Components and Data Binding

The Building Blocks of Our Application









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Components: Basic Idea

The Main Building Block

The Idea Behind Components

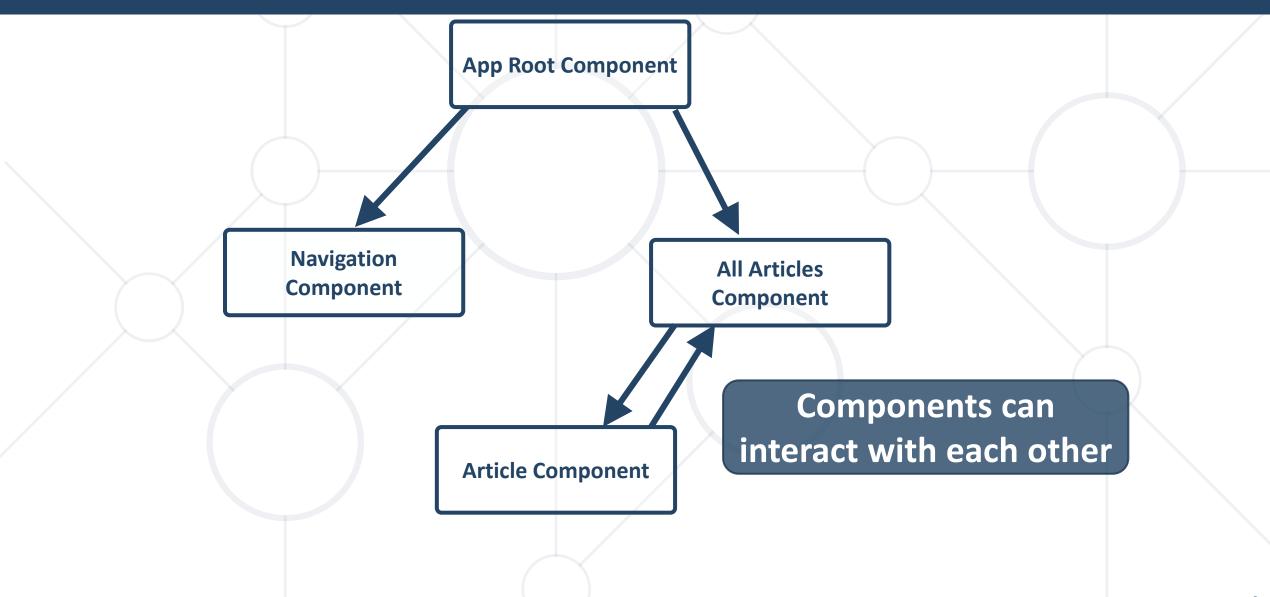


- A component controls part of the screen (the view)
- You define application logic into the component
- Each component has its own HTML/CSS template

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
@Component({
   selector: 'app-root',
   template: `<h1>{{title}}</h1>`,
   styles: [ `h1 {
                                  Unique html template
   background-color: red;}` ]
                                       and styling
export class AppComponent { title = 'App Title'; }
```

The Idea Behind Components







Creating Components

And Their Unique Templates

Creating Components Manually



To create a component we need the Component decorator

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

 It provides metadata and tells Angular that we are creating a Component and not an ordinary class

```
@Component({
    selector: 'app-home',
    template: '<h1>Home View</h1>'
})
We call it whilist adding '@'
    in front and pass in metadata
```

Creating Components Manually



- Component Metadata
 - selector the component's HTML selector

```
selector: 'app-home'
```

template or templateUrl - the component's template

```
templateUrl: 'Path to template'
```

 styles or styleUrls - unique styles for the current component

```
styleUrls: 'Array of paths'
```

providers - list of providers that can be injected using DI



Creating Components Manually



- After the creation of a component we need to add it in the declarations array at the app module
- NgModules help organize an application into cohesive blocks of functionality



```
@NgModule({
  declarations: [
   AppComponent,
   HomeComponent
  ]
})
```

Creating Components with the CLI



We can use the Angular CLI to generate a new component

ng generate component home

- The CLI creates a new folder src/app/home/
- The CLI directly imports the component in the app module



Bootstrapping

Starting the Application

Bootstrapping an Application



- An NgModule class describes how the application parts fit together
- Every application has at least one NgModule the root module

platformBrowserDynamic().bootstrapModule(AppModule)

- It is used to bootstrap (launch) the application
- Usually it is called AppModule, but it is not necessary

The Initial Module



```
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
```

```
@NgModule({
    declarations: [ AppComponent ],
    imports: [ BrowserModule ],
    providers: [],
    bootstrap: [ AppComponent ]
})
```

The @NgModule tells
Angular how to compile
and launch the app

```
export class AppModule { }
```

Initial Module Properties



- The declarations array
 - Only declarables (components, directives and pipes)
- The imports array
 - Only @NgModule classes integrated (HttpClientModule, BrowserModule) or custom made



Initial Module Properties



- The providers array
 - Register service providers and inject them into components
- The bootstrap array
 - The root component used to launch the application
- Inserting a bootstrapped component usually triggers a cascade of component creation





Data Bindings & Templates

Repeater, Enhanced Syntax

Templates & Data Bindings Overview



- A template is a form of HTML that tells Angular how to render the component
 - render array properties using *ngFor repeater
 - render nested properties of an object
 - condition statements using *nglf
 - attach events and handle them in the component
- They can be both inline or in a separate file

Render an Array Using *NgFor



```
export class GamesComponent {
   games : Game[];
   constructor() {
     this.games = [ // Array of games ]
   }
}
```



```
<h1>Games List</h1>
Pick a game to Buy

*ngFor="let game of games">

{{game.title}}

The '*' symbol is required in front
```

Conditional Statements Using *Nglf

<h1>Games List</h1>



```
Pick a game to Buy
<l
 <div>
   {{game.title}}
  </div>
  <span *ngIf="game.price >= 100">
   Price: {{game.price}}
  </span>
```



Attach Events



```
<button (click)="showContent($event)">Show Content</button>
```

```
export class GamesComponent {
    public games: Game[];
    showContent: boolean;
    constructor() {
      this.games = [ // Array of games ]
    showAdditionalContent($event) {
     this.showContent = true;
```



Binding Attributes



Binding attributes

```
export class GamesComponent {
   imgUrl: string;
   constructor() {
    this.imgUrl = "a url to an image"
   }
}
```

```
<img [attr.src]="imgUrl" />
```

The name of the property in the component

Binding CSS Classes or Specific Class Name



Binding classes

```
<div [class]="badCurly">Bad curly</div>
```

You can bind to a specific class name



Binding Styles or Styles with Units



Binding styles

```
<button [style.color]="isSpecial ? 'red': 'green'">Red</button>
<button [style.background-color]="canSave ? 'cyan': 'grey'" >
   Save
</button>
```

Or styles with units

```
<button [style.font-size.em]="isSpecial ? 3 : 1">
  Big
</button>
<button [style.font-size.%]="!isSpecial ? 150 : 50">
  Small
</button>
```

Reference and Null-safe Operator



Reference other elements

```
<input #phone placeholder="phone number">
<button (click)="callPhone(phone.value)">Call</button>
```

phone refers to the input element

You can also use the null-safe operator

```
<div>The current hero's name is {{game?.title}}</div>
<div>The null hero's name is {{game && game.name}}</div>
```

Template Expressions



The text between the curly brackets is evaluated to a string

```
The sum of two + two + four is \{\{2 + 2 + 4\}\}
```

- Template expressions are not pure JavaScript
- You cannot use these:
 - Assignments (=, +=, -=, ...)
 - The new operator
 - Multiple expressions
 - Increment or decrement operations (++ or --)
 - Bitwise operators

Types of Data Binding



There are three types of data binding



From data-source to view

```
{{expression}}
[target]="expression"
bind-target="expression"
```

From view to data-source

```
(target)="statement"
on-target="statement"
```

Two-way

```
[(ngModel)]="expression"
bindon-target="expression"
```

FormsModule needed



Lifecycle Hooks

Intersect Through the Loop

Lifecycle Overview



- A component has a lifecycle managed by Angular
- Angular offers lifecycle hooks that provide control over life moments of a component
- Directive and component instances have a lifecycle as Angular creates, updates and destroys them

NgOnInit and NgOnDestroy Example



```
import { Component, OnInit, OnDestroy } from '@angular/core';
@Component({..})
export class GamesComponent implements OnInit, OnDestroy {
  games: Game[];
  ngOnInit() {
   console.log('CREATED');
                              Called shortly after creation
  ngOnDestroy() {
   console.log('DELETED');
                               Used for cleanup
```

Other Lifecycle Hooks



- All lifecycle hooks
 - ngOnChanges() when data is changed
 - ngDoCheck() detect your own changes
 - ngAfterContentInit() when external content is received
 - ngAfterContentChecked() when external content is checked
 - ngAfterViewInit() when the views and child views are created
 - ngAfterViewChecked() when the above are checked
 - More at: https://angular.io/guide/lifecycle-hooks



Component Interaction

Passing Data in Between

From Parent to Child

@Input('gameProp') game : Game;



The prop will come from parent

```
import { Component, Input } from '@angular/core';
import { Game } from '../games/game';
@Component({
  selector: 'game',
  template: `
  <div>{{game.title | uppercase}}
  <span *ngIf="game.price >= 100">-> Price: {{game.price}}</span>
  </div>
export class GameComponent {
```

From Parent to Child



Component Interaction



 In order to pass data from child to parent component we need the Output decorator and an Event Emitter

```
import { Output, EventEmitter } from '@angular/core';
export class GameComponent {
  @Input('gameProp') game : Game;
  @Output() onReacted = new EventEmitter<boolean>();
  react(isLiked : boolean) {
    this.onReacted.emit(isLiked);
  }
  The parent will receive the event
```

Component Interaction



The Parent component handles the event



```
export class GamesComponent {
  games: Game[];
  likes: number;
  dislikes : number;
  onReacted(isLiked: boolean) {
   isLiked ? this.likes++ : this.dislikes++;
  }
}
```

Summary



Each component has its own template

- There are three types of data binding
- We can intersect the lifecycle of a component

```
ngOnInit() { this.data = // Retrieve data }
```

Components can interact with each other

```
@Output() fromChild = new EventEmitter<boolen>();
```





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