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## Angular Module 7 - Forms

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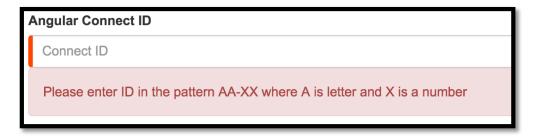
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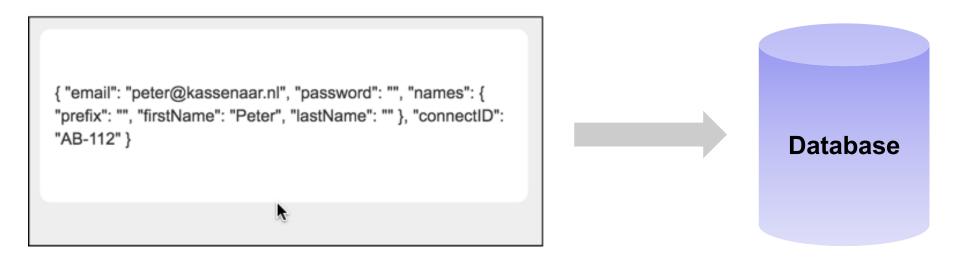
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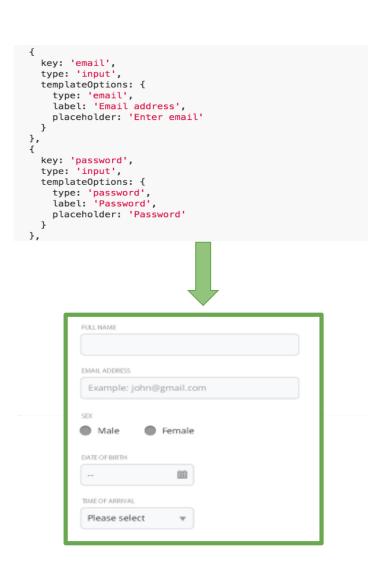
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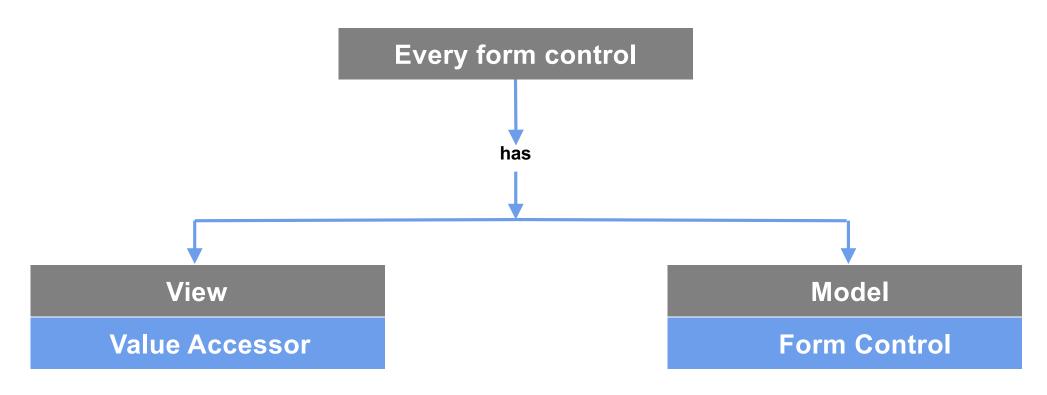
#### **Template Driven Forms**

- Source of truth is the Template
- Define templates. Angular generates form model o/t fly
- Less descriptive
- Quickly Build simple forms –
   Less control
- Less testable

## Model Driven (Reactive Forms)

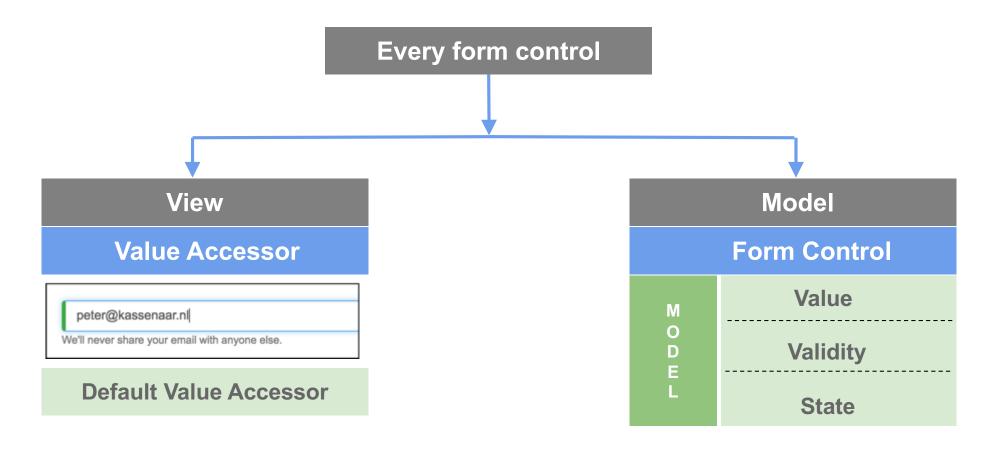
- Source of truth is the component class / directive
- Instantiate Form model and Control model yourself
- More Descriptive
- Code all the details. Takes more time, gives more control
- Very good testable

#### **Angular 2 Forms - Fundamentals**



**Retrieves value from HTML controls** 

**Maintains model in component** 



```
export abstract class AbstractControl {
       _value: any;
    private _status: string;
    private _errors: {[key: string]: any};
    private _pristine: boolean = true;
    private _touched: boolean = false;
    get value(): any { return this._value; }
    get valid(): boolean { return this._status === VALID; }
    abstract setValue(value: any, options?: Object): void;
```

#### Summary – what have we learned so far

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**Template Driven Forms** 

Less to code

**Model Driven Forms** 

More to code

3

Model

Value/Validity/State

#### **Angular 2 – Types of Forms**

Template Driven forms

Model Driven forms

#### Let's build a template driven form!

• Step 1 - Add (or check) FormsModule in app/main.ts

```
import {platformBrowserDynamic} from '@angular/platform-browser-dynamic';
import {FormsModule} from '@angular/forms';
import {AppModule} from './app.module';
```

#### Step 2 - Add FormsModule to app.module.ts

```
import {NgModule} from '@angular/core';
import {BrowserModule} from '@angular/platform-browser';
import {FormsModule} from '@angular/forms';
import {AppComponent} from './app.component';
@NgModule({
              : [BrowserModule, FormsModule],
   imports
   declarations: [AppComponent],
   bootstrap : [AppComponent]
})
export class AppModule {
```

#### **Step 3 – write form in HTML**

```
<form novalidate>
   <div class="form-group">
      <label for="inputEmail">Email address</label>
      <input type="email" class="form-control" id="inputEmail"</pre>
            placeholder="Enter email" name="email">
      <small class="form-text text-muted">
         We'll never share your email with anyone else.
      </small>
   </div>
   <div class="form-group">
      <label for="inputPassword">Password</label>
      <input type="password" class="form-control" id="inputPassword"</pre>
            placeholder="Password" name="password">
   </div>
   <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Submit</button>
</form>
```

This is just plain HTML. No Angular stuff here...

#### Step 4. Defining a Template Driven Form

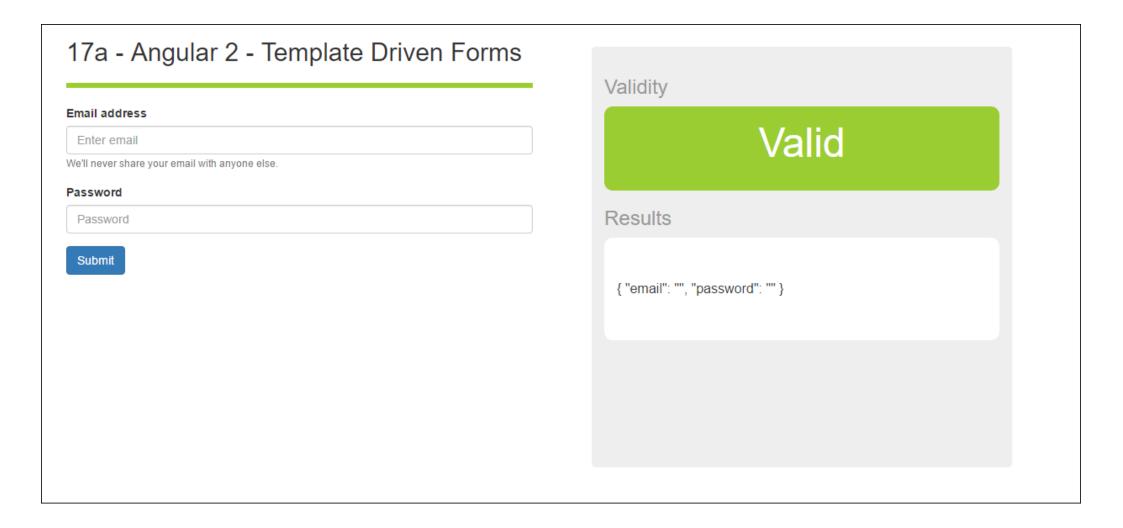
- Add #myForm="ngForm" to the <form> tag
  - This declares a local variable with the name #myForm to the <form> element. It is of type NgForm
- Add ngModel to each and every form field
  - No value necessary

#### **Just checking – Sample results pane**

Just to show runtime results of the Validity and Value of the form using

```
myForm.valid
myForm.value
```

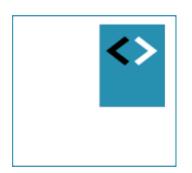
#### **Results so far**



#### Checkpoint

- The #myForm exposes the value and the validity of the form as a whole.
- ngModel adds the individual controls to the #myForm.
- You can now check it's value and state in the results pane
- Try what happens if you remove one of the ngModel directives!

Check for yourself: the value of a form is a JSON-object.



# Addressing individual controls

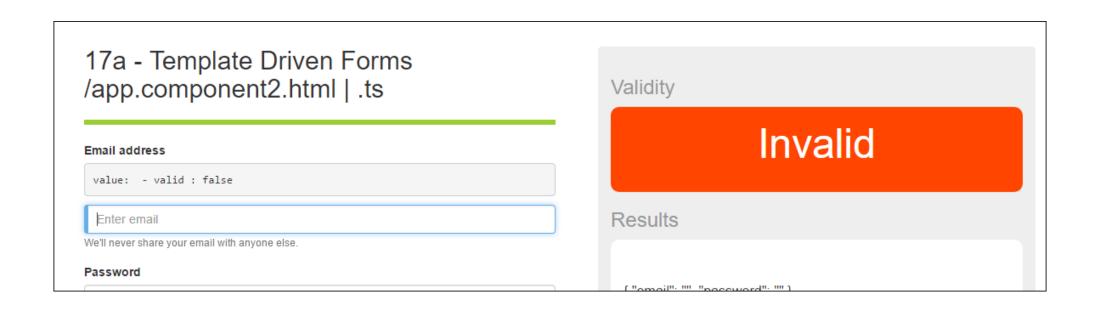
#### Retrieve values from individual controls

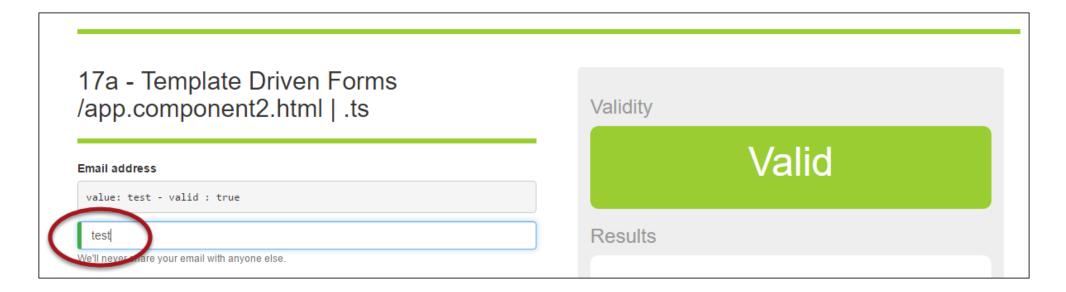
- Do the same as with the form
- Add for example #email="ngModel" to input field
- Now, the value, validity and state (i.e. its ValueAccessors!) are accessible through the local template variable

#### **Required fields**

- Add HTML5 attribute required to the input field.
- No checking on type yet!
  - It's just required.

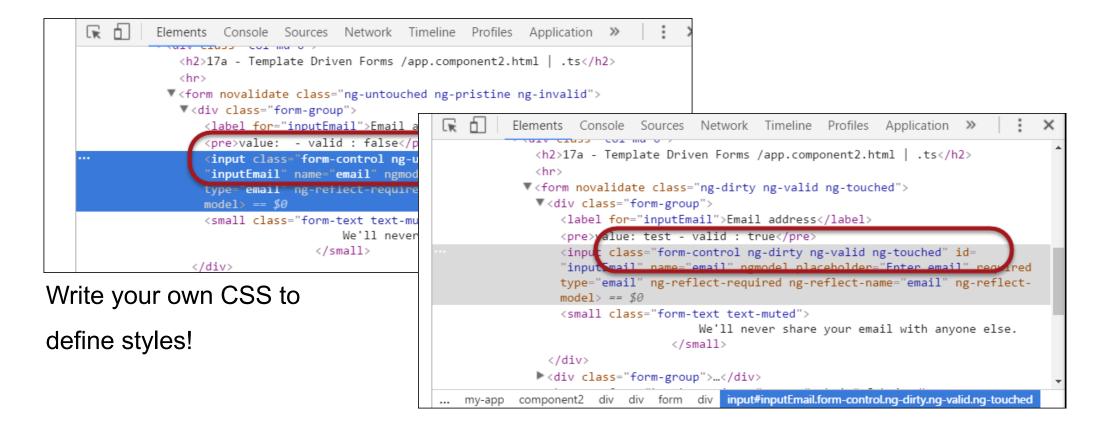
```
<input type="email" class="form-control" id="inputEmail"
    placeholder="Enter email" name="email" ngModel #email="ngModel" required>
```

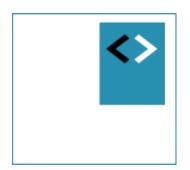




#### **Angular classes and checks**

- Angular adds classes to the rendered HTML to indicate state
  - ng-untouched / ng-touched,
  - ng-pristine / ng-dirty
  - ng-invalid / ng-valid





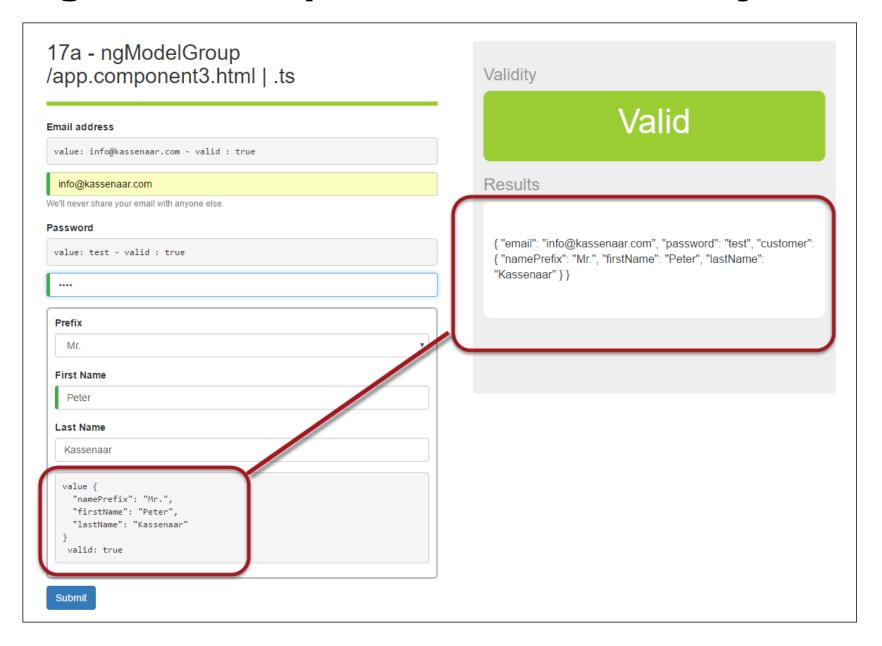
# Using ngModelGroup

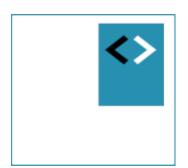
#### Adding ngModelGroup

Combining form fields into logical groups

Use a local template variable (i.e. #customer="ngModelGroup") only if you want to have access to the state and validity of the group as a wole.

#### ngModelGroup creates a nested object





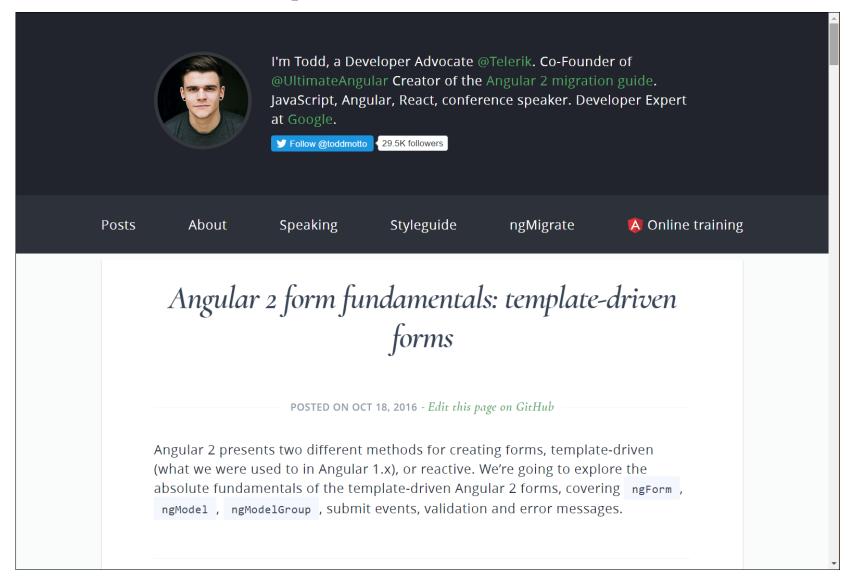
# Submitting forms

#### Define a (click) handler on the button

- Only activate the button if the form is valid
- Pass myForm as a parameter
- Note: no actual need for two-way databinding with [(ngModel)]

```
<button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary"</pre>
       (click)="onSubmit(myForm)"
       [disabled]="!myForm.valid">
   Submit
</button>
onSubmit(form){
  console.log('Form submitted: ', form.value);
  alert('Form submitted!' + JSON.stringify(form.value))
```

#### **More on Template Driven Forms**



https://toddmotto.com/angular-2-forms-template-driven



### **Model Driven Forms**

Or: Reactive Forms

#### **Reactive Forms**

- Based on reactive programming we already know
  - Events, Event Emitters
  - Observables
- Every form control is an observable!

```
export abstract class AbstractControl {
    ...
    private _valueChanges: EventEmitter<any>;
    ...
    get valueChanges(): Observable<any> {
        return this._valueChanges;
    }
    ...
}
```

#### **Differences - key things to remember**

- No more ngForm → use [formGroup]
- No more ngModel → use formControlName
- Import {ReactiveFormsModule} from '@angular/forms'
- Form state lives in the Component, not in the View
- Possible validations are in the Component, not in the View

- The view is not generated for you.
- You need to write the HTML yourself

#### Form Controls are observables

- Import & instantiate in the Component
- Build your model in constructor or ngOnInit.
- Listen to changes (.subscribe()) and act accordingly:

```
export class AppComponent1 implements OnInit {

   myReactiveForm: FormGroup;

   constructor(private formBuilder: FormBuilder) {
   }

   ngOnInit() {
     this.myReactiveForm = this.formBuilder.group({
        email : ``,
        password: ``
    })
   }
}
```

#### Subscribe to those observables

```
// 1. complete form
this.myReactiveForm.valueChanges.subscribe((value)=>{
   console.log(value);
});
// 2. watch just one control
this.myReactiveForm.get('email').valueChanges.subscribe((value)=>{
   console.log(value);
});
```



# Building reactive forms

## **Step 1 – import ReactiveFormsModule**

• app.module.ts

```
import {NgModule} from '@angular/core';
import {BrowserModule} from '@angular/platform-browser';
import {FormsModule, ReactiveFormsModule} from '@angular/forms';
import
@NgModule({
   imports : [
      BrowserModule,
      FormsModule,
      ReactiveFormsModule,
export class AppModule {
```

#### Step 2 - use [formGroup] and formControlName

```
<form novalidate [formGroup]="myReactiveForm">
  <div class="form-group">
      <label for="inputEmail">Email address</label>
      <input type="email" class="form-control" id="inputEmail"</pre>
            placeholder="Enter email" name="email"
            formControlName="email">
   </div>
   // all other controls
</form>
```

# **Step 3 – Build your form in Component**

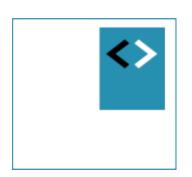
```
export class AppComponent1 implements OnInit {
   myReactiveForm: FormGroup;
   constructor(private formBuilder: FormBuilder) {
   ngOnInit() {
     // 1. Define the model of Reactive Form.
     // Notice the nested formBuilder.group() for group Customer
      this.myReactiveForm = this.formBuilder.group({
         email : ``,
         password: ``,
         customer: this.formBuilder.group({
            prefix: ``,
            firstName: ``,
            lastName: ``
         })
      })
```

#### **Subscribe to changes**

```
ngOnInit() {
   // 2. Subscribe to changes at form level or...
   this.myReactiveForm.valueChanges.subscribe((value)=>{
      console.log('Changes at form level: ', value);
   });
   // 3. Subscribe to changes at control level.
   this.myReactiveForm.get('email').valueChanges.subscribe((value)=>{
      console.log('Changes at control level: ', value);
   });
```

#### Submitting a reactive form

- Can be based on .valueChanges() (though not very likely) for any given form control or complete form
- Use just .click() event handler for submit button



# Form Validation

#### 1. Validating Template driven forms

Use HTML5-attributes like required, pattern,
minlength and so on.

Under the hood, these are actually Angular directives!

Angular adds/removes corresponding classes.

## **Validating reactive forms**

No more declarative attributes required, minlength, maxlength and so on.

Add Validator on the component class instead.

Configure validator per your needs.

#### **Angular built-in validators**

angular/modules/@angular/forms/src/validators.ts

```
export class Validators {
    static required(control: AbstractControl): {[key: string]: boolean} {
    static minLength(minLength: number): ValidatorFn {
    static maxLength(maxLength: number): ValidatorFn {
    }
    static pattern(pattern: string): ValidatorFn {
    static nullValidator(c: AbstractControl): {
```

## **Adding default Validators**

Adding Validators to class definition

```
email : ['', Validators.required],
```

Multiple validations? Add an array of Validators, using

```
Validators.compose()
```

```
this.myReactiveForm = this.formBuilder.group({
    email : ['', Validators.required],
    password: ['', Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(6)])],
    confirm: ['', Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(6)])],
    ...
});
```

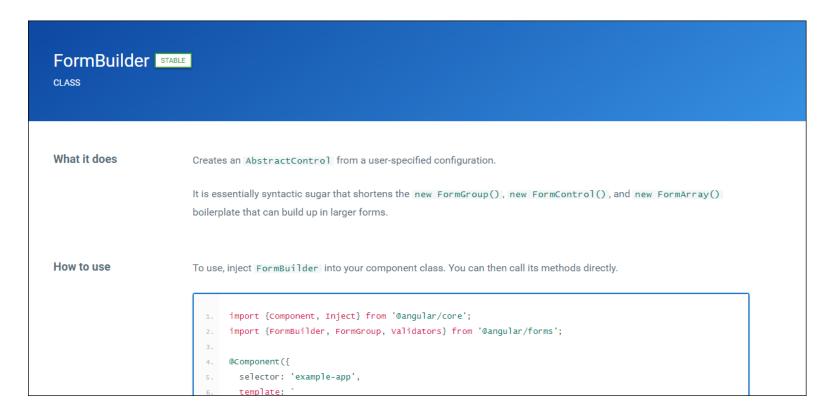
#### **Adding Custom Validators**

- Creating a Password-confirm validator
- Steps:
  - 1. Create a validation function, taking AbstractControl as a parameter
  - 2. Write your logic
  - 3. Don't forget: pass the function in as a configuration parameter for the group or form you are validating!

```
function passwordMatcher(control: AbstractControl) {
   return control.get('password').value === control.get('confirm').value
      ? null : {'nomatch': true};
   // we *could* return just true/false here, but by returning an object
   // we're more flexible in composing our validators.
this.myReactiveForm = this.formBuilder.group({
        : ['', Validators.required],
  email
  password: ['', Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(6)])],
  confirm : ['', Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(6)])],
 },
{validator: passwordMatcher} // pass in the validator function
);
```

#### More on FormBuilder class

- https://angular.io/docs/ts/latest/api/forms/index/FormBuilderclass.html
- Information on using and configuring FormBuilder





# Subscribing to form events

Working with Observables (again). Typeahead demo

#### **Define a form**

#### **Define component**

• Compose a class, subscribe to .valueChanges() event

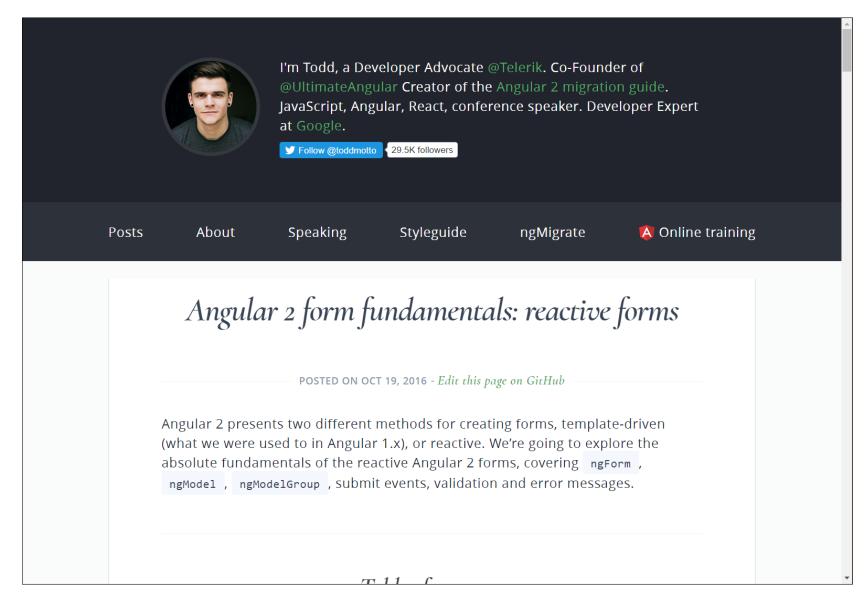
```
import {Http, Response} from '@angular/http';
import {Observable} from 'rxjs/Observable'
import {FormControl, FormGroup} from "@angular/forms";
// import just the operators we need, not import 'rxjs/Rx'
import 'rxjs/add/operator/map';
import 'rxjs/add/operator/switchMap';
import 'rxjs/add/operator/debounceTime';
// define some constants
const BASE URL = 'https://www.googleapis.com/youtube/v3/search';
const API KEY = 'AIzaSyBdi3LXzf1xWXOAVgAwNkGvjnM1TwSV4VU';
// compose a url to search for, based on a query/keyword
const makeURL = (query: string) => `${BASE URL}?q=${query}&part=snippet&key=${API KEY}`;
```

```
@Component({
   selector : 'component1',
  templateUrl: 'app/component1/app.component1.html'
})
export class AppComponent1 implements OnInit {
   videos: Observable<any[]>;
  // compose our form
   searchYouTube = new FormControl();
   searchForm
                = new FormGroup({
      searchYouTube: this.searchYouTube,
  });
   constructor(private http: Http) {
   }
   ngOnInit() {
     // subscribe to Youtube input textbox and bind async (see html)
     this.videos = this.searchYouTube.valueChanges
         .debounceTime(600)
                                          // wait for 600ms to hit the API
         .map(query => makeURL(query))
                                             // turn keyword into a real youtube-URL
         .switchMap(url => this.http.get(url)) // wait for, and switch to the Observable that my http get ...
         .map((res: Response) => res.json()) // map its response to json
         .map(response => response.items); // unwrap the response and return only the items array
   }
```

# **Reactive forms examples**

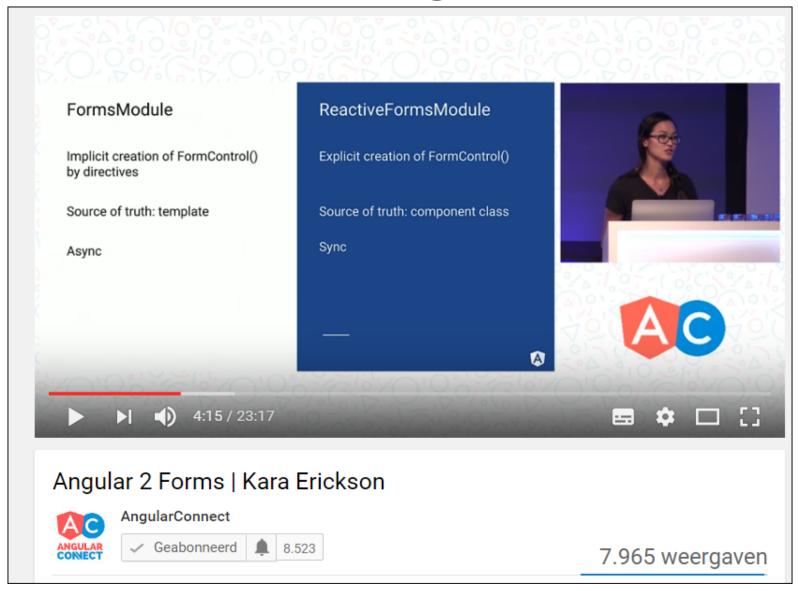
- See 502 as an example
  - YouTube Search
  - Wikipedia Search

#### **More on Reactive Forms**



https://toddmotto.com/angular-2-forms-reactive

# **Kara Erickson on Angular Forms**



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYv9lsrV0s4

#### Automated form and template generation, based on a form model:



https://formly-js.github.io/ngx-formly/