

Intro in ASP.NET MVC

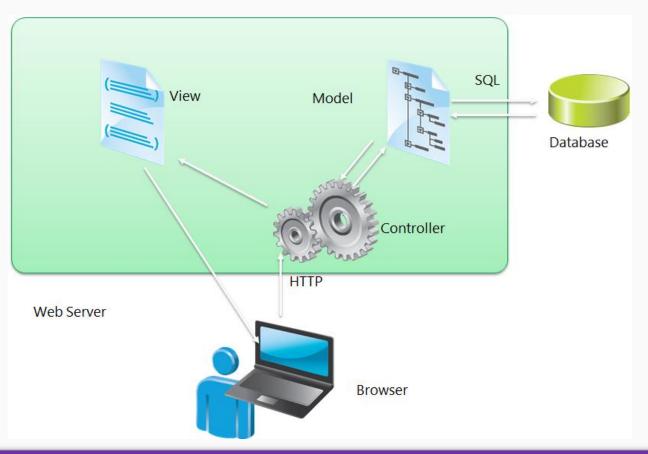


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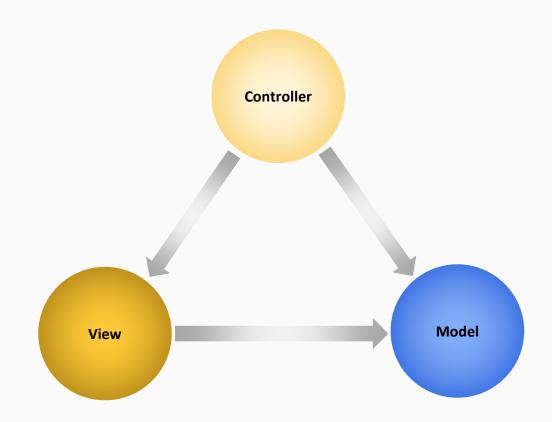
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- Model-view-controller (MVC) is a software architecture pattern
- Originally formulated in the late 1970s by Trygve Reenskaug as part of the Smalltalk
- Code reusability and separation of concerns
- Originally developed for desktop, then adapted for internet applications



Model

- Set of classes that describes the data we are working with as well as the business
- Rules for how the data can be changed and manipulated
- May contain data validation rules
- Often encapsulate data stored in a database as well as code used to manipulate the data
- Apart from giving the data objects, it doesn't have significance in the framework



View

- Defines how the application's user interface (UI) will be displayed
- May support master views (layouts) and sub-views (partial views or controls)
- Web: Template to dynamically generate HTML

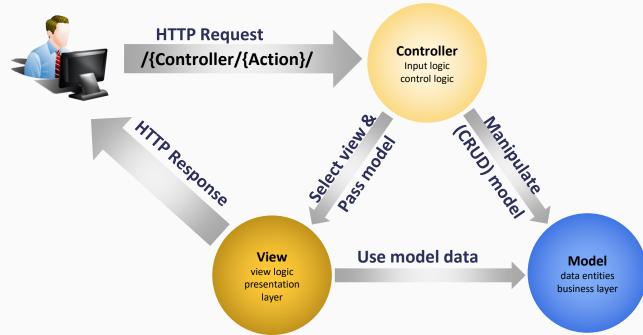


Controller

- The core MVC component
- Process the requests with the help of views and models
- A set of classes that handles
 - Communication from the user
 - Overall application flow
 - Application-specific logic
- Every controller has one or more "Actions" mapped to Verbs



Model-view-controller





MVC Steps

- Incoming HTTP request routed to Controller
- Controller processes request and creates presentation Model
 - Controller also selects appropriate result (view)
- Model is passed to View
- View transforms Model into appropriate output format (HTML)
- Response is rendered (HTTP Response)



ASP.NET MVC General



ASP.NET MVC

- Runs on top of ASP.NET
- Embrace the web
 - User/SEO friendly URLs, HTML 5, SPA
 - Adopt REST concepts
- Uses MVC pattern
 - Conventions and Guidance
 - Separation of concerns



ASP.NET MVC Core

- Tight control over markup
- Testable
- Loosely coupled and extensible
- Convention over configuration
- Easy to configure just respecting the conventions



Extensible

- Replace any component of the system
 - Interface-based architecture
- Almost anything can be replaced or extended
 - Model binders (request data to CLR objects)
 - Action/result filters (e.g. OnActionExecuting)
 - Custom action result types
 - View engine (Razor, WebForms)
 - View helpers (HTML, AJAX, URL, etc.)
 - Custom data providers (ADO.NET), etc.



Creating ASP.NET MVC Project

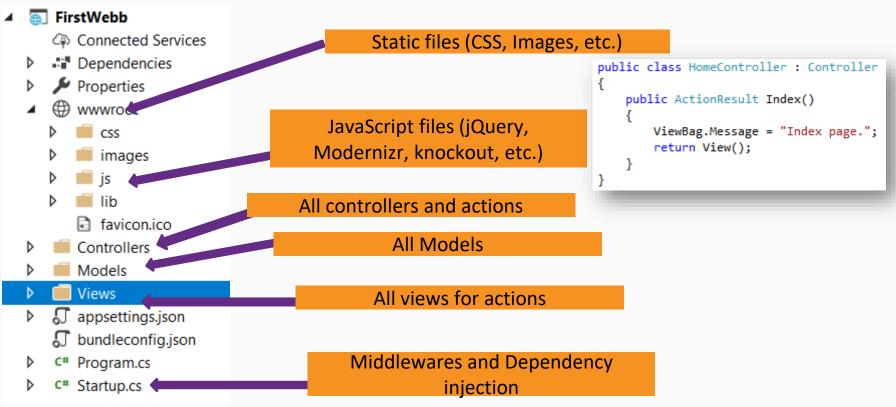


The Technologies

- Technologies that ASP.NET MVC uses
 - C# (OOP, unit testing, async, etc.)
 - o ASP.NET
 - O HTML 5 and CSS 3
 - JavaScript (jQuery, AngularJS, ReactJS etc.)
 - AJAX, SPA (Single-page apps)
 - Databases (MS SQL)
 - ORM (Entity Framework and LINQ)
 - Web and HTTP



Internet App Project Files





Model



Model

- Should have validation
- Used to transport data to the view



Custom View Models

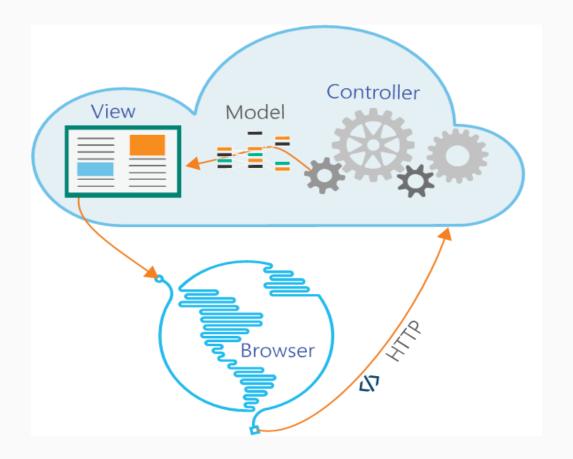
You can have nested types in a View

```
namespace ContosoUniversity.ViewModels
    public class ExamForStudent
        public int ExamId { get; set; }
        public Course course { get; set; }
        public Student student { get; set; }
```



Controller







What is Controller

- It is a class
- Derives from the base System.Web.Mvc.Controller class
- Generates the response to the browser request

```
public class HomeController : Controller
        public IActionResult Index()
            ViewBag.Message = "Welcome to ASP.NET MVC!";
            return View();
        }
        public IActionResult About()
            return View();
```



Controller Actions

- Public method of the Controller class
- Cannot be a static method
- Returns a View will search for and About.cshtml in
 Views/ControllerName folder or under Views/Shared folder

```
public IActionResult About()
{
  return View();
}
```



Controller Actions

- You can pass a model
- Or you can pass a model and a view name.
- The same model type needs to be declared in View using @model

```
public IActionResult Create()
{
   Dog model=new Dog();
   return View(model);
}
Will search a view called Create.cshtml
   under Views/{ControllerName}
   or
   under Views/Shared
```



Action Selectors

- ActionName(string name)
- AcceptVerbs
 - HttpPost
 - HttpGet
 - HttpDelete
 - HttpOptions
 - 0 ...
- NonAction
- RequireHttps

```
public class UsersController : Controller
         [ActionName("UserLogin")]
        [RequireHttps]
        public ActionResult Login(string
pass)
                 return Content(pass);
```

View



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View

- Handle the presentation logic
- The path to the view is inferred from the name of the controller and the name of the controller action.
 - o http://{hostname}/{Controller}/{Action}
- A view is a CSHTML document that can contain html and server-side code
 - o @ inline expressions
 - **@**{...} code blocks



Pass Data to a View

- With ViewData:
 - O ViewData["message"] = "Hello World!";
 - O Strongly typed ViewData:
 - ViewData.Model = model;
- With ViewBag:
 - O ViewBag.Message = "Hello World!";
 - O ViewBag is dynamic property of BaseController class
- With a model passed as a parameter from the action



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Razor syntax



Razor Syntax

- if, else, for, foreach, etc. C# statements
 - HTML markup lines can be included at any part
 - @: For plain text line to be rendered

```
<div class="products-list">
@if (Model.Products.Count() == 0)
                                                         Sorry, no products found!
 else
                                                        @:List of the products found:
                                                        foreach(var product in Model.Products)
                                                                                                                  <b>more continuous continuo co
  </div>
```



Razor Syntax

Comments

```
@*
    A Razor Comment

*@

@{
    // A C# comment

    /* A Multi
        line C# comment

    */
}
```

• What about "@" and emails?

```
    This is the sign that separates email names from domains: @@<br/>
    And this is how smart Razor is: spam_me@@gmail.com
```



Razor Syntax

• @(...) – Explicit code expression

- @using for including namespace into view
- @model for defining the model for the view

```
@using MyFirstMvcApplication.Models;
@model UserModel
@Model.Username
```



Helpers



HTML Helpers

- Extension methods which generate html elements
 - Example: Html.TextBox()
- It is advisable to use "For" extension methods to use strongtype model
 - Example: Html.TextBoxFor()
- Usage is optional
- You can create your own HTML Helpers



HTML Helpers

Html Helper	Strongly Typed Html Helpers	Html Control
Html.ActionLink		Anchor link
Html.TextBox	Html.TextBoxFor	Textbox
Html.TextArea	Html.TextAreaFor	TextArea
Html.CheckBox	Html.CheckBoxFor	Checkbox
Html.RadioButton	Html.RadioButtonFor	Radio button
Html.DropDownList	Html.DropDownListFor	Dropdown, combobox
Html.ListBox	Html.ListBoxFor	multi-select list box
Html.Hidden	Html.HiddenFor	Hidden field
Html.Password	Html.PasswordFor	Password textbox
Html.Display	Html.DisplayFor	Html text
Html.Label	Html.LabelFor	Label
Html.Editor	Html.EditorFor	Generates Html controls based on data type of specified model property e.g. textbox for string property, numeric field for int, double or other numeric type



Html.TextBox vs Html.TextBoxFor

```
@Html.TextBox("StudentName", "John", new { @class = "form-control" })
```

Renders to

```
<input class="form-control" id="StudentName" name="StudentName" type="text" value="John" />
```

and...

```
@model Student
@Html.TextBoxFor(m => m.StudentName, new { @class = "form-control" })
```

Renders to

```
<input class="form-control" id="StudentName" name="StudentName" type="text" value="John" />
```



Html.TextBox vs Html.TextBoxFor

- @Html.TextBox() is loosely typed method whereas
- @Html.TextBoxFor() is a strongly typed (generic) extension method.
- TextBox requires property name as string parameter and TextBoxFor() requires lambda expression as a parameter.
- TextBox doesn't give you compile time error if you have specified wrong property name. It will throw runtime exception.
- TextBoxFor is generic method so it will give you compile time error if you have specified wrong property name or property name changes.



Html.EditorFor

Property DataType	Html Element
string	<input type="text"/>
int	<input type="number"/>
decimal, float	<input type="text"/>
boolean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enum	<input type="text"/>
DateTime	<input type="datetime"/>



Html.Editor, Html.EditorFor

StudentId: @Html.Editor("StudentId")
Student Name: @Html.Editor("StudentName")

Age: @Html.Editor("Age")

Password: @Html.Editor("Password")

IsNewlyEnrolled: @Html.Editor("IsNewlyEnrolled")

Gender: @Html.Editor("Gender")
DOB: @Html.Editor("DoB")

StudentId: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.StudentId)
Student Name: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.StudentName)

Age: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.Age)

Password: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.Password)

IsNewlyEnrolled: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.IsNewlyEnrolled)

Gender: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.Gender)
DoB: @Html.EditorFor(m => m.DoB)

Output of Editor / EditorFor helper

StudentId:	1 \$
Student Name:	Jogn
Age:	19 🗦
Password:	sdf
is Newly Enrolled:	✓
Gender:	Boy
DoB:	02-06-2015 11:39:15



Tag Helpers



Input TagHelper

Html Element

```
<input type="text" id="Age" name="Age" value="@Model.Age" class="form-control" />
```

Html Helper

```
@Html.TextBoxFor(m => m.Age, new { @class = "form-control" })
```

TagHelper

```
<input asp-for="Age" class="form-control" />
```

To make available the tag helpers add next lines in _ViewImports.cshtml

```
@addTagHelper *, Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers
```



TagHelpers

Anchor tag

<a asp-action="ActionName" asp-controller="ControllerName" asp-route="RouteName">...

Form tag

<form asp-action="ActionName" asp-controller="ControllerName" method="post"></form>

Input tag

<input asp-for="FieldName" class="form-control" />

Validation tag and validation summary

<div asp-validation-summary="ModelOnly"></div>

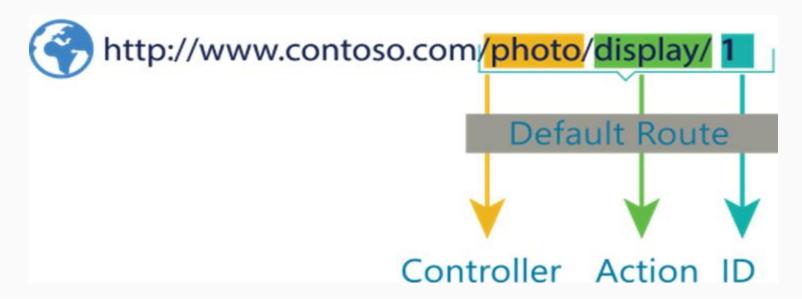


Routing



Routing

• The Routing module is responsible for mapping incoming browser requests to particular MVC controller actions.





Convention Based Routing

- The Routing module is responsible for mapping incoming browser requests to particular MVC controller actions.
- Setup places:

```
http://www.mysite.com/Products/ById/3
// controller = Products
// action = ById
// id = 3

app.UseMvc(routes =>
{
    routes.MapRoute(
    name: "default",
    template: "{controller=Home}/{action=Index}/{id?}");
});

Route pattern

http://www.mysite.com/Products/ById/3
// controller = Products
// action = ById
// id = 3

Route name

Pofault parameters

Obefault parameters
```



Attribute Routing

Attribute Routing

```
public class ProductController : Controller
{
    [Route("")]
    [Route("Product")]
    [Route("Product/Index")]
    public IActionResult Index()
    {
       return View();
    }
}
```

Attribute routing with Http[Verb]

```
[HttpGet("/products/{id}")]
public IActionResult GetProducts(int id)
{
    // ...
}
```

Attribute routing tokens

```
[HttpGet("[controller]/[action]/{id}")]
public IActionResult Edit(int id)
{
    // ...
}
```



Attribute Routing Constraints

```
alpha - Matches uppercase or lowercase Latin alphabet characters (a-z, A-Z)
```

bool - Matches a Boolean value.

datetime - Matches a DateTime value.

decimal - Matches a decimal value.

double - Matches a 64-bit floating-point value.

float - Matches a 32-bit floating-point value.

guid - Matches a GUID value.

int - Matches a 32-bit integer value.

length - Matches a string with the specified length or within a specified range of lengths.

long - Matches a 64-bit integer value.

max - Matches an integer with a maximum value.

maxlength - Matches a string with a maximum length.

min - Matches an integer with a minimum value.

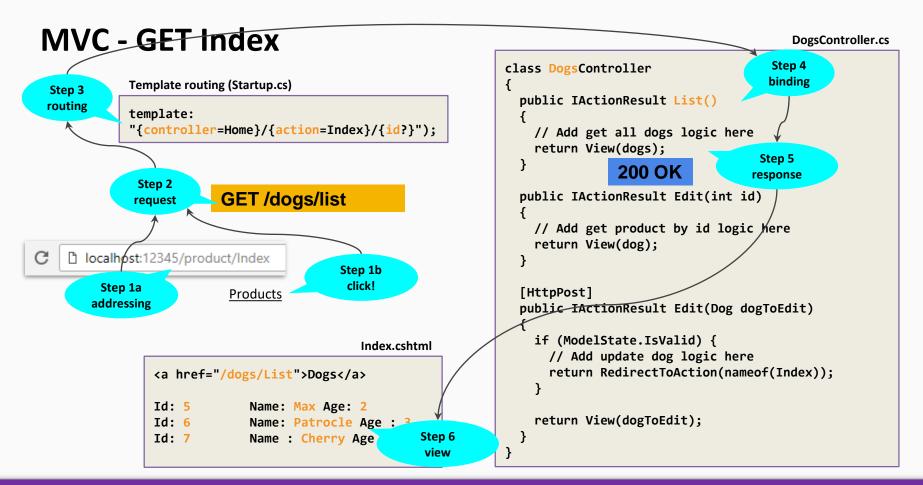
minlength - Matches a string with a minimum length.

range - Matches an integer within a range of values.

regex - Matches a regular expression.

```
// combining multiple constraints using colon (:)
"/{id:alpha:minlength(6)?}"
```





DogsController.cs

MVC - GET Edit

<input type="submit" value="Save" />

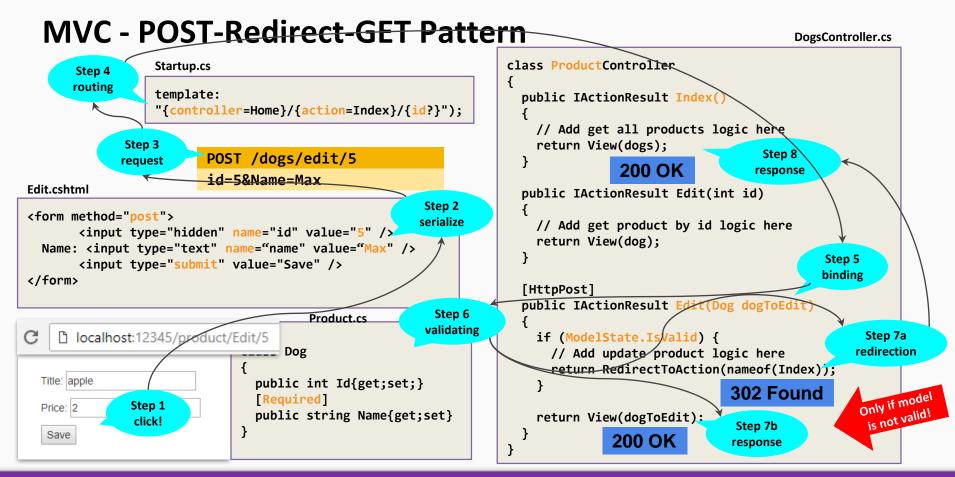
```
Startup.cs
    Step 3
    routing
                template:
                "{controller=Home}/{action=List}/{id?}");
                Step 2
                            GET /dogs/edit/5
               request
     localhost/12345/product/Edit/5
                                             Step 1b
                                               click!
             Step 1a
                                 Edit
            addressing
                                                    Edit.cshtml
<form method="input">
  Id: <input type="text" name="id" value="5" />
  Name: <input type="text" name="name" value="Max" />
  Age: <input type="text" name="age" value="2" />
```

Step 6

view

```
class DogsController
 public IActionResult Index()
    // Add get all products logic here
    return View(dogs);
                                       Step 4
                                       binding
 public IActionResult Edit(int id)
    // Add get dog by id logic here/
    return View(dogToEdit);
                                Step 5
              200 OK
                               response
 [HttpPost]
 public IActionResult Edit(Dog dogToEdit)
    if (ModelState.IsValid)
      // Add update dog logic here
      return RedirectToAction(nameof(Index));
    return View(dogToEdit);
```

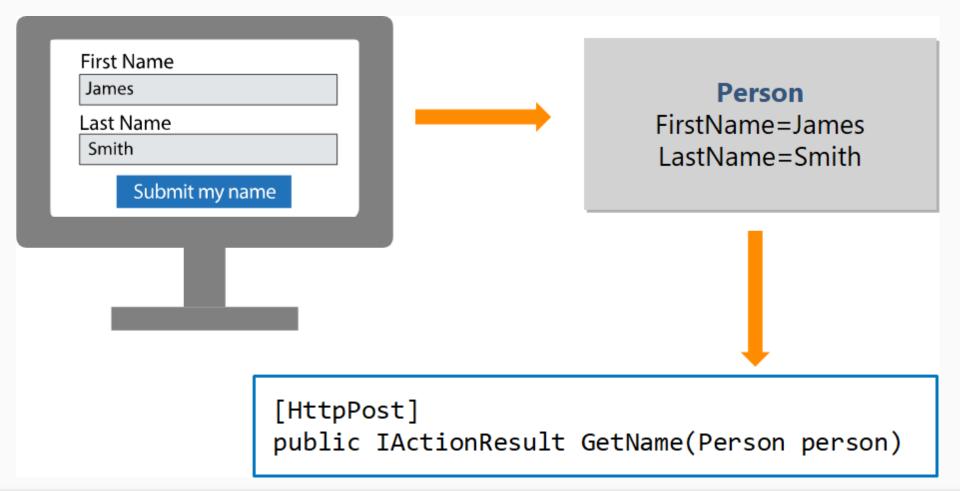
</form>





Posting data to controllers





Post data – View side

• The model specified in the view will reach the controller specified in form element

```
@model Models.Dog
<h2>Create</h2>
<h4>Dog</h4>
                                                           Will send the model to
<hr/>
                                                                /Dogs/Create
<form asp-action="Create" asp-controller="Dogs">
  <label asp-for="Name" class="control-label"></label>
  <input asp-for="Name" class="form-control" />
  <span asp-validation-for="Name" class="text-danger"></span>
</form>
```



Post data – Controller side

- The action method in the controller accepts the values posted from the view.
- The view form fields must match the same names in the controller.

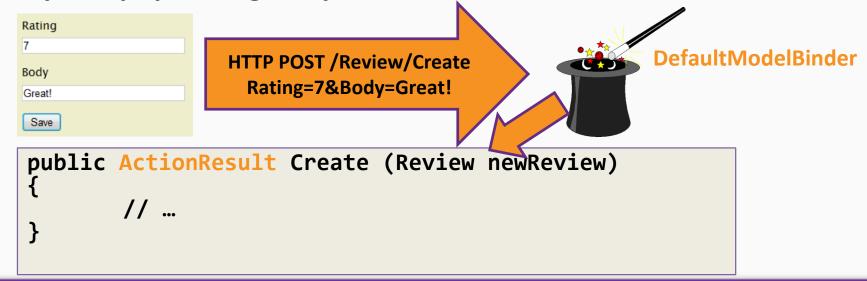
```
[HttpPost]
                                                      Model passed from the View
public IActionResult Create(Dog model)
   if (ModelState.IsValid)
     // save the dog in database
     return RedirectToAction("List");
  return View(model);
```





To make easy of handling HTTP post request

Help the populating the parameters in action methods





- Parameter binding
 - The name attribute of the input HTML element should be the same as the name of parameter in the action



- Object binding
 - Model binder will try to "construct" the object based on the name attributes on the input HTML elements



- Nested Objects binding
 - Use name attributes as following "{obj}.{nestedObj}" or use EditorFor

```
@model WorkingWithDataMvc.Models.PersonWithAddressViewModel
                                                           public class PersonWithAddressViewModel
@*<input type="text" name="Address.Country" />*@
@Html.LaberFor(m => m.Address.Country)
                                                                      public string Name {get; set; }
MHtml.EditorFor(m => m.Address.Country)
                                                                      public Address Address { get;
                                                           set; }
                                                           public class Address
                                                                      public string City { get; set;
[HttpPost]
                                                                      public string Country { get;
[ValidateAntiForgeryToken]
                                                           set: }
public ActionResult NestedObject(PersonWithAddressViewNouer person)
           return this.SetTempDataAndRedirectToAction(string.Format("{0} {1})
```



- Collection of objects binding
 - Use name attributes like "[{index}].{property}" or use EditorFor in a for loop

```
[HttpPost]
[ValidateAntiForgeryToken]
public ActionResult CollectionOfObjects(IEnumerable<PersonViewModel> persons)
{
    var result = new StringBuilder();
    foreach (var person in persons)
```

@model IList<WorkingWithDataMvc.Models.PersonViewModel>



- Collection of files binding
 - Use the same name attribute on all input type files as the name of the collection

```
<input type="file" name="files" />
<input type="file" name="files" />
<input type="file" name="files" />
<input type="submit" />
```



Custom Model Binders

```
public class CustomModelBinder : DefaultModelBinder
            public override object BindModel(ControllerContext controllerContext,
ModelBindingContext bindingContext)
                        NameValueCollection form =
controllerContext.HttpContext.Request.Form;
                        SomeModel myModel = new SomeModel();
                        myModel.Property = "value";
                        ModelStateDictionary mState = bindingContext.ModelState;
                        mState.Add("Property", new ModelState { });
                        mState.AddModelError("Property", "There's an error.");
                        return myModel; // return your model
public ActionResult Test([ModelBinder(typeof(CustomModelBinder))]SomeModel m)
            // ...
            return View();
```



Model Validation



Validation

- Model State
 - represents the submitted values and errors during a POST
- Validation Helpers
 - Html.ValidationMessageFor() displays only errors for to the property specified.
 - Html.ValidationSummary() reads all errors from the model state and displays them in a bulleted list



Validation Model - Controller

- ModelState.IsValid will give us information about the data validation success
- ModelState.AddModelError doesn't depend on the model

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Edit(Dog dog)
{
   if (ModelState.IsValid)
   {
      if (dog.Age>20)
          ModelState.AddModelError("Age", "Too old dog!");
   }
   ...
   return View();
}
```



Validation Attributes

- Model validation is done by adding attributes over properties, in model
- Belong to System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations namespace

```
public class Dog
       public int Id { get; set; }
       [Required]
       [MinLength(3)]
       public string Name { get; set; }
       public int Age { get; set; }
```



Validation with Annotations

- [CreditCard]: Validates the property has a credit card format.
- [Compare]: Validates two properties in a model match.
- [EmailAddress]: Validates the property has an email format.
- [Phone]: Validates the property has a telephone format.
- [Range]: Validates the property value falls within the given range.
- [RegularExpression]: Validates that the data matches the specified regular expression.
- [Required]: Makes a property required.
- [StringLength]: Validates that a string property has at most the given maximum length.
- [Url]: Validates the property has a URL format.



Validation in controller

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```
[HttpPost]
public IActionResult Create(Dog model)
   if (ModelState.IsValid)
       // save the dog in database
        return RedirectToAction("List");
   return View(model);
```



Validation - View

- @Html.ValidationSummary output errors
- @Html.ValidationMessageFor(...) outputs validation

message for specified property

```
@using (Html.BeginForm())
{
    @Html.ValidationSummary(true)
    @Html.LabelFor(m => m.Name)
    @Html.EditorFor(m => m.Name)
    @Html.ValidationMessageFor(m => m.Name)
    @Html.LabelFor(m => m.Price)
    @Html.EditorFor(m => m.Price)
    @Html.ValidationMessageFor(m => m.Price)
}
```



Data Binding



- To make easy of handling HTTP request
- Help the populating the parameters in action methods



HTTP POST /Review/Create Rating=7&Body=Great!



- Parameter binding
 - The name attribute of the input HTML element should be the same as the name of parameter in the action

```
Html.TextBox("FirstName", "John", new { type = "text" })
<div>
         <input type="text" name="FirstName" value="John" />
</div>
                                     HTTP POST /Binding/UpdateUsingParameter
                                     FirstName=John
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult UpdateUsingParameter(string tirstName)
         TempData["Success"] = $"{firstName}";
         return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```



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                                                                            public Address Address { get;
@Html.EditorFor(m => m.Address.Country)
                                                                 set; }
                                                                 public class Address
<input type="text" name="Address.Country" />
                                                                            public string City { get;
                                                                 set; }
                                                                            public string Country { get;
                                                                 set; }
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult UpdateUsingNestedObject(PersonWithAddressViewModel person)
   TempData["Success"] = $"{person.Address.Country}";
   return RedirectToAction("Index");
                                                   HTTP POST /Binding/UpdateUsingNestedObject
                                                   Address.Country=Romania
```



- Collection of primitive types binding
 - Use the same name attribute on every input element and the parameter name of the collection in the action (you can use loops)

```
<input type="text" name="firstNames" value="John" />
<input type="text" name="firstNames" value="Jim" />
<input type="text" name="firstNames" value="Steve" />
<input type="text" name="firstNames" value="Scott" />
<input type="submit" />
```

HTTP POST /Binding/CollectionOfPrimitiveTypes firstNames=John&firstNames=Steve&firstNames=Scott

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult CollectionOfPrimitiveTypes(IEnumerable<string> firstNames)
{
   TempData["Success"] = $"{string.Join(',', firstNames)}";
   return this.RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```



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- Collection of files binding
 - Use the same name attribute on all input type files as the name of the collection

```
<input type="file" name="files" />
<input type="file" name="files" />
<input type="file" name="files" />
<input type="submit" />
```

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult CollectionOfFiles(IEnumerable<HttpPostedFileBase> files)
{
          var names = files.Where(f => f != null).Select(f => f.FileName);
          TempData["success"] = string.Join(',', names);
          return RedirectToAction("Index");
}
```



Model Binding Rules

- By default, Web API uses the following rules to bind parameters:
 - If the parameter is a "simple" type, Web API tries to get the value from the
 URI
 - Simple types include the .NET primitive types (int, bool, double, and so forth), plus TimeSpan, DateTime, Guid, decimal, and string, plus any type with a type converter that can convert from a string. (More about type converters later.)
 - For complex types, Web API tries to read the value from the message body, using a media-type formatter.



Model Binding Behavior

- Data binding source order:
 - Form values: Values in the form (via HTTP POST).
 - Route values: Values provided by the Routing system. (only for primitive types)
 - Query string: Values found in the URL's query string
- Binding a value that is supposed to be an integer, it now uses the default value of the type (0 for integers) if no value is posted. This saves you from null exceptions as well as the need to assign a default value yourself. See BindRequired.



Model Binding Behavior

- [BindRequired]: This attribute adds a model state error if binding cannot occur.
- [BindNever]: Tells the model binder to never bind to this parameter.
- [ModelBinder]: Used to override the default model binder, binding source and name.



CLI



Dotnet CLI (Command Line Interface)

 In .NET Core, the entire set of fundamental development tools—those used to build, test, run, and publish applications—is also available as command-line applications.

```
dotnet [host-options] [command] [arguments] [common-options]

dotnet dev-certs https --trust

dotnet --info dotnet --version dotnet --verbose dotnet <-command> --help
```



Dotnet Commands

Command	Description
new	Creates a new .NET Core application starting from one of the available templates. Default templates include console applications as well as ASP.NET MVC applications, test projects, and class libraries. Additional options let you indicate the target language and the name of the project.
restore	Restores all the dependencies of the project. Dependencies are read from the project file and restored as NuGet packages consumed from a configured feed.
build	Builds the project and all its dependencies. Parameters for the compilers (such as whether to build a library or an application) should be specified in the project file.
run	Compiles the source code if required, generates an executable and runs it. It relies on the command build for the first step.
test	Runs unit tests in the project using the configured test runner. Unit tests are class libraries with a dependency on a particular unit test framework and its runner application.
publish	Compiles the application if required, reads the list of dependencies from the project file and then publishes the resulting set of files to an output directory.
pack	Creates a NuGet package out of the project binaries.
migrate	Migrates an old project.json-based project to a msbuild-based project.
clean	Cleans the output folder of the project.

