

What is AngularJS?

What benefits does it give me?

See next slides :)

Two way data binding

"any changes to the view are immediately reflected in the model, and any changes in the model are propagated to the view"

- as the user interacts with the page, changes flow through immediately

MVC

(ish)

- model is any data that is reachable as a property of an angular Scope object
- the view is the DOM loaded and rendered in the browser, after Angular has transformed the DOM based on information in the template, controller and model
- controller is a JavaScript function(type/class) that is used to augment instances of angular Scope. should be unique business logic only, everything else should be a service, directive or filter

Tests!

Both e2e and Unit

- uses node.js based 'Karma' test runner
- can substitute other test runners if you like e.g. I have used Jasmine's HTML based unit test runner
- suggested to use Jasmine for the syntax of the unit tests e.g. `expect(thing.length).toBe(3);`

What scenarios would it be a good fit for?

- new site, or new section of site
- talking to api
- making page more responsive
- watch out for browser compatibility
- historically not great for animation, but there are animation features now
- IE8 and above
- not good to have two way binding for pages with LOTS of data e.g. > 500ish rows in a table is starting to get a bit big



How does it work?

See next slides :)

Self contained modules

<http://docs.angularjs.org/guide/module>

- Angular apps don't have a main method
- Uses modules instead, which are written in a declarative fashion (always state exactly what other modules are required)
- Conventions govern how Angular applications typically have modules set up
- In unit-testing there is no need to load all modules, which may aid in writing unit-tests
- Additional modules can be loaded in scenario tests, which can override some of the configuration and help end-to-end test the application
- Easy segregation of third party code

How to divide up your code

- used to be: controllers, directives, filters
- app.js is the main 'setup'
- can be one .js file, but conventionally you separate stuff out
- for big projects, it's better to split things up by functionality

Templates

```
<div ng-app="phonecatApp">
  <div ng-controller="myController">
    <h2>{{ myVariable | lowercase }}</h2>
  </div>
```

- templates use a mix of HTML, handlebars-style curly braces, and angular attributes (prefixed with ng-
- as a convention, any attributes will be lowercased and use hyphens as separators, but in the javascript that will be translated to camelCase. E.g. ng-controller would be referred to in Angular's source code as ngController. This is more relevant once we start writing our own directives

Filters?

- a filter formats the value of an expression for display to the user
- Filters can be used both in templates and within controllers or other Angular JS code. Angular comes with a number of built in filters, and we can write our own

Directives?

- directives are the building blocks for custom DOM elements, or for event handling etc
- To create a date picker with jQuery we would first add an input to the HTML, and in the JS we'd call `$(element).datepicker()`. Figuring out the relation between the HTML and the javascript is not straightforward later. A directive for a date picker might look like this: `<date-picker></date-picker>`. When the template is rendered it will be replaced. It's more obvious that this is a custom component (and we can make it more so with naming conventions)

Controllers & Scope

<http://docs.angularjs.org/guide/scope>

- This is what makes that two way data binding we talked about work
- "Scope is the glue between application controller and the view."
- hierarchies
- decended from root scope
- scopes get updated automatically via 'watch' code (but can take manual control with apply)

A cut down version of
jQuery is used under the hood

- jqLite
- subset of jQuery selectors are available
- you can include jQuery if you want
- e.g. I often include it to use jQuery's \$.map
- you **SHOULD NOT** be using jQuery selectors within your controllers

Services

- there is one other 'type' of construct within Angular, a service. Services are a bit harder to define. I like to think of them as code that could be in your controller, but that you want to be reusable by other controllers.

Useful features

- LOTS of built in cool things you can do
- better to show you than to tell you

let's look at an actual project

Simple structure

```
app
├── css
│   └── app.css
├── img
├── index.html
├── js
│   ├── app.js
│   ├── controllers.js
│   ├── directives.js
│   ├── filters.js
│   └── services.js
├── lib
│   └── angular
│       └── <angular files>
└── partials
    ├── partial1.html
    └── partial2.html
```

More sophisticated structure

```
app
├── app.css
├── app.js
├── index.html
├── components
│   └── component
│       ├── component.js
│       ├── component_test.js
│       ├── component-filter.js
│       └── component-filter_test.js
├── view
│   ├── view.js
│   ├── view_test.js
│   └── view.html
└── another-view
    ├── another-view.js
    ├── another-view_test.js
    └── another-view.html
```

Routes

<http://localhost:8000/app/index.html#/view1>

/view1/view1.js

```
config(['$routeProvider', function($routeProvider) {  
    $routeProvider.when('/view1', {  
        templateUrl: 'view1/view1.html',  
        controller: 'View1Ctrl'  
    });  
}]);
```

/app.js

```
config(['$routeProvider', function($routeProvider) {  
    $routeProvider.otherwise({redirectTo: '/view1'});  
}]);
```

- everything after the # fragment is part of the Angular app
- the index.html bit wouldn't usually be there (it's just because the node server we're using isn't very sophisticated)
- we can use HTML5 push state (for browsers that support it) to do away with the # altogether
- in our app.js we associate particular routes with particular partial templates
- we don't have to use routes and partials if we don't want to - alternatively you could either have a one page app or you can manually associate particular controllers with particular HTML pages wherever you like

Hello, World

view1/view1.js

```
.controller('View1Ctrl', ['$scope', function($scope) {  
    $scope.test = 'world';  
}]);
```

view1/view1.html

```
<p>Hello {{ test }}.</p>
```

- modify controllers.js to inject \$scope into MyCtrl1
- add a scope variable inside the controller function
- modify partial1.html to output the variable
- the square brackets prevent later issues with minification renaming variables

HTTP Requests

Create a file called `articles.json` in your `/app/` directory and paste the content of <http://pastebin.com/raw.php?i=NgpHyUsJ> in. Modify `view1/view1.js` to add the '\$http' service:

```
.controller('View1Ctrl', ['$scope', '$http',  
  function($scope, $http) {  
    $http.get('articles.json').success(function(data) {  
      $scope.articles = data;  
    });  
  }]);
```

`view1/view1.html`

```
<pre>  
  {{ articles | json }}  
</pre>
```

- watch out for cors
<http://www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/cors/>
- the `| json` is an example of a filter being used

Restful API service

new file – components/articles/articles-services.js

```
'use strict';
angular.module('myApp.articles.articles-services', [])
.factory('Articles', ['$resource', function($resource){
  return $resource('articles.json', {}, {
    query: {method:'GET', params:{}, isArray:true}
  });
}]);
```

new file – components/articles/articles.js

```
'use strict';
angular.module('myApp.articles', [
  'myApp.articles.articles-services'
]);
```

now we'll swap the low level http service for a proper restful service using ng-resource

This would really come into it's own when we started doing more than just GET

Takes all of the http boilerplate away, no more dealing with URLs in the controllers

Services can be used for more than just this – any code that isn't a directive or filter but that you will need between multiple controllers should be services

By convention services are capitalised

Restful API service continued

index.html

```
<script src="bower_components/angular-resource/angular-resource.js"></script>
<script src="components/articles/articles.js"></script>
<script src="components/articles/articles-services.js"></script>
```

app.js

```
angular.module('myApp', [
  'ngRoute',
  'ngResource',
  'myApp.articles'
  ...
])
```

view1/view1.js

```
controller('View1Ctrl', ['$scope', 'Articles',
  function($scope, Articles) {
    $scope.articles = Articles.query();
  }
])
```

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Writing a unit test

new file – components/articles/articles-services_test.js

```
'use strict';

describe('myApp.articles module', function() {
  beforeEach(module('myApp.articles', 'ngResource'));

  describe('articles service', function() {

    it('should make the Articles factory available',
      inject(function(Articles, $resource) {
        expect(Articles).toBeDefined();
      }));

  });
});

../karma.conf.js – add to files array

'app/bower_components/angular-resource/angular-resource.js',
```

- we write a human readable description of what the test is testing
- we write some expect statements, these are the actual tests that will succeed or fail

Writing a unit test

run unit tests (in a new terminal tab, from root of the project)

```
npm test ↵
```

There should be one failure (not two!), for the "myApp.view1 module view1 controller should" test.

- we run the tests in a command line environment. The tests will rerun themselves automatically whenever we refresh the chrome instance the tests spawn

Fixing the other unit test

view1/view1.test

```
beforeEach(module('myApp.view1', 'myApp.articles',  
'ngResource'));  
  
describe('view1 controller', function(){  
  
  var scope, ctrl;  
  beforeEach(inject(function($rootScope, $controller) {  
    scope = $rootScope.$new();  
    ctrl = $controller('View1Ctrl', {$scope: scope});  
  }));  
  
  it('should have a scope', inject(function() {  
    expect(ctrl).toBeDefined();  
  }));  
});
```

The other unit test is broken because of the scope object we started passing in when we wrote our original hello world code

Unit test with a mock

view1/view1.test

```
var $httpBackend, scope, ctrl;
beforeEach(inject(function(_$httpBackend_, $rootScope,
$controller) {
    $httpBackend = _$httpBackend_;
    $httpBackend.expectGET('articles.json').
        respond([
            {title: 'Test Article 1'},
            {title: 'Test Article 2'}
        ]));
    ...
    it('should create an "articles" model from xhr data',
        inject(function() {
            expect(scope.articles.length).toBe(0);
            $httpBackend.flush();
            expect(scope.articles.length).toBe(2);
        }));
});
```

- inject the controllers and services modules
- then we set up all the mock data we will need, creating fake versions of the various services we are injecting
- we set up a mock data response. It's better to custom create this to contain the minimum of data you need to test, so it's easier to refactor later
- if there were multiple api calls that we had to mock, they would have to be performed in the correct order
- we flush the mock http service we created to mimic the api request being performed
- we add the scope into the controller we are testing

getting stuck in

Prerequisites

We need a newer version of node.js to run tests

```
sudo apt-get update ↵  
sudo apt-get install -y python-software-properties  
python g++ make ↵  
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:chris-lea/node.js ↵  
sudo apt-get update ↵  
sudo apt-get install nodejs ↵  
sudo npm install -g bower ↵
```

& we want to use Chromium in place of Chrome

```
echo 'export CHROME_BIN="/usr/bin/chromium-browser"'  
>> ~/.bashrc && source ~/.bashrc ↵
```

↵ = press enter here!

Grab the project

```
cd ~ ↵
```

```
git clone https://github.com/jenofdoom/intro-to-angularjs.git  
intro-to-angular ↵
```

```
cd intro-to-angular ↵
```

```
npm install ↵
```

```
npm start ↵
```

Browse to <http://localhost:8000/app/index.html>

Based on Angular Seed

Sidenote:
Use the docs!

<http://docs.angularjs.org/api/>

Built-in directives

- LOTS of built in cool things you can do
- better to show you than to tell you

ng-repeat

view1/view1.html

```
<ul>
  <li ng-repeat='article in articles'>
    “{{ article.title }}" by
    {{ article.authors }}
  </li>
</ul>
```

- Essentially a for each loop
- Creates a child scope for 'article' that is descended from \$scope

ng-show

view1/view1.html

```
<ul>
  <li
    ng-repeat='article in articles'
    ng-show='!article.archived'
  >
    “{{ article.title }}" by
    {{ article.authors }}
  </li>
</ul>
```

- ng-show adds an inline 'display:none' style to the element
- the attribute is evaluated as either true or false and displayed accordingly
- if you really need the element to not be there, use ng-if or ng-switch instead (but be aware these have more performance implications as removing elements from the DOM is costly)

ng-class

view1/view1.html

```
<ul>
  <li
    ng-repeat='article in articles'
    ng-class='{archived:article.archived}'
  >
    "{{ article.title }}" by
    {{ article.authors }}
  </li>
</ul>
```

app.css

```
.archived {
  color:gray;
}
```

- swap out the ng-show for an ng-class
- the key is the name of the class you want to get added, the value is the expression that will be evaluated as true or false to see if the class should be applied

ng-src

view1/view1.html

```
<ul class='articles'>
  <li
    ng-repeat='article in articles'
    ng-class='{archived:article.archived}'
  >
    <br>
    "{{ article.title }}" by
    {{ article.authors }}
  </li>
</ul>
```

app.css

```
.articles li {
  list-style-type:none;
  margin-bottom:20px;
}
```

- rather than using a regular src attribute, where there are variables that must be evaluated we want to use ng-src instead – this prevents a broken HTTP request from occurring
- let's make the list at least a tiny bit less ugly while we're at it – add a class to the ul and a tiny bit more CSS

ng-click

view1/view1.html

```
<p><a ng-click="hideAuthors = true">Hide authors</a><p>

<ul class='articles'>
  <li
    ng-repeat='article in articles'
    ng-class='{archived:article.archived}'
  >
    <br>
    "{{ article.title }}"
    <span ng-show='!hideAuthors'>
      by {{ article.authors }}
    </span>
  </li>
</ul>
```

- we can use a ng-click to set the variable in scope the the ng-show further down is evaluating
- it's better to do !hideAuthors as opposed to showAuthors because we want the authors to be shown initially on page load
- note this is only hiding the author info, right now we don't have a way of turning it back on again unless we reload the page

A little more styling...

app.css

```
.articles {  
  padding-left:0;  
}  
  
a[ng-click] {  
  color:blue;  
  text-decoration: underline;  
  cursor:pointer;  
}  
  
body {  
  padding:20px;  
}
```

- we probably should have used a button element rather than a link

Built-in filters

limitTo

view1/view1.html

```
<ul class='articles'>
  <li
    ng-repeat='article in articles | limitTo:5'
    ng-class='{archived:article.archived}'
  >
    <br>
    "{{ article.title }}"
    <span ng-show='!hideAuthors'>
      by {{ article.authors }}
    </span>
  </li>
</ul>
```

- what if we only wanted to show a subset of articles?
There are various filters we can chain onto the basic ng-repeat directive. Each filter is chained on using a pipe character
- Limit to 5 articles using the limitTo filter as shown

filter

view1/view1.html

```
<p><label>Search:
  <input type="search" value="" ng-model="userInput">
</label></p>

<p>Searched for: {{ userInput }}</p>

<p ng-show="(articles | filter:userInput).length ==
0"><em>No articles found.</em></p>

<ul class='articles'>
  <li
    ng-repeat='article in articles |
      filter:userInput'
```

- we can reduce the article list based on user input to a text box that we set up as a ng-model
- as its value changes the two statements that do a filter based on userInput are updated automatically
- setting up two filters that do exactly the same thing like this is a bit wasteful – we could have created another scope variable instead to reuse
- filters can be used within controllers too by passing in the filter module

Writing an e2e test

../e2e-tests/scenarios.js – replace “should render view1 when user navigates to /view1”

```
it('reduces the list of articles the user enters a search term',  
    function() {  
  
    expect(element.all(by.css('.articles li')).count()).toBeGreaterThan(1);  
    element(by.css('[ng-model="userInput"]')).sendKeys('Holmes');  
    expect(element.all(by.css('.articles li')).count()).toBe(1);  
  
    });
```

run unit tests (in a new terminal tab, from root of the project)

```
npm run protractor ↵
```

- find out more about Jasmine matchers at <https://github.com/pivotal/jasmine/wiki/Matchers>
- note that unlike the AngularJS tutorial, this uses Protractor <https://github.com/angular/protractor>, which uses WebDriverJS <https://code.google.com/p/selenium/wiki/WebDriverJs>, which is the JS bindings for Selenium

orderBy

view1/view1.html

```
<p>
  <a ng-click="alphabetical = !alphabetical">Change
  sort order</a>
<p>
<ul class='articles'>
  <li ng-repeat='article in articles |
                    orderBy:sortOrder(alphabetical)'
```

view1/view1.js

```
$scope.alphabetical = true;
$scope.sortOrder = function(isAlphabetical) {
  if (isAlphabetical) {
    return ['title', 'published'];
  }
  return ['-title', '-published'];
};
```

- There's a few things going on here
- We have defined the sortOrder as a function in the controller. We pass in the current value of \$scope.alphabetical (this will get updated on the fly as the scope variable changes), and then depending on if it is true or false we return an array of attributes for the Article to use as the sort keys. The first item in the array is the primary sort key, and then if there are duplicate titles we would use the 'published' date as the secondary sort key
- Any sort keys that have a hyphen prepended are used to do the sort in reverse
- We also set up an ng-click link to change \$scope.alphabetical to the opposite of what it is currently set as
- And in the controller we set up \$scope.alphabetical to be true initially.

Writing our own filter

Separating the Author names with commas

view1/view1.html

```
<span ng-show="!hideAuthors">  
  by {{ article.authors | authorList }}  
</span>
```

new file – components/articles/articles-filters.js

```
'use strict';  
  
angular.module('myApp.articles.articles-filters', [])  
  
  .filter('authorList', [function(){  
    return function(array) {  
      return array.join(', ');  
    }  
  }]);
```

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Writing our own directive

Making our article HTML into a directive

index.html

```
<script src="components/articles/articles-directives.js"></script>
```

view1/view1.html

```
<li
  ng-repeat='article in articles |
orderBy:sortOrder(alphabetical) | filter:userInput'
  ng-class='{archived:article.archived}'
>
  <article>
</li>
```

components/articles/article.html

```
<br>“{{ article.title }}"
<span ng-show='!hideAuthors'>by {{ article.authors |
authorList }}</span>
```

- We'll need a new file for our directives that we need to wire in to the index page
- We replace the template snippet within our ng-repeat li with our custom tag. There are a variety of ways we could structure this tag
- The HTML that used to be there now becomes its own template. We could achieve a similar effect to this rather naïve directive by just using a partial template include, but this is a good illustration of a simple directive

Making our article HTML into a directive, continued

components/articles/articles.js

```
...  
'myApp.articles.articles-directives'
```

components/articles/articles-directives.js

```
'use strict';
```

```
angular.module('myApp.articles.articles-directives', [])  
  .directive('article', [function() {  
    return {  
      restrict: 'E',  
      templateUrl: 'components/articles/article.html'  
    };  
  }]);
```

- our articles manifest needs updating
- our new file contains the directive. There are a few things going on here:
 - this directive is restricted to a particular way of being invoked, via E – elements. If we added A we could invoke it via attributes on regular elements
 - there is no scope specified so we inherit the parent scope by default. If we wanted this directive to be reusable in lots of place we might consider making the scope isolated
 - we are referencing a template file. We could have just specified a string here rather than a URL. We can also transclude content, wrapping it in other markup. We also might write directives that handle e.g. events and don't output any markup at all
 - We could have attached controllers to the directive so that it has functionality associated to it

Other built in stuff of interest

Services: [location](#), [window](#), [q](#), [animate](#), [sanitize](#)

Filters: [date](#), [currency](#), [lowercase](#)

Directives: [paste](#), [switch](#), [angularUI](#)

...loads more, [read the docs!](#)

Other resources

Official tutorial

Todo MVC

Coming from a jQuery background

Very simple todo app, step by step

Project structure best practice

<http://docs.angularjs.org/tutorial/index>

<http://todomvc.com/architecture-examples/angularjs/>

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/14994391/how-do-i-think-in-angularjs-if-i-have-a-jquery-background>

[https://github.com/jenofdoom/summer-of-tech-js-boo
tcamp](https://github.com/jenofdoom/summer-of-tech-js-bootcamp)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XXMvReO8-
Awi1EZXAXS4PzDzdNvV6pGcuaF4Q9821Es/mobilebasi
c?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XXMvReO8-Awi1EZXAXS4PzDzdNvV6pGcuaF4Q9821Es/mobilebasics?pli=1)