| **Feature / Aspect** | **Angular 16 🧱** | **Angular 19 🚀** | **Angular 20 🌐** |
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| **Release Date** | May 2023 | Nov 2024 | May 2025 |
| **Standalone Components** | ✅ Supported (opt-in) | ✅ Improved & widely adopted | ✅ Default & fully integrated |
| **Incremental Hydration** | ❌ Not available | ✅ Introduced | ✅ Improved |
| **Signals & Reactivity** | ✅ Introduced | ✅ Enhanced | ✅ More mature with Effects |
| **Performance** | ⚙️ Decent | ⚡ Better with SSR hydration | ⚡🚀 Best performance + SEO optimizations |
| **CLI Enhancements** | 🛠️ Basic improvements | ✅ More commands, better DX | ✅ Easier onboarding, better defaults |
| **Syntax Improvements** | ➖ Traditional (\*ngIf, \*ngFor) | ✅ Control blocks: @if, @for | ✅ Cleaner syntax + JS-like templates |
| **Best For** | Beginners, legacy upgrades | Enterprise, transitioning teams | Modern enterprise apps, future-proofing |
| **LTS Period** | Ended | Until May 2026 | Until Nov 2026 |
| **Ease of Use** | 🟢 Easiest for newcomers | 🟡 Moderate (some new concepts) | 🟡 Simple but requires modern concepts |
| **Lazy Loading Improvements** | 🟠 Limited | ✅ Easier with @defer | ✅ Streamlined and optimized |