# A beginners guide to Identity

In this tutorial we will take a closer look on how to set up and configure an ASP.NET application, using the existing template in Visual Studio.

## Project setup

Go to File > New Project > and choose ASP.NET Web Application.

On the following window choose > “Empty”, check the MVC-checkbox, and create the project.

Go to Tools > NuGet-Package Manager > Package Manager Console

You will now begin with installing some necessary nuget-packages.

* Install-Package bootstrap
* Install-Package Microsoft.AspNet.Identity.EntityFramework
* Install-Package Microsoft.AspNet.Identity.Owin
* Install-Package Microsoft.Owin.Host.SystemWeb

We will now have to make some adjustments to our Web.Config file. In this example we will be using a LocalDB.   
(LocalDB is a lightweight version of the SQL Server Express Database Engine that starts on demand and runs in user mode.)

We’ll do this by adding the following code to the Web.Config file, within the configuration tag

<connectionStrings>

<add name="DatabaseModel" connectionString="data source=(LocalDb)\v11.0;initial catalog=EduShop\_Database.DatabaseModel;integrated security=True;MultipleActiveResultSets=True;App=EntityFramework" providerName="System.Data.SqlClient"/>

</connectionStrings>

Please note that the connectionstring has to be written in a single line. The connectionstring can also be replaced with a connection of your own choosing (If you want to use your own server to host the Identity DB).

We’ll now add a class file to the App\_Start foulder which has been created for us. We’ll call this file “**Startup.Auth**”.

Then we’ll add a Owin startup class to the project by using the shortcut “Ctrl+Shift+A” and choose the “OWIN Startup class”.