

Front end engineering for the web - Angular

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Training objective

After this training you should be able to:

- Set up Angular projects
- Create and maintain Angular apps
- Make sure the next developer doesn't hate your code

Content & schedule

1. Angular what?
2. Angular CLI
3. Architecture
4. Debugging
5. Making it look nice!
6. Reactive Programming
7. Routing
8. QA
9. I18N

How to get most out of this course?



Ask **questions!**



Notify your trainer if the **pace**
is too high



Take **notes**



Listen actively & stay **focused**



If applicable, **code along** with
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Participate & join the
discussion!



Training resources

<https://tinyurl.com/fee-2025>



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Angu-what?



“Angular is an open source platform and framework for building client applications in HTML and TypeScript.”



<https://angular.dev>

NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH  **ANGULARJS**
by Google



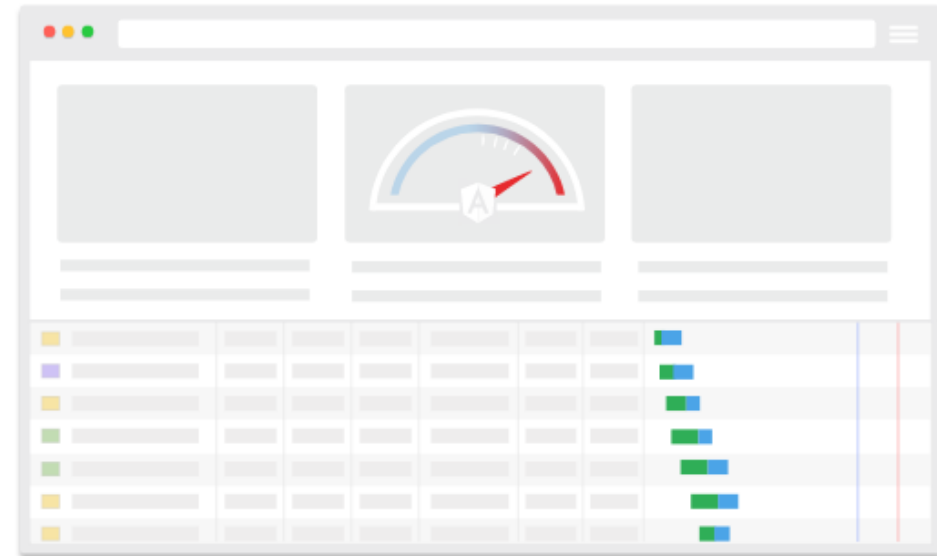
Develop Across All Platforms

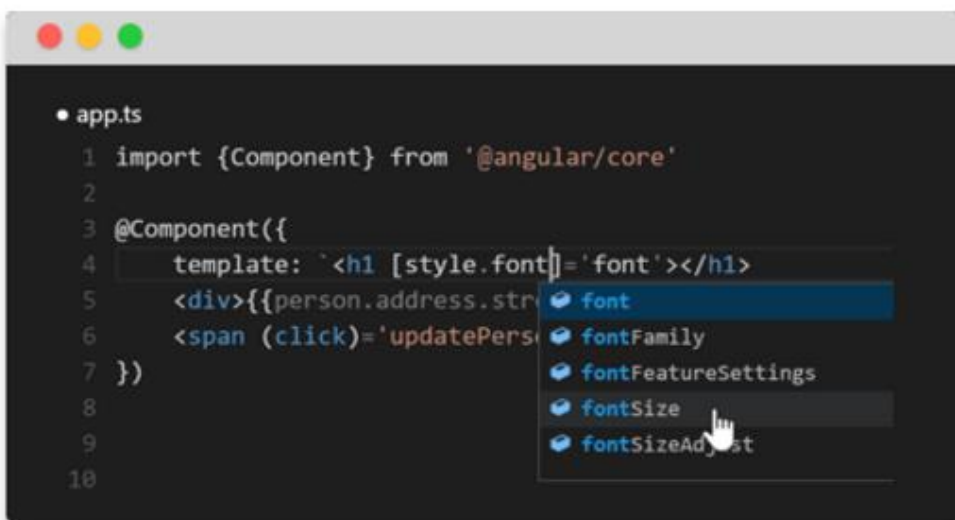
Learn one way to build applications with Angular and reuse your code and abilities to build apps for any deployment target. For web, mobile web, native mobile and native desktop.

Speed & Performance

Achieve the maximum speed possible on the Web Platform today, and take it further, via Web Workers and server-side rendering.

Angular puts you in control over scalability. Meet huge data requirements by building data models on RxJS, Immutable.js or another push-model.





```
• app.ts
1 import {Component} from '@angular/core'
2
3 @Component({
4   template: `<h1 [style.font]= 'font'></h1>
5   <div>{{person.address.street}}
6   <span (click)= 'updatePerson'
7 })
8
9
10
```

A tooltip is visible over the `font` attribute in the template, listing the following options:

- font
- fontFamily
- fontFeatureSettings
- fontSize
- fontSizeAdjust

Incredible Tooling

Build features quickly with simple, declarative templates. Extend the template language with your own components and use a wide array of existing components. Get immediate Angular-specific help and feedback with nearly every IDE and editor. All this comes together so you can focus on building amazing apps rather than trying to make the code work.

Loved by Millions

From prototype through global deployment, Angular delivers the productivity and scalable infrastructure that supports Google's largest applications.



Angular What?

- Ecosystem of @angular libraries
 - Pro: (almost) everything 'out of the box'
 - Con: Tightly coupled with framework, customisation can be tricky
- Mature for business environment
- CLI to enforce style and reduce repetitive coding

Angular CLI



What can it do?

- Bootstrap applications
- Generate code
 - Aka schematics => custom or predefined
- Build tool
- Dev environment

=> Very useful and big advantage

Angular CLI

- Uses Vite behind the scenes
- Abstracts complex Vite config
- Sets up an ALM workflow for you
 - Serve
 - Build
 - Test
 - Lint
 - E2e
- Commands available as npm scripts

How?

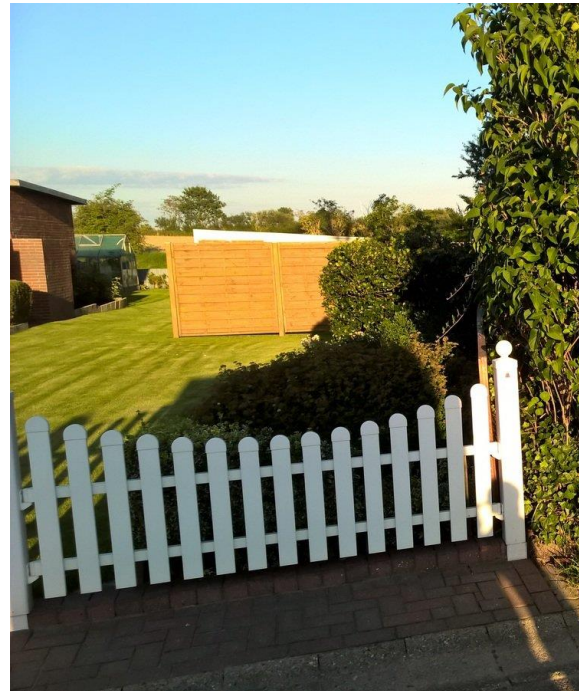
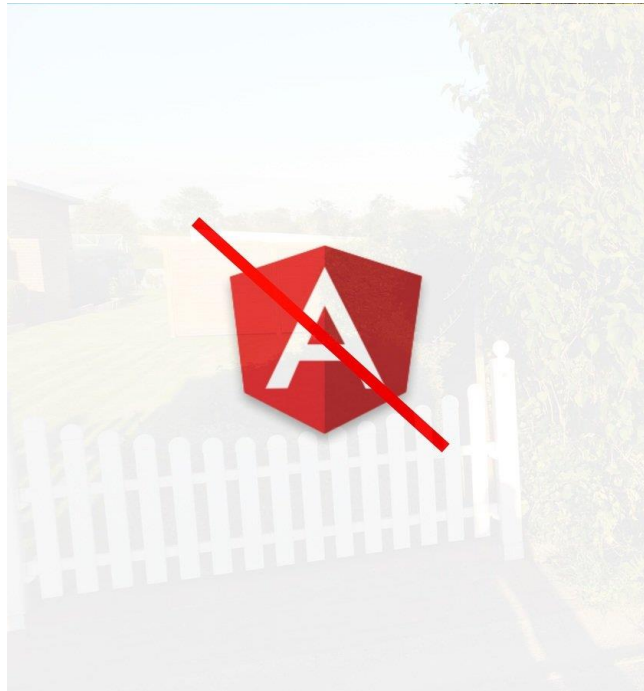
- Available as an npm package: `npm i -g @angular/cli`



- Provides **ng** command to CLI (if installed globally)

```
ng ...
```


Angular CLI – styleguide



<https://angular.dev/style-guide>

Angular CLI – styleguide

- Use **feature** modules/ folder over technical modules
 - All-books, my-books,...
 - Components, services,...
- Create a **shared module/ folder for reusable things**
 - UtilityService, ApiService,...
 - Dumb components

Angular CLI – styleguide

- File names are **kebab-cased** and **contain type**
 - all-books.component.ts
 - api.service.ts
- Class names are **PascalCased** and **contain type**
 - class AllBooksComponent
- Properties and functions are **camelCased**
 - books: Array<Book>;
 - getAllBooks(): Array<Book> {}
 - No _ before private functions
 - No UPPERCASED_CONSTANT_NAMES

Generate app

```
ng new my-app
```

- Creates a directory ***my-app***
- Creates a new angular application ***my-app*** in a directory with that name
- Interesting options
 - --style
 - --prefix

Build

- Uses Vite to **build and bundle JS & CSS**
- Result is written to outDir, specified in **angular.json**

```
ng build
```

- Also **minifies** and **uglifyes** bundles
- Adds **hashes** to bundle names

```
ng build --prod
```

Exercise

- MAC: <https://github.com/creationix/nvm#installation>
- Windows: <https://github.com/coreybutler/nvm-windows>
 - Install directly in C:\ to prevent long path errors

```
nvm install --lts
```

```
nvm use --lts
```

```
npm i -g @angular/cli
```

Exercise

```
git clone https://github.com/AE-nv/fee-for-the-web-angular
```

```
cd front-end
```

```
ng serve or npm start
```

Architecture



Modules

@NgModule

- Module groups related code: *'a container for a cohesive block of code dedicated to an application domain, a workflow, or a closely related set of capabilities'*
- Everything structured in modules
 - Defines what modules it depends on
 - Defines what it exposes to the outside
 - Provide compilation context
- One root module to bootstrap application

```
ng generate module my-module
```

```
ng g m my-module
```


Modules Example

```
1 import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
2 import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
3
4
5 import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
6
7
8 @NgModule({
9   declarations: [
10     AppComponent
11   ],
12   imports: [
13     BrowserModule
14   ],
15   providers: [],
16   bootstrap: [AppComponent]
17 })
18 export class AppModule { }
```

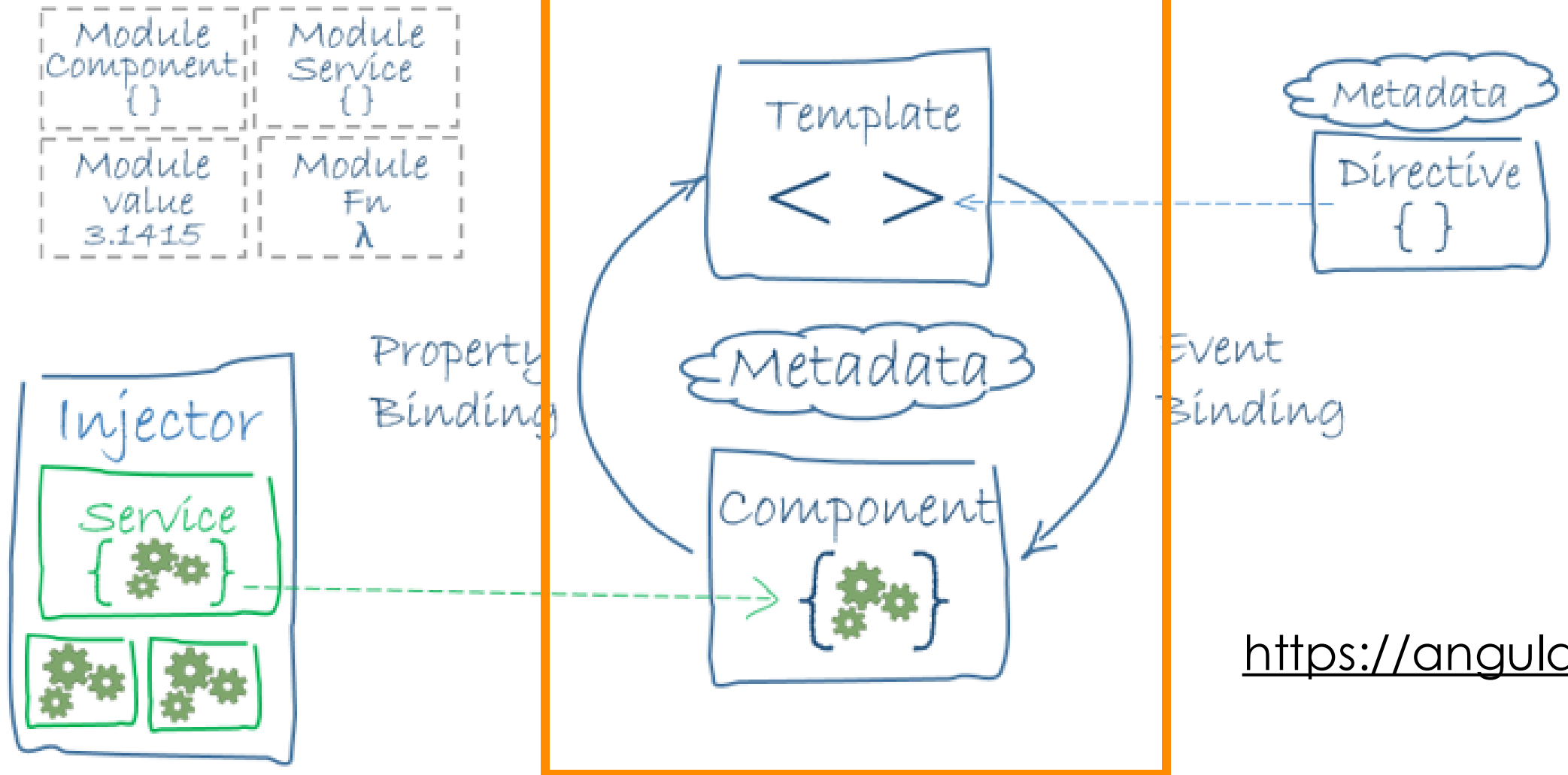
Standalone apps (from v17)



- Simplicity
- Smaller bundle sizes
- Easier refactoring
- Lazy loading support

- More complex dependency management

➔ No shared dependencies or relations with other components

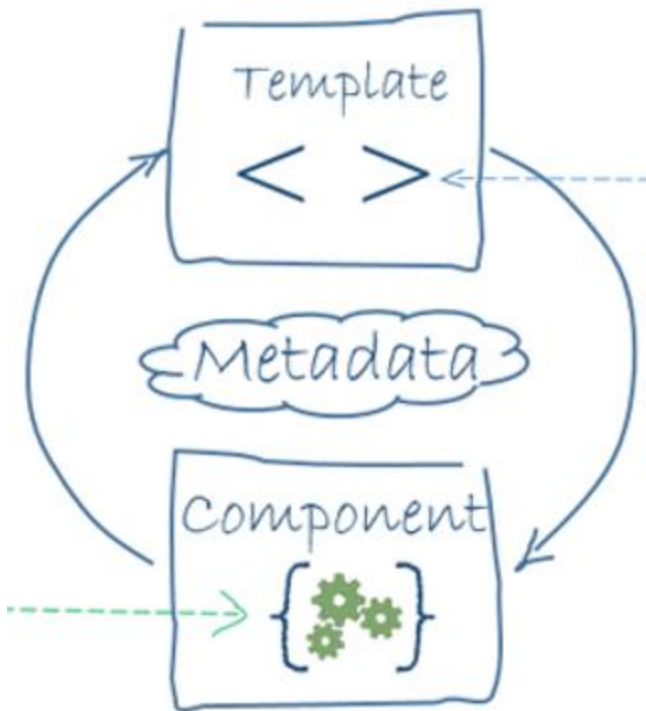


<https://angular.dev>

Components

@Component

A component is a building block of the application, it contains:



Template (HTML), how is it STRUCTURED

Styling (CSS or Sass or ...), how does it LOOK

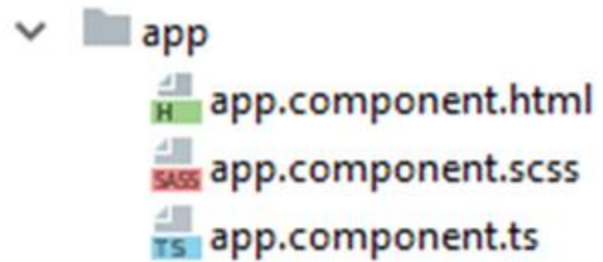
Metadata to describe coupling between these parts


Logic (Typescript class), what does my component DO

Components

```
ng generate component app
```

```
ng g c app
```



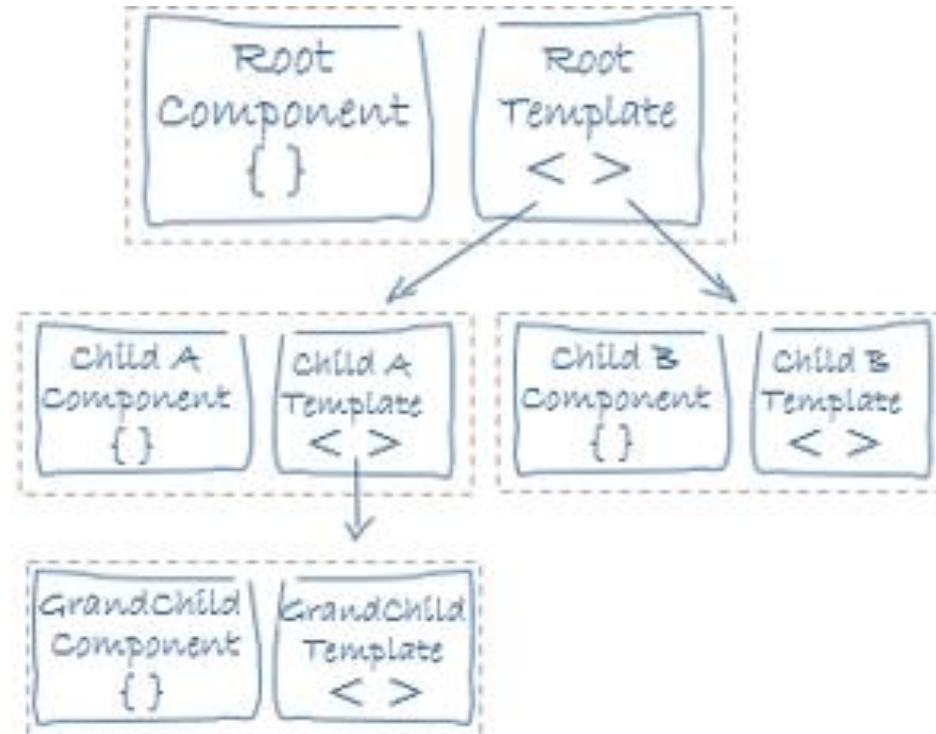


```
<> all-pokemon.component.html
all-pokemon.component.scss
TS all-pokemon.component.spec.ts
TS all-pokemon.component.ts
```

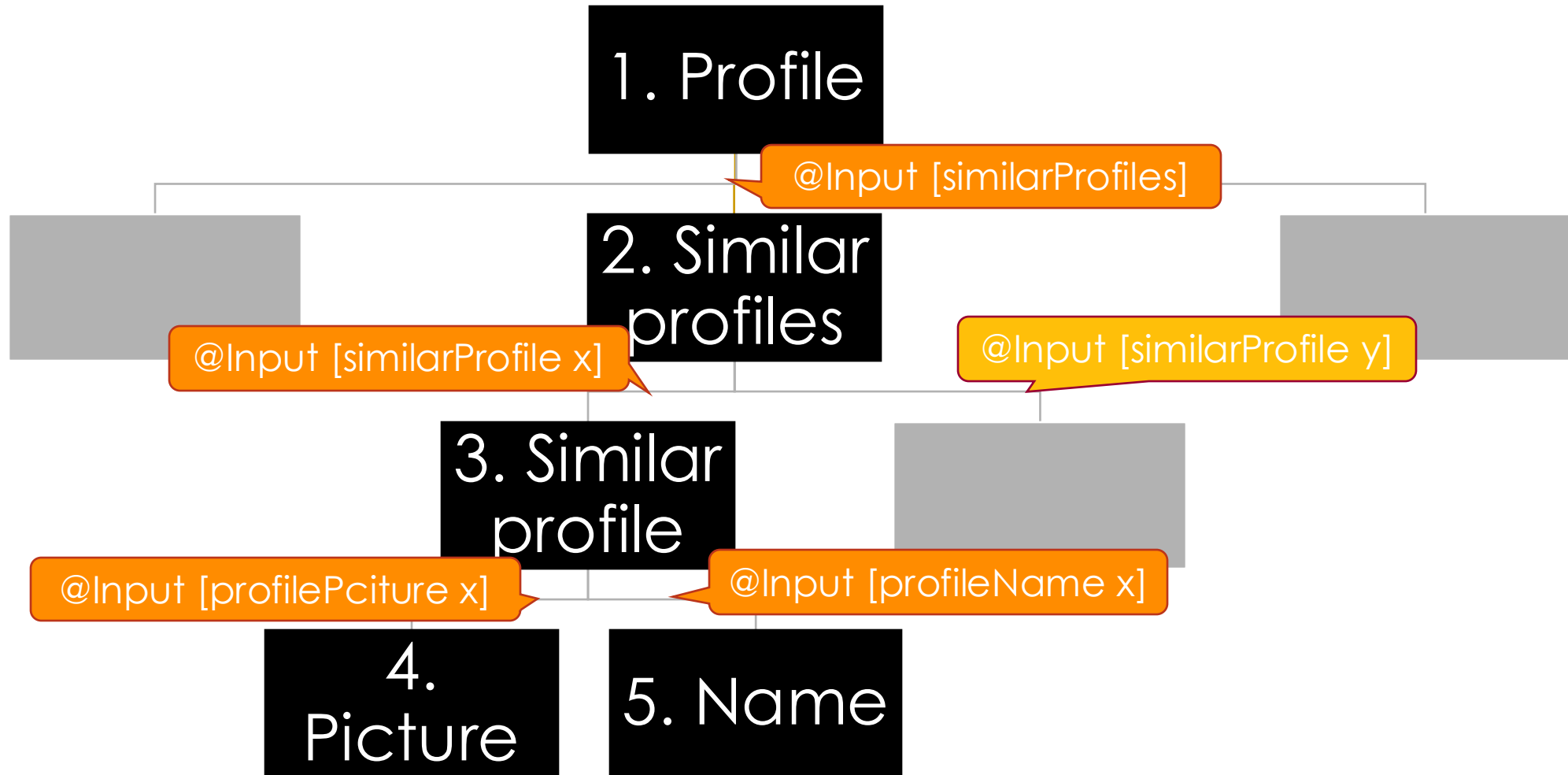
```
1  import { Component } from '@angular/core';
2
3  @Component({
4    selector: 'pokedex-all-pokemon',
5    templateUrl: './all-pokemon.component.html',
6    styleUrls: ['./all-pokemon.component.scss']
7  })
8  export class AllPokemonComponent {
9
10 }
```

Components

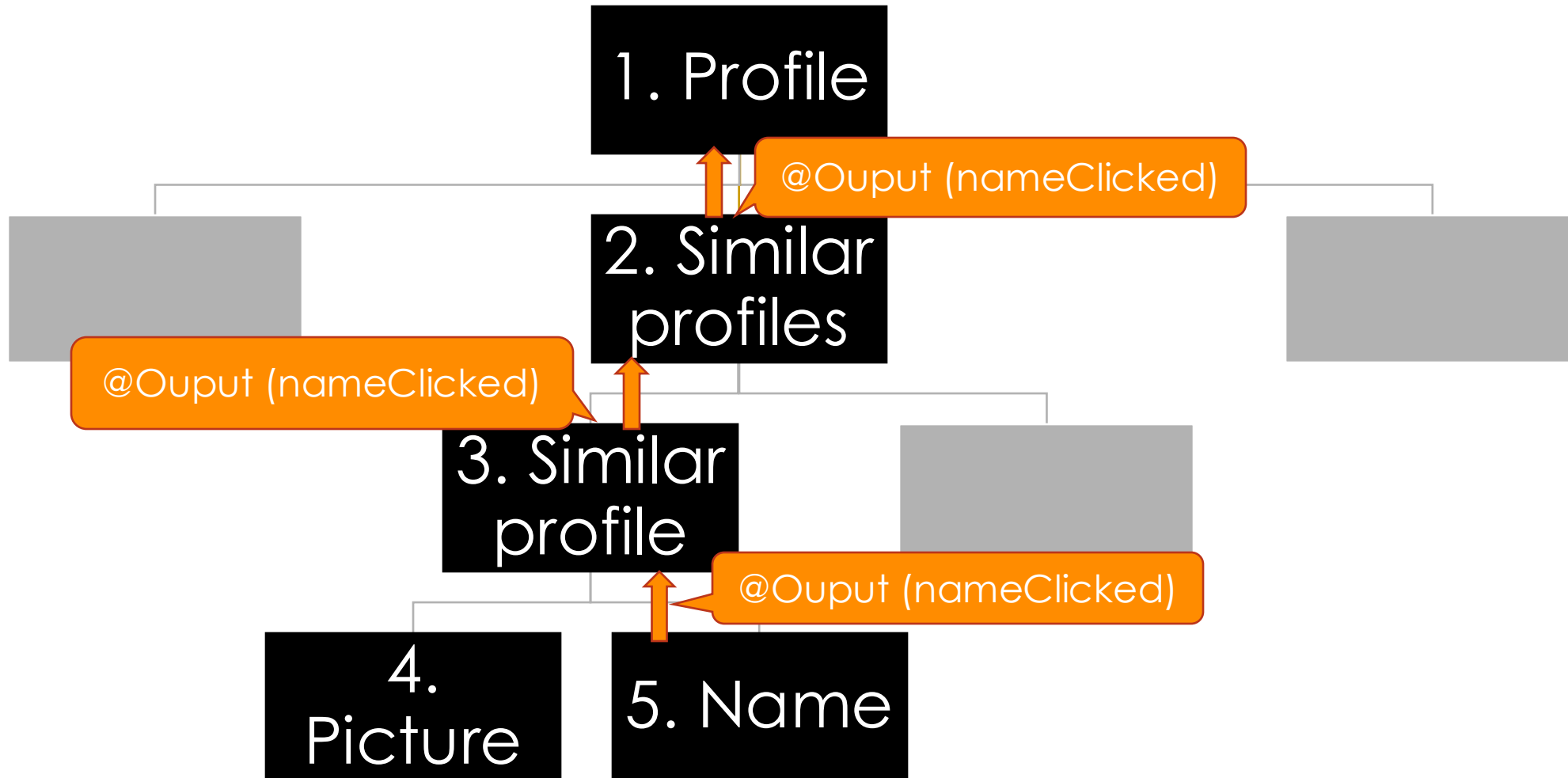
Hierarchically structured

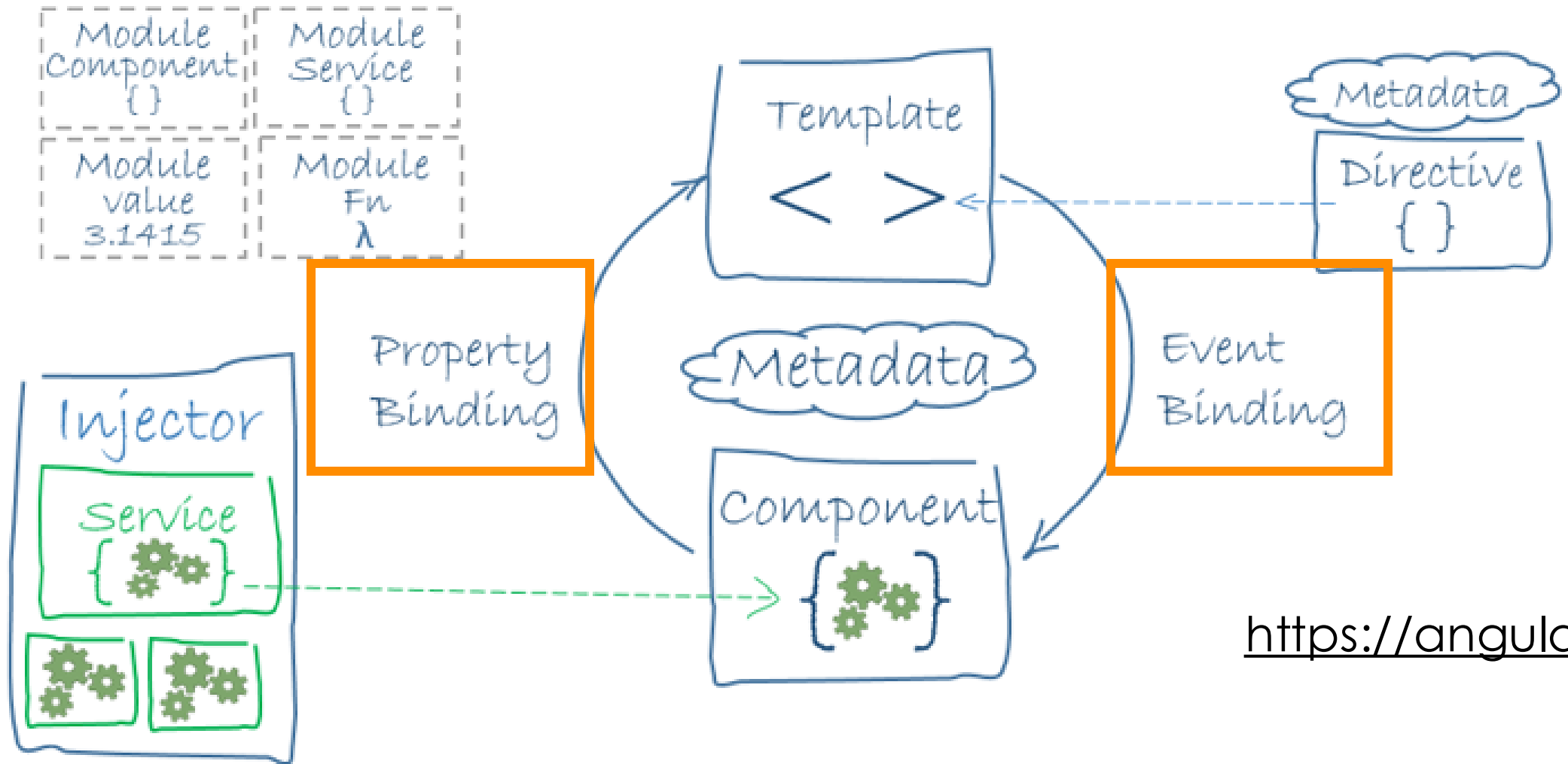


Components example



Components example

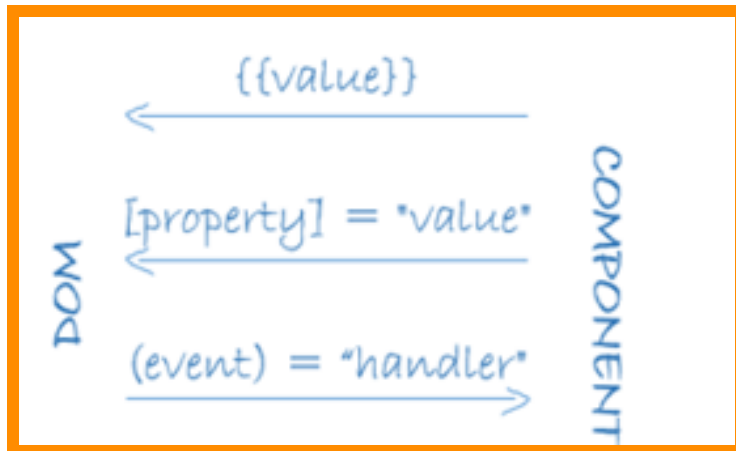




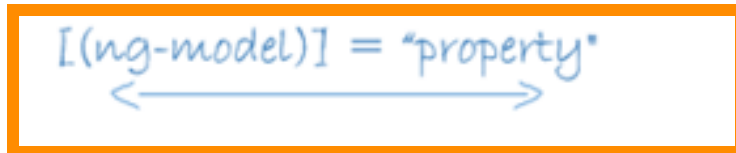
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Data Binding

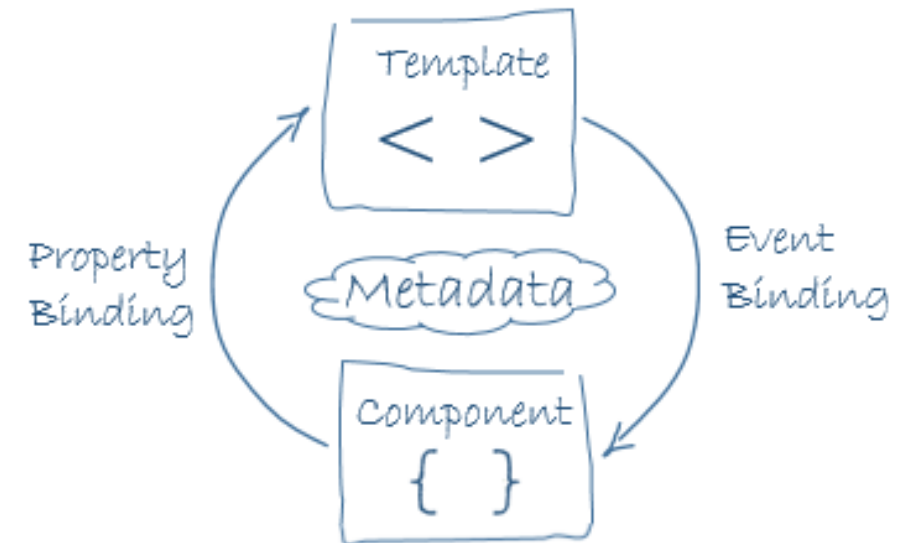
- Angular supports two-way data binding
- Component coordinates parts of the template
- One way to communicate within component hierarchy



One-way binding



Two-way binding



Example

- Fill in name in input field
- After pressing 'submit', welcome message is displayed below

The diagram shows a web form with two main components. The 'Hello component' is a red-bordered box containing an input field with the text 'Glenn' and a 'Submit' button. The 'App component' is an orange-bordered box that contains the 'Hello component' and a text area below it displaying 'Hello Glenn'.

Glenn Submit

Hello Glenn

Hello component

App component

- Responsibility of 'hello' component
 - Get name via **INPUT**
 - Emit name after submit via **OUTPUT**

hello.component.ts

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

Imports

```
@Component({  
  selector: 'ae-hello',  
  templateUrl: './hello.component.html',  
  styleUrls: ['./hello.component.scss']  
})
```

Component descriptor

```
export class HelloComponent implements OnInit {  
  
  constructor() { }  
  
  ngOnInit() {  
  }  
}
```

Component logic

hello.component.ts

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

@Component({
  selector: 'ae-hello',
  templateUrl: './hello.component.html',
  styleUrls: ['./hello.component.scss']
})
export class HelloComponent implements OnInit {
  @Input() name: string = '';
  @Output() nameEntered = new EventEmitter();

  constructor() { }

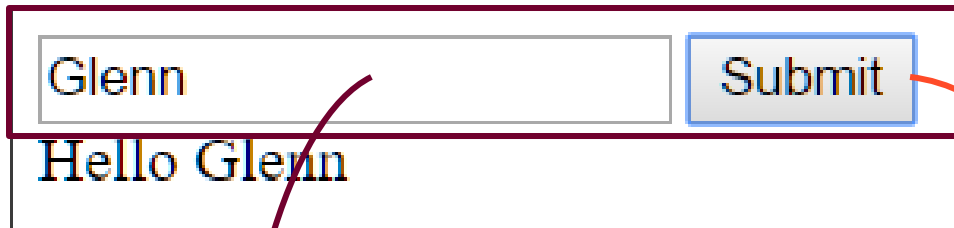
  ngOnInit() {
  }

  sayHello(): void {
    this.nameEntered.emit(`Hello ${this.name}`);
  }
}
```

Bindings

Output logic

hello.component.html



Glenn

Submit

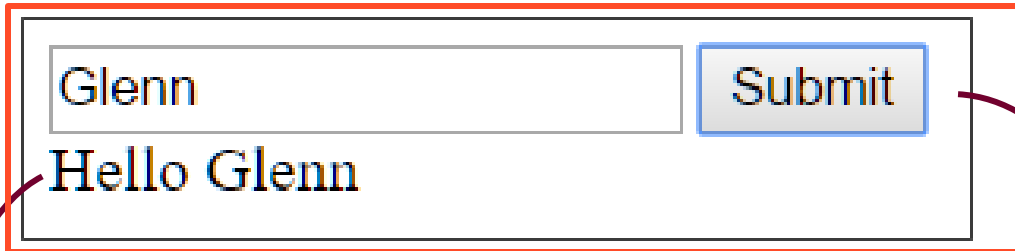
Hello Glenn

[(Two-way databinding)]

```
<input [(ngModel)]="name">  
<button (click)="sayHello()">Submit</button>
```

(Output)

app.component.html



Glenn

Submit

Hello Glenn

```
<ae-hello [name]="name" (nameEntered)="showHelloMessage($event)"></ae-hello>
```

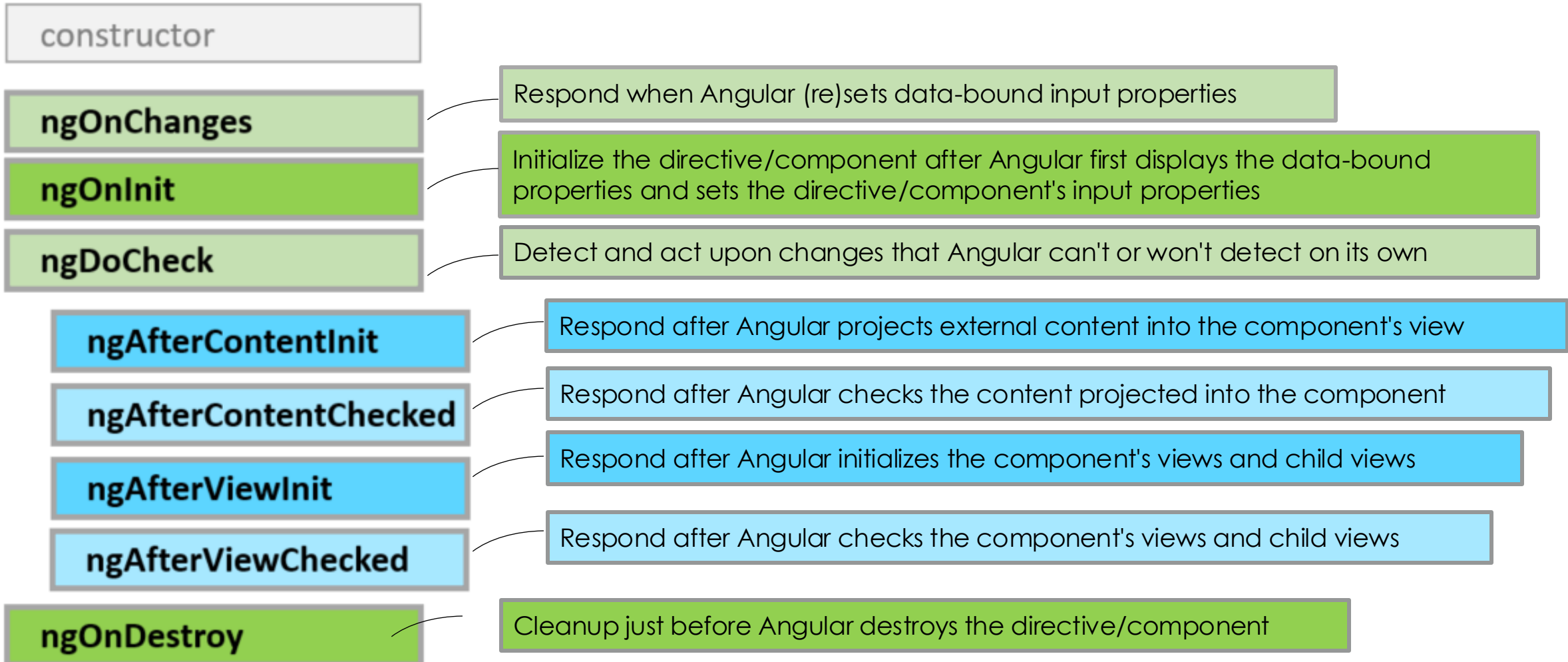
[Input]

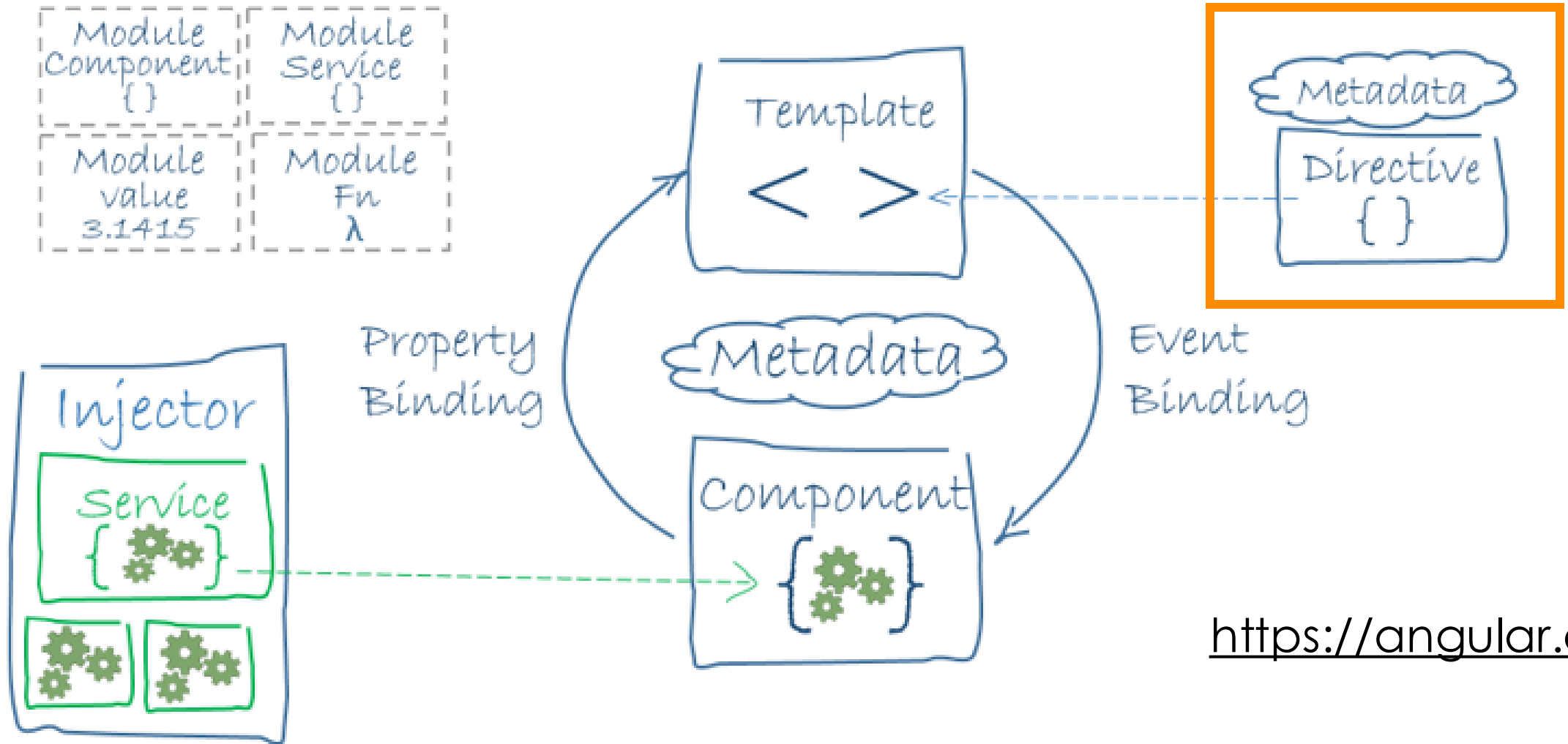
(Output)

Gets value from event
and assigns it to property
'helloMessage'

```
<div>{{helloMessage}}</div>
```


Lifecycle hooks





<https://angular.dev>

Directives

@Directive

- Used for DOM manipulation
- Structural directives
 - Defined by Angular
 - @for, @if, @switch
 - Change the structure of the DOM
- Attribute directives
 - Look like regular HTML directives
 - Alter appearance or behaviour from existing directive

```
ng generate directive my-directive
```

```
ng g d my-directive
```

Pipes

@Pipe

- Used to define display value transformations
- Executed when a value is displayed

```
<!-- Default format: output 'Jun 15, 2015'-->
<p>Today is {{today | date}}</p>

<!-- fullDate format: output 'Monday, June 15, 2015'-->
<p>The date is {{today | date:'fullDate'}}</p>

<!-- shortTime format: output '9:43 AM'-->
<p>The time is {{today | date:'shortTime'}}</p>
```

```
ng generate pipe my-pipe
```

```
ng g p my-pipe
```

Exercise

```
git checkout project-setup
```

- Create a standalone component **all-pokemon**.
- Add **<pokedex-all-pokemon>** to **app.component.html** and run your app

EXTRA TIP: Use **--dry-run** to see preview effects

- Add a component **pokemon-list** to **app/shared**
 - Template contains a table with 2 columns
 - 1st column header: **Name**
 - 2nd column header: **Type**
- Use the component **pokemon-list** in the **all-pokemon** component

EXTRA TIP: Check out Emmet Coding (<https://docs.emmet.io/>)

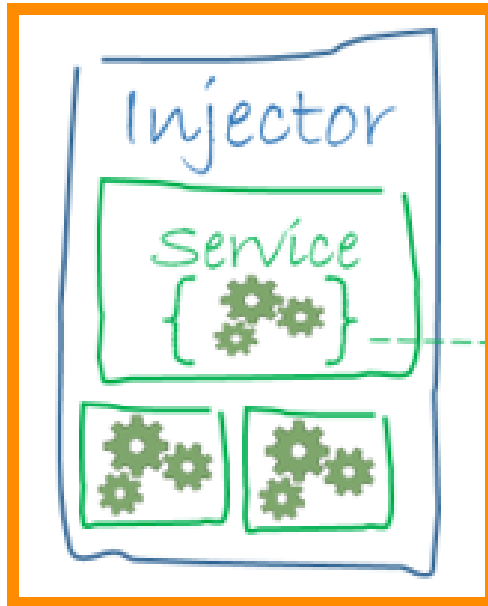
- Create an interface **Pokemon** containing the model (in the shared module)
- Add input binding to pokemon-list component
 - `@Input() pokemon`
- Pass array of dummy data to the **pokemon-list** component
 - Declare it in the **all-pokemon** component
 - Pokémon's plural form is also Pokémon 🤪
- Display **name** and **type** of every **pokemon** in table of **pokemon-list** component
`@for (p of pokemon; track p.name) { ... } @empty { ... }`

- Add output binding to pokemon-list component
 - @Output() clicked
 - Add a 3rd column to table in **pokemon-list** component and render a "Catch!" button in it
 - Add some simple table styling
- ```
table {
 border-collapse: collapse;
}

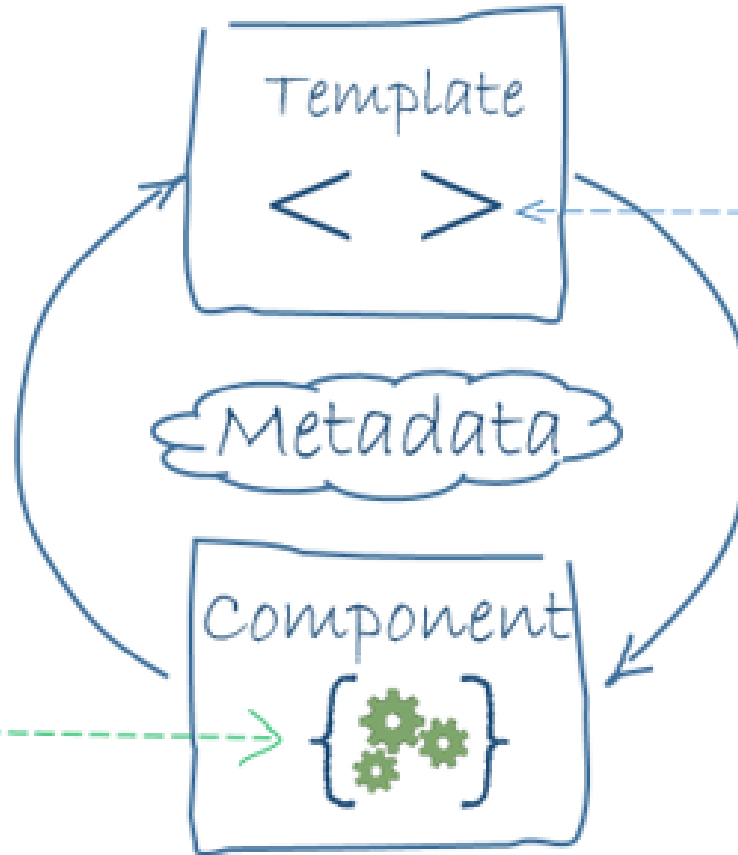
table, th, td {
 border: 1px solid black;
}
```
- Call a function **pokemonCaught()** in **all-pokemon** component if **button clicked**
    - *Eg: print out the pokemon was caught*



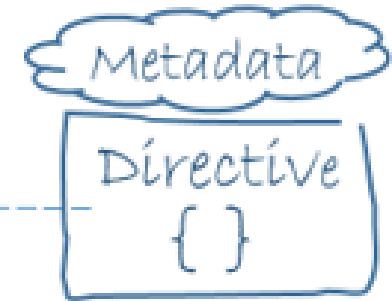
|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Module Component<br>{ } | Module Service<br>{ }  |
| Module value<br>3.1415  | Module Fn<br>$\lambda$ |



Property Binding



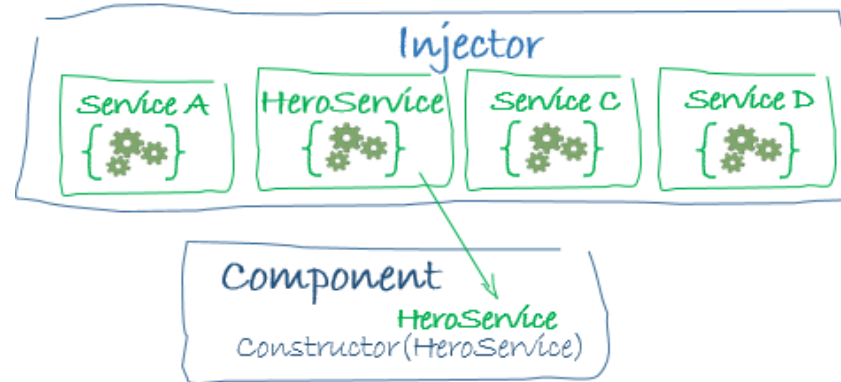
Event Binding



<https://angular.io>

# Services @Injectable

- Classes with well defined, shared purpose (e.g. calling an API)
- Logic that is not specific for one view/component
- Dependency injection to provide it to components



# Services as Singletons

- Two ways to make sure it is a singleton
  1. Include the service in the AppModule or in a module that is only imported by the AppModule
  2. Declare that the service should only be provided in the app root

```
@Injectable({
 providedIn: 'root'
})
```

- Since v17, moduled components are used less and less  
=> Option 2 is generally the better option

# Exercise

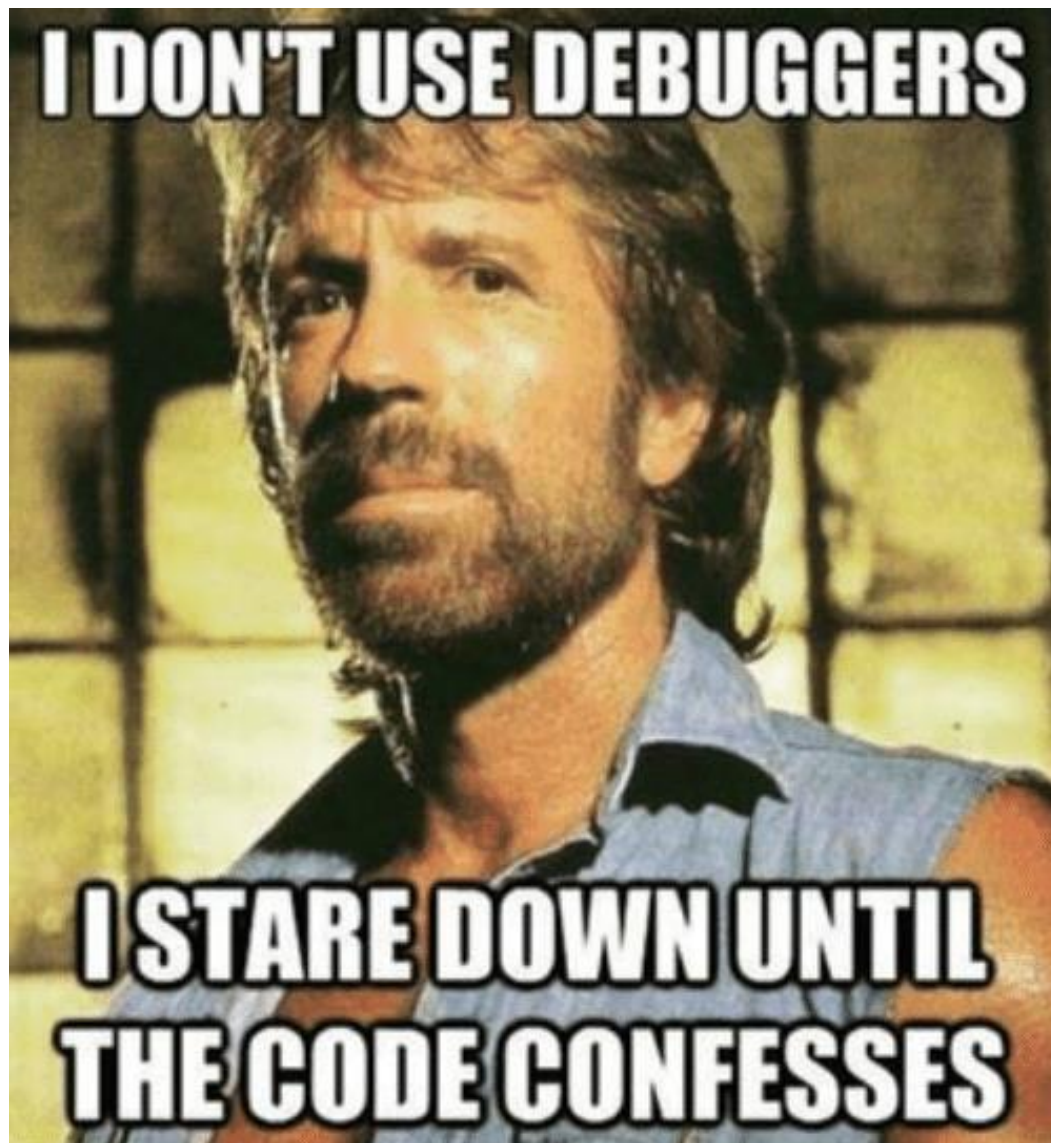
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git checkout first-components
```

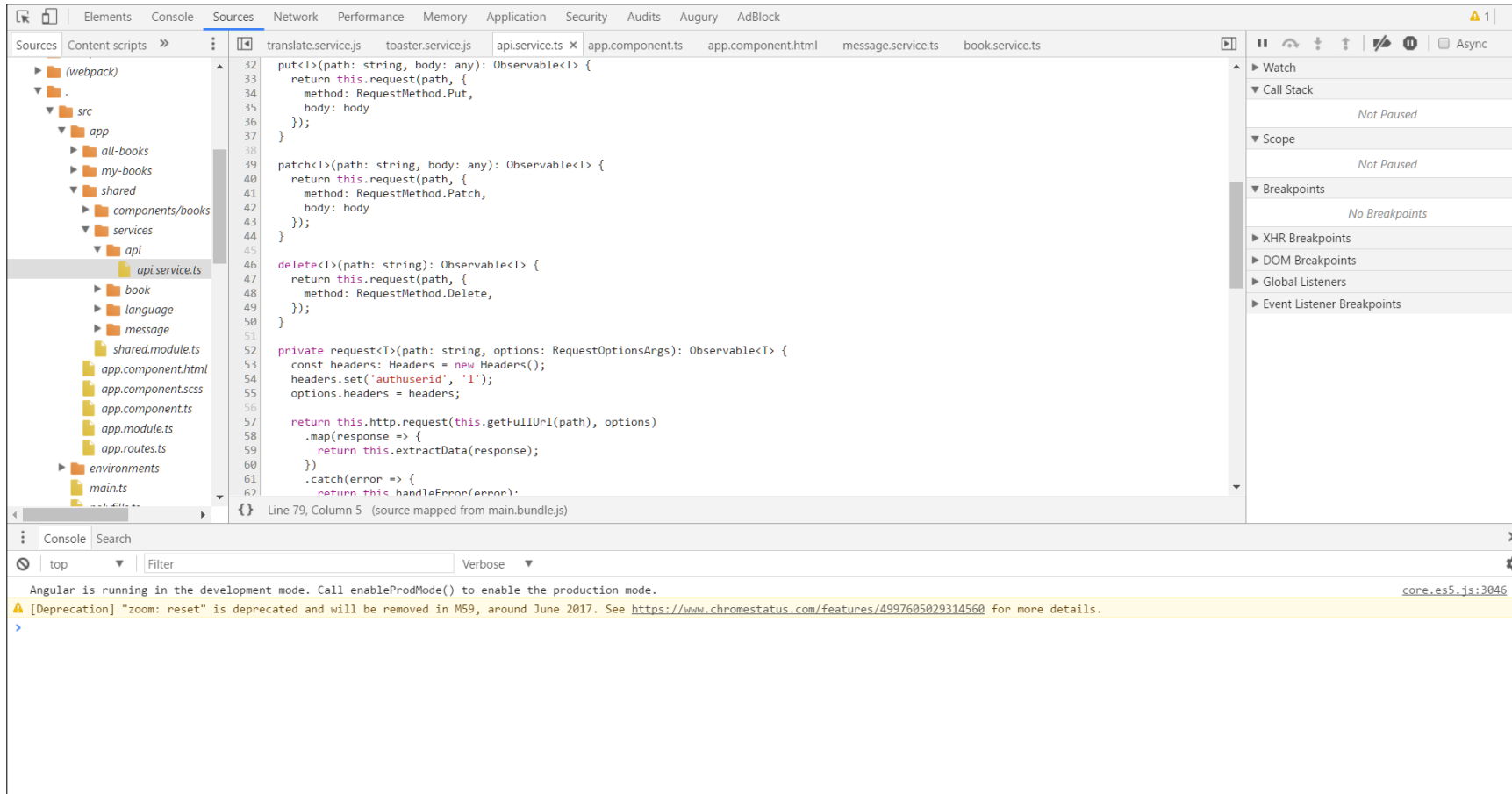
- Add a **pokemon-service** to the shared directory
- Instead of implementing the list of dummy pokemon in the all-pokemon component, make it so that this service can be used.
- Component Implements **OnInit** -> **ngOnInit()**
- Use **constructor** to **Dependency Inject** service

# Debugging



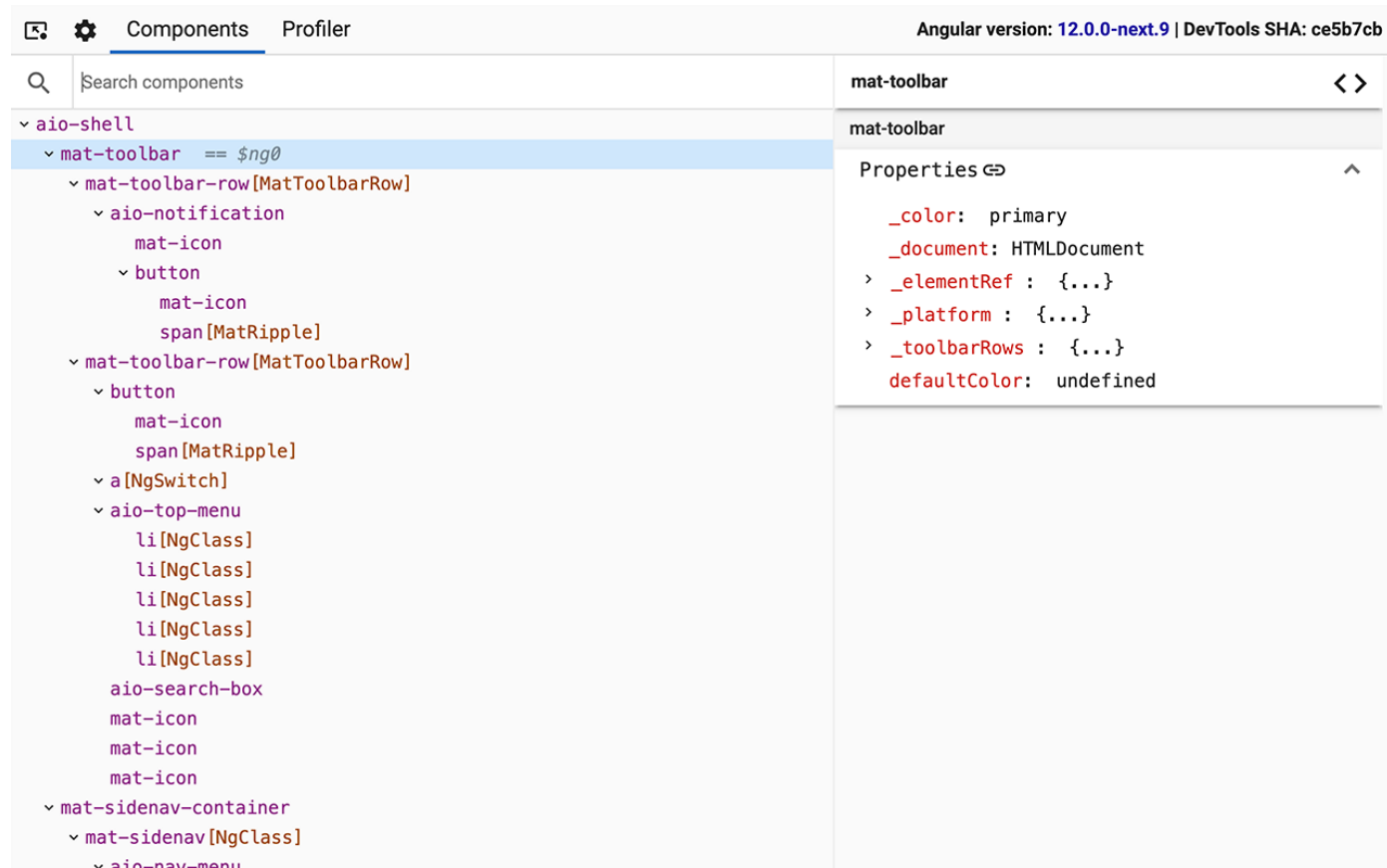


# Chrome Dev Tools



<https://developer.chrome.com/devtools>

# Angular Dev Tools





If all else fails...



**User Interfaces  
aka making it look nice**



# Exercise

In case you did not finish the previous one in time:

```
git checkout first-service
```

- Install **Bootstrap 5**

```
npm i bootstrap
```

# Exercise

- update `angular.json`

```
"styles": [
 "node_modules/bootstrap/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css", // <--add this line
 "src/styles.scss"
],
"scripts": [
 "node_modules/bootstrap/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js" // <--add this line
]
```

- Use the bootstrap `navbar` component
- **Style the buttons and table** by adding bootstrap specific classes

## BONUS!

- Check out the [Angular Material UI component library](#)!
- Check out <https://fonts.google.com> and change your font
- Create your own pokédex theme using Bootstrap SASS. Check out [Color Bootstrap v5.3 \(getbootstrap.com\)](#)

# Reactive programming





We're still using good old imperative-style programming to deal with problems that are essentially asynchronous



- Sergi Mansilla

# Callbacks

book.service.ts

```
getAllBooks(successCallback: Function, errorCallback: Function): void {
 try {
 let books = this.apiService.get(`/books`);
 successCallback(books);
 } catch(error) {
 errorCallback(error);
 }
}
```

books.component.ts

```
this.bookService.getAllBooks((books) => {
 this.books = books;
}, (error) => {
 this.logService.error(error);
});
```



# Promises

book.service.ts

```
getAllBooks(): Q.Promise<Array<IBook>> {
 return this.apiService.get(`/books`);
}
```

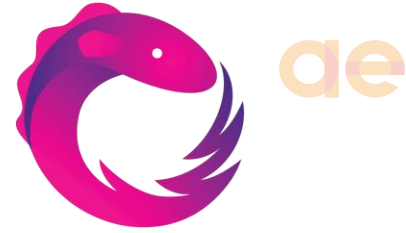
books.component.ts

```
this.bookService.getAllBooks.then((books: Array<IBook>) => {
 this.books = books;
}).catch((error) => {
 this.logService.error(error);
});
```

# Reactive programming

- A programming paradigm that encompasses many concepts and techniques
- With these techniques you can create, transform and react to streams of data

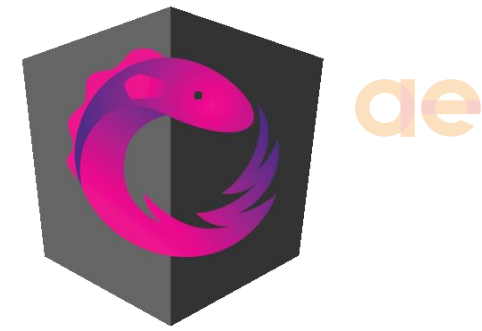
# ReactiveX



- An API for async programming with observable streams
- A combination of the best ideas from the **Observer** pattern, the **Iterator** pattern, and **functional programming**
- **RxJS**: A JavaScript implementation of Reactive Extensions
- **NGRX**: Reactive extensions for Angular
- Good dev support available
  - [rxjs.dev](https://rxjs.dev)
  - [learnrxjs.io](https://learnrxjs.io)
  - [rxmarbles.com](https://rxmarbles.com)



# Angular embraces RXJS in libs



- **Databinding**
- **HTTP**
  - HTTP calls return observables. Can be used instead of promises
- **Async pipe**
  - Subscribe to streams in the DOM by using the **async** pipe

# Observables

book.service.ts

```
getAllBooks(): Observable<Array<IBook>> {
 return this.apiService.get(`/books`);
}
```

books.component.ts

```
this.books = this.bookService.getAllBooks()
 .catch((error, observable) => {
 this.logService.error(error);
 return observable;
 });
```

books.component.html

```
<app-books [books]="books | async"></app-books>
```

# Intermezzo

Component lifecycle hooks



# Tapping into the hooks

```
export class AllPokemonComponent implements OnInit {
 allPokemon$: Observable<Pokemon[]>;

 constructor(private pokemonService: PokemonService) { }

 ngOnInit(): void {
 this.allPokemon$ = this.pokemonService.getAllPokemon();
 }

 catchPokemon(pokemon: Pokemon) {
 this.pokemonService.catchPokemon(pokemon.id).subscribe();
 }
}
```

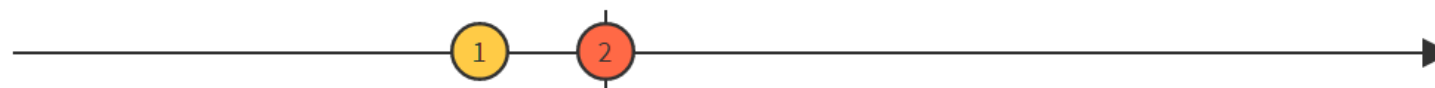
# Operators



`filter(x => x > 10)`



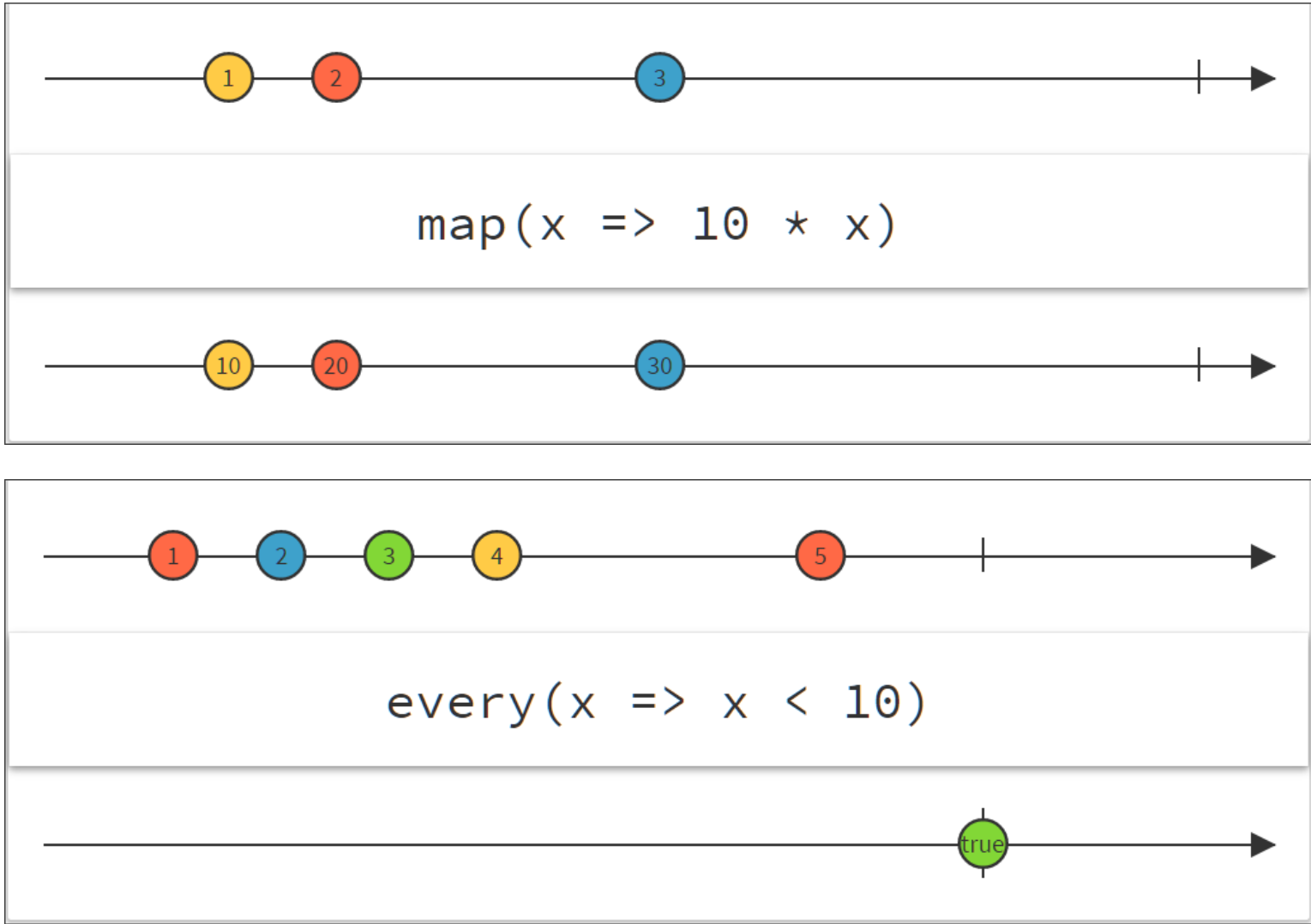
`take(2)`





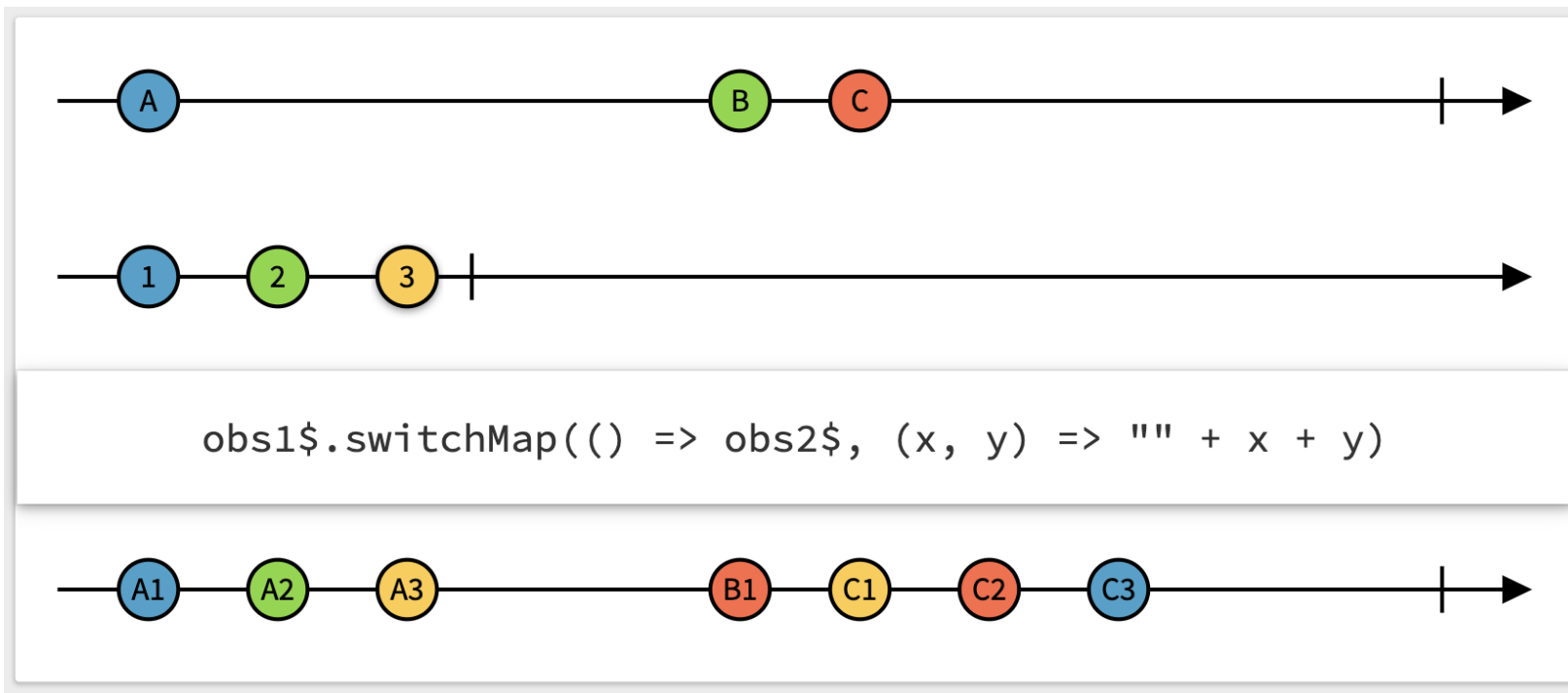


# Operators





# Operators



# RxMarbles

TRANSFORMING OPERATORS

- [delay](#)
- [delayWithSelector](#)
- [findIndex](#)
- [map](#)
- [scan](#)
- [debounce](#)
- [debounceWithSelector](#)

COMBINING OPERATORS

- [combineLatest](#)
- [concat](#)
- [merge](#)
- [sample](#)
- [startWith](#)
- [withLatestFrom](#)
- [zip](#)

FILTERING OPERATORS

- [distinct](#)
- [distinctUntilChanged](#)
- [elementAt](#)
- [filter](#)
- [find](#)
- [first](#)
- [last](#)

## Interactive diagrams of Rx Observables

The diagram illustrates the `merge` operator. It shows two input sequences of numbers (20, 40, 60, 80, 100 and 1, 1) being merged into a single output sequence (20, 40, 60, 1, 80, 100, 1). The output sequence maintains the relative order of elements from each input sequence.

`merge`

v1.4.1 built on RxJS v2.5.3 by @andrestaltz

<http://rxmarbles.com/>

# Signals

- Wrapper around a value
- Notify interested consumers when value changes
- Read with getter => tracking where it is used
- Writable or read-only

# Signals

```
const count = signal(0);

// Signals are getter functions - calling them reads their value.
console.log("The count is: " + count());

// Change a signal value
count.set(3);

// When the new value depends on the current value use update
count.update((value) => value + 1);

// When handling arrays or complex objects
const currencies = signal([
 { currency: "USD", rate: 1 },
 { currency: "EUR", rate: 0.88 },
]);

currencies.mutate((value) => (value[0].rate = 1.1));
```

# Computed signals

```
const count: WritableSignal<number> = signal(0);
const doubleCount: Signal<number> = computed(() => count() * 2);
```

# Effects

```
const count = signal(0);

effect(() => {
 console.log(`The current count is: ${count()}`);
});
```

# Exercise

In case you did not finish the previous one in time:

```
git checkout bootstrap
```

In this exercise we will start using a **Pokémon API**

You can find this API in the **back-end** folder

**Install** the packages and run it to **serve locally**



- Make the front end **consume the API** to show all Pokémon
- Update the pokemon.model.ts file to contain **the complete model** based on the server responses (hint: checkout [JSON to TypeScript](#))
- Replace the previously created method in pokemon.service.ts with an **HTTP call**.

# EXTRA EXTRA!

- Extract the URL from the pokemon.service.ts file to the environment variables. (ng generate environments)
- The assets folder contains **sprites** for each pokemon. Add them to your table based on their ID.
- Create a **MessageService**. Upon clicking 'catch', this service displays a message about whether the action was successful.
  - Look at **ngx-toastr** to display these messages
- Add **error handling** to your calls to the **PokemonService** to display an error message when something goes wrong. (You can test your error message by shutting down the server!)

# Angular Router



# Angular router

- Enables **navigation from one view to another** as users perform application tasks
- During navigation, URL changes
- Navigation can be triggered by changing URL
- Packaged in module **@angular/router**

# Trigger route changes

- Do not use href
- Use either
  - `routerLink` in templates (HTML)
  - `routerLinkActive` to add CSS classes if routerLink on element is active

```

 My Pokémon

```

- `Router` in components (TypeScript)

```
constructor(private router: Router) { }

this.router.navigate(['/team'], {
 queryParams: { userId: this.userId, userName: this.userName }
});
```

# Angular router - setup

- **RouterLink & RouterLinkActive** are imported into AppComponent

```
@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 imports: [RouterOutlet, RouterLink, RouterLinkActive],
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.scss']
})
export class AppComponent { }
```

# app.routes.ts

```
const routes: Routes = [
 { path: 'first-component', component: FirstComponent },
 { path: 'second-component', component: SecondComponent },
];
```

# Lazy loading components

```
const routes: Routes = [
 {
 path: 'all-pokemon',
 loadComponent: () => import('./all-pokemon/all-pokemon.component')
 .then(m => m.AllPokemonComponent)
 }
];
```



# Extra Remarks

- Configuration of routes on first-match principle
- The '\*\*' – path is a wildcard for all pages, useful for 404 pages
- The output of the configured path is rendered in the router outlet:

```
<router-outlet></router-outlet>
<!-- Routed views go here -->
```

## Exercise

In case you did not finish the previous one in time:

```
git checkout calling-apis
```

- **Add a component named `my-pokemon`**
- Use the component `pokemon-list` in the `my-pokemon` component
- Implement the `PokemonService.getMyPokemon` method to fill the component
- Add an `@Input()` `actionLabel` to `pokemon-list` component
  - Pass a value to it in `all-pokemon` and `my-pokemon`
  - Update button rendering in `pokemon-list` using this label
- Use the API to catch & release Pokémon

- Set up routing
  - Add a route **all-pokemon**
  - Add a route **my-pokemon**
  - Set **all-pokemon** as **default** route
- Remove **<pokedex-all-pokemon>** from **app** component
- Update **items in navbar** to navigate to other route

**QA**





# QA default in CLI



# Anatomy of a Jasmine spec

```
describe("A spec (with setup and tear-down)", () => {
 let foo;

 beforeEach(() => {
 foo = 0;
 foo += 1;
 });

 afterEach(() => {
 foo = 0;
 });

 it("can have more than one expectation", () => {
 expect(foo).toEqual(1);
 expect(true).toEqual(true);
 });
});
```

A test suite

Setup

Teardown

Test logic (aka spec)

Expectation



# Anatomy of an Angular component spec

```
import { async, ComponentFixture, TestBed } from '@angular/core/testing';
```

```
import { MyComponent } from '../my.component';
```

```
describe('MyComponent', () => {
 let component: MyComponent;
 let fixture: ComponentFixture<MyComponent>;
```

```
 beforeEach(async(() => {
 TestBed.configureTestingModule({
 declarations: [MyComponent]
 })
 .compileComponents();
 }));
```

Creates an Angular testing module and declares the component to test

Compile template and css async, because they're external

```
 beforeEach(() => {
 fixture = TestBed.createComponent(MyComponent);
 component = fixture.componentInstance;
 fixture.detectChanges();
 });
```

Creates a handle on the test env surrounding the created component

Trigger data binding and propagation

```
 it('should be created', () => {
 expect(component).toBeTruthy();
 });
});
```

Test that component has been created

# Exercise

In case you did not finish the previous one in time:

```
git checkout routing
```

```
npm i
```

```
npm run lint
```

 or 

```
ng lint
```

- Fix linting errors
  - *Let your IDE assist you*
    - VS Code: Quick fix (or Fix autofixable problems)
    - Webstorm: settings -> tslint, enable and select tslint.json config file

```
npm test
```

or

```
ng test
```

- Test the `showApiError` function in `MessageService`

# I18N

How to handle translations



# Angular i18n

- Tooling
  - Message extraction, file transformation, template generation
- Pluralization and gender select
- HTML annotations
  - Context, descriptions and meanings

# Angular i18n: mark for translation

```
<h1 i18n="User welcome | An introduction header for this sample">Hello i18n!</h1>
```

```
<!--i18n: optional meaning | optional description -->
I don't output any element either
<!--/i18n-->
```

```

```

# Angular i18n: pluralization & gender select

```
{wolves, plural, =0 {no wolves} =1 {one wolf} =2 {two wolves} other {a wolf pack}}
```

```
The hero is {gender, select, m {male} f {female}}
```

# Angular i18n: translate

- Copy messages.xlf for every target language
  - Messages.nl.xlf
  - Messages.fr.xlf

```
<trans-unit id="af2ccf4b5dba59616e92cf1531505af02da8f6d2" datatype="html">
 <source>Hello i18n!</source>
 <target>Hallo i18n!</target>
 <note priority="1" from="description">An introduction header for this sample</note>
 <note priority="1" from="meaning">User welcome</note>
</trans-unit>
```



# Angular i18n: translate

```
<trans-unit id="6e22e74e8cbd3095560cfe08993c4fdfa3c50eb0" datatype="html">
 <source/>
 <target>{wolves, plural, =0 {geen wolven} =1 {een wolf} =2 {twee wolven} other {een roedel wolven}}</target>
</trans-unit>
```

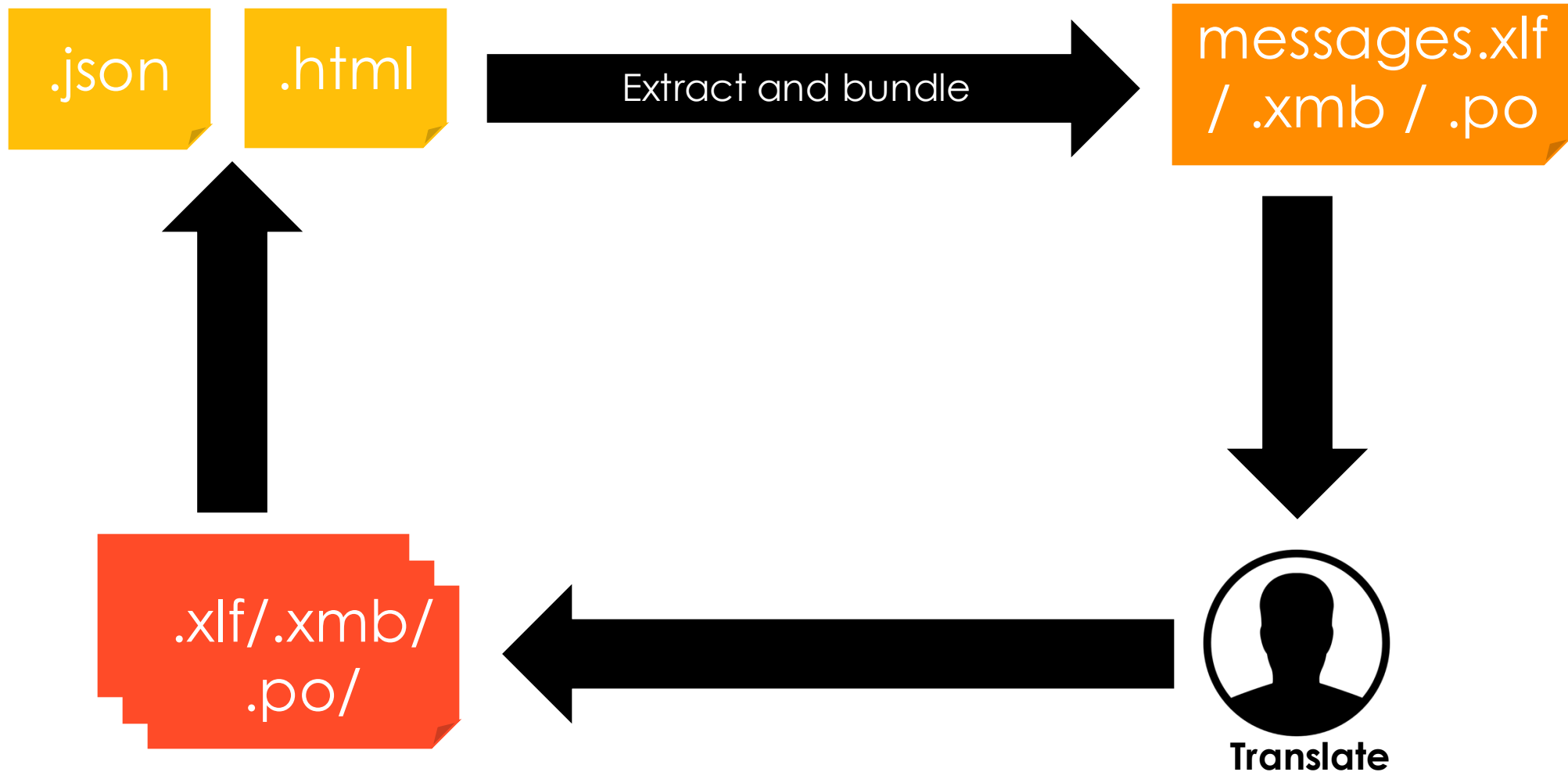
```
<trans-unit id="61cafedb85466ab789b3ae817bba1a545468ee1c" datatype="html">
 <source>The hero is <x id="ICU"/></source>
 <target>De held is <x id="ICU"/></target>
</trans-unit>
```

```
<trans-unit id="14c7055d67771a3b7b6888d282ac092896be06b6" datatype="html">
 <source/>
 <target>{gender, select, m {man} f {vrouw}}</target>
</trans-unit>
```

# Angular i18n: merge translations into app

- Compile app providing
  - Translation file, translation file format and locale ID (nl or nl-BE)
- JIT: compile in browser while application loads
  - During application bootstrap
  - Reload app after selecting new language
- AOT: compilation is part of build process
  - Separate application package per language is pre-built

# Compile-time process



# Angular i18n

## Translation file maintenance and *id* changes

As the application evolves, you will change the *i18n* markup and re-run the `ng-xi18n` extraction tool many times. The *new* markup that you add is not a problem; but **most changes to existing markup trigger generation of new `ids`** for the affected translation units.

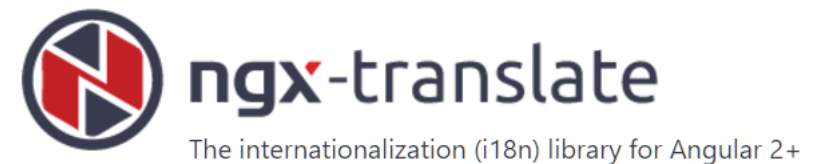
After an `id` changes, the translation files are no longer in-sync. **All translated versions of the application will fail** during re-compilation. The error messages identify the old `ids` that are no longer valid but they don't tell you what the new `ids` should be.

**Commit all translation message files to source control**, especially the English source `messages.xlf`. The difference between the old and the new `messages.xlf` file help you find and update `id` changes across your translation files.

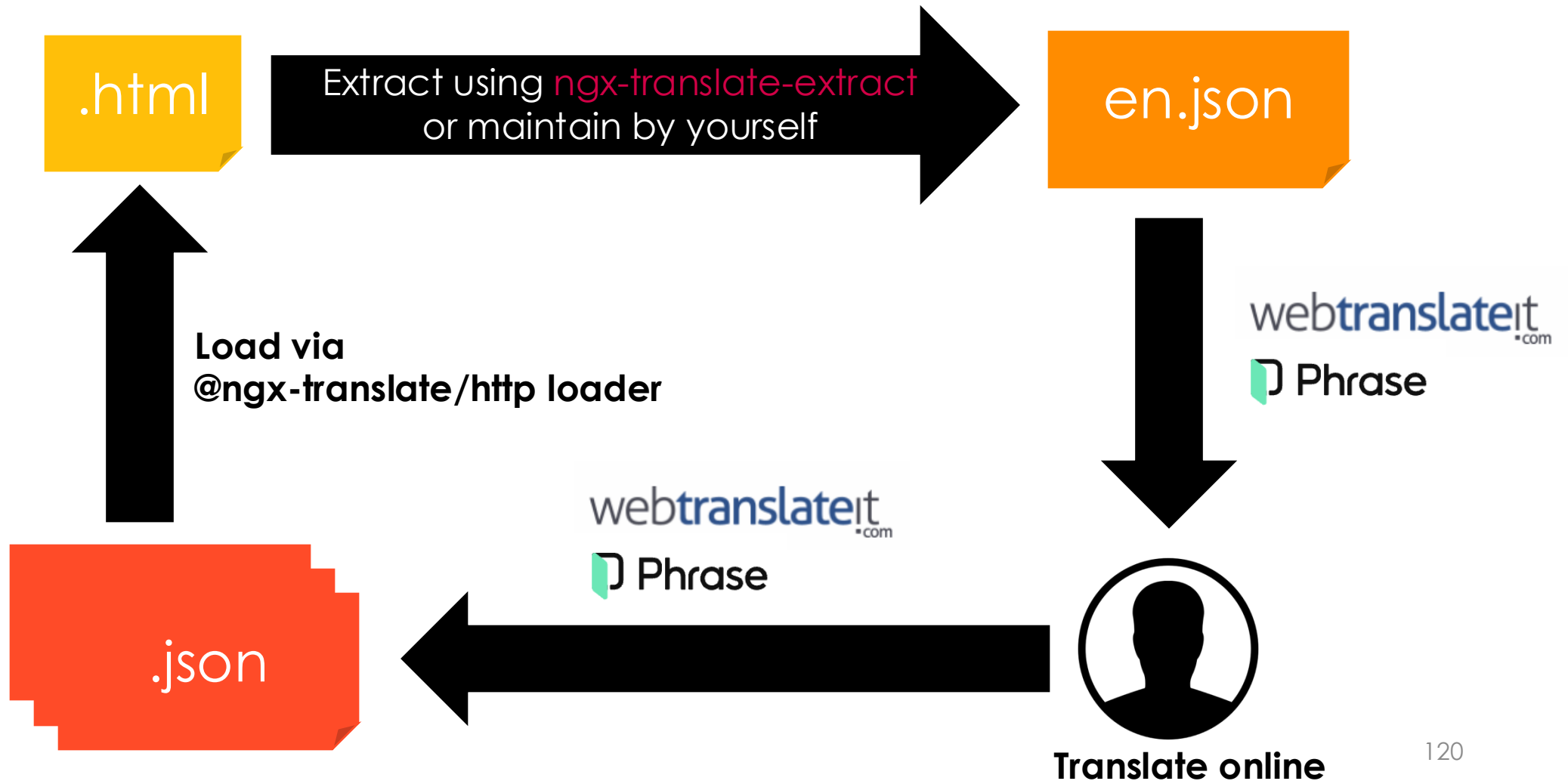


# ngx-translate

- Modular i18n library providing service, directive and pipe
- Switching between languages doesn't reload whole app
- By default no process defined
  - But one can set up easily by using
    - Plugins
    - Webtranslateit
  - Or the road in between: ngx-translate-extract



# Runtime process



# Setup – Import module (root)

```
import {ApplicationConfig, importProvidersFrom, provideZoneChangeDetection} from "@angular/core";
import {provideHttpClient} from "@angular/common/http";
import {TranslateModule, TranslateLoader} from "@ngx-translate/core";
import {TranslateHttpLoader} from '@ngx-translate/http-loader';
import {HttpClient} from '@angular/common/http';

const httpLoaderFactory: (http: HttpClient) => TranslateHttpLoader = (http: HttpClient) =>
 new TranslateHttpLoader(http, './i18n/', '.json');

export const appConfig: ApplicationConfig = {
 providers: [
 provideZoneChangeDetection({ eventCoalescing: true }),
 provideHttpClient(),
 importProvidersFrom([TranslateModule.forRoot({
 loader: {
 provide: TranslateLoader,
 useFactory: httpLoaderFactory,
 deps: [HttpClient],
 },
 })]),
],
};
```

```
import {Component} from "@angular/core";
import {TranslateModule} from "@ngx-translate/core";

@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 standalone: true,
 imports: [TranslateModule],
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.scss']
})
export class AppComponent {
 title = 'translation-demo';
}
```



# Setup – Set default language

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
import { TranslateModule } from "@ngx-translate/core"; // <--- standalone only
import { TranslateService } from "@ngx-translate/core";

@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 standalone: true, // <--- standalone only
 imports: [TranslateModule], // <--- standalone only
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.scss']
})
export class AppComponent {
 constructor(private translate: TranslateService) {
 this.translate.addLangs(['de', 'en']);
 this.translate.setDefaultLang('en');
 this.translate.use('en');
 }
}
```

# Define translations

```
{
 "HOME": {
 "HELLO": "hello {{value}}"
 }
}
```

# Usage with pipes

```
<div>{{ 'HELLO' | translate:param }}</div>
```

# i18n in Angular

## Compile-time translation

- Embedded in application bundle
- Improved performance
- Seamless integration
- Must reload for language switch
- More complex for devs

→ **Angular i18n**

## Runtime translation

- Stored in external files (eg JSON)
- Slightly lower performance
- External libraries
- Switch language without page reload
- Easier for devs

○ → **ngx-translate**

# Exercise

Also if you did finish last exercise:

```
git checkout qa
```

```
npm i @ngx-translate/core (--legacy-peer-deps)
```

```
Npm i @ngx-translate/http-loader
```

- **Set up ngx-translate**
  - **Supported languages: en & nl**
  - Use **HttpLoader**
  - **Set en as default**
- Create a **LanguageService** in shared module
  - It can **get** and **change** language

- **Internationalize** labels used in UI (use translate **pipe and functions**)
  - **Also** **@Input** **actionLabel**
- **Copy** the en.json file to nl.json and translate it

- **Add language button to nav**
  - **NL:** changes language to NL
  - **EN:** changes language to EN
  - Item is **only present** if `!== currentLanguage`



# Summary

- Angular CLI is a great tool to setup and maintain structure in angular applications
- Architecture is as important in the front-end as it is in the back-end
- Use the devtools to debug your application
- There are a lot of tools out there to easily make beautiful applications
- Reactive programming (including signals) can simplify complex applications
- Use the built in angular router tools and don't link with href
- There are different I18N tools that make it easy to translate applications

**Final questions?**

THANK  
YOU

