**Understanding Directives**

* **Components Directives**

Components are the most common of the three directives. You saw a component for the first time in the Getting Started. Angular components are a subset of directives, always associated with a template. Unlike other directives, only one component can be instantiated per an element in a template.

* **Attribute Directives**

Attribute Directives are called like this because they sit on elements just like attributes.

**For example:** An Attribute directive changes the appearance or behavior of a DOM element but never destroys the element for the DOM like: ***ngStyle***.

* **Structural Directives**

Structural Directives basically do the same as Attribute directives but they also change the structure of the DOM around the particular element.

**For example:** If you have ***\*ngIf***  on a paragraph and if that condition is false then that paragraph is removed from the DOM.