Validating Forms

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Benefits of Client-Side Validation

Immediate notification

Better user experience

Higher quality data

Fewer round trips

NOTE: Server-side validation is still required

Validation Techniques

Type Attribute

•type="email"

Required Attribute

required

Angular Validation
Attributes

•ng-minlength

Custom Angular Directive

•my-directive=""

Code in the Controller

•if { }

Module Objectives

Prepare the Form

Display Messages

Identify Required Fields

Use Angular Validation Attributes

Mark Invalid Elements

Prevent Submit

Prepare the Form

Ensure the form has a name

Set the novalidate attribute

```
<form class="form-horizontal"
    name="productForm">
    novalidate>
```

Marking Required Fields

```
<input class="form-control"
    id="inputProductName"
        type="text"
    placehol der="Product Name"
    ng-model ="vm. product. productName"
    required />
```

Indicating Required Fields

* Indicates required fiel First name *	Last name *	
* Company: * Job Title:		
Name Mail		(required)
Product Name	Product Name (required)	

Marking Invalid Elements

ngClass Directive **Bootstrap Styles**

Angular Validation States

```
ng-class="{'has-error':
    productForm.inputProductName.$invalid}"
```

ngClass Directive

Sets a CSS class dynamically

Based on an expression

That defines the style classes

A String

An Array

An Object Literal

```
ng-class="{'has-error':
    productForm.inputProductName.$invalid}"
```

Bootstrap Validation Styles

otstrap includes validation styles for error, warning, and success states on form controls. To use, add <pre>.has-success</pre> to the parent element. Any <pre>.control-label</pre> , <pre>.form-control</pre> , and <pre>.help-block</pre> within that elements within the elements.	_
EXAMPLE	Cop
nput with success	
nput with warning	
nput with error	

Angular Validation States

\$dirty Entry has been changed

\$valid Entry is valid

\$invalid Entry is invalid

\$error All validations and whether they are valid or invalid

Using Angular Validation States

Form must have a name

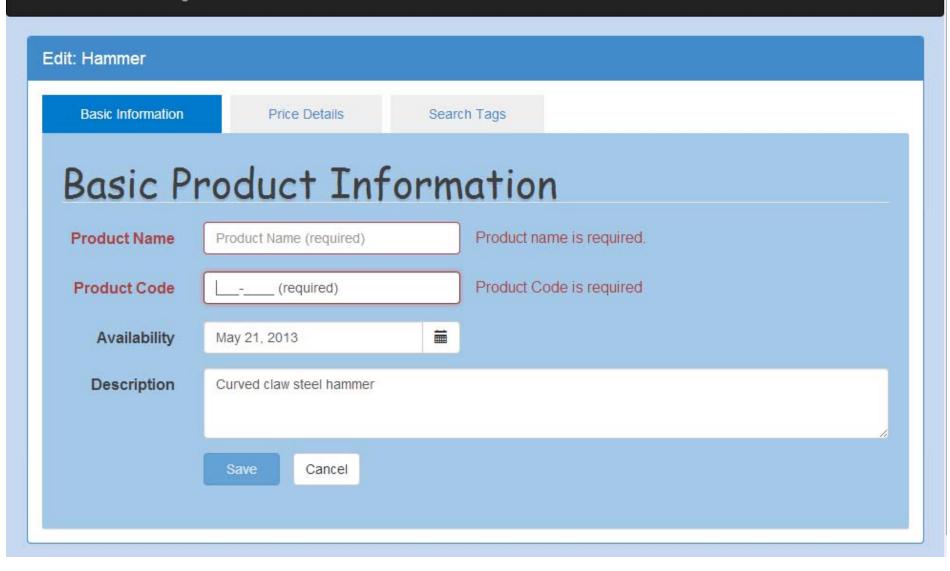
Input element must have a name Input
element
must
include
ngModel

Displaying Validation Messages

Alert Box

Validation Message Area

Adjacent to the Input Element



Displaying Validation Messages

```
<span class="help-block has-error"
   ng-show="productForm.inputProductName.$invalid">
   Product name is required.
</span>
```

Angular Validation Directives

ng-minlength

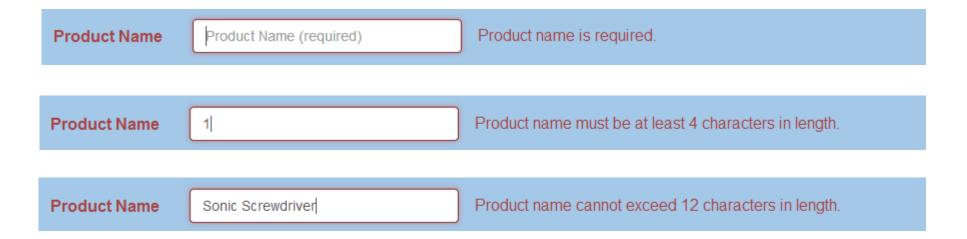
ng-maxlength

ng-pattern

ng-change

Multiple Validation Rules

Showing Different Messages for Different Errors



ngMessages

ngMessages

- Directive
- Shows or hides messages
- Similar to a switch or case statement

ngMessage

- Directive
- Defines specific cases

The bad news

- Not available until Angular 1.3
- The sample application is currently on 1.2

```
<span class="help-block has-error">
  <span ng-messages="productForm.pn. $error">
     <span ng-message="required">Required</span>
     <span ng-message="minlength">Min of 4 chars</span>
     <span ng-message="maxlength">Max of 10 chars</span>
</span>
```

Showing Different Messages for Different Errors

```
<span class="help-block has-error">
 <span ng-show=</pre>
   "productForm.inputProductName. $error.required">
  Product name is required.
 </span>
 <span ng-show=</pre>
   "productForm.inputProductName. $error.minlength">
  Must be at least 4 characters in length.
 </span>
 <span ng-show=</pre>
   "productForm.inputProductName.$error.maxlength">
  Cannot exceed 12 characters in Length.
 </span>
</span>
```

Preventing Form Submittal

Disable the Save Button

ng-disabled="productForm.\$invalid"

Display a message

ng-click="vm.submit(productForm.\$valid)"

Module Objectives













Angular Line of Business Applications

