



Angular Lifecycle Hooks

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The Angular **lifecycle hooks** are the methods that angular invokes on the directives and components as it creates, changes, and destroys them.

```
<app-product></app-product>  
<app-product></app-product>  
<app-product></app-product>
```

Angular Lifecycle Hook

- 1 When the angular application starts, it first creates and renders the **root** component. Then, it creates and renders its Children's & their children. It forms a tree of components
- 2 Once Angular loads the components, it starts the process of rendering the view. To do that, it needs to check the **input** properties, evaluate the data bindings & expressions, render the projected content etc.
- 3 Angular lets us know when these events happen using lifecycle hooks. For Example:
 - **ngOnInit** when Angular initializes the component for the first time.
 - When a component's input property change, Angular invokes **ngOnChanges**
 - If the component is destroyed, Angular invokes **ngOnDestroy**

What is Change detection cycle?

Change detection is the mechanism by which angular keeps the template in sync with the component.

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```
<div>Hello {{name}}</div>
```

- 1 **Projected content:** Projected content is that HTML content which replaces the `<ng-content>` directive in child component.

```
Child Component
<h2>Child Component</h2>
<ng-content></ng-content>
```

```
Parent Component
<h1>Parent Component</h1>
<app-child>
  <p>This content is injected from parent</p>
</app-child>
```

- 2 **Input bound properties:** These are those properties of a component class which is decorated with `@Input()` decorator.

```
Child Component
@Input() message: string
```

Constructor of a Component

- 1 Life Cycle of a component begins, when Angular creates the component class. First method that gets invoked is class **Constructor**.
- 2 **Constructor** is neither a life cycle hook nor it is specific to Angular. It is a JavaScript feature. It is a method which gets invoked, when a class is created.
- 3 When a constructor is called, at that point, none of the components **input** properties are updated and available to use. Neither its child components are constructed. Projected contents are also not available.
- 4 Once Angular instantiates the class, it kick-start the first change detection cycle of the component.

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ngOnChanges

Child Component

```
@Input() message: string
```

Parent Component

```
<app-child [message]="message">  
</app-child>
```

1

It is executed right at the start, when a new component is created, and it also gets executed whenever one of the bound input property changes.

2

Angular invokes **ngOnChanges** life cycle hook whenever any data-bound input property of the component or directive changes.

3

Input properties are those properties, which we define using the **@Input** decorator. It is one of the ways by which a parent component communicates with the child component.

4

Initializing the Input properties is the first task that angular carries during the change detection cycle. And if it detects any change in input property, then it raises the **ngOnChanges** hook. It does so during every change detection cycle.

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This hook is not raised if change detection does not detect any changes.

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ngOnChanges

ngOnInit

1

Angular raises the **ngOnInit** hook, after it creates the component and updates its input properties.

2

This hook is fired only once and immediately after its creation (during the first change detection).

3

This is a perfect place where you want to add any initialization logic for your component.

4

Here you have access to every input property of the component. You can use them in **http get requests** to get the data from the back-end server or run some initialization logic etc.

5

But remember that, by the time **ngOnInit** get's called, none of the child components or projected content are available at this point. Hence any properties we decorate with **@ViewChild**, **@ViewChildren**, **@ContentChild** & **@ContentChildren** will not be available to use.

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ngOnChanges

ngOnInit

ngDoCheck

1

The Angular invokes the **ngDoCheck** hook event during every change detection cycle. This hook is invoked even if there is no change in any of the properties.

2

For example, **ngDoCheck** will run if you clicked a button on the webpage which does not change anything. But still, it's an event.

3

Angular invokes **ngDoCheck** it after the **ngOnChanges** & **ngOnInit** hooks.

4

You can use this hook to Implement a custom change detection, whenever Angular fails to detect the changes made to Input properties.

5

ngDoCheck is also a great method to use, when you want to execute some code on every change detection cycle.

Angular Lifecycle Hook

ngOnChanges

ngOnInit

ngDoCheck

ngAfterContentInit

Child Component

```
<h2>Child Component</h2>
<ng-content></ng-content>
```

Parent Component

```
<h1>Parent Component</h1>
<app-child>
  <p>This content is injected from parent</p>
</app-child>
```

1

ngAfterContentInit Life cycle hook is called after the Component's projected content has been fully initialized.

2

Angular also updates the properties decorated with the **@ContentChild** and **@ContentChildren** before raising this hook. This hook is also raised, even if there is no content to project.

3

The content here refers to the external content injected from the parent component via **Content Projection**.

4

The Angular Components can include the **ng-content** element, which acts as a placeholder for the content from the parent.

5

Parent injects the content between the opening & closing selector element. Angular passes this content to the child component

Angular Lifecycle Hook

ngOnChanges

ngOnInit

ngDoCheck

ngAfterContentInit

ngAfterContentChecked

1

ngAfterContentChecked Life cycle hook is called during every change detection cycle after Angular finishes checking of component's projected content.

2

Angular also updates the properties decorated with the `@ContentChild` and `@ContentChildren` before raising this hook. Angular calls this hook even if there is no projected content in the component.

3

This hook is very similar to the `ngAfterContentInit` hook. Both are called after the external content is initialized, checked & updated.

4

Only difference is that `ngAfterContentChecked` is raised after every change detection cycle. While `ngAfterContentInit` during the first change detection cycle.

5

This is a component only hook.

Angular Lifecycle Hook

ngOnChanges

ngOnInit

ngDoCheck

ngAfterContentInit

ngAfterContentChecked

ngAfterViewInit

1

`ngAfterViewInit` hook is called after the Component's View & all its child views are fully initialized. Angular also updates the properties decorated with the `@ViewChild` & `@ViewChildren` properties before raising this hook.

2

The View here refers to the view template of the current component and all its child components & directives.

3

This hook is called during the first change detection cycle, where angular initializes the view for the first time

4

At this point all the lifecycle hook methods & change detection of all child components & directives are processed & Component is completely ready.

5

This is a component only hook.

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`ngOnChanges`

`ngOnInit`

`ngDoCheck`

`ngAfterContentInit`

`ngAfterContentChecked`

`ngAfterViewInit`

`ngAfterViewChecked`

1

The Angular fires this hook after it checks & updates the component's views and child views. This event is fired after the `ngAfterViewInit` and after that during every change detection cycle.

2

This hook is very similar to the `ngAfterViewInit` hook. Both are called after all the child components & directives are initialized and updated.

3

Only difference is that `ngAfterViewChecked` is raised during every change detection cycle. While `ngAfterViewInit` is raised during the first change detection cycle.

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This is a component only hook.

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`ngOnChanges`

`ngOnInit`

`ngDoCheck`

`ngAfterContentInit`

`ngAfterContentChecked`

`ngAfterViewInit`

`ngAfterViewChecked`

`ngOnDestroy`

1

If you destroy a component, for example, when you placed `ngIf` on a component, and this `ngIf` then set to `false`, at that time, `ngIf` will remove that component from the DOM, at that time, `ngOnDestroy` is called.

2

This method is the great place to do some cleanup work, because this is called right before the objects will be destroyed itself by angular.

3

This is the correct place where you would like to Unsubscribe Observables and detach event handlers to avoid memory leaks.