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Lesson Objectives



- Forms in Angular 2
- Template & Model Driven Forms
- A Basic Angular Form
- · Binding Input Fields
- Displaying Form Validation State & Field Validation State
- Displaying Validation State Using ClassesDisabling Submit when Form is Invalid



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Forms in Angular 2



- Forms are the mainstay of business applications.
- The user is able to enter data by using input elements of forms.
- An Angular form coordinates a set of data-bound user controls, tracks changes, validates input, and presents errors using the following tools
 - FormControls: Encapsulate the inputs in forms and give the objects to work with them
 - · Validators: Gives the ability to validate inputs
 - · Observers: watch form for changes and respond accordingly

Forms are the cornerstone of any real app. In Angular 2, forms have changed quite a bit from their v1 counterpart.

Where we used to use ngModel and map to our internal data model, in Angular 2 we more explicitly build forms and form controls.

Import FormsModule

To be able to use Angular 2 forms the FormsModule needs to be imported in our application. To make it available application-wide we're importing in *app.module.ts*: import { FormsModule } from '@angular/forms';

Forms in Angular 2



- There are two ways to build forms in Angular 2,
 - template-driven
 - · model-driven

Template Driven Forms



- Forms build by writing templates in the Angular template syntax with the form-specific directives and techniques are called as Template Driven Forms
- Using ngModel in a form gives you more than just two-way data binding.
 It also tells you if the user touched the control, if the value changed, or if
 the value became invalid.
- The NgModel directive doesn't just track state; it updates the control with special Angular CSS classes that reflect the state.
 - · Angular2 "infers" the FormGroup from HTML Code
 - Form data is passed via ngSubmit()

The user should be able to submit this form after filling it in. The *Submit* button at the bottom of the form does nothing on its own, but it will trigger a form submit because of its type (type="submit").

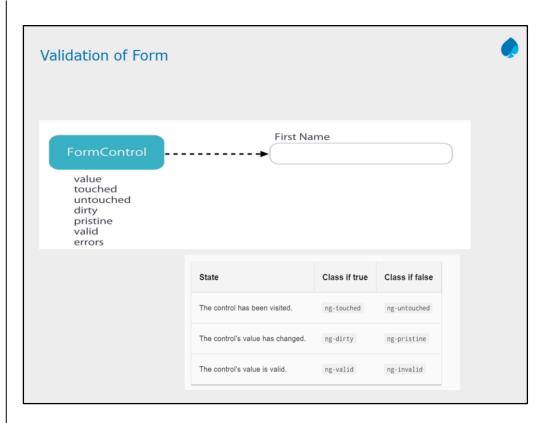
A "form submit" is useless at the moment. To make it useful, bind the form's ngSubmit event property to the hero form component's onSubmit() method: src/app/hero-form/hero-form.component.html (ngSubmit)content_copy<form (ngSubmit)="onSubmit()" #heroForm="ngForm">

The <input> element carries the HTML validation attributes: required and minlength. It also carries a custom validator directive, forbiddenName. For more information, see Custom validatorssection.

#name="ngModel" exports NgModel into a local variable called name. NgModel mirrors many of the properties of its underlying FormControl instance, so you can use this in the template to check for control states such as valid and dirty. For a full list of control properties, see the AbstractControl API reference.

The *nglf on the <div> element reveals a set of nested message divs but only if the name is invalid and the control is either dirty or touched.

Each nested <div> can present a custom message for one of the possible validation errors. There are messages for required, minlength, and forbiddenName.



The ng-valid/ng-invalid pair is the most interesting, because you want to send a strong visual signal when the values are invalid.

hide the message when the control is valid or pristine; "pristine" means the user hasn't changed the value since it was displayed in this form.

This user experience is the developer's choice. Some developers want the message to display at all times. If you ignore the pristine state, you would hide the message only when the value is valid. ISome developers want the message to display only when the user makes an invalid change. Hiding the message while the control is "pristine" achieves that goal. You'll see the significance of this choice when you add a new hero to the form.

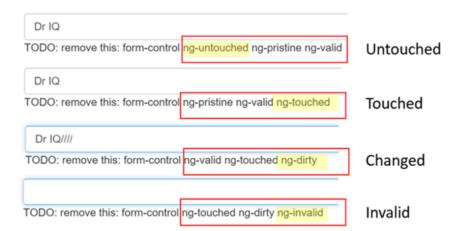
Required - The form field is mandatroy

Maxlength - Maximum number of characters in the field.

Minlength - Minimum number of characters in the field.

Pattern - Regular expression to match the input values and validate.

Custom Validator - Writing custom validation function to match password and confirm password fields.



Validation

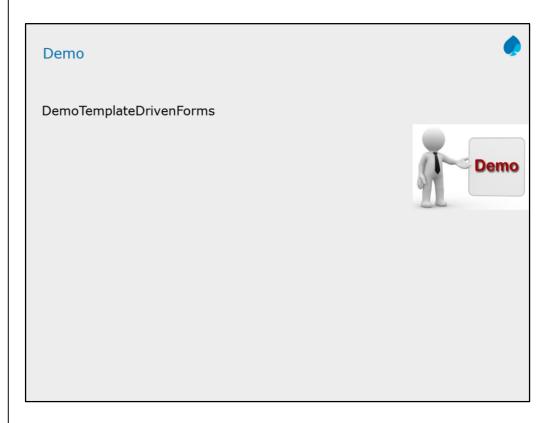


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<form #empForm=ngForm (ngSubmit)="getData(empForm)">
Product ID
<input required id="eid" name ="id" [(ngModel)]="emp.eId"
type="text" #idcontrol="ngModel"/>
<span *ngIf="idcontrol.invalid && idcontrol.touched" > ID is
required</span>
Product Name
<input required id="ename" name ="empname"
[(ngModel)]="emp.eName" type="text"
#namecontrol="ngModel"/>
<span *ngIf="namecontrol.invalid && namecontrol.touched" >
Name is required</span>
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Model Driven Forms



Difference Between template driven & model driven form

- Both template-driven form and model-driven form differs from each other as the former allows us to write as little
- JavaScript code as possible to prepare the sophisticated forms and the latter makes
 the testing of a form easy as it doesn't require end-to-end testing. It prepares
 forms imperatively out of the properties on the available components.
- Model-driven forms are also known as reactive forms and can be thought of as the addition to the template-driven forms such as validators on DOM elements etc.

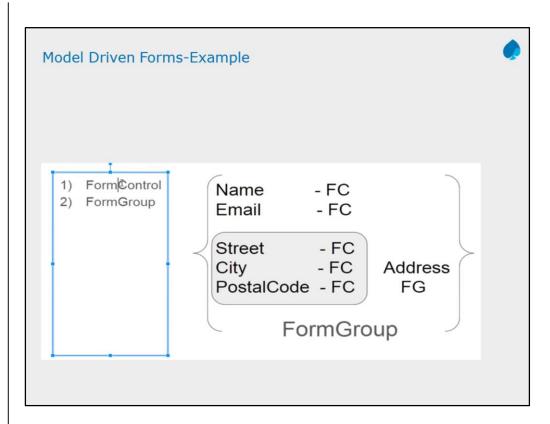
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myForm will be our model driven form. It implements FormGroup interface. FormBuilder is not a mandatory to building model driven form, but it simplify the syntax, we'll cover this later.

A form is a type of **FormGroup**. A **FormGroup** can contain one **FormGroup** or **FormControl**



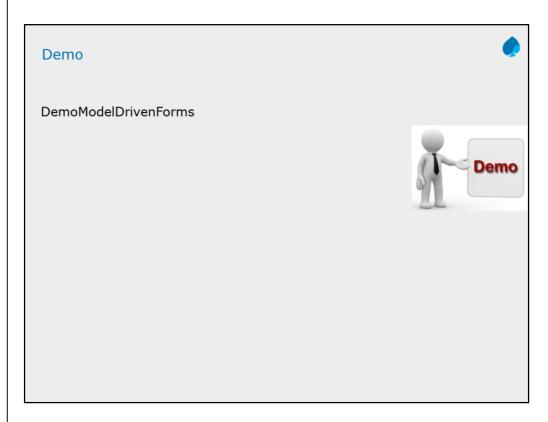
It has the selector 'my-modal-form-app' which is used on the index.html to load the complete app on the browser. It has the template URL as 'resource/app-component.html' and styleUrls as 'assets/styles.css' as shown below. In the controller class 'AppComponent', we are implementing OnInit interface for the method 'ngOnInit ()', where we are using the FormGroup and FormControl classes to create a model-driven form in Angular 2.0. Both FormGroup and FormControl are low level APIs where the FormGroup always represents a set of FormControls. They collectively form the model-driven form in Angular 2.0.

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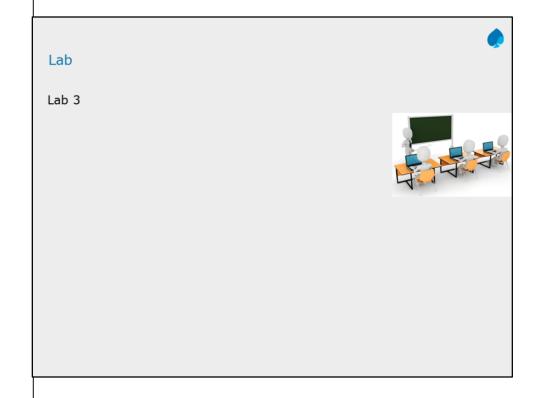
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Review Question

Question 1
Option 1
Option 2
Option 3

Question 2
True/False

Question 3: Fill in the Blanks

