

# Components in Depth

- A component declares a reusable building block of an app
- A TypeScript class is used to define a component coupled with the `@component` decorator
- The `@component` decorator defines the following:

selector: `string` value defining the css selector inputs: `array of string` values defining the inputs to the component  
outputs: `array of string` values defining the output of the component properties: `array of string` values defining the properties events: `array of string` values defining the events host?: {[key: string]: string}, providers: `array of objects`  
defining the providers for the component exportAs: `string` value defining the exported value moduleId: `string` value defining the module id viewProviders: `array of objects` defining the providers for the view queries: {[key: string]: any},  
changeDetection: `ChangeDetectionStrategy` object defining the strategy for detecting changes:

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- `ChangeDetectionStrategy.Default`: sets detector mode to `CheckAlways`  
- `ChangeDetectionStrategy.OnPush`: sets detector mode to `CheckOnce`  
- `ChangeDetectionStrategy.Detached`: change detector sub tree is not a part of the main tree and should be skipped  
- `ChangeDetectionStrategy.CheckAlways`: after calling detectChanges the mode of the change detector will remain `CheckAlways`  
- `ChangeDetectionStrategy.Checked`: change detector should be skipped until its mode changes to `CheckOnce`  
- `ChangeDetectionStrategy.CheckOnce`: after calling detectChanges the mode of the change detector will become `Checked`
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templateUrl: `string` value for the url path to the template template: `string` value for the template styleUrls:  
`array of string` values defining url paths to css files styles: `array of string` values defining css styles:

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- styles: ['.myclass { color: #000;}'],
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directives: `array` of directives used in the component pipes: `array` of pipes used in the component encapsulation:  
`ViewEncapsulation` value that defines template and style encapsulation options: - `ViewEncapsulation.None` : means do not provide any style encapsulation - `ViewEncapsulation.Emulated` : No Shadow DOM but style encapsulation emulation using extra attributes on the DOM (default method) - `ViewEncapsulation.Native` : means provide native shadow DOM encapsulation and styles appear in component's template inside the shadow root.