Practical AngularJS

Deep dive into Angular JS fundamentals, design and architecture

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Agenda

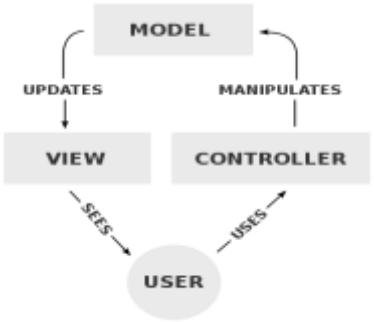
- Introduction
- Fundamentals
- Features
- Project Setups
- Demo App
- Q & A
- Hands-on Session

What is Angular JS?

- It is a JavaScript framework (open-source, by Google)
- It is used to build rich internet applications
- It is popular, "MEAN" stack: MongoDB, Express, AngularJS, Node.JS.
- It extends HTML tag attributes using ng-directives

```
<div id="right-panel" snap-content snap-options="snapOptions" ng-app="MainApp" ng-controller="MainCtrl">
```

- It supports client-side MVC architecture



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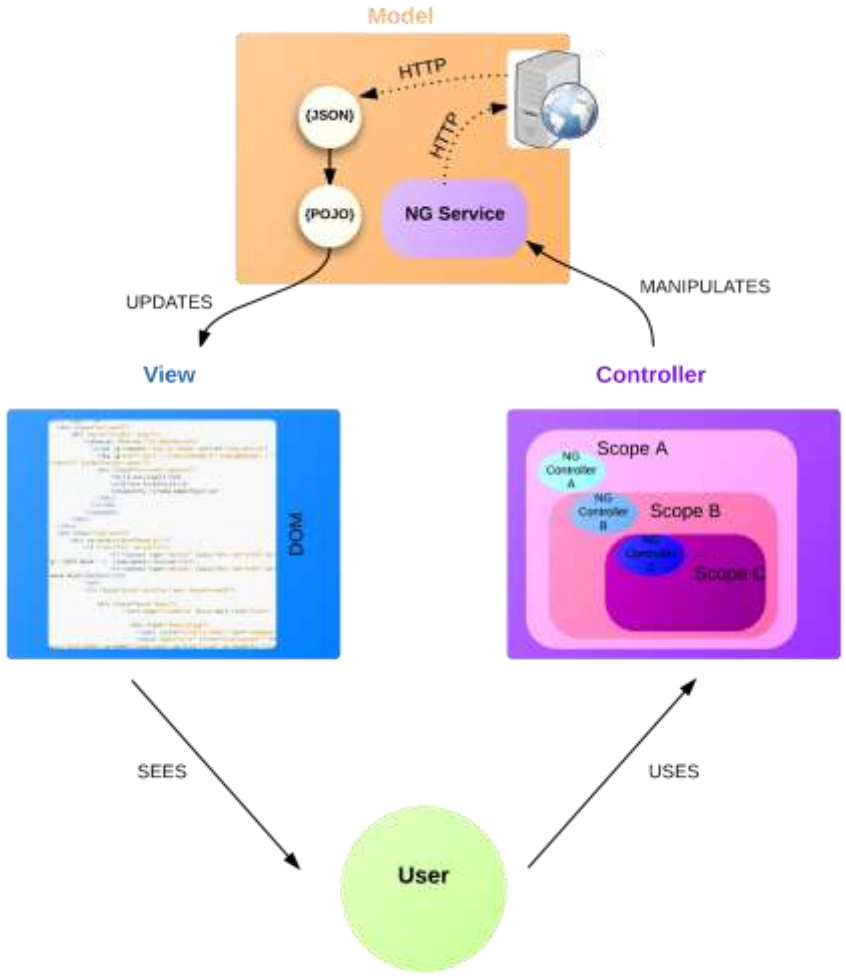
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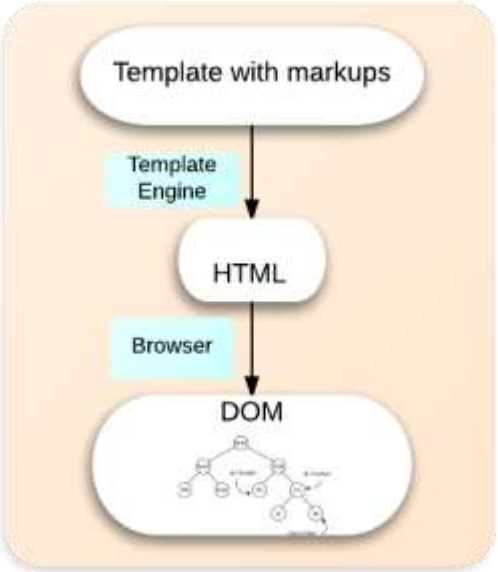
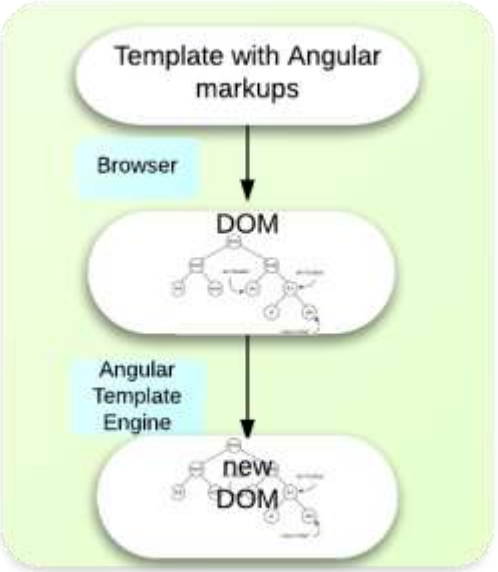
NG Service
UPDATES
MANIPULATES
View
Controller
DOM
Scope A
NG Controller A
NG Controller B
Scope B
Scope C
SEES
USES
User

Declarative Programming

Building the structure and elements of UI programs, that expresses the logic without describing its control flow

Two-way Binding





Why AngularJS?

- Simple but powerful (declarative, 2-way binding)
- Rich and extensible (custom directives)
- POJO data model (no rich model, automatic rendering)
- Modularity & DI (logic contained, testability)
- Community Support

What is the SPA hype?

"A **single-page application** (**SPA**), is a web application or web site that fits on a single web page with the goal of providing a more fluid user experience akin to a desktop application."
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-page_application)

"Single page apps are distinguished by their ability to redraw any part of the UI **without requiring a server roundtrip** to retrieve HTML."
(http://singlepageappbook.com)

"The main reason is that they allow us to offer a **more-native-app-like experience** to the user."
(http://singlepageappbook.com)

What opponents say

- Code Lock-In (Angular way, Angular 2.x)
- Dogmatic Architecture (controller -> service, no rich domain)
- Steep learning curve (sometime “magic work”)
- Poor Testability (difficult to test HTML rendering)

What we think


Powerful & Rich


Flexibility & Extensibility

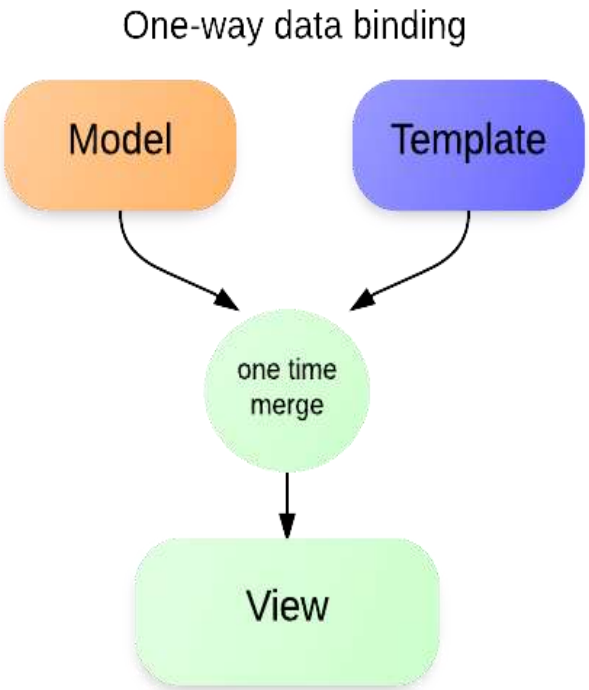

Shorter Code

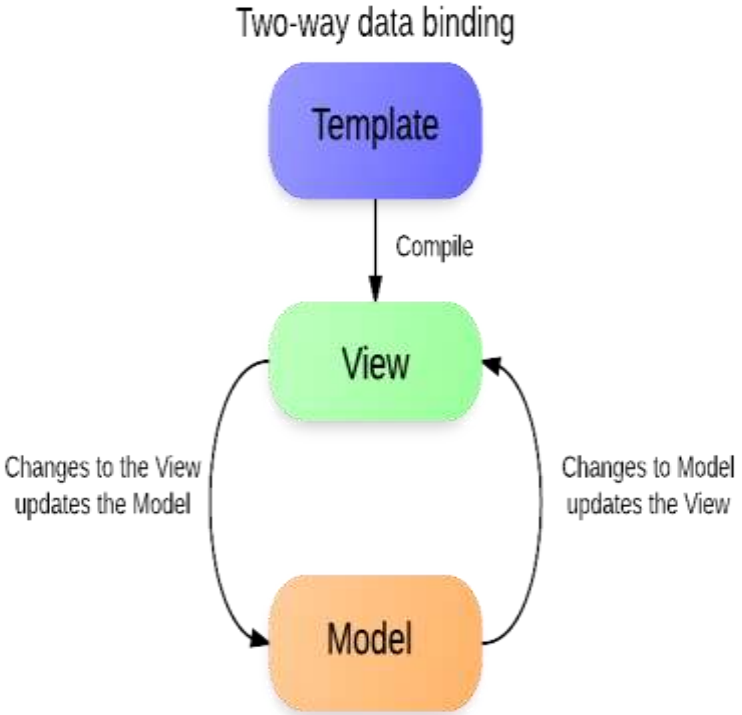

Design similar to standard Java Web application (DI, Controller, Dao, TOs and modularity)


Good development tool support


Angular 2.x requires app rewrite

Two-way Data Binding

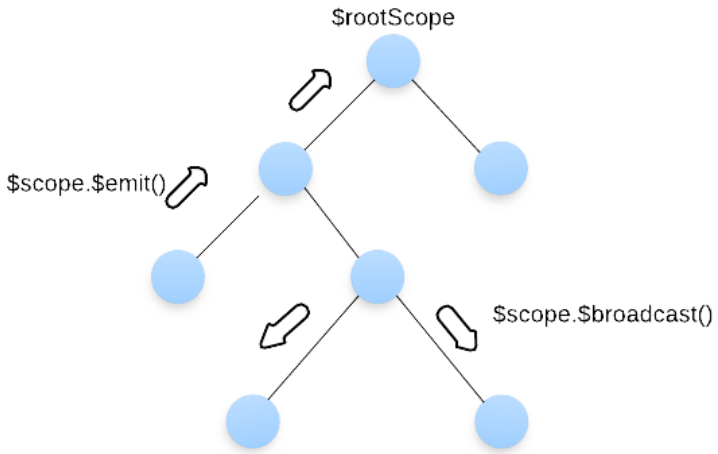




Scope hierarchy and inheritance

- New Scope is created by each scope-creating directives (ng-controller) in DOM
- Rooted at $rootScope
- Properties are visible to all child scopes
- Referencing a parent scope ($parent.name)
- Avoid name conflict by binding a property to an object (myScope.name)

Eventing in Scope



- $emit() and $broadcast() methods to fire events
- $on method to register a scope-event handler

Modules & DI

- Modules are containers for related objects (controllers, services, constants etc.)
- Modules can be injected to another Module as dependencies
- Main module registered with HTML by *ng-app* attribute
- Other modules are injected through main module (only one “ng-app” registration)
- Implicit objects can be injected in components directly ($scope, $http, $window, $q, $timeout etc.)

Controllers

- Business logic for a single view (user list, room form, datepicker)
  - $scope.property - data model
  - $scope.method - behavior to update data model
  - Angular expression - display properties `{{model.property}}`
  - *ng*- event handler directives - invoke methods (ngClick=”save()”)

- Register to DOM via *ng-controller*

- Each controller is associated with a new scope ($scope injected in constructor function)

- Don’ts
  - Manipulate DOM
  - Format input (custom directives)
  - Filter output (angular filters)
  - Fat controller (service objects)

Angular Service Flavors

Service Objects	Purpose
Value	built-in objects or object literals
Constant	module level constants
Service	Used to register constructor functions. (returns function instance, uncommon)
Factory	Used to enclose any stateless logic (returns the value of invoking a function reference)
Provider	More generic, can be configured in configuration phase

Modules Lifecycle

- **The configuration phase**: components are collected and configured
- **The run phase:** post-instantiation logic execution

What to register?	Injectable during the configuration phase?	Injectable during the run phase?
Constant	Yes	Yes
Variable	No	Yes
Service	No	Yes
Factory	No	Yes
Provider	Yes	No

Calling back-end service

- **$http** - all-purpose API for XHR
  (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, HEAD, JSONP)
  e.g. *$http.post(url, data, config)*
- Data conversion JS object ⇔ JSON occurs automatically for request and response
- *success* and *error* callback functions can be registered through $promise
- Function can be registered as Interceptors for $http service (security mechanism: CSRF token, Basic Auth)

Async is a “promise”

$q - Angular implementation of Promise API

```
var promise =
$http.get('http://host:80/servi
ce/users');

promise.then(
  function(payload) {
    $scope.mydata =
payload.data;
  },
  function(payload) {
    $scope.errorMsg =
payload.message;
  }$$
);
```

```
.factory('myService', function($http,
$log, $q) {
  return {
   asyncGet: function(movie) {
     var deferred = $q.defer();

$http.get('http://host:80/service/users)
       .success(function(data) {
          deferred.resolve({
             name: data.roomName,
             location: data.location});
       }).error(function(msg, code) {
          deferred.reject(msg);
          $log.error(msg, code);
       });
     return deferred.promise;
   }
  }
 });
```

API

$q(resolver);
defer();
reject(reason);
when(value);
all(promises);

jQuery and AngularJS

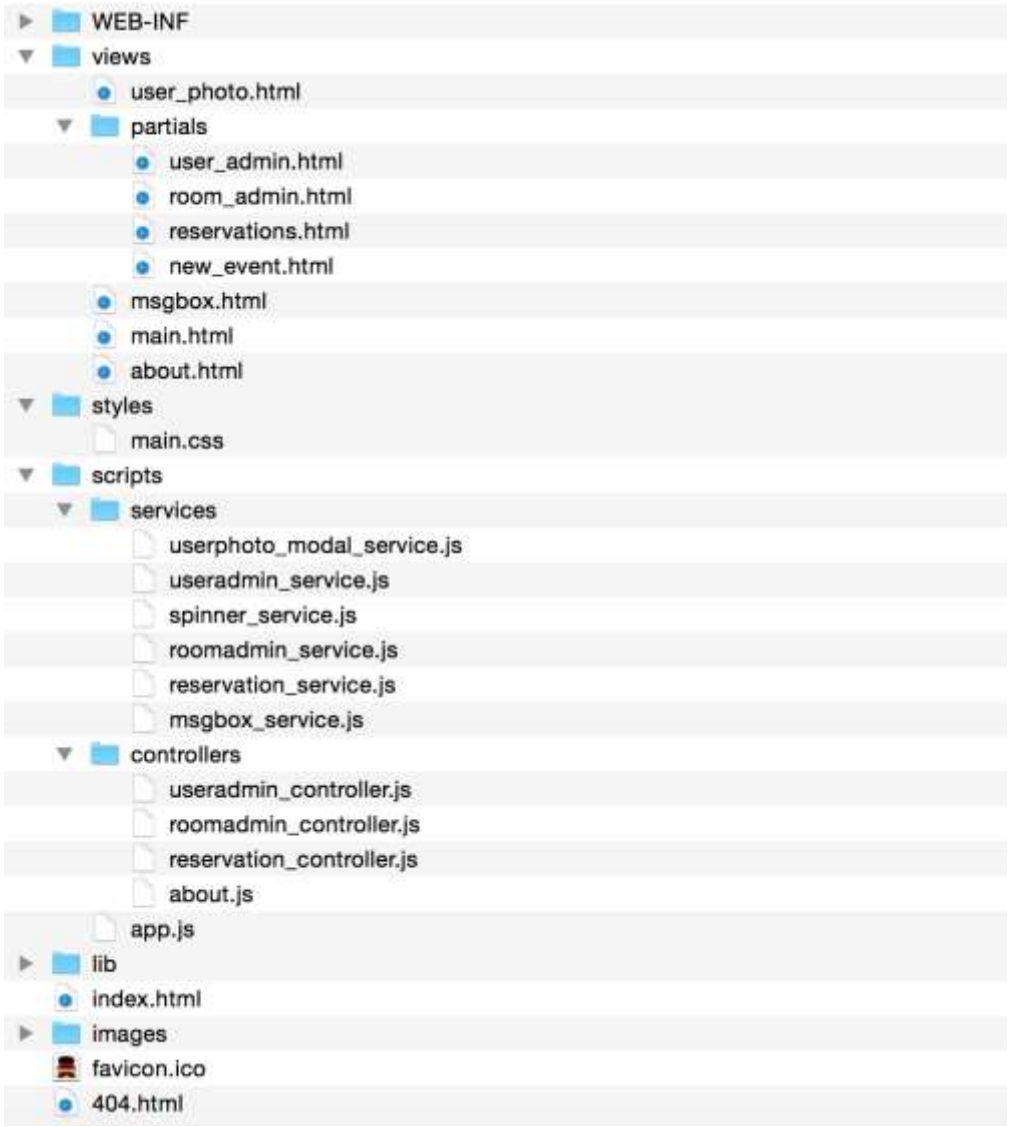
- jqLite - embedded & simplified jQuery in AngularJS
- Can cooperate, but not recommended

AngularJS : declarative view logic, model-centric
jQuery : DOM manipulation, traversing, event handling, Ajax

“thinking in Angular”

- Custom Directives - wraps underlying jQuery enabled components (example : angular-ui-calendar/fullcalendar)

Project Structure



Core Directives

- Markers on a DOM element with specified behavior
- ngApp - auto-bootstrap an AngularJS app
- ngModel - binds an input,select, textarea to a property on the scope

Core Directives

- ngShow - shows or hides the given HTML element based on the expression provided
- ngDisabled - sets the disabled attribute on the element based on the expression provided

Core Directives

- ngController - attaches a controller class to the view
- ngRepeat - instantiates a template once per item from a collection
- ngNonBindable - tells Angular not to compile or bind the contents of the current DOM element

Core Filters (formatters)

- currency - formats a number as a currency (ie $1,234.56)
- date - formats date to a string based on the requested format
- uppercase
- lowercase

Core Filters

- “filter” - selects a subset of items from an array
- orderBy - orders an array

AngularJS UI Bootstrap

- Bootstrap components written in pure AngularJS: Accordion, Alert, Buttons, Carousel, Collapse, Datepicker, Dropdown, Modal, Pagination, Popover, Progressbar, Rating, Tabs, Timepicker, Tooltip, Typeahead
- https://angular-ui.github.io/bootstrap/

- Tabs sample

- Buttons sample

- Accordion sample

Custom Event Listener

- Events among controllers

  $emit(), **$broadcast()** and **$on()**

- Monitors any change and triggers callback

  $watch(watchExpression, listener);

  $watchCollection(obj, listener);

- **$watch() -> $broadcast() -> $on() -> update**

Timer Services

- **$timeout** - Call another function after a time delay

```
myapp.controller("MyCtrl", function($scope, $timeout) {

        $timeout(function(){ $scope.delayedFuntion(); }, 3000);

});
```

- **$interval** - Schedules repeated calls at a time interval

```
myapp.controller("MyCtrl", function($scope, $interval) {

                $interval( function(){ $scope.intervalFunction(); },
3000);


});
```

Custom Directives

Why Custom Directives?

- Simplify code, create reusable view logic in a new HTML mark-up
- Encapsulate view specific business logic (custom validation)
- Integrate with 3rd-party DOM manipulation API (jQueryUI)

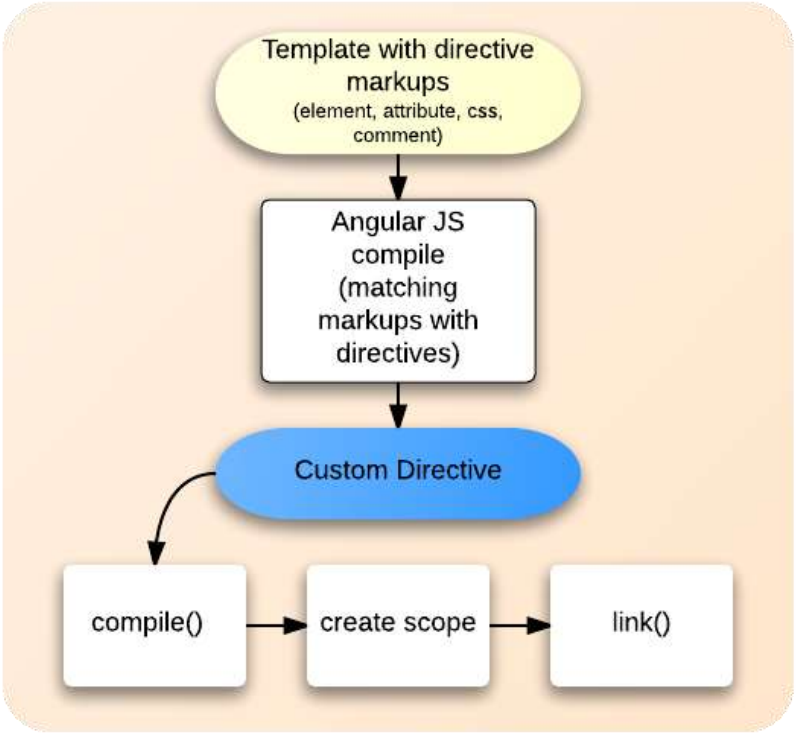
Defining a Directive

```
angular.module(‘myapp’)
    .directive('myDirective', function () {
    return {
                restrict: 'EA',
                scope: {  name: '@’  },
                template: '<div>{{ employeeName
}}</div>',
                templateUrl:
'employ_detail_template.html',
                controller: customController,
          compile: function(element, attributes) { },
          replace: true,
          transclude: true,
          require: 'ngModel',
          link: function ($scope, element, attrs) { }
              }
});
```

restrict

E = element, A = attribute, C = class, M = comment

Directive Lifecycle



- compilation called only once, linking called every iterations
- linking deal with data models in scope

Scope in a Directive

- Read the value from an attribute with @

```
scope: { employeeName: '@name' },
```

```
<div my-directive name="{{ employee.name }}"></div>
```

- Two-way data binding to the attribute with **=**

```
scope: { employee: '=' },
```

```
<div my-directive employee="employee"></div>
```

- Pass external function to directive using **&**

```
scope: { action: '&' },
```

```
<div my-directive action="getExmloyeeAddress()"></div>
```

Wrapping 3rd-party widget

```
myapp.directive('myWidget', function () {
    return {
            restrict: ‘E’,
            require:'ngModel',
            link:function (scope, element, attrs, ngModel) {
                element.jQueryWidget({   // option configuration
                            width : 10,
            color : ‘red’,
                            ….
        });
                ngModel.$render = function() {
                            element.jQueryWidget(“set”,
ngModel.$viewValue);
                };
            }
        ….
    };
});
```

Environment Setup

Node.js 

Batarang 

Grunt 

Yeoman 

Bower 

Protractor 

Karma 

Node.js and NPM

- **Node.js** - run the JavaScript code outside the browser
- **NPM** - package manager for Node.js
- **package.json**

```
{ "name": "Conference-Room-UI",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "repository": "https://github.com/coder-weiru/Conference-Room-UI",
  "dependencies": {
    "archiver": "^0.12.0",
  }
  "devDependencies": {
    "grunt": "~0.4.5",
    "grunt-bower-task": "^0.4.0",
    "grunt-karma": "~0.8.3",
    "grunt-war": "^0.4.5",
    "http-server": "^0.6.1",   ...
  },
  "scripts": {
    "start": "http-server -a 0.0.0.0 -p 8000",
    "test": "node node_modules/karma/bin/karma start test/karma.conf.js", ...
 }
}
```

Build with Grunt

- **Grunt.js** - A task runner for JavaScript
  (Maven/Java, Gradle/Groovy, Rake/Ruby)
- **Grunt Plugins** - Available tasks (jshint, karma, war, uglify ...)
- **Gruntfile.js** - Configuration

```
grunt.initConfig({
        pkg: grunt.file.readJSON('package.json'),
        bower: {
                options: {...},
            }
        concat: { .. },
        clean: {...},
            war: {
                        target: {
                    options: {
                        },
            files: [ ... ]
            }});

grunt.loadNpmTasks('grunt-karma');
grunt.registerTask('default', ['karma','jshint','concat','uglify']);
```

Manage libs with Bower

- Manage client side dependencies
- **bower install <package>**
- **grunt bower**
- **.bowerrc** - Bower configuration
- **bower.json** - Project dependencies configuration

```
{ "name": "Conference Room UI",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "private": true,
  "ignore": [
    "**/.*",
    "node_modules",
    "bower_components" ],
  "dependencies": {
    "angular": "^1.3.0",
  },
  "devDependencies": {
    "jasmine": "^2.0.0"
  },
  "appPath": "webapp",
  }
```

Test with Karma

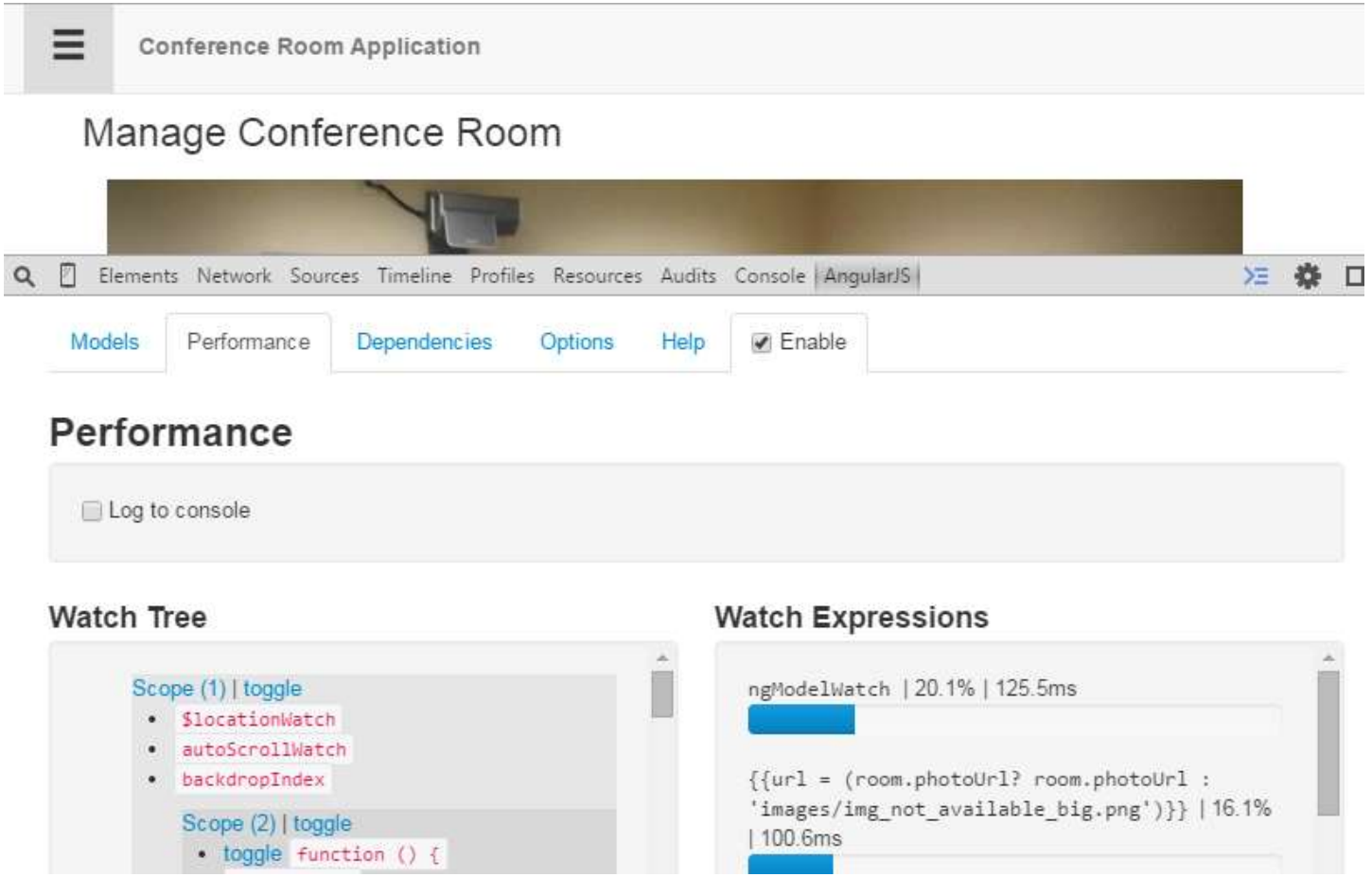
- **Karma** - Automated test runner (Jasmine, Mocha, QUnit)
- Installed as node modules (karma, karma-chrome-launcher, karma-jasmin)
- Configuration (karma.conf.js)

```
module.exports = function(config) {
  config.set({
    autoWatch: true,
    basePath: '../',
    frameworks: ['jasmine'],
    files: [
      'webapp/lib/angular/angular.js',
      'webapp/lib/angular-mocks/angular-mocks.js',
      'webapp/scripts/**/*.js',
      'test/unit/**/*.js'
    ],
    exclude: [   ...    ],
    port: 8989,
    browsers: [ 'Chrome' ],
    plugins: [
      'karma-chrome-launcher',
      'karma-jasmine' ],
        ...
```

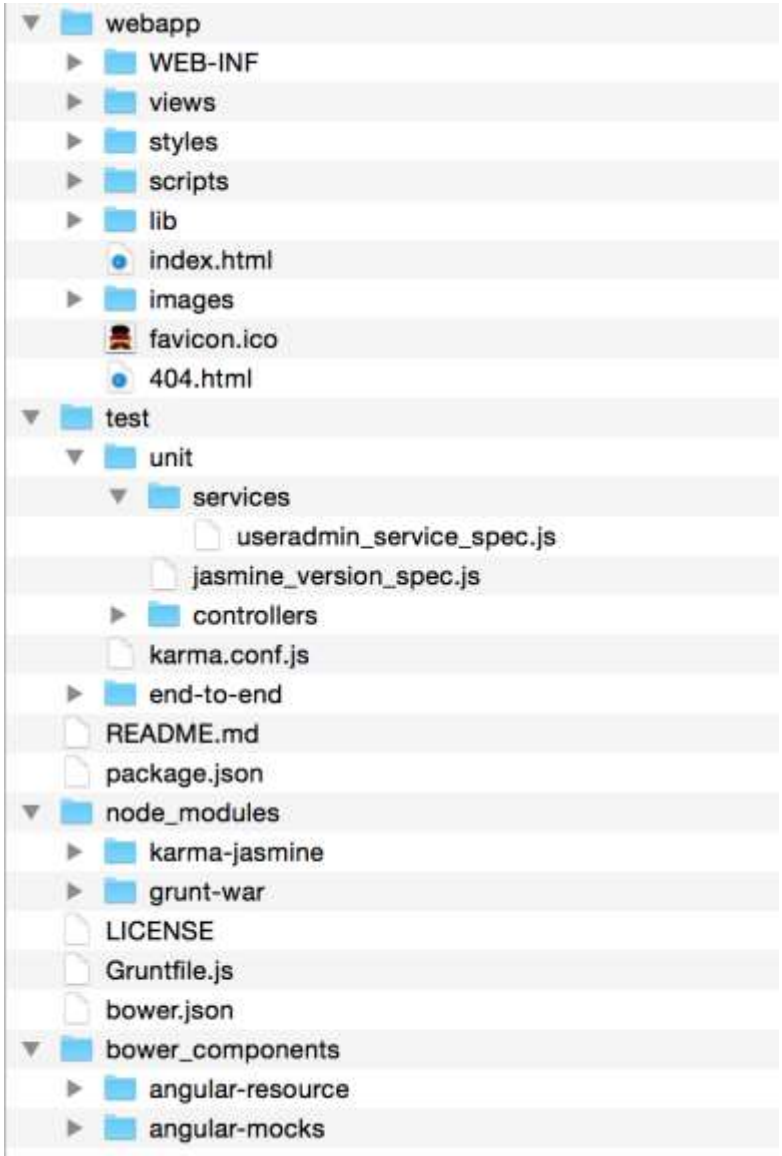
```
// Continuous Integration mode
singleRun: false

    …
    ...
```

Debug with Batarang



Files and folders



Unit Tests

- **Jasmine** - behavior-driven test framework
- **module()** - loads the module (and all the dependent modules) through $injector (*ng-app*)
- **inject()** - injects services into tests
- **$new()** - creating a new $scope instance (*ng-controller*)

  $scope = $rootScope.$new();
- **$controller** - instantiating a new controller (*ng-controller*)
- **ngMock** - $exceptionHandler, $log, $httpBackend, $timeout

Service Test Example

```
describe('service.user Tests', function() {
    beforeEach(module('service.user'));
    describe('UserService returns a list of users', function() {
        var $httpBackend, userService;
        beforeEach(inject(function(UserService, $injector) {
                $httpBackend = $injector.get('$httpBackend');
                userService = UserService;
                var mockData = [...];
                $httpBackend.when("GET",url).respond(mockData);
     }));
     it("Async listUsers() return 2 items", function() {
                var promise = userService.listUsers();
                        promise.then(function(data) {
                        result = data.data.length;
                        });
                $httpBackend.expect('GET', '/user/list');
                $httpBackend.flush();
                        expect(result).toEqual(2);
     });
});
```

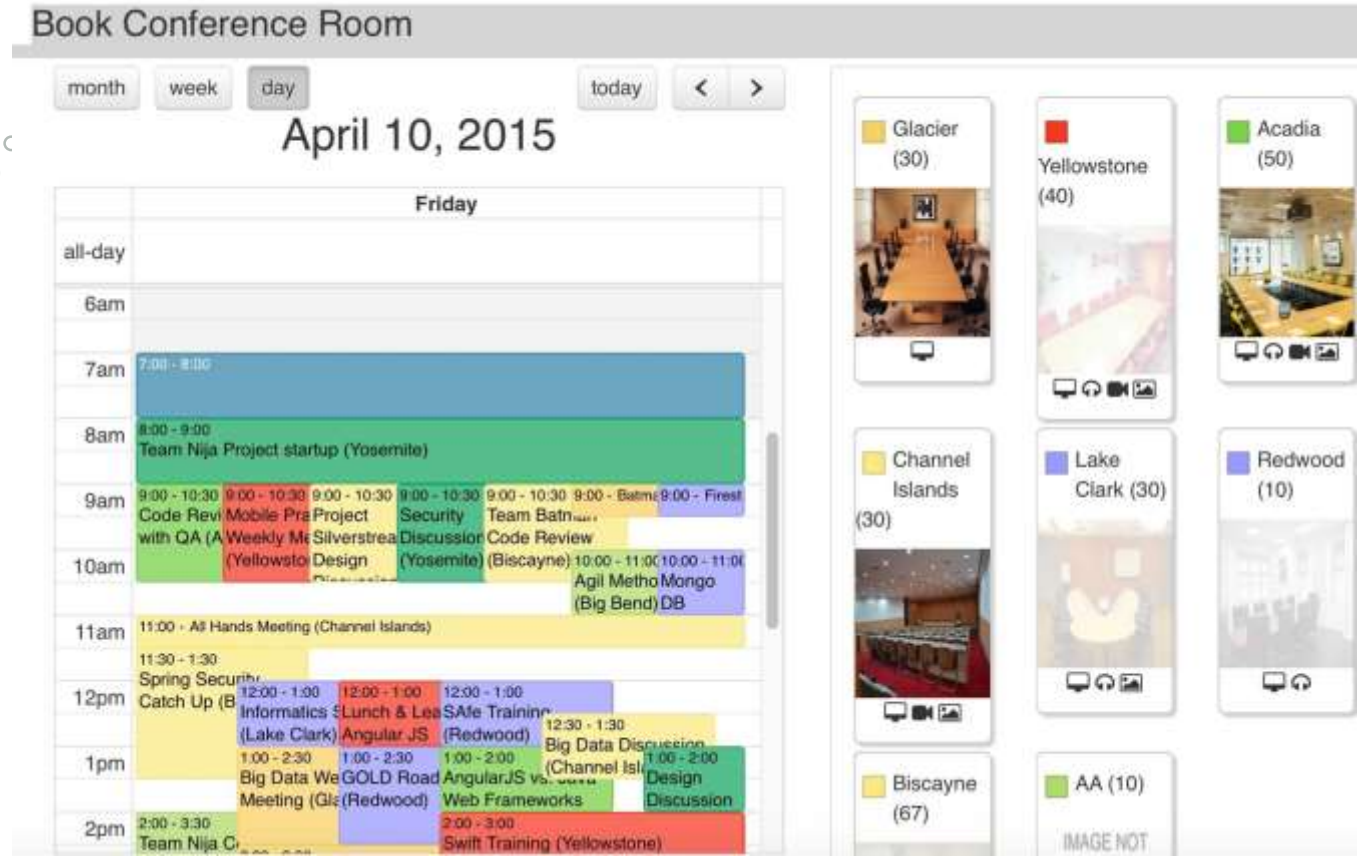
Controller Test Example

```
describe('controller.user Test', function () {
        var $scope;
        beforeEach(module('controller.user'));
        beforeEach(inject(function ($rootScope) {
                $scope = $rootScope.$new();
    }));
it('should remove the user', inject(function($controller) {
    var mockUser = { … };
        $controller('UserListCtrl', {
                $scope: $scope,
                users: [mockUser]
    });
    expect($scope.users).toEqual([mockUser]);

    $scope.removeUser(mockUser);

    expect($scope.users).toEqual([]);
}));
```

Demo App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Channel Islands (30)
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Biscayne (67)
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Hands-on Session

- Ex-1 **Display a user list using a controller**
- Ex-2 **Add a service object to retrieve user data from remote REST service**
- Ex-3 **Add detail views to the user list**
- Ex-4 **Add the capability to update user information via remote REST service**
- Ex-5 **Add pagination to the user list by a custom directive**
- Ex-6 **Use UI Grid to display the user list**

Exercises Source Location (https://github.com/coder-weiru/CoderConf-2015/)