Angular Training

(Intermediate to Advanced)

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Schedule for Angular Training

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Day-1	16-Nov-2023	Custom Pipes in Angular
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Day-7	24-Nov-2023	Routing and Security in Angular
Day-8	27-Nov-2023	Unit Testing in Angular

Duration : 8 days (2hours per day) ; 2pm to 4 pm; 16th Nov – 27th Nov

Day3
Custom Directives in Angular

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Introduction to Angular Directives

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Introduction to Angular Directives

- Directives are classes that add additional behavior to elements in your Angular applications.
- Use Angular's built-in directives to manage forms, lists, styles, and what users see.
- Angular supports different types of directives to address corresponding requirements.
- Eg: ngModel, ngClass ngFor, ngIf, etc…

Different types of Angular directives

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Different types of Angular directives

Angular framework supports three different types of directives.

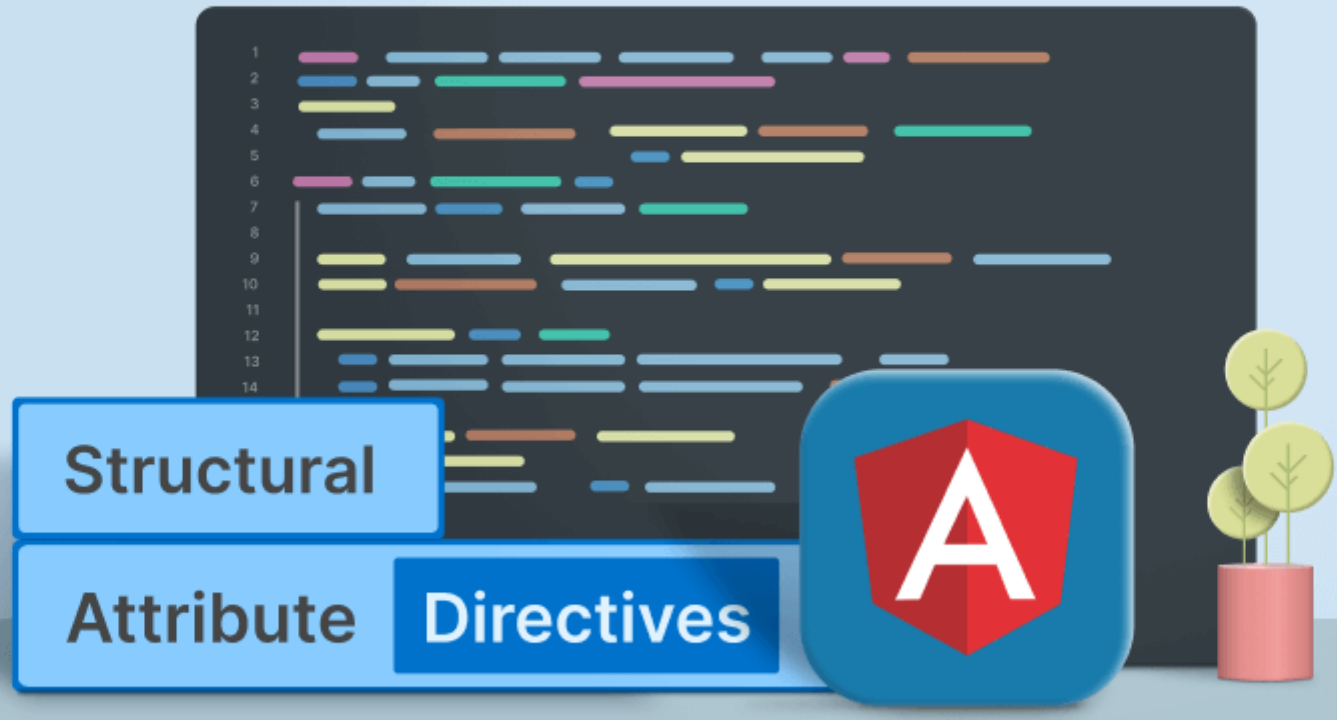
1. Component Directives
2. Attribute Directives
3. Structural Directives

Different types of Angular directives

1. **Component** : This type of directive is the most common directive type in Angular.
2. **Attribute** : Change the appearance or behavior of an element.
3. **Structural** : Change the DOM layout by adding and removing DOM elements.

Component Directives

- Components are directives with templates.
- The only difference between Components and the other two types of directives is the Template.
- Attribute and Structural Directives don't have Templates.
- So, we can say that the Component is a cleaner version of the Directive with a template, which is easier to use.


Structural
Attribute
Directives

Attribute and Structural

1. Attribute Directives:
   - ngModel, ngClass, ngStyle, ngSwitch, etc…

2. Structural Directives :
   - *ngIf, *ngFor, *ngSwitchCase, *ngSwitchDefault

Usage of ngSwitch

```
<tag  [ngSwitch]=“variable">
        <tag *ngSwitchCase=" value ">   </tag>
        <tag *ngSwitchCase=" value ">   </tag>
        ……..
        ……..
        <tag *ngSwitchDefault> </tag>
</tag>
```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What is Custom Directives?

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Custom Directives

- Custom Directives are used in Angular to extend the functionality of HTML.
- Custom directives also created as class with corresponding rules.
- @Directive() decorator is used to mark the Custom Directive class.
- Custom Directives may be attribute or structural based on the requirement.

How to Create Custom Directives?

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How to Create Custom Directives?

1. ng generate directive highlight (ng g d highlight)
2. @Directive() from @angular/core
3. Inject required items in constructor. It will be depends on the directive type.

   → constructor(private el: ElementRef)
4. Define the required behaviour in the class
5. Applying the directive on Html Element / Component.

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Attribute Custom Directive

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Attribute Custom Directives

- Import **ElementRef** from @angular/core.
- ElementRef grants direct access to the host DOM element through its **nativeElement** property.
- Add ElementRef in the directive's **constructor**() to inject a reference to the host DOM element
- Add logic to your Directive class that change the behavior.

Attribute Custom Directives

```
import { Directive, ElementRef } from '@angular/core’;

@Directive({
        selector: '[appHighlight]’
  })
export class HighlightDirective {

    constructor(private el: ElementRef) {
        this.el.nativeElement.style.backgroundColor = 'yellow’;
     }

  }
```

Passing Values to Attribute Directives

1. import Input from @angular/core.
2. Add an appHighlight @Input() property.
3. Use property binding with the appHighlight directive selector:

```
<p [appHighlight]="color">Highlight me!</p>
```

Note: The [appHighlight] attribute binding performs two tasks:

a. Applies the highlighting directive to the <p> element

b Sets the directive's highlight color with a property binding


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Structural Custom Directive

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Structural Custom Directive

- Import Input, TemplateRef, and ViewContainerRef
- Inject TemplateRef and ViewContainerRef in the directive constructor as private variables.
- Apply Input() decorator on the property
- Define the required functionality in the class
- Apply on the html element / component

1. TemplateRef

1. TemplateRef:
   - Refers the current tag on which we apply custom directive.
   - **TemplateRef** is injected into the constructor of the custom directive class.

```
constructor(private templateRef: TemplateRef<any>)  {
        }
```

2. ViewContainerRef

- It represents a container where one or more views can be attached.
- It can contain embedded views (created by instantiating a TemplateRef).
- We can organize the TemplateRef with the createEmbeddedView() method.

ViewContainerRef

```
constructor(private viewContainer: ViewContainerRef,
    private templateRef: TemplateRef<any>)  {


  }
```

```
this.viewContainer.createEmbeddedView(this.templateRef);
```

```
this.viewContainer.clear();
```


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