



Forms and Validation

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Angular Forms Support

Template-driven

- ngModel within the Template
- Angular creates the object graph for forms
- FormsModule

Reactive

- Application creates the object graph for forms
- More control
- ReactiveFormsModule

Data-driven

- Angular generates form for a data model
- Community projects



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Template-driven forms



Template-driven Forms

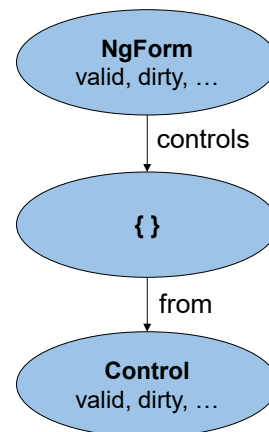
```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  from: string;  
  to: string;  
  
  constructor(private flightService: FlightService) {  
  
    from = 'Graz';  
    to = 'Hamburg';  
  
  }  
}
```



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View

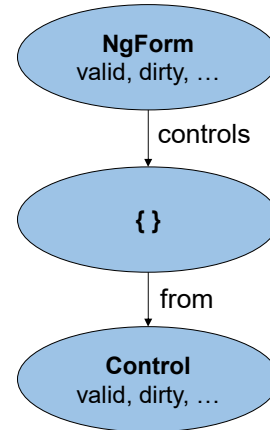
```
<form>  
  
  <input type="text" name="from"  
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">  
  
  [...]  
</form>
```



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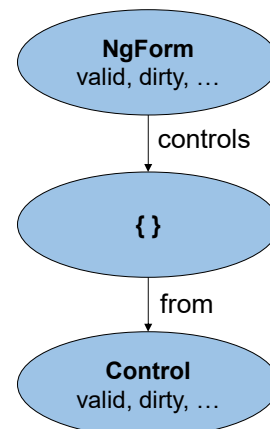
View

```
<form #f="ngForm">
  <input type="text" name="from"
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">
  [...]
</form>
```



View

```
<form #f="ngForm">
  <input type="text" name="from"
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">
  <div *ngIf="f.controls['from'].invalid">
    ...Error...
  </div>
</form>
```



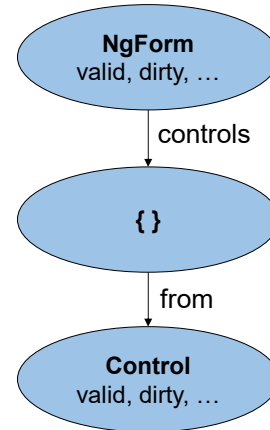
View

```
<form #f="ngForm">

  <input type="text" name="from"
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">

  <div *ngIf="f?.controls['from']?.invalid">
    ...Error...
  </div>

</form>
```



View

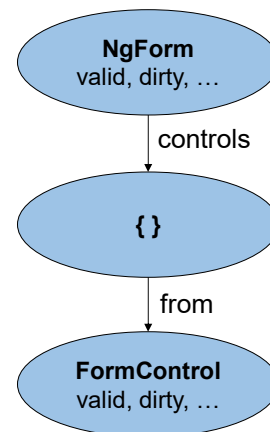
```
<form #f="ngForm">

  <input type="text" name="from"
    [(ngModel)]="from" required minlength="3">

  <div *ngIf="f?.controls['from']?.invalid">
    ...Error...
  </div>

  <div
    *ngIf="f?.controls['from'].hasError('required')">
    ...Error...
  </div>

</form>
```



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Custom
Validators



Directives

- Directives add behavior to your application
- Examples:
 - ngModel
 - ngClass
 - ngIf
 - ngFor
- In contrast to Components they have no Template



Validation Directive

`<input [(ngModel)]="from" name="from" city>`



Validation Directive

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]'
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {

  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    const value = c.value;
    [...]
    if (...) return { city: true };
    return null; // No Error
  }
}
```



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Validation Directive

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]',
  providers: [{ provide: NG_VALIDATORS,
    useExisting: CityValidatorDirective,
    multi: true }]
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {

  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    const value = c.value;
    [...]
    if (...) return { city: true };
    return null; // No Error
  }
}
```

Note: In the original image, a red dashed circle highlights the `{ city: true }` object, and a red dashed arrow points from it to a red-bordered box containing `.hasError('city')`.



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Use Attributes

```
<input [(ngModel)]="from" name="from"  
      [city]="['Graz', 'Hamburg', 'Zürich']">
```



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Use Attributes

```
@Directive({  
  selector: 'input[city]',  
  providers: [{ provide: NG_VALIDATORS,  
                useExisting: CityValidatorDirective,  
                multi: true }]  
})  
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {  
  
  @Input() city: string[];  
  
  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



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Use Attributes

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[city]',
  providers: [{ provide: NG_VALIDATORS,
                 useExisting: CityValidatorDirective,
                 multi: true }]
})
export class CityValidatorDirective implements Validator {

  @Input() city: string;
  @Input() strategy: string;

  validate(c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    [...]
  }
}
```



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Use Attributes

```
<input [(ngModel)]="from" name="from"
       [city]="['Graz', 'Hamburg', 'Zürich']" [strategy]='strict">
```



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Multi-Field-Validators

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'form[roundTrip]',
  providers: [ ... ]
})
export class RoundTripValidatorDirective implements Validator {

  validate(control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {
    [...]
  }
}
```



Multi-Field-Validators

```
export class RoundTripValidatorDirective implements Validator {  
  validate(control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    const group = control as FormGroup;  
  
    const from = group.controls['from'];  
    const to = group.controls['to'];  
  
    if (!from || !to) return null;  
  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



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Multi-Field-Validators

```
export class RoundTripValidatorDirective implements Validator {  
  validate(control: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
    const group = control as FormGroup;  
  
    const from = group.controls['from'];  
    const to = group.controls['to'];  
  
    if (!from || !to) return null;  
  
    if (from.value === to.value) return { roundTrip: true };  
  
    return null;  
  }  
}
```



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Asynchronous Validation Directives

```
@Directive({
  selector: 'input[asyncCity]',
  providers: [ ... ]
})
export class AsyncCityValidatorDirective implements AsyncValidator {
  validate(control: AbstractControl): Observable<ValidationErrors | null> {
    [...]
  }
}
```



Asynchronous Validation Directives

Token: NG_ASYNC_VALIDATORS



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Pro

Contra

Object graph created
automatically

Easy

Dynamic forms?

Control?

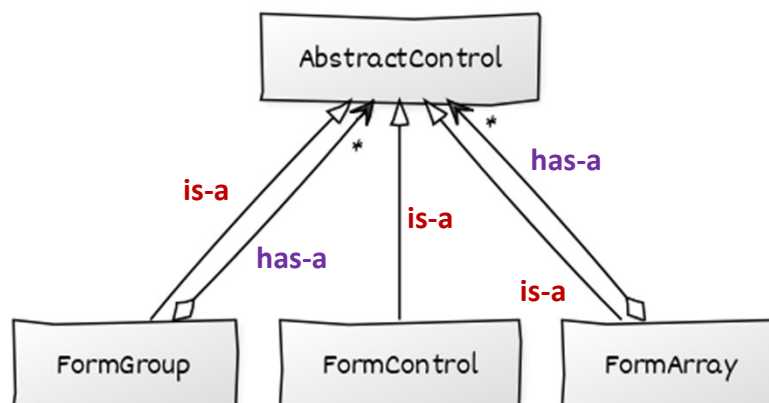
Testability?

Much code in the
Template

Reactive Forms



Classes for Object Graph



ReactiveFormsModule

```
@NgModule({  
  imports: [  
    ReactiveFormsModule,  
    CommonModule,  
    SharedModule,  
    [...]  
  ],  
  [...]  
})  
export class FlightBookingModule { }
```



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Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  [...]  
}
```



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Reactive Forms

```
export class FlugSuchenComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(...) {  
    const fromControl = new FormControl('Graz');  
    const toControl = new FormControl('Hamburg');  
    this.form = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl});  
  
    [...]  
  
  }  
}
```



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Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(...) {  
    const fromControl = new FormControl('Graz');  
    const toControl = new FormControl('Hamburg');  
    this.form = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl});  
  
    fromControl.validator = Validators.required;  
    [...]  
  
  }  
}
```



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Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(...) {  
    const fromControl = new FormControl('Graz');  
    const toControl = new FormControl('Hamburg');  
    this.form = new FormGroup({ from: fromControl, to: toControl });  
  
    fromControl.validator =  
      Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3)]);  
  }  
}
```



Reactive Forms

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(...) {  
  
    fromControl.validator =  
      Validators.compose([Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3)]);  
  
    fromControl.asyncValidator =  
      Validators.composeAsync([...]);  
  }  
}
```



FormBuilder

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(fb: FormBuilder, ...) {  
    this.form = fb.group({  
      from: ['Graz', Validators.required],  
      to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
    });  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



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FormBuilder

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(fb: FormBuilder, ...) {  
    this.form = fb.group({  
      from: ['Graz', Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3) ],  
      to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
    });  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



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FormBuilder

```
export class FlightSearchComponent {  
  
  form: FormGroup;  
  
  constructor(fb: FormBuilder, ...) {  
    this.form = fb.group({  
      from: ['Graz', [Validators.required, Validators.minLength(3)], [/* asyncValidator */ ]],  
      to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
    });  
    [...]  
  }  
}
```



API

```
this.form.valueChanges.subscribe(change => {  
  console.debug('form changed', change);  
});
```

```
this.form.controls['from'].valueChanges.subscribe(change => {  
  console.debug('from control changed', change);  
});
```

```
const fromValue = this.form.controls['from'].value;  
const toValue = this.form.controls['to'].value;
```

```
const formValue = this.form.value;
```



Reactive Forms

```
<form [formGroup]="form">  
  <input id="from" formControlName="from" type="text">  
  [...]  
</form>
```



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Reactive Forms

```
<form [formGroup]="form">  
  <input id="from" formControlName="from" type="text">  
  <div *ngIf="form.controls['from'].invalid">...Error...</div>  
  [...]  
</form>
```



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Validators for
Reactive
Forms



Reactive Validators == Functions



Simple Validator

```
function validate (c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null {  
  if (c.value == 'Graz' || c.value == 'Hamburg') {  
    return null;  
  }  
  return { city: true };  
}
```



Use Validators

```
this.form = fb.group({
  from: [
    'Graz',
    [
      validate
    ],
    [
      /* asyncValidator */
    ]
  ],
  to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]
});
```



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Parameterized Validators

```
function validateWithParams(allowedCities: string[]): ValidatorFn {
  [...]
}
```



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Parameterized Validators

```
function validateWithParams(allowedCities: string[]): ValidatorFn {  
    return (c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null => {  
        [...]  
    };  
}
```



Parameterized Validators

```
function validateWithParams(allowedCities: string[]): ValidatorFn {  
    return (c: AbstractControl): ValidationErrors | null => {  
        if (allowedCities.indexOf(c.value) > -1) {  
            return null  
        }  
        return { city: true };  
    };  
}
```



Use Validators

```
this.form = fb.group({  
  from: [  
    'Graz',  
    [  
      validateWithParams(['Graz', 'Hamburg'])  
    ],  
    [  
      /* asyncValidator */  
    ],  
  ],  
  to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
});
```



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Asynchronous Validators

```
export function cityValidatorAsync(flightService): AsyncValidatorFn {  
  return (control: AbstractControl) => {  
    [...]  
    return observable;  
  }  
}
```



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Use Validators

```
this.form = fb.group({  
  from: [  
    'Graz',  
    [  
      validateWithParams(['Graz', 'Hamburg'])  
    ],  
    [  
      cityValidatorAsync(this.flightService)  
    ]  
  ],  
  to: ['Hamburg', Validators.required]  
});
```



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Multi-Field-Validators

```
export function validateMultiField(...): ValidatorFn {  
  return (control: AbstractControl) => {  
    const formGroup = control as FormGroup;  
    [...]  
  }  
};
```



Use Validators

```
this.form = fb.group({ ... });  
this.form.validator = validators.compose([validateMultiField(...)])
```

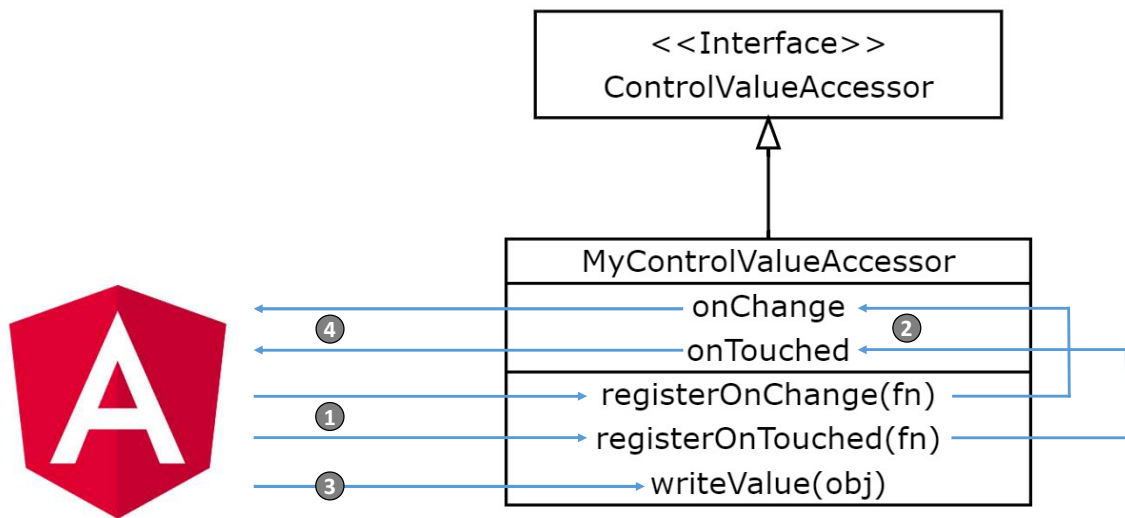


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Custom Form Controls with
Control Value Accessors





Case Study #3: Formatting/Parsing Dates

2021-03-22T14:18:59.232Z

```
<input [(ngModel)]="date" appDate name="date">
```



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Case Study: DateControl

22

3

2021

15

18

APPLY

2021-03-22T14:18:59.232Z

```
<app-date [(ngModel)]="date"></app-date>
```



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