

Angular Components

Step 1: Understanding Angular Architecture

Angular is built on a **component-based architecture** , which means the application is divided into reusable, self-contained pieces called **components** . These components are organized into **modules** , and they rely on **services** for shared functionality. Let's dive into each part of Angular's architecture.

1. Components

A **component** is the most basic building block of an Angular application. It controls a part of the UI and consists of three main parts:

- **Template** : Defines the view (HTML structure).
- **Class** : Contains the logic (TypeScript code).
- **Metadata** : Provides additional information about the component.

Steps to Create and Understand a Component

1. **Generate a Component**
 - Use Angular CLI to generate a new component:

ng generate component my-component

Shortcut:

ng g c my-component

Anatomy of a Component After generating the component, you'll see the following files in the `src/app/my-component` folder:

- `my-component.component.ts`: The TypeScript file containing the component class.
- `my-component.component.html`: The HTML template file.
- `my-component.component.css`: The CSS file for styling.
- `my-component.component.spec.ts`: The test file.

Component Class Open `my-component.component.ts`:

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
```

```
@Component({
```

```
  selector: 'app-my-component', // Custom HTML tag
```

```
  templateUrl: './my-component.component.html', // Template file
```

```
  styleUrls: ['./my-component.component.css'] // Styles file
```

```
})
```

```
export class MyComponent {
```

```
  title = 'Hello from MyComponent!';
```

```
}
```

- **@Component Decorator** : Defines metadata for the component.
 - **selector**: The custom HTML tag used to include this component in templates.
 - **templateUrl**: Path to the HTML template.
 - **styleUrls**: Array of CSS files for styling.
- **Class** : Contains the logic and data for the component.

Using the Component

- Add the component's selector (**<app-my-component>**) to another template (e.g., **app.component.html**):

```
<h1>Welcome to the App</h1>
```

```
<app-my-component></app-my-component>
```

When you run the app (**ng serve**), you'll see the content of **my-component.component.html**.

2. Modules

A **module** is a container for organizing related components, directives, pipes, and services. Every Angular app has at least one module, called the **root module** (**AppModule**).

Steps to Understand Modules

1. **Root Module (**AppModule**)** Open `src/app/app.module.ts`:

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';

import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';

import { AppComponent } from './app.component';

import { MyComponent } from './my-component/my-component.component';
```

```
@NgModule({
  declarations: [
    AppComponent,
    MyComponent // Declare all components here
  ],
  imports: [
    BrowserModule // Import other modules here
  ],
  providers: [], // Register services here
  bootstrap: [AppComponent] // Root component to bootstrap
})

export class AppModule { }
```

- **@NgModule Decorator** : Defines metadata for the module.
 - **declarations**: List of components, directives, and pipes that belong to this module.
 - **imports**: Other modules required by this module.
 - **providers**: Services available to the entire application.
 - **bootstrap**: The root component to load when the app starts.

Feature Modules

- As your app grows, you can create feature modules to organize components logically.
- Generate a feature module:

ng generate module feature-module

Shortcut:

ng g m feature-module

Shared Modules

- If you have components, directives, or pipes used across multiple modules, create a shared module:

ng generate module shared

Export reusable components/directives/pipes in the shared module.

3. Templates

A **template** defines the view of a component using HTML. It can include Angular-specific syntax like **data binding** , **directives** , and **pipes** .

Steps to Work with Templates

1. **Inline Template** Instead of using `templateUrl`, you can define the template inline:

```
@Component({  
  selector: 'app-my-component',  
  template: `<h1>{{ title }}</h1>`,  
  styleUrls: ['./my-component.component.css']  
})  
  
export class MyComponent {  
  title = 'Hello from MyComponent!';  
}
```


Data Binding

- **Interpolation** : Display component properties in the template:

```
<h1>{{ title }}</h1>
```

Property Binding : Bind HTML attributes to component properties:

```
<img [src]="imageUrl" alt="Example">
```

Event Binding : Handle user events:

```
<button (click)="onClick()">Click Me</button>
```

Two-Way Binding : Use `[(ngModel)]` for two-way data binding:

```
<input [(ngModel)]="name" placeholder="Enter your name">
```

```
<p>Hello, {{ name }}!</p>
```

Directives

- **Structural Directives** : Modify the DOM layout (e.g., `*ngIf`, `*ngFor`):

```
<div *ngIf="isVisible">This is visible</div>
```

```
<ul>
```

```
  <li *ngFor="let item of items">{{ item }}</li>
```

```
</ul>
```

Attribute Directives : Modify the appearance or behavior of elements (e.g., `ngClass`, `ngStyle`):

```
<div [ngClass]="{ active: isActive }">Active Class</div>
```

4. Metadata

Metadata provides additional information about a class (e.g., a component or module). It's defined using decorators like `@Component` and `@NgModule`.

Examples of Metadata

1. Component Metadata

```
@Component({  
  selector: 'app-example',  
  templateUrl: './example.component.html',  
  styleUrls: ['./example.component.css']  
})
```

Module Metadata

```
@NgModule({  
  declarations: [AppComponent],  
  imports: [BrowserModule],  
  providers: [],  
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]  
})
```

5. Services and Dependency Injection

A **service** is a class that provides shared functionality (e.g., fetching data from an API). **Dependency Injection (DI)** is a design pattern used to inject services into components or other services.

Steps to Create and Use a Service

1. **Generate a Service**
 - Use Angular CLI to generate a service:

ng generate service data

Shortcut:

ng g s data

Define the Service Open `data.service.ts`:

```
import { Injectable } from '@angular/core';
```

```
@Injectable({
```

```
  providedIn: 'root' // Makes the service available app-wide
```

```
})
```

```
export class DataService {
```

```
  getData() {
```

```
    return ['Item 1', 'Item 2', 'Item 3'];
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

Inject the Service into a Component Open `my-component.component.ts`:

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
```

```
import { DataService } from '../data.service';
```

```
@Component({
```

```
  selector: 'app-my-component',
```

```
  templateUrl: './my-component.component.html',
```

```
  styleUrls: ['./my-component.component.css']
```

```
})
```

```
export class MyComponent {
```

```
  items: string[];
```

```
  constructor(private dataService: DataService) {
```

```
    this.items = this.dataService.getData();
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

Use the Data in the Template Update `my-component.component.html`:

```
<ul>
```

```
  <li *ngFor="let item of items">{{ item }}</li>
```

```
</ul>
```

6. Angular's Modular Structure (NgModule)

Angular apps are organized into **modules** , which help manage complexity and enable lazy loading.

Types of Modules

1. **Root Module (AppModule)**
 - The entry point of the application.
 - Defined in `app.module.ts`.
2. **Feature Modules**
 - Organize related components, directives, and pipes.
 - Example: `dashboard.module.ts`.
3. **Shared Modules**
 - Contain reusable components, directives, and pipes.
 - Example: `shared.module.ts`.
4. **Lazy-Loaded Modules**
 - Loaded on demand to improve performance.
 - Example: `admin.module.ts`.

Steps to Lazy Load a Module

1. Create a Feature Module

ng generate module admin --route admin --module app.module

Configure Routing Open `app-routing.module.ts`:

```
const routes: Routes = [  
  { path: 'admin', loadChildren: () => import('./admin/admin.module').then(m =>  
    m.AdminModule) }  
];
```

Run the App Navigate to `/admin` to load the `AdminModule`.

Step 1: Creating and Registering Components

What is a Component?

A **component** in Angular is a TypeScript class that controls a part of the UI. It consists of:

- A **template** (HTML structure).
- A **class** (TypeScript logic).
- **Metadata** (decorator `@Component`).

Steps to Create and Register a Component

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Register the Component

- Open `app.module.ts` (or the relevant module file).
- Ensure the component is declared in the `declarations` array:

```
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';
import { MyComponent } from './my-component/my-component.component';

@NgModule({
  declarations: [
    AppComponent,
    MyComponent // Register the component here
  ],
  imports: [BrowserModule],
  providers: [],
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]
})
export class AppModule { }
```

Use the Component in a Template

- Add the component's selector (defined in `my-component.component.ts`) to another template, such as `app.component.html`:

```
<h1>Welcome to the App</h1>
```

```
<app-my-component></app-my-component>
```

Step 2: Component Lifecycle Hooks

What are Lifecycle Hooks?

Angular components have a lifecycle managed by Angular itself. Lifecycle hooks allow you to tap into key moments in a component's life, such as initialization, rendering, and destruction.

Common Lifecycle Hooks

1. **ngOnInit**
 - Called once after the component is initialized.
 - Use it to fetch data or perform setup logic.

```
import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';
```

```
@Component({
```

```
  selector: 'app-my-component',
```

```
  template: `<p>{{ message }}</p>`
```

```
})
```

```
export class MyComponent implements OnInit {
```

```
  message: string;
```

```
  ngOnInit() { this.message = 'Component Initialized!';}
```

```
}
```

ngOnDestroy

- Called just before the component is destroyed.
- Use it to clean up resources (e.g., unsubscribe from observables).

```
import { Component, OnDestroy } from '@angular/core';
```

```
@Component({
```

```
  selector: 'app-my-component',
```

```
  template: `<p>Component will be destroyed soon!</p>`
```

```
})
```

```
export class MyComponent implements OnDestroy {
```

```
  ngOnDestroy() {
```

```
    console.log('Component Destroyed!');
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

Other Lifecycle Hooks

- `ngOnChanges`: Called when input properties change.
- `ngAfterViewInit`: Called after the view is fully initialized.
- `ngAfterContentInit`: Called after content projection (`<ng-content>`) is initialized.

Step 3: Data Binding

What is Data Binding?

Data binding connects the component class (TypeScript) with its template (HTML). Angular supports four types of data binding:

1. **Interpolation**
 - Binds data from the component class to the template using double curly braces `{{ }}`.

```
export class MyComponent {
```

```
  title = 'Hello, Angular!';
```

```
}
```

```
<h1>{{ title }}</h1>
```

Property Binding

- Binds a DOM property to a component property using square brackets [].

```
export class MyComponent {  
  imageUrl = 'https://example.com/image.jpg';  
}  
  
<img [src]="imageUrl" alt="Example Image">
```


Event Binding

- Binds DOM events to component methods using parentheses ().

```
export class MyComponent {  
  
  onClick() {  
  
    console.log('Button clicked!');  
  
  }  
  
}  
  
<button (click)="onClick()">Click Me</button>
```

Two-Way Binding

- Combines property and event binding using [(ngModel)].
- Requires importing `FormsModule` in your module.

```
import { FormsModule } from '@angular/forms';
```

```
@NgModule({
```

```
  imports: [BrowserModule, FormsModule], // Import FormsModule
```

```
  declarations: [AppComponent, MyComponent],
```

```
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]
```

```
})
```

```
export class AppModule { }
```

```
export class MyComponent {
```

```
  name = '';
```

```
}
```

```
<input [(ngModel)]="name" placeholder="Enter your name">
```

```
<p>Hello, {{ name }}!</p>
```

Step 4: Input and Output

What are Input and Output?

- **@Input** : Allows a parent component to pass data to a child component.
- **@Output** : Allows a child component to emit events to a parent component.

Using @Input

1. **Define an Input Property**

```
import { Component, Input } from '@angular/core';
```

```
@Component({  
  selector: 'app-child',  
  template: `<p>{{ message }}</p>`  
})  
  
export class ChildComponent {  
  @Input() message: string;  
}
```

Pass Data from Parent to Child

```
<app-child [message]="Hello from Parent!"></app-child>
```

Using @Output

1. Define an Output Event

```
import { Component, Output, EventEmitter } from '@angular/core';

@Component({
  selector: 'app-child',
  template: `<button (click)="sendEvent()">Send Event</button>`
})

export class ChildComponent {
  @Output() notify = new EventEmitter<string>();

  sendEvent() {
    this.notify.emit('Event from Child!');
  }
}
```

Handle the Event in the Parent

```
<app-child (notify)="onNotify($event)"></app-child>
```

```
export class ParentComponent {  
  onNotify(message: string) {  
    console.log(message); // Logs: "Event from Child!"  
  }  
}
```

Step 5: Content Projection with `<ng-content>`

What is Content Projection?

Content projection allows you to insert dynamic content into a component's template using `<ng-content>`.

Steps to Use Content Projection

1. Define a Component with `<ng-content>`

```
@Component({  
  selector: 'app-card',  
  template: `  
    <div class="card">  
      <ng-content></ng-content>  
    </div>  
  `,  
  styles: ['.card { border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; }']  
})  
  
export class CardComponent {}
```

Project Content into the Component

```
<app-card>
```

```
  <p>This content is projected into the card!</p>
```

```
</app-card>
```

Step 6: View Encapsulation

What is View Encapsulation?

View encapsulation ensures that styles defined in a component's CSS file do not leak into other components.

Types of View Encapsulation

1. **Emulated (Default)** : Styles are scoped to the component but emulated using unique attributes.
2. **None** : Styles are global.
3. **Shadow DOM** : Uses the browser's native Shadow DOM.

Example

```
import { Component, ViewEncapsulation } from '@angular/core';

@Component({
  selector: 'app-example',
  template: `<p>Styled Paragraph</p>`,
  styles: ['p { color: red; }'],
  encapsulation: ViewEncapsulation.None // Global styles
})

export class ExampleComponent {}
```