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Directives

There are three kinds of directives in Angular:

•Components

- Component directives form the main class. It possesses the details about how the component should be instantiated, processed and utilized at runtime.

Structural

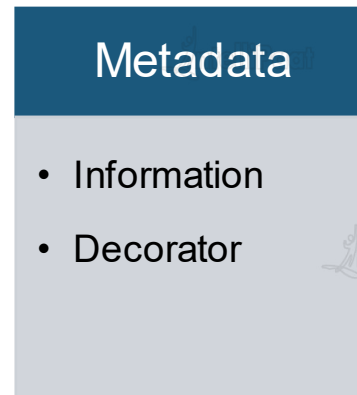
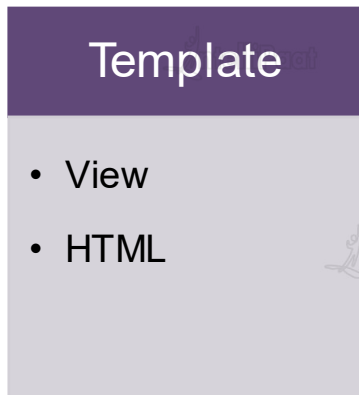
- change the DOM layout by adding and removing DOM elements.
- Ex: ngForOf, ngIf, ngSwitch

Attribute

- change the appearance or behavior of an element, component.
- Ex ngStyle, ngClass, ngModel.

Component Directives

Component



Structural Directives

Structural Directives



What are
Structural
Directives?

- They shape or reshape the DOM's *structure*, typically by adding, removing, or manipulating elements.
- Structural directives are easy to recognize. An asterisk (*) precedes the directive attribute name. like *ngIf, *ngForOf, *ngSwitch
- These directive belong to @angular/common/src/directives

Built-in Structural Directives



•ngIf

- conditionally add or remove an element from the DOM

ngSwitch

- a set of directives that switch among alternative views

ngForOf

- repeat a template for each item in a list

ngIf Syntax

- **Simple form:**

```
<div *ngIf="condition">...</div>
```

```
<ng-template [ngIf]="condition"><div>...</div></ng-template>
```

- **Form with else block:**

```
<div *ngIf="condition; else elseBlock">...</div>
```

```
<ng-template #elseBlock>...</ng-template>
```

- **Form with then and else block:**

```
<div *ngIf="condition; then thenBlock else elseBlock"></div>
```

```
<ng-template #thenBlock>...</ng-template>
```

```
<ng-template #elseBlock>...</ng-template>
```

- **Form with storing the value locally:**

```
<div *ngIf="condition as value; else elseBlock">{{value}}</div>
```

```
<ng-template #elseBlock>...</ng-template>
```

ngSwitch Syntax

```
<div [ngSwitch]="color">
```

```
<div *ngSwitchCase="red">You picked red</div>
```

```
<div *ngSwitchCase="blue">You picked blue</div>
```

```
<div *ngSwitchCase="green">You picked green</div>
```

```
<div *ngSwitchDefault>Try again</div>
```

```
</div>
```

ngFor Syntax

```
<li *ngFor="let user of users; index as i; first as isFirst">
```

```
  {{{}}}/{{users.length}} {{user}} {{isFirst}}
```

```
</li>
```

index: number: The index of the current item in the iterable.

first: boolean: True when the item is the first item in the iterable.

last: boolean: True when the item is the last item in the iterable.

even: boolean: True when the item has an even index in the iterable.

odd: boolean: True when the item has an odd index in the iterable.

Attribute Directives

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What are
attribute
directives

- Attribute directives listen to and modify the behavior of other HTML elements, attributes, properties, and components.
- They are usually applied to elements as if they were HTML attributes, hence the name. like: `ngClass`, `ngStyle` and `ngModel`.

Built-in Attribute Directives



•ngClass

- add and remove a set of CSS classes dynamically for a element.

ngStyle

- add and remove a set of HTML styles dynamically for a element.

ngModel

- two-way data binding to an HTML form element

ngStyle Syntax

- `<some-element [ngStyle]="{'font-style': 'italic' , 'max-width.px': widthExp}">...</some-element>`
- `<some-element [ngStyle]="{'font-size.px': 24}">...</some-element>`
- `<some-element [ngStyle]="objExp">...</some-element>`

ngClass Syntax

- `<some-element [ngClass]="{'text-success': true}">...</some-element>`
- `<button [ngClass]="{'btn btn-primary'}">...</some-element>`
- `<button [ngClass]="['btn', 'btn-primary']">...</some-element>`

Custom Directives

Custom Directives



- Create the directive class file in a terminal window with the CLI command
ng generate directive appHighLight
- Apply in template :
<p appHighLight></p>

```
import { Directive, ElementRef } from '@angular/core';  
  
@Directive({ selector: '[appHighlight]' })  
  
export class HighlightDirective  
{ constructor(el: ElementRef)  
  
  { el.nativeElement.style.backgroundColor = 'yellow'; }  
  
}
```

Custom Directives using Listeners

```
import { Directive, ElementRef } from '@angular/core';

@Directive({ selector: '[appHighlight]' })

export class HighlightDirective
{constructor(private e1:ElementRef) {
}
@HostListener('mouseenter') onMouseEnter() {
this.highlight('yellow');
}
@HostListener('mouseleave') onMouseLeave() {
this.highlight(null);
}
private highlight(color: string) {
this.e1.nativeElement.style.backgroundColor = color;
}}
```

Demo





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