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Template-driven Forms and Validation

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Outline

- Approaches
- Template-driven forms
 - How to use
 - Validation
- Reactive forms
 - How to use
 - Validation



Forms in Angular

Template-driven

- Add ngModel within the HTML-template
- Angular creates object tree for form
- FormsModule

Reactive

- We create the object tree in our component (.ts)
- More control, more power
- ReactiveFormsModule



Template-driven Forms



Template-driven Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  from = "";  
  to = "";  
  
  constructor(private flightService: FlightService) {  
    this.from = 'Graz';  
    this.to = 'Hamburg';  
  }  
}
```



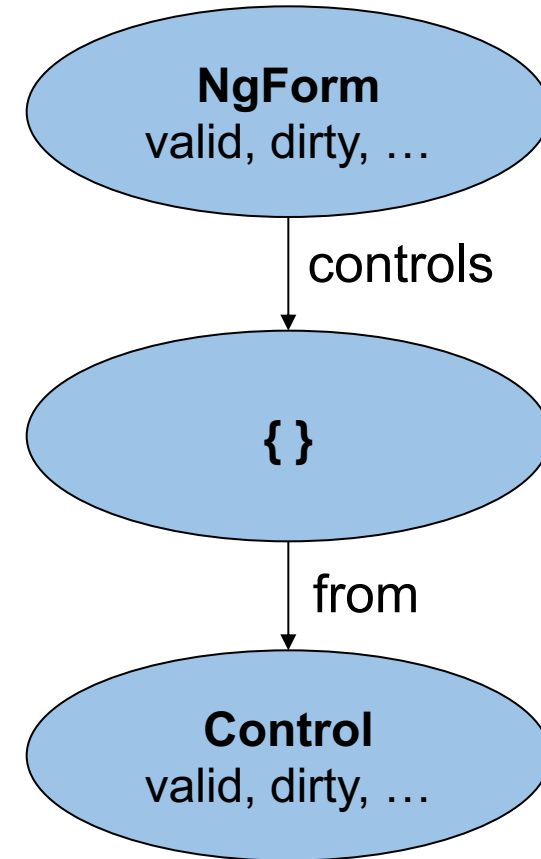
Template-driven Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  from = 'Graz';  
  to = 'Hamburg';  
  
  private flightService = inject(FlightService);  
}
```



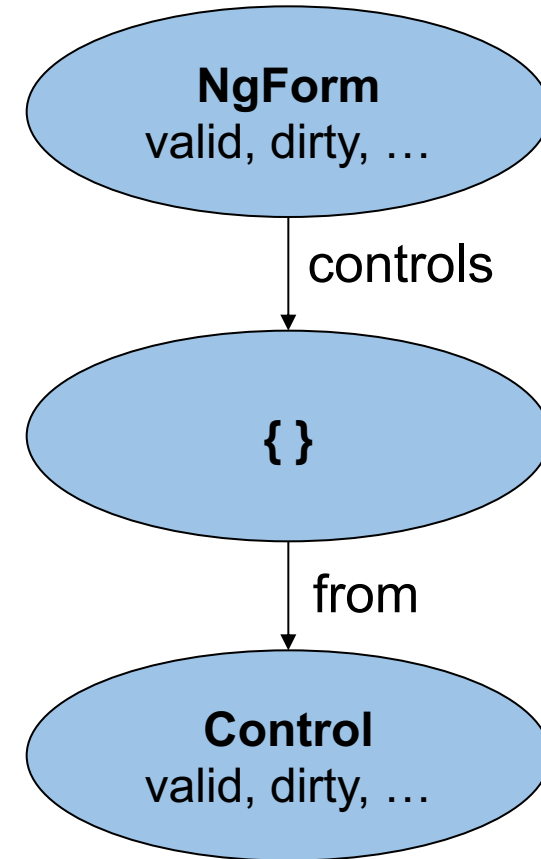
View

```
<form>  
  
  <input type="text" name="from"  
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">  
  
  [...]  
  
</form>
```



View

```
<form #flightSearchForm="ngForm">  
  <input type="text" name="from"  
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">  
  [...]  
</form>
```



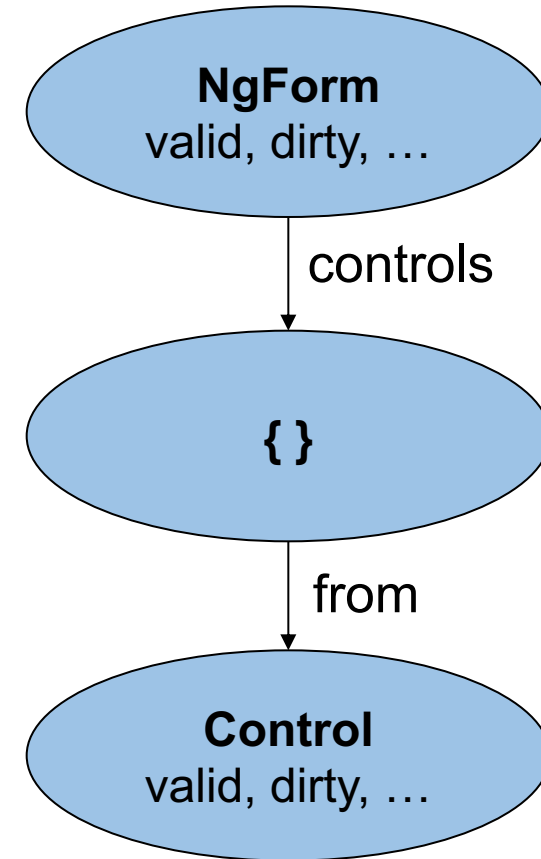
View

```
<form #f="ngForm">

  <input type="text" name="from"
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">

  <div *ngIf="f.controls?.['from']?.invalid">
    ...Error...
  </div>

</form>
```



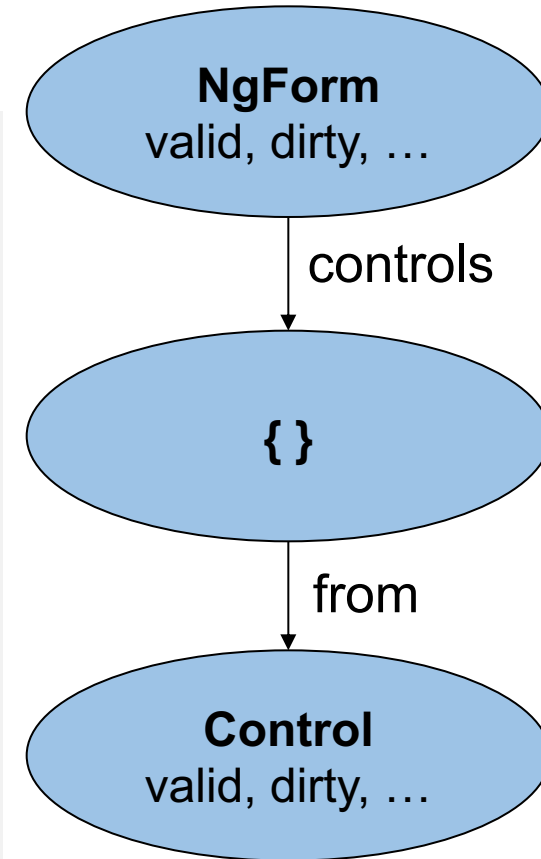
View

```
<form #f="ngForm">

  <input type="text" name="from"
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">

  <div *ngIf="f.controls?['from']?.invalid">
    ...Error...
  </div>

  <div *ngIf="f.controls?['from']?.hasError('required')">
    ...Field is required...
  </div>
</form>
```



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Own Validators



Directives

- Add behaviour to a component or any other HTML tag
- Built in examples
 - Attribute directives: `ngModel`, `ngClass`, `ngStyle`
 - Structural directives: `*ngIf`, `*ngFor`, `*ngSwitch`
- Custom attribute directives
 - E.g. validation directive
- No template (in contrast to components)

Validation directive

```
<input [(ngModel)]="from" name="from" city>
```



Validation directive

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]'
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {
  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    const value = c.value;

    [...]

    if (...) return { city: true }; // error

    return null; // no error
  }
}
```



Validation directive

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]',
  providers: [{ provide: NG_VALIDATORS,
    useExisting: CityValidatorDirective,
    multi: true }]
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {
  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    const value = c.value;

    [...]

    if (...) return {city: true}; --> .hasError('city')
    return null; // no error
  }
}
```

Using attributes

```
<input [(ngModel)]="from" name="from"  
      [city]="['Graz', 'Hamburg', 'Zürich']">
```

Using attributes

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]',
  providers: [{ provide: NG_VALIDATORS,
                 useExisting: CityValidatorDirective,
                 multi: true }]
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {

  @Input() city: string[] = [];

  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    [...]
  }
}
```



Using attributes

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]',
  providers: [{ provide: NG_VALIDATORS,
                 useExisting: CityValidatorDirective,
                 multi: true }]
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {

  @Input() city: string[] = [];
  @Input() cityStrategy = '';

  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    [...]
  }
}
```



Using attributes

```
<input [(ngModel)]="from" name="from"  
      [city]="['Graz', 'Hamburg', 'Zürich']" cityStrategy="strict">
```

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Asynchronous validation directives

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[asyncCity]',
  providers: [ ... ]
})
export class AsyncCityValidatorDirective implements AsyncValidator {
  validate(control: AbstractControl): Observable<ValidationErrors | null> {
    [...]
  }
}
```



Asynchronous validation directives

Token: NG_ASYNC_VALIDATORS



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Multifield Validators

```
@Directive({  
  selector: 'form[roundTrip]',  
  providers: [ ... ]  
})  
export class RoundTripValidatorDirective implements Validator {  
  validate(control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



Multifield Validators

```
export class RoundTripValidatorDirective implements Validator {  
  validate(control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    const group = control as FormGroup;  
  
    const from = group.controls['from'];  
    const to = group.controls['to'];  
  
    if (!from || !to) {  
      return null;  
    }  
  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



Multifield Validators

```
export class RoundTripValidatorDirective implements Validator {  
  validate(control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    const group = control as FormGroup;  
  
    const from = group.controls['from'];  
    const to = group.controls['to'];  
  
    if (!from || !to) return null;  
  
    if (from.value && from.value === to.value) return { roundTrip: true };  
  
    return null;  
  }  
}
```



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