

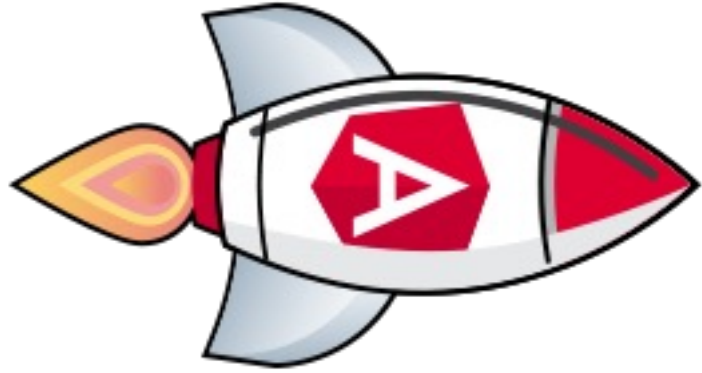


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Runtime Performance Change Detection

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Outline 03 - Runtime Performance



- Change Detection
- Further Runtime

Outline

- Out of bound change detection
- Zone pollution by 3rd party libs
- Optimization with state or flags
- Optimization with Angular Pipes



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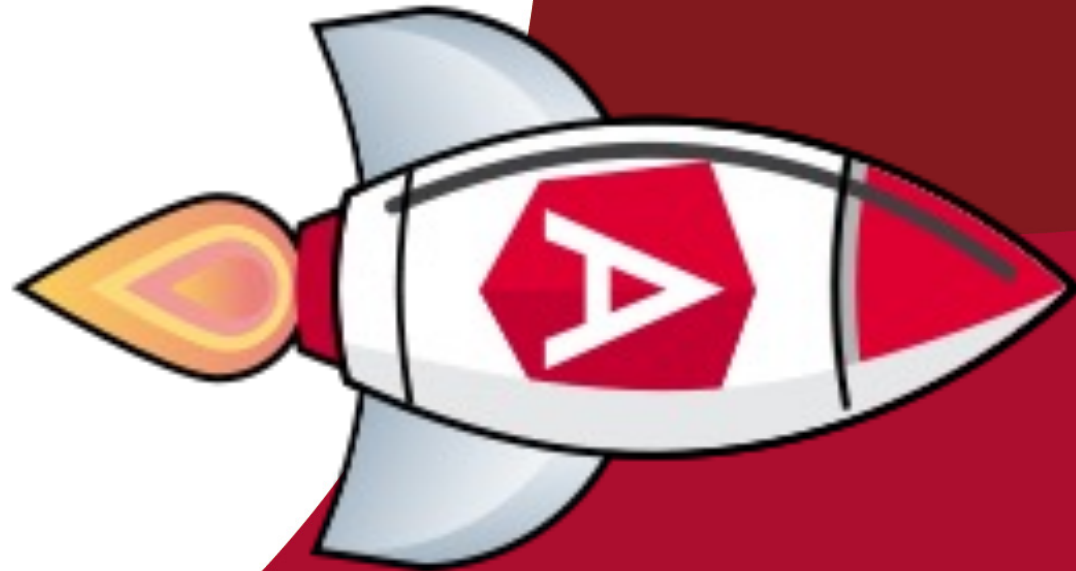


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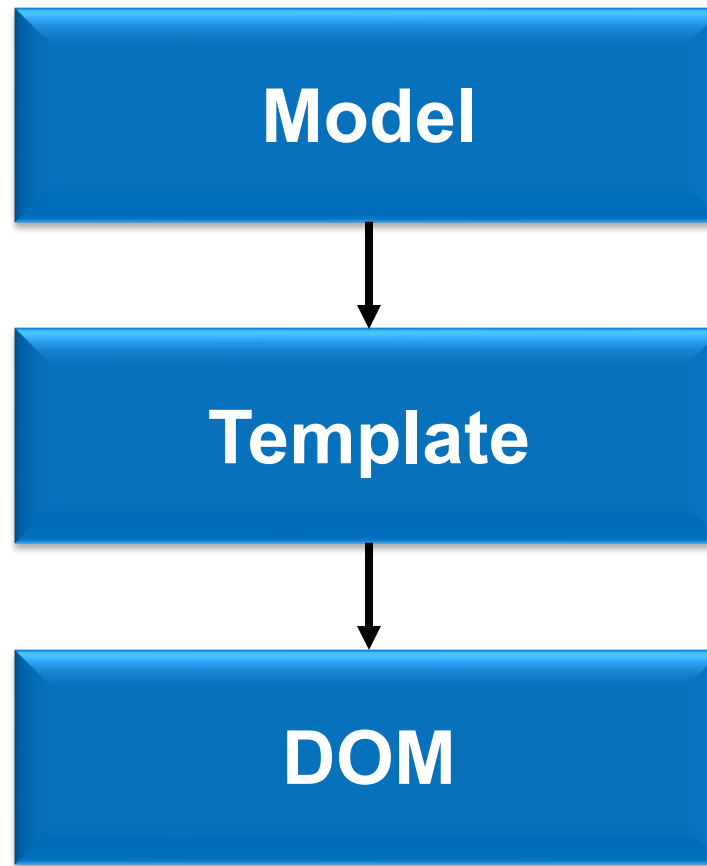
Out of bound change detection

- Problem: *Local state change triggers change detection in other comps*
E.g. Input field keydown triggers CD in other components
- Identify:
 - Use the infamous `blink()` or
 - Angular DevTools Profiler
 - `console.log()` in lifecycle hook (e.g. `ngDoCheck`)
- Solution: `ChangeDetectionStrategy.OnPush` as default

Change Detection in Angular



DOM Rendering



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Change Detection

- 1.) User or App changes the model (e.g. input, blur or click)
- 2.) NG CD checks for **every component** (**from root to leaves**) if the corresponding component model has changes and thus its view (DOM) needs to be updated
- 3.) If yes then update / rerender the component's view (DOM)

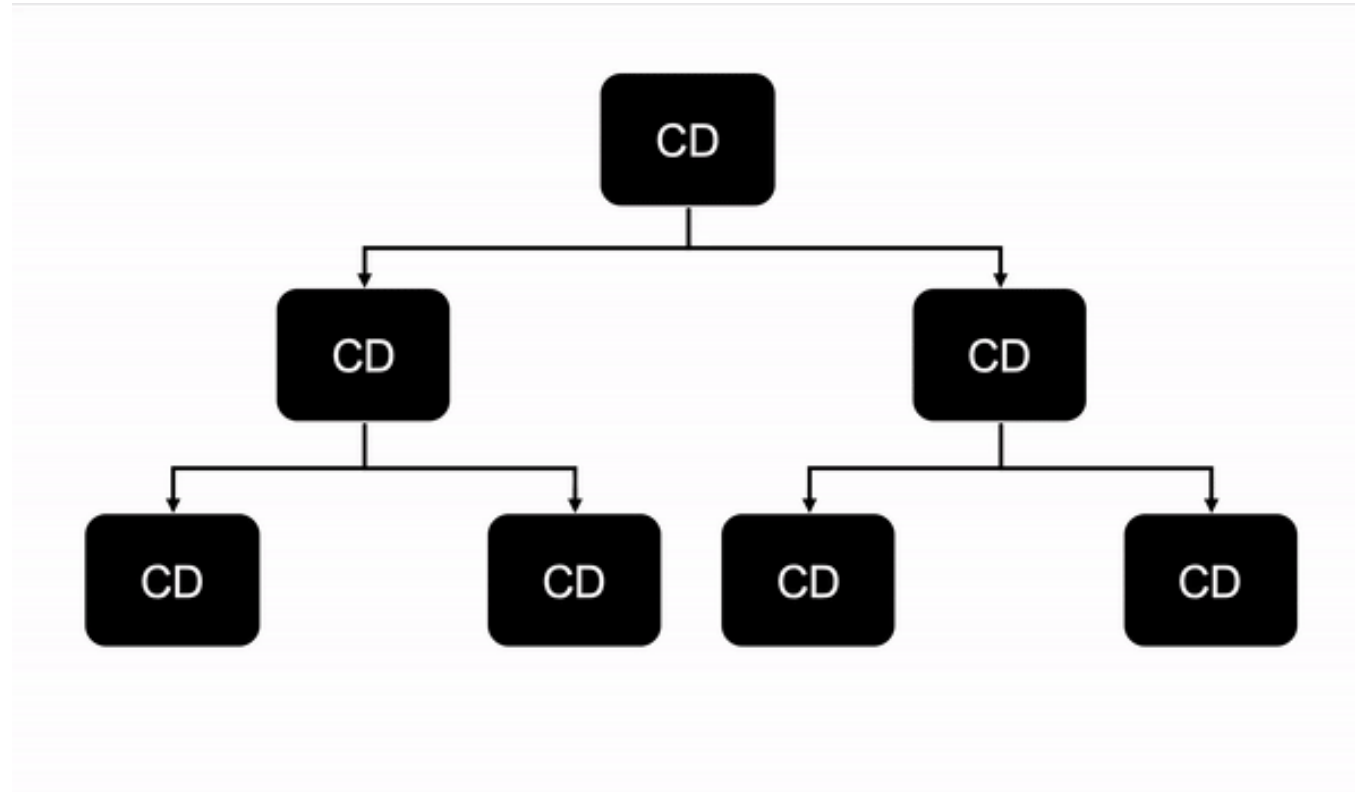


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Change Detection – From Root To Leaves



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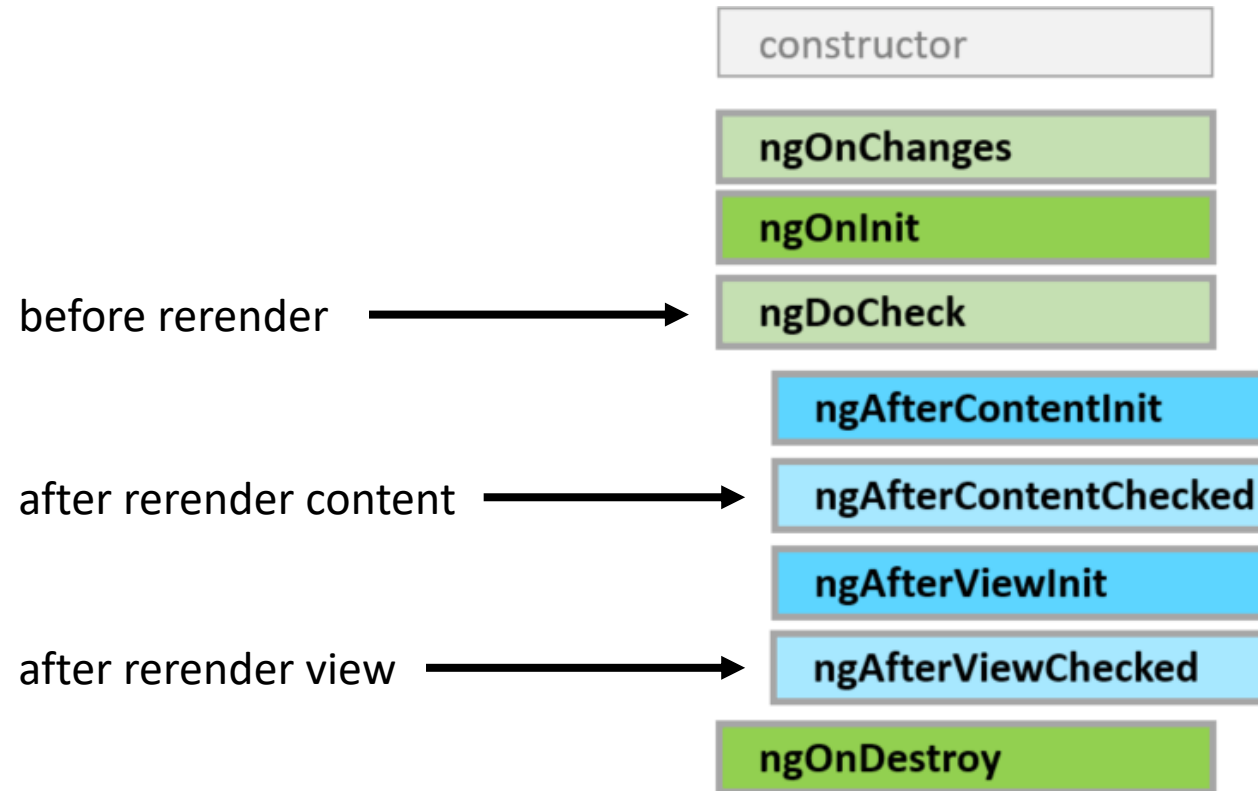


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Change Detection – Rerender Components



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DEMO – ChangeDetection



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Performance-Tuning with OnPush

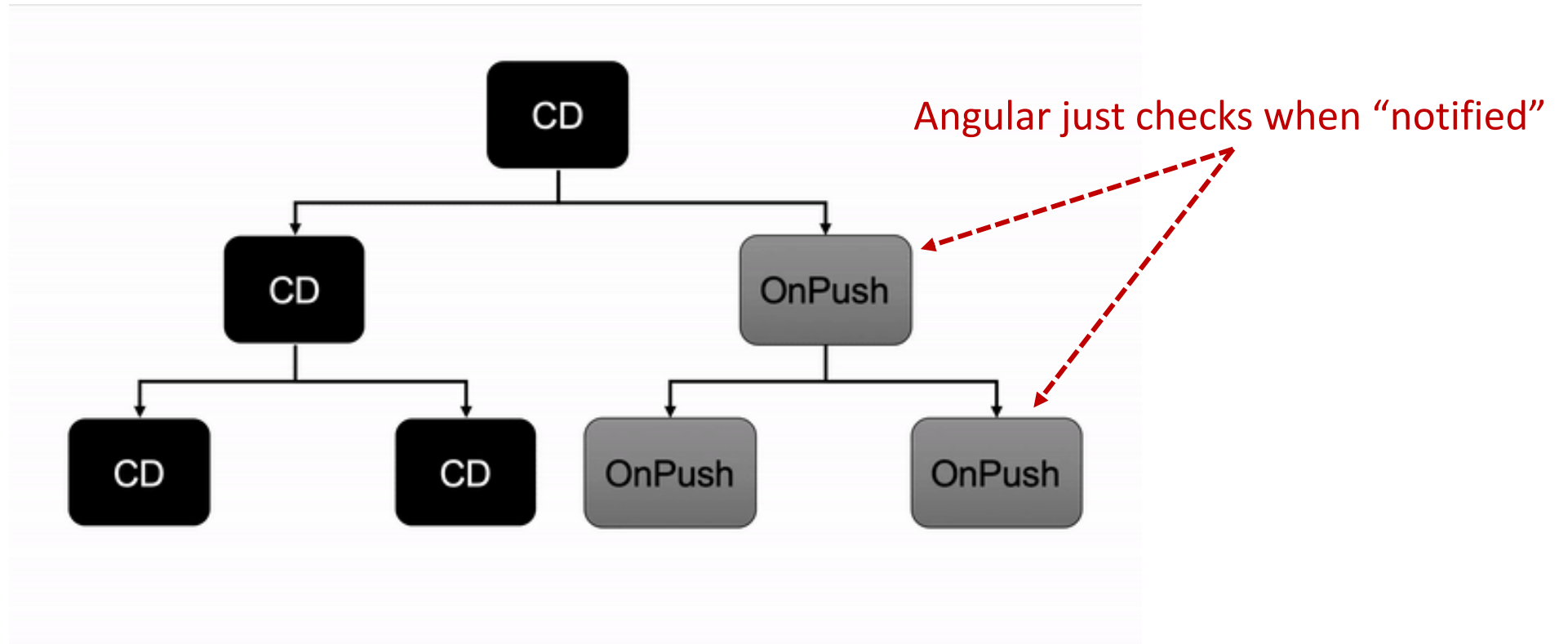


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Activate OnPush Strategy

```
@Component({  
  [...]  
  changeDetection: ChangeDetectionStrategy.OnPush  
})  
export class FlightCard {  
  [...]  
  @Input({ required: true }) flight;  
}
```



"Notify" about change?

- 1 Change bound data (**@Input**)
 - OnPush: Angular just compares the object reference!
 - e. g. `oldFlight !== newFlight` (BTW: like `ngOnChanges`)
- 2 Raise event within the component and its children (e.g. **@Output**)
- 3 Emit in a bound observable into the async pipe | or update a signal
 - `{{ flights$ | async }}` | `{{ flightsSignal() }}`
- 4 Do it manually (`cdr.markForCheck()`)
 - Don't do this at home ;-)
 - But there are reasonable cases (where we can neither use 1 nor 3)



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CDR - markForCheck() vs detectChanges()

- Use **CDR.markForCheck()** to notify the next CD cycle if using **OnPush**
 - Useful when you're bypassing the ChangeDetectionStrategy.OnPush e.g. by mutating some data or you've just updated the components model
- Use **CDR.detectChanges()** to trigger CD immediately for this view and it's children respecting the its/their CD strategy
 - Useful when you've updated the model after angular has run it's change detection, or if the update hasn't been in Angular world at all
 - For the whole app (from root) you can do ApplicationRef.tick()



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DEMO – OnPush



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Set OnPush as default

- Add to angular.json schematic / project.json generator
- Add a lint rule

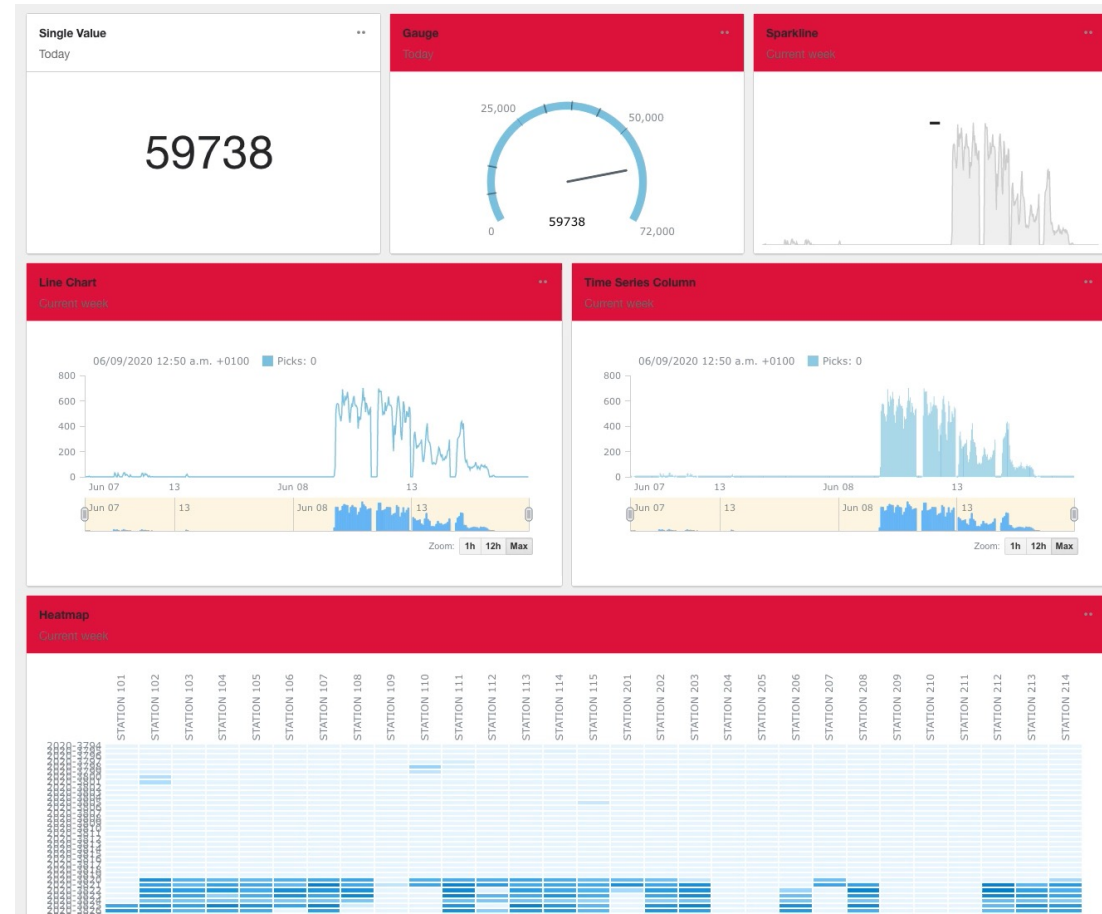


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Zone pollution by 3rd party libs (charts)



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Zone pollution by 3rd party libs (charts)

- Problem: *Callbacks that trigger redundant change detection cycles*
- Identify: Use the infamous `blink()` or the Angular DevTools Profiler
 - E.g. MouseEvent listeners
 - `requestAnimationFrame()` or
 - `setTimeout()`
- Solution: Run outside of NG Zone
 - Inject (private `ngZone: NgZone`)
 - Call `this.ngZone.runOutsideAngular(() => doStuff)`
 - <https://angular.io/guide/change-detection-zone-pollution>
- Alternative: Using `cdr.detach()` for components



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ChangeDetectorRef API, once more

detectChanges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Runs Change Detector for the component and its children• It runs CD once also for the component which is detached from the component tree
markForCheck	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It marks component and all parents up to root as dirty• In next cycle Angular runs CD for marked components
reattach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-attaches the component in the change detection tree• If parent component's CD is detached, it won't help, so make sure to run markForCheck with reattach
detach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detaches the component from the change detection tree• Bindings will also not work for the component with detached CD
checkNoChanges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes the component and its children and throws error if change detected

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DEMO – Zone Pollution



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Optimization with state or flags

- Problem: *Redundant calculations for conditions*
- Identify: Methods being executed in ***ngIf** statements
- Solution: Use StateManagement like Subjects or use boolean flags or strings, that only change when they should

Optimization with Angular Pipes

- Problem: *Redundant calculations / transforming / formatting*
- Identify: Methods being executed in string interpolations in the template or similar things slowing change detection cycles
- Solution: Use (pure) Angular Pipes

Recap

- **Out of bound change detection**
- **Zone pollution by 3rd party libs**
- Optimization with state or flags
- **Optimization with Angular Pipes**



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