

readme.md for @push.rocks/smartrouter

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A JavaScript library providing routing capabilities for web applications with support for path parameters, query parameters, and programmatic navigation

Install

To install `@push.rocks/smartrouter`, run the following command in your project directory:

```
pnpm install @push.rocks/smartrouter --save
```

This will add `@push.rocks/smartrouter` to your project's dependencies and enable you to use it within your application.

Usage

`@push.rocks/smartrouter` provides a versatile routing solution for websites, leveraging modern Web APIs to manipulate browser history and handle URL paths intelligently. Below are examples demonstrating how to use `@push.rocks/smartrouter` effectively in a TypeScript project, taking advantage of ESM syntax.

Basic Setup

First, ensure you've installed the package as described in the Install section above. Next, import `SmartRouter` from `@push.rocks/smartrouter` in your application's entry point or any module where routing is required.

```
import { SmartRouter } from '@push.rocks/smartrouter';
```

Initialize the Router

Create an instance of `SmartRouter` and optionally provide configuration options. If your application requires debugging information, `debug` can be set to `true`.

```
const router = new SmartRouter({  
  debug: true, // Enables debugging. Optional and false by default.  
});
```

Define Routes

Define your application routes using the `on` method, which takes a URL pattern and a handler function. The handler function will be called when the application navigates to a URL that matches the pattern.

```
router.on('/home', async (routeInfo) => {  
  console.log('Home route accessed', routeInfo);  
  // Handle the home route  
  // You can load a page component, change document title, etc.  
});  
  
router.on('/about', async (routeInfo) => {  
  console.log('About route accessed', routeInfo);  
  // Handle the about route  
});
```

Path Parameters

`@push.rocks/smartrouter` supports dynamic path parameters. Define path parameters within your route strings using the `:` prefix, and access their values from the `routeInfo.params` object in your handler function.

```
router.on('/user/:userId', async (routeInfo) => {  
  console.log(`User Profile for ID: ${routeInfo.params.userId}`, routeInfo);  
  // Load and display user profile based on userId  
});
```

Query Parameters

Query parameters can be accessed through the `routeInfo.queryParams` object, making it easy to handle complex routing scenarios with optional parameters.

```
router.on('/search', async (routeInfo) => {
  console.log('Search Query:', routeInfo.queryParams.query);
  // Perform a search operation using the provided query parameter
});
```

Programmatic Navigation

Navigate programmatically using the `pushUrl` method. This method allows you to change the URL without reloading the page, and optionally pass state information.

```
// Navigate to the about page
router.pushUrl('/about');

// Navigate to a user profile with URL parameters
router.pushUrl('/user/12345');

// Navigate with state data
router.pushUrl('/dashboard', { previousPage: 'home' });
```

Managing Query Parameters

`@push.rocks/smarterouter` provides methods for managing URL query parameters, enabling dynamic URL manipulation for filter settings, pagination, and other use cases.

```
// Set a query parameter (replace by default)
router.queryParams.setQueryParam('key', 'value');

// Set a query parameter with push (adds to history)
router.queryParams.setQueryParam('key', 'value', 'push');

// Get a query parameter
const value = router.queryParams.getQueryParam('key');
```

```
// Get all query parameters as an object
const allParams = router.queryParams.getAllAsObject();

// Delete a query parameter
router.queryParams.deleteQueryParam('key');

// Delete with push to history
router.queryParams.deleteQueryParam('key', 'push');
```

Sub-Routers

Create sub-routers with a specific base path for modular routing:

```
// Create a sub-router for admin routes
const adminRouter = router.createSubRouter('/admin');

// Routes will be prefixed with /admin
adminRouter.on('/dashboard', async (routeInfo) => {
  // This handles /admin/dashboard
});

adminRouter.on('/users', async (routeInfo) => {
  // This handles /admin/users
});
```

Route Management

The `on` method returns a function that can be used to remove the route:

```
// Add a route
const removeRoute = router.on('/temporary', async (routeInfo) => {
  console.log('Temporary route accessed');
});

// Later, remove the route
removeRoute();
```

Cleanup

When you're done with a router instance, clean it up properly:

```
// Destroy the router, removing all event listeners and routes
router.destroy();
```

This module enables complex routing scenarios, simplifying the handling of navigational logic in modern web applications. By leveraging [@push.rocks/smartrouter](https://github.com/push.rocks/smartrouter), developers can implement detailed routing mechanisms, manipulate browser history thoughtfully, and maintain cleaner URL structures, enhancing the user experience and making web apps more accessible.

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