

Angular View Encapsulation Strategies

2. Shadow DOM Encapsulation (ViewEncapsulation.ShadowDom)

- Uses native Shadow DOM APIs for style encapsulation.
- Styles are scoped within a shadow root (`#shadow-root`).
- Host and content styles do not leak in or out.

Pros: True isolation, aligns with Web Components.

Cons: Limited browser support, increased DOM complexity.

3. None (ViewEncapsulation.None)

- No encapsulation; styles are global.
- All component styles are added to the global stylesheet.

Pros: Simple and performant.

Cons: High risk of style conflicts across components.

Summary Table

Encapsulation | Isolation | Clash Risk | Shadow DOM | Use Case

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Emulated | Scoped | Low | No | Default, All browsers

Shadow DOM | True | None | Yes | Web Components, Libs

None | None | High | No | Global themes, Small apps

Default Encapsulation Behavior

- Angular uses ViewEncapsulation.Emulated by default.
- No need to explicitly specify it unless you want clarity or override.
- The default provides scoped styles via rewritten selectors and is compatible across all browsers.

How View Encapsulation Works Under the Hood

- Angular rewrites CSS selectors at compile-time using `_ngghost` and `_ngcontent` attributes.
- `:host` becomes `[_ngghost-xyz]`, and element selectors become `[ngcontent-xyz]`.
- In Shadow DOM mode, Angular uses `attachShadow()` and places template/styles in `ShadowRoot`.
- In None mode, styles are added globally without scoping.

Interactions:

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- Emulated: Scoped styles using rewritten selectors.
- Shadow DOM: Styles truly encapsulated using browser APIs.
- None: Styles leak globally.