Supporting Angular Validation with Data Annotations



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Where We Are



Built the foundation

HTML helpers that emit AngularJS

Removed a lot of magic strings

Eliminated noisy markup

Leveraging some model metadata

Overview



Overview of AngularJS validation

Validation indicator directives

ASP.NET MVC validation

Taking C# validation client-side

AngularJS Validation



DANGER: INFORMATION OVERLOAD!



Year of Moo's "Taming Forms in AngularJS 1.3" http://goo.gl/NqHb8Y

Forms

```
<form novalidate</pre>
     interacted with
     name="vm.form">
   <!-- Snip! -->
                                                                            interacted with
   <div class="alert alert-danger" ng-show="vm.errorMessage != null">
       {{vm.errorMessage}}
   </div>
                                                                            invalid
   <div class="form-group has-feedback">
       <label class="control-label" for="Title">Title</label>
                                                                            to submit the form
       <input required ng-model="vm.opportunity.title"</pre>
              class="form-control" name="Title" type="text" placeholder="Title...">
   </div>
   <div class="form-group has-feedback">
       <label class="control-label" for="Description">Description</label>
       <textarea ng-model="vm.opportunity.description" rows="6"</pre>
                 class="form-control" name="Description" placeholder="Description..."></textarea>
   </div>
   <!-- Snip! -->
```

</form>

FormController

- \$pristine true if the form has not been
- \$dirty true if the form has been
- Svalid true if the entire form is valid
- \$invalid true if any part of the form is
- \$submitted true if the user attempted

Forms

```
Model Controller (NgModelController)
<form novalidate</pre>

    Typical form properties: $pristine, $dirty,

      ng-submit="vm.add()"
                                                                                   $valid, $invalid, or $touched
      name="vm.form">
                                                                                • Stouched – True if the control has lost
    <!-- Snip! -->
                                                                                   focus
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        {{vm.errorMessage}}
    </div>
    <div class="form-group has-feedback">
        <label class="control-label" for="Title">Title</label>
        <input required ng-model="vm.opportunity.title"</pre>
               class="form-control" name="Title" type="text" placeholder="Title..."> Model controller (vm.form.Title)
    </div>
    <div class="form-group has-feedback">
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                   class="form-control" name="Description" placeholder="Description..."></textarea>
    </div>
    <!-- Snip! -->
```

</form>

HTML5 Input Types

Input	Valid	Invalid
<input type="email"/>	some@user.com	someuser
<input type="url"/>	http://google.com	google.com
<input type="number"/>	1234	abc
<input type="date"/>	01/01/2015	January 01, 2015
<input type="time"/>	09:00 PM	9 am
More		

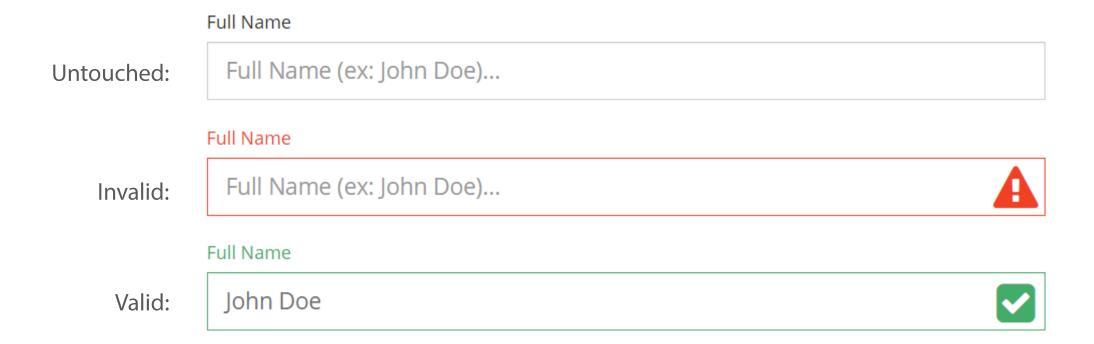
HTML5 Validation Attributes

Attribute	Valid	Invalid
required	Any value	
minlength="5"	abcde	abcd
maxlength="5"	abcde	abcdef
pattern="\d+"	12345	12abc
min="100"	101	99
max="100"	99	101

Validation in Heroic CRM

	Full Name
Untouched:	Full Name (ex: John Doe)
	Full Name
Invalid:	Full Name (ex: John Doe)
	Full Name
Valid:	John Doe

Validation in Heroic CRM



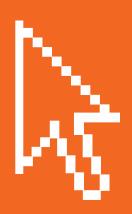
```
<div class="form-group has-feedback"</pre>
    ng-class="{
        'has-success': (vm.form.Name.$touched | vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.Name.$valid,
        'has-error': (vm.form.Name.$touched || vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.Name.$invalid
        }">
    <label class="control-label" for="Name">Name</label>
    <input required ng-model="vm.customer.name"</pre>
           class="form-control" name="Name" type="text" placeholder="Full name (ex: John Smith)...">
    <span ng-show="(vm.form.Name.$touched | vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.Name.$valid"</pre>
          class="fa fa-2x fa-check-square form-control-feedback" aria-hidden="true"></span>
    <span ng-show="(vm.form.Name.$touched | vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.Name.$invalid"</pre>
          class="fa fa-2x fa-exclamation-triangle form-control-feedback" aria-hidden="true"></span>
</div>
<div class="form-group has-feedback"</pre>
    ng-class="{
        'has-success': (vm.form.WorkEmail.$touched || vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.WorkEmail.$valid,
        'has-error': (vm.form.WorkEmail.$touched || vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.WorkEmail.$invalid
        }">
    <label class="control-label" for="WorkEmail">Work Email
    <input required ng-model="vm.customer.workEmail"</pre>
           class="form-control" name="WorkEmail" type="email" placeholder="user@domain.com...">
    <span ng-show="(vm.form.WorkEmail.$touched | vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.WorkEmail.$valid"</pre>
          class="fa fa-2x fa-check-square form-control-feedback" aria-hidden="true"></span>
    <span ng-show="(vm.form.WorkEmail.$touched | vm.form.$submitted) && vm.form.WorkEmail.$invalid"</pre>
          class="fa fa-2x fa-exclamation-triangle form-control-feedback" aria-hidden="true"></span>
</div>
```

```
On the client-side...
window.app.directive('formGroupValidation', formGroupValidation);
function formGroupValidation() {
   return {
       //This is what we'll implement!
                       In FormGroupFor...
      var formGroup = new HtmlTag("div")
           .AddClasses("form-group", "has-feedback")
           .Attr("form-group-validation", name);
```





Building The FromGroupValidation Directive



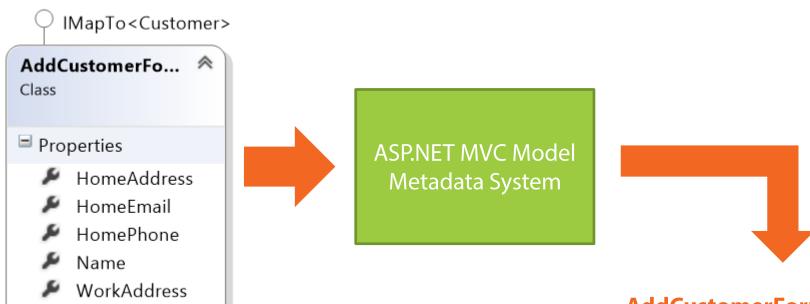
Validation Attributes

Validation Attribute	Description
CustomValidationAttribute	Uses a custom method for validation.
DataTypeAttribute	Specifies a particular type of data, such as e-mail address or phone number.
EnumDataTypeAttribute	Ensures that the value exists in an enumeration.
RangeAttribute	Designates minimum and maximum constraints.
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Model Metadata



WorkEmail

WorkPhone

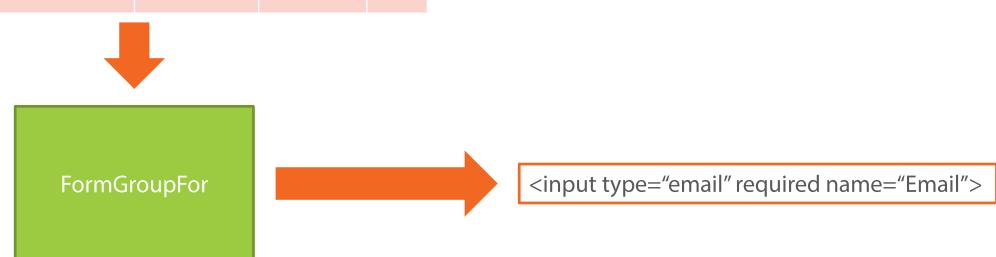
AddCustomerForm's Model Metadata

Name	Display Name	Data Type	Required?	•••
Name		String	Υ	• • •
HomeAddress		MultilineText	N	• • •
•••		• • •	• • •	• • •

From Model Metadata to HTML5 Attributes

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Name	Full Name	String	Υ	• • •
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• • •		• • •	• • •	• • •



Adding Validation to FormGroupFor



```
<form novalidate</pre>
      name="vm.form"
      ng-submit="vm.add()">
    <!-- Snip -->
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.Name)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkEmail)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomeEmail)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkPhone)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomePhone)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkAddress)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomeAddress)
    <!-- Snip -->
</form>
```

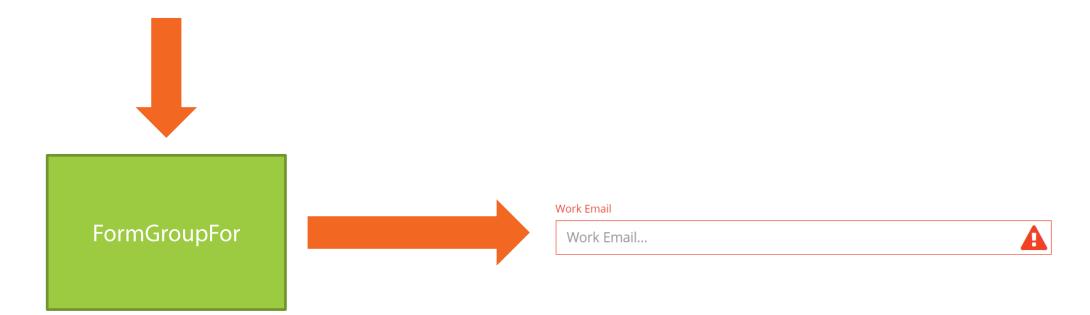
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      ng-submit="vm.form.$valid && vm.add()">
    <!-- Snip -->
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    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomeEmail)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkPhone)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomePhone)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkAddress)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomeAddress)
    <!-- Snip -->
</form>
```



Server-side...

```
[Required, DataType(DataType.EmailAddress)]
public string WorkEmail { get; set; }
```

```
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public string WorkEmail { get; set; }
```



But Work Remains....

```
<form novalidate</pre>
      name="vm.form"
      ng-submit="vm.form.$valid && vm.add()">
    <!-- Snip -->
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.Name)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkEmail)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomeEmail)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkPhone)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomePhone)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.WorkAddress)
    @customer.FormGroupFor(x => x.HomeAddress)
    <!-- Snip -->
</form>
```

Up Next...

Angular-powered templating!

