Technical Presentation Milestone

Comparison of the Different Techniques Used to Communicate Across AngularJS Controllers

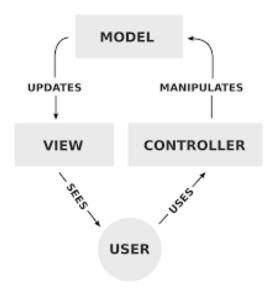
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Outline

- Why do we need to communicate across AngularJS controllers?
- How do we communicate across AngularJS controllers?
 - PubSub Method
 - AngularJS Service Method
- What are the pros and cons of each method?
- Some design patterns
- Summary and Conclusions

Model-View-Controller (MVC)



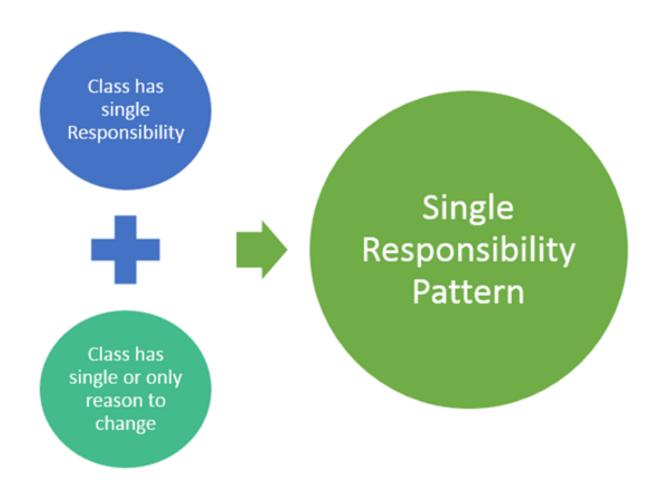
- Model: Holds the state of the application.
- Controller: Controls the workflow.
- View: Displays data to the user.

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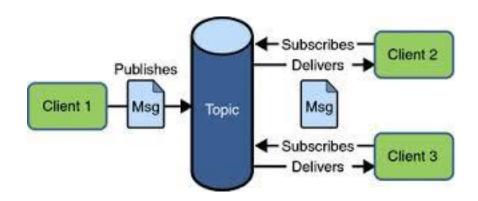
- Advantages:
 - 1. What if you need to change your visual display?
 - 2. What if you need to change your workflow?
 - 3. What if you need to change your application state?

 Controllers trigger a change in data models and NOT create data models.

Single Responsibility Principle

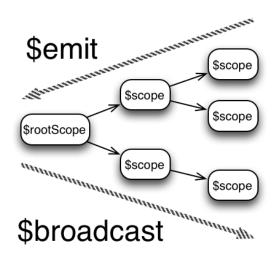


PubSub Method



- Based on Publish-Subscribe design pattern
- Publishers propagate the message
- Subscribers receive the message
- Third-party component facilitates communication between decoupled components

PubSub Method



- Root scope is the ancestor of all scopes.
- Scope hierarchy determines the method of propagation.
- Two methods of propagation:
 - \$broadcast: Propagate to descendants.
 - \$emit: Propagate to ancestors.

PubSub Method

Advantages

- 1. One-to-one, one-to-many and many-to-one communication
- 2. Easy to implement

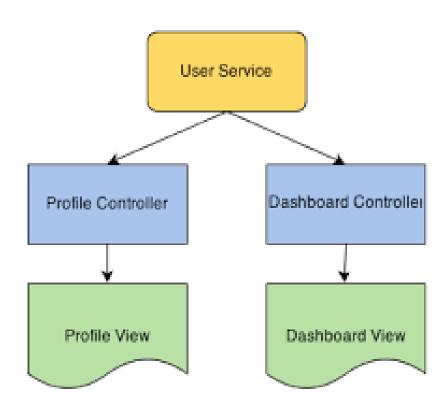
Disadvantages

- 1. Overuse can lead to event pollution
- 2. Possibility of event being lost

AngularJS Service Method

- Singleton objects created once per application
- Implementation of Dependency Inversion Principle
 - SOLID Principle
 - Any dependency a class has should be provided externally
- Service is shared by controllers
 - Controllers can mutate and access the service
 - Indirect communication

AngularJS Service Method



AngularJS Service Method

Advantages

- Zero structural dependencies.
- Facilitates abstraction of data models from controller.
- 3. Increases reusability.

Disadvantages

1. Implementation not straightforward and costly.

Conclusions

- AngularJS is a MVC framework.
- Single Responsibility Principle is the reason for controller communication.
- PubSub Method is based on Publish-Subscribe Design Pattern.
- AngularJS Service Method is based on Dependency Inversion Principle.
- My thoughts.

Questions?

"The majority of the cost of a software project is in long-term maintenance"
- Robert C. Martin