

What does the ng stand for in Angular.js directives



Angular.js uses several directives prefixed with `ng` like below:

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`ng` (base directive)



`ng-switch`

`ng-repeat`



`ng-view`

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I was wondering if anyone knew what `ng` stood for because I couldn't find it in the docs. Is it an acronym for something?

angularjs

edited Apr 28 '15 at 10:29



Mohammad Faisal

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asked Feb 3 '13 at 3:49



Kunle

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3 I say forget it even exists and use the standards compliant data-prefix instead. – [ACJ](#) Aug 6 '14 at 13:44

2 @ACJ Hmm... I thought that `ng` **was** the default prefix in AngularJS. What should be used instead, according to your experience? – [Konrad Viltersten](#) Mar 13 '16 at 8:22

1 @KonradViltersten, the `ng-` prefix **is** the default. However, the `data-` prefix is a more standards-compliant way to achieve the same result. If you're concerned with mixing up Angular related stuff with plain old HTML, you can of course also use a `data-ng-` prefix. That's perfectly valid. – [ACJ](#) Mar 15 '16 at 2:29

Does it have any connection with [Andrew Ng](#)? – [Habeeb Perwad](#) Apr 26 '18 at 6:37

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Why is this project called "AngularJS"? Why is the namespace called "ng"?

Because HTML has Angular brackets and "ng" sounds like "Angular".

answered Feb 3 '13 at 3:58

[Michelle Tilley](#)

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18 "ng" definitely does not sound like "Angular". – [Backwards_Dave](#) Jun 6 '18 at 10:08

5 "ng" sounds like "Angular" the same way "mkdir" sounds like "make directory". As in old Hebrew, vowels are irrelevant. :-) – [Charles Roth](#) Jun 6 '18 at 20:40

@Backwards_Dave and that's pretty much one of those things that pissed me off it. Efforts should be made to make codes fun to do!! – [Damilola Olowookere](#) Dec 4 '18 at 0:19

@Charles Roth "ng" does not sound like "Angular" in this context because I want to believe that when you pronounce "mkdir", you'll usually go like "make directory" as you rightly put it; but I bet when you want to pronounce something like "ng-view", common folks will usually go like "EN-GEE-VIEW"... That doesn't sound like "Angular" to me -_0_/- – [Damilola Olowookere](#) Dec 4 '18 at 0:26

6 Y'all are thinking about this way too much :P – [Michelle Tilley](#) Dec 10 '18 at 19:15



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I guess there are not many Star Trek fans among you. "ng" stands for *Next Generation*, as Angular is the next generation of HTML .

"Enhanced" HTML I would say xD.

edited Feb 6 '15 at 11:46

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answered Nov 16 '14 at 19:18

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2 It doesn't stand for Newgrounds? – [Kyle Delaney](#) Feb 2 '18 at 1:35

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Plus "NG" does not sound like Angular; no matter which way you say it.

edited Apr 13 '15 at 1:38

answered Apr 6 '15 at 2:52



Moe

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1 It is not that NG sounds like Angular. Of course, NG sounds like ngee . But we don't have to compare the pronunciations of NG with the full word Angular . NG is more of an abbreviation. So even if we drop the first A and try to pronounce Ngu1ar it'll still sound like Angular only. So they took the starting fragment NG of the word Ngu1ar to create an abbreviation which is used as a prefix. — RBT Aug 3 '18 at 6:00

ng is an abbreviation of **Angular**.

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Programmers don't like to code long names, so they keep it short and that makes it a bit more cryptic. If you look at Assembler, you know what I mean with ADD, JMP etc. JQuery is the name, the \$ is what you use. Angular is the name, ng is what you use.

edited Dec 26 '17 at 14:41

answered Nov 30 '16 at 9:19



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Herman Van Der Blom

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NG stands for "**Next Generation**".

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It is used in many applications as a suffix, specially in **Linux**. Example: syslog-ng and Aircrack-ng.

answered Nov 30 '15 at 23:32



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Doesn't the ng in the case of aircrack stand for "engine"? — kappadoky Apr 27 '18 at 18:15

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answered Jun 21 '16 at 16:56



Brent Rittenhouse

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3 From Moe's post below, I agree "'NG" does not sound like Angular; no matter which way you say it.". This is from their own FAQ. =) – Brent Rittenhouse Sep 19 '16 at 14:05

1 I find it hilarious that they think "ng" sounds like "angular". Angular has 3 syllables for goodness sake. – Backwards_Dave Jun 6 '18 at 10:10

When I'm close to a deadline and hitting an upstream angular framework issue, I use the second definition for NG defined in U.S. Military Standard 12 revision D.

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answered Jun 26 at 14:05



Stagr.Lee

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