

Unit Testing with Timeouts and Intervals



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How do we use Angular's **\$timeout** and **\$interval** services in our unit tests?

\$timeout

Angular's wrapper for window.setTimeout

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout([fn], [delay], [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout(function() {  
    console.log('I was delayed');  
}, [delay], [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout(function() {  
    console.log('I was delayed');  
}, 1000, [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout(function() {  
    console.log('I was delayed');  
}, 1000, true, [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout(function() {  
    console.log('I was delayed');  
}, 1000, false, [pass]);
```


AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout(function() {  
    $scope.counter += 1;  
}, 1000, false, [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
$timeout(function(msg) {  
    console.log(msg);  
}, 1000, false, 'I was delayed');
```

AngularJS \$timeout Service

```
var delayedMessage = $timeout(function() {  
    console.log('I was delayed');  
}, 3000);  
  
$timeout.cancel(delayedMessage);
```

Unit Testing Challenges with \$timeout

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\$timeout

ngMock's wrapper for \$timeout

ngMock \$timeout Service

```
$timeout.flush( [delay] );
```


ngMock \$timeout Service

```
$timeout.flush( [delay] );  
$timeout.verifyNoPendingTasks( );
```

`$interval`

Angular's wrapper for `window.setInterval`

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval(fn, delay, [count], [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval(function() {  
    console.log('I run at intervals');  
}, delay, [count], [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval(function() {  
    console.log('I run at intervals');  
}, 1000, [count], [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval(function() {  
    console.log('I run at intervals');  
}, 1000, 3, [invokeApply], [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval(function() {  
    console.log('I run at intervals');  
}, 1000, 3, false, [pass]);
```

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval(function(msg) {  
    console.log(msg);  
}, 1000, 3, false, 'I run at intervals');
```


AngularJS \$interval Service

```
var interval = $interval(function() {  
    console.log('I run at intervals');  
}, 1000);  
  
$interval.cancel(interval);
```

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- Asynchronous code is difficult to test
- Delays will make test execution slow
- How to advance through time?

\$interval

ngMock's mock implementation of the
\$interval service

AngularJS \$interval Service

```
$interval.flush( [millis] );
```