

Start a Web Application with Angular 19

Complete Guide

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We are going to create a **Web Application**.

In this tutorial we will be using **Angular** version 19.2.2

To start our application we will start **from** scratch, striving to follow Angular **best practices** .

- Angular was created by Google .
- Angular is **open source**, so it is free to use.
- Angular uses Typescript .
- Angular is a **Javascript Frontend** framework.



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How to do it?

To begin our project, here is a summary of what we are going to do.

Installing the necessary tools

Node.js will be our javascript development platform. No choice, without Node.js it won't work.

Visual Studio Code will be our code editor. The choice is totally arbitrary but for a Microsoft tool it is a little marvel.

Git will be our software manager.

Thanks to it you will be able to use the source code of this tutorial.

Angular CLI will be our jack of all trades.

Probably the most well-known and used tool in the Angular Framework.

Project Initialization

We will use Angular CLI for setting up the project architecture, using the best practices recommended by Google.

Project Update

Check the dependencies used and update them.

Perform the Tests

Unit tests and the tools dedicated to them Karma and Jasmine. Linting and improving code with ESLint.

Environment

Since version 15 the Angular team no longer integrates environment parameters.

Very useful, we will see how to declare and use them.

Deployment

How to deploy your application on the internet.

Source code

The full code of the project is available on Github.

A picture is worth a thousand words

The summary in pictures of what we are going to do



If you are in a hurry, below is a summary of commands, otherwise go to the next step.

Commands to execute



And if you are less in a hurry it will start

We're going to do things seriously, but we're not going to take ourselves seriously.

So here we go for a little humor and a lot of technique.



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Step 1

Installing the necessary tools

Before using Angular we need to install a number of software

- Node.js Can't run Angular without it.
- Visual Studio Code This choice is arbitrary.
- **Git** Very useful but not essential
- Angular CLI He is the jack of all trades for Angular.



Installing Node.js

If you don't install it, Angular won't work.

By the way Angular, React and Vuejs all need Node.js.

The official website is here https://nodejs.org/en

This is what he tells us:

Node.js is a JavaScript runtime environment built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine.

Its inventor Ryan Lienhart Dahl created it on May 27, 2009.

He had a specific idea in mind: *the simplicity and speed of execution of programs written in JavaScript*.

The choice of name is therefore not insignificant.

- Node means node
- JS means javascript

Node.js is thus the **central point** which will allow **programs written in** JavaScript to be executed on the server side.

My God! It's full of stars!



Node.js uses a npm (Node Package Manager) tool

Npm makes developer life easier by allowing you to publish and share Node.js libraries.

Npm makes it possible to simplify the installation, update or uninstallation of these libraries.

We can talk about libraries, packages or dependencies.

How to install it?

On the official website the download is available at the address

https://nodejs.org/en

We will use the LTS (Long Term Support) version.

LTS means that the publisher generally guarantees us a maintenance period of at least two years,

- Node.js version 22.14.0 LTS
- **npm** (node package manager) version 11.1.0

This is a classic installation.

- Select Download Node.js (LTS) .
- Download the program and run it.

Once the installation is done, we can verify that Node.js is installed on our workstation.

Commands to execute

```
# Checking Node.js and npm version (method 1)
node --version
npm --version
# Checking Node.js and npm version (method 2)
node -v
npm -v
# npm update
npm install npm -g
# Checking for npm update
npm -v
```

How do I know if Node.js is working?

We will verify that Node.js works and that it allows a JavaScript program to be executed.



Let's go to Wikipedia <u>https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Node.js</u> Let's test the example program *"a Hello Word"* that he offers us.

Create an index.js file with a code editor (notepad will do). Copy the following example code

hello.js

```
const { createServer } = require('http');
// Création du serveur
const server = createServer((request, response) => {
    response.writeHead(200, {'Content-Type': 'text/plain'});
    response.end('Hello World\n');
});
server.listen(3000, () => console.log(`Adresse du serveur : http://localhost:3000`));
```

All that remains is to carry out the tests

Test to be run

Execution of the javascript program node index.js

Verification in browser http://localhost:3000

Installing Visual Studio Code

Visual Studio Code is the editor used in most Angular conferences.

It is notably used by **John Papa** one of the best Angular speakers and author of the Angular guides

https://github.com/johnpapa/angular-styleguide

In the rest of the tutorial we will therefore use Visual Studio Code .

VS Code is a code editor developed by Microsoft for Windows, Linux and OS X.

Let's proceed with the installation.

The official website is here https://code.visualstudio.com/

We will use the latest version 1.97.2 to download here

https://code.visualstudio.com/updates/v1_97

Installation is as simple as Node.js.

Click on **Download for Windows** Download and run

Installing Git

Writing a Web Application is a bit like writing a book.

As time passes, the **number of pages** increases.

From a few hundred you can go to thousands of pages.

The **number of modifications** becomes considerable and finding your way around is no easy task.

Questions, questions, too many questions



To manage this problem, tools have been developed.

These are **version control system software** (or **VCS** in English).

The most famous is Git . It was created by Linus Torval the creator of Linux.

It will allow us to manage our source code and its different versions. And above all, to be able to share this source code, thus allowing several people to work together.

Git will also allow you to use and test the source code of this tutorial.

Let's move on to the installation.

The official website is at https://git-scm.com/

Installation is available here https://git-scm.com/download/win

Download the application and then run it.

To check that Git is installed on your workstation, simply launch a command line.

Test version git --version

Installing Angular CLI

Angular CLI stands for Angular Command Line Interface.

But that's mostly it.

Angular's Jack of All Trades

And might as well use the most recent version.

Angular version 19.2.2 Angular CLI version 19.2.3

The latest versions of these tools are available below https://github.com/angular/angular/releases https://github.com/angular/angular-cli/releases

The installation procedure is detailed on the official Angular website

https://angular.dev/tools/cli/setup-local#dependencies

The method is described on the official website page.

I will detail this one.

- If a previous version was installed on your computer you can uninstall it with the following command

Uninstalling angular-cli npm uninstall -g @angular/cli

Angular CLI is a library (or package).

We will install it with npm the node.js manager

You can install a specific version of Angular or install the latest available by default.

```
# Installing angular-cli latest version available
npm install -g @angular/cli
# Installing angular-cli specific version
npm install -g @angular/cli@19.2.3
# Installed version test
ng version
```

Step 2

Initializing the project with Angular CLI

Angular is a comprehensive framework that covers a large number of features.

The documentation is particularly comprehensive and detailed.

We will try as often as possible to respect the **best** practices recommended by the Angular team. We can create each element of our application manually but the easiest way is to use **Angular CLI**



Create our application with Angular CLI

Angular CLI is a tool for initializing, developing, and maintaining Angular applications.

The official website is here <u>https://angular.dev/cli</u> And if you want to have the list of Angular CLI commands

https://github.com/angular/angular-cli/wiki



To go faster, I will give you an essential summary.

Angular CLI provides us with a number of commands.

These commands save us from performing repetitive tasks.

The first command we are going to use is **ng new** or **ng n**

- She will create our application.
- It will generate all the files needed for this application.
- It will obviously follow the best practices recommended by the Google team.

We choose the name of our application (arbitrarily it will be **angular-starter** here)

We type the command ng new with the corresponding parameters

- We generate the project (this part takes a few minutes)
- For easier understanding we will handle routing and sass in another tutorial.
- Choose CSS type (default Yes)

- Disable Server side Rendering (default No)
- We position ourselves in the project
- We are executing the project

Which gives



Angular CLI via **ng serve** command executes the project on a default port (4200).

All that remains is to test the operation in a browser by launching the following url.

```
# Test
http://localhost:4200
```

Using our application with Visual Studio Code

Launch VS Code .

Open a folder in the **angular-starter** directory we created during initialization.

Then open the package.json file.

This contains a number of commands (or scripts) that we will use throughout this tutorial.

Open a VS Code console (select View/Terminal) to run the following scripts

- **npm run start** : Runs the application in development mode.
- **npm run build** : Compiles the application in the **dist directory**.
- npm run test : Runs unit tests using the Karma framework.

Note for those nostalgic for previous versions

The ng eject command (used to generate webpack configuration) has been disabled.

It has been removed since version 8

Configuration Format Management Example Project

https://github.com/manfredsteyer/ngx-build-plus

In development mode if we want to customize the port we just need to modify the start script in the package.json file.

For example to use port 4201 the script would be as follows "start": " **ng serve** --port 4201 "

We will leave port 4200 modifiable at will for the rest of the tutorial.

package.json

```
"scripts": {
    "ng": "ng",
    "start": "ng serve --port 4200",
    "build": "ng build",
    "watch": "ng build --watch --configuration development",
    "test": "ng test"
},
```

Step 3

Update package.json

Node.js is the **platform** to develop our application. Node.js is based on the use of libraries or dependencies.

Npm is the **library** manager (packages in English)

Updating an application and therefore its libraries is a perilous matter.

I'll show you that with Angular the notion of **updating** versions is essential.

It must be carried out with caution.



Update or not update

Javascript libraries are constantly **modified** and **updated** by their designer. When a new version is available it is called a **release** and has a specific number.

If the library is open-source you can see the latest versions available by going to the corresponding repository on Github then going to Releases.

For example, the different versions of Angular are accessible here <u>https://github.com/angular/angular/releases</u>

The update schedule is here https://angular.dev/reference/releases#versioning

Your past, your present and your future.

Actively supported versions

The following table provides the status for Angular versions under support.

Version	Status	Released	Active ends	LTS ends
^19.0.0	Active	2024-11-19	2025-05-19	2026-05-19
^18.0.0	LTS	2024-05-22	2024-11-19	2025-11-19
^17.0.0	LTS	2023-11-08	2024-05-08	2025-05-15

Angular versions v2 to v16 are no longer supported.

Note that versions 2 through 16 are no longer supported.

And the danger is obviously that all these updates will alter the functioning of our application.

In any case, we cannot escape them; one day or another we will have to try to

integrate them into our projects.

I will explain to you how I personally proceed.



I didn't think that far ahead

How do we do it?

Let's use npm (Node Package Manager) the Node.js library manager. The complete documentation is here <u>https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/outdated.html</u>

Two commands will be useful to us

Check the versions actually installed

• npm list --depht=0

This command checks the dependencies actually installed in the node_modules directory.

It provides us with a list that we can enter in package.json (see Note)

Check the versions of our libraries via the command

npm outdated

This command checks the dependency registry to see if the installed packages are up to date.

This provides us with a list that we can control.

Noticed

Before checking dependencies let's update the package.json file according to the provided versions

by the npm list command

For each dependency indicated remove the ~ or ^ character

For example replace

- "rxjs": "~7.8.0",
- "tslib": "^2.3.0",

by

- "rxjs": "7.8.1",
- "tslib": "2.8.1",

To avoid possible errors, delete first

the **package-lock.json** file and the **node_modules** directory. Then reinstall the dependencies with npm install (package-lock.json and node_modules are then recreated automatically).

Checking versions of dependencies installed in node_modules
npm list --depth=0
Checking available dependencies
npm outdated

If I update the package.json file I find myself faced with 3 scenarios

• 1/ It works

It's not a party every day, but since Angular 8 it's more and more often.

- 2/ It doesn't work, we try to debug without spending too much time on it.
 It depends on your patience and the time you have in front of you.
- 3/ It doesn't work and we wait.

Often (but not always) Angular fixes your problem with the next update. In any case, there is no point in waiting indefinitely; we will have to find a solution.

Or we end up with AngularJS in 2022 and then we're not in trouble.



Our Angular prototype

The ideal is to have an application prototype that contains enough features. You can be pretty sure that the update will work on most of your apps. Of course, this will not save you from optimizing your CI/CD and taking care of your tests.



In any case, here is a list of the essential features of an application in my opinion.

- Routing
- Lazy Loading
- Bootstrap
- Httpclient
- SSR
- PWA
- SEO
- Components
- Services
- Observables
- Instructions
- Paging
- ScrollBox
- Charts
- Authentication (authentication/Route guard/Role guard/Jwt)
- Ngrx
- Reactiveform / Tempate Driven form
- Modal Form
- Internationalization
- Tests (unit and end-to-end)

The repository that I currently use as a prototype is the following.

https://github.com/ganatan/angular-app

So here we go for the update

For the example we will use this method on our angular-starter application.

The package.json file contains the various **dependencies** of your project.

Dependencies are basically all the libraries you have decided to use in your project.

They are managed by **npm** (node package manager), the **Node.js** dependency manager.

Regarding dependencies and their version, the npm documentation is as follows

https://docs.npmjs.com/files/package.json#dependencies

There are many version specifiers.

We can use for example

- version Must match version exactly
- ~version "Approximately equivalent to version"
- **^version** "Compatible with version"

We will opt for the first specifier " **version** ", which is the simplest, the most explicit but also the most restrictive.

We will update the package.json file with the latest dependencies



- To check which dependencies to update, run the command npm outdated

In some cases all dependencies can be updated except typescript
For example, Angular 19.2.1 accepts TypeScript greater than or equal to 5.7.3
You can check this after the update by running the npm run build script
In the case of Angular 19.2.1 all dependencies can be put.
Delete the package-lock.json file and the node_modules directory
Modify the package.json file as follows and then run the script

npm install

package.json

```
"dependencies": {
 "@angular/animations": "19.2.2",
 "@angular/common": "19.2.2",
 "@angular/compiler": "19.2.2",
 "@angular/core": "19.2.2",
"@angular/forms": "19.2.2",
 "@angular/platform-browser": "19.2.2",
 "@angular/platform-browser-dynamic": "19.2.2",
 "@angular/router": "19.2.2",
"rxjs": "7.8.2",
"tslib": "2.8.1",
"zone.js": "0.15.0"
},
"devDependencies": {
 "@angular-devkit/build-angular": "19.2.3",
 "@angular/cli": "19.2.3",
 "@angular/compiler-cli": "19.2.2",
 "@types/jasmine": "5.1.7",
 "jasmine-core": "5.6.0",
 "karma": "6.4.4",
 "karma-chrome-launcher": "3.2.0",
 "karma-coverage": "2.2.1",
 "karma-jasmine": "5.1.0",
 "karma-jasmine-html-reporter": "2.1.0",
 "typescript": "5.7.3",
 "typescript-eslint": "8.26.1"
```

Then just test all the scripts to verify that the updates worked.

Step 4

Testing and deployment

Development has entered its industrialization phase.

As with other industries, quality and quantity must be there. Agile methods were invented for this.

Testing is an integral part of this. We will see that the designers of Angular have thought of everything. Finally we will deploy our application via several methods.



Tests: The Secret of My Success

Creating a web application is like creating any object. We create a car, a television or an airplane for example. And before giving it to someone we will test its operation.

Computer scientists said it might as well be simple and automatic. As always, it's easier said than done.



A little history before we begin

Since its beginnings, the IT world has sought to improve itself. Several working methods have been adopted. To simplify, we could say that we are there

V-Cycle Method vs. Agile Method.

Is the fastest really the one we think?



Cycle en V 1991



2001

But who did what?

If you want to work in programming, you will definitely have to **be agile**. The most widely used Agile method currently is the **Scrum method**.

Below is a brief history of the last twenty years.



In November 2009 **Mike Cohn** described the **test pyramid in** his book Succeeding with Agile: Software Development Using Scrum

With Angular we will focus on one category.

• Unit testing

Let's take a visual overview of Angular's architecture to visualize the tests.



Testing with Angular

Without going into details, Angular makes our life easier with the following tools.

Unit tests use

- Karma
- Jasmine

End-to-end testing used

Protractor

Note: Since Angular 12 end-to-end testing has been disabled.

The Angular documentation on the concept of coverage is available at this address <u>https://angular.dev/guide/testing/code-coverage
</u>

I add in package.json an additional script to test the coverage

" coverage ": "ng test --no-watch --code-coverage",

To launch them we use the corresponding scripts contained in the Package.json file

Unit tests npm run test

Unit tests with coverage npm run coverage

Edit and verify

Let's do it

- A simple test modification and debugging
- A source code control test.
- Debugging.

Any modification results in a recompilation of the code.

For example Edit the app.component.html file Congratulations and Modifications! Your app is running.

The compilation is then executed automatically and the browser refreshes.

Noticed :

The favicon.ico file represents your application's icon.

You can customize it.

In this example you can retrieve the one from this repository.

```
# Execute
npm run start
# Test
http://localhost:4200/
# Make changes
```

Code verification

As a computer scientist, we will try to simplify our lives. Might as well get some help writing our code.

One of the tools used is linting which helps improve the quality of the code.

Angular used the **TSLint** tool available at this address <u>https://palantir.github.io/tslint/</u>

Noticed

This command has been disabled since Angular 12.

We are waiting for the next tool recommended by Angular (probably ESLint?).

As the Google team has not decided, we will integrate ESLint into our project.

For this we will use Schematics which is an Angular code generator based on basic templates.

The ng lint command performs static analysis of TypeScript source code.

Installation via schematics
ng add @angular-eslint/schematics
Answer yes to the question
The package @angular-eslint/schematics@19.0.2 will be installed and executed.
Test the code source

npm run lint

Schematics added a script in the **package.json file (lint)** and created an **eslint.config.js** file

To check that our linter is working Let's add specific rules in the **eslint.config.js** file

Note change this property

- "no-var": " error " an error will be reported on using var
- "no-var": " off "
 No errors will be reported on the use of var

To check the behavior of the linter.

Let's modify a file for example **app.component.ts** And let's write code that doesn't follow the rules.

We test with the npm run lint script which will give an error

Unexpected var, use let or const instead no-var

```
rules: {
 "@angular-eslint/directive-selector": [
   "error",
  {
    type: "attribute",
    prefix: "app",
    style: "camelCase",
  },
 ],
  @angular-eslint/component-selector": [
   "error",
  {
    type: "element",
    prefix: "app",
    style: "kebab-case",
  },
 ],
 "@typescript-eslint/no-explicit-any": "off",
 "@typescript-eslint/no-unused-vars": [
   "error",
  {
    "argslgnorePattern": "^ ",
    "varsIgnorePattern": "^ ",
  },
 ],
 "no-undefined": "off",
 "no-var": "error",
 "prefer-const": "error",
 "func-names": "error",
 "id-length": "error",
 "newline-before-return": "error",
 "space-before-blocks": "error",
 "no-alert": "error"
},
```

app.component.ts

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
import { CommonModule } from '@angular/common';
import { RouterOutlet } from '@angular/router';
@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 standalone: true,
 imports: [CommonModule, RouterOutlet],
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrl: './app.component.css'
})
export class AppComponent {
 title = 'angular-starter';
 checkError() {
  var err = 10;
  return err;
 }
}
```



Environment

The Angular team has decided to stop automatically integrating **environment settings**.

Newer developers who were less keen on configuration issues did not use these settings.

The Angular documentation is available at this address https://angular.dev/tools/cli/environments#configure-environment-specific-defaults

The command is as follows: ng generate environments

The elements necessary for its operation are created automatically.

- Creating a src/environments directory
- Creating an environment.development.ts file
- Creating an environment.ts file
- Editing the angular.json file

environment.development.ts

export const environment = {};

environment.ts

export const environment = {};



Deployment

Everything we have done is very nice.

But a web application is only of interest if we make it accessible on the web.

This is called **deployment**.

We will see how to do it via two methods from **the simplest** to **the most complicated**.

But first let's talk compilation .

As we saw previously the package.json file contains a number of scripts (or commands).

The script we are interested in is **npm run build** It allows us to compile our application.

This script runs the Angular CLI ng Build command

Without going into details, here is how it works. Via this command Angular uses the Webpack tool (a module bundler) to create the final product. Running this command will create a dist directory. This will contain what can be called the final product (or deliverable or artifact). This is the part that we are going to deploy. The advice given by Angular is at the following address <u>https://angular.dev/tools/cli/deployment</u>

Deployment with lite-server

The simplest deployment is to use the Http server developed by John Papa. How to proceed?

- We install the lite-server library globally with npm
- We run the application in production mode



Deployment with nginx

A more complex solution but closer to reality.

We will need to have a virtual server or VPS (Virtual private server).

I recommend you to buy one from a VPS provider.

For example, **OVH** or **Digital Ocean** are among the cheapest and most efficient.

The following tutorial may be useful to you

Install Angular on an Ubuntu Server

On our server (example of a server with ubuntu and the ip address 192.168.100.1)

- Install nginx
- Test nginx
- · Copy our dist directory to /var/www/html
- Test the server

connection to the server via ssh ssh root@192.168.100.1

installing nginx on the server sudo apt-get --yes install nginx sudo apt-get update

Start the nginx service sudo service nginx start

Test the nginx server installation http://localhost:192.168.100.1/

Copy the contents of the dist/angular-starter/browser directory # to the server in the /var/www/html/ directory

Tester l'application

http://localhost:192.168.100.1/

Configuring nginx

I am adding two files that will be useful to you.

- an example of an **nginx.conf** configuration file
- an example of a server.js javascript file to launch your application locally To be used with the node server.js command The following script is to be added in package.json
 "serve": "node server.js"

nginx.conf file

```
user www-data;
worker processes auto;
pid /run/nginx.pid;
error_log /var/log/nginx/error.log;
include /etc/nginx/modules-enabled/*.conf;
events {
 worker connections 768;
}
http {
 sendfile on;
 tcp_nopush on;
 types_hash_max_size 2048;
 include /etc/nginx/mime.types;
 default_type application/octet-stream;
 ssl_protocols TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3; # Dropping SSLv3, ref: POODLE
 ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;
 access_log /var/log/nginx/access.log;
 gzip on;
 include /etc/nginx/conf.d/*.conf;
 server {
  listen 80 default_server;
  listen [::]:80 default_server;
  root /var/www/html;
  index.html index.htm index.nginx-debian.html;
  server_name _;
  location / {
    try_files $uri $uri/ =404;
  }
 }
}
```

server.js

```
const express = require('express');
const path = require('path');
const app = express();
app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, 'dist/angular-starter/browser')));
app.get('/*', function (req, res) {
  res.sendFile(path.join(__dirname, 'dist/angular-starter/browser', 'index.html'));
});
const port = 4000;
const host = 'localhost';
app.listen(port, () => {
  console.log(`Server running at http://${host}:${port}`);
})
```

Step 5 Code Source

This guide helped us create a ready-torun web application.

To make things easier for you, you can directly use the source code of this application to test it and verify that it works.

To do this, simply use the Git software

I'll show you how to do it.

This first application nevertheless remains basic.

Finally, I will offer you a number of steps that will allow you to create a more complex application.



Using Git with Source Code

By following each of the tips I gave you in this guide you will end up with an Angular source code.

This code represents your work and should be given your full attention.

As we saw previously, **Git** will allow us to manage all our source codes.

A quick look at Wikipedia <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub</u> tells us that

GitHub is the world's largest source code hosting service.

In January 2023 we count

- 100 million users
- Over 420 million repositories

I therefore advise you to publish your sources on this host.

The **source code** for this tutorial is of course available on GitHub. Use git to fetch this code and verify that it works.

You just need to go to the following address <u>https://github.com/ganatan/angular-react-starter</u>

If you liked this guide and you go to GitHub to check out the code, feel free to click STAR .



Otherwise, to go even faster, follow the following advice.

Use the classic command **prompt** under Windows (cmd) or Linux. Then type the list of commands



To go further

This tutorial allowed us to create our first application.

This remains relatively simple.

If you want to create a more complete application, you will need to implement some additional principles and features such as

- Routing (multiple page management)
- Lazy loading (speed of the application)
- PWAs (works on mobile and desktop)
- Server Side Rendering (enable SEO)

The next step is logically the management of Routing.

It requires a complete tutorial which is at the following address

• Step 2: Routing with Angular

The following steps will get you a prototype application.

- Step 3: Lazy loading with Angular
- Step 4: Bootstrap with Angular
- Step 5: Modules with Angular
- Step 6: Server Side Rendering with Angular
- <u>Step 7: Progressive Web App with Angular</u>
- Step 8: Search Engine Optimization with Angular
- Step 9: HttpClient with Angular

The following steps will help you improve this prototype

- Components with Angular
- Services with Angular
- Template Driven Forms with Angular
- <u>Charts with Angular</u>

This last step allows you to obtain an example application

Build a Complete Web Application with Angular

The source code for this final application is available on GitHub

https://github.com/ganatan/angular-app



The end