



.NET Visual Studio Solution

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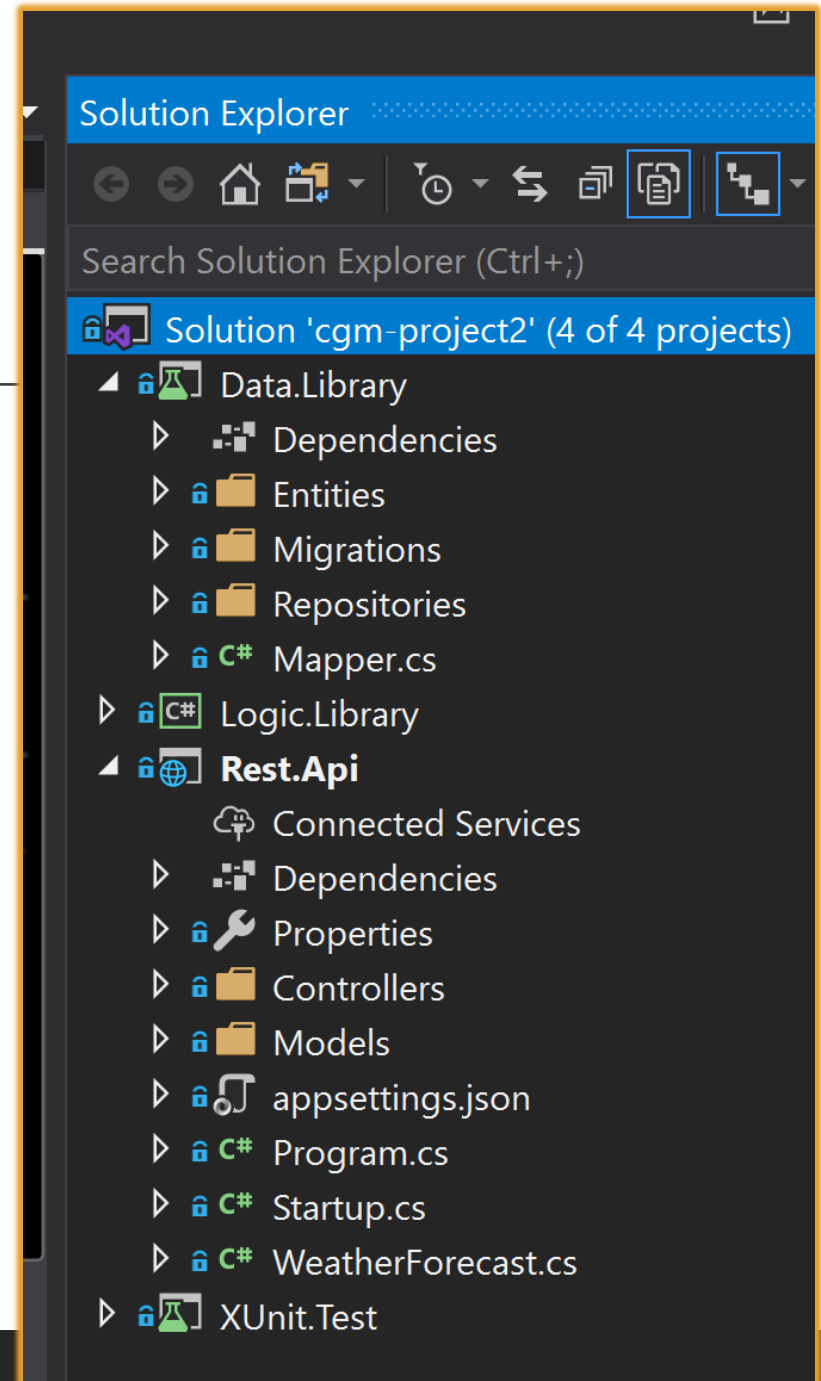
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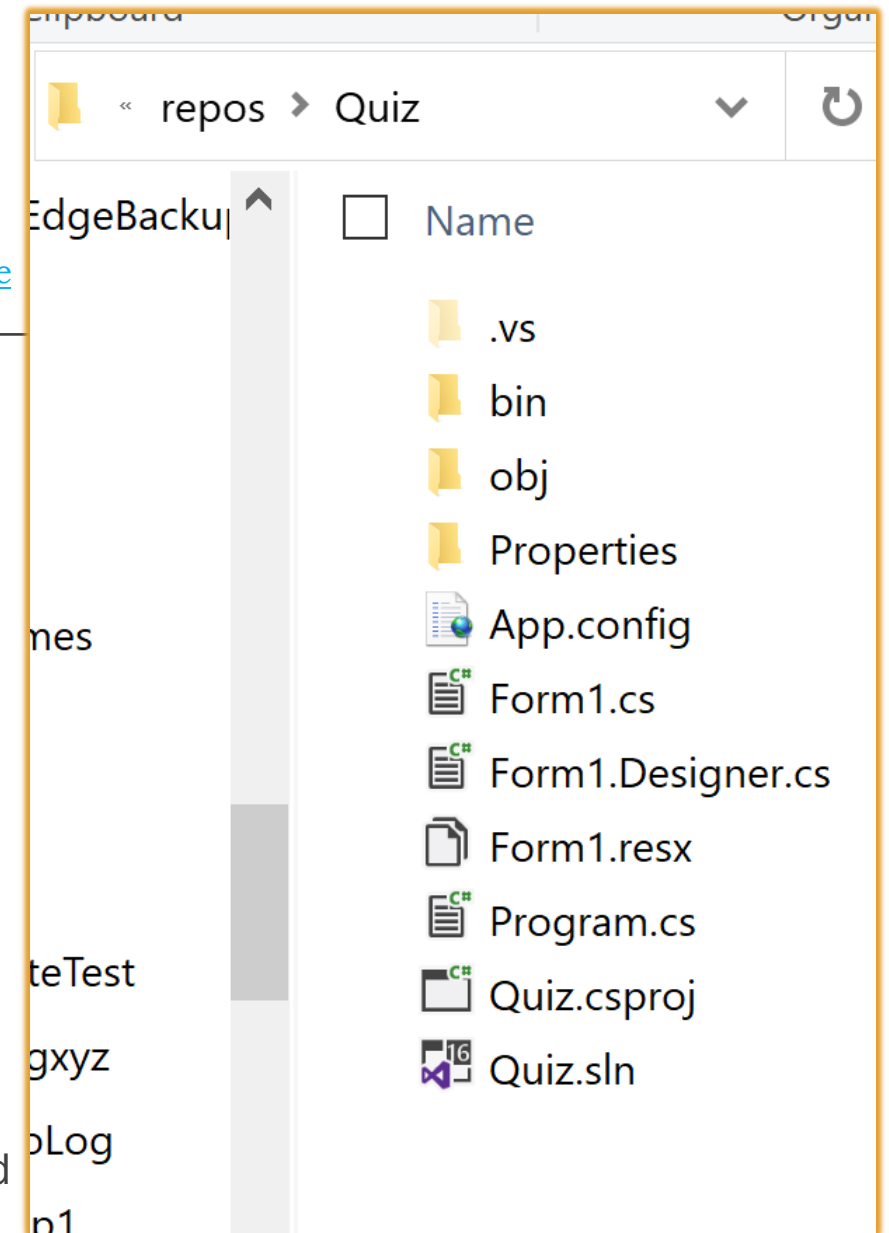
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.NET Solution - Projects

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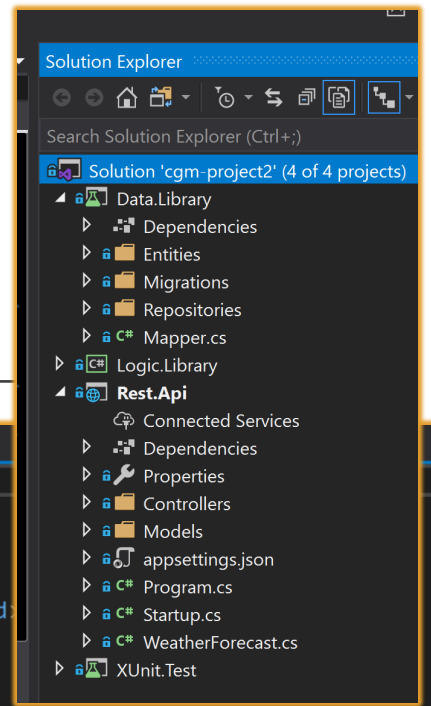
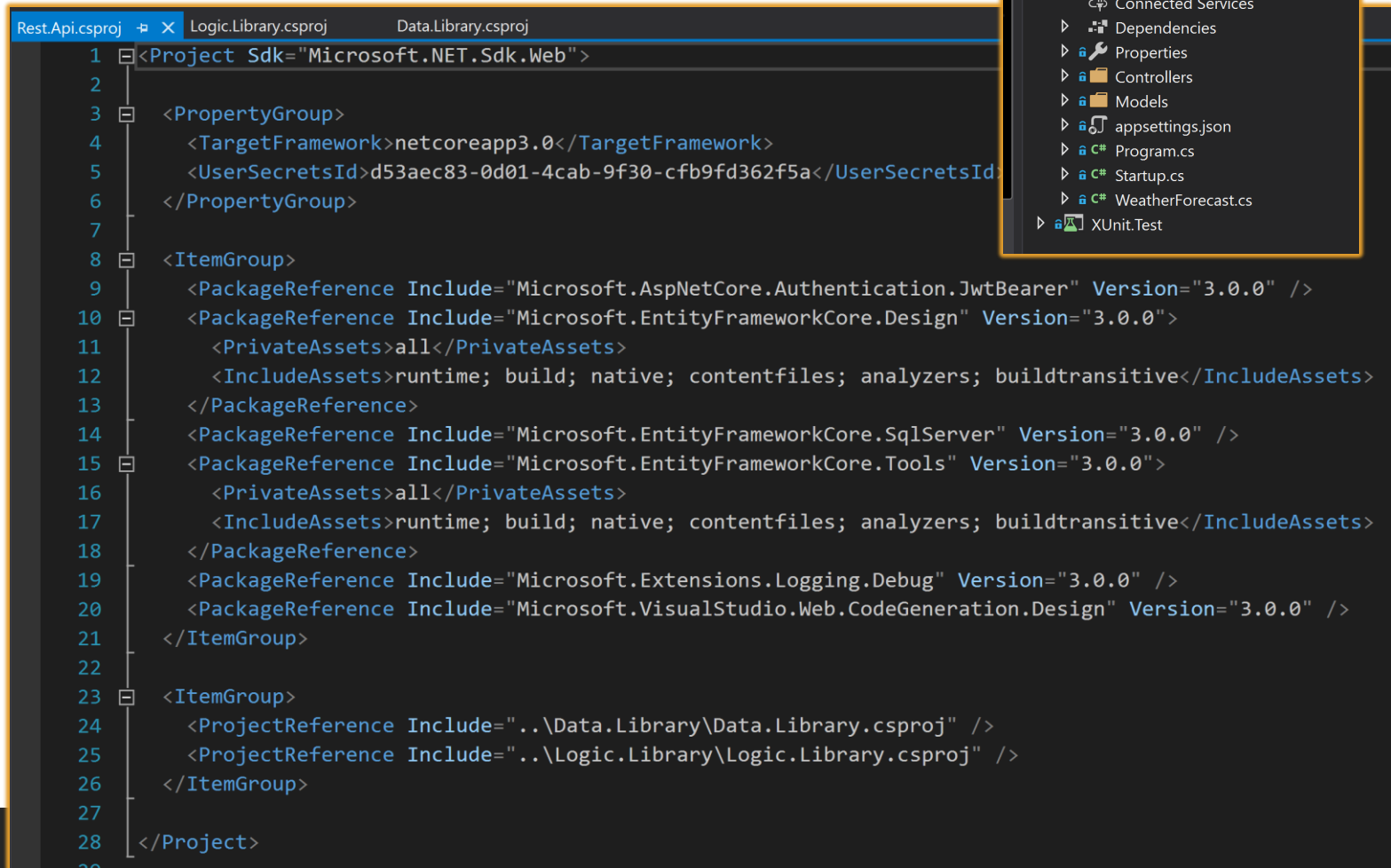
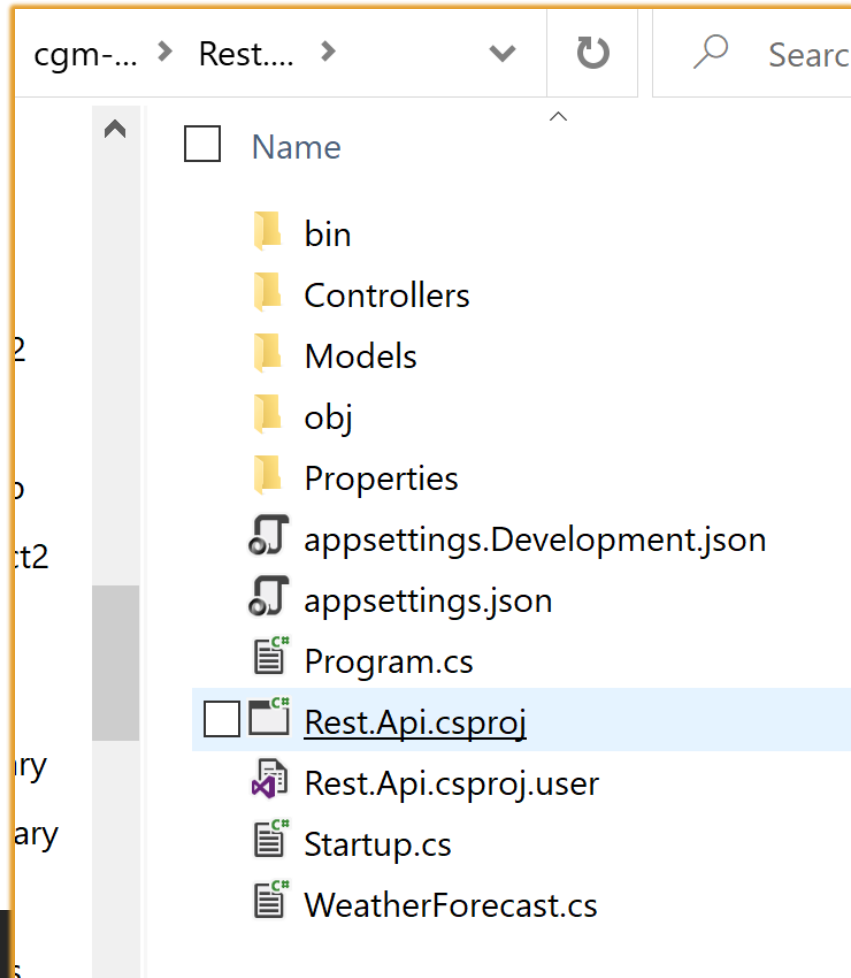
- An app or website in Visual Studio starts with a project. A project contains all files that are compiled into an executable, library, or website.
- Those files can include source code, icons, images, data files, etc.
- A project also contains compiler settings and other configuration files that might be needed by various services or components that your program communicates with.
- Visual Studio uses **MSBuild** to build each project in a solution, and each project contains an **MSBuild** project file. The file extension for a C# project is **.csproj**.
- The project file is an **XML** document that contains all the information and instructions that **MSBuild** needs in order to build your project, including the content, platform requirements, versioning information, web server or database server settings, and the tasks to perform.



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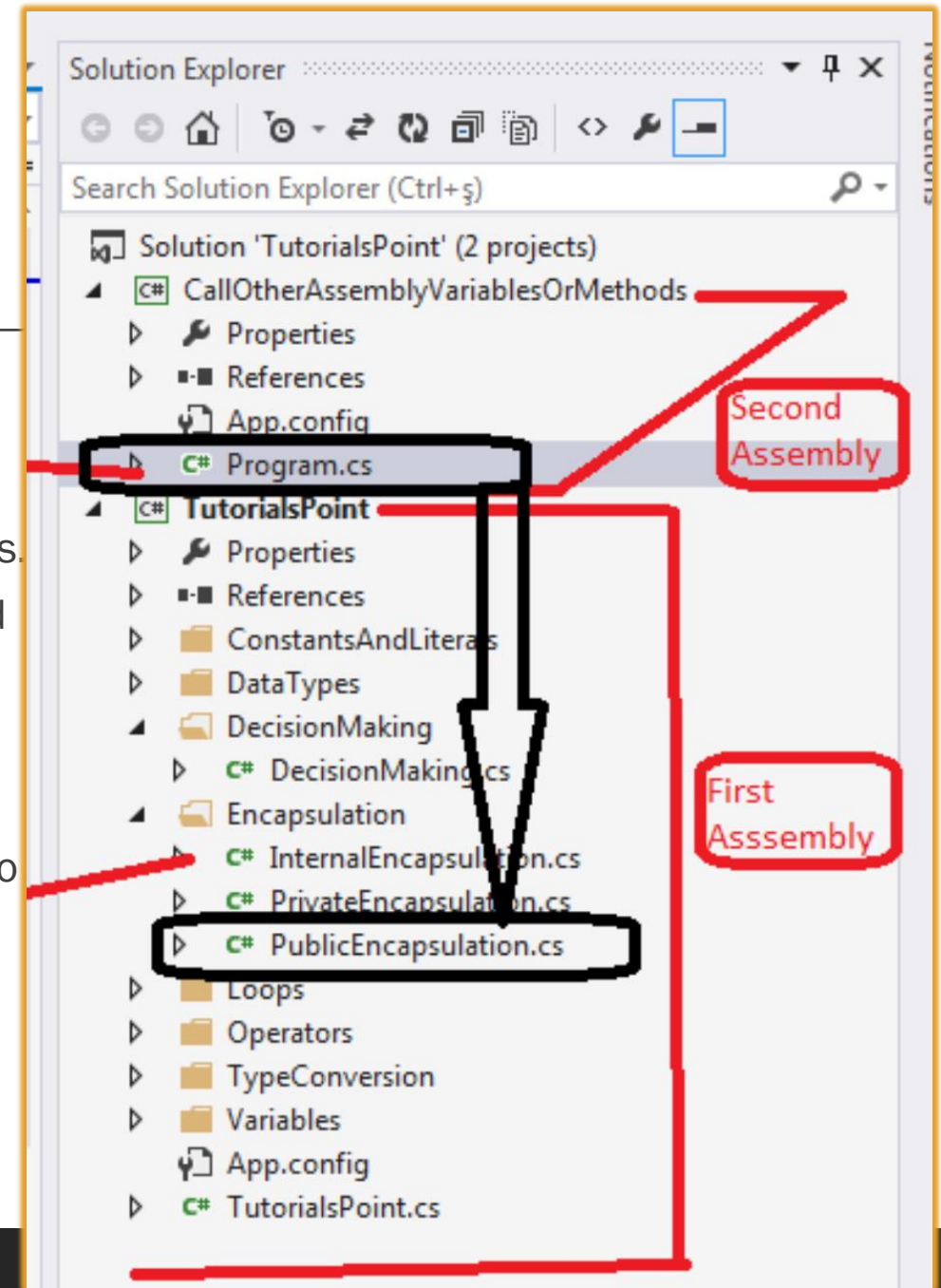
.NET Solution - Assembly

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Assemblies:

- form the fundamental units of deployment, version control, reuse, activation scoping, and security permissions for **.NET**-based applications.
- is a collection of types and resources that are built to work together and form a logical unit of functionality.
- take the form of **executable (.exe)** or **dynamic link library (.dll)** files.
- are the building blocks of **.NET** applications.
- provide the **Common Language Runtime** with the information it needs to be aware of **type** implementations.

In **.NET Core** and **.NET Framework**, you can build an assembly from one or more source code files. Each Projects files are compiled (combined) into one big .dll file called an **Assembly**.



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An *assembly* is:

- Code that the CLR executes. Each *assembly* can have only one entry point (Main).
- Security boundary. An *assembly* is the unit at which permissions are requested and granted.
- Version boundary. The assembly is the smallest versionable unit in the CLR. All types and resources in the same *assembly* are versioned as a unit.
- Deployment unit. When an application starts, only the *assemblies* that the application initially calls must be present. Other *assemblies* are retrieved on demand.

