



# The best kept secrets of Angular CLI

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# What is Angular CLI? <https://cli.angular.io/>

- It's a code generator
- It's a set of tools for development (local server, auto-refresh)
- It's a set of build tools (compile, lint, minify...)
- Also very helpful for testing

# How to create a new Angular project

- First install Angular CLI globally, once for all:

```
npm install -g @angular/cli
```

- Then you can create a project in any folder:

```
ng new my-project
```

- Every ng command is an Angular CLI command.
- `ng new` will install of the files required for your project and perform the initial `npm install`

# First best kept secret: Dry run

- Sometimes we would like to try a command before it creates too many files:

**ng new my-project --dry-run**

- CLI tells us exactly what it would do, but doesn't change your file system when using the dry run option

# Second best kept secret: Skip install

- Sometimes we would like to not run the first `npm install`:

**`ng new my-project --skip-install`**

- CLI will create your project files and only skip the final step, `npm install`

## Best kept secret #3: Routing option

- If our app will use the component router, CLI can generate a sample config for it:

```
ng new my-project --routing
```

- The config will be empty but all wired up. Just add your routes!

## Best kept secret #4: Prefix option

- By default, CLI will use a app prefix for all your components, directives, etc.
- We can change that default behavior:

```
ng new my-project --prefix ac
```

- You can also change the prefix later on in `.angular-cli.json`

## Best kept secret #5: Using SASS?

- CLI supports CSS by default, but you can ask it to use SASS instead:

```
ng new my-project --style scss
```

- You can also change the style config later on in `.angular-cli.json`



# Ng serve

- Once our project is ready, we can serve it locally:  
**ng serve**
- The server runs port 4200 by default, which can be changed in `.angular-cli.json`
- That server has a nice auto-refresh feature

# Best kept secret #6: Shortcut syntax

- CLI allows us to create new components:  
`ng generate component HelloWorld`
- And there is a shortcut syntax for that:  
`ng g c HelloWorld`
- Also works with `s` for service, `f` for pipe, etc.
- Can also use `-d` for `--dry-run`

# Best kept secret #7: Auto-provide

- Let's generate a new service:

```
ng g s Data
```

- We get a warning that the service is not provided, which means it won't be injectable
- Let's fix it by asking CLI to update the module config:

```
ng g s Data -m app.module
```

# The secret for testers

- Run all your unit tests:

**ng test**

- With a **--code-coverage** (alias **-cc**) option
- Run all your end-to-end tests with protractor and Webdriver:

**ng e2e**

# Most useful secret: Environments

- CLI supports as many environments as you need
- You can define a set of variables (like URLs, resources, etc.) that are specific to your QA, UAT, dev or prod servers for instance.
- As always, this is defined in `.angular-cli.json`
- Then build or serve specifying the environment (default is dev):

```
ng serve --env=qa
```

# Most fun secret: Eject

- If you want to get rid of CLI:  
**ng eject**
- This will give you access to the webpack config as well as some npm scripts to replace CLI
- Use with caution! There's no way back.



# Any questions?

# Thank you!

All of these secrets and more:

<https://github.com/angular/angular-cli/wiki>

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