // This would normally reside in a service
21 // products = resource({
22 //   loader: () => fetch(this.url)
23 //     .then(res => res.json() as Promise<ProductResponse>)
24 // });
25
26 products = rxResource({
27   loader: () => this.http.get<ProductResponse>(this.url)
28 });
29
30 product = rxResource({
31   request: () => ({
32     id: this.selectedProductId(),
33     color: this.color()
34   }),
35   loader: ({request}) =>
36     this.http.get<Product>(`${this.url}/${request.id}?color=${request.color}`)
37 });
38
39 eff = effect(() => {
40   console.log('Status:', ResourceStatus[this.products.status()]);
41   console.log('Value:', this.products.value());
42 });
43 }
```

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resource/rxResource Example (WIP)
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TS main.ts
7 @Component({
8   selector: 'app-root',
9   standalone: true,
10  template: `
11    <button (click)="onClick(7)">Speeder</button>
12    <button (click)="onClick(8)">Starfighter</button>
13    <div>Name: {{ product.value()?.name }}</div>
14    <div>Cost: {{ product.value()?.cost_in_credits }}</div>
15  `
16 })
17 export class App {
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31     loader: () => this.http.get<ProductResponse>(this.url)
32   });
33
34   product = rxResource({
35     request: () => ({
```

NG9: Property 'onClick' does not exist on type 'App'.

[src/main.ts:11:19](#)

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resource/rxResource Example (WIP)

TS main.ts

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45   console.log('Value:', this.products.value());
46 });
47
48 onClick(id: number) {
49   this.selectedProductId.set(id);
50 }
51
52 }
```

Speeder Starfighter

Name:

Cost:

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Name: X-34 landspeeder

Cost: 10550

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Speeder Starfighter  
Name: TIE/LN starfighter  
Cost: unknown

It works too. Let us update the price from **undefine**

<b>resource/rxResource</b>	<b>toSignal</b>
1) <b>Reactive</b> async operations	1) <b>Not</b> reactive
2) <b>Writable</b> signal	2) <b>Read-only</b> signal

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Speeder Starfighter  
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```

(property) WritableResource<Product>.value: WritableSignal  
( ) => Product | undefined  
The current value of the Resource, or undefined if there is no current value.

Speeder Starfighter  
Name:  
Cost:

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TS main.ts

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10 template: `
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13   <button (click)="onUpdate()">Update</button>
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27   //   loader: () => fetch(this.url)
28   //   .then(res => res.json() as Promise<ProductResponse>)
29   // });
30
31   products = rxResource({
32     loader: () => this.http.get<ProductResponse>(this.url)
33   });
34
35   product = rxResource({
36     request: () => ({
37       id: this.selectedProductId(),
38       color: this.color()
39     })
40   });
41 }
```

Speeder Starfighter  
Name:  
Cost:

```
34
35 product = rxResource({
36   request: () => ({
37     id: this.selectedProductId(),
38     color: this.color()
39   }),
40   loader: ({request}) =>
41     this.http.get<Product>(`${this.url}/${request.id}?color=${request.color}`)
42   });
43
44   eff = effect(() => {
45     console.log('Status:', ResourceStatus[this.product.status()]);
46     console.log('Value:', this.product.value());
47   });
48
49   onClick(id: number) {
50     this.selectedProductId.set(id);
51   }
52
53   onUpdate() {
54     this.product.value.update(p => {
55       if (p) {
56         return {...p, cost_in_credits: 10000};
57       }
58       return undefined;
59     });
60   }
61
62 }
```

Speeder Starfighter Update

Name:

Cost:

```
34
35 product = rxResource({
36   request: () => ({
37     id: this.selectedProductId(),
38     color: this.color()
39   }),
40   loader: ({request}) =>
41     this.http.get<Product>(`${this.url}/${request.id}?color=${request.color}`)
42   });
43
```

Speeder Starfighter Update

Name: TIE/LN starfighter

Cost: unknown

```
34
35 product = rxResource({
36   request: () => ({
37     id: this.selectedProductId(),
38     color: this.color()
39   }),
40   loader: ({request}) =>
41     this.http.get<Product>(`${this.url}/${request.id}?color=${request.color}`)
42   });
43
```

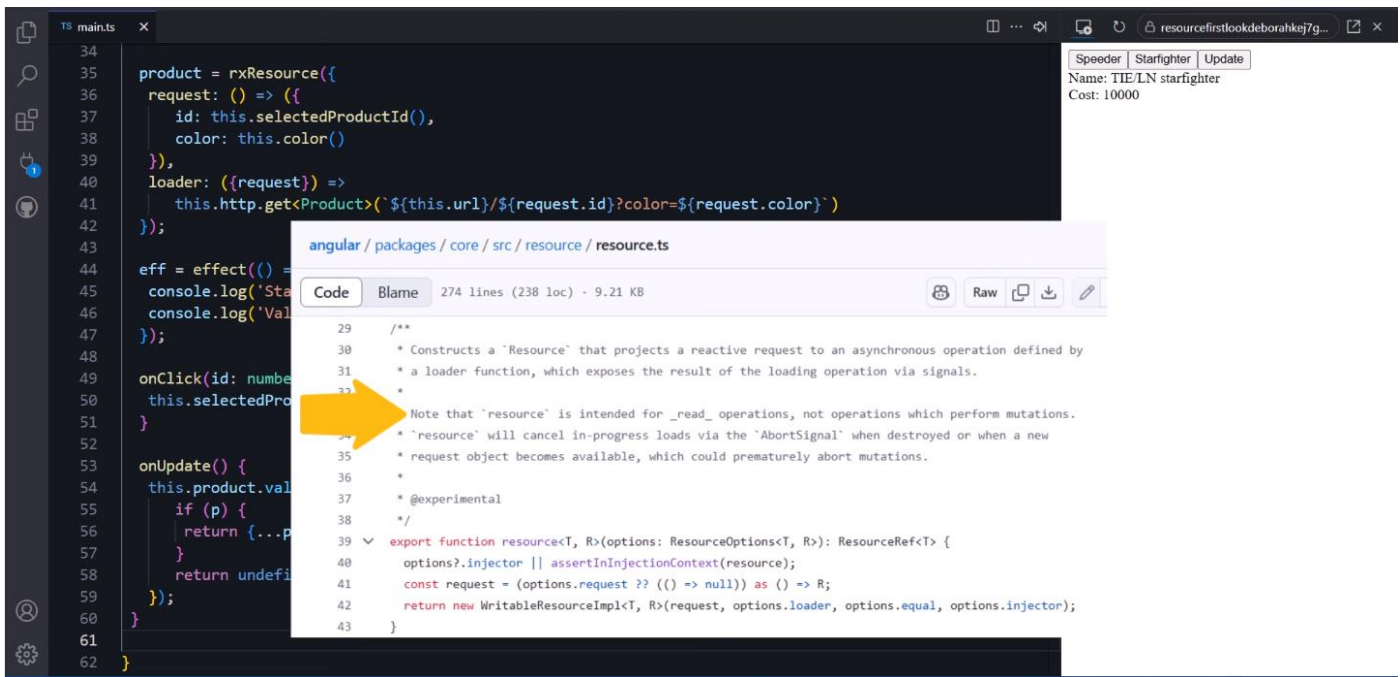
Speeder Starfighter Update

Name: TIE/LN starfighter

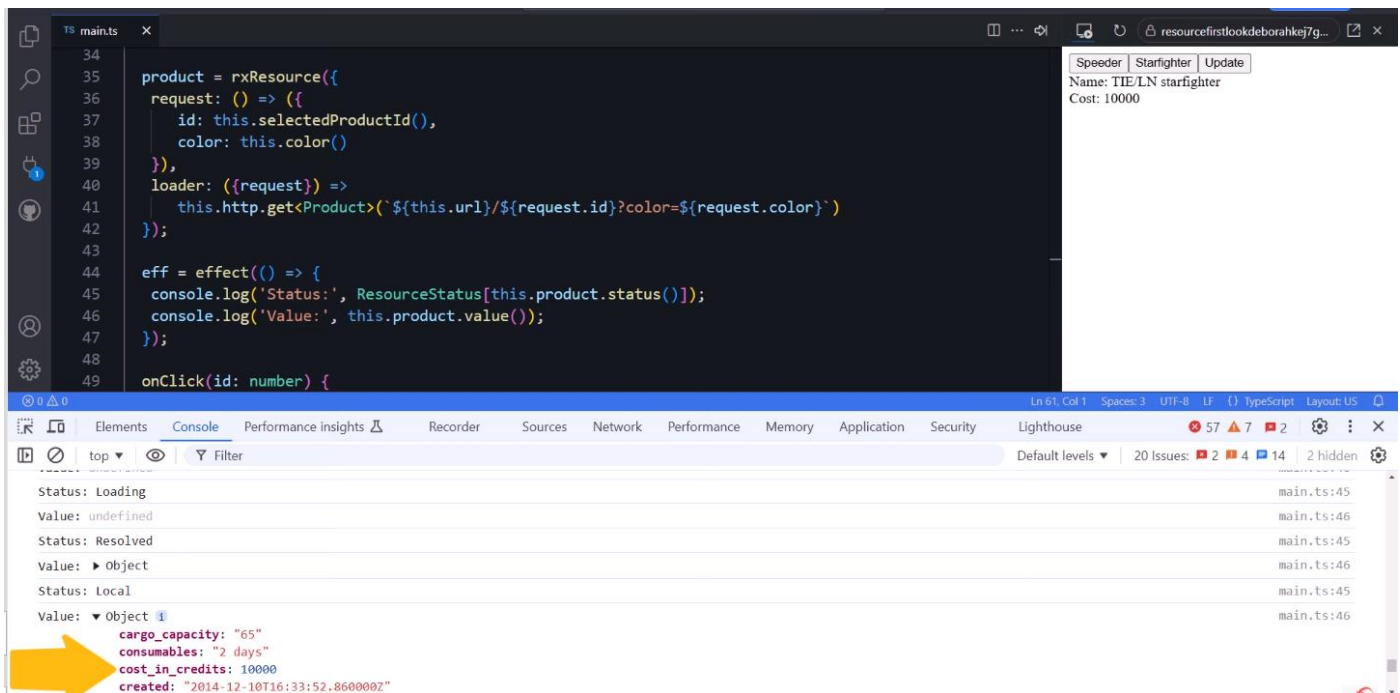
Cost: 10000

The value is now updated, we could post the updated value back to the server but it is only for read only.

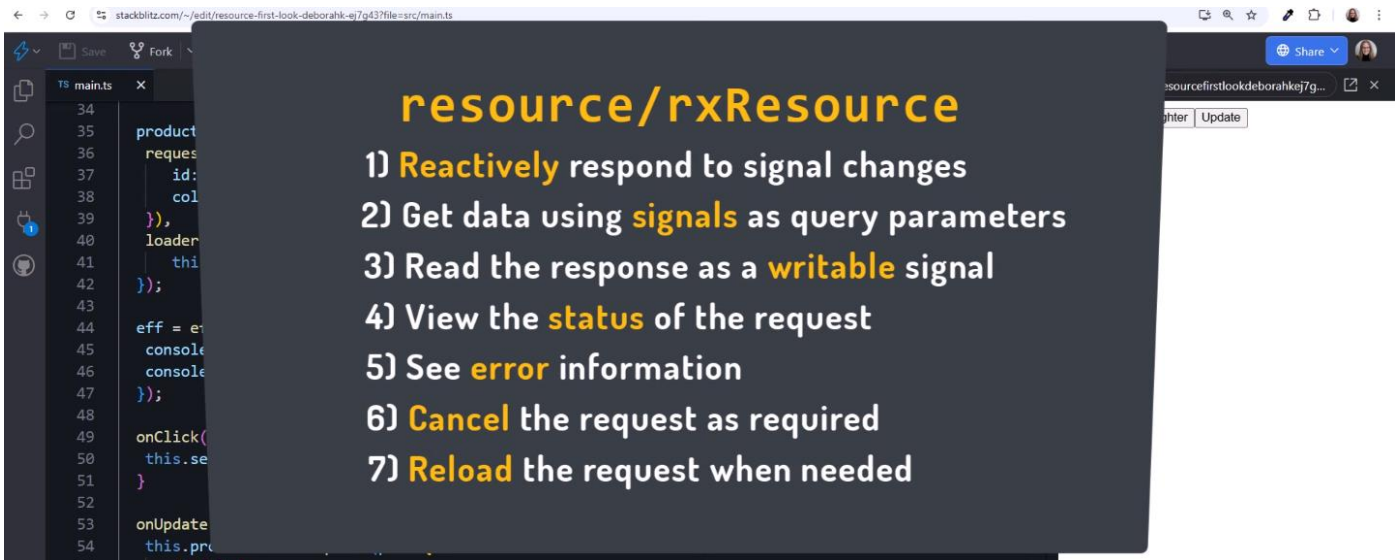




Don't use `resource()` or `rxResource()` for PUT, POST or DELETE HTTP operations, only for the GET operation.



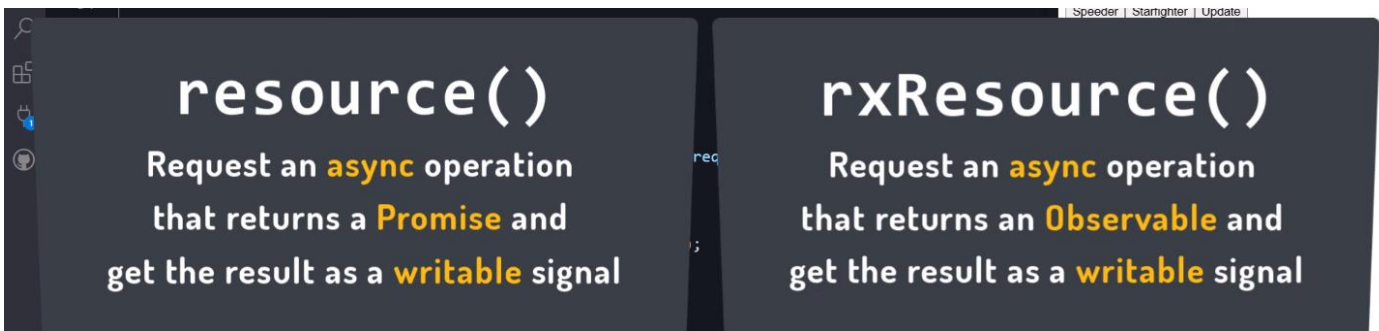
This is the update for the data locally.



The image shows a code editor with a list of features for **resource/rxResource**. The features are numbered 1 through 7. The background shows a code editor with a file named `main.ts` and some code snippets.

## resource/rxResource

- 1) **Reactively** respond to signal changes
- 2) Get data using **signals** as query parameters
- 3) Read the response as a **writable** signal
- 4) View the **status** of the request
- 5) See **error** information
- 6) **Cancel** the request as required
- 7) **Reload** the request when needed



The image shows a comparison between **resource()** and **rxResource()** functions. The background shows a code editor with a file named `main.ts` and some code snippets.

## resource()

Request an **async** operation that returns a **Promise** and get the result as a **writable** signal

## rxResource()

Request an **async** operation that returns an **Observable** and get the result as a **writable** signal

These features will be experimental in Angular v19 in Nov 2024.