

# Digest Loop

The digest loop answers the  
question

what does a controller watch?

# Normal browser flow

- event fires
- JS creates an event object
- executes any and all functions listening, in order

## \$digest() cycle

- processes watchers in its current scope
- and evaluates them asynchronously
- until stabilization, i.e. \$watch detects no changes
- if not stabilized within 10 cycles

```
$rootScope.myModel = 0;  
$rootScope.watch('myModel', function(oldValue, newValue) {  
    // execute code that updates your models  
});
```

# Hello World Example

## 1. During the compilation phase:

- the ng-model and input directive set up a keydown listener on the <input> control.
- the interpolation sets up a \$watch to be notified of name changes.

## 1. During the runtime phase:

- Pressing an 'X' key causes the browser to emit a keydown event on the input control.
- The input directive captures the change to the input's value and calls `$apply("name = 'X';")` to update the application model inside the Angular execution context.
- Angular applies the `name = 'X';` to the model.
- The `$digest` loop begins
- The `$watch` list detects a change on the name property and