

Lab 3 – Managing data in SQL Server with ASP .Net Core: Part 1

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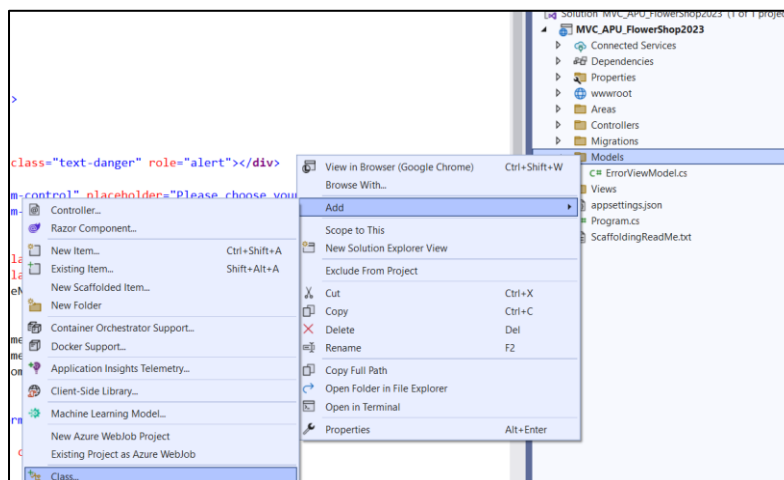
Lab 3.1. Create tables in SQL Server with ASP .Net Core.

This tutorial will teach the student how to create a table in the SQL database and how to add data in the SQL table.

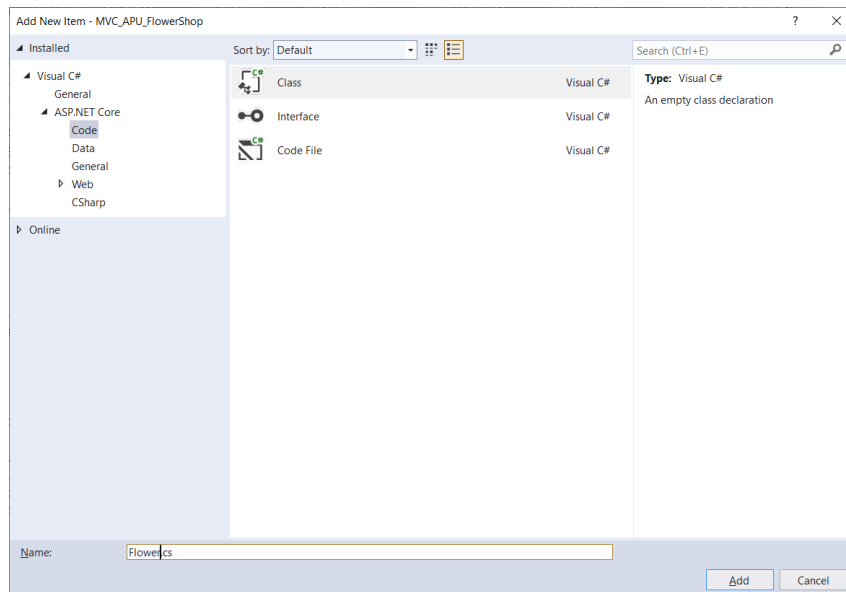
a. Create new table in existing Identity DB

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1. Continued from the **Lab 2.2** project.
2. Go to **Solution Explorer** > Right click on the **Models** Folder > Select **Add** > Select **Class**.



3. In the **Add New Item** dialog, named the class file as **Flower.cs**. Then, tap the **Add** button.



4. An empty **Flower.cs** file is generated as shown below.

```

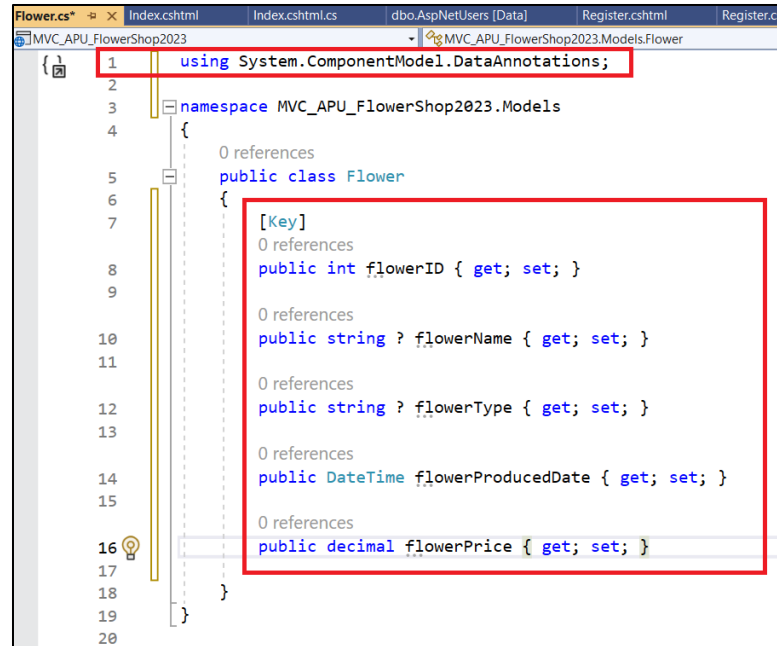
1  using System;
2  using System.Collections.Generic;
3  using System.Linq;
4  using System.Threading.Tasks;
5
6  namespace MVC_APU_FlowerShop.Models
7  {
8      public class Flower
9      {
10     }
11 }
12

```

5. Assume we need to prepare a table as below:

Flower ID	Flower Name	Flower Type	Flower Produced Date	Flower Price

Thus, edit the **Flower.cs** model class file based on the above table structure. Save the file after finish editing the file.



```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
```

```
public class Flower
{
    [Key]
    public int FlowerID { get; set; }

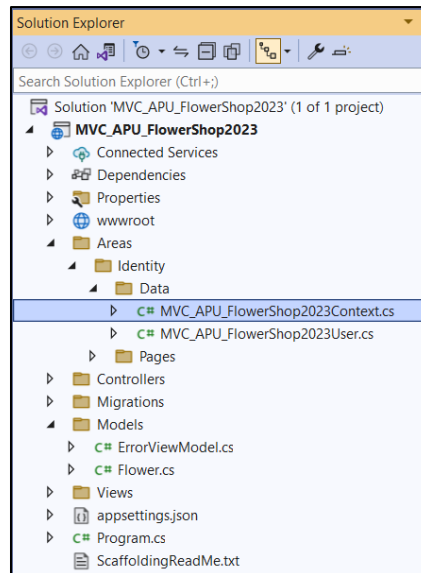
    public string ? FlowerName { get; set; }

    public string ? FlowerType { get; set; }

    public DateTime FlowerProducedDate { get; set; }

    public decimal FlowerPrice { get; set; }
}
```

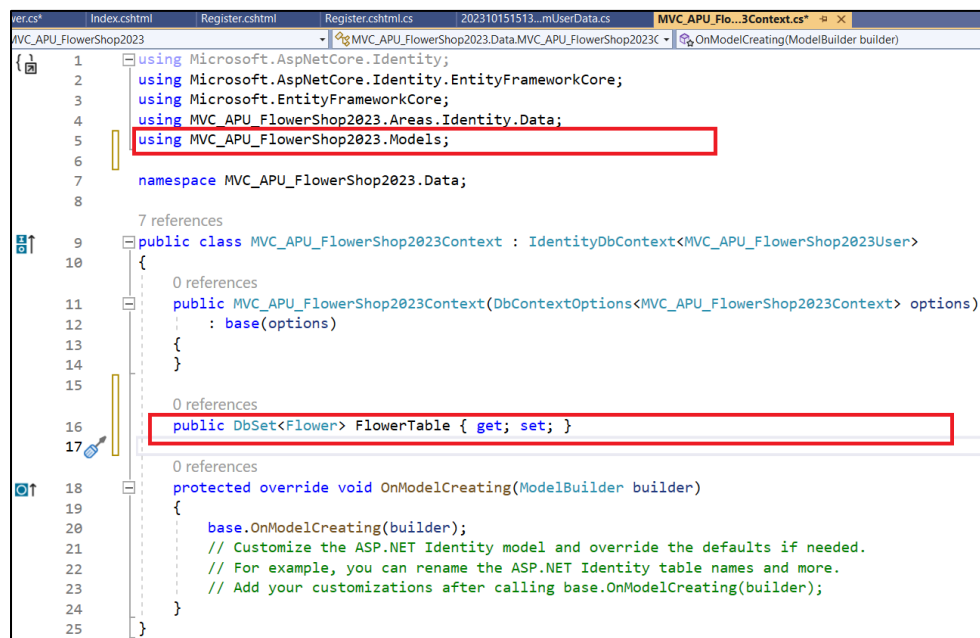
6. Now, open the **MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023Context.cs**.



7. Then, add the new table details to the context class: **MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023Context.cs**.

```
using MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Models;
```

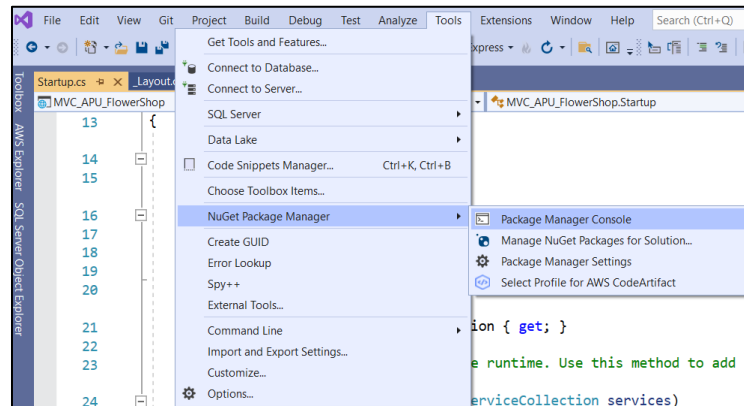
```
public DbSet<Flower> FlowerTable { get; set; }
```



b. Create Migration Schema Code for New Flower Table

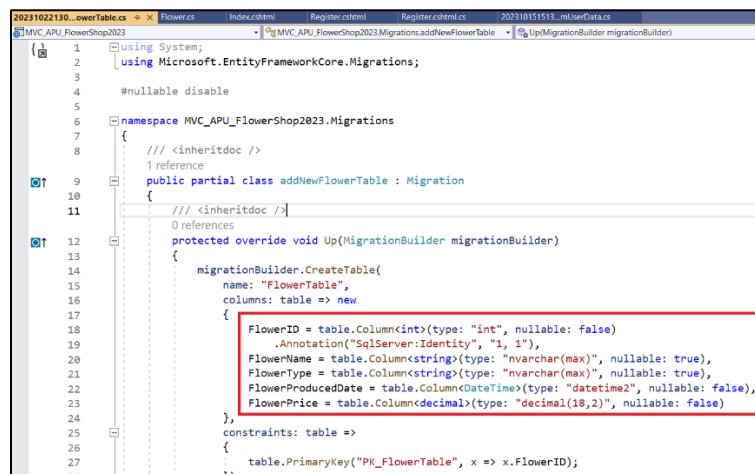
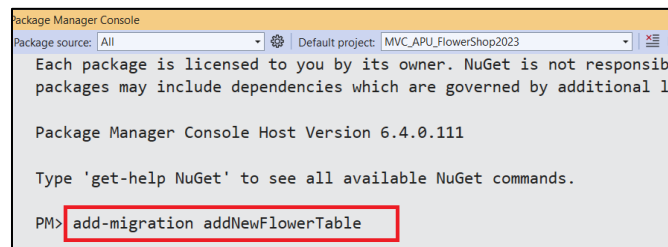
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1. Now, start the PMC, click on the **Tools > NuGet Package Manager > Package Manager Console**.



2. In the Visual Studio **Package Manager Console**, type the below commands:

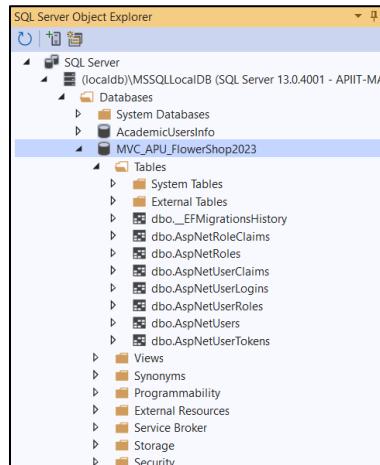
Add-Migration addNewFlowerTable



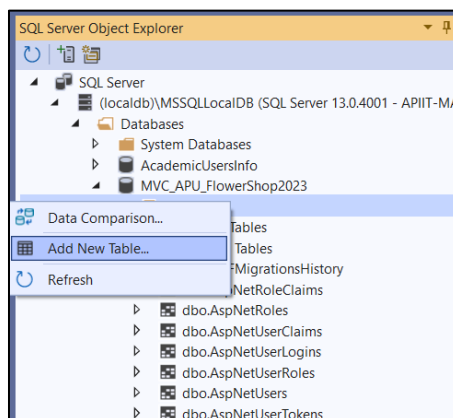
c. Learn How to Manually Setup the Table in SQL Server Without Using Update-Database Command.

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1. **SQL Server Object Explorer (SSOX)** in Visual Studio and create the table in the MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.

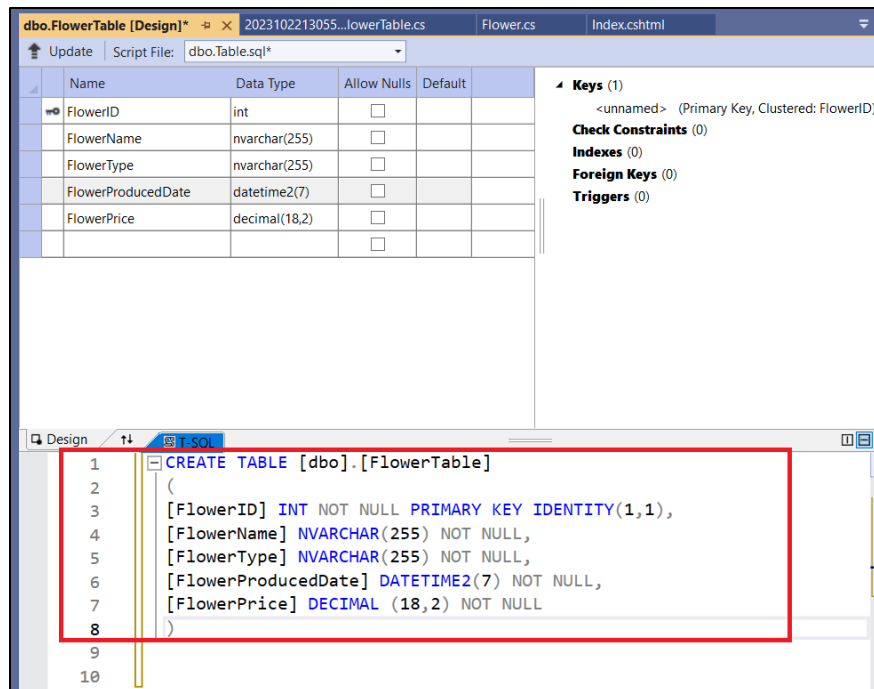


2. Right click the **Databases > MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023 > Tables > Add New Table....**

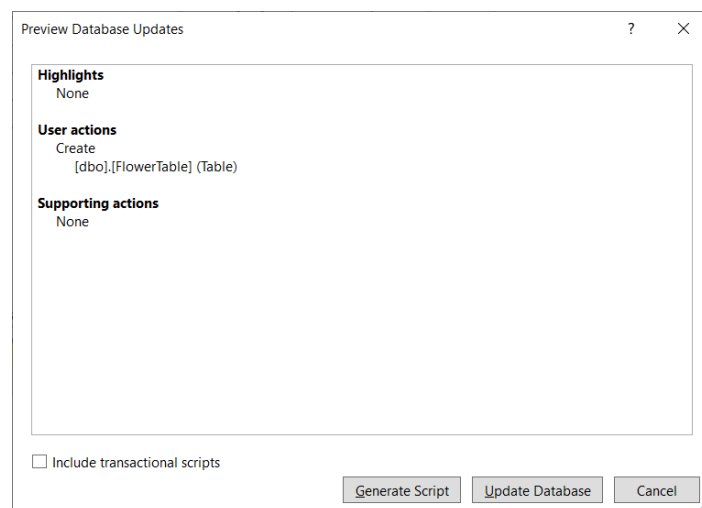
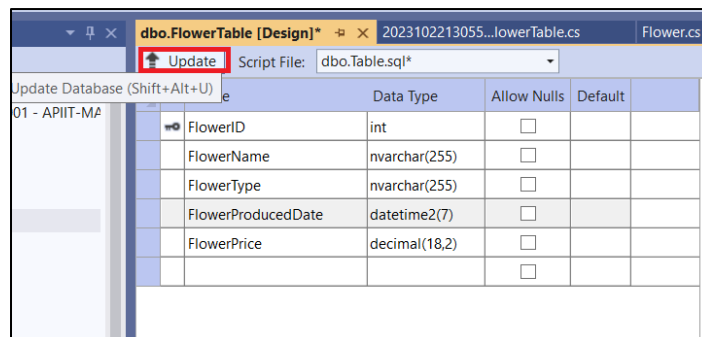


3. Add the below SQL Queries to the T-SQL corner.

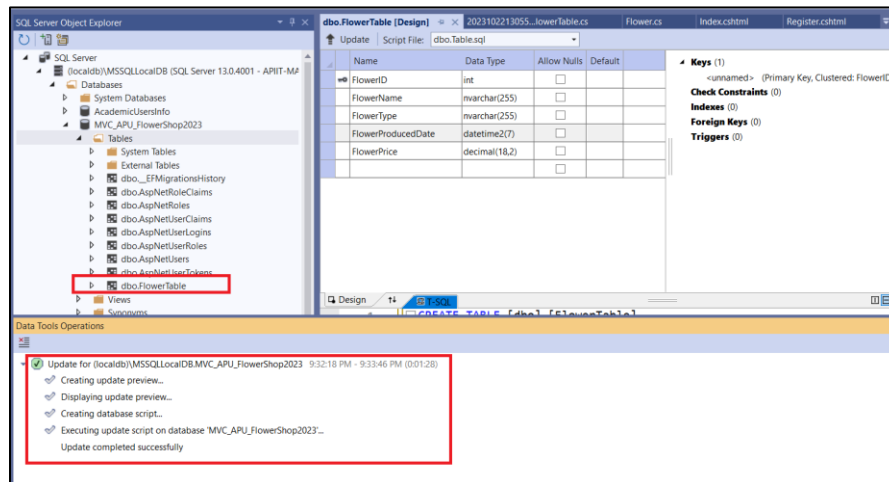
```
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[FlowerTable]
(
    [FlowerID] INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY IDENTITY(1,1),
    [FlowerName] NVARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    [FlowerType] NVARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    [FlowerProducedDate] DATETIME2(7) NOT NULL,
    [FlowerPrice] DECIMAL (18,2) NOT NULL
)
```



4. Now, click on the **Update** button to add the table to the database.



5. Finally, click on the **Update Database** button and the Flower table will be added to your current database.

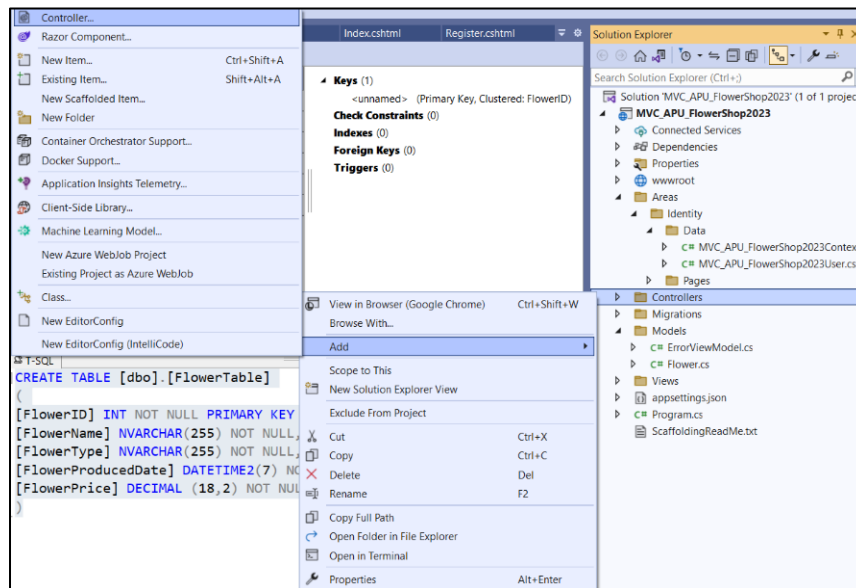


6. Next step we need to learn how to add the data to the Flower Table.

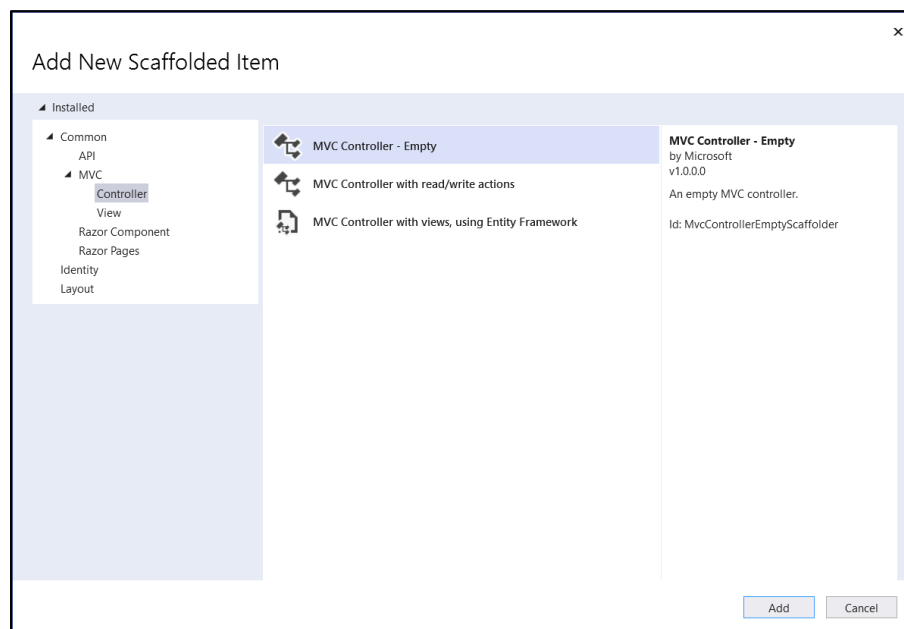
d. Add data into the Flower table.

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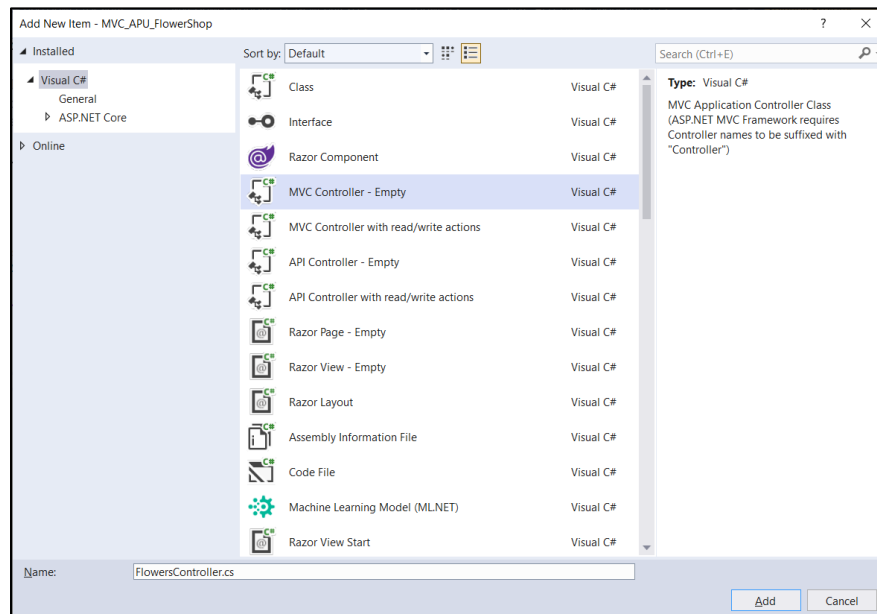
1. Create a controller for managing the flower views.
2. Go to **Solution Explorer** > Right click on the **Controllers** Folder > Select **Add** > Select **Controller**.



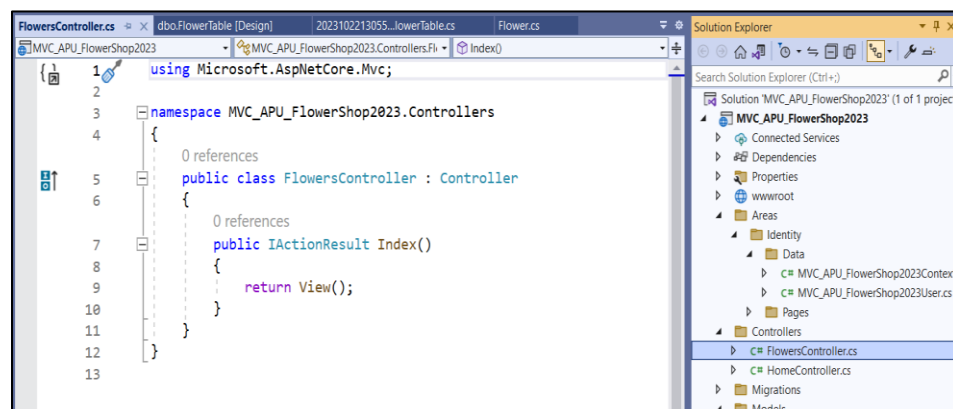
3. In the **Add New Scaffolded Item** dialog, select **MVC Controller – Empty**. Then select **Add**.



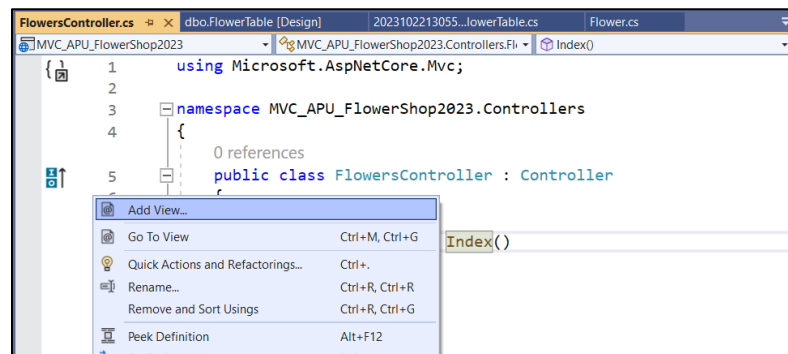
4. In the **Add New Item** dialog, select **MVC Controller – Empty** and name the file as **FlowersController.cs**.



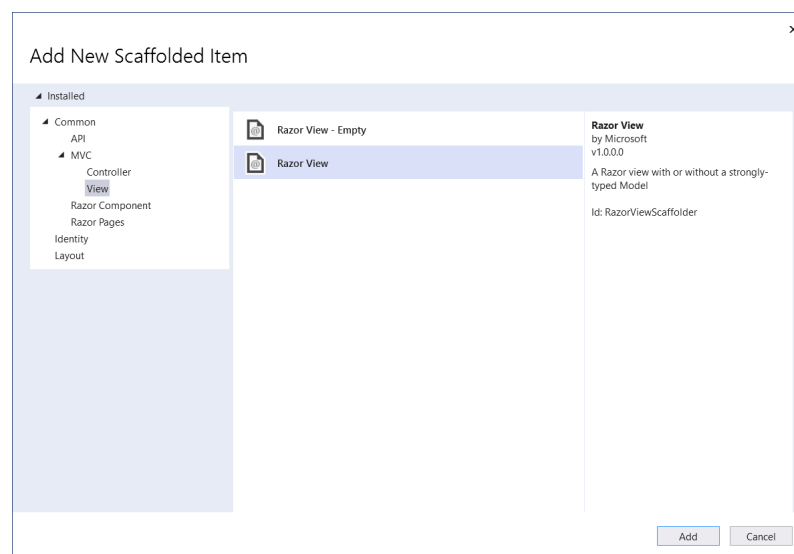
5. Then, select the **Add** button. A new controller has been added to your **Controllers** folder now.



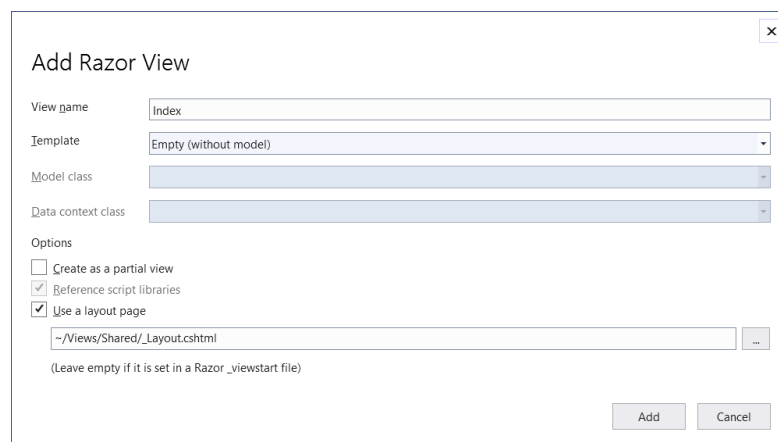
6. Now, highlight the `Index()` function and right click on the highlighted function. Select **Add View**.



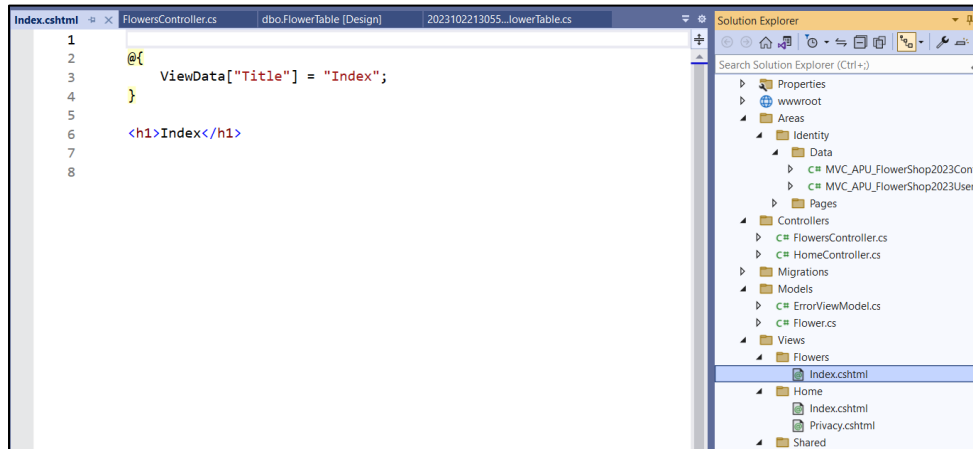
7. In the **Add New Scaffolded Item** dialog, select **Razor View** and press button **Add**.



8. In the **Add Razor View** dialog, directly create on the **Add** button.

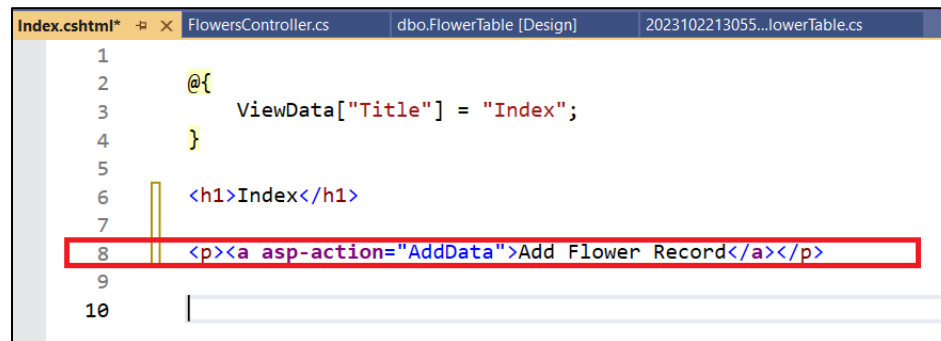


9. The **Index.cshtml** page will be added to a folder named **Flowers**.

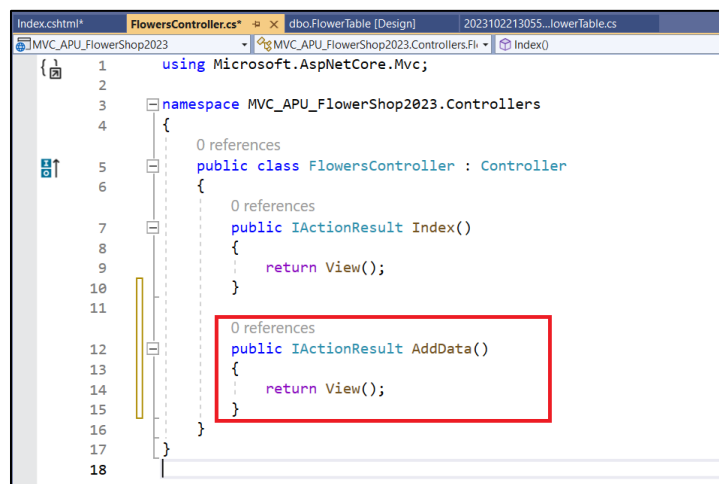


10. Now, in the **Index.cshtml**, add the below sentence to link to your Index.cshtml page with the coming Add Data page.

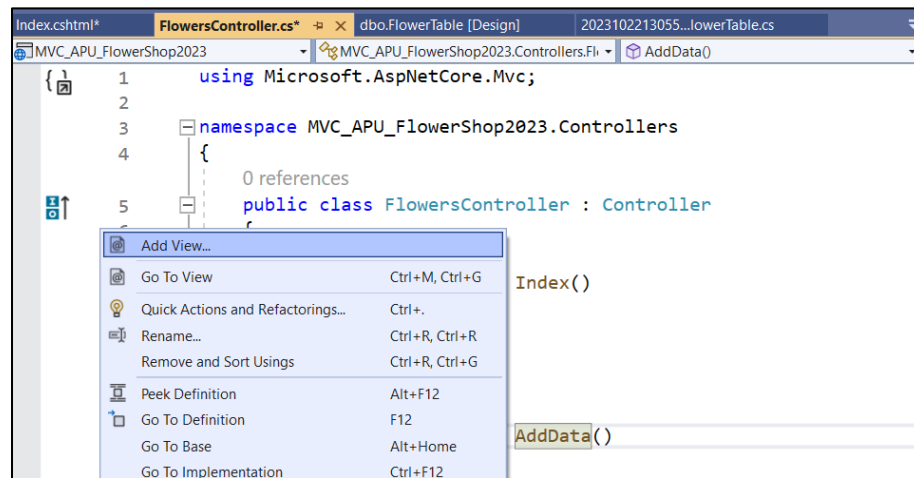
```
<p><a asp-action=\"AddData\">Add Flower Record</a></p>
```



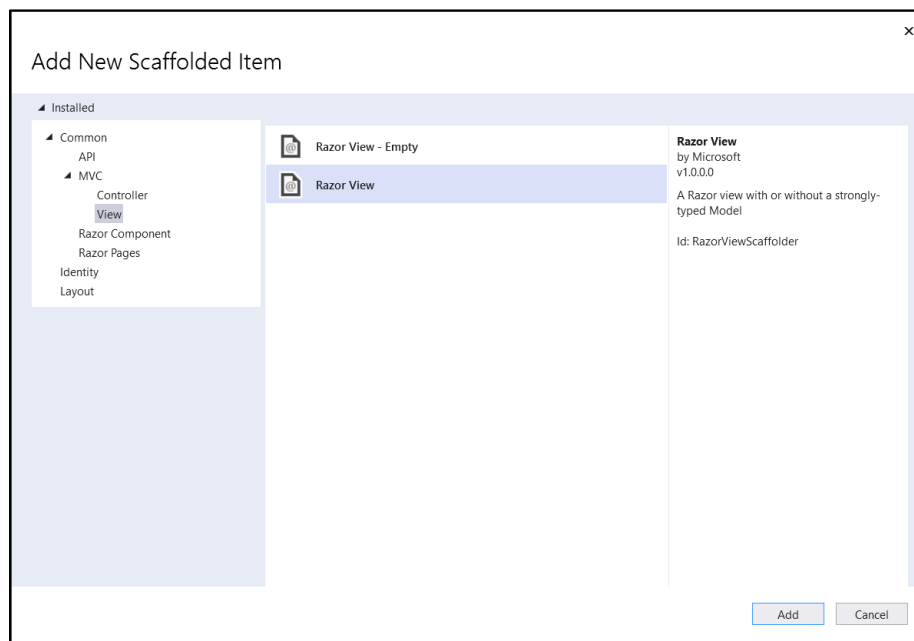
11. To add data to the Flower table, we need to **create another .cshtml page**. To create that page, we must **write a function named AddData** in the controller file.



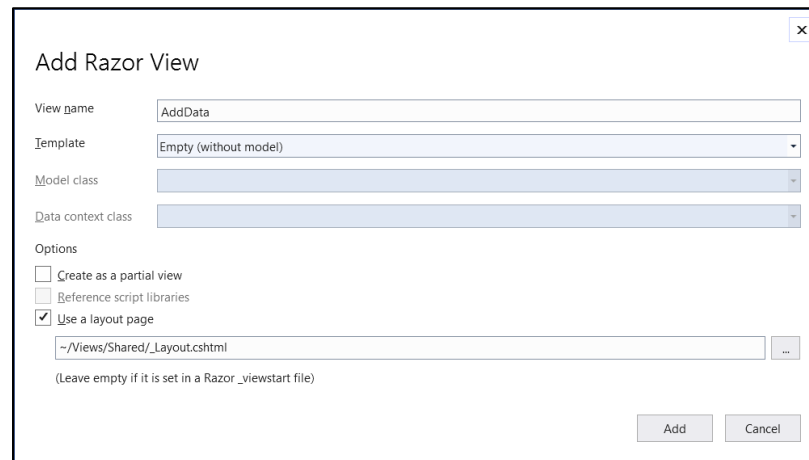
12. Now, same as the creation steps in **Index.cshtml** page, we must right click on the **AddData()** function.



13. In the **Add New Scaffolded Item** dialog, select **Razor View** and press button **Add**.



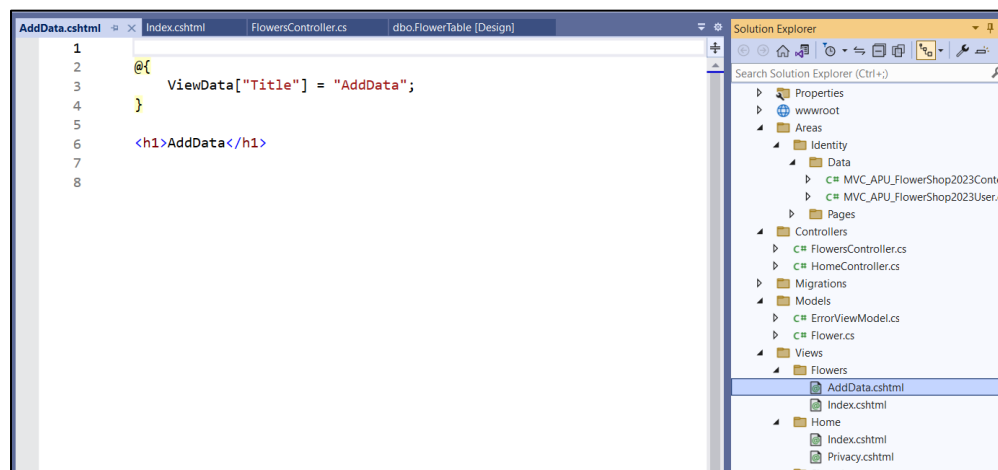
14. In the **Add Razor View** dialog, directly create on the **Add** button.



The 'Add Razor View' dialog box is shown. It has the following fields and options:

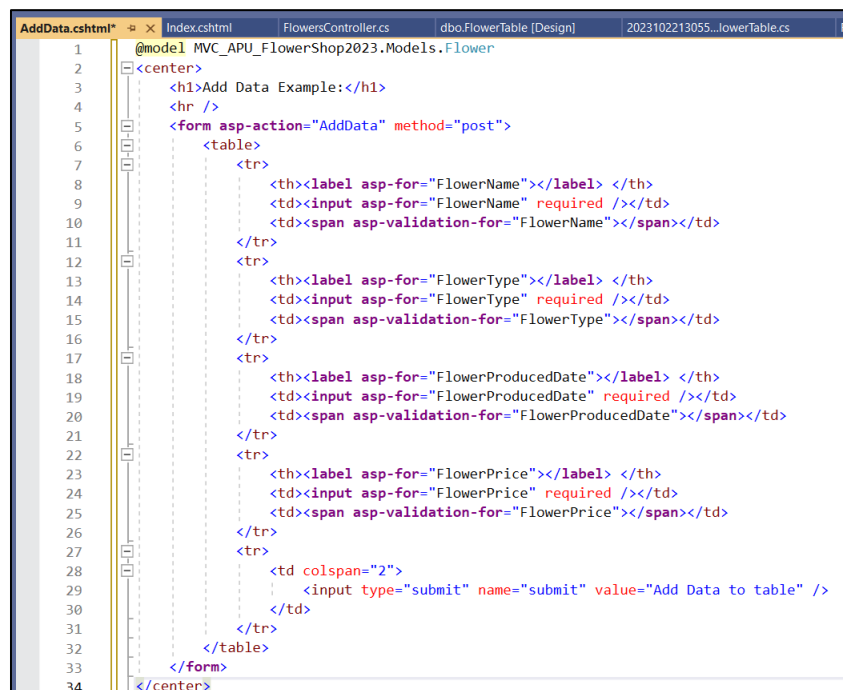
- View name:** AddData
- Template:** Empty (without model)
- Model class:** (empty)
- Data context class:** (empty)
- Options:**
 - ☐ Create as a partial view
 - ☐ Reference script libraries
 - ☒ Use a layout page
- Layout page:** ~/Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml
- Buttons:** Add, Cancel

15. The **AddData.cshtml** page will be added to a folder named as **Flowers**.



16. Now, design the Add Data page using the below code:

```
@model MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Models.Flower
<center>
  <h1>Add Data Example:</h1>
  <hr />
  <form asp-action="AddData" method="post">
    <table>
      <tr>
        <th><label asp-for="FlowerName"></label> </th>
        <td><input asp-for="FlowerName" required /></td>
        <td><span asp-validation-for="FlowerName"></span></td>
      </tr>
      <tr>
        <th><label asp-for="FlowerType"></label> </th>
        <td><input asp-for="FlowerType" required /></td>
        <td><span asp-validation-for="FlowerType"></span></td>
      </tr>
      <tr>
        <th><label asp-for="FlowerProducedDate"></label> </th>
        <td><input asp-for="FlowerProducedDate" required /></td>
        <td><span asp-validation-for="FlowerProducedDate"></span></td>
      </tr>
      <tr>
        <th><label asp-for="FlowerPrice"></label> </th>
        <td><input asp-for="FlowerPrice" required /></td>
        <td><span asp-validation-for="FlowerPrice"></span></td>
      </tr>
      <tr>
        <td colspan="2">
          <input type="submit" name="submit" value="Add Data to table" />
        </td>
      </tr>
    </table>
  </form>
</center>
```



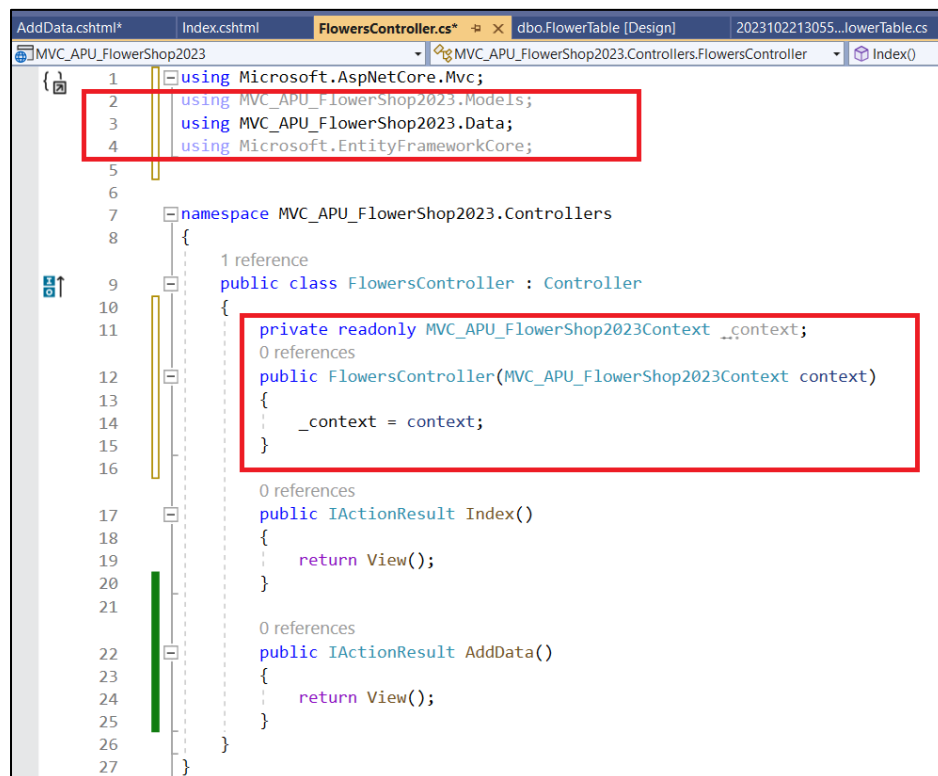
17. Now, go back to **FlowersController.cs** again.

18. First, add the below libraries into the controller.

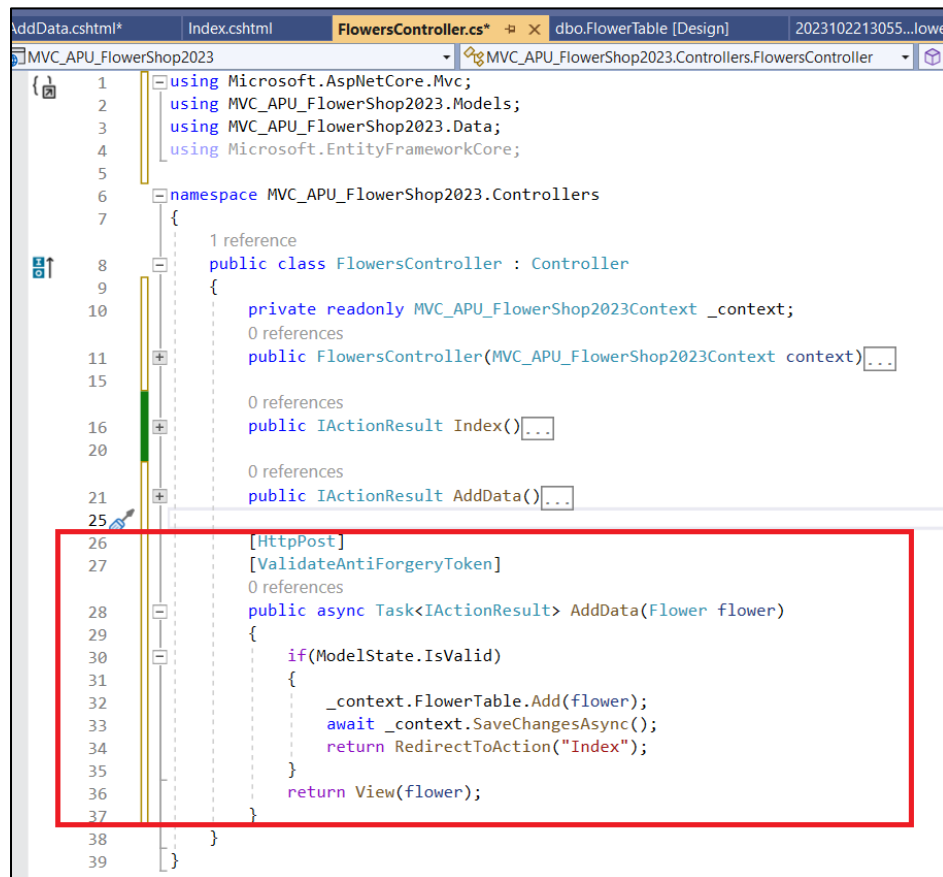
```
using MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Models;  
using MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Data;  
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
```

19. To connect to the database, add the below lines inside the controller.

```
private readonly MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023Context _context;  
  
public FlowersController(MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023Context context)  
{  
    _context = context;  
}
```



20. Now, add another **AddData()** function to receive the user inputs and store the inputs to the database.



```

1  using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
2  using MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Models;
3  using MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Data;
4  using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
5
6  namespace MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023.Controllers
7  {
8      1 reference
9      public class FlowersController : Controller
10     {
11         private readonly MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023Context _context;
12         0 references
13         public FlowersController(MVC_APU_FlowerShop2023Context context) {...}
14
15         0 references
16         public IActionResult Index() {...}
17
18         0 references
19         public IActionResult AddData() {...}
20
21         [HttpPost]
22         [ValidateAntiForgeryToken]
23         0 references
24         public async Task<IActionResult> AddData(Flower flower)
25         {
26             if (ModelState.IsValid)
27             {
28                 _context.FlowerTable.Add(flower);
29                 await _context.SaveChangesAsync();
30                 return RedirectToAction("Index");
31             }
32             return View(flower);
33         }
34     }
35 }

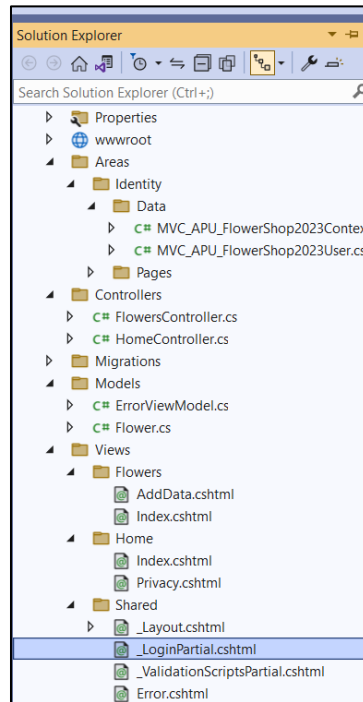
```

```

[HttpPost]
[ValidateAntiForgeryToken]
public async Task<IActionResult> AddData(Flower flower)
{
    if (ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        _context.Add(flower);
        await _context.SaveChangesAsync();
        return RedirectToAction(nameof(Index));
    }
    return View(flower);
}

```

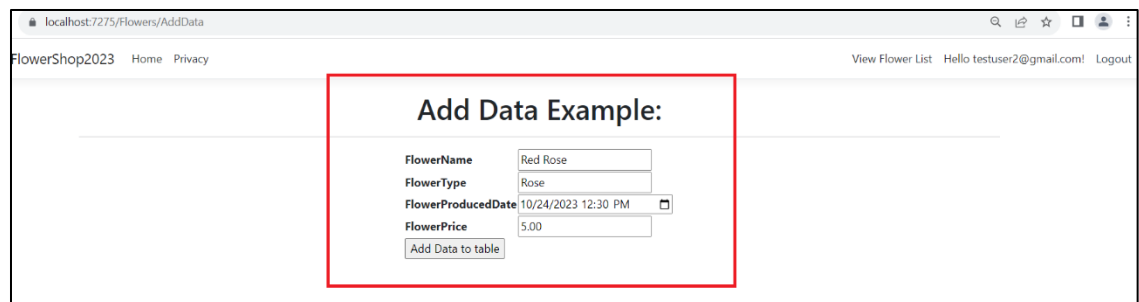
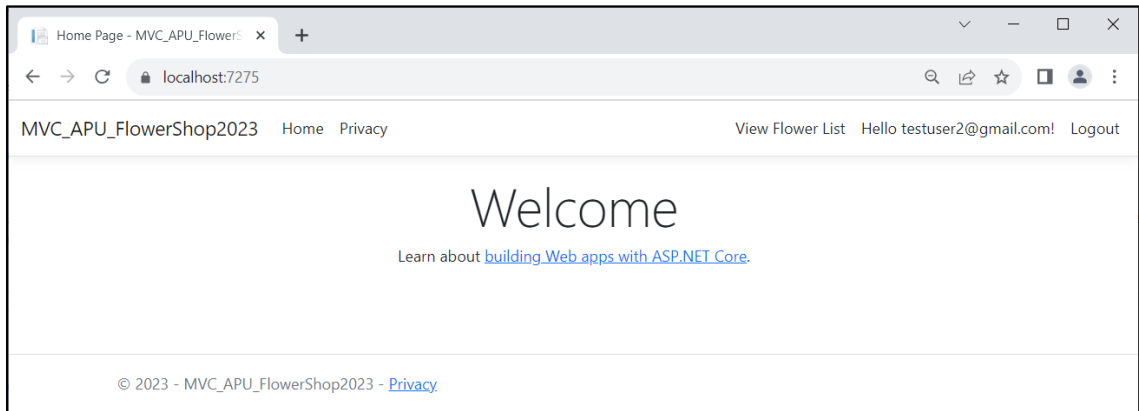
21. Now, to test the add data action, we must add the Flowers page link to the navigation bar. Thus, we must open the **_LoginPartial.cshtml** and attach the **Flowers > Index.cshtml** link inside the navigation bar.



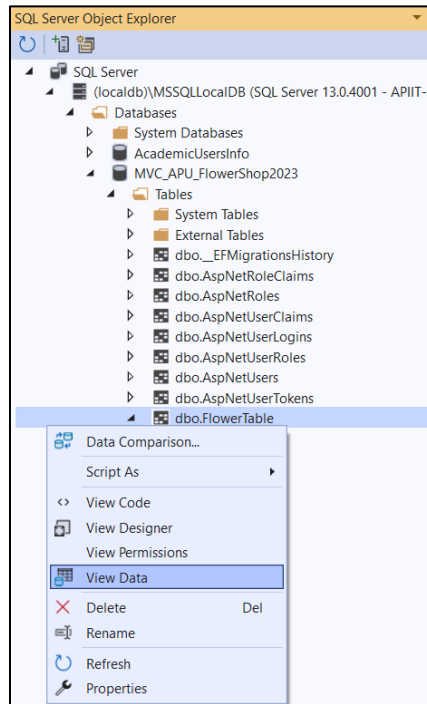
```
<li class="nav-item">
  <a id="addflower" class="nav-link text-dark" asp-action="Index" asp-controller="Flowers">
    View Flower List</a>
</li>
```



22. Now, once every step for creating and adding the data is done, we can start testing our application now.



23. Once added the data, let's look at the database table. If you successfully add the data, the data will appear in the Flower table now.



dbo.FlowersTable [Data]					
_LoginPartial.cshtml AddData.cshtml Index.cshtml					
Max Rows: 1000					
	FlowerID	FlowerName	FlowerType	FlowerProduce...	FlowerPrice
▶	1	Red Rose	Rose	10/24/2023 12:...	5.00
*	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

Lab 3.2. View Data from the tables of SQL Server with ASP .Net Core.

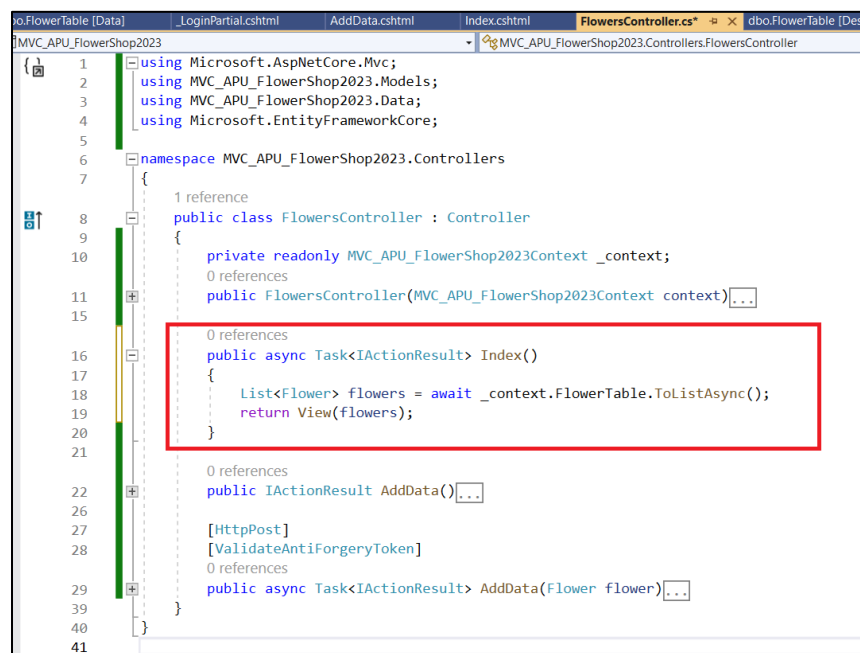
This tutorial will teach the student how to view data from a table in the SQL database.

e. View Data from the Flower Table

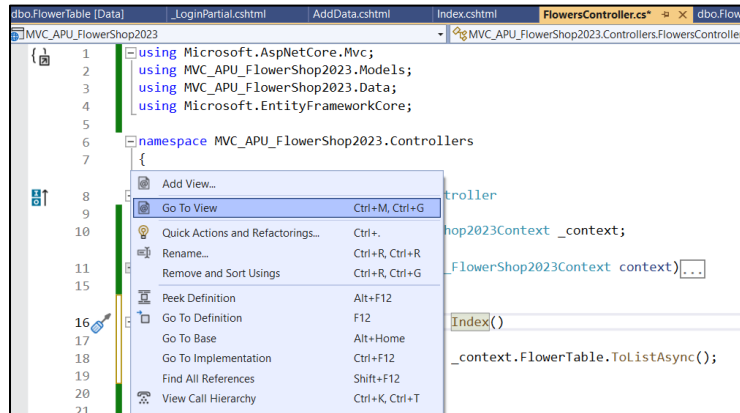
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1. Now, go back to **FlowersController.cs** again.
2. Modify the **Index()** function by following the below code.

```
public async Task<IActionResult> Index()
{
    List<Flower> flowers = await _context.FlowerTable.ToListAsync();
    return View(flowers);
}
```



3. Now, go back to the **Index()** function by right clicking on the **Index()** function.



4. Modify the **Index.cshtml** file with the below code so that it can display the current data from the Flower table.

```
@model List<Flower>
```

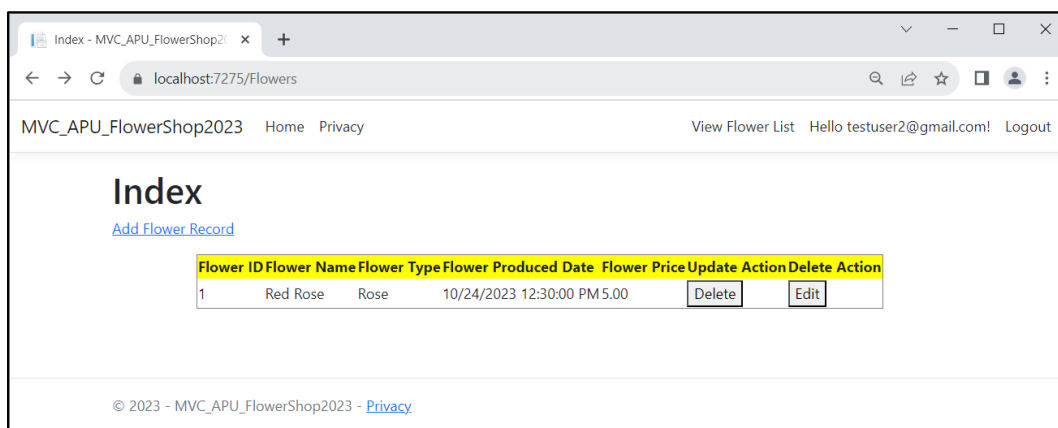
```
<center>
<table border="1">
  <tr style="background-color: yellow;">
    <th>Flower ID</th>
    <th>Flower Name</th>
    <th>Flower Type</th>
    <th>Flower Produced Date</th>
    <th>Flower Price</th>
    <th>Update Action</th>
    <th>Delete Action</th>
  </tr>
  @foreach (var item in Model)
  {
    <tr>
      <td>@item.FlowerID</td>
      <td>@item.FlowerName</td>
      <td>@item.FlowerType</td>
      <td>@item.FlowerProducedDate</td>
      <td>@item.FlowerPrice</td>
      <form asp-action="DeleteData" asp-controller="Flowers" asp-route-
FlowerId="@item.FlowerID">
        <td><button>Delete</button></td>
        <td><button asp-action="EditData" asp-controller="Flowers" asp-route-
FlowerId="@item.FlowerID" >Edit</button></td>
      </form>
    </tr>
  }
</table>
</center>
```

```

1 @model List<Flower>
2
3 <h1>Index</h1>
4 <p><a asp-action="AddData">Add Flower Record</a></p>
5
6 <center>
7 <table border="1">
8 <tr style="background-color: yellow;>
9 <th>Flower ID</th>
10 <th>Flower Name</th>
11 <th>Flower Type</th>
12 <th>Flower Produced Date</th>
13 <th>Flower Price</th>
14 <th>Update Action</th>
15 <th>Delete Action</th>
16 </tr>
17 @foreach (var item in Model)
18 {
19 <tr>
20 <td>@item.FlowerID</td>
21 <td>@item.FlowerName</td>
22 <td>@item.FlowerType</td>
23 <td>@item.FlowerProducedDate</td>
24 <td>@item.FlowerPrice</td>
25 <form asp-action="DeleteData" asp-controller="Flowers" asp-route-FlowerID="@item.FlowerID">
26 <td><button>Delete</button></td>
27 <td><button asp-action="EditData" asp-controller="Flowers" asp-route-FlowerID="@item.FlowerID">Edit</button></td>
28 </form>
29 </tr>
30 }
31 </table>
32 </center>
33

```

5. Now, click on the **Start Without Debugging** button and restart the website again. You should see the data displayed in the current **Index.cshtml** in the Flower Folder.



Summary:

In this tutorial, we have learnt how to create a new table and add data into the new table through the existing ASP .Net Core project. Besides, in the next tutorial, we have also learnt how to read records from the table through the existing ASP.NET Core project.

In the next tutorial, we will learn how to update and delete records from / to the table using the existing ASP .NET Core project.