

Separation of Concerns

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Stakeholder Requests a New Feature

How much existing code will have to change?

How quickly can it be done?

How risky are the changes?

Benefits of Separation of Concerns

Easier to Maintain

Easier to Extend

Reuse More Code

Easier to Test

Easier to Isolate Bugs

Separation of Concerns (SoC) helps manage complexity



AngularJS and Separation of Concerns

Aka: Ravioli Code

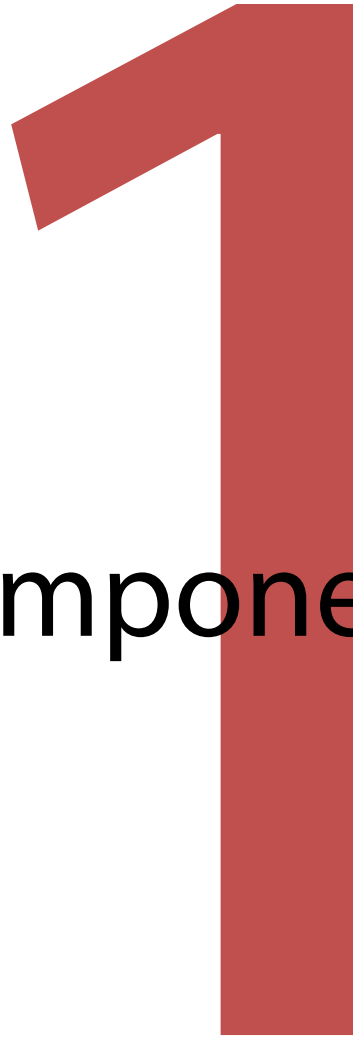


When your component does everything,
it does nothing well.





A Component Has One Role

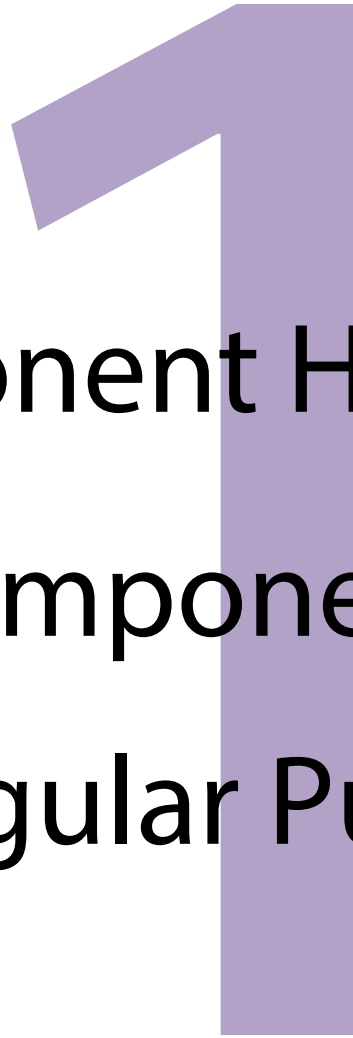
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One Component Per File

1

Singular Purpose

All Are Important



A Component Has One Role

One Component Per File

Singular Purpose

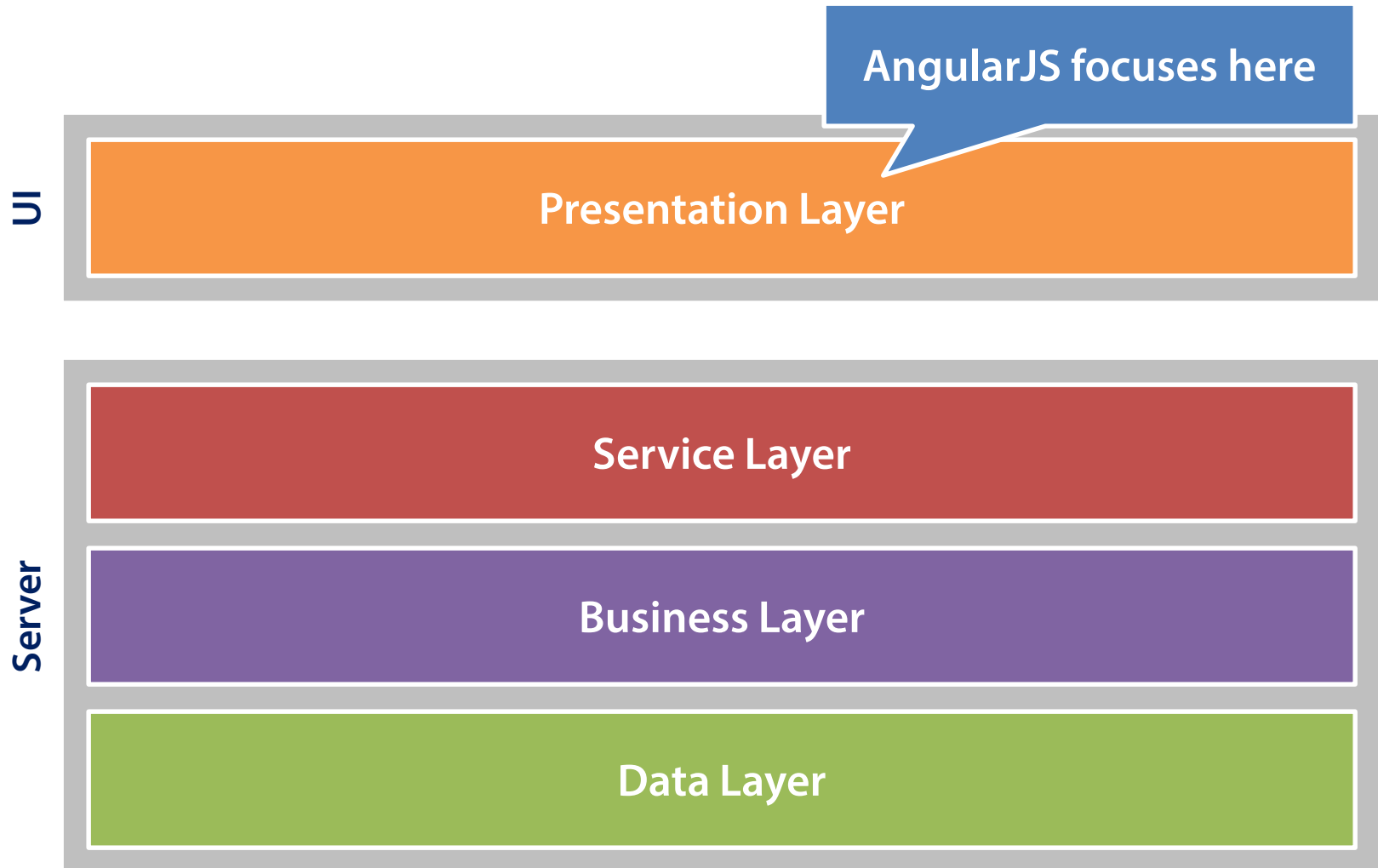
How Do We Separate?



Does Your Component Have 1 Job?



Horizontal SoC



How Do We Think About SoC with AngularJS ?



AngularJS has Familiar Terms

Widgets

Modules

Factories /
Services

Directives

Models

Views

Controllers

Vertical SoC with Modularity



The diagram illustrates a Vertical SoC with Modularity architecture. It consists of three vertical rectangular blocks arranged horizontally. The leftmost block is blue and labeled 'Customer Module'. The middle block is red and labeled 'Sales Module'. The rightmost block is purple and labeled 'Admin Module'. Each block is a solid color with the text centered inside.

Customer
Module

Sales Module

Admin Module

Vertical SoC within a Module



Customer
Controller

Customer Data
Factory

Customer
Address
Widget

SoC Examples

Cross cutting and specific to the app

Managing XHR calls to send/receive data (i.e. a data service)

Cross cutting and generic

Logging service

Exception Handling consolidation

Feature and Role

Customer controller

Customer address widget (via a directive)

Easier to Start with Separation



Rule of 1



Refactoring Opportunities

```
function avengers($http, $log) {  
  var vm = this;  
  vm.avengers = [];
```

Other controllers may need to make this call

```
function getAvengers() {  
  return $http.get('/api/maa')  
    .then(function(data, status, headers, config) {  
      vm.avengers = data.data[0].data.results;  
      return vm.avengers;  
    }, function(error){  
      toastr.error(error, title);  
      $log.error('Error: ' + error);  
    });  
}
```

How we log and show toasts should be reusable



Small, Readable, and Singularly Focused

```
function avengers(avengersData) {  
  var vm = this;  
  vm.avengers = [];  
  
  function getAvengers() {  
    avengersData.getAvengers().then(function (data) {  
      vm.avengers = data;  
      return vm.avengers;  
    });  
  }  
}
```

This Controller delegates the work to a dependency



Controllers Defer to Factories

```
angular.module('modularApp.avengers')  
  .factory('avengers.dataservice', ['$http', 'common', dataservice]);  
  
function dataservice($http, common) {  
  var service = {  
    getAvengersCast: getAvengersCast,  
    getAvengerCount: getAvengerCount,  
    getAvengers: getAvengers  
  };  
  
  return service;  
  
  // Implementation details below
```



Value Proposition

Lack of duplication makes it easier to maintain

Increase stability

Easier to extend and enhance

More reuse by other components



Applies to Simple Logic Too



Module Startup Logic is Difficult to Test

```
app.run(['$http', function ($http) {  
    $http.get('api/lookuplists');  
    $http.get('api/userprofile');  
    $rootScope.broadcast('readymessage');  
    $log('app is primed');  
}]);
```

Inject and Invoke Module Startup Code

```
app.run( ['appStart', function ( appStart ) {  
    appStart.start();  
}]);
```

Take Advantage of Modularity



Group Features into Modules

```
angular.module('modularApp', [  
    'ngAnimate',  
    'ngRoute',  
    'common',  
    'modularApp.avengers',  
    'modularApp.dashboard',  
    'modularApp.layout',  
    'modularApp.widgets'  
]);
```

Summary

1 Component, 1 Role, 1 File

Use Dependencies

Modularize

Decreases risk, cost, time to deliver

Increases testability, code reuse, maintainability