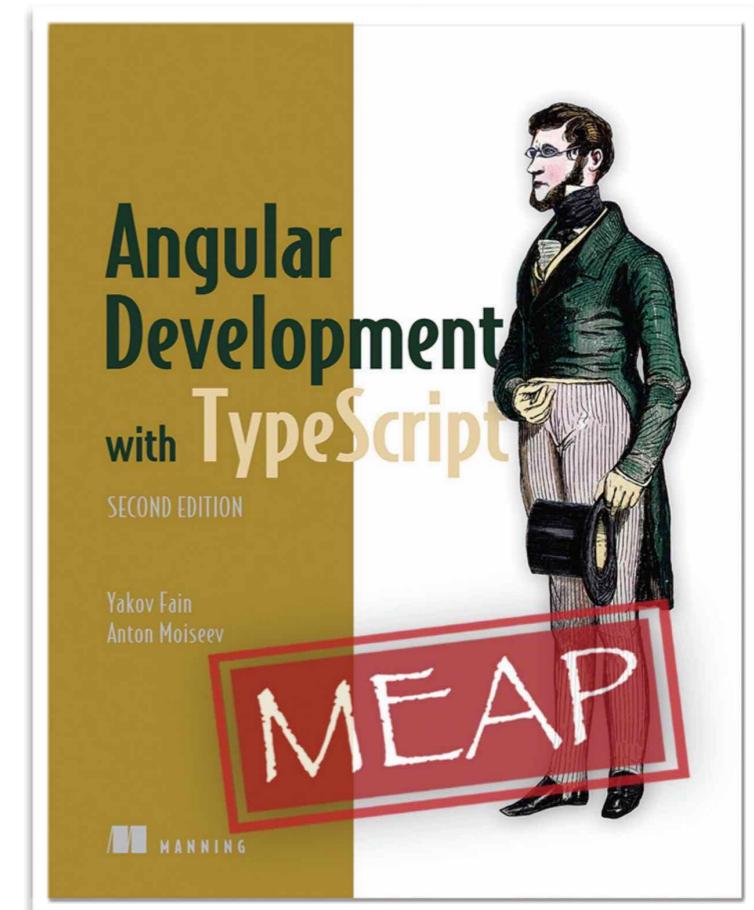


# Create a modern-looking UI with Angular Material and Flex Layout libraries

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# Agenda

- Intro to the Flex Layout library
- Intro to the Angular Material library
- Bringing together Flex Layout and Angular Material

# Responsive Web Design (RWD)

- RWD - UI layout adopts to the device screen width
- CSS Media Queries - specify different styles depending on the screen width
- Read about RWD at  
<http://alistapart.com/article/responsive-web-design>

# Implementing RWD in your app

- CSS Flexbox: <https://mzl.la/2nSqhlG>
- CSS Grid: <https://mzl.la/2HrHXgl>
- Bootstrap grid system: <https://bit.ly/2HENxly>
- Angular Flex Layout: <https://github.com/angular/flex-layout>

# Flex Layout Library

# Angular Flex Layout library

- UI layout engine for implementing RWD without the need to write CSS media queries
- ObservableMedia notifies your app about the current viewport width
- Produces cross-browser compatible CSS

Docs: <https://github.com/angular/flex-layout/wiki>

# Container Directives

- `fxLayout` - use the CSS Flexbox row (default) or column layout for arranging child elements
- `fxLayoutAlign` - aligns child elements in a particular way, e.g. `fxLayoutAlign = "center"`
- `fxLayoutGap` - controls space between child elements so you can create grid-like layouts

Live demos: <https://bit.ly/2izkPWa>

# Child Directives

- `fxFlex` - controls the amount of space that the child takes within the parent container
- `fxFlexAlign` - selectively change the child's alignment within the parent container
- `fxFlexOrder` - change the order of the child element within the parent container

# Flex Layout suffixes

- **xs** - less than 599px width
- **sm** - from 560px to 959px
- **md** - from 960px to 1279px
- **lg** - from 1280px to 1919px
- **xl** - from 1920px to 5000px
- **lt** - less than
- **gt** - greater than

For example, `flexLayout.sm`, `fxLayout.lt-md`

# Dynamically changing styles

- fxShow.xs
- fxHide.lt-md
- ngClass.sm
- ngStyle.md

# Adding Flex Layout library

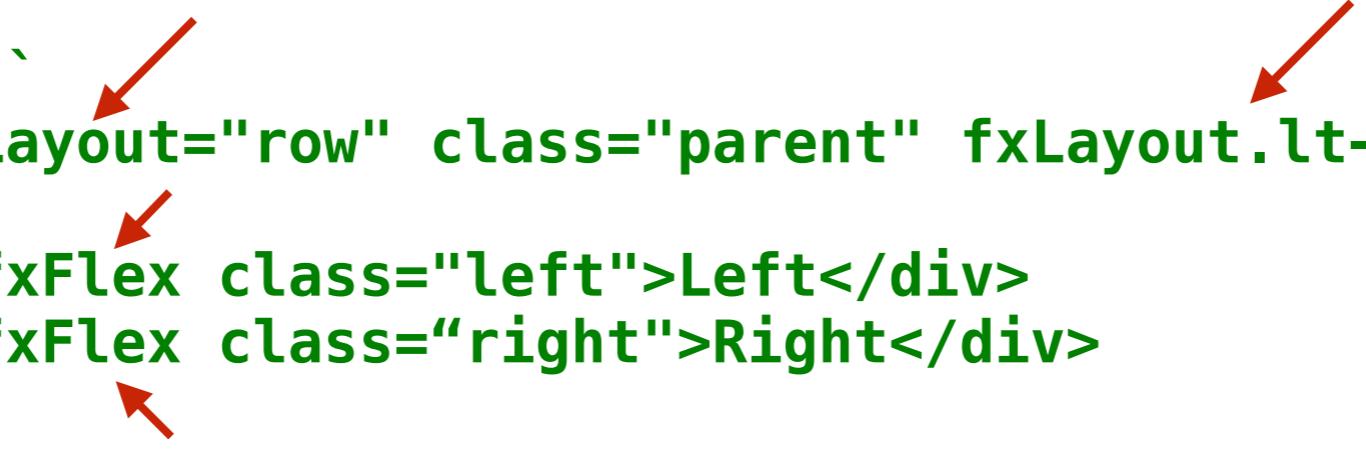
- `npm i @angular/flex-layout`
- Add it to your app's module

```
import {FlexLayoutModule} from '@angular/flex-layout';

@NgModule({
  imports: [
    FlexLayoutModule
    ...
  ]
})
export class AppModule {}
```

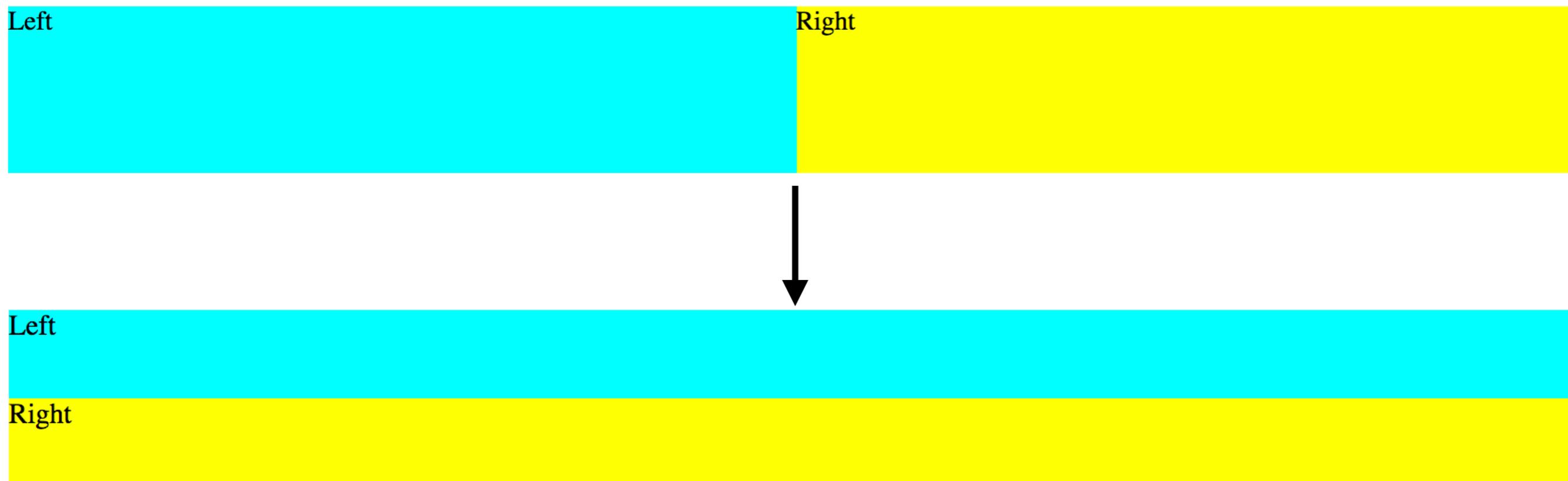
# Using Flex Layout directives

```
@Component({
  selector: 'app-root',
  styles: [
    .parent { height: 100px; }
    .left   { background-color: cyan; }
    .right  { background-color: yellow; }
  ],
  template: `
    <div fxLayout="row" class="parent" fxLayout.lt-md="column" >
      <div fxFlex class="left">Left</div>
      <div fxFlex class="right">Right</div>
    </div>
  `
})  
export class AppComponent {}
```



# Demo

- `ng serve --app flex-layout`
- Change the window width and the layout may change too



- Allocate 30% and 70% to child divs e.g. `fxFlex="30%"`

# The ObservableMedia service

- Subscribe to ObservableMedia to get notifications about screen width changes
- Useful for showing more or less content depending on the screen width
- You can change the order of the UI elements depending on the screen size

# Subscribing to ObservableMedia

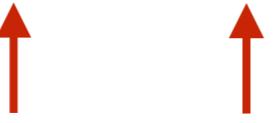
```
@Component({
  selector: 'app-root',
  template: `<h3>Watch the breakpoint activation messages in the console.</h3>
<span *ngIf="showExtras | async">Showing extra info on medium screens</span>
`})
export class AppComponent {
  showExtras: Observable<boolean>;
  constructor(private media: ObservableMedia) {
    this.showExtras = this.media.asObservable()
      .pipe(map(mediaChange => {
        console.log(mediaChange.mqAlias);
        return mediaChange.mqAlias==='md'? true:false;
      })
    );
  }
}
```

The diagram illustrates the flow of data from the component template to the constructor and then to the observable media pipe. A red arrow points from the 'showExtras' binding in the template to the 'showExtras' field in the constructor. Another red arrow points from the 'media' parameter in the constructor to the 'media' variable in the pipe map function.

# Using isActive() API

```
import {Component} from '@angular/core';
import {ObservableMedia} from '@angular/flex-layout';

@Component({
  selector: 'app-root',
  template: `<h3>Using the ObservableMedia.isActive() API</h3>
<span *ngIf="this.media$.isActive('md')">Showing extra info on medium screens
</span>
`})
export class AppComponent {
  constructor(public media$: ObservableMedia) {}
}
```



# Demo

1. `ng serve --app observable-media - o`
2. Open the browser's console to see the values of mqAlias
3. Change the window from to become small (sm)
4. The text “Showing extra info on medium screens” disappears
5. Change the `log()` statement to print `mediaChange` to see the applied media query
6. Replace the code with the commented version located at the bottom. It uses the `isActive()` API

# Angular Material Library

Designed in 1995 in Norway (still alive)

# What's Material Design?

Material design is visual language (a spec) that defines the classic principles of good design.

<https://material.io/guidelines>

# Palettes

<https://material.io/guidelines/style/color.html#color-color-palette>



## Style – Color

Light Blue	
500	#03A9F4
50	#E1F5FE
100	#B3E5FC
200	#81D4FA
300	#4FC3F7
400	#29B6F6
500	#03A9F4
600	#039BE5
700	#0288D1
800	#0277BD
900	#01579B
A100	#80D8FF
A200	#40C4FF
A400	#00B0FF
A700	#0091EA

Cyan	
500	#00BCD4
50	#E0F7FA
100	#B2EBF2
200	#80DEEA
300	#4DD0E1
400	#26C6DA
500	#00BCD4
600	#00ACC1
700	#0097A7
800	#00838F
900	#006064
A100	#84FFFF
A200	#18FFFF
A400	#00E5FF
A700	#00B8D4

Teal	
500	#009688
50	#E0F2F1
100	#B2DFDB
200	#80CBC4
300	#4DB6AC
400	#26A69A
500	#009688
600	#00897B
700	#00796B
800	#00695C
900	#004D40
A100	#A7FFEB
A200	#64FFDA
A400	#1DE9B6
A700	#00BFA5

Green

Light Green

Lime

# Primary and accent colors

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MATERIAL PALETTE   CUSTOM

Red  
Pink  
Purple  
Deep Purple  
Indigo  
Blue  
Light Blue  
Cyan  
Teal  
Green  
Light Green

50 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 A 100 200 400 700

PRIMARY  
#3f51b5  
P

P – Light  
#757de8

P – Dark  
#002984

SECONDARY  
#ff4081  
S

S – Light  
#ff79b0

S – Dark  
#c60055

Text on P  
#ffffff  
T

Text on S  
#000000  
T

<https://material.io/color>

# Angular Material

- A library of UI components that follow the Material Design spec
- Features: <https://github.com/angular/material2#available-features>
- Documentation: <https://material.angular.io>
- Demo app: <https://material2-demoapp.firebaseioapp.com>

# Themes

- A theme is a collection of palettes (colors)
- Pre-built themes are in the dir  
`@angular/material/prebuilt-themes`
- You can create custom themes

# Palettes

- Primary - main colors
- Accent - secondary colors
- Warn - errors
- Foreground - colors for text and icons
- Background - component backgrounds

# Adding pre-built themes

- either in HTML:

```
<link href="node_modules/@angular/material/  
prebuilt-themes/indigo-pink.css" rel="stylesheet">
```

- or in the global styles.css:

```
@import '../node_modules/@angular/material/  
prebuilt-themes/indigo-pink.css';
```

# Adding Angular Material to a CLI project

- Create new Angular CLI project:

```
ng new myMaterialProject
```

- Open it in your IDE
- Install Angular Material:

```
npm i @angular/material @angular/cdk
```

- Add `BrowserAnimationsModule` to `@NgModule imports`
- Add modules for the material components you need to `@NgModule imports`, e.g. `MatProgressBarModule`
- Include one of the pre-built themes to `styles.css`:

```
@import '~@angular/material/prebuilt-themes/deeppurple-amber.css';
```

# Add MatProgressBarModule

app.module.ts

```
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { NgModule } from '@angular/core';
→ import { MatProgressBarModule } from '@angular/material';
→ import { BrowserAnimationsModule } from '@angular/platform-browser/animations';
import { AppComponent } from './app.component';

@NgModule({
  declarations: [
    AppComponent
  ],
  imports: [
    BrowserModule,
→ BrowserAnimationsModule,
→ MatProgressBarModule
  ],
  providers: [],
  bootstrap: [AppComponent]
})
export class AppModule {}
```

Don't import the entire **MaterialModule** (deprecated), import only what you use, e.g. **MdToolbarModule**

# Sass

- Sass is an alternative to writing CSS that provides additional features:
  - Variables
  - Mixins
  - Modules
  - Nesting
  - Inheritance
- Sass provides two syntaxes - Sass and Scss. Scss is a super set of CSS.
- A Sass preprocessor converts Sass into CSS during the build.
- Angular CLI supports Sass out-of-the-box.

Now CSS also supports variables

# Sass Examples

Declaring a variable:

```
$ngs-brand-font: 'Abril Fatface', cursive;
```

Importing modules:

```
@import './palette';
```

Using mixins:

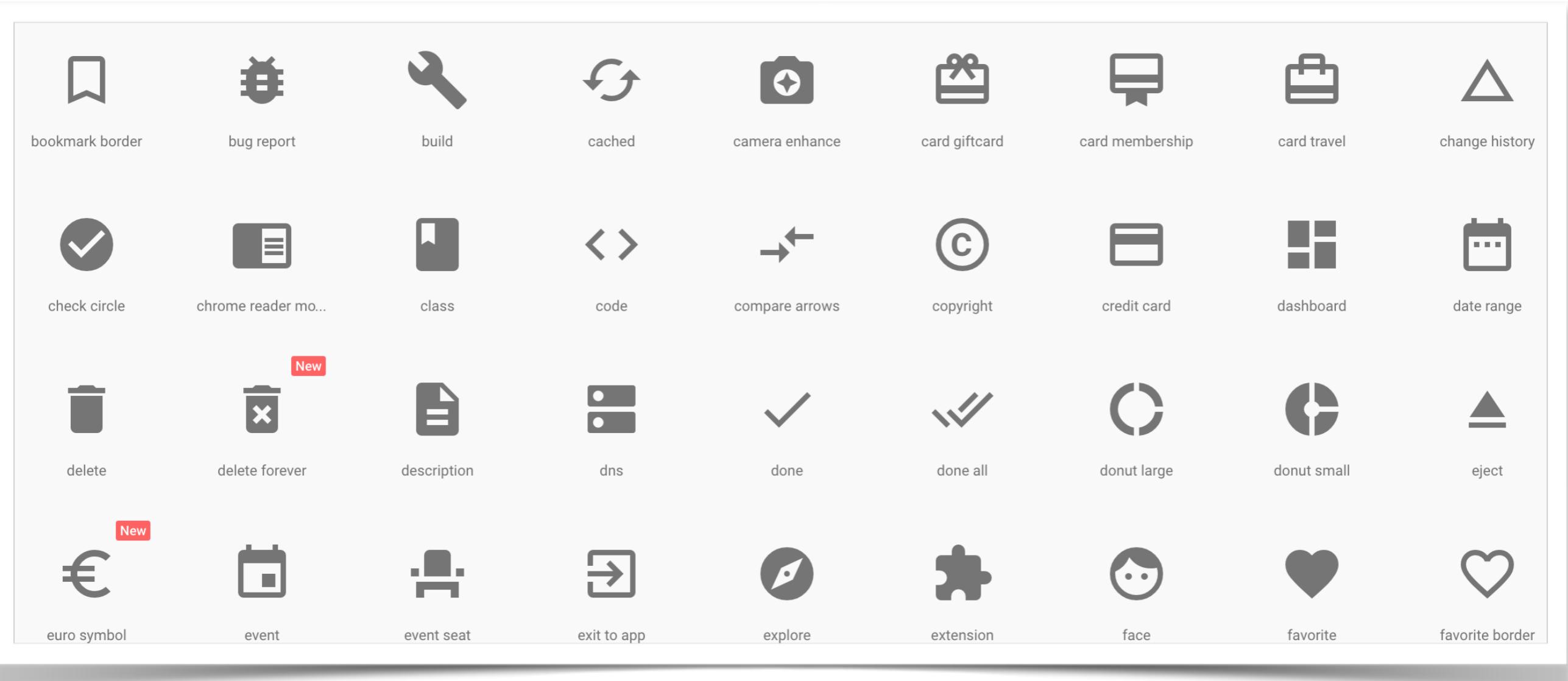
```
@include angular-material-theme($ngs-theme);
```

# Sass nesting example

Nesting the `<ul>` and `<a>` style selectors inside `<div>`

```
div {  
  ul {  
    margin: 0;  
  }  
  a {  
    display: block;  
  }  
}
```

# Material icons



<https://material.io/icons>

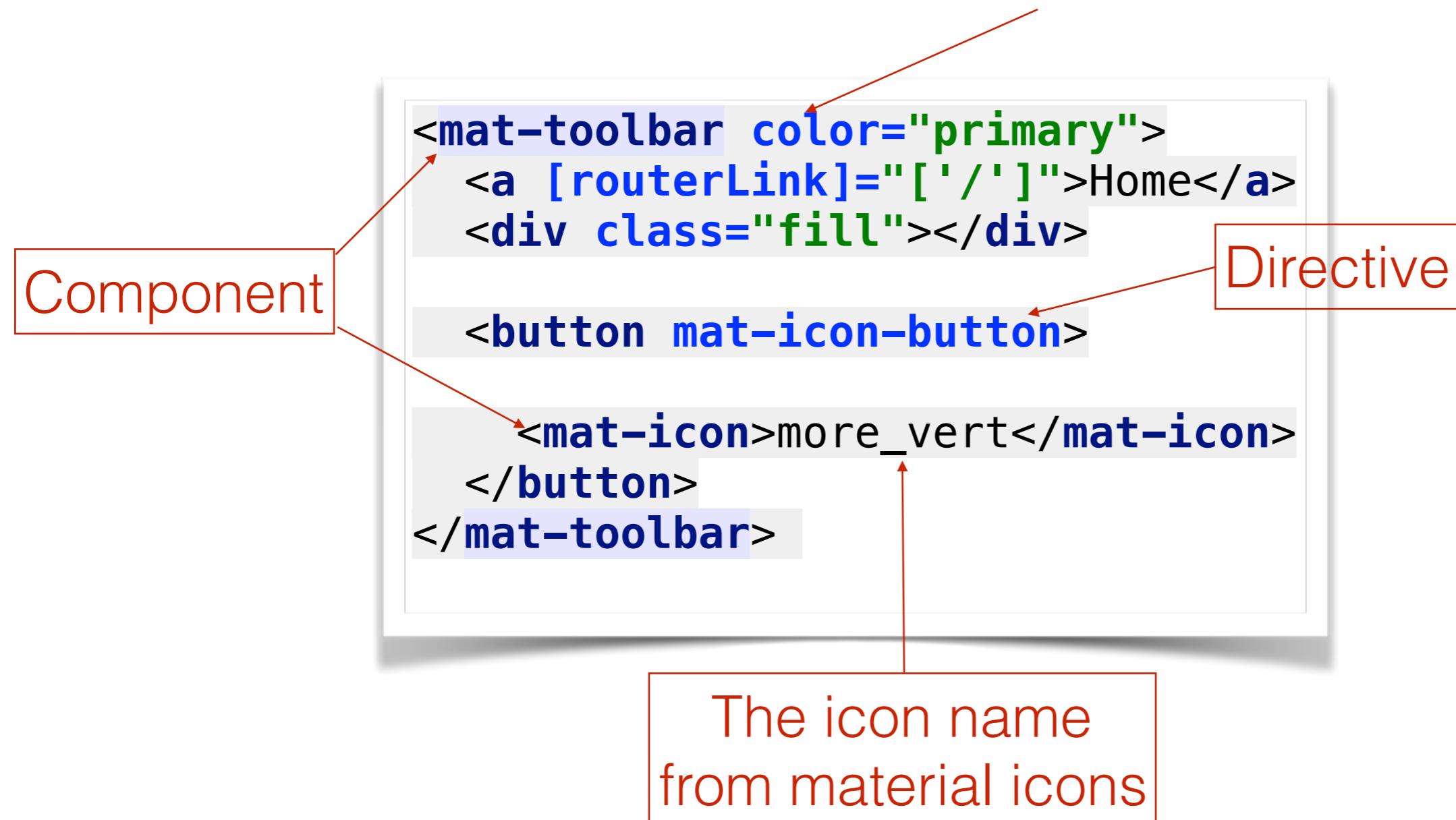
# Adding material icons to your app

To use Material icons with Angular Material components, add the following to your index.html:

```
<link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/icon?family=Material+Icons"  
      rel="stylesheet">
```

```
<button mat-icon-button>  
  <mat-icon>menu</mat-icon>  
</button>
```

# Using Angular material components



# Demo

(start)

- Create a new project:  
`ng new hello-material`
- Open the new project in your IDE
- `npm i @angular/material @angular/cdk`
- `ng serve -o`
- Add the code below to your app.module.ts:

```
import {MatToolbarModule} from '@angular/material'  
import {BrowserAnimationsModule} from '@angular/platform-browser/animations';  
...  
imports: [  
  MatToolbarModule,  
  BrowserAnimationsModule]
```

# Demo (cont)

- Add a theme to style.css:

```
@import '~@angular/material/prebuilt-themes/deeppurple-amber.css';
```

- Replace the content of app.component.html with this:

```
<mat-toolbar color="primary">Hello Material!</mat-toolbar>
```

- The browser renders:

Hello Material!

- Change the color to accent

- The browser renders:

Hello Material!

# Demo (end)

- Add material icons to the <head> section of index.html:

```
<link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/icon?family=Material+Icons" rel="stylesheet">
```

- Add MatIconModule and MatButtonModule to @NgModule imports
- Add a button to the toolbar in app.component.html:

```
<mat-toolbar color="primary">Hello Material!
  <button mat-icon-button>
    <mat-icon>menu</mat-icon>
  </button>
</mat-toolbar>
```

- The app renders:



Hello Material! ≡

- Change the icon from menu to more\_vert

- The app renders:



Hello Material! :

# Creating custom themes

- A theme is based on the Material Design spec
- Theming guide: <https://material.angular.io/guide/theming>
- A theme is composed from these palettes:  
primary, accent, warn, foreground, background
- You can define custom colors for palettes

# Use Sass to define a custom theme

- Import the `mat-core()` mixin, which includes common reusable styles
- Define a theme by composing palettes
- A theme object is created with either `mat-light-theme()` or `mat-dark-theme()`

# Defining vars in the \_theme.scss partial

```
@import '~@angular/material/theming'; // Includes the Material Design palettes

// For each palette, you specify a default, lighter, and darker hue.
$nga-primary: mat-palette($mat-cyan);
$nga-accent:  mat-palette($mat-cyan, A200, A100, A400);

// The warn palette is optional (defaults to red).
$nga-warn:    mat-palette($mat-red);

// Create the theme object (a Sass map containing all of the palettes).
$nga-theme:    mat-light-theme($nga-primary, $nga-accent, $nga-warn);

$nga-background: map-get($nga-theme, background);
$nga-foreground: map-get($nga-theme, foreground);

// Typography is a way to set levels for headings, font size, etc.
// Details here: https://bit.ly/2qWTfm6
$nga-typography: mat-typography-config();
```

# Sample styles.scss

```
@import './theme'; // Import vars from partial

@import url('https://fonts.googleapis.com/icon?family=Material+Icons');
@import url('https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Titillium+Web:600');
@import url('https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Abril+Fatface');

@include mat-core();

// Include theme styles for core and each component used in your app.
// Alternatively, you can import and @include the theme mixins for each
// component that you are using.
@include angular-material-theme($nga-theme);

// Global styles.

body {
  font-family: mat-font-family($nga-typography);
  line-height: mat-line-height($nga-typography, body-1);
  font-size: mat-font-size($nga-typography, body-1);
  height: 100%;
  margin: 0;
}
```

Bringing together Flex Layout  
and Angular Material  
in a sample ngAuction app



NgAuction



## More items to consider:



## Teapot

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# Code review of ngAuction

Source code: <https://bit.ly/2vMSx0k>

# Thank you!

- Sources of the Flex Layout samples:  
<https://bit.ly/2Hpd2FY>
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