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Reactive Forms and Validation

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Auto generated
object tree

Simple to use

Dynamic Forms?

Control?

Testing?

Lot of code in
HTML-template



Reactive Forms



ReactiveFormsModule

```
@NgModule({  
  imports: [  
    ReactiveFormsModule,  
    CommonModule,  
    SharedModule,  
    [...]  
  ],  
  [...]  
})  
export class FlightBookingModule { }
```



Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
    searchForm: FormGroup;  
  
    [...]  
}
```



Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  searchForm: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(...) {  
    const fromControl = new FormControl('Graz');  
    const toControl = new FormControl('Hamburg');  
    this.searchForm = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl});  
  
    [...]  
  
  }  
}
```



Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  searchForm: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(...) {  
    const fromControl = new UntypedFormControl('Graz');  
    const toControl = new UntypedFormControl('Hamburg');  
    this.searchForm = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl});  
  
    [...]  
  
  }  
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    this.searchForm = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl});  
  
    fromControl.validator = Validators.required;  
    [...]  
  }  
}
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    this.searchForm = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl});  
  
    fromControl.validator =  
      Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3)]);  
  }  
}
```



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export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
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  constructor(...) {  
    [...]  
  
    fromControl.validator =  
      Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3)]);  
  
    fromControl.asyncValidator = Validators.composeAsync([...]);  
  }  
}
```



FormBuilder

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  searchForm: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(private fb: FormBuilder, ...) {  
    this.searchForm = this.fb.group({  
      from: ['Graz', Validators.required],  
      to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
    });  
    [...]  
  }  
  
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    });  
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  }  
  
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```



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  });  
  
  constructor(private fb: FormBuilder, ...) {}  
}
```



API

```
this.searchForm.valueChanges.subscribe(change => {  
  console.debug('form value has changed', change);  
});
```

```
this.searchForm.controls['from'].valueChanges.subscribe(change => {  
  console.debug('from input has changed ', change);  
});
```

```
let fromValue = this.searchForm.controls['from'].value; // directly via control  
const toValue = this.searchForm.controls['to'].value;
```

```
const formValue = this.searchForm.value;  
fromValue = formValue.from; // via form value object
```



Reactive Forms

```
<form [formGroup]="searchForm">  
  <input formControlName="from" id="from" class="form-control" type="text">  
  [...]  
</form>
```



Reactive Forms

```
<form [formGroup]="searchForm">  
  
  <input formControlName="from" id="from" class="form-control" type="text">  
  <div *ngIf="searchForm.controls['from'].invalid">...Error...</div>  
  
  [...]  
  
</form>
```



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Validators for Reactive Forms



Reactive validators === functions



A simple validator

```
export function validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    if (c.value === 'Graz' || c.value === 'Hamburg') {  
        return null;  
    }  
  
    return { city: true };  
}
```



Apply validators

```
this.form = fb.group({  
  from: [  
    'Graz',  
    [  
      validate  
    ],  
    [  
      /* asyncValidator */  
    ],  
  ],  
  to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
});
```



Parameterizable validators

```
export function validateWithParams(validCities: string[]): ValidatorFn {  
    [...]  
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export function validateWithParams(validCities: string[]): ValidatorFn {  
  return (c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null => {  
    if (c.value && !validCities.includes(c.value)) {  
      return {  
        city: {  
          actualCity: c.value,  
          validCities: validCities.join(', ')  
        }  
      };  
    }  
    return null;  
  };  
}
```



Use validators

```
this.form = fb.group({  
  from: [  
    'Graz',  
    [Validators.required, validateWithParams(['Graz', 'Hamburg'])],  
  ],  
  to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
});
```



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Asynchronous validators

```
export function cityValidatorAsync(flightService): AsyncValidatorFn {  
    return (ctrl: AbstractControl): Observable<ValidationErrors | null> => {  
        [...]  
        return observable;  
    }  
}
```



Use async validators

```
this.form = fb.group({  
  from: [  
    'Graz',  
    [Validators.required, validateWithParams(['Graz', 'Hamburg'])],  
    cityValidatorAsync(this.flightService)  
  ],  
  to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
});
```



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Multifield validators

```
export function validateMultiField(...): ValidationFn {  
    return (control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
        const formGroup = control as FormGroup;  
  
        ...  
    }  
};
```



Use multifielf validators

```
this.form = fb.group({ ... });
```

```
this.form.validator = validateRoundTrip;
```

```
this.form.validator = validators.compose([validateRoundTrip, ...])
```

```
this.form = fb.group(  
  { ... },  
  { validators: validateRoundTrip }  
);
```



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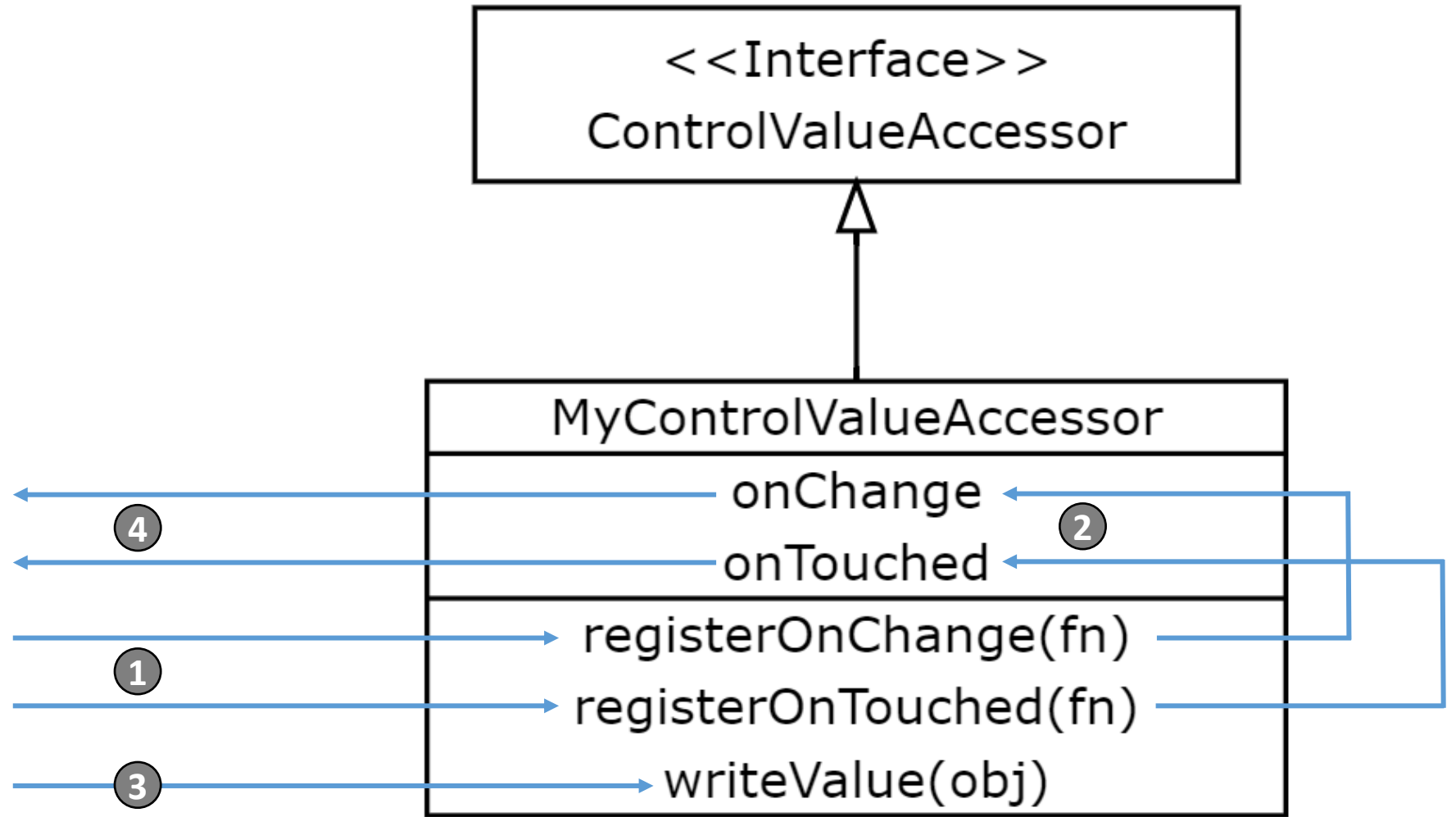
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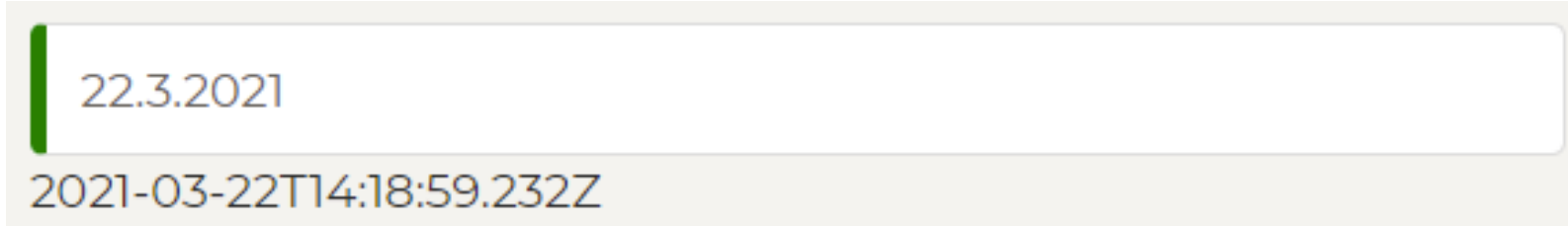
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Custom Form Controls with Control Value Accessors





Case Study #3: Formatting/Parsing Dates



22.3.2021

2021-03-22T14:18:59.232Z

```
<input [(ngModel)]="date" appDate name="date">
```



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Case Study: DateControl



The image shows a date control interface. It consists of five input fields for date and time components, followed by an 'APPLY' button. The fields contain the values: 22 (day), 3 (month), 2021 (year), 15 (hour), and 18 (minute). Below these fields, the ISO 8601 timestamp '2021-03-22T14:18:59.232Z' is displayed.

Day	Month	Year	Hour	Minute
22	3	2021	15	18

2021-03-22T14:18:59.232Z

```
<app-date [(ngModel)]="date"></app-date>
```

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