Angular Fundamentals
Module 7 – Forms

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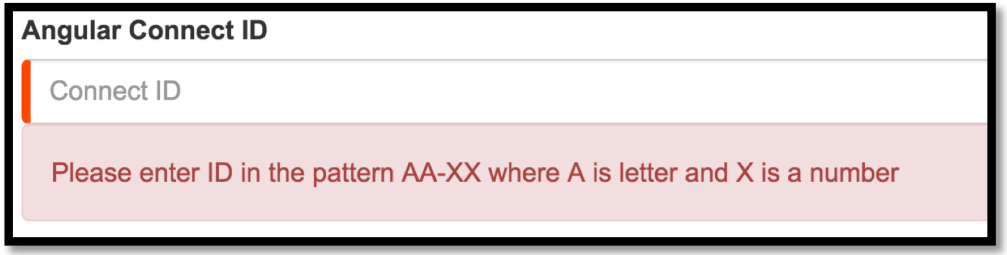

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```
{
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  type: 'input',
  templateOptions: {
    type: 'email',
    label: 'Email address',
    placeholder: 'Enter email'
  }
},
{
  key: 'password',
  type: 'input',
  templateOptions: {
    type: 'password',
    label: 'Password',
    placeholder: 'Password'
  }
},
```

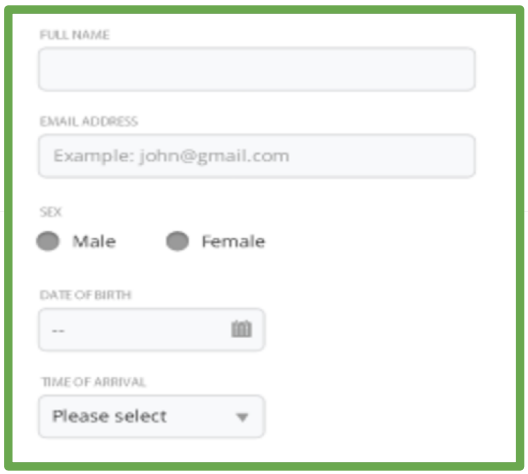

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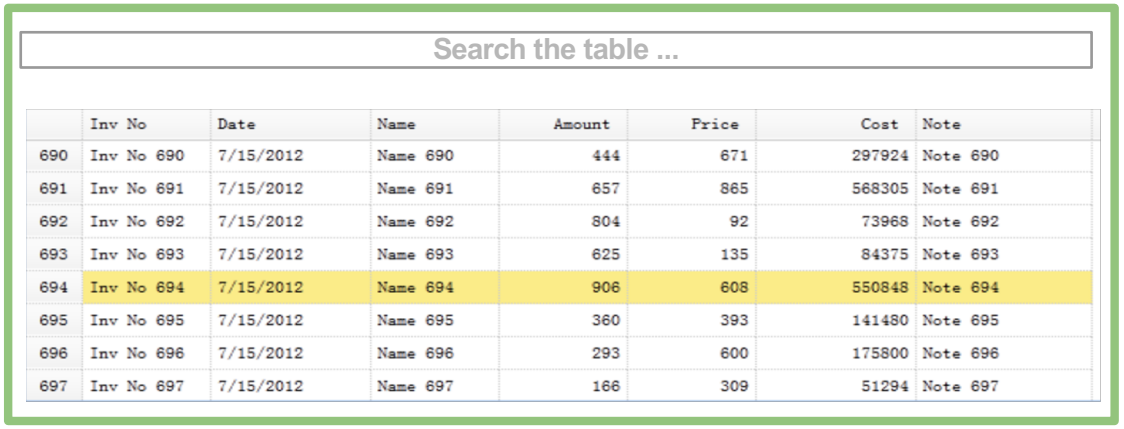

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- Custom Controls & Custom Validation

Angular 2 – Types of Forms

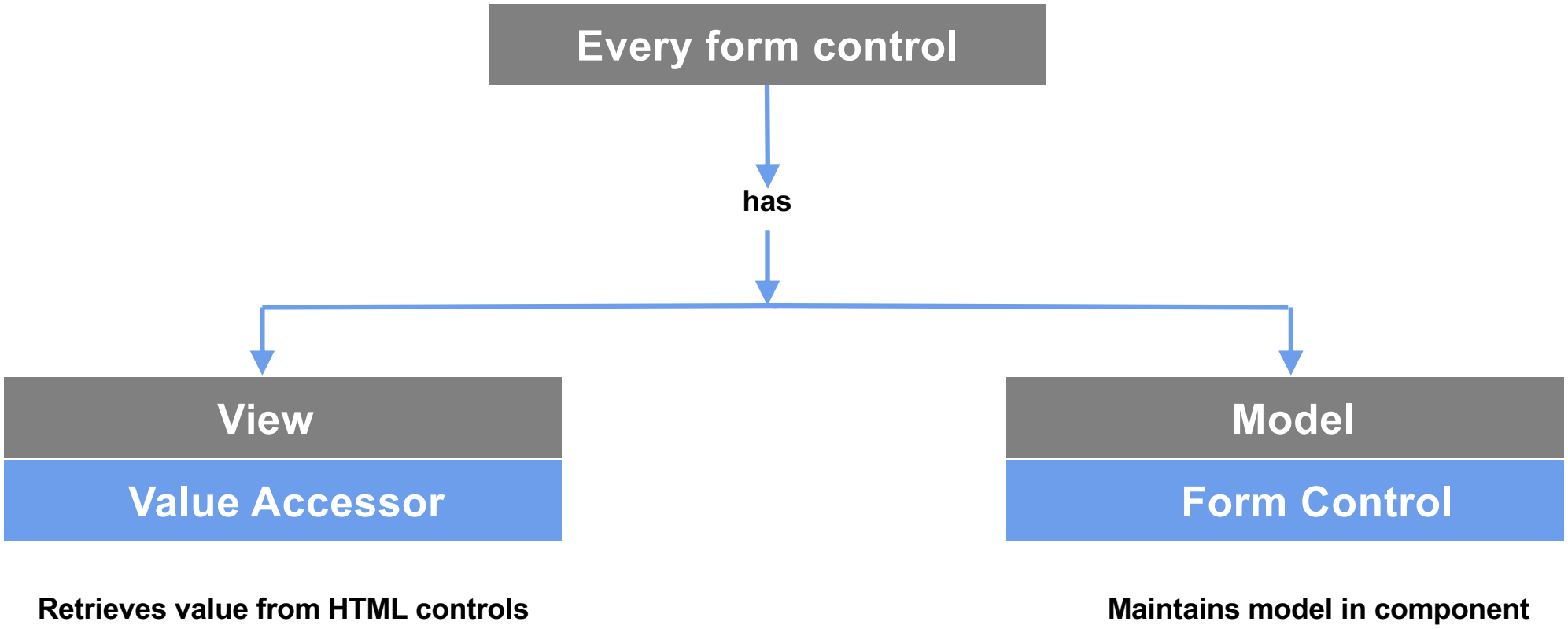
Template Driven forms

Model Driven forms

Angular 2 – Types of Forms

Template Driven Forms	Model Driven (Reactive Forms)
• Source of truth is the Template	• Source of truth is the component class / directive
• Define templates. Angular generates form model o/t fly	• Instantiate Form model and Control model yourself
• Less descriptive	• More Descriptive
• Quickly Build simple forms – Less control	• Code all the details. Takes more time, gives more control
• Less testable	• Very good testable

Angular 2 Forms - Fundamentals



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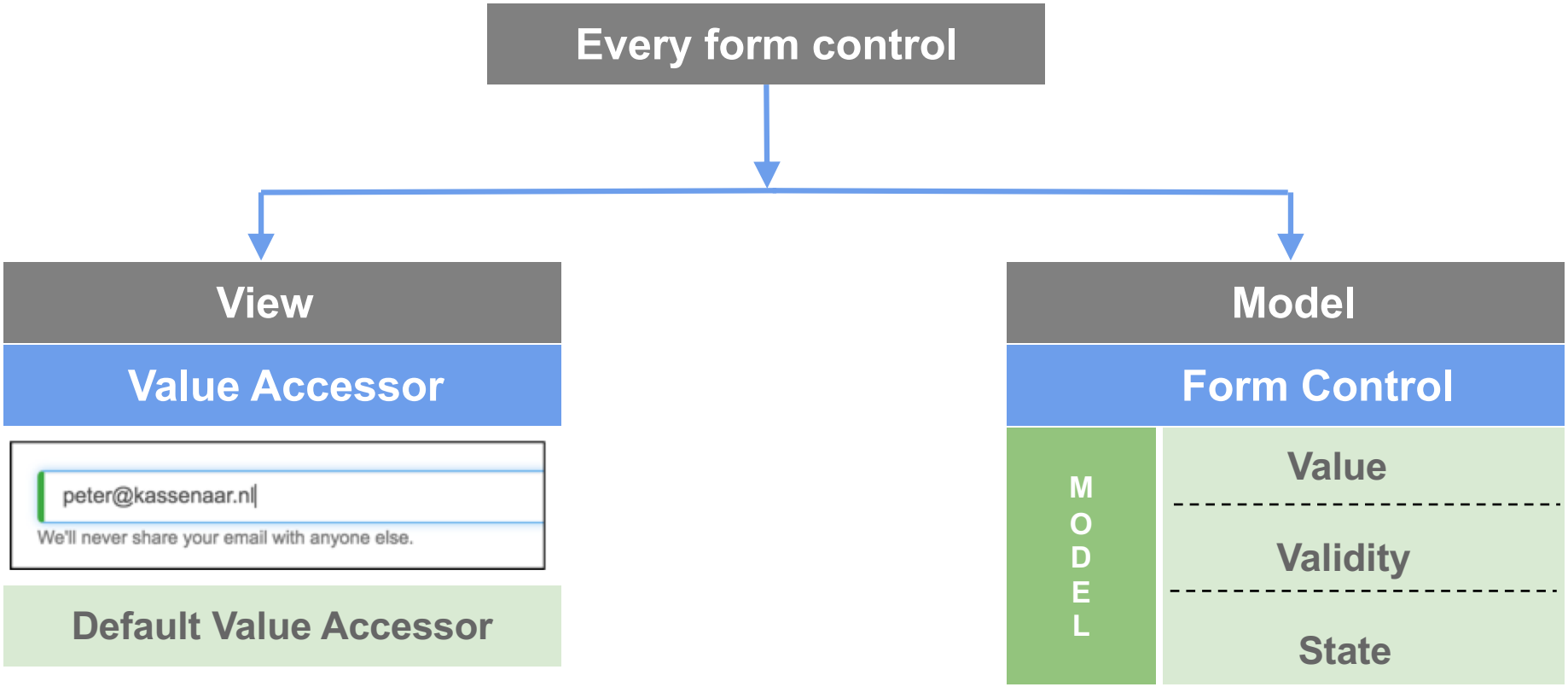
Every form control
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Value Accessor
peter@kassenaar.nl
We'll never share your email with anyone else.
Default Value Accessor
Model
Form Control
MODEL
Value
Validity
State

```
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;
    …
}
```

https://github.com/angular/angular/blob/master/modules/%40angular/forms/src/model.ts

Summary – what have we learned so far

1

Template Driven Forms

Less to code

2

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({
   imports     : [BrowserModule, FormsModule],
   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"
            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"
            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

```
<form #myForm="ngForm">
   <div class="form-group">
         <input type="email" class="form-control" id="inputEmail"
            placeholder="Enter email" name="email" ngModel>
   </div>
   <div class="form-group">
         <input type="password" class="form-control" ngModel
            id="inputPassword" placeholder="Password" name="password">
   </div>
```

Just checking – Sample results pane

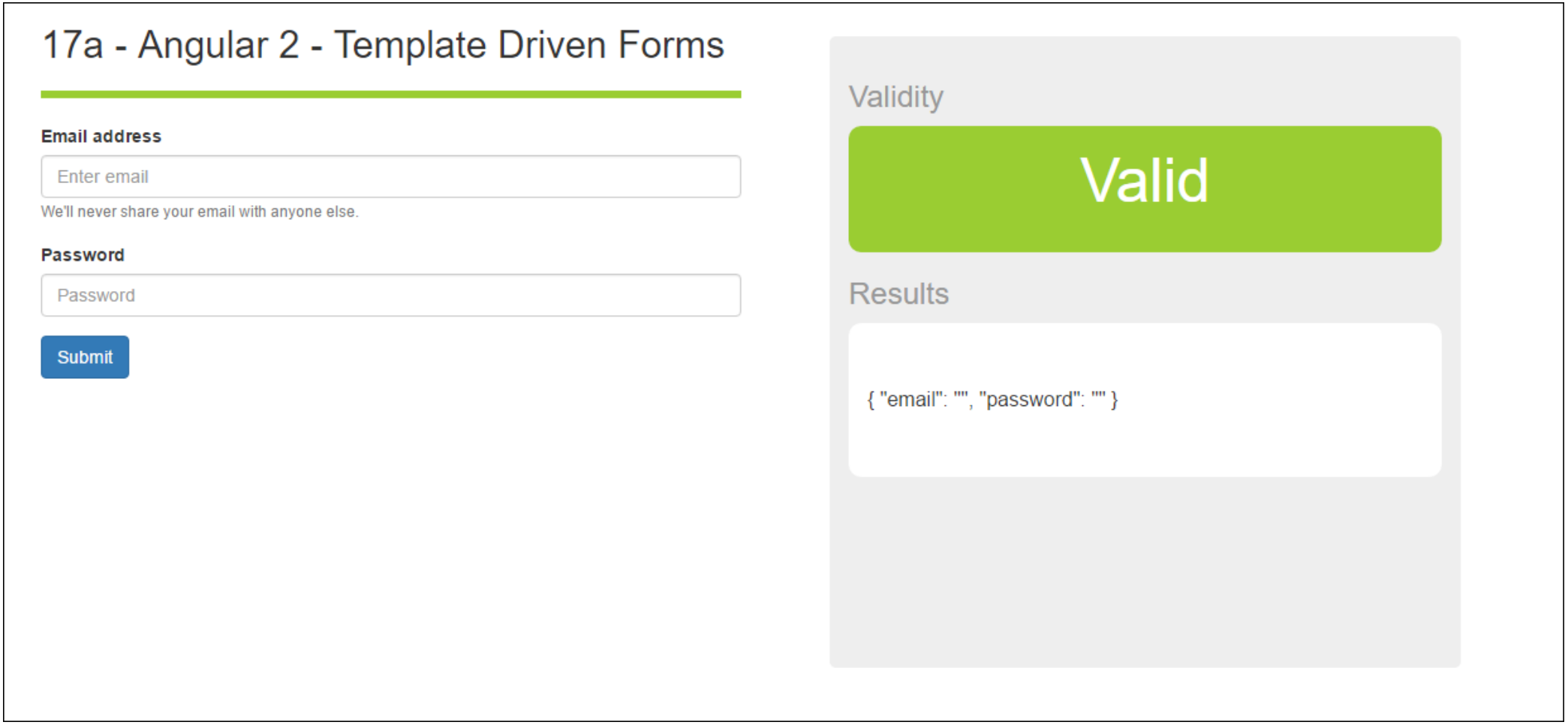
```
<div class="form-result">
   <h3>Validity</h3>
   <div class="validity" [ngClass]="{'invalid-form': !myForm.valid}">
      <div *ngIf="myForm.valid">Valid</div>
      <div *ngIf="!myForm.valid">Invalid</div>
   </div>
   <h3>Results</h3>
   <div class="result">
      {{ myForm.value | json}}
   </div>
</div>
```

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

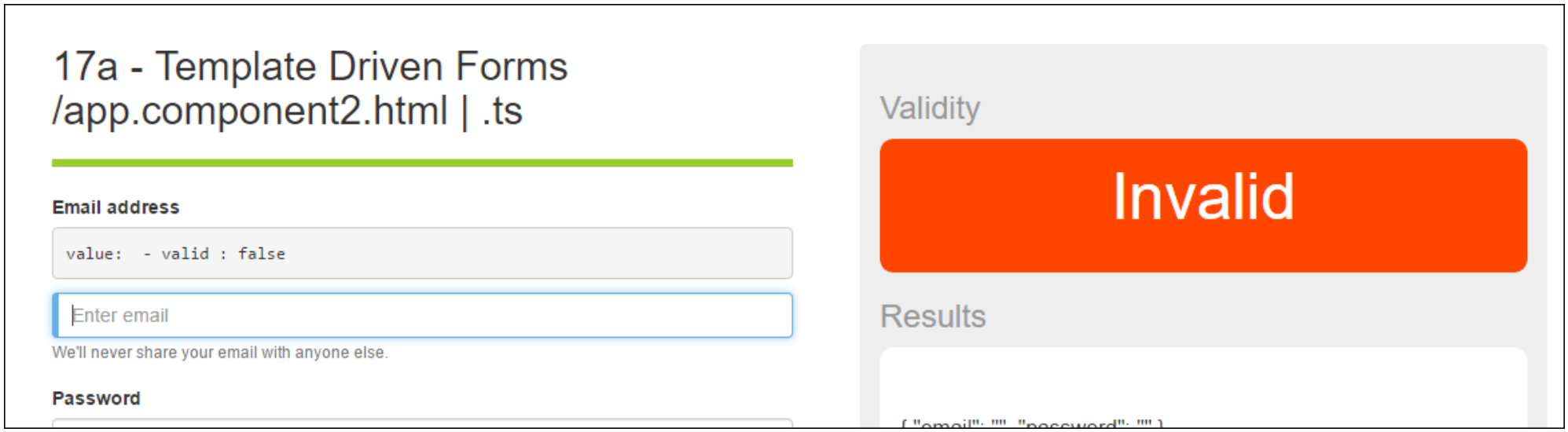
- Do the same as with the form
- Add for example `#email="ngModel"` to input field
- Now, the value, validity and state (i.e. its `ValueAccessors`!) are accessible through the local template variable

```
<label for="inputEmail">Email address</label>
<pre>value: {{ email.value }} - valid : {{ email.valid}}</pre>
<input type="email" class="form-control" id="inputEmail"
      placeholder="Enter email" name="email" ngModel #email="ngModel">
<small class="form-text text-muted">
   We'll never share your email with anyone else.
</small>
```

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>
```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/app.component2.html | .ts
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value: - valid : false
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We'll never share your email with anyone else.
Password
Validity
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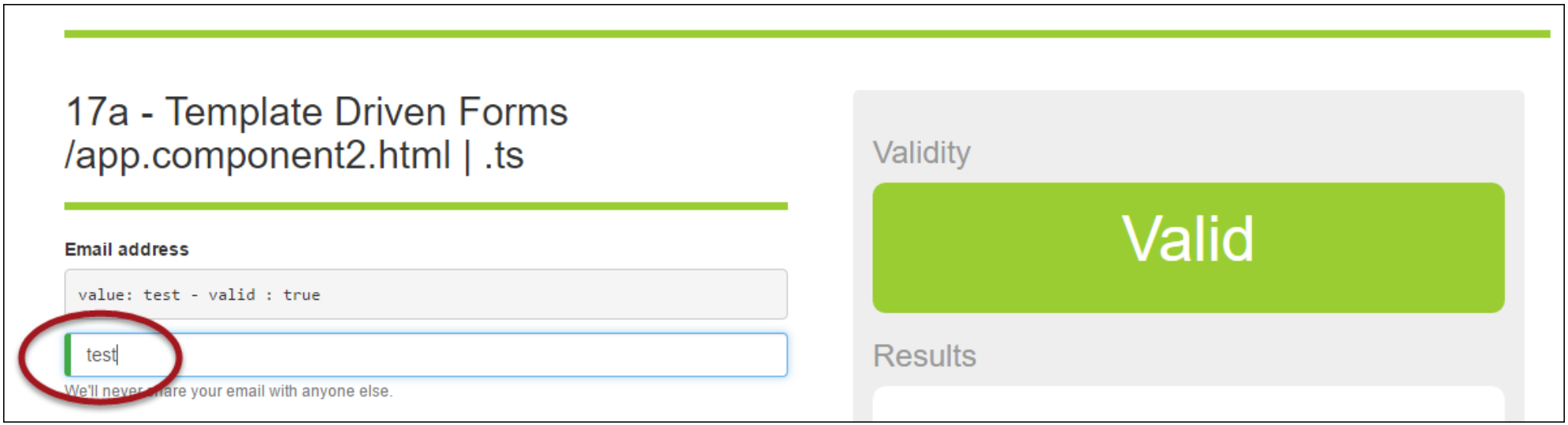
Results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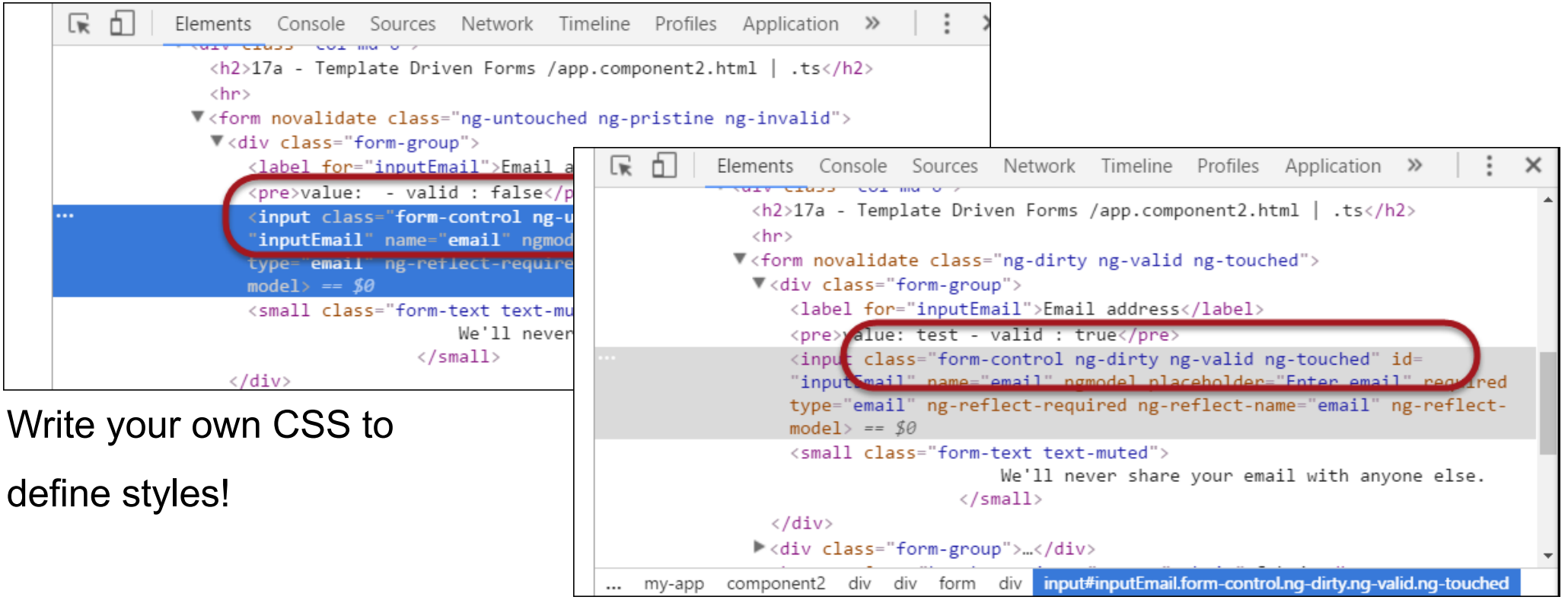
Valid
Results

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`



Write your own CSS to define styles!

Using ngModelGroup

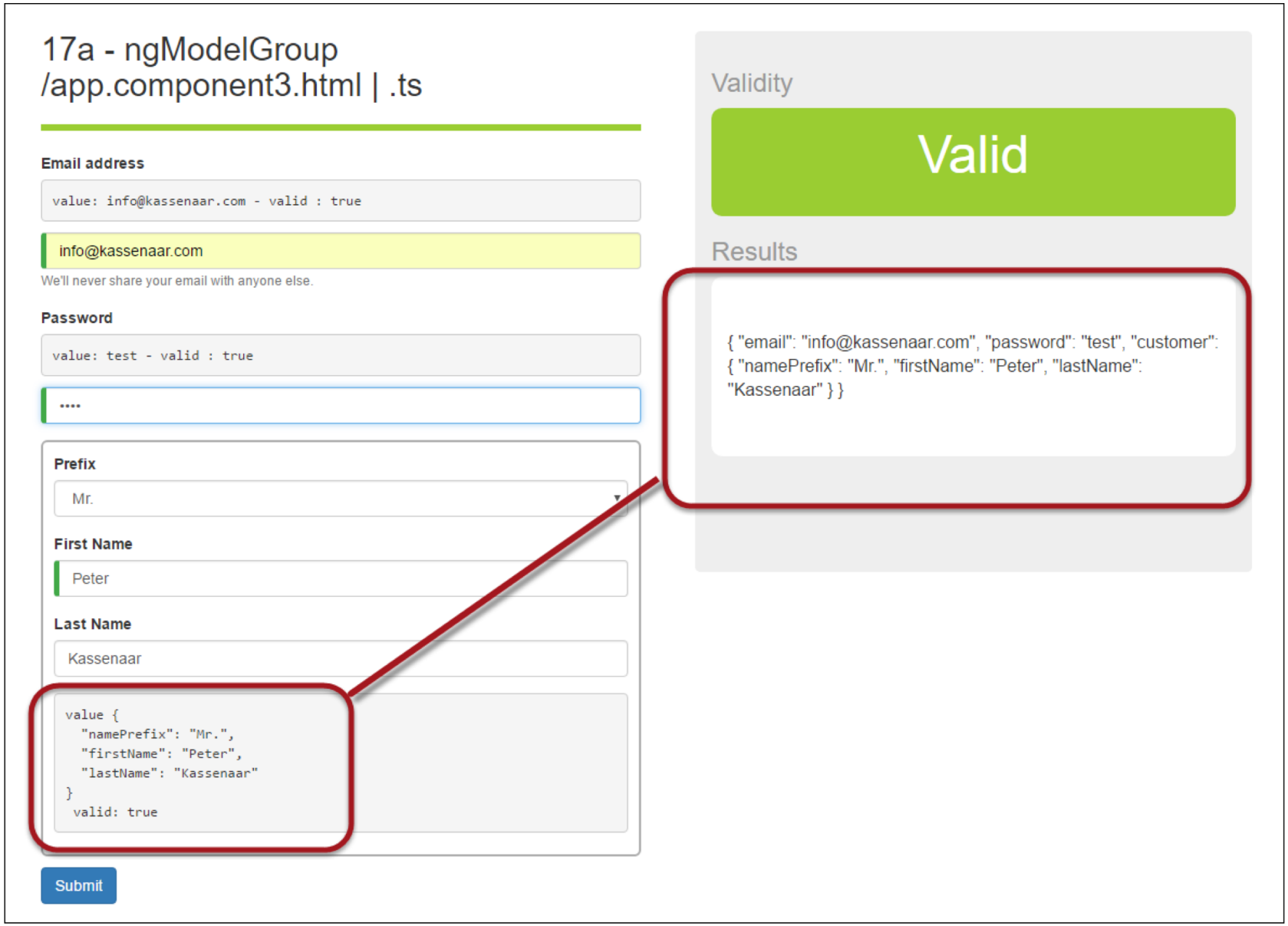
Adding ngModelGroup

- Combining form fields into logical groups

```
<div ngModelGroup="customer" #customer="ngModelGroup">
   <div class="form-group">
      …
   </div>
</div>
```

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"
        (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"
            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

```
<button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary"
      (click)="onSubmit()"
      [disabled]="!myReactiveForm.valid">
   Submit
</button>
```

```
onSubmit() {
   console.log('Form submitted: ', this.myReactiveForm.value);
   // TODO: do something useful with form
}
```

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.

```
<input type="password" class="form-control" ngModel
       id="inputPassword" placeholder="Password" name="password"

 #pw="ngModel" required minlength="6">
```

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

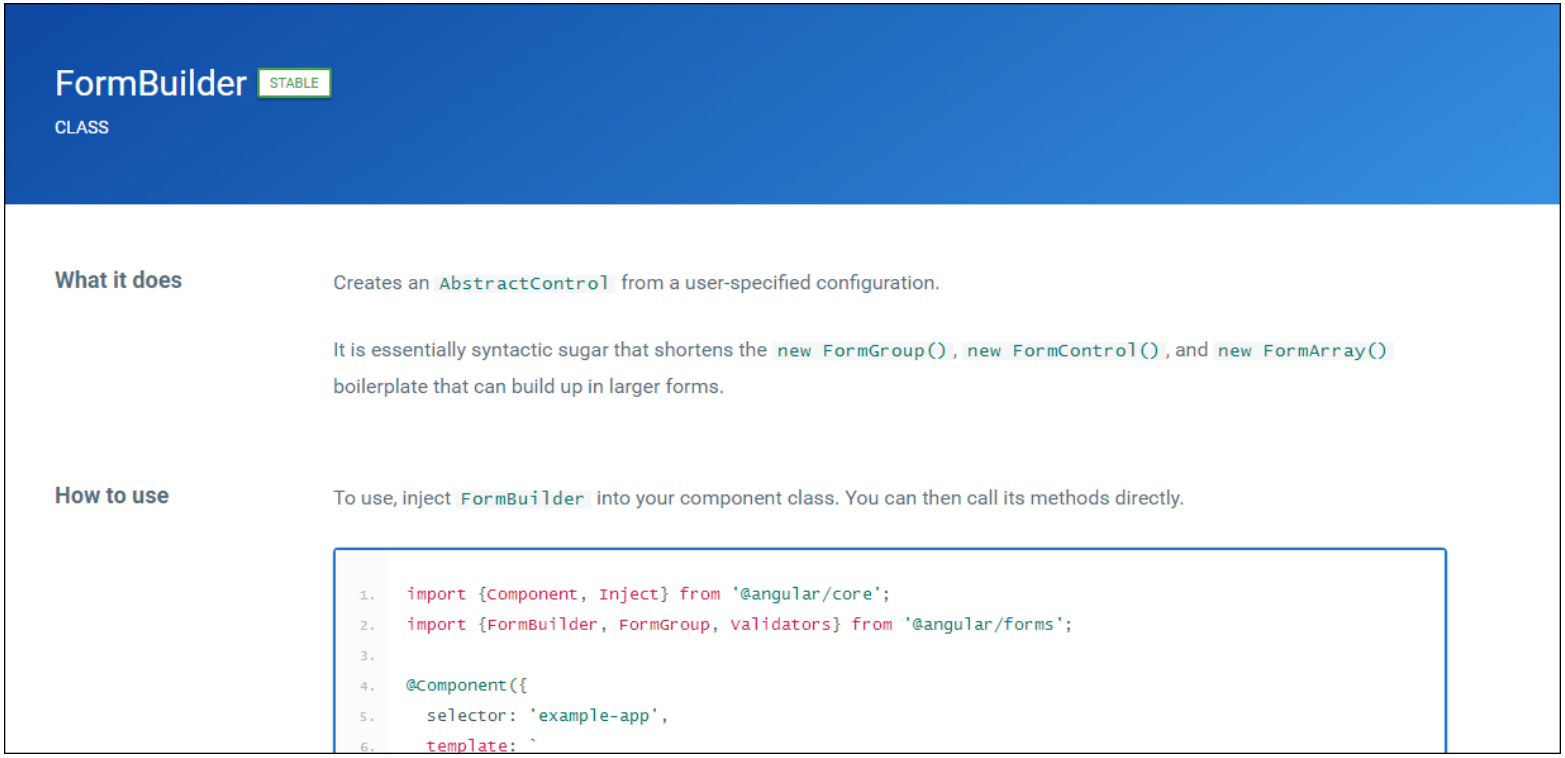
- Creating a Password-confirm validator
- Steps:
  1. Create a validation function, taking `AbstractControl` as a parameter
  2. Write your logic
  3. Don’t forget: pass the function in as a configuration parameter for the group or form you are validating!

```
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({
   email   : ['', Validators.required],
   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/FormBuilder-class.html
- Information on using and configuring FormBuilder



FormBuilder STABLE

CLASS

What it does

Creates an `AbstractControl` from a user-specified configuration.

It is essentially syntactic sugar that shortens the `new FormGroup()`, `new FormControl()`, and `new FormArray()` boilerplate that can build up in larger forms.

How to use

To use, inject `FormBuilder` into your component class. You can then call its methods directly.

```
1. import {Component, Inject} from '@angular/core';
2. import {FormBuilder, FormGroup, Validators} from '@angular/forms';
3.
4. @Component({
5.   selector: 'example-app',
6.   template: `
```

Subscribing to form events

Working with Observables (again). Typeahead demo

Define a form

```
<form novalidate [formGroup]="searchForm">
   <div class="form-group">
      <label for="searchYouTube">Search YouTube</label>
      <input type="text" class="form-control" id="searchYouTube"
            formControlName="searchYouTube"
            placeholder="Search YouTube" name="search">
   </div>

</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
   }
}
```

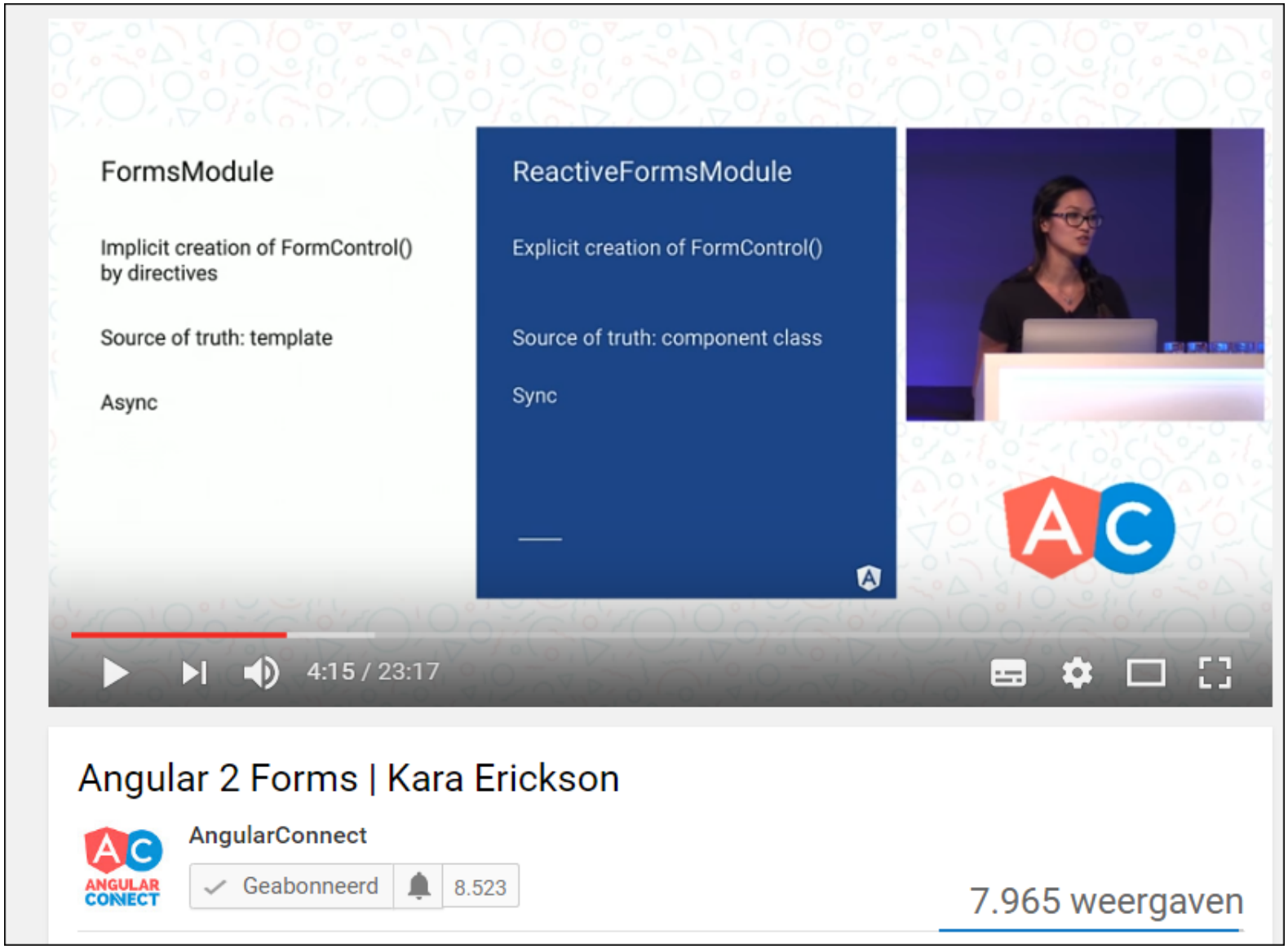
Reactive forms examples

- 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



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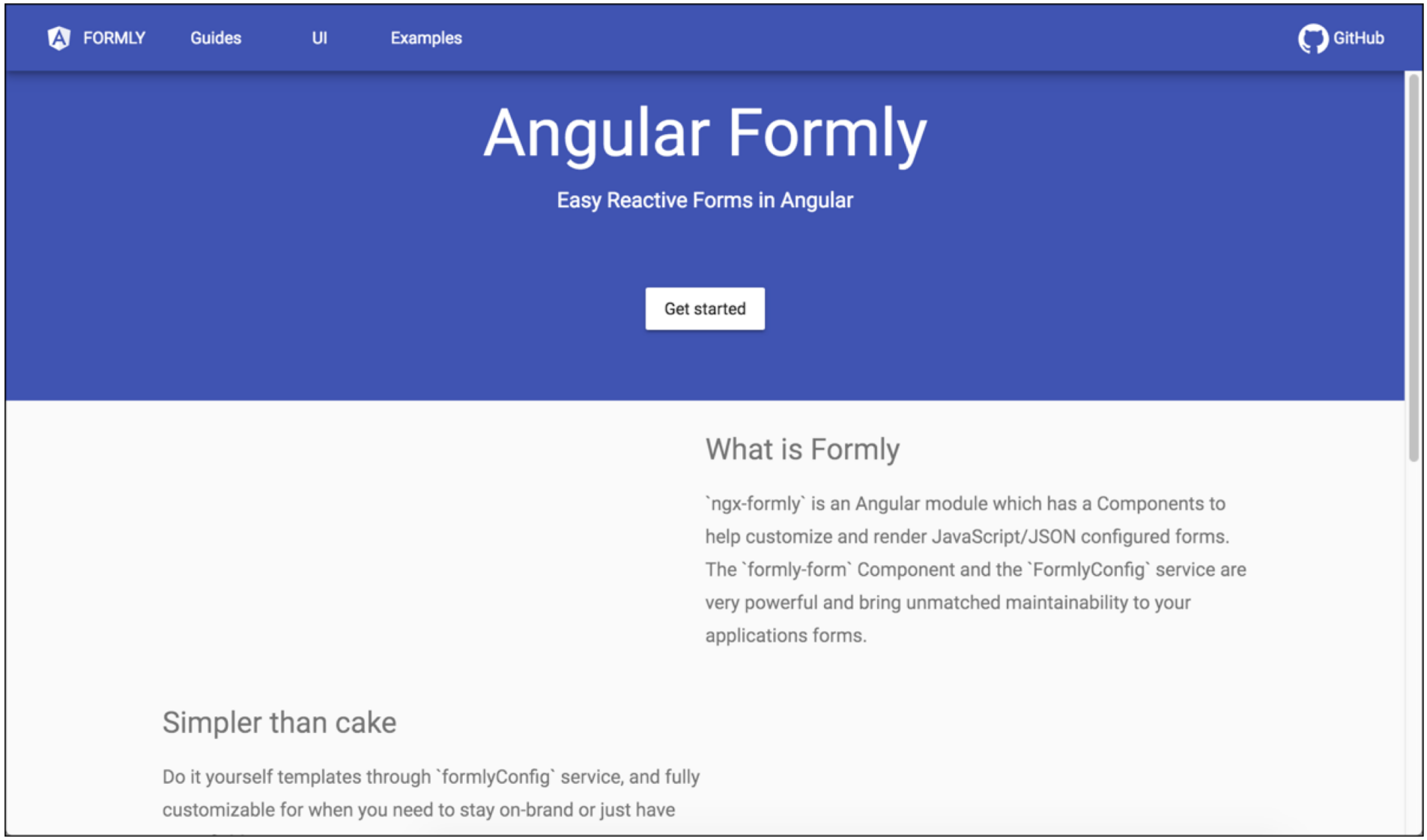

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