

Modules, Controllers and Scope



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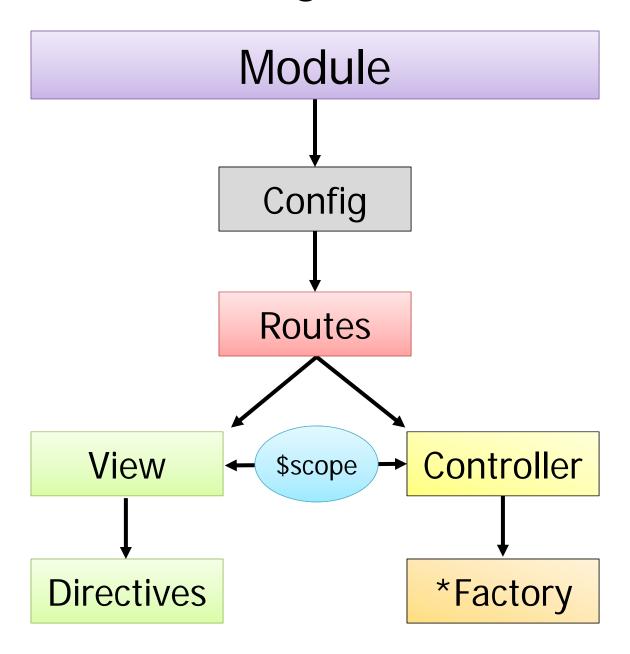
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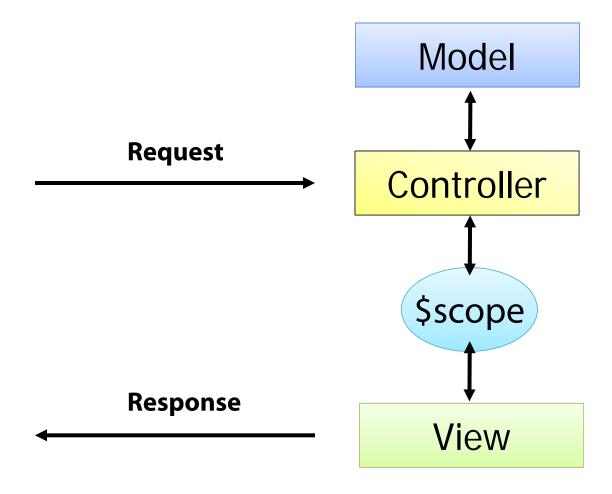
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- AngularJS relies on two key architecture patterns:
 - Model-View-Controller (MVC)
 - Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM)
- Patterns provide prescriptive guidance that can be used to build applications



MVC + MVVM = MV*



The Role of Controllers

AngularJS Controllers

- Controllers act as the "brain" for a view:
 - Defines properties and methods
 - Handles showing/hiding controls and data in a view
 - Handles events triggered by a view
 - Knows how to retrieve data
 - Interacts with the view using the \$scope object



The Role of \$scope



- \$scope is "injected" into a controller
- Acts as the ViewModel
- Views bind to scope properties and functions

Creating a Controller

\$scope injected dynamically

Note: Starting with AngularJS version 1.3.0 controller functions **must** be placed inside modules. You'll learn about modules later in this chapter and see how they can be used.

The ng-controller Directive

Tying a View and Controller Together

```
<div class="container" data-ng-controller="SimpleController">
    <h3>Adding a Simple Controller</h3>
    <l
                                                    Define the controller
        to use
           {{ cust.name }} - {{ cust.city }}
        Note: Starting with AngularJS version 1.3.0 controller functions must be placed
</div>
            inside modules. You'll learn about modules later in this chapter and see how
            they can be used.
<script>
    function SimpleController($scope) {
        $scope.customers = [
           { name: 'Dave Jones', city: 'Phoenix' },
             name: 'Jamie Riley', city: 'Atlanta' },
             name: 'Heedy Wahlin', city: 'Chandler' },
           { name: 'Thomas Winter', city: 'Seattle' }
        ];
</script>
```

Using "controller as"

```
<div class="container" data-ng-controller="SimpleController as ctrl">
    <h3>Adding a Simple Controller</h3>
    <l
        {{ cust.name }} - {{ cust.city }}
        Note: Starting with AngularJS version 1.3.0 controller functions must be placed
</div>
             inside modules. You'll learn about modules later in this chapter and see how
             they can be used.
<script>
    function SimpleController() {
        this.customers = [
           { name: 'Dave Jones', city: 'Phoenix' },
             name: 'Jamie Riley', city: 'Atlanta' },
             name: 'Heedy Wahlin', city: 'Chandler' },
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        ];
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```

The Role of Modules

What is a Module?

Module

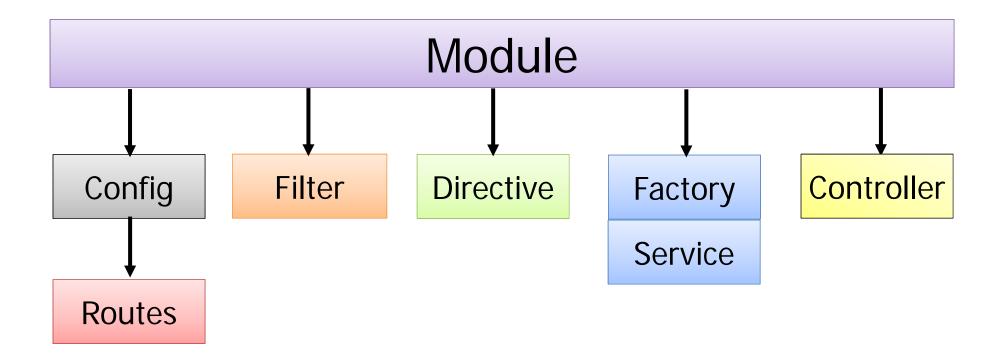
Modules are containers for:

- Controllers
- Routes
- Factories/Services
- Directives
- Filters



Modules are Containers

<html ng-app="moduleName">



Defining a Module

Create a module using angular.module():

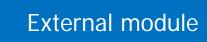
```
var demoApp = angular.module('demoApp', []);
```

Dependencies

Injecting Dependencies into a Module

- Modules may rely on functionality from other modules
- Helper modules can be "injected" into a module:

```
var demoApp = angular.module('demoApp',
   ['helperModule']);
```



Adding a Controller to a Module

Adding a Controller to a Module: Option 1

```
var demoApp = angular.module('demoApp', []);
```

Define a Module

Define a Controller

Adding a Controller to a Module: Option 2

```
var demoApp = angular.module('demoApp', []);
                                          Define a Module
      Reference module
angular.module('demoApp').controller('SimpleController',
function ($scope) {
    $scope.customers = [
       { name: 'Dave Jones', city: 'Phoenix' },
       { name: 'Jamie Riley', city: 'Atlanta' },
       { name: 'Heedy Wahlin', city: 'Chandler' },
       { name: 'Thomas Winter', city: 'Seattle' }
    ];
});
```

Adding a Controller to a Module: Option 3

```
var demoApp = angular.module('demoApp', []);
(function() {
    var SimpleController = function ($scope) {
        $scope.customers = [
           { name: 'Dave Jones', city: 'Phoenix' },
           { name: 'Jamie Riley', city: 'Atlanta' }
        ];
    };
    angular.module('demoApp')
      .controller('SimpleController',SimpleController);
}());
```

Dealing with Minification

```
angular.module('demoApp')
   .controller('SimpleController', ['$scope', function ($scope) {
     $scope.customers = [...];
}]);
```

OR

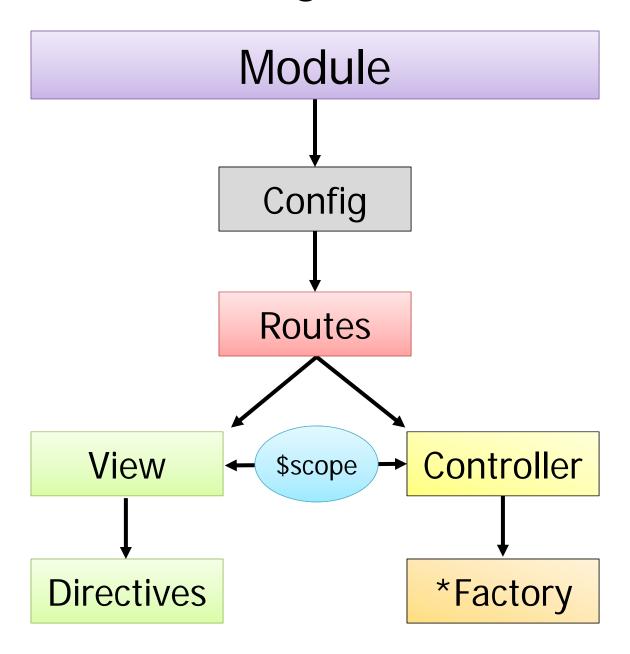
```
var SimpleController = function ($scope) {
    $scope.customers = [...];
};

SimpleController.$inject = ['$scope'];

angular.module('demoApp')
    .controller('SimpleController', SimpleController);
```

Summary

The Big Picture



Summary

- AngularJS relies on the MVC and MVVM architectural patterns
- Controllers act as the "brain" for a view:
 - Know how to retrieve and store data
 - Interact with views using \$scope
- Modules act as containers for AngularJS applications