

A Day in the Life of an Automation Test Engineer

Samuel now understands how to set up an Angular development environment.

He has now decided to build an Angular project. He needs to understand Components and Core directives and build them.

To achieve the above, he will learn a few concepts in this lesson that can help him to find a solution for the scenario.

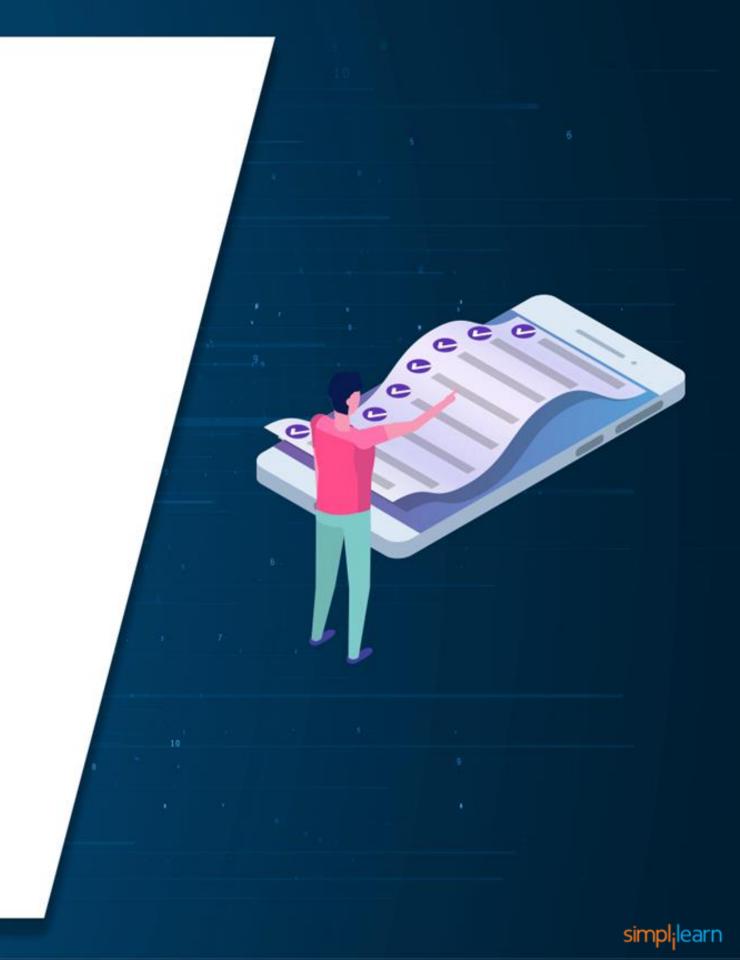


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Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand Angular Components
- List the important features of Angular Components
- Describe Angular Directives

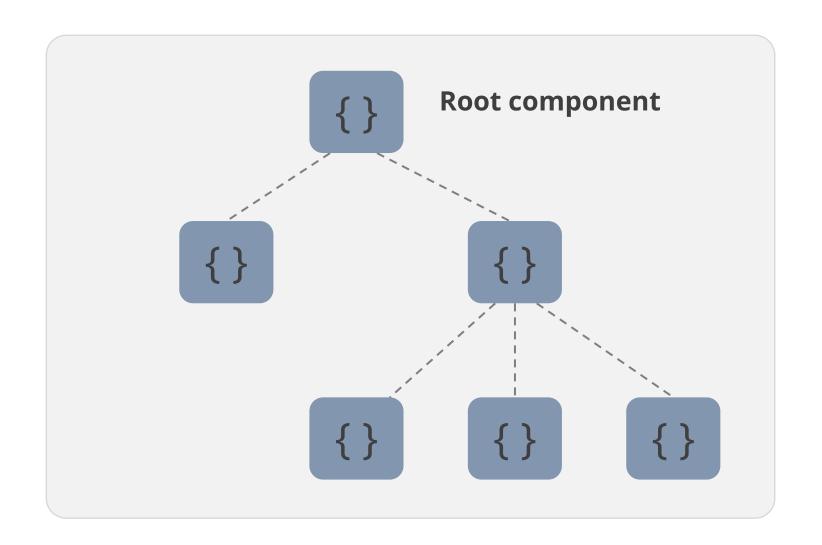


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Components

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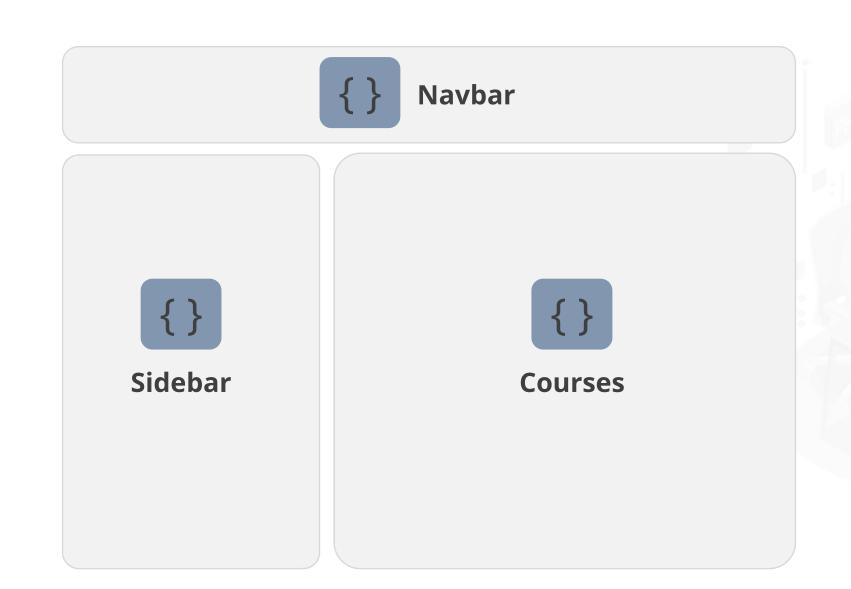
Components in an Angular application encapsulate the template, data, and behavior of view.



Every app has at least one component called the root component.

Components

However, in real world, an application encapsulates many components.



Here is an example:

Nested Components

Each component has a template for the view and data or logic behind the view. Components can also contain other components called nested components.

In the diagram, courses are components:	
Navbar	
Sidebar	{} Course
	{} Course
	{} Course
	{} Course

Component-Level Interactions

Component-level interactions can be done between two components at a similar branch of hierarchy or a parent-child level interaction.





Component-Level Interactions

The list of data shared among Angular components are:

Parent to Child: via Input

Child to Parent: via Output() and EventEmitter

Child to Parent: via ViewChild

Unrelated Components: via a Service



@Input and @Output

@Input and @Output are mechanisms to receive and send data from one component to another, respectively.

Example:

- The **@Input** decorator indicates that a data will be received from a component. The received data will be stored in **item_name**.
- The @Output decorator indicates that a data will be sent to another component via onNameChanger property.

Create and Navigate between Components in Angular



Problem Statement:

You are required to create and navigate between components in Angular.

Assisted Practice: Guidelines

Steps to create and navigate between components in Angular are:

1. Create and navigate between components in Angular



Component Interaction to Pass Data

Problem Statement:

You are required to work with component interaction to pass data.

Assisted Practice: Guidelines

Steps to work with component interaction to pass data are:

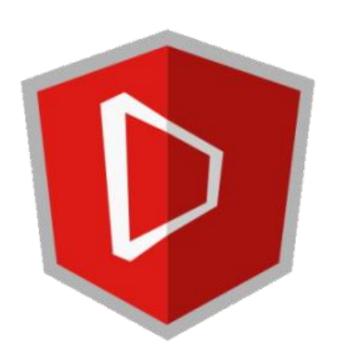
1. Work with component interaction to pass data



Directives

What Are Directives?

The reusable methods and features of Angular are separated using directives.



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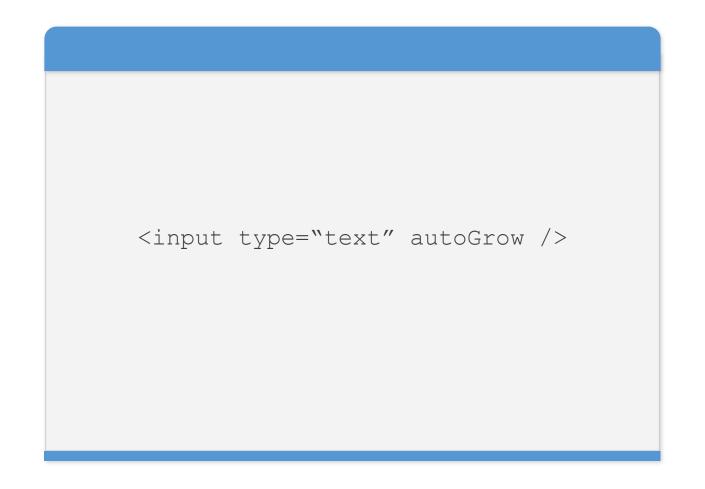
Unlike components, directives do not have HTML templates.

They add behavior to an existing DOM element.



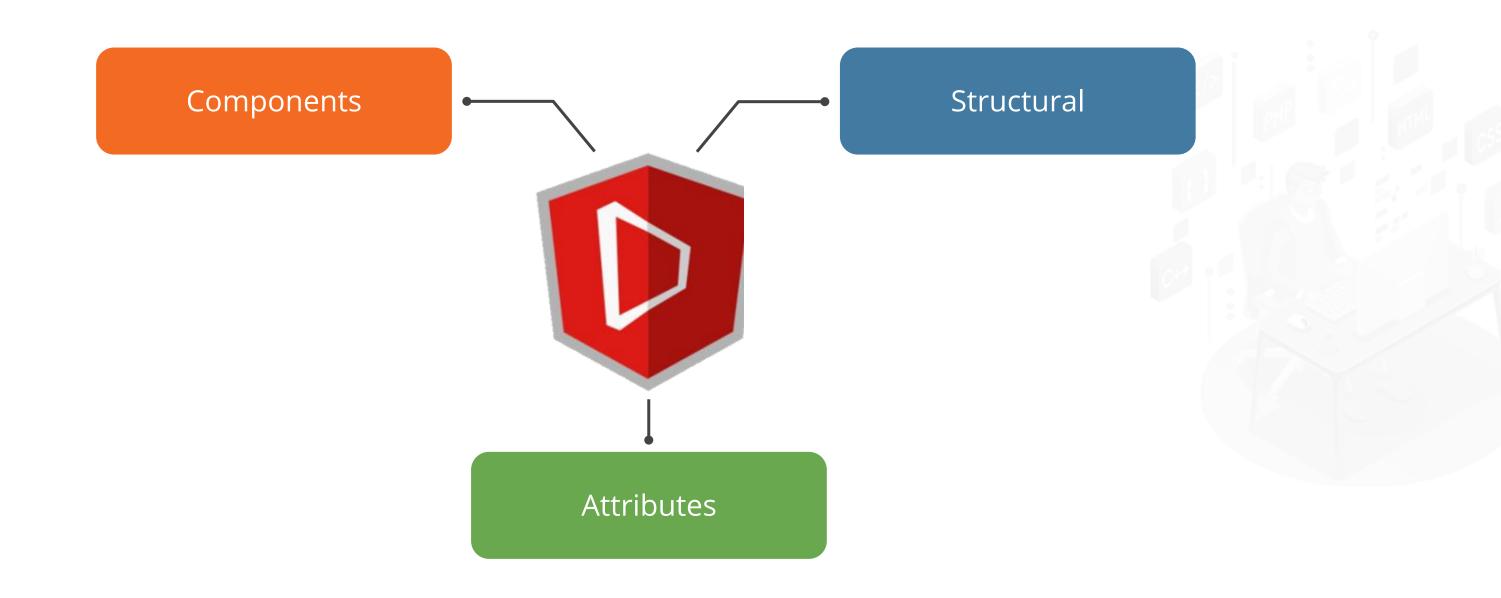
Directives: Example

The example below is used to display the added behavior to an existing DOM element where the textbox size is enlarged on a mouseover event.





There are three types of directives:



Components

Structural Directives

Attributes Directives

- The component directive includes directives with the template.
- It contains information about how components are processed, instantiated, and used during runtime.

Components

Structural Directives

Attributes Directives

- This directive changes the behavior of a component or an element by affecting how the template is rendered.
- It manipulates the DOM elements.

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Structural Directives

Attributes Directives

- This directive alters the behavior of a calling component or element but has no impact on the template.
- It gives us the option of creating a directive.

Component Directive: Example

This is how components look:

```
app.component.ts
      import {Component} from '@angular/core';
 @Component({
            selector: 'my-app',
           template: '
                 <h1>Angular demo Boilerplate</h1>
                 Hello World batch good afternoon friends!!
                 <rb-mycomp></rb-mycomp>
      export class AppComponent{
```

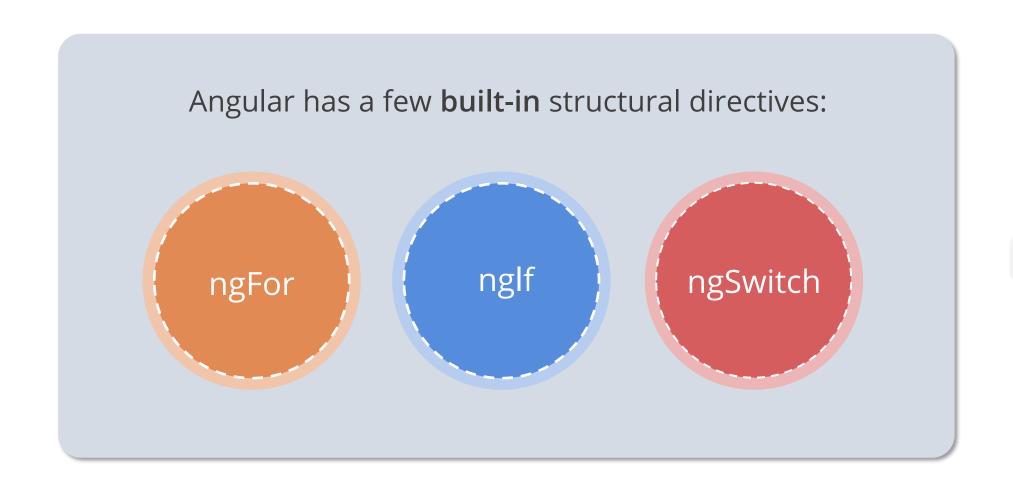
Attribute Directive: Example

This is how the attribute looks:

```
import { Directive, ElementRef, Input } from '@angular/core';
@Directive({ selector: '[ColorChange]' })
export class ColorChangeDirective {
constructor(er: ElementRef) {
er.nativeElement.style.backgroundColor = 'green';
```

Structural Directives

Structural directives handle how a component or element renders through the use of the template tag.





ngFor Directive

The core directive ngFor allows users to build data presentation lists and tables in HTML templates. With ngFor, users can print data to the screen as a data table by generating HTML.

Example:

```
<div *ngFor="let item of usernames">
<div *appMydirective="item">
{{item.name}}
</div>
</div>
```



Angular nglf Directive

- nglf is the simplest structural directive and the easiest to understand.
- It takes a Boolean expression and makes an entire chunk of the DOM appear or disappear.
- The ngIf directive doesn't hide elements through CSS. It adds and removes them physically from the DOM.

Example:

<app-if-example *ngIf="exists">

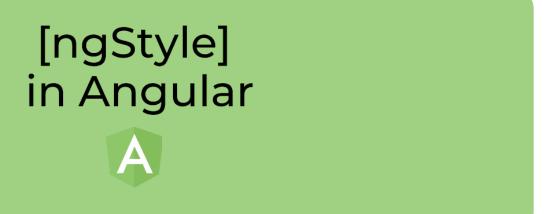
Angular ngClass Directive



- The ngClass directive modifies the class attribute of a component or an associated element.
- It evaluates the expression and modifies the element's class attribute.
- It is an Angular attribute directive that lets users to add or delete a CSS class from an HTML element.

Angular ngStyle Directive

The ngStyle directive specifies the HTML element's style attribute. Its attribute's value must be an object or an expression that returns an object.



CSS attributes and values are organized into key value pairs in the object.

Angular ngSwitch Directive

The Angular ngSwitch is a set of cooperating directives: ngSwitch, ngSwitchCase, and ngSwitchDefault. It is comprised of two directives: an attribute directive and a structural directive.

Example:

```
<div [ngSwitch]="tab">
<app-tab-content *ngSwitchCase="1">content 1</app-
tab-content>
<app-tab-content *ngSwitchCase="2"> content 2</app-
tab-content>
</div>
```





Problem Statement:

You are asked to use ngFor and nglf directive.

Assisted Practice: Guidelines

Steps to use ngFor and nglf directive are:

1. Use ngFor and nglf directive



Forms

Forms in Angular

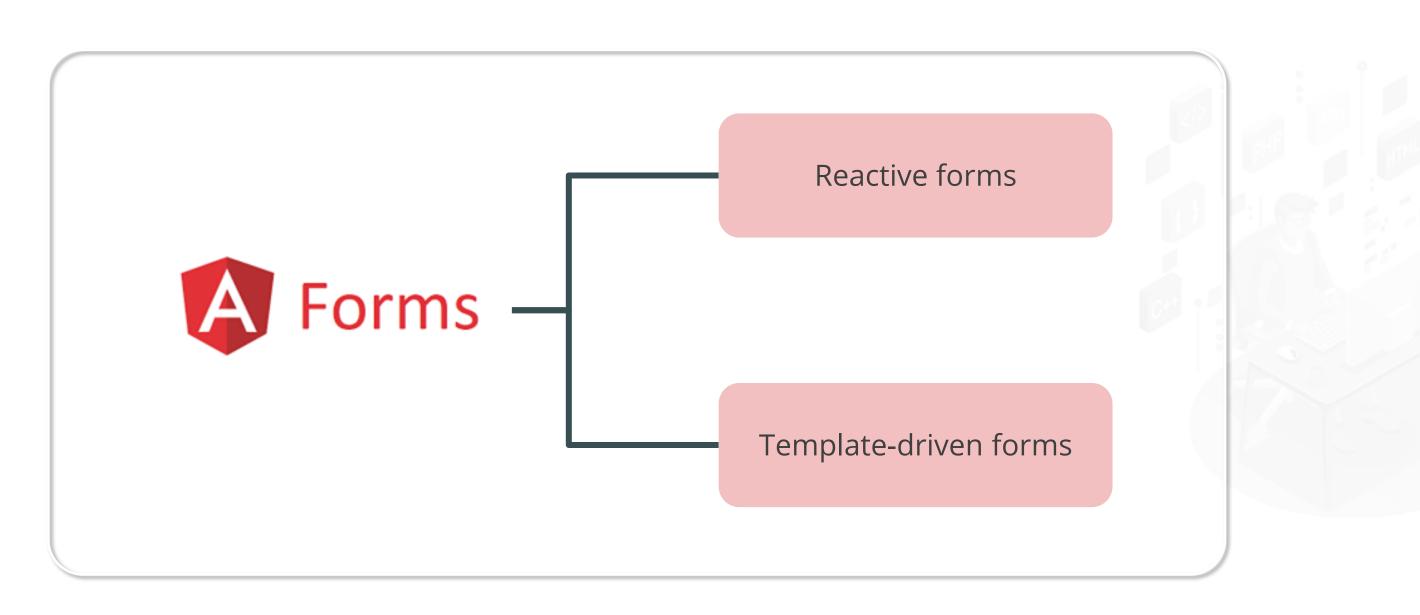
Applications in Angular use forms to allow users to log in, update profiles, enter sensitive information, and do a variety of other data-entry tasks.





Types of Forms

There are two types of forms in Angular:



Types of Forms



Reactive forms

- Reactive forms use a model-based technique to deal with form inputs that change over time.
- Form inputs and values are presented as streams of input values that can be retrieved synchronously in reactive forms, which are designed on observable streams.

Types of Forms



Template-driven forms

- Template-driven forms use two-way data binding to update the component's data model as the template changes, and vice versa.
- Small or simple forms can benefit from template-driven forms.

Reactive Forms vs. Template-Driven Forms

These are the differences between reactive forms and template-driven forms:

Criteria	Reactive forms	Template-driven forms
Data model	Structured	Unstructured
Data flow	Synchronous	Asynchronous
Form validation	Functions	Directives



Reactive Forms vs. Template-Driven Forms

These are the differences between reactive forms and template-driven forms:

Criteria	Reactive forms	Template-driven forms
Setup (form model)	Reactive forms are more explicit. They are created in component class.	Template-driven forms are less explicit. They are created by directives.
Mutability	Immutable	Mutable
Scalability	Low-level API access	Abstraction on top of APIs

Creating Reactive Form with FormControl



Problem Statement:

You have been asked to create reactive form with Formcontrol.

Assisted Practice: Guidelines

Steps to create reactive form with Formcontrol are:

1. Create reactive form with Formcontrol



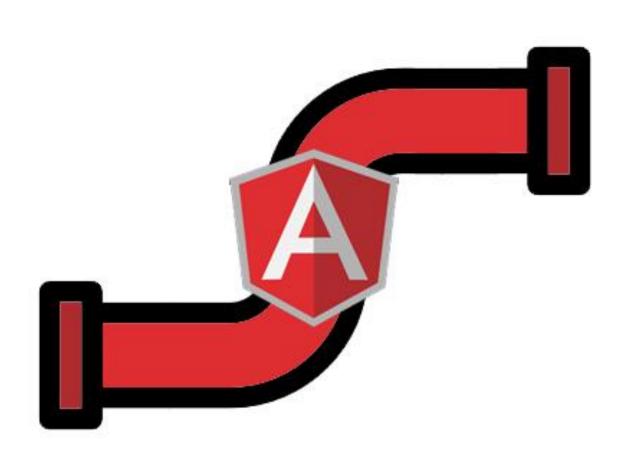
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Pipes in Angular

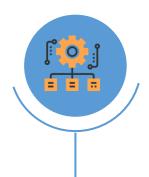
Pipes are a quick and easy way to change values in an Angular template. A pipe accepts one or more values and then returns one.





Uses of Pipes

Pipes do not provide any additional features, however:



Pipes make the code structured and clear.



They are helpful because users can use them anywhere in their program and declare them once.

They are a good way to deal with functions and logics in templates.



They take in data as input and transforms it into the desired output.



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Built-in Pipes

Built-in pipes can be used to format values such as date, number, decimal, percentage, currency, uppercase, and lowercase. These pipes are defined in @angular or common package.





Types of Built-in Pipes

Some built-in pipes in Angular are:

Pipe Name	Description
Currency	Formats the currencies
UpperCase	Converts a text or string to uppercase
LowerCase	Converts a text or string to uppercase
Decimal	Transforms the decimal numbers
Json	Converts an object into a JSON string



Key Takeaways

- Pipes are the way to write display-value transformations that users can declare in HTML.
- The reusable methods and features of Angular are separated using directives.
- There are two types of forms in Angular: reactive forms and template-driven forms.
- Built-in pipes can be used to format values such as date, number, decimal, percentage, currency, uppercase, and lowercase.

