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Directives Deep Dive

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Directives

- „Components without Templates“
- Add behavior to an element
- Examples: ngModel, ngClass, ngStyle

Attribute Directives



Case Study

```
<button appClickWithWarning>Delete</button>
```



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Simple Example

```
@Directive({
  selector: '[appClickWithWarning]'
})
export class ClickWithWarningDirective implements OnInit {

  constructor(private elementRef: ElementRef) { }

  ngOnInit(): void {
    this.elementRef
      .nativeElement.setAttribute('class', 'btn btn-danger');
  }
}
```



Calling a Directive

```
<button appClickWithWarning>Delete</button>
```



Host-Element



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Bindings

```
@Directive({  
  selector: '[appClickWithWarning]'  
})  
export class ClickWithWarningDirective implements OnInit {  
  
  @Input() warning = 'Are you sure?';  
  @Output() appClickWithWarning = new EventEmitter();  
  
}
```


Bindings

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@Directive({  
  selector: '[appClickWithWarning]'  
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export class ClickWithWarningDirective implements OnInit {  
  
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  @Output() appClickWithWarning = new EventEmitter();  
  
  @HostBinding('class') classBinding = 'btn btn-danger';  
  
}
```



Bindings

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@Directive({
  selector: '[appClickWithWarning]'
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export class ClickWithWarningDirective implements OnInit {

  @Input() warning = 'Are you sure?';
  @Output() appClickWithWarning = new EventEmitter();

  @HostBinding('class') classBinding = 'btn btn-danger';

  @HostListener('click', ['$event'])
  handleClick($event: MouseEvent): void { ... }

}
```

Calling the Directive

```
<button (appClickWithWarning)="delete()" message="Sure?">Delete</button>
```



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Templates and ViewContainers



Example: Tooltip

```
|<input [appTooltip]="tmp1"> | ← - ViewContainer
```

```
<ng-template #tmp1>  
  <h3>2 Tips for Success</h3>  
  <ol>  
    <li>Don't tell everything!</li>  
  </ol>  
</ng-template>
```



Implementation

```
@Directive({
  selector: '[appTooltip]'
})
export class TooltipDirective implements OnInit {

  @Input('appTooltip') template: TemplateRef<unknown>;

  constructor(private host: ElementRef,
               private viewContainer: ViewContainerRef) { }

  ngOnInit(): void {
    this.viewContainer.createEmbeddedView(this.template);
  }
}
```

Implementation

```
export class TooltipDirective implements OnInit {  
  
    private viewRef: EmbeddedViewRef<unknown>;  
    @Input('appTooltip') template: TemplateRef<unknown>;  
  
    constructor(  
        private host: ElementRef,  
        private viewContainer: ViewContainerRef) { }  
  
    ngOnInit(): void {  
        this.viewRef = this.viewContainer.createEmbeddedView(this.template);  
        [...]  
    }  
}
```



Mouse-Events

```
const elm = this.host.nativeElement as HTMLElement;

elm.addEventListener('mouseover', () => {
  [...]
});

elm.addEventListener('mouseout', () => {
  [...]
});
```



Iterate over Projected Root Nodes

```
this.viewRef.rootNodes.forEach(nativeElement => {  
  nativeElement.hidden = true;  
});
```

```
<input [appTooltip]="tmp1">  
  
<ng-template #tmp1>  
  <h3>2 Tips for Success</h3>  
  <ol>  
    <li>Don't tell everything!</li>  
  </ol>  
</ng-template>
```

← == -- Root Nodes



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Adding Templates and Components on the Fly



ViewContainer

- createEmbeddedView
- createComponent

TemplateOutletDirective

Insert Template in Placeholder

```
<div *templateOutlet="tpl"></div>  
<ng-template #tpl>Hallo Welt!</ng-template>
```

ComponentOutletDirective

Insert Component in Placeholder

```
<div *componentOutlet="FlightSearchComponent"></div>
```



ContentChildren

- **@ContentChildren(MyComponentOrDirective, { read: ElementRef | ViewContainerRef })**
- Same for @ContentChild, @ViewChildren, @ViewChild



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Structural Directives



Structural Directive

Micro Syntax

```
<div *ngFor="let f of flights; index as i">  
  <pre>{{i}}: {{ f | json }}</pre>  
</div>
```

Template



Structural Directive

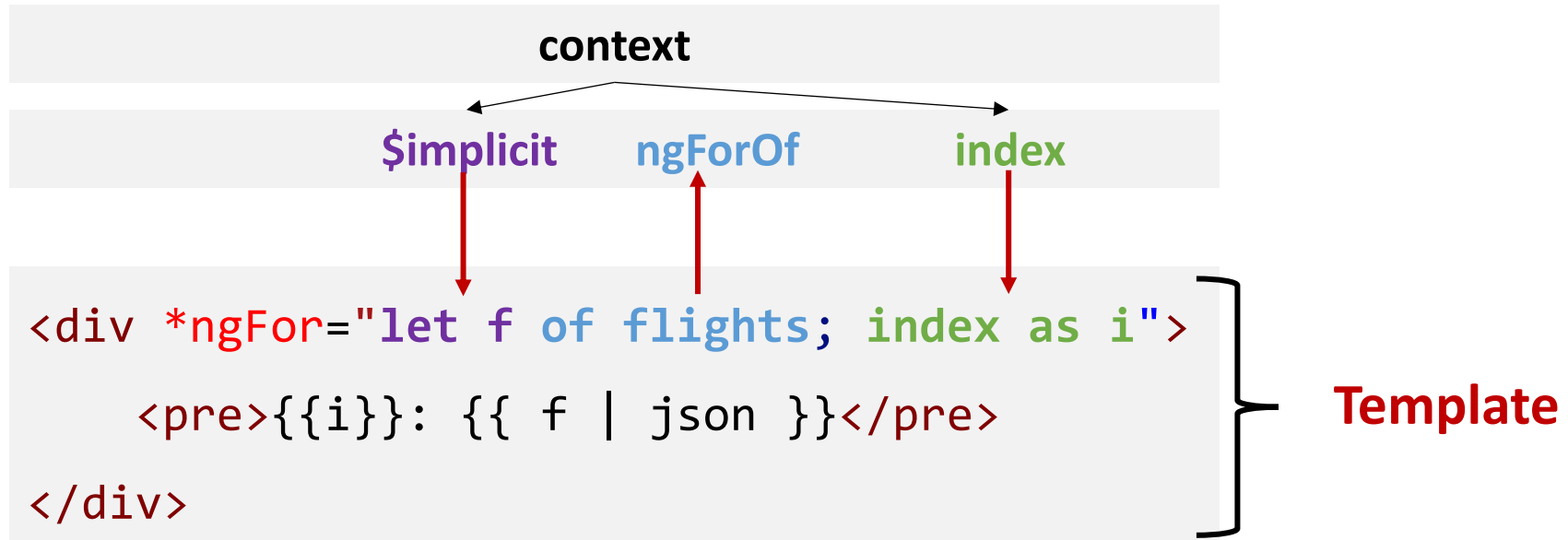
ngFor Implementation

```
<div *ngFor="let f of flights; index as i">  
  <pre>{{i}}: {{ f | json }}</pre>  
</div>
```

Template



Structural Directive



Syntax Sugar

```
<div *ngFor="let f of flights; index as i">  
  <pre>{{i}}: {{ f | json }}</pre>  
</div>
```

```
<ng-template ngFor let-f [ngForOf]="flights" let-i="index">  
  <div>  
    <pre>{{i}}: {{ f | json }}</pre>  
  </div>  
</ng-template>
```



Case Study #2: DataTable

Upcoming Flights

1	Hamburg	Berlin	01.02.2025 17:00
2	Hamburg	Frankfurt	01.02.2025 17:30
3	Hamburg	Mallorca	01.02.2025 17:45



DataTable

```
<app-data-table [data]="flights">
  <div *appTableField="let data as 'id'">{{data}}</div>
  <div *appTableField="let data as 'from'">{{data}}</div>
  <div *appTableField="let data as 'to'">{{data}}</div>
  <div *appTableField="let data as 'date'">
    {{data | date:'dd.MM.yyyy HH:mm'}}
  </div>
</app-data-table>
```



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Summary

- Attribute Directive with Input, Output, HostBinding, HostListener
- ElementRef, TemplateRef, ViewContainerRef
- *ngComponentOutlet, *ngTemplateOutlet
- Strukturelle Direktive: Template + Micro Syntax

