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### **Preface**

This book introduces you to an amazing JavaScript framework that will boost the look and function of your tabular data. Kendo Grids are the perfect fit if you need a powerful set of tools to let users manipulate data or even if you just want a nice way to dress up existing tables.

*Instant Kendo UI Grid* is a practical, hands-on guide that will provide dozens of working examples and also serve as a reference for customizing your grids in no time.

#### What this book covers

See what Kendo UI Grids can do (Simple), demonstrates how to transform a simple table into a Kendo Grid.

How to change your theme (Simple), demonstrates how to change your Kendo theme.

Using built-in sorting (Simple), demonstrates the built-in sorting feature of Kendo Grids.

Using built-in paging (Simple), demonstrates the built-in paging feature of Kendo Grids.

Using built-in grouping (Simple), demonstrates the built-in grouping feature of Kendo Grids.

Using conditional JavaScript (Simple), demonstrates how to use JavaScript and templates to create dynamic content inside your Kendo Grid.

Customizing and formatting column data (Simple), demonstrates how to customize and format the data in a Kendo Grid column.

Filtering column data (Simple), demonstrates how to allow the user to filter the data in a Kendo Grid column.

Working with aggregates (Intermediate), demonstrates how to work with aggregates; for example, counting the number of items in a column.

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Getting a handle on toolbar templates (Intermediate), demonstrates how to use custom toolbars in your grid.

Customizing grid rows (Intermediate), demonstrates how to use row templates to customize rows in a Kendo Grid.

Creating a grid within a grid (Advanced), demonstrates how to create a Kendo Grid within a grid.

Working with remote data (Advanced), demonstrates how to work with remote data such as cross-domain JSONP.

Batch editing (Advanced), demonstrates how to allow the user to make batch edits in the grid.

Inline editing (Advanced), demonstrates how to allow the user to make inline edits in the grid.

Working with user events (Advanced), demonstrates how to work with user events in the grid.

Advanced API example (Advanced), demonstrates how to get the most out of Kendo Grids by tapping directly into the Kendo API.

#### What you need for this book

To run the examples in this book, the following software are required:

- ▶ A text editor of any kind. I recommend Sublime Text 2.
- ► A web browser of any kind that is compatible with jQuery. I recommend Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.

#### Who this book is for

This book is for anyone with some basic HTML, CSS, and JavaScript experience. Intermediate and advanced users will find several helpful examples as well. If your work predominantly involves designing or developing, then this book is for you.

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In this book, you will find a number of styles of text that distinguish between different kinds of information. Here are some examples of these styles, and an explanation of their meaning.

Code words in text are shown as follows: "Reopen the same file you used or created from the 1-initializing.html exercise file".

#### A block of code is set as follows:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.metro.
min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
</head>

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```

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### See what Kendo UI Grids can do (Simple)

This recipe demonstrates how to transform a simple table into a Kendo Grid.

#### **Getting ready**

You will need to download the Kendo Web framework. You also have the option of downloading the exercise files that accompany this book, which can help you get started or check your work as you follow along. You can download the commercial or open source version of Kendo Web at http://www.kendoui.com/download.aspx. You'll want to extract the minified versions of the files referenced below to their respective folders. Also, make sure to copy at least the folders named Default and Metro from the styles folder in the Kendo download. Put your Kendo js and styles folders in another folder on the root named kendo.

#### How to do it...

If you've downloaded the exercise files, open 1-initializing.html in your editor. If you do not have access to the exercise files, copy the following code into your preferred text editor or IDE. I prefer to use Sublime Text 2 (http://www.sublimetext.com/) as my text editor, which is free to try.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 1 - See What Kendo UI Grids Can
Do</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
    $(document).ready(function(){
       $("#myGrid").kendoGrid();
    });
  </script>
<thead>
     First Name
       Last Name
       Rank
     </thead>
  Jim
       Kirk
       Captain
     Jim
       Raynor
       Captain
```

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#### How it works...

A Kendo Grid is basically a table or structured set of data that is transformed by the Kendo JavaScript engine. Kendo stylesheets will help make the Kendo Grid look pretty, but it is the jQuery-based JavaScript engine that does the magic. Kendo also utilizes HTML5 as part of its framework, which we will demonstrate later.

The real key to making this example work is telling Kendo what div or table is to be used to make a Kendo Grid. You tell Kendo by using the jQuery syntax, usually by matching the ID or class of the table, followed by calling the kendoGrid() function as shown in the following line of code:

```
$("#myGrid").kendoGrid();
```

#### There's more...

The reader should already be familiar with CSS and HTML, but if you want more information about jQuery or JavaScript, there are a plethora of resources available. There are also a number of fine books available from Packt Publishing (http://www.packtpub.com) that will serve as an invaluable resource for you in your design/development career. I also recommend the W3 Schools website (http://www.w3schools.com) and the jQuery website (http://jquery.com) itself as a good starting point.

#### Caution!

If you choose to follow along by typing out the code yourself instead of using the exercise files and copying and pasting, be sure to reference your jquery.js file before your kendo.web.min.js file. The Kendo library is dependent on jQuery, so jQuery must be loaded first.

#### More info

The open source and commercial versions of Kendo Web will also contain the full source code, located in the folder named <code>src</code>. You'll want to use the minified versions for production, but you may want to use the full version for development. Minified versions of CSS or JavaScript are compacted to save space and will not provide helpful information if you have an error or want to make your own customizations.

#### **Disclaimer**

While many applications may qualify to legally use the open source version of Kendo Web under GPLv3, you are strongly encouraged to have any application reviewed by your own legal authority. To be safe, you can always purchase the commercial version of Kendo Web, which has the added benefit of providing support and regular updates to the framework.

#### How to change your theme (Simple)

This recipe demonstrates how to change your Kendo theme.

#### **Getting ready**

Reopen the same file you used or created from the 1-initializing.html exercise file. In this recipe, you'll be making a simple change to realize how easy it is to change the theme of your grid.

#### How to do it...

In the <head> section of your document, change the reference to kendo.default.min. css to any of the other themes included in the style folder with your Kendo download. The following is an example that should be easy to see once you save your changes and refresh the page in the browser:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.common.min.css">
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.metro.
min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
```

Without referencing a Kendo theme stylesheet, your grid will essentially look like a plain table with borders. Kendo generates the same classes every time a grid is initialized, so the theme simply defines the style of those classes. If you look inside any particular theme folder, for example Metro, you'll notice that Kendo uses sprites to keep the file size and load time down.

#### **Using built-in sorting (Simple)**

This recipe demonstrates the built-in sorting feature of Kendo Grids.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 2-sorting.html in your editor or create a new HTML file with the same name.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 2 - Using Built-in Sorting</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
     $(document).ready(function(){
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         sortable: {
```

```
mode: "multiple", // a value of "single" would only allow
the user to sort one column at a time
      allowUnsort: true
    }
    });
  });
 </script>
<thead>
   First Name
    Last Name
    Rank
   </thead>
 Jim
    Kirk
    Captain
   Jim
    Raynor
    Captain
   Sarah
    Kerrigan
    Ghost Recon
   Jean-Luc
    Picard
    Captain
   Steve
    Rogers
    Captain
 </body>
</html>
```

When you add the sortable parameter to the grid, Kendo automatically includes all of the client-side functionality you need to sort the columns of your grid. The mode and allowUnsort parameters provided to the sortable parameter are optional. You can also use the default sort functionality by simply defining sortable as true:

```
$("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
sortable: true
});
```

### **Using built-in paging (Simple)**

This recipe demonstrates the built-in paging feature of Kendo Grids.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 3-paging.html in your editor or create a new HTML file with the same name.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 3 - Using Built-in Paging</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $ (document) .ready(function() {
     $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
      pageable: {
         pageSize: 2,
         previousNext: true, // default true
```

```
numeric: true, // default true
       buttonCount: 2, // default 10, controls how many buttons are
shown which represent pages of data
      refresh: true, // default false
       input: true, // default false
       messages: {
         display: "{0} - {1} of {2} records",
         empty: "Nothing to display",
         page: "Page",
         of: "of {0}",
         itemsPerPage: "records per page",
         first: "Go to the first page",
         previous: "Go to the previous page",
         next: "Go to the next page",
         last: "Go to the last page",
         refresh: "Refresh"
       }
    }
   });
 });
</script>
<thead>
    First Name
       Last Name
       Rank
    </thead>
  Jim
       Kirk
       Captain
    Jim
       Raynor
       Captain
    Sarah
       Kerrigan
       Ghost Recon
```

Like with the sorting feature, you can simply give the pageable parameter a value of true, but this code shows several examples of refining the paging feature of the grid.

### **Using built-in grouping (Simple)**

This recipe demonstrates the built-in grouping feature of Kendo Grids.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 4-grouping.html and personData.js in your editor. If you don't have the exercise files, create a blank document for each and follow the set of instructions in the following section.

#### How to do it...

1. First, create a new JavaScript file in a new folder named js. Then, copy the following code into the JavaScript file and save it:

```
var personData = [{
    FirstName : "Jim",
    LastName : "Kirk",
    Rank : "Captain",
    DOB: "03/22/2233",
    PersonId : 1
}, {
```

```
FirstName : "Jim",
    LastName : "Raynor",
    Rank : "Captain",
    DOB: "06/23/2470",
    PersonId : 2
}, {
    FirstName : "Jean-Luc",
    LastName : "Picard",
    Rank : "Captain",
    DOB: "07/13/2305",
    PersonId : 3
}, {
   FirstName : "Sarah",
    LastName : "Kerrigan",
    Rank : "Ghost Recon",
    DOB: "09/07/2471",
    PersonId: 4
}, {
    FirstName : "Steve",
    LastName : "Rogers",
    Rank : "Captain",
    DOB: "07/04/1922",
    PersonId : 5
}];
```

2. After creating your JavaScript file, copy the following code into your new HTML file:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 4 - Using Built-in Grouping/
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
```

```
var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
         group: { field: "Rank" },
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                }
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         groupable: true // allows the user to alter what field
the grid is grouped by
        });
  });
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

You've probably noticed that we are no longer using the actual HTML table as our datasource. We are actually defining our datasource by manually building a JavaScript array with the relevant columns and data we had in the table that was used previously. In this example, we are defining kendo.data.DataSource, which expects its own structure of data in order to accurately populate the grid. More information about things you can further refine in the Kendo datasource can be found in the Kendo documentation. We will cover several of them in this book.

We also replaced our HTML table with a simple <div> tag with an ID equal to myGrid. Next, we separated defining our Kendo datasource from defining our Kendo Grid. This is a best practice that will be followed throughout the rest of the book.

### **Using conditional JavaScript (Simple)**

This recipe demonstrates how to use JavaScript and Kendo templates to create dynamic content inside your Kendo Grid.

#### **Getting ready**

If you've downloaded the exercise files, open 5-javascript.html in your editor or create a new HTML file with the same name.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new HTML file:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 5 - Using Conditional JavaScript/
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                    }
                }
```

```
}
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         columns: [
               "FirstName",
               { field: "Rank", template: kendo.template(
$("#rankTemplate").html() ) }
           1
        });
   });
</script>
<script type="text/x-kendo-template" id="rankTemplate">
   #if( Rank == 'Ghost Recon') {#
      #= Rank# !!!
   #} else {#
      #= Rank#
   #}#
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

You should have noticed several new things in this code sample. First, we actually define the columns in our grid, not just in the datasource model. Second, we have simply referenced the name of the field we wanted in the column. As a result, Kendo will render the string representation of the data and substitute a column header that matches the column name. Templates give us granular control of the presentation of each column.

Lastly, we are using a more advanced template for Rank to demonstrate how you can use JavaScript to process and evaluate the content of your grid before rendering it to the browser. Notice that the # symbol sets apart the JavaScript code included in the <script> tag. It's easier if you separate your JavaScript as is done in this example, as Kendo also looks at #= symbols to output a column field as literal text.

# **Customizing and formatting column data** (Simple)

This recipe demonstrates how to customize and format the data in a Kendo Grid column.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 6-customizing.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new HTML file:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 6 - Customizing and Formatting
Column Data</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        DOB: { type: "date" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                }
```

```
}
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         columns: [
               { field: "Name", title: "Full Name", width: "300px",
template: '#=FirstName# #=LastName#' },
            \{ \mbox{ field: "DOB", title: "Date of Birth", width: "300px", } 
format: "{0:yyyy-MM-dd}" },
               { field: "Rank", title: "Rank", width: "300px" }
           1
        });
   });
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

As you may have noticed, in this example, we chose to define our DOB field in our datasource for us to be able to use it in the grid. We also added a format parameter that accepts a filter pattern for our data. In this case, we want to format the date so that the user can properly sort the dates. We also concatenated the FirstName and LastName fields and gave that column a title of Full Name. Lastly, we added a width parameter to each column definition.

#### Filtering column data (Simple)

This recipe demonstrates how to allow the user to filter the data in a Kendo Grid column.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 7-filtering.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 7 - Filtering Column Data</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        DOB: { type: "date" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                }
            }
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         filterable: {
            extra: false, // true if a second "AND/OR" filter is
needed
            operators: {
               string: {
                  startswith: "Starts with",
                  eq: "Equals",
                  neq: "Not equal to"
            }
         },
         columns: [
               { field: "Name", title: "Full Name", width: "300px",
template: '#=FirstName# #=LastName#', filterable: false },
            { field: "DOB", title: "Date of Birth", width: "300px",
format: "{0:yyyy-MM-dd}", filterable: { ui: "datepicker" } },
```

In this recipe, we defined the grid as filterable and passed some additional parameters to our filterable parameter to control how many filters there are and what kind of text is shown when the user tries to filter the column. We also specified two special scenarios in our column definitions. We made the FullName column unfilterable and then we made the DOB column filterable using a Kendo DatePicker object.

#### There's more...

There is a lot more that you can do with filtering, such as using predefined dropdowns or multiple search parameters. However, a word of caution is to always keep it simple for your users. Although you might not have a problem with logic such as "starts with \*\*\* and does not equal \*\*\*", some users may find it confusing. No matter how you choose to implement your grid, filtering can be a very helpful tool for users to parse through large amounts of data.

#### **Working with aggregates (Intermediate)**

This recipe demonstrates how to work with aggregates; for example, counting the number of items in a column.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 8-aggregate.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 8 - Working with Aggregates</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        DOB: { type: "string" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                }
            },
         aggregate: [
            { field: "Name", aggregate: "count" }
         1
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         columns: [
               { field: "Name", title: "Full Name", width: "300px",
template: '#=FirstName# #=LastName#', footerTemplate: "Total Count:
#=count#" },
            { field: "DOB", title: "Date of Birth", width: "300px",
format: "{0:yyyy-MM-dd}" },
            { field: "Age", title: "Age", width: "300px", template:
kendo.template( $("#ageTemplate").html() ), headerTemplate: "Age,
Assuming Year is 2500" },
               { field: "Rank", title: "Rank", width: "300px" }
           1
        });
   });
```

```
</script>
<script type="text/x-kendo-template" id="ageTemplate">
    #age = DOB;#
    #age = 2500 - age.substring(age.length - 4, age.length);#
    #=age#
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

In this example, we added the aggregate parameter to our datasource and specified that we wanted to make the record count of the Name column available. If we were working with a numeric datatype, we could also specify that we wanted the sum, min, max, or average. Unfortunately, we are limited to those variables when outputting to footerTemplate, such as the one we are using on the Name column.

You'll also notice that I added a column named Age, which is calculated dynamically from DOB. It's worth mentioning again that you cannot access dynamic variables in footerTemplate like you can in template. So, in this case, if you wanted to output the average age in the footer template of the Age column, you couldn't do it using Kendo aggregates.



In order to make the Age calculations work, we have to specify in the datasource that the DOB column is of type string and not date. The format parameter for DOB works the same either way.

# Getting a handle on toolbar templates (Intermediate)

This recipe demonstrates how to use custom toolbars in your grid.

#### **Getting ready**

Open 9-toolbar.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

Copy the following code into your new document:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 9 - Getting a Handle on Toolbar
Templates</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        DOB: { type: "date" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                }
            }
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         toolbar: [
             { template: kendo.template($("#toolbarTemplate").html())
}
```

```
],
         columns: [
               { field: "Name", title: "Full Name", width: "300px",
template: '#=FirstName# #=LastName#' },
            { field: "DOB", title: "Date of Birth", width: "300px" },
               { field: "Rank", title: "Rank", width: "300px" }
           ]
        });
   });
   function toolClick() {
      alert('You clicked me!');
   }
</script>
<script id="toolbarTemplate" type="text/x-kendo-template">
   <a class="k-button" href="\#" onclick="return toolClick()">Custom
Toolbar</a>
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

There are several ways to add a toolbar to a Kendo Grid, but this recipe demonstrates the most accessible and extensible way. We simply added the toolbar parameter and passed it the toolbarTemplate template that we created. We could have simply included the markup we used in the toolbarTemplate template as a string argument to the toolbar parameter. A toolbar can be just about anything you want, but in this case, we simply made it a button that fires some JavaScript function.

#### There's more...

There is a nice example on the Kendo Grid demo website that shows how to bind the Kendo Grid to a Kendo dropdown. There are also ways to specify the create, save, cancel, and destroy toolbars, but we will use those later in the book when we perform **Create Read Update Delete (CRUD)** operations in our grid.

# **Customizing grid rows (Intermediate)**

This recipe demonstrates how to use row templates to customize the rows in a Kendo Grid.

### **Getting ready**

Open 10-rowtemplate.html in your editor or create a new document.

### How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 10 - Customizing Grid Rows</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
        data: personData
      } );
        $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
        dataSource: myDataSource,
        rowTemplate: kendo.template($("#rowTemplate").html())
   });
</script>
<thead>
```

```
Name
Date of Birth
Rank
</thead>
<script id="rowTemplate" type="text/x-kendo-tmpl">
<a href="http://wikipedia.org/wiki/#: data.FirstName # #: data.</pre>
LastName #">#: data.FirstName # #: data.LastName #</a>
#: data.DOB #
#: data.Rank #
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

In this example, we actually removed several items from our grid and datasource, such as the model schema and the column model parameters. We initialized the grid from an empty table and added the rowTemplate parameter. Next, we defined what that row template would look like in the Kendo template below our table. We can't use conditional or dynamic JavaScript in this row template, but we can still use the data intelligently, just as we have here by creating Wikipedia.org links.

#### There's more...

In the next recipe, we will work through an example of using detailed templates to create a Kendo Grid within a grid. Detailed templates will definitely give us some more control, but if all you need is to insert some images or links, using a row template works just fine.

# Creating a grid within a grid (Advanced)

This recipe demonstrates how to create a Kendo Grid within a grid.

### **Getting ready**

Open 11-gridwithingrid.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 11 - Creating a Grid Within a
Grid</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
$(document).ready(function() {
    var outerServiceURL = "http://gonautilus.com/kendogen/KENDO.
cfc?method=getArtists";
   var innerServiceURL = "http://gonautilus.com/kendogen/KENDO.
cfc?method=getArt";
   var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
        transport: {
            read: {
                url: outerServiceURL,
```

```
dataType: "JSONP"
            }
    });
    $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
        dataSource: myDataSource,
        sortable: true,
        detailInit: detailInit,
        columns: [{ field: "ARTISTID", title: "Artist ID"},
            { field: "FIRSTNAME", title: "First Name"},
            { field: "LASTNAME", title: "Last Name"},
            { field: "EMAIL", title: "Email"},
            { field: "PHONE", title: "Phone Number"}]
    });
    function detailInit(e) {
        $("<div/>").appendTo(e.detailCell).kendoGrid({
            dataSource: {
                transport: {
                    read: {
                        url: innerServiceURL,
                        dataType: "JSONP"
                },
      filter: { field: "ARTISTID", operator: "eq", value: e.data.
ARTISTID }
            },
            scrollable: false,
            sortable: false,
            columns: [
            { field: "ARTID", title: "Art ID"},
            { field: "ARTNAME", title: "Art Name"},
            { field: "DESCRIPTION", title: "Description"},
            { field: "PRICE", title: "Price", template: '#= kendo.
toString(PRICE, "c") #'},
            { field: "LARGEIMAGE", title: "Large Image"},
            { field: "MEDIAID", title: "Media ID"},
            { field: "ISSOLD", title: "Sold"}]
        });
});
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

In this recipe, we define the detailInit parameter and pass to it the function that is also called detailInit. The detailInit function we created defines an inner Kendo Grid that binds to the ARTISTID column of the row of the outer Kendo Grid from which the detailInit function is called. We bind the inner grid to the outer grid using the filter parameter and by specifying the name of the column and passing the value of that particular column using e.data.

# Working with remote data (Advanced)

This recipe demonstrates how to work with remote data such as cross-domain JSONP.

### **Getting ready**

Open 12-remote.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 12- Working with Remote Data</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
$(document).ready(function () {
   var serviceURL = "http://gonautilus.com/kendogen/KENDO.
cfc?method=";
   var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
   transport: {
      read: {
```

```
url: serviceURL + "getArt",
         dataType: "JSONP"
      }
   },
  pageSize: 20,
  schema: {
     model: {
         id: "ARTISTID",
         fields: {
            ARTID: { type: "number" },
            ARTISTID: { type: "number" },
            ARTNAME: { type: "string" },
            DESCRIPTION: { type: "CLOB" },
            PRICE: { type: "decimal" },
            LARGEIMAGE: { type: "string" },
            MEDIAID: { type: "number" },
            ISSOLD: { type: "boolean" }
         }
      }
   } );
   $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
     dataSource: myDataSource,
     pageable: true,
     sortable: true,
      columns: [
            { field: "ARTID", title: "Art ID"},
            { field: "ARTISTID", title: "Artist ID"},
            { field: "ARTNAME", title: "Art Name"},
            { field: "DESCRIPTION", title: "Description"},
            { field: "PRICE", title: "Price", template: '#= kendo.
toString(PRICE, "c") #'},
            { field: "LARGEIMAGE", title: "Large Image"},
            { field: "MEDIAID", title: "Media ID"},
            { field: "ISSOLD", title: "Sold"}]
     } );
   } );
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

This example shows you how to access a JSONP remote datasource. JSONP allows you to work with cross-domain remote datasources. The JSONP format is like JSON except it adds padding, which is what the "P" in JSONP stands for. The padding can be seen if you look at the result of the AJAX call being made by the Kendo Grid. It simply responds back with the callback argument that is passed and wraps the JSON in parentheses.

You'll notice that we created a serviceURL variable that points to the service we are calling to return our data. On line 19, you'll see that we are calling the getArt method and specifying the value of dataType as JSONP. Everything else should look familiar.

#### There's more...

Generally, the most common format used for remote data is JavaScript Object Notation (JSON). You'll find several examples of using ODATA on the Kendo UI demo website. You'll also find examples of performing create, update, and delete operations on that site. We will be using the demo services that Kendo UI has set up for our next few recipes as we explore user editing in the grid.

#### **Outputting JSON with ASP MVC**

In an ASP MVC or ASP.NET application, you'll want to set up your datasource like the following example. ASP has certain security requirements that force you to use POST instead of the default GET request when making AJAX calls. ASP also requires that you explicitly define the value of contentType as application/json when requesting JSON. By default, when you create a service as ASP MVC that has JsonResultAction, ASP will nest the JSON data in an element named d:

```
var dataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
    transport: {
        read: {
            type: "POST",
            url: serviceURL,
            dataType: "JSON",
            contentType: "application/json",
            data: serverData
        },
        parameterMap: function (data, operation) {
            return kendo.stringify(data);
        }
    },
    schema: {
        data: "d"
    }
});
```

# **Batch editing (Advanced)**

This recipe demonstrates how to allow the user to make batch edits in a grid.

### **Getting ready**

Open 13-batchedit.html in your editor or create a new document.

# How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 13- Batch Editing</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
$(document).ready(function () {
   var serviceURL = "http://demos.kendoui.com/service";
   var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
      transport: {
         read: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
         update: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products/Update",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
         destroy: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products/Destroy",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
```

```
url: serviceURL + "/Products/Create",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
         parameterMap: function(options, operation) {
            if (operation !== "read" && options.models) {
               return {models: kendo.stringify(options.models)};
         }
      },
     batch: true,
     pageSize: 10,
      schema: {
         model: {
            id: "ProductID",
            fields: {
               ProductID: { editable: false, nullable: true },
               ProductName: { validation: { required: true } },
               UnitPrice: { type: "number", validation: { required:
true, min: 1} },
               Discontinued: { type: "boolean" },
               UnitsInStock: { type: "number", validation: { min: 0,
required: true } }
         }
   });
   $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
     dataSource: myDataSource,
     navigatable: true,
     pageable: true,
      editable: true,
      toolbar: [ { name: "create", text: "Add Product" } , "save",
"cancel"],
      columns: [
         { field: "ProductName", title: "Product Name" },
{ field: "UnitPrice", title: "Unit Price", template: '#= kendo.
toString(UnitPrice, "c") #' },
         { field: "UnitsInStock", title: "Units In Stock" },
         { field: "Discontinued" },
         { command: "destroy", title: " ", width: 120 }]
   });
});
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

There are a couple of things to pay attention to in this recipe. First, we have defined four distinct transport calls in our datasource. Obviously, each of these represents our CRUD functions. Depending on the command that the user performs, Kendo will fire one of the four transport operations.

There is some magic going on in lines 34-38, where Kendo appends all of the proposed changes by the user in the URL via the models argument. On the server side, you'll want to perform some kind of URL decode of the data coming from the client. Another thing to remember when working with batch data is that you are getting back a list of arrays, so you'll need to loop through all of them to make sure you properly update all of the data that the user has submitted.

We also introduced validation in the datasource schema. So, instead of just identifying the type of each column, we can also specify min, max, nullable, required, and other types of validation. You'll notice in the grid column definition that we included a command column that allows the user to request a row of data to be deleted.

Lastly, it's worth noting that we added a parameter called batch to our datasource and a parameter called editable to our grid. Both of these parameters need to be included, because the default is false.

# **Inline editing (Advanced)**

This recipe demonstrates how to allow the user to make inline edits in the grid.

# **Getting ready**

Open 14-inlineedit.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.common.min.css">
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 14 - Inline Editing</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
$(document).ready(function () {
   var serviceURL = "http://demos.kendoui.com/service";
   var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
      transport: {
         read: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
         update: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products/Update",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
         destroy: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products/Destroy",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         },
         create: {
            url: serviceURL + "/Products/Create",
            dataType: "jsonp"
         parameterMap: function(options, operation) {
            if (operation !== "read" && options.models) {
               return {models: kendo.stringify(options.models)};
            }
      },
      batch: true,
      pageSize: 10,
      schema: {
         model: {
            id: "ProductID",
            fields: {
```

```
ProductID: { editable: false, nullable: true },
               ProductName: { validation: { required: true } },
               UnitPrice: { type: "number", validation: { required:
true, min: 1} },
               Discontinued: { type: "boolean" },
               UnitsInStock: { type: "number", validation: { min: 0,
required: true } }
         }
   });
  $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
     dataSource: myDataSource,
     navigatable: true,
     pageable: true,
      editable: "inline",
     toolbar: [ { name: "create", text: "Add Product" } ],
      columns: [
         { field: "ProductName", title: "Product Name" },
{ field: "UnitPrice", title: "Unit Price", template: '#= kendo.
toString(UnitPrice, "c") #' },
         { field: "UnitsInStock", title: "Units In Stock" },
         { field: "Discontinued" },
         { command: ["edit", "destroy"], title: " ", width: 200
}]
   });
});
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

In this recipe, only the datasource differs from the previous example. Here we set the value of editable to inline rather than just true. We also removed the save and cancel button values from the toolbar; as you can see, they are not needed. With inline editing enabled, the user is restricted to editing one row at a time.

# **Working with user events (Advanced)**

This recipe demonstrates how to work with user events in the grid.

### **Getting ready**

Open 15-events.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
<script src="js/personData.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 15 - Working with User Events</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
        var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         data: personData,
            schema: {
                model: {
                    fields: {
                        FirstName: { type: "string" },
                        LastName: { type: "string" },
                        Rank: { type: "string" },
                        DOB: { type: "date" },
                        PersonId: { type: "number" }
                }
            }
      } );
```

```
$("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         change: showChange,
         selectable: "multiple cell",
         columns: [
               { field: "Name", title: "Full Name", width: "300px",
template: '#=FirstName# #=LastName#' },
            { field: "DOB", title: "Date of Birth", width: "300px" },
               { field: "Rank", title: "Rank", width: "300px" }
           ]
        });
   });
  function showChange(e) {
     var selected = $.map(this.select(), function(item) {
         return $(item).text();
      });
     alert("Selected: " + selected.length + " item(s), [" + selected.
join(", ") + "]");
   }
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

In this recipe, we define the change parameter in our grid and pass it the <code>showChange</code> function that we created. All the <code>showChange</code> function does is push an alert to the browser telling the user how many cells they have selected and what data those cells hold. There are many uses for this type of functionality. You could use it to just log what selections a user has made or you could create a pop up of an image related to the data in that row.

You may also have noticed that we added a parameter called selectable and passed it the value of multiple cell. This just makes this recipe more practical when a user clicks on individual and multiple cells.

#### There's more...

You also have the dataBound and dataBinding parameters available to fire when those events are triggered in the grid. All kinds of special validations and manipulations can be applied using these parameters.

# **Advanced API example (Advanced)**

This recipe demonstrates how to get the most out of Kendo Grids by tapping directly into the Kendo API.

### **Getting ready**

Open 16-api.html in your editor or create a new document.

#### How to do it...

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Kendo UI Grid How-to</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
common.min.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="kendo/styles/kendo.</pre>
default.min.css">
<script src="kendo/js/jquery.min.js"></script>
<script src="kendo/js/kendo.web.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
<h3 style="color:#4f90ea;">Exercise 16 - Advanced API Example</h3>
<a href="index.html">Home</a>
<button id="expandAll" href="#">Expand All</button><button</pre>
id="collapseAll" href="#">Collapse All</button>
<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
      $('#collapseAll').hide(); // MAKE SURE ONLY ONE BUTTON SHOWS ON
LOAD
        var outerServiceURL = "http://gonautilus.com/kendogen/KENDO.
cfc?method=getArtists";
      var innerServiceURL = "http://gonautilus.com/kendogen/KENDO.
cfc?method=getArt";
      var myDataSource = new kendo.data.DataSource({
         transport: {
            read: {
               url: outerServiceURL,
               dataType: "JSONP"
         }
```

```
});
      $("#myGrid").kendoGrid({
         dataSource: myDataSource,
         sortable: true,
         detailInit: detailInit,
         columns: [{ field: "ARTISTID", title: "Artist ID"},
               { field: "FIRSTNAME", title: "First Name"},
               { field: "LASTNAME", title: "Last Name"},
               { field: "EMAIL", title: "Email"},
               { field: "PHONE", title: "Phone Number"}]
      });
      function detailInit(e) {
         $("<div/>").appendTo(e.detailCell).kendoGrid({
            dataSource: {
               transport: {
                  read: {
                     url: innerServiceURL,
                     dataType: "JSONP",
               },
               filter: { field: "ARTISTID", operator: "eq", value:
e.data.ARTISTID }
            scrollable: false,
            sortable: false,
            columns: [
               { field: "ARTID", title: "Art ID"},
               { field: "ARTNAME", title: "Art Name"},
               { field: "DESCRIPTION", title: "Description"},
               { field: "PRICE", title: "Price", template: '#= kendo.
toString(PRICE, "c") #'},
               { field: "LARGEIMAGE", title: "Large Image"},
               { field: "MEDIAID", title: "Media ID"},
               { field: "ISSOLD", title: "Sold"}]
         });
      }
      expandCollapseGrid('#myGrid');
   function expandCollapseGrid(gridId) {
      $("#expandAll").click(function (event) {
         event.preventDefault();
         var grid = $(gridId).data("kendoGrid");
         grid.expandRow(grid.tbody.find("tr.k-master-row"));
```

```
$("#expandAll").hide();
$("#collapseAll").show();
});
$("#collapseAll").click(function (event) {
    event.preventDefault();
    var grid = $(gridId).data("kendoGrid");
    grid.collapseRow(grid.tbody.find("tr.k-master-row"));
    $("#expandAll").show();
    $("#collapseAll").hide();
    });
}
</script>
<div id="myGrid"></div>
</body>
</html>
```

In this recipe, we build on exercise 11 by adding the expandAll and collapseAll buttons. This can be especially helpful with a larger set of data that users may want to see all at once. Adding the HTML buttons to expand and collapse was easy; what we did next was create a function called expandCollapseGrid to make them functional. We used several API methods here, including data, expandRow, and collapseRow. Lastly, we used jQuery syntax to get at all of the particular rows contained in the tbody section of the grid to identify the elements we wanted to execute the methods on. The expandCollapseGrid function is built in a way that you should be able to reuse it on any Kendo Grid that has some type of grouping.

#### There's more...

There are hundreds of other examples of using API methods to control the Kendo Grid. The complete documentation can be found at http://docs.kendoui.com/api/web/grid. You can also filter your results in the textbox at the top of the page, which may not be apparent at first glance. Also, be sure to check out the documentation on the Kendo datasource, as that is just as much a part of the grid. Datasource documentation can be found at http://docs.kendoui.com/api/framework/datasource.



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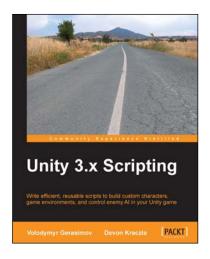
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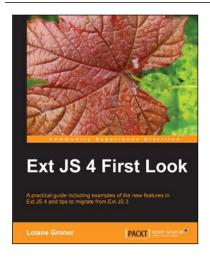


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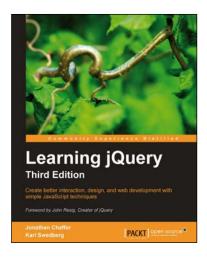
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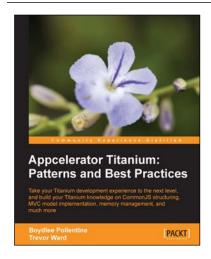


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