Improving Performance and Memory Use with Streams



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Advantages of Working with Streams



A stream is an abstraction of a sequence of bytes, such as a file, an input/output device or network traffic

- Classes derived from Stream hide specific details of the operating system and the underlying devices



Advantages of Working with Streams



Streams help with avoiding large inbetween variables

- Better for memory use
- Better for performance

The API doesn't need to work with streams to get these advantages at client level



Using Streams When Reading Data

GET api/movies/{movield}/posters/{posterId}

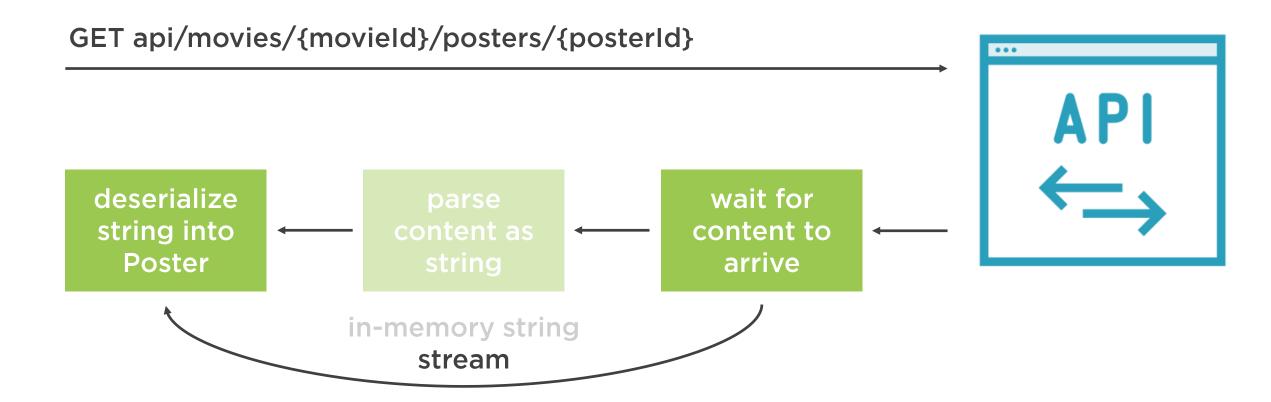
deserialize string into Poster

parse content as string

in-memory string



Using Streams When Reading Data

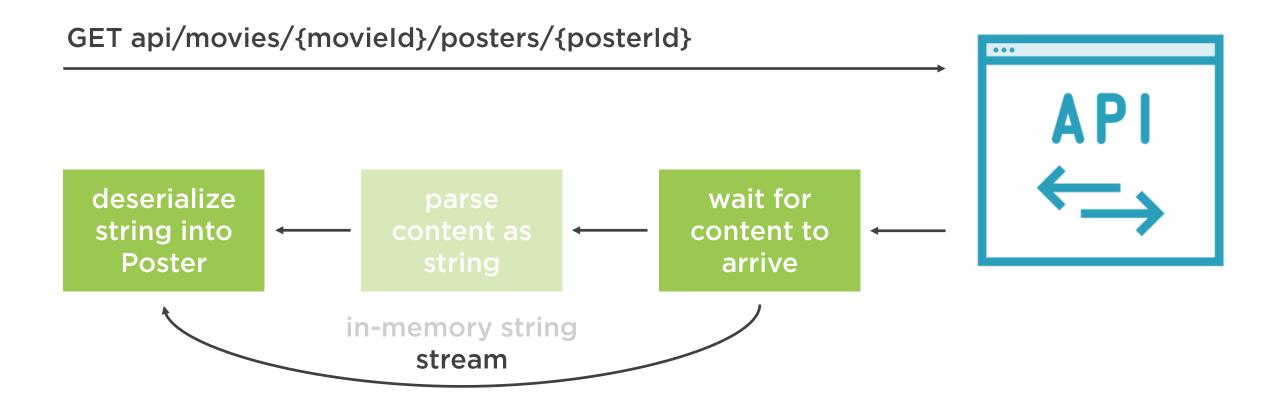




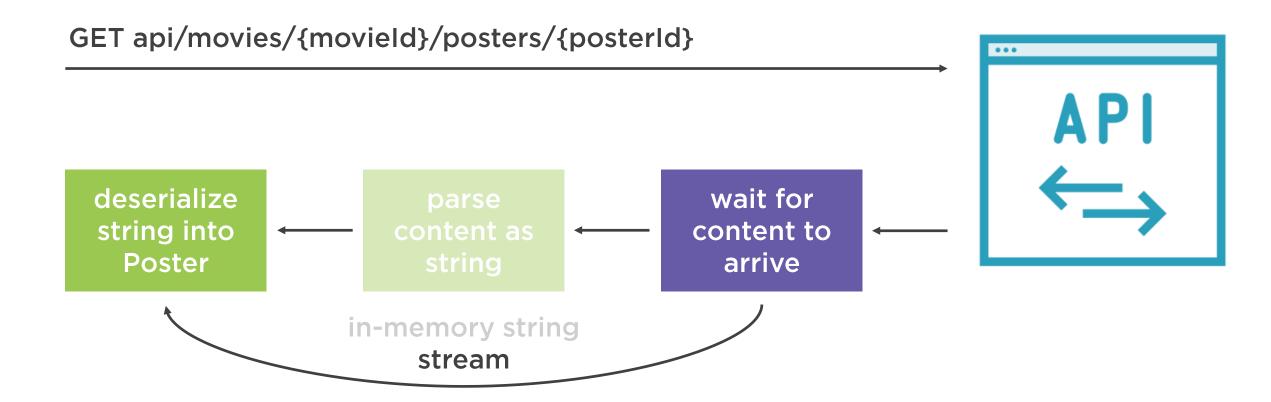


Using Streams When Reading Data

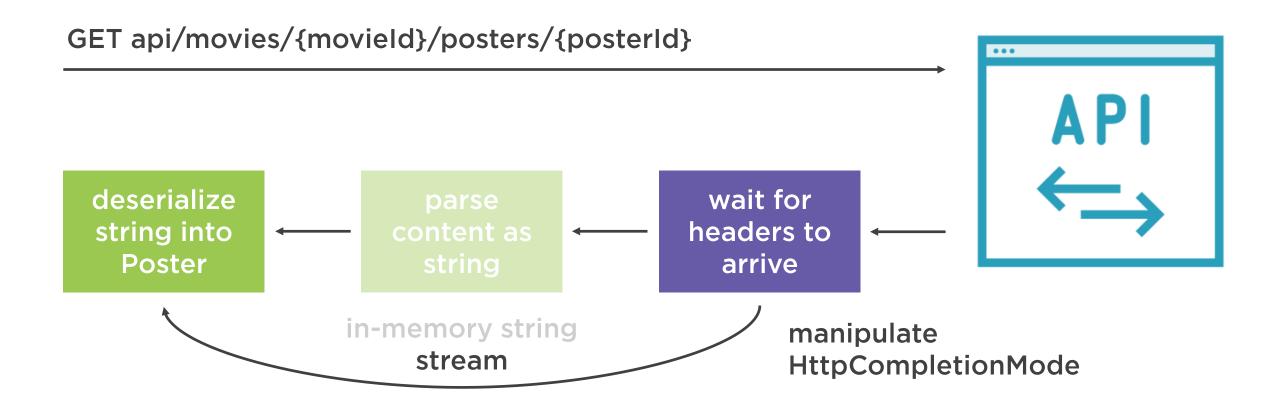




















Improving Code Reuse with an Extension Method



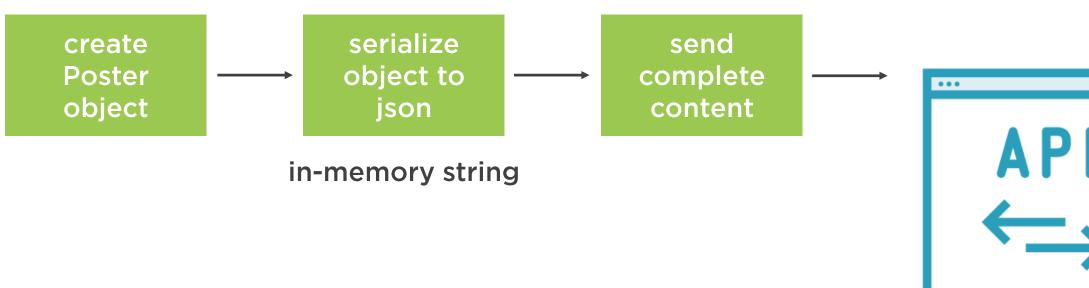


Testing Performance Improvements When Reading Data



Using Streams When Sending Data

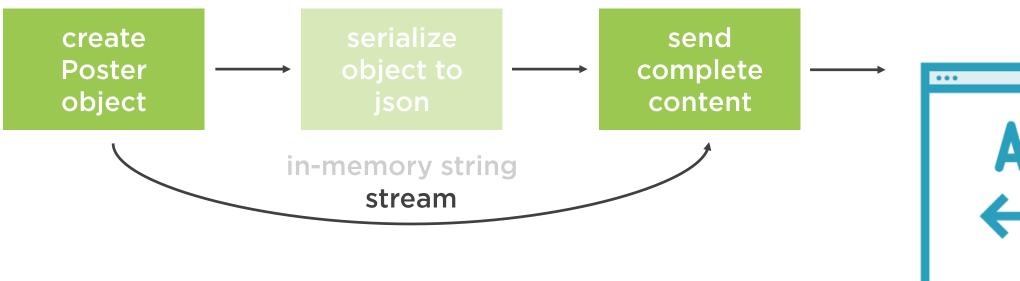
POST api/movies/{movield}/posters

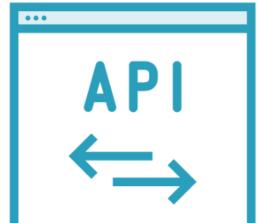




Using Streams When Sending Data

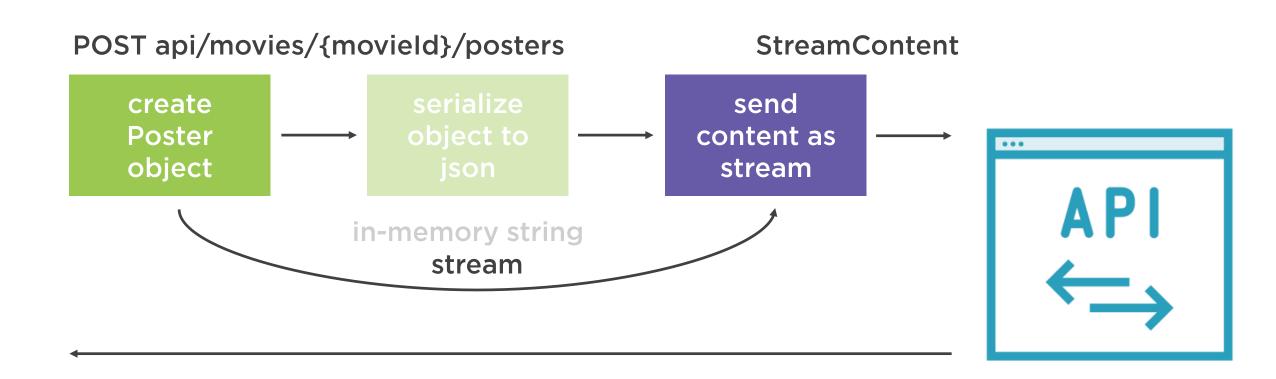
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Using Streams When Sending Data



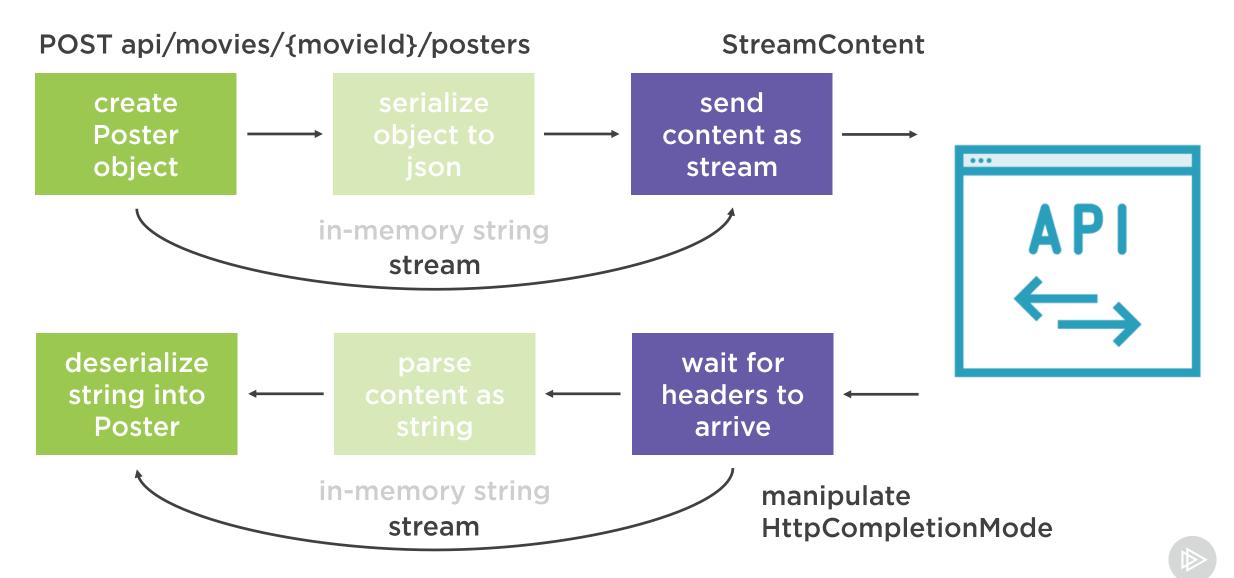




Using Streams When Sending Data



Using Streams When Sending and Reading Data





Combining Streams When Sending and Reading Data





Testing Performance Improvements When Sending Data



On Streaming, Memory Use, and Performance



Creating and disposing streams can cause some overhead

- You may see a direct impact on performance



On Streaming, Memory Use, and Performance



Using streams ensures memory use is kept low

Minimizing memory can also minimize garbage collection, which has a positive impact on performance



On Streaming, Memory Use, and Performance



Always use streams when reading data

Also use streams when sending large amounts of data

If you're not sure, test





Working with Compression



Summary



Streams are the preferred way of interacting with an API

- Reduced memory footprint
- Improved performance

Streams can be used both when reading and sending data

 Use HttpCompletionMode to start streaming the response once response headers have arrived



Summary



Enable compression by setting the Accept-Encoding header & enabling automatic decompression on the HttpClientHandler instance

