Angular Forms 15

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Template Driven Approach:

Angular infers the Form object from the DOM. For every functionality we modify the template.

Reactive:

Form is created programatically and synchronized with the DOM.

Important angular form should not get submitted:

```
<form action="" method = ""> </form> //Regular form
```

<form> </form> // Do not have the action to point to some route + no action method.

1. First the FormsModule should be imported

app.module.ts

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

- When FormsModule is imported the <form> tag serve as a selector to Angular to create a Javascript object from it.
- But the forms has to be registered, including all of the desired controlls
- 2. Adding ngModel to the Form input to sign Angular that we would register this control (name attribute is important as well since with this we can select this control)

```
<input

type="text"

id="username"

class="form-control"</pre>
```

```
ngModel
name='username'
>
```

172. Submit a Form

- Submit button will start a default javascript submit event, which angular uses.
- This event will be triggered upon clicking submit and call call custom functions on Submit from the app.component.ts

app.component.html

```
<form (ngSubmit)="onSubmit">
```

Place local reference to form html element (#f) and pass it as an argument. (HTMLFormElement)

```
<form (ngSubmit)="onSubmit(f)" #f>
```

Tells angular to give access the create javascript object of this created form.

```
<form (ngSubmit)="onSubmit(f)" #f="ngForm">
```

app.component.ts

- Import NgForm as identify the recieved argument as an NgForm

```
console.log('form'); // will console log out the actual form object with all of the prope
rties
}
```

173. Form object properties

dirty: The control has been changed
 touched: The Control has been touched

3. invalid: The Control passed through validation

4. disabled: The control is disabled or not

174. Form with @ViewChild

- Access a local reference and get as an object
- Another way of accessing the form object, but useful when you want to validate the form before the submit event.

app.component.ts

```
import { Component, ViewChild } from '@angular/core';
@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})
export class AppComponent {
 @ ViewChild ('f') signupForm: NgForm; //Will help us
 suggestUserName() {
   const suggestedName = 'Superuser';
 }
 onSubmit(){
   console.log(this.signupForm); // will console log out the actual form object with all of
 the properties
 }
}
```

175. Input validation

- Due to TD approach we have to include all of our validation in the html form. **required** is basic html tag, **email** is a directive which is recognized by Angular
- Will check the validity of the control, with the **valid property** of the control object + adding **ng-valid/ng-invalid** tag to the html
- **pattern="^[1-9]+[0-9]*\$**" means greater than zero

app.component.html

```
<input

type="email"

id="email"

class="form-control"

ngModel

name="email"

required

email

pattern="^[1-9]+[0-9]*$"
>
```

176. Links for Validators(Reactive approach) + directive validators (Td approach)

Reactive: https://angular.io/docs/ts/latest/api/forms/index/Validators-class.html

Td: https://angular.io/api/forms/Validators

177. Using Form State(Submit disable, wrong input message)

- Disable submit button upon invalid user input
- Remember, we have a local reference | #f | on the html form.

app.component.html

```
<button

class="btn btn-primary"

type="submit"

[disabled]="f.valid"

>Submit</button>
```

- We can customize css of the invalid fiels int the using the before mentioned ng-*** added classes by angular.

app.component.css

```
input.ng-invalid.ng-touched{
border: 1px solid red;
}
```

178. Validation Error Messages

- Setting up a local reference with ngModel so we can check the states of the local reference to use it with an *nglf directive

app.component.html

```
<div class="form-group">
            <label for="email">Mail</label>
            <input
            type="email"
            id="email"
            class="form-control"
            ngModel
            name="email"
            required
            email
            #email="ngModel"
                                                     //Setting up a local reference so we can qu
ickly check it's stats for the *ngIf directive
            <span class="help-block" *ngIf="!email.valid && email.touched">Please enter a valid
 email</span>
          </div>
```

179. Default values with ngModel property binding

- **no** databinding can be used to set default values to the form [ngModel]='pet' --> Single quitation mark ''
- 1 way property binding can be used as well when we are seting up a **variable (defaultQuestion)** in the **app.component.ts** -- > **Double quitation mark** "..."

app.component.html

app.component.ts

- 1 way property binding can be used as well when we are seting up a variable (**defaultQuestion**) in the app.component.ts -- > Double quitation mark "..."

```
import { Component, ViewChild } from '@angular/core';
import { NgForm } from '@angular/forms';
@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})
export class AppComponent {
  @ViewChild('f') signupForm: NgForm;
                                          //Will help us
  defaultQuestion = 'pet';
                                       //Valid html tag "value"
  suggestUserName() {
   const suggestedName = 'Superuser';
 }
  onSubmit(){
```

```
console.log(this.signupForm); // will console log out the actual form object with all of
the properties
}
```

180. 2 way Binding form element

- With two way databining we can get the form's input + us it immediately

app.component.html

app.component.ts

- Only the answer variable has to be added to the ts file of the component

```
export class AppComponent {
   answer = '';
}
```

181. Group Form Controls

- It is possible to group the form controls to have additional information regarding a group of components.
- Just include ngModelGroup ="groupName"

app.component.html

```
<div
```

```
id="user-data"

ngModelGroup="userData"

#userData = "ngModelGroup">
```

- Has additional form controls

- Grouped values



- Also it is possible to pass the grouped controls to a local reference

```
( <span class="help-block" *ngIf="!userData.valid && userData.touched">UserData sections is not
valid</span> )
```

182. Handling Radio Buttons

- We are making a an array in the app.component.ts, which we will use when we loop through with *ngFor on the radio creation. We use property binding to pass the component's variable to the string interpolation with ngModel directive.

app.component.ts

app.component.html

183. Set & Patch Form Values

- Add an click event listener to the button to call suggestUserName()
- Since we got an object reference to our form object from angular as **signupForm** we can use the following two data modification techniques
- 1. setValue () ---> Expects an object with values {} -> downside, it will modify the whole form no matter if the form has been previously filled or not
 - 2. patchValue () ---> Expects an object with values {} -> It will modify only the given form value

```
<button

class="btn btn-default"

type="button"

(click)="suggestUserName()"

>Suggest an Username</button>
```

```
export class AppComponent {
 @ViewChild('f') signupForm: NgForm; //Will help us
 defaultQuestion = 'pet';
                                         //Valid html tag "value"
 answer = '';
                                         //Storing the two way binding value
 genders = ['male','female'];
                                         //Array to loop through the radio buttons
 suggestUserName() {
   const suggestedName = 'Superuser';
   // this.signupForm. setValue ({
                                               //1.
        userData:{
   //
         username: suggestedName,
         email:''
    //
        },
      secret: 'pet',
    //
    // questionAnswer: '',
    // gender:'male',
        })
   this.signupForm.form.patchValue ({
                                               //2.
     userData:{
       username: suggestedName
```

```
}
});
}
```

184-185 User the Form data + Reset Form

- 1. Create a user object in the app.component.ts to store the values,
- 2 Track if the form has been submitted, so we can use *nglf directive
- 3 onSubmit() gather the data from the created javascript object signupForm
- 4 **this.signupForm.reset()**; will reset the form values + the ng classes made by angular + if you pass the same object as to setValue you can se

```
export class AppComponent {
  @ViewChild('f') signupForm: NgForm;
 defaultQuestion = 'teacher';
 answer = '';
 genders = ['male', 'female'];
 user = { username: '', email: '', secretQuestion: '', answer: '', gender: '' };
                                                                                          //1 Cr
eating an empty user object
  submitted = false:
                                                                                          //2 Ta
cking if the form has been submitted or not
  suggestUserName() {
    this.signupForm.form.patchValue({userData: { username: suggestedName} });
 }
  onSubmit() {
    this.submitted = true;
                                                                                          //2
                                                                      //3 userdata is a differ
    this.user.username = this. signupForm .value.userData.username;
ent group of values so a diffferent object as well
    this.user.email = this. signupForm .value.userData.email;
    this.user.secretQuestion = this. signupForm .value.secret;
    this.user.answer = this. signupForm .value.questionAnswer;
    this.user.gender = this. signupForm .value.gender;
   this.signupForm.reset();
 }
}
```

app.component.ts (display the result if submitted ="true" with string interpolation)

Reactive Form

187. Reactive Form Setup

In the **app.component.ts** we create a wrapper, for the form as a FormGroup

```
import { Component } from '@angular/core';
import { FormGroup} from '@angular/forms';

@Component({
    selector: 'app-root',
    templateUrl: './app.component.html',
    styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})

export class AppComponent {
    genders = ['male', 'female'];
    signupForm: FormGroup;
}
```

Also at the app.module.ts we have to include the new library for "ReactiveFormsModule" from '@angular/forms'.

- FormsModule --> Template Driven Approach
- ReactiveFormsModule --> Reactive Approach

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

188. Creating a form in code

App.component.ts

- Importing OnInit lifecycle hook from angular core, so at the initialization of the component the form creation will run
- Import FormControl as well since it is a part of the FormGroup object, with default values, properties and methods.
- FormGroup is an angular form objects which holds key value form Control pairs

```
import { Component, OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { FormGroup, FormControl } from '@angular/forms';
@Component({
 selector: 'app-root',
 templateUrl: './app.component.html',
 styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})
export class AppComponent implements OnInit {
 genders = ['male', 'female'];
 signupForm: FormGroup;
 ngOnInit(){
   key value form Control pairs
     'username': new FormControl (null), //Inital state is null now
     'email': new FormControl (null),
     'gender': new FormControl ('male')
   })
 }
}
```

189, Sync the created form with html.

- So here we use propertybinding to determine the Form **formGroup** property, tell angular that it should be connected to the created form in the **app.component.ts**
- //Connecting the created formControl to the html, with the defined names in the app.component.ts

```
type="text"
            id="username"
            formControlName = "username"
                                                                 //Connecting the created formCon
trol to the html
            class="form-control">
        </div>
        <div class="form-group">
          <label for="email">email</label>
         <input
            type="text"
            id="email"
            formControlName = "email"
            class="form-control">
        </div>
        <div class="radio" *ngFor="let gender of genders">
          <label>
            <input
              type="radio"
              formControlName = "gender"
              [value]="gender">{{ gender }}
          </label>
        </div>
        <button class="btn btn-primary" type="submit">Submit/button>
      </form>
    </div>
 </div>
</div>
```

190. Submitting the Form

- We just has to call the onSubmit method o the submit event, and since we created the form programatically, we can reference it's controls, the form itself really easily just by typing this.signupForm

app.component.html

```
<form [formGroup]="signupForm" (ngSubmit)="onSubmit()">
</form>
```

app.component.ts

191. Validating reactive form

- In the template driven approach you just have to include the requried + email keyword into the input
- But in the reactive driven you have to pass in a validator or an array of validators in the **FormControl**

('default value', [Validators])

html

```
<input type="email" id="email" class="form-control" gModel name="email" required ema
il #email="ngModel" >
```

component

```
import { Component,OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { FormGroup,FormControl,Validators} from '@angular/forms';

@Component({
    selector: 'app-root',
    templateUrl: './app.component.html',
    styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})

export class AppComponent implements OnInit {
    genders = ['male', 'female'];
    signupForm: FormGroup;

ngOnInit(){
    this.signupForm = new FormGroup({
```

192. Get Access to the Form Controls in the html (FormName.get('FormControlName').property)

- signupForm.get('username').valid
- signupForm.get('username').touched

```
<span class="help-block" *ngIf="!signupForm.get('username').valid && signupForm.get('usernam
e').touched">Please enter a valid usernamel</span>
```

- + since angular adding the following classes to the html, specificy css can be used as well
- ng-valid
- ng-touched

```
input.ng-invalid.ng-touched{
border: 1px solid red;
}
```

193. Grouping Controls

- new FormGroups can be created in the typscript file, which also has to be reflected in the html, both in the strucutre + with the signupForm.get()
- With formGroupName you can synch it with the html

app,component.ts

```
ngOnInit(){
  this.signupForm = new FormGroup({
```

app.component.html

- Using formGroupName to synch ts code with html, also the division is grouped as it is in the ts file
- The access control route has to be changed as well. **signupForm.get('userData.username').valid**

```
<div | formGroupName |="userData">
          <div class="form-group">
            <label for="username">Username</label>
            <input
              type="text"
              id="username"
              formControlName = "username"
              class="form-control">
          </div>
          <div class="form-group">
             <span class="help-block" *ngIf="!signupForm.get('userData.username').valid && sign</pre>
upForm.get('userData.username').touched">Please enter a valid usernamel</span>
            <label for="email">email</label>
            <input
              type="text"
              id="email"
              formControlName = "email"
              class="form-control">
          </div>
       </div>
```

194. From Controls Array, create elements + delete them

- So we are importing the FormArray control, with which we can create dynamic array of controls.
- -// with (<FormArray>) we have to tell angular that this is an array of controls named as hobbies
- Adding an click event listener to the html we can combine the event to the form creation

app.component.ts

```
import { Component,OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { FormGroup,FormControl,Validators, FormArray } from '@angular/forms';
@Component({
  selector: 'app-root',
  templateUrl: './app.component.html',
  styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})
export class AppComponent implements OnInit {
  genders = ['male', 'female'];
  signupForm: FormGroup;
  ngOnInit(){
    this.signupForm = new FormGroup({
      'userData': new FormGroup({
      'username': new FormControl(null, Validators.required), //Inital state is null now
      'email': new FormControl(null,[Validators.required,Validators.email]),
      }),
      'gender': new FormControl('male'),
      'hobbies': new FormArray ([])
                                                      //We create an empty array of controls
    });
  }
  onSubmit(){
  console.log(this.signupForm);
  }
  onAddHobby(){
```

app.component.html

- formArrayName | tells angular that there is a connection between the component's control + the html
- With the *ngFor we can loop through the array of controls, by creating indexes
- This indexes will be the names for the **formControlName**s

Value object what we get.



195. Creating Custom Validators

- Custom validator is just a function, which is added to the Validators array and get executed once an input is touched
- We want to recieve a **FormControl object** and output an object we key value pairs, which value should be a boolean,
- If the validator is valid then you should return nothing or null!
- Be careful using this with Validators!

```
forbiddenUserNames = ['Chris', 'Anna'];
    ngOnInit(){
    this.signupForm = new FormGroup({
      'userData': new FormGroup({
      'username': new FormControl(null, [Validators.required, this.forbiddenNames.bind(this)]),
      //since we are calling the FormControl with the new keyword, this is reffering to the fom
rControl, but if we bind it ot the 'this, we can refere to the component'
      'email': new FormControl(null,[Validators.required,Validators.email]),
     }),
      'gender': new FormControl('male'),
      'hobbies': new FormArray([])
   });
 }
 //Custom validator is just a function
  // We want to recieve a FormControl object and output an object we key value pairs, which val
ue should be a boolean
  forbiddenNames(control:FormControl):{[s:string]:boolean}{
    if(this.forbiddenUserNames.indexOf(control.value) !==-1){
    //If we do not find the item, it is returning -1, so the inout is valid
     return {'forbiddenname':true}
                                       //If the validator is valid then you should retur
n nothing or null!
   }
    return null;
 }
}
```

196, Using Error codes

- We can use error codes to specify the error messages

app.component.ts:

- This way if we wrap the error message nglfs into the outer validation, the customized message based on error codes will work

- If we do not wrap them, they will fail all the time!

197. Creating Custom Async Validator (Waiting for serverinput, Promise)

- Observable has to be imported
- We are using the third argument of the FormControl --> // FormControl(default value, validators, **async Validators**)
- We created a new validator function called forbiddenEmails which takes a **FormControl** as an argument and will return a **promise** or an **observable** since the wrapped inner function is an async function app.component.ts

```
import { Component,OnInit } from '@angular/core';
import { FormGroup,FormControl,Validators,FormArray} from '@angular/forms';
import {Observable} from 'rxjs/Observable';

@Component({
    selector: 'app-root',
    templateUrl: './app.component.html',
    styleUrls: ['./app.component.css']
})
```

```
export class AppComponent implements OnInit {
  genders = ['male', 'female'];
  signupForm: FormGroup;
  forbiddenUsernames = ['Chris', 'Anna'];
  ngOnInit(){
    this.signupForm = new FormGroup({
      'userData': new FormGroup({
      'username': new FormControl(null, [Validators.required,this.forbiddenNames.bind(this)]),
      //since we are calling the FormControl with the new keyword, this is reffering to the fom
rControl, but if we bind it ot the 'this, we can refere to the component'
      // FormControl(default value, validators, async Validators)
      'email': new FormControl(null,[Validators.required,Validators.email],this.forbiddenEmail
s.bind(this)),
     }),
      'gender': new FormControl('male'),
      'hobbies': new FormArray([])
   });
 }
 onSubmit(){
 console.log(this.signupForm);
 }
 onAddHobby(){
    const control = new FormControl(null, Validators.required);
                                                                               //The users crea
tes the hobby
    (<FormArray> this.signupForm.get('hobbies')).push(control);
 }
    forbiddenNames(control: FormControl): {[s: string]: boolean} {
    if (this.forbiddenUsernames.indexOf(control.value) !== -1) {
     return {'nameIsForbidden': true};
    }
    return null;
 }
```

```
//Takes the control as an argument, it will be a promise or an observable, which wraps anythi
ng, will handle async data
  // We are wrapping the setTimeout in a promise, which will resolve an object {} or a null if
 the functions is successfully executed
  //Since the setTimeout function wil never fail, it will never call the reject
   forbiddenEmails (control: FormControl):Promise<any> | Observable<any>{
     const promise = new Promise<any>((resolve, reject)=>{
       setTimeout(()=>{
         if(control.value === "test@test.com"){
           resolve({ 'emailIsForbidden':true})
         } else{
           resolve(null)
         }
      },1500)
    });
     return promise
   }
}
```

198. Reacting to status or value changes in the form

- //Whenever valuechanges, the whole form.value will be printed out as object
- //WheneveR the status will change it will be VALID/INVALID/PENDING

```
//These are observables, for which we can subscribe, listen to them
//Whenever valuechanges, the whole form.value will be printed out as object
    this.signupForm.valueChanges.subscribe(
        (value)=>{console.log(value)}
    );
//Wheneve the status will change it will be VALID/INVALID/PENDING
    this.signupForm.statusChanges.subscribe(
```

```
(value)=>console.log(value)
);
```

Status



Value

 \ominus

https://udemy-ng-http-dded5.firebaseio.com/

udemy-ng-http-dded5

appName: "Http_Request

🗓 ... data

199. Setting/Patching/Reset

- -We can prepopulate data with setValue, or we can prepopulate a given formControl
- We can reset the whole form and we can pass an object to which we would like to reset the form.

```
//Prepopulate every fomrControl
this.signupForm.setValue({
      'userData': {
        'username': 'Max',
        'email': 'max@test.com'
      },
      'gender': 'male',
      'hobbies': []
   });
//Prepopulate only selected formControl
    this.signupForm.patchValue({
      'userData': {
        'username': 'Anna',
      }
    });
    //- We can reset the whole form and we can pass an object to which we would like to reset t
he form.
```

this.signupForm.reset()