**What is \_ViewStart.cshtml file in ASP.NET Core MVC**

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7WgjrTSlO8&t=4s  
  
It is a special file in ASP.NET Core MVC. The code in this file is executed before the code in an individual view is executed. So, this means, instead of setting the Layout property in each individual view, we can move that code into the \_ViewStart.cshtml file.

@{  
    Layout = "\_Layout";  
}

By setting the Layout property in \_ViewStart.cshtml file maintaining our application becomes much easier. In the future, if we want to use a different layout file we just need to change the code in one place in \_ViewStart.cshtml

