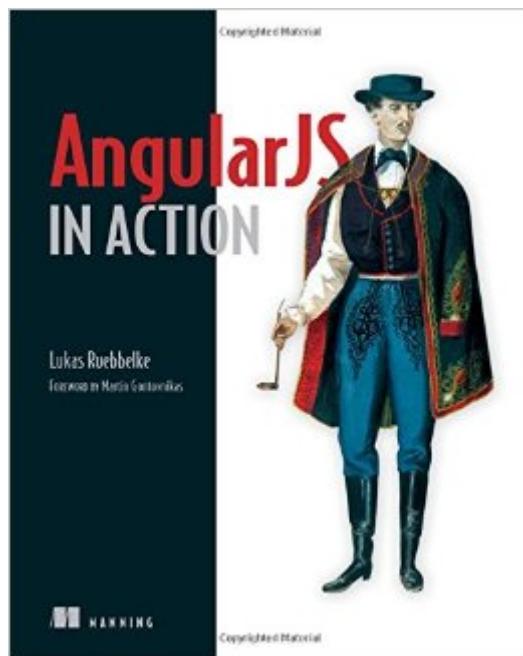


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Summary AngularJS in Action covers everything you need to know to get started with the AngularJS framework. As you read, you'll explore all the individual components of the framework and learn how to customize and extend them. You'll discover the emerging patterns for web application architecture and tackle required tasks like communicating with a web server back-end. Along the way, you'll see AngularJS in action by building real world applications with thoroughly commented code. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the Technology AngularJS is a JavaScript-based framework that extends HTML, so you can create dynamic, interactive web applications in the same way you create standard static pages. Out of the box, Angular provides most of the functionality you'll need for basic apps, but you won't want to stop there. Intuitive, easy to customize, and test-friendly, Angular practically begs you to build more interesting apps. About the Book AngularJS in Action teaches you everything you need to get started with AngularJS. As you read, you'll learn to build interactive single-page web interfaces, apply emerging patterns like MVVM, and tackle key tasks like communicating with back-end servers. All examples are supported by clear explanations and illustrations along with fully annotated code listings. This book assumes you know at least some JavaScript. No prior exposure to AngularJS is required. What's InsideGet started with AngularJSWrite your own componentsBest practices for application architectureProgressively build a full-featured applicationCovers Angular JS 1.3Sample application updated to the latest version of AngularAbout the AuthorLukas Ruebbelke is a full-time web developer and an active contributor to the AngularJS community.Table of ContentsPART 1 GET ACQUAINTED WITH ANGULARJSHello AngularJSStructuring your AngularJS applicationPART 2 MAKE SOMETHING WITH ANGULARJSViews and controllersModels and servicesDirectivesAnimationsStructuring your site with routesForms and validationsAPPENDIXESSetting up KarmaSetting up a Node.js serverSetting up a Firebase serverRunning the app

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book with high expectations, because it is from Manning Publications, my favorite publisher of technical books. However, I am really gravely disappointed, for the following reasons:

- 1) This book tries to be the perfect blend of theory and practical examples. Well, I am afraid it is neither. The theory covered by this book is really rudimentary, and nothing you couldn't learn by reading AngularJS online documentation and tutorial. The practical examples take HUGE leaps from the theories. The minute you stop being a casual reader and try to start a little project, you will find you have nothing practical, other than an impressive AngularJS vocabulary. For example, the book spends an entire chapter on "structuring your AngularJS application" (10 pages out of a mere 156 pages), arguing over specifics of many different practices. That interests nobody outside of the Ivory Tower. I would be far more interested in how to separate my JS files into different directories and then have Angular "glues" them back together when you boot the application! (I figured it out after some Googling.)
- 2) I expected a book with a solid "project example", which it will show you how to build, step by step. I expected to read the book and then build a small project from scratch. Well, this book does not offer me that. The web is FULL of disconnected examples on AngularJS. And the AngularJS team does a FANTASTIC job documenting its various concepts. Many developers like myself just want a book with cohesive examples and a step-by-step guide, so that you can read it over a couple of weeks and then start a project. If that is what you want, this is not the book.

I've generally been a longtime fan of the "in Action" books, but this book was something of a mixed bag. I'll start off by going over the things I did like. Firstly, while building out the examples the author took time to describe some various best practices, such as how to organize code. This is helpful and often absent in many technical books. The material also used non-trivial examples, it's nice to see an illustration of a complex real world app. Often examples I see online describe only simplistic implementations like a "ToDo List". I also found interesting the discussion on external but compatible technologies such as firebase (which is a simpler way of getting server-side persistence

rather than setting up a traditional LAMP server). I was happy to see an emphasis on testing, which again is sometimes a missing topic on other resources. Overall I thought the book did a reasonable job of describing the architecture of AngularJS and how the all the various pieces join together. I have a server-side MVC background so I was familiar with the basic patterns involved (although AngularJS works a little bit differently from standard MVC). The book did walk through the various features available such as services, directives, expressions etc. The text left me impressed with the power and flexibility of the AngularJS language. It seems AngularJS can match blow for blow with many of the features on server side MVC frameworks I've worked on. Moving along to the Issues : I had a hard time following along with the construction of the angello app that was built step-by-step in the book. The initial chapters made sense but I got lost in the chapter on drag-n-drop animations.

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