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Using Technologies of Microsoft, Our beloved organization (.Net Core and Visual Studio and other tools)

Using Trading Mark of Microsoft and .Net Organization

Using Angular Trading Mark

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Abstract

Section 1 Introduction

Introduction

The technologies of development are daily in changes, for many reasons the technologies are provided to improve quality and decrease the time of works and projects, as the guide talk about tow technologies are in trends today but not for all the future, so these guides make just a realtime guides that developers spend much time for recognition and learning.

.Net Core Rest APIs become much usable as a backend tool to satisfy more productivity, as it is a way to resolve and module the system into many parts like Microservices Architecture and other Architecture, but the jobs really need someone who can do specialized thing like Backend developer or Frontend developer, because the fall of the Full stack development.

Someone specialized in .Net Core APIs and another one specialized in Angular is best than MVC developer as a performance of coding because of modular systems.

Angular is most popular frontend framework the can module the architecture of web pages into components and load each component when request by rewriting the content not to reload a new page so the performance is after loading SPA (Initial loading).

About this guide

This guide for every backend and frontend developer who need to merge the concepts and integrate the backend with frontend in best practices of Microsoft standards and Heuristics of clean code principles, the guide separate the two concepts so the reader can be only an Angular developer or a .Net Backend developer, so the most required concern here is separation of these concepts, and making Not a juice type, but like the water and oil to make sense.

This guide is working in a good example of application Market.IO is available on GitHub repos.

Focusing in tow technologies or frameworks that achieve backend and frontend concepts is the good way to start a good career based on the experience of work.

Versions

This guide has been revised to cover the .Net Core 3.x and Angular 9 plus many additional update related to tow "Waves" of technologies like .Net Core Packages provided by Nuget package manager and Angular 9 provided by NPM, and because of the existence of tow frameworks as cores so the versions begin with version 1.

What this guide does not cover

The Guide does not cover the advanced concepts of frontend development in angular like animation as this guide focus on the integrations between frontend and backend much, and what is the best practices about using middlewares of .net core, how you can create a great architecture, how to communicate with best practices and the guide will guide you to other advanced topics as references or additional resources.

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Section 2 Introduction to .Net Core & Angular 10

.Net Core & Angular 10

.Net is a platform that provide the developer with tools, like its built-in tools, programming languages and libraries, that can build many types of Applications.

- Programming Languages C#, F#, Visual Basic
- Tools supported for Linux, Mac, Windows, and Docker
- Libraries working with Files, Strings,
 Databases, Cloud, Realtime and more



FIGURE 2-0-1 THE LOGOS OF ASPNET CORE AND ANGULAR

.Net Core is a cross platform and the successor of .Net framework, it is lightweight to run on many operating systems Mac, Windows, Linux, for many processor types X64, X86, ARM 32, ARM 64.

Angular is a frontend framework that consume Rest APIs to build web or mobile app, considered as the most common framework, other framework like Blazor, React, Vue Js, or the developers can use native Js development like ajax requests.

The Most important tool for web development is Asp.net that extends the functionalities of the .Net Platform to serve the developers in web development, and other tools for managing the services in Web Background.

Asp.Net Core

ASP.Net Core provide the good tools to build Backend-Applications like Rest APIs, GraphQL, gRPC, the provide the services over many protocols and this is the core study of book, this book will show different tools and libraries that developers can use to build good applications.

Tools that developer can use to process web requests in C# or F# and using such web-page templating syntax like razor but this is not our study, libraries for common web patterns MVC using adaptable technologies to register as a service like SPA, GraphQL etc.

This technology and Libraries are used by this book as a core technology to support the

application as Backend Services.

Technologies and Tools

- .Net Core 3.1 Runtime
- .Net Core 3.1 SDK
- Visual Studio Code: For simple backend development
- Visual Studio: For Heavy Backend development
- Packages that will be explained in next chapters like
 - Aspnetcore.MVC
 - SignalR
 - o EfCore
 - Swagger
 - Health Checks

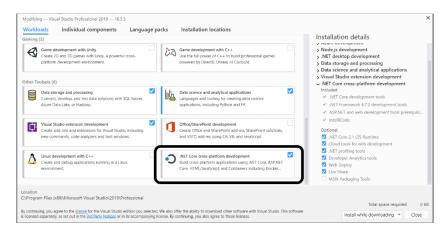


FIGURE 2-0-2 INSTALLING .NET CORE USING VISUAL STUDIO 2019

How to start

In this section, the developer must take a decision to use a good IDE, there are many IDEs commercial or free to use like <u>visual studio 2019</u> the only version that support .Net core 3.x, <u>visual studio code</u>, <u>rider</u> and many other IDEs.

After downloading the IDE, Visual Studio support the development of .Net Core as the developer can choose it dynamically when installing by Visual Studio installer figured in Figure 2-2.

The second way you can download any IDE then developer can download the .Net Core SDK and Runtime from <u>dot.net</u> website illustrated in Figure 2-3.

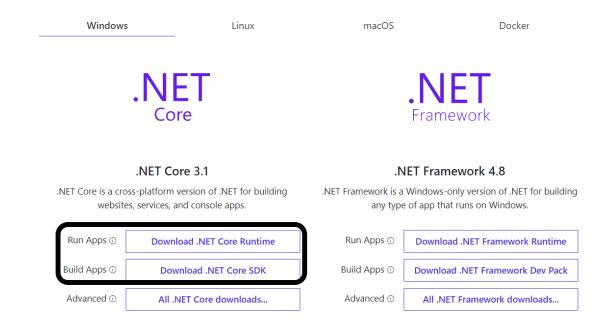


FIGURE 2-0-3 DOWNLOADING THE .NET CORE SDK AND THE RUNTIME FROM DOTNET WEBSITE

The developer can download them for any OS as shown in the header of the last figure, by installing them, the developer can use now the CLI to access the dotnet environment by the variable dotnet, now checking the environment version by writing command:



There are many templates to create web applications, which can be built-in the SDK or it can be created by the developers, but the first time, discovering the templates and listing them to choose the built-in template for Angular SPA development.



Now the CLI show all the Templates figured at Figure 2-4 and there is a template integrate the Angular SPA, and this is the guide interest to work.

Templates	Short Name	Language	Tags
Templates	Short Name console classlib wpf wpflib wpfcustomcontrollib winforms winformslib worker mstest nunit nunit-test xunit razorcomponent page viewimports viewstart blazorserver web mvc webapp angular react reactredux razorclasslib webapi	[C#], F#, VB [C#], F#, VB [C#] [C#] [C#] [C#] [C#] [C#] [C#] [C#]	Tags Common/Console Common/WPF Common/WPF Common/WPF Common/WPF Common/WPF Common/WPF Common/WinForms Web/MSP.NET Web/ASP.NET Web/ASP.NET Web/ASP.NET Web/BASP.NET Web/BASP.NET Web/MVC/Razor Pages Web/MVC/SPA Web/MZ-CLibrary/Razor Class Library Web/WebAPI
		[C#] [C#], F# [C#]	

FIGURE 2-0-4 THE LIST OF THE APPS THAT THE DEVELOPER CAN CHOOSE TO DEVELOP

Taking a look to a list item, The Template field describe what is the template (Asp.Net Core with Angular), then the Short Name is the way to call this template using CLI (angular), the supporting languages which by default is C# and the only for Angular, then the Tags.

Calling the angular template will create a new project as a blueprint from the origin template, the output is a project with some special concerns than the other applications or templates, crating a project using the next command.

CLI => Command 2-3

F:\MyBooks\Practical\Dotnet_and_Angular\src>dotnet new angular -n "MarketIO.Angular"



The result is a repository with the name of MarketIO. Angular, which contain the basic structure of Aspnetcore Rest API and, the Razor Pages provide the host with basic error pages when Angular app fails, but this is not our desire, and the main Angular app in the ClientApp folder, this means the backend of . Net Core is the manager of the Angular app, and the basic controller for routing and other concerns, the guide will explain all of concerns in next chapters, the structure of the Repository illustrated in Figure 2-5.

The basic template provide just a simple service that show the fake whether data and a counter and the home page, the Controller is the place where the Rest API Actions exist to provide data using Http methods get, post, delete, put, patch and others, and control basically the CRUD operations, but the guide will discuss best practices to implement the functionalities in good ways.

The wwwroot folder is the folder that is hosted when deployment and contains the files provided to users and static files, it can be the File Db Repository but this is not good practice for scalability and other concerns, the guide will discuss these concerns later in next sections.

FIGURE 2-0-5 THE BASIC APPLICATION STRUCTURE

Like any .Net App that can run, it contains the Program.cs file where the Main method start the app, but to create something understandable by developer there is a class of Startup that contain all the middlewares and the pipelines start at the application run or after hosting, this class is like how to drive a car, give the application the kit of configurations for concerns like gas and other tools to run the car by the key which give the application (car) the power but not to go but when host it can go.

This sample is a good simple way to present the .Net core integrated to Angular but thinking about scratch work is the best way to create app and explain.

Steps of making it like a scratch

- Delete the controller exist WhetherForecastController.cs and its model class in the root WheatherForecast.cs.
- Delete the ClientApp Repository to make Angular app from scratch.

The next steps the guide will explain the Angular and How to create the app.

Creating the Application using Visual Studio GUIs

The Second way to create this application using the Visual Studio, in figure 2-6 the developer chooses to create a new project, then in figure 2-7

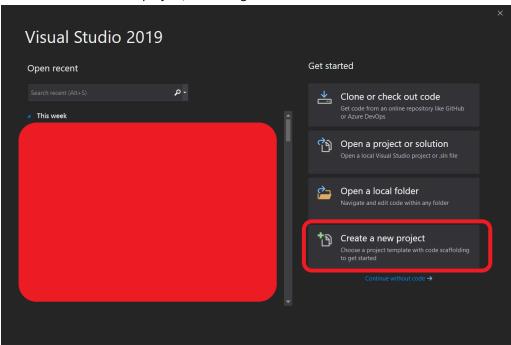


FIGURE 2-6 CHOOSING TO CREATE A NEW PROJECT

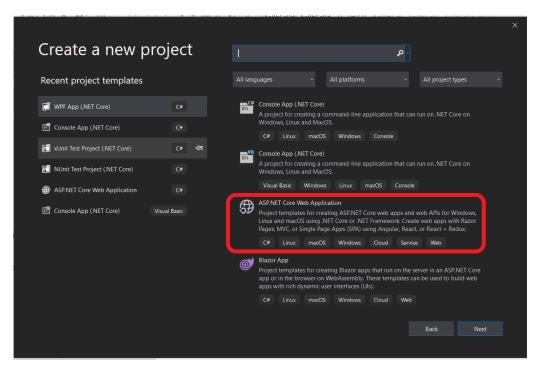
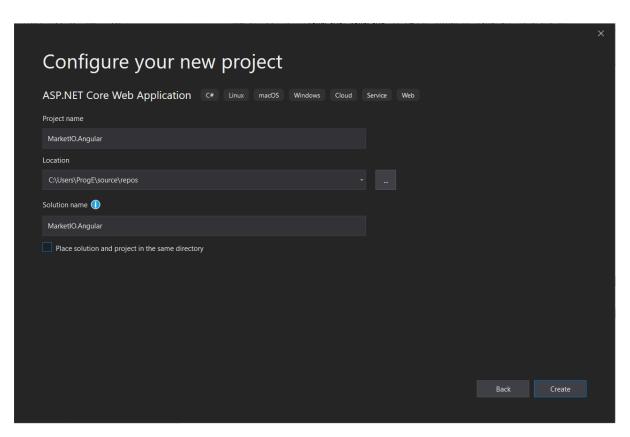
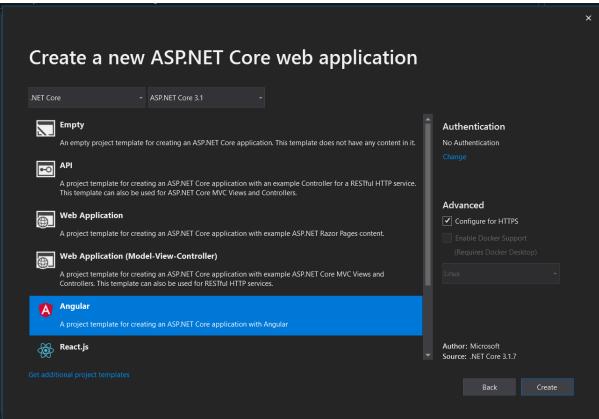


FIGURE 2-7 CHOOSE TO CREATE A NEW ASP. NET CORE WEB APPLICATION





Angular 10

Angular is a platform for building mobile and desktop web applications this is the book frontend application technology, serve as SPA, this paradigm of technology use one page to control all other functionalities of system by calling something called components, these components shown by programming functionalities that provided by initial loading files and some requests to backend.

Single Page Application Paradigm

A single-page application (SPA) is a web application or website that interacts with the web browser by dynamically rewriting the current web page with new data from the web server, instead of the default method of the browser loading entire new pages. The goal is faster transitions that make the website feel more like a native app. (WikiPedia, 2019)

Is JavaScript being the only way to build SPAs

The developers thought that the technology of SPA, the only way to implement is to write JS code or a framework build on JS like Angular and developer write TypeScript (not native) but compiled into JS natively, and the Figure 2-8 explain the importance and the features of TypeScript over JavaScript.

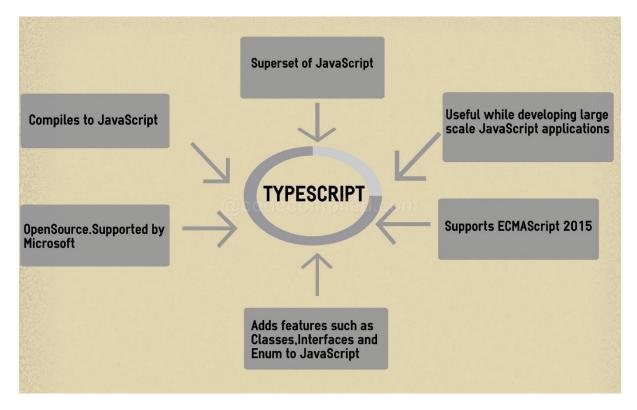


FIGURE 2-8 FEATURES OF TYPESCRIPT TO CODING, <u>HTTPS://www.codecompiled.com/typescript-tutorials/typescript-tutorial-learn-typescript-basics/</u>

.Net Team provide a new technology called Blazor to create a SPA using C# language as they provide the WebAssembly written to the DOM of Web, Blazor components compiled and run together then update the page, JavaScript interpret function then update the page directly change the DOM by Wrappers illustrated in Figure 2-9 .

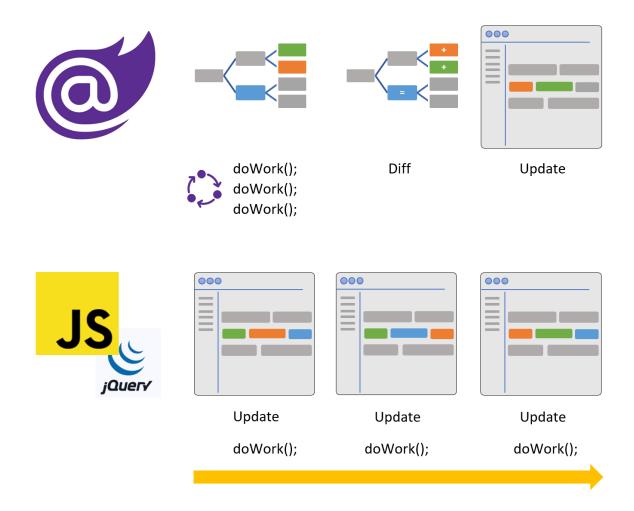


FIGURE 2-9 BLAZOR VS JS EXECUTING MODELS <u>HTTPS://www.telerik.com/blogs/comparing-native-blazor-components-to-wrapped-javascript-components</u>

Angular has already a complete kit for development UIs and other services than Blazor, because of the number of community developer and its packages in NPM registry that acquired by open source community (GitHub), has many modules to manipulate the application.

How to Start

After completing the operation of making the repository clean from the services, first the developer needs to download the Node Js, and the Angular modules.

First download the <u>node.js</u> as its provided with its registry and to manage the Angular CLI and other concerns, the latest version now is 12.18.2 and is the recommended as shown in Figure 2-8.

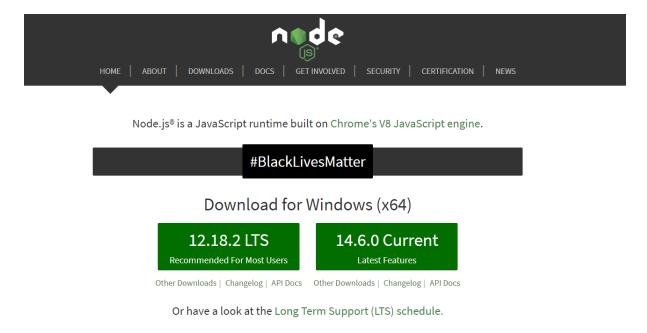


FIGURE 2-10 NODE JS WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD HTTPS://NODEJS.ORG/DIST/V12.18.2/NODE-V12.18.2-X64.MSI

To install the Angular in the latest version, write the following command:

These commands create a new ClientApp from scratch, the NG make developer to choose between the standard routing of Angular and which type of style sheets extensions would the developer use as shown in Command 2-4 in blue font.

How .Net Core integrate SPAs

First the developer must know that the SPA using Angular when compiled, the Angular generate Static files in folder in root of the application called dist by default contains one page as index.html to run the app, and all the code compiled into JS files illustrated in figure 2-9.

The developer can change the destination of build by modifying the angular.json file options of output path to another one or command options.

Build with Angular CLI

.Net Core Automatically build the Angular app when release, this way the guide will explain it but firstly, explaining how manually the Ng CLI can build the app in Command 2-5.

CLI => Command 2-5

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This command not necessarily build the application, but it can build the libraries, like the libraries the developer can install and use from NPM registry.

The application builder uses the webpack, the webpack used to bundle the assets, developers take two serial steps, first to write the code then using webpack to bundle it, just create the Angular app and the webpack can bundle the code into static assets, the code is written in TypeScript and when webpack bundle them into JS files and index.html illustrated in Figure 2-9.

Configurations applied by the angular.json file which by default is in "Production" as the guide use the CLI to create the app, the developer can change the configurations from CLI using options of -- configuration="production" or the --prod="true" options.

Additional Resources

Angular CLI Build

FIGURE 2-11 STRUCTURE OF THE ANGULAR APP

Section 5 Routing in .Net Core VS Angular

Routing

Angular routing

Section 6 Angular UI Designing

Persistent UIs, good concepts to follow

Angular is a full-fledged framework with its own tooling and best practice implementation designed on top.

It is preferred to decouple the app into many reusable components that developers can use in their angular application, decoupling the frontend app means splitting the UI into parts that can be integrated in many ways to give the UI the consistency and flexibility, many parts of the screen can be reused many times a such as a **component for loop** such as cards, a **component for share** such as (Navbar, Footers) and many parts can be sharable more and more in your entire app.

It encourages the use of **library components** by splitting them into separate reusable pieces you can use in your Angular project.

The Angular app is a masterpiece, don't make the app you work on like a joke, try to use the best ways to work, listen to its developers day by day, Angular UI makes the first impression when users first interact with your app, and if you make your app right in beginning, this will encourage your clients to use your app more often.

The library components are **big time savers** that is follows the real world current standards of UI/UX and HCI (Human Computer Interaction) principles, and its controls are compatible and convenient with other material design controls, just call and believe them.

Angular Material

Angular Material module is a convenient library for Angular developers to create high quality UIs by following the instructions of the library documentations and specifications.

History

In 2014 Google I/O conference, Google mentioned that a new language design created called Material Design, these packages and design language have been added to all Google frameworks (Angular, Flutter,etc.), most of Android apps are based on these Material design modules like Youtube, Google drive, Gmail,.....etc.

How to start with Angular Material Design

For the current project we will use the CLI to add the package from NPM registry as a following command.

CLI => Command 9-1

\$ npm install --save @angular/material @angular/cdk @angular/core @angular/common

After completing the installations

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