

Angular

Lecture 4

Agenda

- Recap last lecture points
- Forms
- Template driven forms
- Reactive forms
- Validation



Forms

Angular provides two different approaches to handling user input through forms: reactive and template-driven. Both capture user input events from the view, validate the user input, create a form model and data model to update, and provide a way to track changes.

Forms (Reactive vs Template Driven)

- <u>Reactive forms</u> provide direct, explicit access to the underlying forms object model.
 Compared to template-driven forms, they're more scalable, reusable, and testable.
 If forms are a key part of your application use reactive forms.
- <u>Template-driven forms</u> rely on directives in the template to create and manipulate the underlying object model. They are useful for adding a simple form to an app, such as an email list signup form. They're easy to add to an app, but they don't scale as well as reactive forms. If you have very basic form requirements and logic that can be managed solely in the template, template-driven forms could be a good fit.

- Template-driven forms rely on directives defined in the FormsModule.
- The NgModel directive reconciles value changes in the attached form element with changes in the data model, allowing you to respond to user input with input validation and error handling.
- The NgForm directive creates a top-level FormGroup instance and binds it to a <form> element to track aggregated form value and validation status. As soon as you import FormsModule, this directive becomes active by default on all <form> tags. You don't need to add a special selector.

To start using Form in Angular we need to explicitly import them in our app module:

```
import {FormsModule} from "@angular/forms";
```

And add it to imports array

```
@NgModule({

imports: [..., FormsModule]
```

})

The ngForm does the following

- The form is set up using ngForm directive
- controls are set up using the ngModel directive
- Use ngModel to create two-way data bindings for reading and writing input-control values.
- The Validations are configured in the template via directives

<form #registerForm="ngForm">

The *registerForm* template variable is now a reference to the NgForm directive instance that governs the form as a whole.

<input #username="ngModel" ngModel name="username" />

When you use ngModel on an element, you must define a name attribute for that element. Angular uses the assigned name to register the element with the NgForm directive attached to the parent <form> element.

```
<form
  #registerForm="ngForm"
  (ngSubmit)="onSubmitTemplateBased(registerForm.value)">
   required
   minlength="3"
   maxlength="10"
   ngModel
   name="firstName"
   type="text"
   #firstName="ngModel"
  <button type="submit" [disabled]="!myForm.valid">Submit
</form>
```

Handle Errors:

```
<div class="alert alert-danger" *ngIf="firstName.touched && !firstName.valid">
  <div *ngIf="firstName.errors.required" style="color: red">
    First Name is required.
 </div>
  <div *ngIf="firstName.errors.minlength" style="color: red">
   First Name is minimum
   {{ firstName.errors.minlength.requiredLength }} character.
 </div>
</div>
```

To work with reactive forms, you'll need to import the ReactiveFormsModule

```
import { ReactiveFormsModule } from '@angular/forms';
```

And add it to imports array in app module

```
@NgModule({
  imports: [... , ReactiveFormsModule ]
})
```

Handle form with input and submit:

Let's break it down:

- **formGroup:** The form will be treated as a FormGroup in the component class, so the formGroup directive allows to give a name to the form group.
- ngSubmit: This is the event that will be triggered upon submission of the form.
- **formControlName**: Each form field should have a formControlName directive with a value that will be the name used in the component class.

Each formGroup contains multiple new FormControl with form fields:

```
this.userForm = new FormGroup({
     user_name: new FormControl(null, [Validators.required]),
});
```

In .ts file:

```
firstReactiveForm: FormGroup;
constructor(private fb: FormBuilder) {}
ngOnInit(): void {
  this.firstReactiveForm = this.fb.group({
    firstName: ['Marina', [Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3)]],
    lastName: ['', Validators.required],
  });
// ro return form values to html
get registerFormControl() {
  console.log(this.firstReactiveForm.controls);
 return this.firstReactiveForm.controls;
```

FormBuilder in Angular helps you streamline the process of building complex forms while avoiding repetition.

FormBuilder provides syntactic sugar that eases the burden of creating instances of FormControl, FormGroup, or FormArray and reduces the amount of boilerplate required to build complex forms.

```
// FormGroup contains many form controls
userForm = new FormGroup({
 firstName: new FormControl(''),
 lastName: new FormControl(''),
// Instead use formBuilder as shorthand
constructor(private fb: FormBuilder) {}
ngOnInit(): void {
  this.user = this.fb.group({
   firstName: [''],
    lastName: [''],
 });
```

Handling Errors:

```
class="alert alert-danger"
  *ngIf="
    registerFormControl.firstName.touched &&
    !registerFormControl.firstName.valid
  <div *ngIf="registerFormControl.firstName.errors.required" style="color: red">
    First Name is required.
  </div>
</div>
```



Thank you



Lap

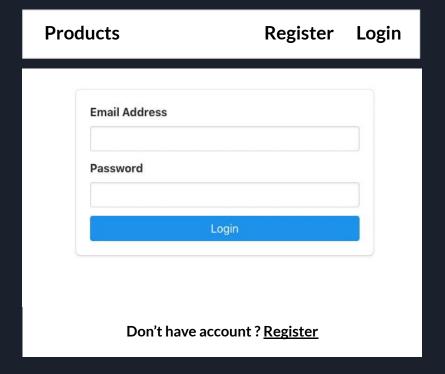
Products App

Create an auth app contains of 2 pages:

- 1. Login page
- 2. Register page

First step will contain login page with forms has 2 fields using template driven form:

- **Email address** [required email format]
- Password [required]



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Second page is register page with the following fields using Reactive form:

- **Email address** [required email format]
- Name [required]
- Username [required contains no spaces]
- Password [required password length not less than 8 characters, contains at least one lowercase, one uppercase, at least one digit and special character [example: *@%\$#]

Example for valid Password: P@ssword1234

Confirm password : [required - matches previous password]

Products Register Login

Email User Name Password
Password
Confirm Password
Register

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On the registration page use the dynamic forms to added multiple addresses for the user while register

Each address should have

- Address
- Street
- Country
- City

All Fields are Required.

Make sure that address and street must contains letters and may contain numbers but not amust.

City & Country is required and must contain letters only.