

# Using Material 3 (M3) with Angular

# Dharmen Shah

I am a Developer, Blogger and Open Source Contributor

You can find me on twitter [@shhdharmen](#)

**SOLVATIVE**

*Solve Forward*

“Innovation made Human”

For more information

<https://solvative.com/>

## Never left it Alone!

- Blogs
- Open Source Libraries
- Helping other developers



1000+  
GitHub  
Stars



# Agenda



User Experience



Material Design



Angular Material



M3 with Angular  
Material

# User Experience

“User  
experience is  
the summary  
of everything”.



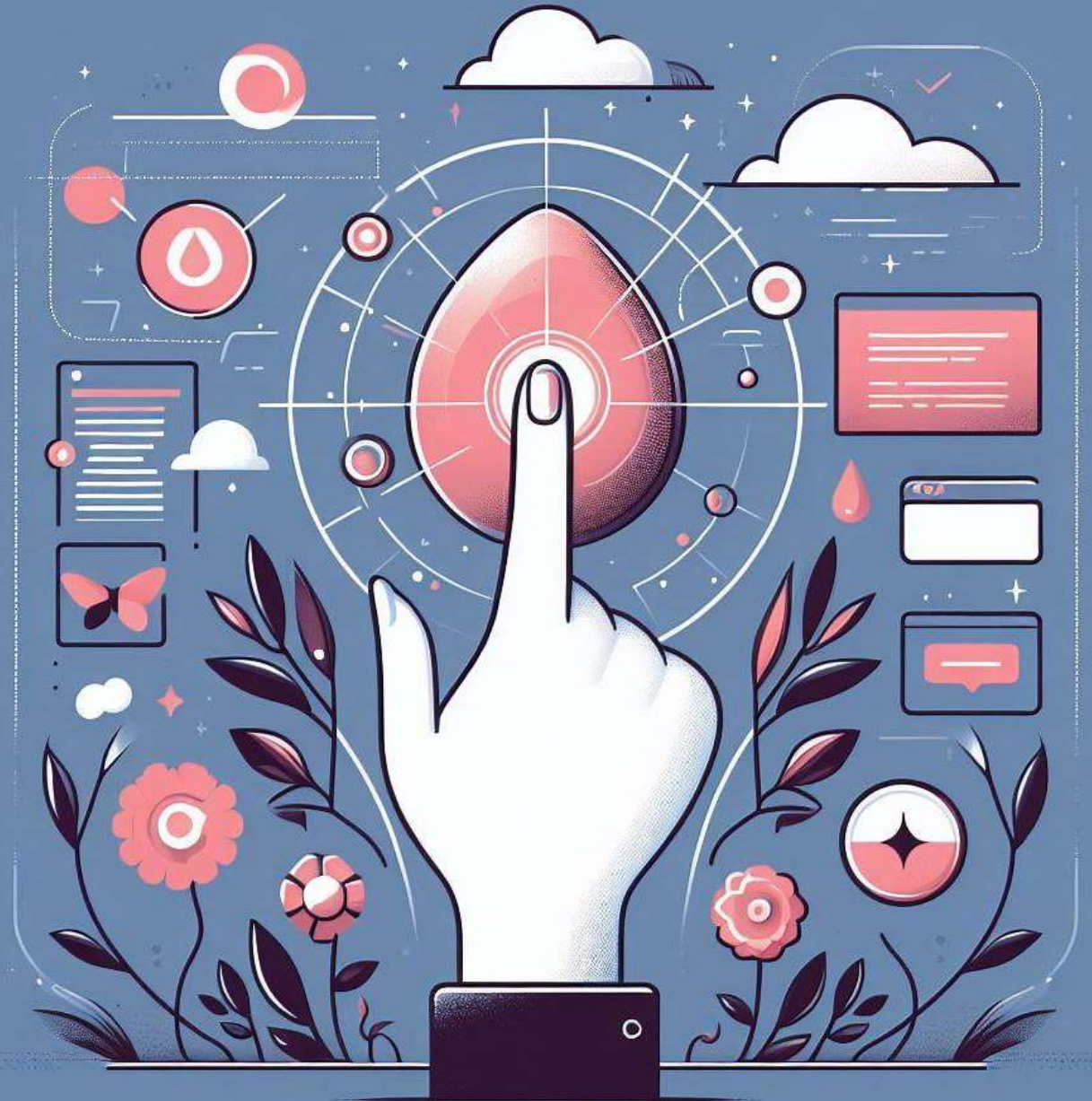


User  
experience  
encompasses  
all aspects of  
the end user's  
interaction



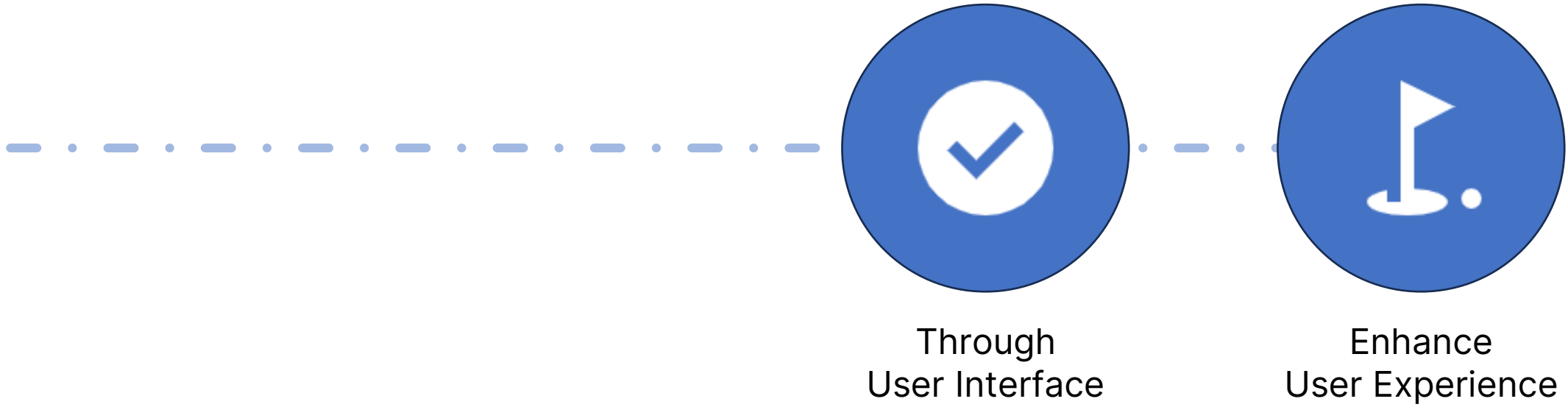
# Then what is User Interface?

- Visual touchpoint or asset the user interacts with
- Color, spacing, grids, icons, and buttons
- Shape, decoration, and presentation



User interface

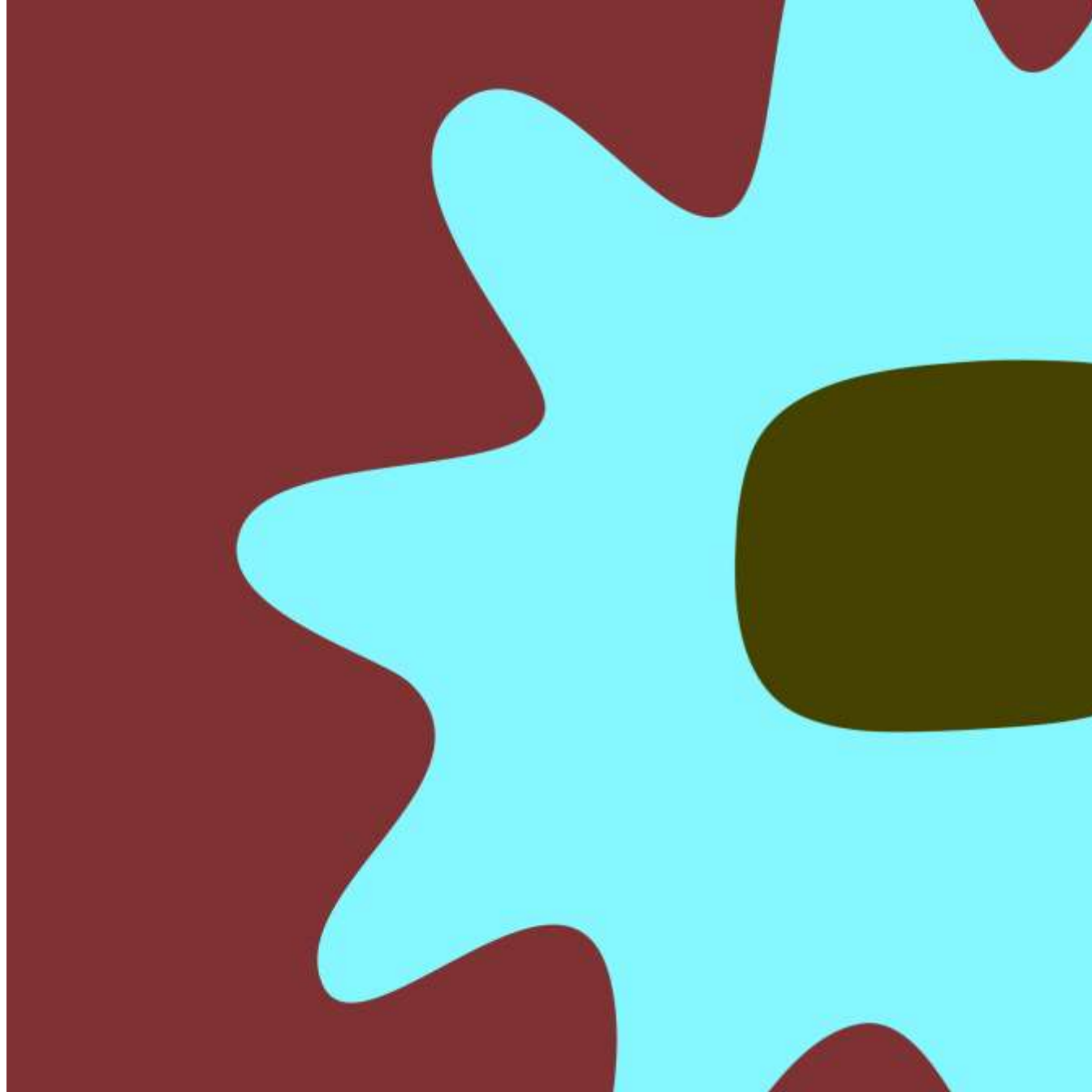


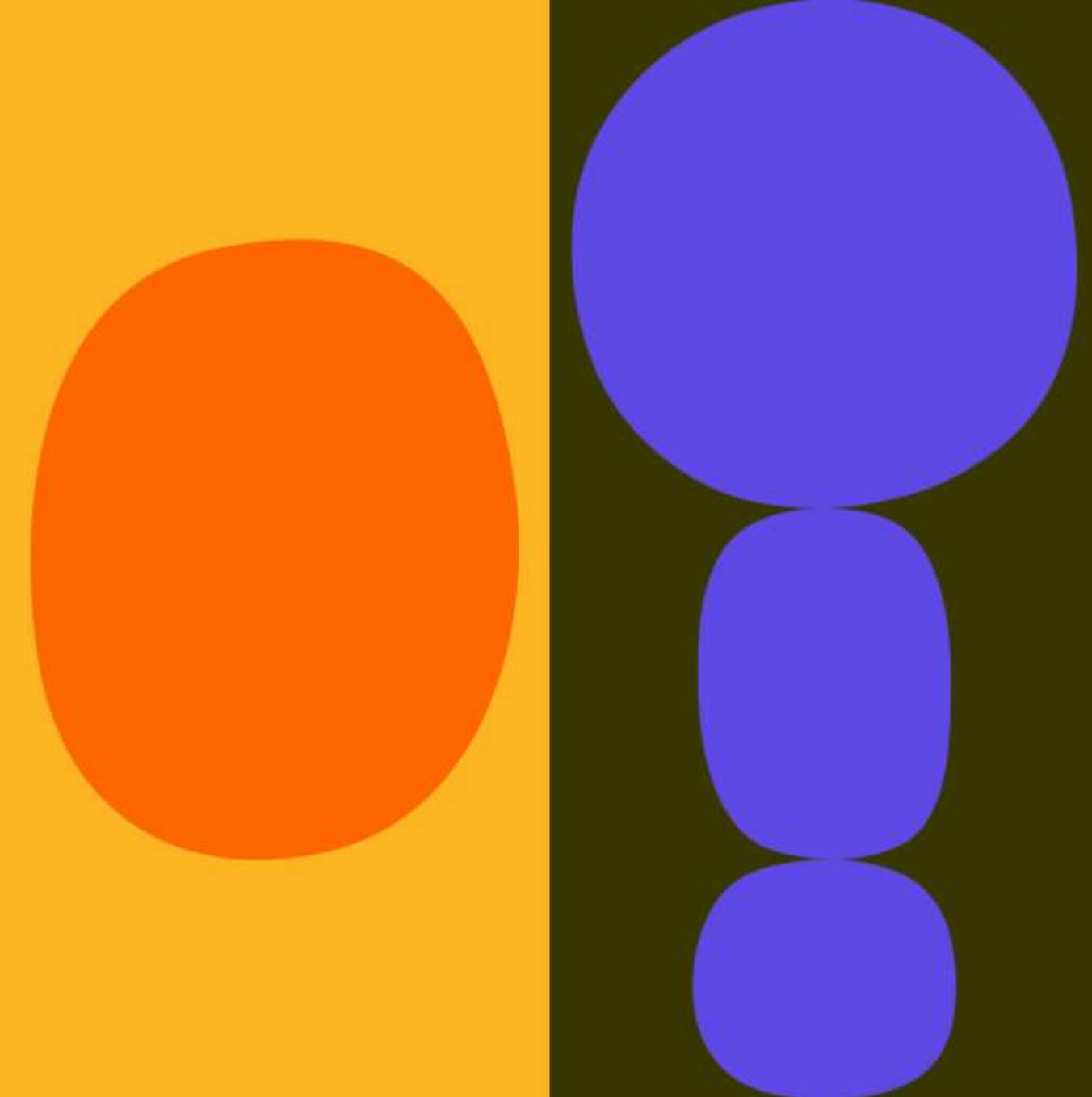




# Material Design

Material 3 is the latest version of Google's open-source design system. Design and build beautiful, usable products with Material 3.





- Increased focus on personalization
- Updated theming
- New & improved components
- Emphasis on motion and responsiveness



Using Material  
Design



Through  
User Interface



Enhance  
User Experience

# Angular Material





### Autocomplete

Suggests relevant options as the user types.



### Badge

A small value indicator that can be overlaid on another object.



### Bottom Sheet

A large interactive panel primarily for mobile devices.



### Button

An interactive button with a range of presentation options.



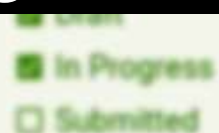
### Button toggle

A groupable on/off toggle for enabling and disabling options.



### Card

A styled container for pieces of itemized content.



### Checkbox

Captures boolean input with an optional indeterminate mode.

### Amenities



### Chips

Presents a list of items as a set of small, tactile entities.



Discard draft?

Contact 1

Contact 2

<https://material.angular.io/>



# Angular Material

- Material Design components for Angular
- High quality, versatile and frictionless
- Customizing base, color, typography and density
- APIs built with SASS (<https://sass-lang.com/>)
- Easy to setup thanks to schematics

# M3 in Angular Material

- 🖐️ As of v17.2.0, Angular Material includes **experimental support** for M3 styling in addition to M2
- M3 is implemented in Angular Material as an alternate Sass theme



Using  
Material 3 Design



Through  
Angular Material



Through  
User Interface



Enhance  
User Experience

# Time to code

- Clone the starter
- Or Create new Angular project
  - With scss
  - Install dependencies
    - @angular/material
    - @angular/cdk
    - @angular/material-experimental
- Setup M3 theme
- Create application skeleton
  - Layout with sidenav
- Create pages
- Create theme manager

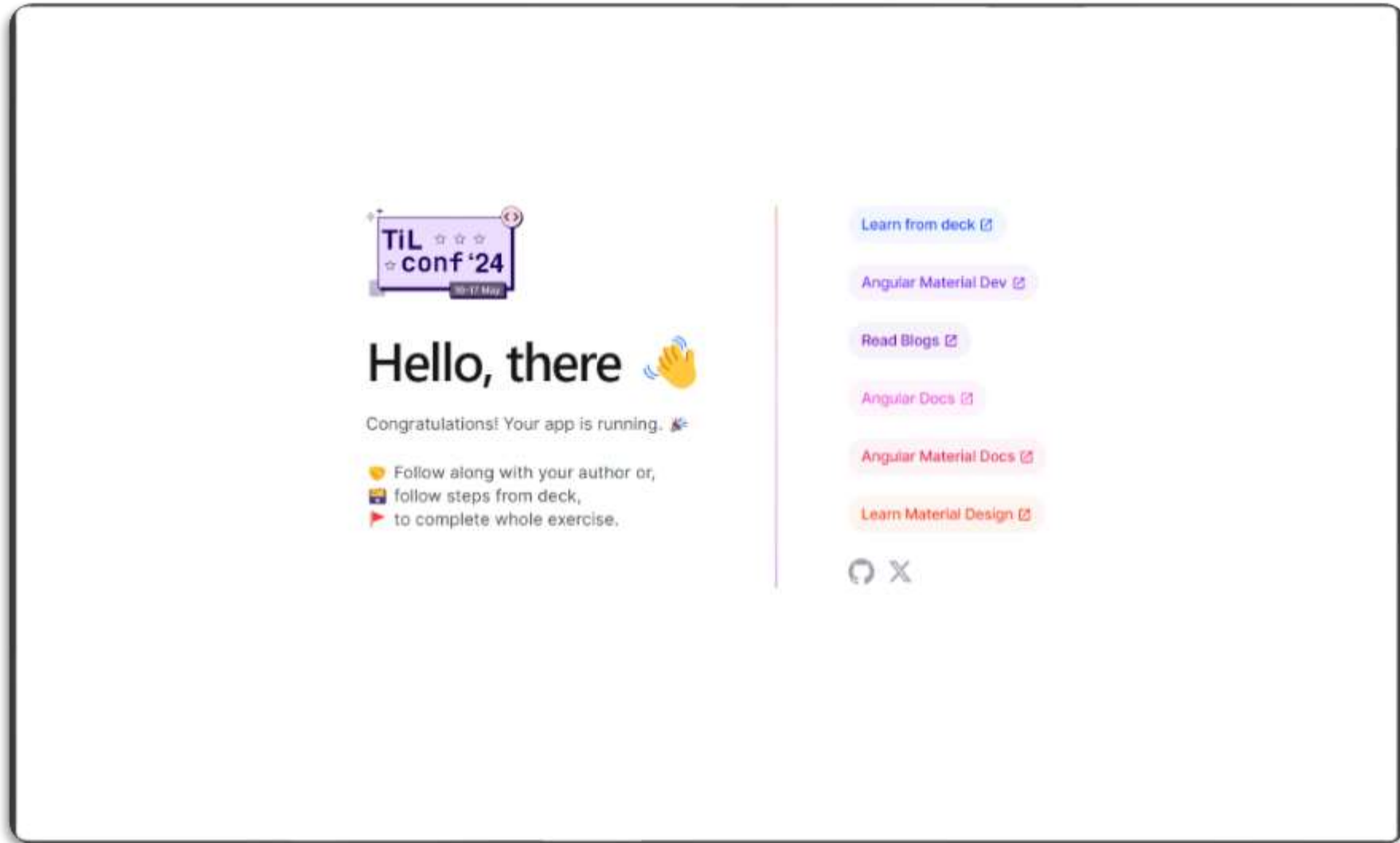


# Clone the starter

```
> git clone https://github.com/shhdharmen/tilconf-m3-angular.git -  
-branch at-installed-deps  
> cd tilconf-m3-angular  
> npm i  
> npm start
```



# Output after cloning and running



# Create new Angular project

```
> ng new m3-angular --defaults --styles scss  
> cd m3-angular
```

# Install dependencies

```
> ng add @angular/material  
? Choose a prebuilt theme name, or "custom"  
for a custom theme: Custom  
? Set up global Angular Material typography  
styles? Yes  
? Include the Angular animations module?  
Include and enable animations
```



# Install dependencies

```
> npm i @angular-material/experimental
```

# Time to code

- ~~Clone the starter~~
- ~~Or Create new Angular project~~
  - ~~With scss~~
  - ~~Install dependencies~~
    - ~~@angular/material~~
    - ~~@angular/cdk~~
    - ~~@angular/material-experimental~~
- Setup M3 theme
- Create application skeleton
  - Layout with sidenav
- Create pages
- Create theme manager



# Setup M3 Theme

1 Use material-experimental

```
@use "@angular/material-experimental" as matx;
```

3 Use M3 theme

```
html {  
  @include mat.all-component-themes($light-theme);  
  background: mat.get-theme-color($light-theme,  
    surface);  
  
  &.dark {  
    @include mat.all-component-colors($dark-theme);  
    background: mat.get-theme-color($dark-theme,  
      surface);  
  }  
}
```

2 Create M3 theme

```
$light-theme: matx.define-theme(  
  (  
    color: (  
      primary: matx.$m3-azure-palette,  
      tertiary: matx.$m3-blue-palette,  
    ),  
  )  
);  
$dark-theme: matx.define-theme(  
  (  
    color: (  
      theme-type: dark,  
      primary: matx.$m3-magenta-palette,  
      tertiary: matx.$m3-violet-palette,  
    ),  
  )  
);
```

# Time to code

- ~~Clone the starter~~
- ~~Or Create new Angular project~~
  - ~~With scss~~
  - ~~Install dependencies~~
    - ~~@angular/material~~
    - ~~@angular/cdk~~
    - ~~@angular/material-experimental~~
- ~~Setup M3 theme~~
- Create application skeleton
  - Layout with sidenav
- Create pages
- Create theme manager



# Create application skeleton

- 1 Use navigation schematics to generate layout

```
> ng generate @angular/material:navigation core/layout
```

- 2 Add content project in layout

```
<!-- Add Content Here -->  
<ng-content></ng-content>
```

# Use layout component

1 Import layout in app component

```
import { LayoutComponent } from
'./core/layout/layout.component';

@Component({
  selector: 'app-root',
  standalone: true,
  imports: [RouterOutlet, LayoutComponent],
  templateUrl: './app.component.html',
})
export class AppComponent {}
```

2 Use layout in app template

```
<app-layout>
  <router-outlet></router-outlet>
</app-layout>
```

# Output after using layout



# Apply theme to layout

1 New file \_layout.component.theme.scss

```
@use "@angular/material" as mat;  
  
@mixin theme($theme) {  
  .sidenav {  
    background-color: mat.get-theme-color($theme, surface-bright);  
  }  
}
```

2 Use layout-theme in styles

```
@use "../app/core/layout/layout.component.theme"  
as layout-theme;  
  
html {  
  @include layout-theme.theme($light-theme);  
  
  &.dark {  
    @include layout-theme.theme($dark-theme);  
  }  
}
```

For all possible roles, visit [Reading color roles](#)



# Output after theming layout



# Time to code

- ~~Clone the starter~~
- ~~Or Create new Angular project~~
  - ~~With scss~~
  - ~~Install dependencies~~
    - ~~@angular/material~~
    - ~~@angular/cdk~~
    - ~~@angular/material-experimental~~
- ~~Setup M3 theme~~
- ~~Create application skeleton~~
  - ~~Layout with sidenav~~
- Create pages
- Create theme manager



# Create Pages

```
> ng generate @angular/material:dashboard dashboard  
> ng generate @angular/material:address-form address-form  
> ng generate @angular/material:table table  
> ng generate @angular/material:tree tree  
> ng generate @angular/cdk:drag-drop drag-drop
```

# Update routes

```
import { Routes } from '@angular/router';

export const routes: Routes = [
  {
    path: '',
    pathMatch: 'full',
    redirectTo: 'dashboard',
  },
  {
    path: 'dashboard',
    loadChildren: () =>
      import('./dashboard/dashboard.component').then(
        (c) => c.DashboardComponent
      ),
    title: 'Dashboard'
  },
];
```

# Updates in layout

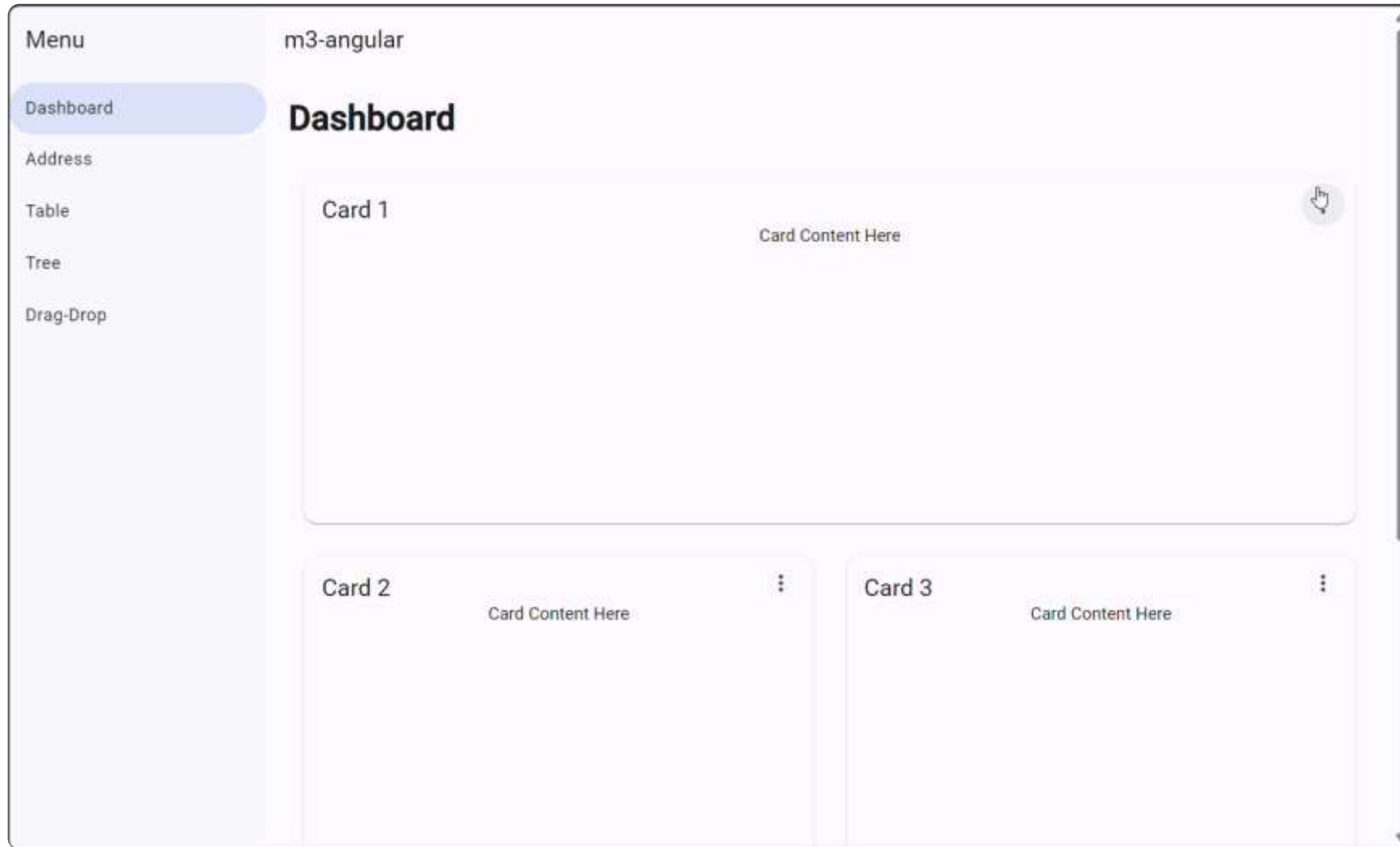
## 1 Use routes in layout component

```
@Component({
  selector: 'app-layout',
  imports: [
    RouterLink,
    RouterLinkActive
  ]
})
export class LayoutComponent {
  rootRoutes = routes.filter(r=>r.path);
}
```

## 2 Update layout template

```
<mat-nav-list>
  @for (item of rootRoutes; track $index) {
    <a
      mat-list-item
      [routerLink]="item.path"
      #link="routerLinkActive"
      routerLinkActive
      [activated]="link.isActive"
    >
      {{ item.title }}
    </a>
  }
</mat-nav-list>
```

# Output after pages and routes



# Time to code

- ~~Clone the starter~~
- ~~Or Create new Angular project~~
  - ~~With scss~~
  - ~~Install dependencies~~
    - ~~@angular/material~~
    - ~~@angular/cdk~~
    - ~~@angular/material-experimental~~
- ~~Setup M3 theme~~
- ~~Create application skeleton~~
  - ~~Layout with sidenav~~
- ~~Create pages~~
- Create theme manager



# Create Theme manager

## 1 Create theme-manager.service.ts

```
export type Theme = 'light' | 'dark';

@Injectable({providedIn: 'root'})
export class ThemeManagerService {
  theme = signal<Theme>('light');

  toggleTheme() {
    this.theme.update((value) => {
      return value === 'light' ? 'dark' : 'light';
    });
  }
}
```

## 2 Update document's class

```
private _document = inject(DOCUMENT);

constructor() {
  effect(() => {
    if (this.theme() === 'dark') {
      this._document.documentElement.classList.add('dark');
    } else {
      this._document.documentElement.classList.remove('dark');
    }
  });
}
```



# Use Theme manager

1 Inject theme manager in layout

```
private themeManager = inject(ThemeManagerService);  
theme = this.themeManager.theme;  
  
toggleTheme() {  
  this.themeManager.toggleTheme();  
}
```

2 Add theme switch in layout template

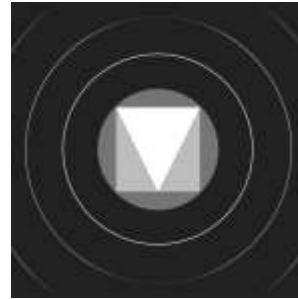
```
<button  
  class="theme-switch"  
  type="button"  
  aria-label="Toggle theme"  
  mat-icon-button  
  (click)="toggleTheme()"  
  matTooltip="Toggle theme"  
>  
  <mat-icon>  
    {{ theme() === "light" ? "light_mode" :  
      "dark_mode" }}  
  </mat-icon>  
</button>
```

# Output after theme manager



# Quick recap

1. UX vs UI
2. Material Design
3. Angular Material



## 4. Using Material 3

- Cloning the starter with dependencies
- Creating & using M3 theme
- Creating layout skeleton
- Creating pages
- Create theme manager



**<https://angular-material.dev>**



One place for everything related to Material Design in Angular

# Q&A



# Thank you!

I am available online

<https://twitter.com/shhdharmen>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/shhdharmen>

<https://github.com/shhdharmen>



Code and deck is available at

<https://github.com/shhdharmen/tilconf-m3-angular>