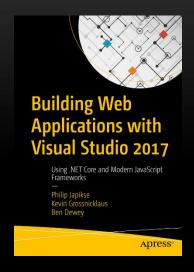
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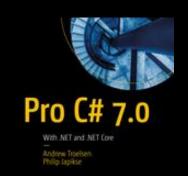
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PREREQUISITES

- ➤ Visual Studio 2017 15.3 (any edition)
- ► NET Core 2.0 SDK
- ➤ SQL Server 2016 (any edition)
- ≥2.0 Lab files from GitHub repo:
 - https://github.com/skimedic/dotnetcore_hol

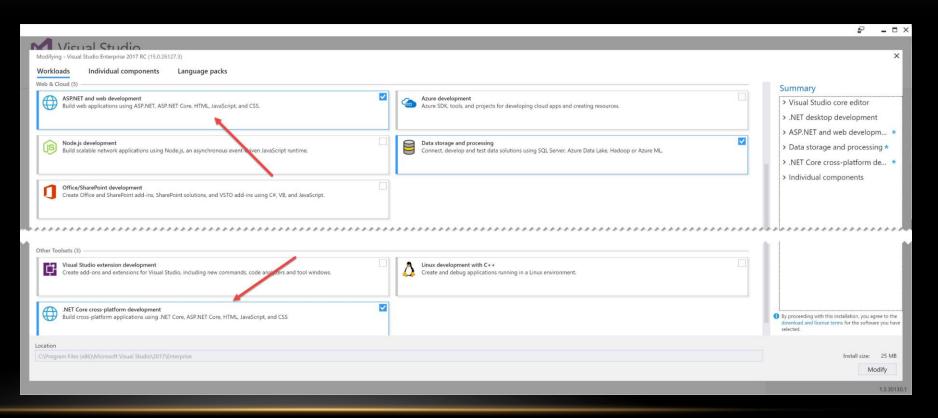
INSTALLING VS2017 AND .NET CORE

INSTALL VISUAL STUDIO 2017

➤ Installation process is divided into Workloads

> Select "ASP.NET and web development" and ".NET Core cross-platform

development"



CONFIRM THE INSTALL OF .NET CORE SDK

- ➤ Open Command Prompt
 - "where dotnet" => Installations for .NET Core
- > Results for the following depend on the path
 - "dotnet" => "dotnet --info" =>
 - ➤.NET Core CLI Info (2.0.0)
 - ➤ Shared Framework Host (2.0.0)
 - "dotnet --version" => .NET Core CLI Version Number (2.0.0)

CHANGE THE .NET CORE VERSION FOR A PROJECT

Create a global.json file at the root

```
{
    "project" : ["src","test"],
    "sdk" : {
        "version" : "1.1.1"
    }
}
```

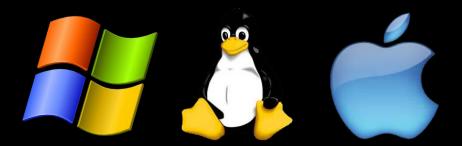


Lab 0: Installing Prereqs

INTRO TO .NET CORE 2.0

WHAT IS .NET CORE?

- Rewrite of "full" .NET Framework
- Vast performance improvements over prior versions
 - ➤ Including native compilation
- > Flexible deployment model
 - ➤ Windows, Linux, Mac



- > Full command line support
- ➤ True side by side installation support
- ➤ Open source from the start
 - Many improvements and features provided by the community

ANATOMY OF A .NET CORE APPLICATION

- ➤.NET Core Runtime (CoreCLR) GC, JIT Compiler, base .NET Types
- ➤.NET Core Framework Libraries (CoreFX) Mostly platform/OS agmostic
- ➤ Application Host (dotnet.exe) and Command Line Interface (CLI)
- Custom Applications Console Apps or Class libraries

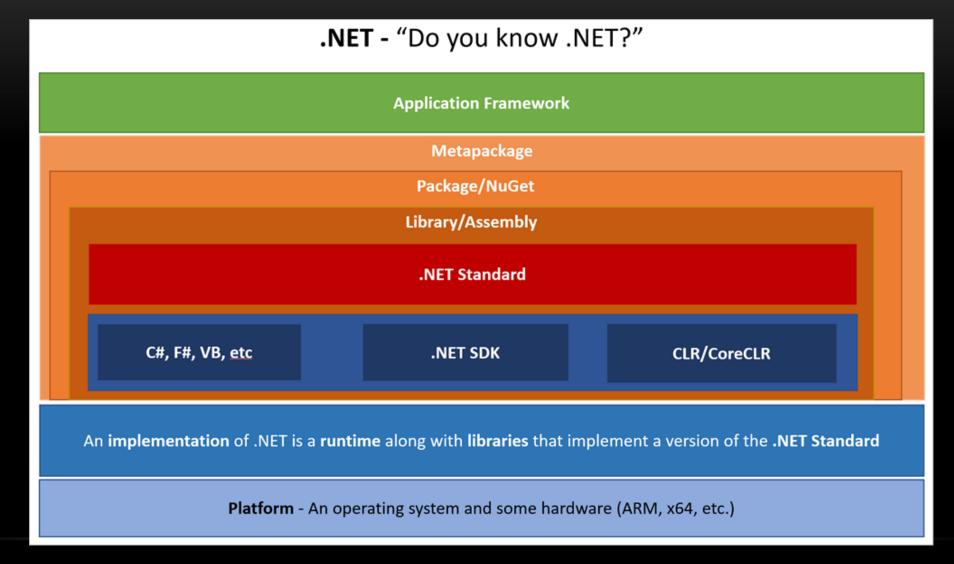
FULL BCD (BIRTHDAY CAKE DIAGRAM)

TOOLS .NET FRAMEWORK .NET CORE **XAMARIN WINDOWS CROSS-PLATFORM MOBILE APPLICATIONS APPLICATIONS SERVICES** Visual Studio .NET STANDARD LIBRARY Visual Studio Code **COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE** Xamarin Studio **Compilers Runtime components** Languages

Courtesy of Rowan Miller https://github.com/rowanmiller/Demo-EFCore

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ZOOMING IN ON .NET



DEPLOYMENT

- ➤ Deployment models
 - ➤ Self contained –includes .NET Core f/w
 - ➤ Portable expects .NET Core installed on deployment machine

➤ Kestrel adds a layer of complexity — see the docs

.NET CORE SUPPORT LIFECYCLES

- ➤ Long Term Support (LTS)
 - ➤ Major releases (e.g. **1**.0, **2**.0)
 - Only upgraded with critical fixes (patches)
 - Supported for three years after GA release or at least one year after the next LTS release.
 - NOTE: 1.1 was added to the LTS list with the release of 2.0

- > Current
 - ► Minor releases (e.g. 1.1, 1.2)
 - Upgraded more rapidly
 - Supported for three months after next Current release

WHAT'S NEW IN 2.0

- >.NET Standard 2.0
 - ➤ Over 32K APIs (from 13K)
 - ► Also available in Azure Web Apps
- ► 6 new platforms supported
 - ➤ Can target Linux as "single" OS
- ➤.NET Core SDK
 - ➤.NET Core can reference .NET F/W Packages and Projects
 - "dotnet restore" is now implicit

- ➤ Performance Improvements
 - Profile-guided optimizations
 - ➤ Too many others to list...
- ➤ NET Standard 2.0 NuGet Packages
 - >F/W Dependencies removed
- ➤ Visual Basic support
 - ➤ Console apps, class libraries
- ► Live Unit Testing .NET Core 2
- ➤ Docker updates

.NET CORE APPLICATIONS ADDING/UPDATING PACKAGES

PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- >MVC:
 - Select 'ASP.NET Core Web Application (.NET Core)'
 - Choose 'ASP.NET Core 1.1'
 Templates
 - Select 'Web Application'

- Data Access Library
 - ▶ Pick 'Console App (.NET Core)'
 - ➤ EF Core migrations require an entry point*
- **≻** Models
 - ➤ Pick 'Class Library (.NET Core)'

ADDING/UPDATING NUGET PACKAGES

- ➤ NuGet Packages update faster than VS2017 Templates
- ➤ Add/Update/Remove packages using:
 - ➤ NET Core Command Line Interface
 - ➤ Package Manager Console
 - NuGet Package Manager GUI

RUNNING ASP.NET CORE APPLICATIONS

- ► Visual Studio
 - Select IIS or Kestrel
 - ➤ Port is controlled by launchSetting.json

- >.NET Core CLI
 - > 'dotnet run'
 - ► Port defaults to 5000
 - ➤ Can be changed using WebHostBuilder



Lab 1:

Creating the Projects

Adding/Updating the NuGet packages

ENTITY FRAMEWORK CORE

EF PROJECT STATUS

WHAT IS ENTITY FRAMEWORK CORE

- ➤ Newest version of Entity Framework complete re-write from EF 6.x
- ➤ Lightweight, Modularized
- Cross Platform (built on .NET Core)
- ➤ Based on an 'Opt-in' model only load needed packages
- > Just released EF Core 2.0
 - ➤ Many more features added
 - ➤ Still some missing features from EF 6.x
 - Check http://bit.ly/ef6_efcore to see the current status

(SOME) MISSING* FEATURES IN CURRENT VERSION OF EF CORE 2

- >EDMX Designer
 - ➤ Not coming back!
- ➤ Alternate inheritance mapping patterns
 - ➤ Implemented: Table Per Hierarchy (TPH)
 - Missing: Table Per Type (TPT), Table Per Concrete Type (TPC)

- ➤ Spatial Data Types
- Lazy loading
- Command Interception
- ➤ Stored Procedure Mapping
- ▶ Data Initializers
- ➤ Some Data Annotations

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FEATURES ADDED TO EF CORE OVER EF 6

- ➤ Batching of Statements (1.0)
- ➤ Shadow State Properties (1.0)
- ➤ Alternate Keys (1.0)
- ➤ Client side key generation (1.0)
- ➤ Field Mapping (1.1)
- ➤ Mixed Client/Server evaluation (1.0)
- ► Raw SQL with LINQ (1.0)

- ➤ DbContext Pooling (2.0)
- Like query operator (2.0)
- ➤ Global Query Filters (2.0)
- ➤ String interpolation with raw SQL (2.0)
- ➤ Scalar function mapping (2.0)
- Explicitly compiled LINQ queries (2.0)
- Attach a graph of new and existing entities (2.0)

EF CORE GOODNESS

DBCONTEXT

- ► EF Core DbContext changed since EF 6.x
 - > Fully embraces dependency injection
- ➤ OnConfiguring provides fall back mechanism
- ➤ IDesignTimeDbContextFactory<TContext>
 - ➤ Assists with Context Pooling and Migrations
- Full support for FluentAPI in OnModelCreating
- ➤ Pooling support in ASP.NET Core 2.0

CONCURRENCY CHECKING (CARRY OVER)

- >SQL Server uses Timestamp (rowversion) properties
 - Coded as a byte[] in C#
- ➤ Updates and Deletes are modified
 - ➤ Where <pk> = @p1 and <timestamp> = @p2
- Error throws DbUpdateConcurrencyException
 - Provides access to entities not persisted.
- Developer decides how to handle concurrency errors

DBSET<T> FIND METHOD (RE-INTRODUCED IN 1.1)

- Introduced in EF Core 1.1
 - > Largely due to the developer community
- Searches on primary key(s)
 - Returns instance from DbChangeTracker is currently tracked
 - Else calls to database

CONNECTION RESILIENCY (RE-INTRODUCED IN 1.1)

- ➤ Built in retry mechanism defined by relational database providers
 - ➤ Default no retry
 - SqlServerRetryingExecutionStrategy
 - Optimized for SQL Server and SQL Azure
- Custom Execution Strategy
 - Specify retry count and max delay
- ➤ Throws RetryLimitExceededException
 - ➤ Actual exception is inner exception

USING COMPUTED COLUMNS IN MODELS (FIXED IN 1.1)

Same table computed columns supported with EF Core 1.0
entity.Property(e => e.LineItemTotal).HasColumnType("money")
.HasComputedColumnSql("[Quantity]*[UnitCost]");

UDF based computed columns supported with EF Core 1.1
entity.Property(e => e.OrderTotal).HasColumnType("money")
.HasComputedColumnSql("Store.GetOrderTotal([id])");

EF CORE MIGRATIONS (IMPROVED)

- ➤ Used to modify schema of based on model and SQL Code
 - ➤ Can also scaffold existing database into Context and Models
- ➤ Supports more than one DbContext in a project
 - ➤ E.g. ApplicationDbContext (ASP.NET Identity) and MyDomainModelContext
- ➤ Can also create SQL script representing changes to the database

CHANGES FROM EF6 MIGRATIONS

- > The Good
 - ➤ No longer uses a hash to check database state
 - ➤ ModelSnapshot is C# file that contains all of the DDL
 - ➤ Database.Migrate method creates model AND runs all migrations

- ➤ The bad?
 - ➤ Database Initializers and Configuration Seed method are gone

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS (1.0)

- >EF Core batches multiple insert, update, delete statements into a single call
 - ➤ Uses table valued parameters to process changes in a single network call
 - ➤ Improved performance through reduced network traffic
 - ► Reduces cost for cloud based databases
- ➤ Batch size can be configured through the DbContextOptions

SHADOW STATE PROPERTIES & ALTERNATE KEYS (1.0)

- ➤ Shadow State Properties
 - Properties not defined in your .NET classes
 - ➤ Maintained purely in the Change Tracker
 - Commonly used with foreign keys
- ➤ Alternate Keys
 - ➤ Non-primary keys used as foreign key fields
 - Conventions will create unique index for you

FIELD MAPPING/BACKING FIELDS (1.0)

- ➤ Allows EF to read and/or write to fields instead of properties
- Conventions
 - >[m]_<camel-cased property name>
 - >[m]_property name>
- >Fluent API
 - modelBuilder.Entity<Blog>()
 .Property(b=>b.Url).HasField("_theUr
 l")

- ➤ Used when materializing objects
 - ➤ Public getters/setters (if they exist) used at other times
- Can control when the fields are used
 - > Field
 - ➤ FieldDuringConstruction
 - Property

EF CORE SUPPORTS MIXED EVALUATION (1.0)

- >EF Core supports queries being evaluated on the server and the client
 - What executes where is provider specific
- ➤ Useful for including C# functions into the LINQ query/project
- ➤ Be careful where the client functions are injected
 - ▶ Poor usage can crush performance
- Enabled or disabled at the context level

```
optionsBuilder.UseSqlServer(connectionString)
   .ConfigureWarnings(warnings =>
     warnings.Throw(RelationalEventId.QueryClientEvaluationWarning));
```

POPULATING MODELS WITH RAW SQL QUERIES (1.0)

- ➤ Models can be populated from raw SQL using FromSql on DbSet<T>
 - > Select list names must match the names that properties are mapped to
 - ► All fields on the model must be returned
- ➤ Useful for times when Sprocs or UDFs perform better than LINQ/EF
- ➤ Can also populate POCOs that are not tables
 - ➤ Must be in the Context as a DbSet<T>
 - Must have a primary key defined
- Can be mixed with LINQ statements

LIKE QUERY OPERATOR (2.0)

- Contained in the EF.Functions property
- Implemented at the database provider level
- ➤ You must add in the % yourself

```
var customers =
   from c in context.Customers
   where EF.Functions.Like(c.Name, "a%");
   select c;

//creates this query
SELECT [c].[Id], [c].[Name]
FROM [Customers] AS [c]
WHERE [c].[Name] LIKE N'a%';
```

GLOBAL QUERY FILTERS (2.0)

- Model level filters defined directly on the model
- > Automatically applied to any queries on that type
 - ➤ Also applied to indirect queries (e.g. using Include or ThenInclude)
 - Can be used for soft deletes or multi-tenancy

STRING INTERPOLATION WITH RAW SQL QUERIES (2.0)

- Implemented in FromSql and ExecuteSqlCommand
- >C# string interpolation items get converted into SQL parameters

SCALAR FUNCTION MAPPING & EXPLICITLY COMPILED QUERIES (2.0)

- Scalar Function Mapping
 - ➤ Can map scalar functions to C# methods and used in LINQ queries
 - ➤ Use DbFunctionAttribute and make the method static on DbContext
 - Must create the function yourself
- > Explicitly compiled queries
 - Create LINQ queries as static C# functions using EF.CompileQuery
 - Bypasses computation of hash and cache lookup

CHANGE TRACKING – ATTACH NEW AND EXISTING ENTITY GRAPH

- ➤ Attach list of entities with DbContext.Attach or DbSet<T>.Attach
 - ➤ Entities with PK value will be marked as unchanged
 - Entities without PK value with be marked as added



Lab 2 Part 1:
Create the Models and ViewModels
Create the DbContext, Migrations
Add Calculated Column to Model (based on UDF)

FINISHING THE DATA ACCESS LAYER

CREATE THE REPOSITORIES

- DbContext is technically a combination of two patterns:
 - ➤ Unit of Work
 - Repository
- > Adding Custom Repositories eliminates repetitive code
 - Create IRepo<T> and BaseRepo<T> to handle most scenarios
- ➤ Specific Repos (e.g. ProductsRepo) handle special cases

DATA INITIALIZATION

- Largely a manual process Drop/Create base classes from EF 6.x don't exist
- ➤ EnsureDeleted() Drops database
- EnsureCreated() Creates database *based on model*
- Migrate() Mutually exclusive of EnsureCreated()
 - Creates database and runs all migrations as well
- ➤ No way to set EF 6 style initializer must call from code



Lab 2 Part 2:

Create the Repositories

Create the Data Initializer

TESTING EF CORE

XUNIT TEST FRAMEWORK

- Excellent .NET testing framework
- ➤ Built by the creators of nUnit
- ➤ Supports full .NET F/W, .NET Core, and Xamarin
 - Project templates are "in the box"
- > Supports multitude of test runners
 - ➤ VS2017, R#, TestDriven.NET, TeamCity, MSBuild

XUNIT FUNDAMENTALS

- Fact = Test
- Theory = RowTest
- > SetUp and TearDown removed in favor of constructors and IDisposable
- ExpectedException removed (Finally!)
- > Full Generics support
- ➤ Use of anonymous delegates in Assert. Throws

```
Assert.Throws<ExceptionType>(()=>operation());
```



Lab 3:

Testing EF Core

ASP.NET CORE 2.0 FUNDAMENTALS

ASP.NET CORE 2.0

- ➤ ASP.NET Core 2.0 rebuilt on top of .NET Core 2.0
- Single, cross-platform framework for web, services, and microservices
 - WebApi + MVC + Web Pages + Razor Pages = ASP.NET Core
- ➤ Takes advantage of .NET Core performance
 - ➤ Includes a high performance web server (Kestrel) built on LibUV

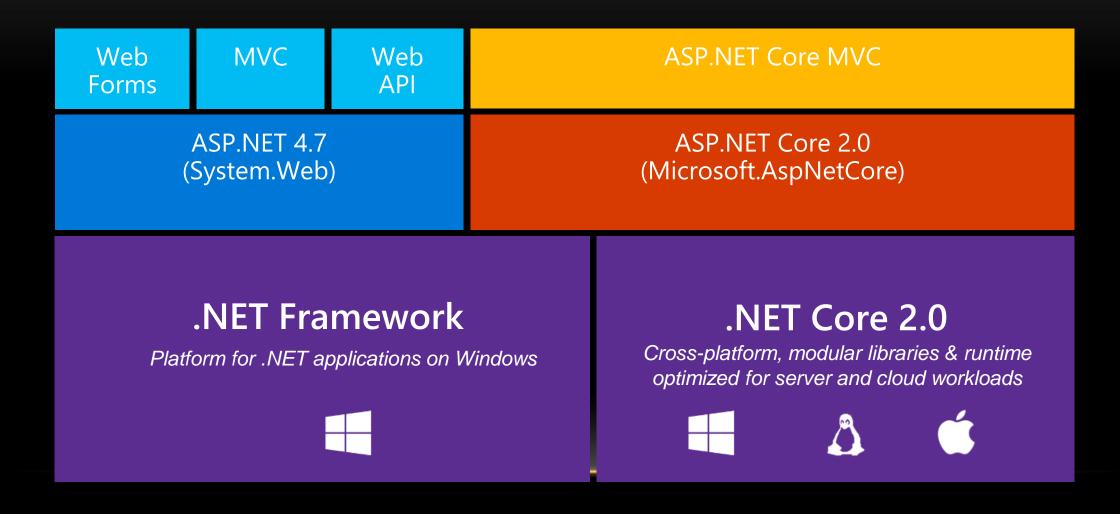
ASP.NET CORE FEATURES

- ➤ Pluggable Middleware
 - > Routing, authentication, static files, etc.
- > Full Dependency Injection integration
- ➤ Simplified and Improved Configuration System
- ➤ Tag Helpers
- ➤ View Components

WHAT'S NEW IN ASP.NET CORE 2.0

- ➤ Razor Pages
- ➤ Updated Templates
 - ➤ Razor pages, Angular, React
- ➤ DbContext Pooling with EF Core 2.0
- Razor support for C# 7.1
- ➤ Simplified configuration and startup
- Microsoft.AspNetCore.All metapackage
 - Includes EF SQL Server as well

ASP.NET CORE BCA



CONFIGURING THE WEB SERVER(S)

ASP.NET CORE APPS ARE CONSOLE APPS

Web server(s) is(are) created in Program Main() method

```
var host = new WebHostBuilder()
    .UseKestrel()
    .UseContentRoot(Directory.GetCurrentDirectory())
    .UseIISIntegration()
    .UseStartup<Startup>()
    //Configuration will be discussed soon
    .ConfigureAppConfiguration(hostingContext,config)
    .UseUrls("http://*:40001/") //Configures Kestrel
    .Build();
host.Run();
```

➤ In ASP.NET Core 2.0, replaced with CreateDefaultBuilder()

LAUNCHSETTINGS.JSON CONTROLS RUNNING APP FROM VS

- ► IIS Settings
 - ➤ Sets app URL/SSL Port, auth settings
- Profiles (appear in VS Run command)
 - ►IIS Express
 - Sets environment variable
 - ><AppName>
 - > Sets URL, environment variable

APPLICATION CONFIGURATION

APPLICATION CONFIGURATION

- ➤ Simple JSON file configuration (by default)
 - >appsettings.json
 - Other file types supported as well
- > Environment determines files to load
 - > appsettings.{environmentname}.json
 - Controlled by environment variable: ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT
 - ➤ Built-in values of Development, Staging, Production

CUSTOM CONFIGURATION SECTIONS

>Add data to json

```
"Logging": ...,
  "CustomSettings": {
    "ServiceAddress": "http://localhost:40002/",
    "ImageLocation": "~/images/"
}
```

➤ Use IConfiguration to get information (in the DI container by default)

```
var customSection = Configuration?.GetSection("CustomSettings");
Var address = customSection?.GetSection("ServiceAddress")?.Value;
```

THE STARTUP CLASS

CONFIGURING THE PIPELINE

> The Configure method sets up how to respond to HTTP requests

```
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IHostingEnvironment env,
   ILoggerFactory loggerFactory)
      app.UseExceptionHandler("/Home/Error");
      app.UseStaticFiles();
      app.UseMvc(routes =>
           routes.MapRoute(
              name: "default",
              template: "{controller=Home}/{action=Index}/{id?}");
       });
```

CONDITIONAL PIPELINE CONFIGURATION

➤ Use environment options for conditional pipeline configuration

```
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IHostingEnvironment env,
   ILoggerFactory loggerFactory)
       if (env.IsDevelopment())
               app.UseDeveloperExceptionPage();
               app.UseBrowserLink();
       else
               app.UseExceptionHandler("/Home/Error");
```

CONFIGURING FRAMEWORK SERVICES

> Used to configure any services needed by the application

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
   // Add framework services.
   services.AddMvc(config =>
      config.Filters.Add(new SimpleAuthenticationActionFilter());
   })
   .AddJsonOptions(options =>
   { //Revert to PascalCasing for JSON handling
      options.SerializerSettings.ContractResolver = new DefaultContractResolver();
   });
   //Additional services for DI added here (covered later in this presentation)
```

CONFIGURING EF CORE CONTEXT POOLING

- ➤ New feature in ASP.NET/EF Core 2
- ➤ Context must have single public constructor that takes DbContextOptions

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddDbContextPool<StoreContext>(options =>
        options.UseSqlServer(Configuration.GetConnectionString("SpyStore")));
}
```

DEPENDENCY INJECTION

ADDING CUSTOM DEPENDENCIES TO DI CONTAINER

- Configured in Startup.cs
- ➤ Used to configure any services needed by the application
 - > Transient created each time they are requested
 - ➤ Scoped created once per request
 - ➤ Singleton created once (use this instead of implementing singleton dp

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
   services.AddSingleton<ICustomSettings>(new CustomSettings(Configuration));
   services.AddScoped<ICategoryRepo, CategoryRepo>();
}
```

INJECTING SERVICES INTO CONTROLLERS AND VIEWS

Dependencies are configured in Startup.cs

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddSingleton(_ => Configuration);
    //https://docs.asp.net/en/latest/fundamentals/dependency-injection.html
    services.AddScoped<IShoppingCartRepo, ShoppingCartRepo>();
}
```

➤ Instances are pulled into classes automagically

```
public ShoppingCartController(IShoppingCartRepo repo)
{ //Omitted for brevity }
```

➤ Instances are pulled into views with the @inject directive

```
@inject <type> <name>
@inject IWebApiCalls
```



Lab 4:
Creating the WebHost
Configuring the application
Adding connection strings to the settings files

CUSTOM VALIDATION

VALIDATION

- ➤ Nothing new for standard model validation
 - ➤ Validation and Display attributes
 - ➤ Model State
 - Explicit and Implicit validation
- Creating custom validation attributes changed slightly
 - > Server side code derives from ValidationAttribute
 - Must also implement IClientModelValidator to support client side scripts
 - ➤ Client side validation ties into Jquery validations

SERVER SIDE VALIDATION

- Override ValidationResult IsValid method
 - ➤ ValidationContext provides access to metadata and the rest of the model
 - Return ValidationResult.Success or ValidationResult(errorMessage)
- ➤ Should also override FormatErrorMessage

CLIENT SIDE VALIDATION

- ➤ Must implement AddValidation method in custom attribute
 - ➤ Adds the data-val attributes to the rendered element only if using razor editor templates
- ➤ JavaScript code needs to:
 - ► Add validator method must match data-val name
 - ► Add unobtrusive validation adapter
 - ➤ Must match data-val name
 - > Rules must be set to enable validation
- > Jquery. Unbotrusive-ajax.js must be referenced on the page

BUNDLING AND MINIFICATION

BUNDLING AND MINIFICATION

- > JavaScript and CSS files should be bundled and minified for performance
- VS 2017 uses BundlerMinifer NuGet package by default
- Settings defined in by bundleconfig.json
 - > Specify: outputfilename, inputfiles (globbing allowed), optional parameters
- >Add:
 - ➤ BundlerMinifier Visual Studio Extension for IDE integration
 - ➤ BundlerMinifier.Core for .NET Core CLI



Lab 5:

Custom server and client side validation

Bundling and Minification

VIEW MODELS AND CONTROLLERS

CONTROLLERS

- ➤ Everything derives from Controller base class
 - ➤ Base class provides many helpers, such as:
 - Ok (200), BadRequest (400), NotFound (404)
- Actions return an IActionResult/Task<IActionResult>
- Dependencies are injected into the controllers
- ➤ Attribute Routing is now a first class citizen in ASP.NET Core
 - > Helps to refine routing for individual controller actions
- In this example app, base controller OnActionExecuting override is used to create fake authentication

ROUTING

ROUTING

- ➤ Attribute Routing is first class citizen in ASP.NET Core
 - > Helps to refine routing for individual controller actions
- > Route table used for default route
 - Sometimes skipped to ASP.NET Core Service Applications
- Controller and actions can define specific routes

```
[Route("api/[controller]/{customerId}")]
public class ShoppingCartController : Controller
{
    [HttpGet("{Id?}")]
    public IActionResult AddToCart(int Id, int customerId, int quantity = 1)
    {
        //Code omitted
    }
}
```



Lab 6:

View Models and Controllers

TAG HELPERS AND VIEWS

TAG HELPERS

- Encapsulate server side code to shape the attached element
 - Keep developers "in the HTML"
- ➤ Most Razor HTML Helpers have corresponding Tag Helpers
 - Form, Anchor, Input, TextArea, Select, Validation, Link/Script, Image
 - Added as attributes with asp-
- ➤ Special: Environment Tag Helper
- Custom Tag Helpers can be created

TAG HELPER DETAILS

- **Form**
 - Similar to BeginForm/EndForm HTML Helper
 - ➤ Automatically generates the anti-forgery token
 - asp-controller, asp-action, asp-method, asp-route-<parameter name>
 - ➤ Can use named routes: asp-route="routename"
- **>** Anchor
 - ➤ Similar to ActionLink HTML Helper
 - > asp-controller, asp-action, asp-route-<parameter name>

TAG HELPER DETAILS (CONTINUED)

- **>**Input
 - ➤ Model property is selected with asp-for (strongly typed)
 - Generates id and name properties for each element
 - Renders markup based on data type of the model property
 - >Adds in HTML type based on model type and data annotations
 - ➤ Generates HTML5 validation attributes
- > TextArea
 - Model property is selected with asp-for (strongly typed)
 - Generates id and name properties for each element

TAG HELPER DETAILS (CONTINUED)

- > Select
 - >Generates id and name properties for each element
 - Generates select and options using asp-for and asp-items
- **►** Validation
 - ➤ Model validation uses asp-validation-summary (in a div)
 - ➤ Options are All, ModelOnly, None
 - Property validation uses asp-validation-for (in a span)
- ➤ Link, Image
 - ➤ Can append (asp-append-version="true") hash of the file to the URL to prevent caching issues

TAG HELPER DETAILS (CONTINUED)

- > Script
 - Provide fallback for scripts (such as CDN sources)
 - Fallback source asp-fallback-src
 - ➤ Test for fallback asp-fallback-test
- Environment
 - > Tag helper to define markup block based on configuration environment
 - <environment names="Staging,Production">



Lab 7:

Views

VIEW COMPONENTS

VIEW COMPONENTS

- ➤ Combine partial views with server side capabilities
- ➤ Server side class implements ViewComponent
- Partial view must be located in:
 - Views/<controller_name>/Components/<view_component_name>/<view_n ame>
 - Views/Shared/Components/<view_component_name>/<view_name>
- ➤ Don't use model binding
- Can be invoked as a Tag Helper (with ASP.NET Core 1.1)



Lab 8:

View Components

CUSTOM TAG HELPERS

CUSTOM TAG HELPERS

- Composed entirely of server side code
- Class inherits TagHelper
- ➤ Class name (minus TagHelper) becomes the element name
 - ► E.g. EmailTagHelper == <email></email>
- ➤ Public properties are added as lower kebob cased attributes
 - E.g. EmailName == email-name=""
- ➤ Must opt in to use (usually in the _ViewImports.cshtml partial)
 - @addTagHelper *, SpyStore_HOL.MVC



Lab 9:

Custom Tag Helpers

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