

Don't Forget the Validation of Data



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Goals



Angular validation basics

HTML changes for Angular validation

Controller changes for Angular validation

Server-side validation

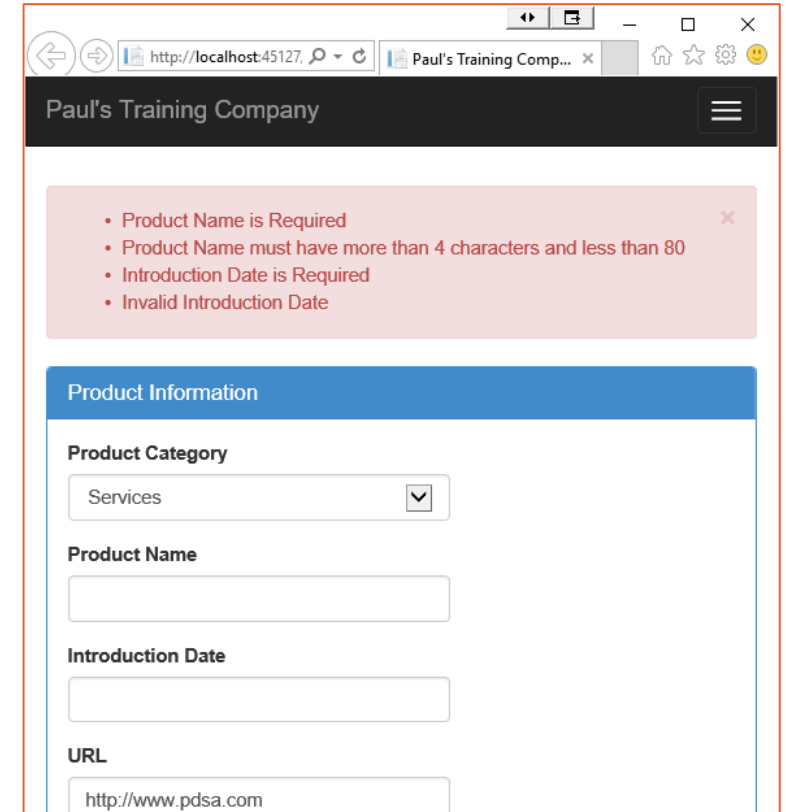


Angular Validation Basics



Basics of Validation

- Create form tag with name
 - `<form name="productForm" novalidate>`
- Can check state of form
 - `productForm.$valid`
 - All controls are valid



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://localhost:45127`. The page title is "Paul's Training Company". A red error message box is displayed at the top, containing the following text:

- Product Name is Required
- Product Name must have more than 4 characters and less than 80
- Introduction Date is Required
- Invalid Introduction Date

Below the error message, the form is titled "Product Information". It contains the following fields:

- Product Category:** A dropdown menu with "Services" selected.
- Product Name:** An empty text input field.
- Introduction Date:** An empty text input field.
- URL:** A text input field containing `http://www.pdsa.com`.



Basics of Validation

- Set name attribute
 - On all input fields you wish to validate
- Add HTML 5 attributes
 - required
 - min
 - max
- Add Angular attributes
 - ng-minlength
 - ng-maxlength

```
<input id="price"
       name="price"
       required
       min="0"
       max="9999"
       type="number"
       class="form-control"
       ng-model="product.Price" />
```

```
<input id="productName"
       name="productName"
       type="text"
       required
       ng-minlength="4"
       ng-maxlength="80"
       class="form-control"
       ng-model="product.ProductName" />
```



```
<li ng-show="productForm.productName.$error.required">  
  Product Name is Required  
</li>  
<li ng-show="!productForm.productName.$valid">  
  Product Name must have more  
  than 4 characters and less than 80  
</li>
```

Display validation messages

- Use ng-show
- Use the format:
 - <form name>.<control name>.\$<property>



Demo



Modify HTML



Controller Changes to Support Validation



Modify Controller for Validation

**Modify saveClick
function**

**Check
productForm.\$valid**

**Set isValid value
appropriately**

**\$setPristine() to
handle server-side
validation**

**Write custom
validation**



Demo



Controller changes



Server-Side Validation



Don't Rely on Client-Side Validation

Hackers can by-pass

Can't do everything client-side



Need Server-Side Validation

Need to re-validate all data

Use EF for validation

**Convert EF Model State to
Web API Model State**

Return BadRequest()



More Business Rules

- Add 400 case in `handleException`
- Get `ModelState` from `data` property
- Loop through validation errors
- Add message to `messages` array

```
case 400: // 'Bad Request'
    // Model state errors
    var errors = error.data.ModelState;

    // Loop through and get all
    // validation errors
    for (var key in errors) {
        for (var i = 0; i < errors[key].length;
            i++) {
            addValidationMessage(key,
                                errors[key][i]);
        }
    }
}
```



Demo



Server-side validation



Summary



Learned Angular validation

- HTML 5 validation
- ng-* validation

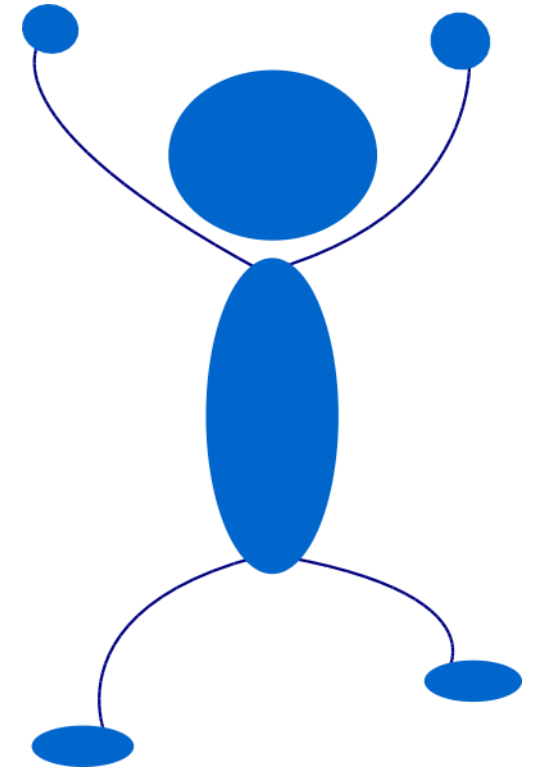
Additional validation on client-side

Server-side validation

- Communicating back to client

Course Summary

- Step-by-step we moved to Angular
- Replaced a lot of Razor code
- Learned to work with...
 - Modules and controllers
 - \$http data service
 - Data binding
- Eliminated all post backs



Course Summary

- Built drop down lists
- Built HTML tables
- Worked with UI state
- Added, edited and deleted data
- Learned to validate data
- I hope you enjoyed this course!

