Convert MVC Tables to Angular Templates Using Data Binding



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Goals



Add Angular to your project
Call Web API

Data binding in Angular

Angular filters



Add AngularJS to MVC



Key Pieces of an Angular Application

Module app.module.js

Controller product.controller.js



Module Is Like a Namespace in C# Wrapper Around...

Controller(s) **Directives Filters**



Controller Is Like a Class in C#

It is a JavaScript object

Contains data and functions



```
(function () {
  'use strict';

angular.module('app', []);
})();

<div ng-app="app">
```

Create app.module.js file

Use an IIFE

angular.module creates scope

- You supply module name 'app'
- Pass an empty array to create new module

Link to the DOM using ng-app directive

- Add directive to HTML element
- html, body, div, etc



Define Controller Two Ways

ng-controller="Controller"

ng-controller="Controller as vm"



```
<div ng-app="app"
ng-controller="ProductController">
```

```
(function () {
  'use strict';

angular.module('app')
  .controller('ProductController', ProductController);

function ProductController($scope) {
    $scope.product = {
        ProductId: 1,
        ProductName: 'Video Training'
        };
    }
})();
```

Add ng-controller on HTML element

Create controller on 'app' module

Angular passes \$scope variable to controller

\$scope is glue between view and model

Allows data binding

Add to \$scope...

- Variables (think properties)
- Functions (think methods)



```
<div ng-app="app"
ng-controller="ProductController as vm">
```

```
(function () {
  'use strict';
  angular.module('app')
   .controller('ProductController',
               ProductController);
 function ProductController() {
   var vm = this;
   vm.product = {
      ProductId: 1,
      ProductName: 'Video Training'
   };
```

Use "Controller as" syntax

Makes controller the "model"

Can use "this" instead of \$scope

- A normal JavaScript object

Define variables on the "model"



```
<div ng-app="app"
    ng-controller="ProductController as vm">
    <span>{{vm.product.ProductName}}*/span>
</div>
```

```
function ProductController() {
  var vm = this;

  vm.product = {
    ProductId: 1,
    ProductName: 'Video Training'
  };
}
```

Use {{}} for data binding

Bind to any variables defined on scope

"Controller as" syntax specifies which controller is being accessed



Demo



Add Angular to MVC application



Build Web API



```
[HttpGet()]
public IHttpActionResult Get() {
 IHttpActionResult ret = null;
 PTCViewModel vm = new PTCViewModel();
 // Get all Products
 vm.Get();
 if (vm.Products.Count > 0) {
   ret = Ok(vm.Products);
 else {
   ret = NotFound();
 return ret;
```

Add Web API to MVC project
Web API uses our view model
View model gets data
Return Ok() status with products

Demo



Add Web API



Data Access and Build HTML Table



```
function ProductController($http) {
  var vm = this;
  var dataService = $http;

vm.products = [];
}
```

Data access in Angular uses a data service Data service is thru Dependency Injection

- \$http is passed to controller
- Makes Web API calls for you

Map \$http variable to a local variable

- Allows flexibility later

Initialize empty products array on scope

- Fill array using Web API



```
function productList() {
  dataService.get("/api/Product")
    .then(function (result) {
      vm.products = result.data;
    }, function (error) {
      handleException(error);
   });
function handleException(error) {
  alert(error.data.ExceptionMessage);
```

Build a productList function

- Get data from our Web API

\$http data service is simpler than \$.ajax

- Takes extra code to make it work

JavaScript "promise"

Pass two parameters to .then() function

First parameter is function to retrieve data

Second parameter is function to handle exceptions



Demo



Consume Web API in Angular



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Œ	A New Product	06/08/2016	http://www.pdsa.com	\$22.00	
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Ø	Build your own Bootstrap Business Application Template in MVC	01/29/2015	http://bit.ly/118ZqZg	\$499.00	
Ø	Building Mobile Web Sites Using Web Forms, Bootstrap, and HTML5	08/28/2014	http://bit.ly/1J2dcrj	\$499.00	

Build HTML table

Use ng-repeat directive

- "product in vm.products"
- "product" = local variable name
- "vm.products" = array in controller

Use data binding

- {{name}} = variable name from repeat



```
{{product.ProductName}}
{{product.IntroductionDate | date: 'MM/dd/yyyy'}}
{{product.Url}}
{{product.Url}}
{{product.Price | currency: "$"}}
```

Angular "filters" transform data

- 'date' format a date to a specific format
- 'currency' formats number as currency

Others

- 'lowercase' transforms string to all lower case
- 'uppercase' transforms string to all upper case



Demo



Build product HTML table



Summary



Added Angular to project

Learned about modules and controllers

Created and consumed Web API

Worked with data binding

Filters for transforming data

Coming up in the next module...

- Build <select> list
- Bind input fields to controller
- Search for data

