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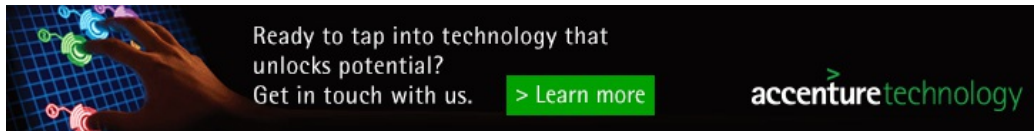


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Writing If statements inside link() in a custom directive - AngularJS



Brief background: I'm trying to write a directive that will listen to my bootstrap dropdown menu's aria-expanded attribute, because I want to do something once its value becomes false. From what I understand, this is the "angularJS" way if you want to monitor class changes inside elements.

The aria-expanded class is in this img element. My directive's name is **overlay-monitor**:

```

```

What I really want it to do is to close the opaque overlay I have on the page if aria-expanded becomes false. But for now, I'm just trying to trigger an alert to see if I did it right:

```
app.directive('overlayMonitor', function () {
  return {
    restrict: 'A',
    scope: { ariaExpanded: '@' },
    link: function ($scope, element, attrs) {
      if (element.attrs('aria-expanded') == "true") {
        alert('directive');
      }
    }
  }
});
```

When I tested it out, the alert didn't show. :(

What did I do wrong?

Please advise. Thank you!

angularjs

asked 25 mins ago



Dee J.
8 • 4

1 Answer

You may use like this:

```
if (attrs.ariaExpanded) { // instead of element.attrs('..')
  alert('directive');
}
```

answered 23 mins ago



Bhojendra Nepal
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Thanks Bhojendra! However the alert fired only after initial page load. It no longer fired afterwards. How do I make it so that the alert will pop up everytime aria-expanded becomes false? – [Dee J.](#) 13 mins ago

when aria-expanded becomes false? – [Bhojendra Nepal](#) 11 mins ago

```
if(!attrs.ariaExpanded){ ??? – Bhojendra Nepal 10 mins ago
```

It becomes false when the bootstrap dropdown menu is collapsed. – [Dee J.](#) 10 mins ago

So, you need to trigger the function in the onchange event. – [Bhojendra Nepal](#) 9 mins ago

