

Comprehensive Blazor Server

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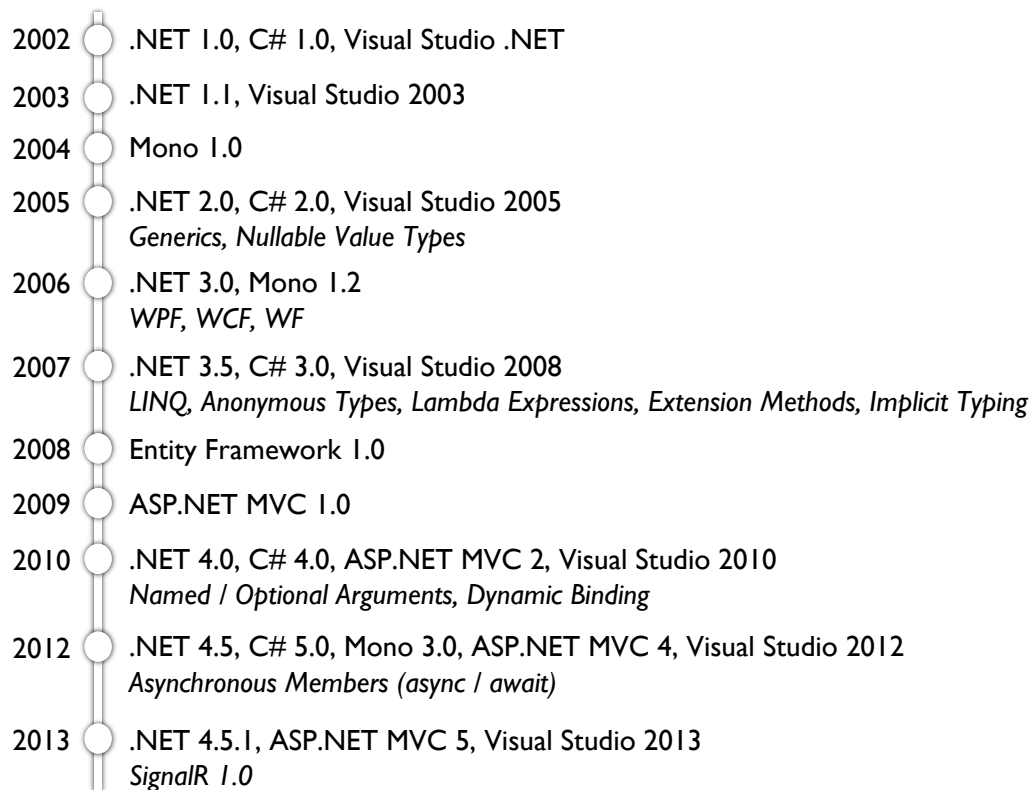
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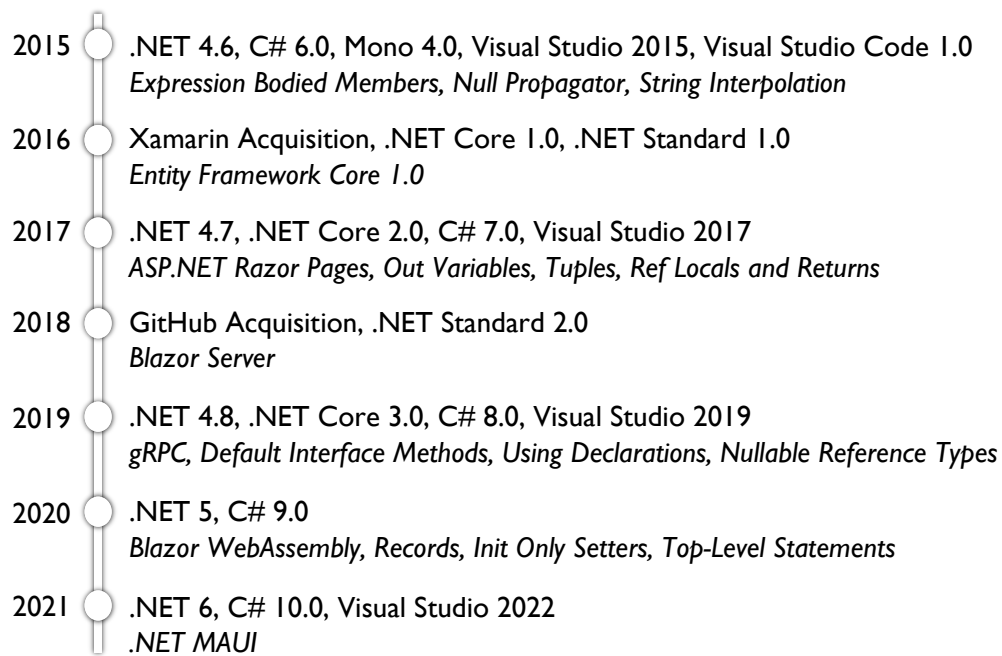
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Introduction

- Evolution of the .NET Platform
- .NET SDKs and Runtimes
- Visual Studio and Visual Studio Code





Introduction

Evolution of the .NET Platform

- .NET 1.0 included ASP.NET Web Forms
 - Had the potential to be cross-platform but was only officially supported on Windows
- Current version of this variant is 4.8 and now referred to as ".NET Framework"
- Will be supported for many years to come (end of support for .NET 3.5 SP1 is October 2028)

Introduction

Evolution of the .NET Platform

- In 2016, Microsoft introduced a new variant of .NET called .NET Core
- Many components were completely rewritten
- Fully supported on Windows, macOS, and Linux
- Included a subset of the functionality provided by .NET Framework
 - Focused on web-based workloads (web UIs and services)
- Merged MVC and Web API into the core framework

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Evolution of the .NET Platform

- The version of .NET Core after 3.1 became the "main line" for .NET and was labeled .NET 5.0
- Supports development of Windows Forms and WPF applications that run on Windows
- The ASP.NET framework in .NET still includes the name "Core" to avoid confusion with previous versions of ASP.NET MVC

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Evolution of the .NET Platform

- The entire .NET platform is made available as open-source
- Community contributions are encouraged via pull requests
 - Thoroughly reviewed and tightly controlled by Microsoft

`github.com/dotnet`

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Introduction

.NET SDKs and Runtimes

- .NET Runtime
 - Different version for each platform
 - Provides assembly loading, garbage collection, JIT compilation of IL code, and other runtime services
 - Includes the dotnet tool for launching applications
- ASP.NET Core Runtime
 - Includes additional packages for running ASP.NET Core applications
 - Reduces the number of packages that you need to deploy with your application

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Introduction

.NET SDKs and Runtimes

- .NET SDK
 - Includes the .NET runtime for the platform
 - Additional command-line tools for compiling, testing, and publishing applications
 - Contains everything needed to develop .NET applications (with the help of a text editor)

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Introduction

.NET SDKs and Runtimes

- Each version of .NET has a lifecycle status
 - Current – Includes the latest features and bug fixes but will only be supported for a short time after the next release
 - LTS (Long-Term Support) – Has an extended support period
 - Preview – Not supported for production use
 - Out of support – No longer supported

dotnet.microsoft.com/download

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Introduction

Visual Studio and Visual Studio Code

- Visual Studio is available for Windows and macOS
 - Full-featured IDE
- Visual Studio Code is available for Windows, macOS, and Linux
 - Includes IntelliSense and debugging features
 - Thousands of extensions are available for additional functionality

visualstudio.microsoft.com

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Visual Studio and Visual Studio Code

- JetBrains also offers an IDE for .NET development called Rider
- Available for Windows, macOS, and Linux
- Includes advanced capabilities in the areas of refactoring, unit testing, and low-level debugging

www.jetbrains.com/rider

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What's New in C#

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- Init Only Setters
- Global Using Directives
- File-Scoped Namespace Declarations
- Top-Level Statements
- Nullable Reference Types
- Record Types

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What's New in C#

Introduction

- C# 9 introduced with .NET 5
- C# 10 introduced with .NET 6
- Several new features and improvements
 - Complete list available in the online documentation

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What's New in C#

Init Only Setters

- It is very convenient to initialize the properties of an object by using object initialization syntax

```
var product = new Product { Name = "Bread", Price = 2.50 }
```

- However, in the past, this was only possible by defining the properties as writable

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What's New in C#

Init Only Setters

- In C# 9, it is now possible to define properties with init only setters
- Properties can be set as part of object initialization but become read-only after that

```
public class Product  
{  
    public string Name { get; init; }  
    public double Price { get; init; }  
}
```

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What's New in C#

Global Using Directives

- C# 10 introduces global using directive support
- If the global keyword is present, the using directive will be in effect for every file in the project

```
global using EComm.Core;
```

- Can be in any file but a good practice is to have a separate cs file for all the project's global using directives

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What's New in C#

Global Using Directives

- In .NET 6, global using directives for common system namespaces can be included implicitly via a project setting

```
<ImplicitUsings>enable</ImplicitUsings>
```

- This setting is included in new projects by default
- For an ASP.NET project, there are a total of 16 namespaces that will be implicitly referenced

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What's New in C#

File-Scoped Namespace Declarations

- Typically, code within a namespace is defined within curly braces

```
namespace Acme.Models  
{  
    ...  
}
```

- C# 10 allows for a namespace declaration to specify that all the code within a file belongs to a specific namespace

```
namespace Acme.Models;  
...
```

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What's New in C#

Top-Level Statements

- A .NET application requires an entry point function named Main defined within a static class

```
class Program {  
    static void Main(string[] args) {  
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, World!");  
    }  
}
```

- The C# 10 compiler can recognize executable code that is outside of a class as the code for the entry point and generate the necessary function and static class for you

```
Console.WriteLine("Hello, World!");
```

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What's New in C#

Top-Level Statements

- ASP.NET Core 6 project templates combine the implicit using feature with top-level statements to minimize the amount of code required in Program.cs

```
var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);  
var app = builder.Build();  
  
app.MapGet("/", () => "Hello World!");  
  
app.Run();
```

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What's New in C#

Nullable Reference Types

- By default, value types in .NET cannot be set to null
 - A variable can be defined as a nullable value type so that it can store a null value

```
int? num = null;
```

- Reference types can store null and default to null if not provided with an initial value

```
Product p; // p is null
```

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What's New in C#

Nullable Reference Types

- The most common exception encountered during .NET development is the `NullReferenceException`
 - Occurs when attempting to access the member of an object that is null
- Safety can be significantly improved by using types that cannot be null unless explicitly identified to allow it

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What's New in C#

Nullable Reference Types

- C# 8 introduced the idea of nullable reference types
 - Like values types, reference types are not allowed to be null unless the variable is defined as nullable
- Because of the impact on existing code, this feature was not enabled by default
- Could be enabled via the `Nullable` annotation in the project file

```
<Nullable>enable</Nullable>
```

- In .NET 6 project templates, this is now included by default

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What's New in C#

Nullable Reference Types

- If enabled, compiler warnings will be generated when...
 - Setting a non-nullable reference type to null
 - Defining a reference type that does not initialize all non-nullable reference type members as part of construction
 - Dereferencing a possible null reference without checking for null (or using the null-forgiving operator)

```
string fn = person!.FirstName;
```

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What's New in C#

Nullable Reference Types

- It is a good idea to enable nullable reference types for new projects
- Refactoring an existing application to use nullable reference types could require a significant amount of effort

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What's New in C#

Record Types

- Every type in .NET is either a value type or a reference type
 - Struct is a value type
 - Class is a reference type
- Value types are recommended to be defined as immutable and are copied on assignment
 - Use value semantics for equality
 - Supports additional safety and optimizations especially for concurrent programming with shared data

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What's New in C#

Record Types

- The record type introduced in C# 9 allows you to easily define an immutable reference type that supports value semantics for equality

```
public record Person
{
    public string LastName { get; }
    public string FirstName { get; }

    public Person(string first, string last) =>
        (FirstName, LastName) = (first, last);
}
```

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What's New in C#

Record Types

- None of the properties of a record can be modified once it's created
- Records do support inheritance
- It is easy to create a new record from an existing one via the with keyword

```
var person = new Person("Joe", "Smith");  
Person brother = person with { FirstName = "Bill" };
```

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What's New in C#

Record Types

- Record types can be a very good fit for things like ViewModels and Data Transfer Objects (DTOs)

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- Application Startup
- Hosting Environments
- Middleware and the Request Pipeline
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Application Architecture

Introduction

- Single stack for Web UI and Web APIs
- Modular architecture distributed as NuGet packages
- Flexible, environment-based configuration
- Built-in dependency injection support

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Application Architecture

NuGet Packages

- NuGet is a package manager for .NET
 - www.nuget.org
- All the libraries that make up .NET 6 (and many 3rd-party libraries) are distributed as NuGet packages
- NuGet package dependencies are stored in the project file

```
<PackageReference Include="Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore" Version="6.0.0" />
```

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NuGet Packages

- The dotnet restore command will fetch any referenced NuGet packages that are not available locally
- Uses nuget.org as the package source by default
- Additional or alternative package sources (remote or local) can be specified by using a nuget.config file

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Application Architecture

NuGet Metapackages

- Metapackages are a NuGet convention for describing a set of packages that are meaningful together
- Every .NET Core project implicitly references the Microsoft.NETCore.App package
 - ASP.NET Core projects also reference the Microsoft.AspNetCore.App package
- These two metapackages are included as part of the runtime package store
 - Available anywhere the runtime is installed

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Application Architecture

Application Startup

- When an ASP.NET Core application is launched, the first code executed is the application's Main method
 - Generated by the compiler if using top-level statements
- Code in the Main method is used to...
 - Create a WebApplication object
 - Configure application services
 - Configure the request processing pipeline
 - Run the application

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Application Architecture

Application Startup

- A collection of framework services are automatically registered with the dependency injection system
 - IHostApplicationLifetime
 - Used to handle post-startup and graceful shutdown tasks
 - IHostEnvironment / IWebHostEnvironment
 - Has many useful properties (ex. EnvironmentName)
 - ILoggerFactory
 - IServer
 - And many others...

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Application Architecture

Application Startup

- The environment for local machine development can be set in the launchSettings.json file
 - Overrides values set in the system environment
 - Only used on the local development machine
 - Is not deployed
 - Can contain multiple profiles

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Application Architecture

Hosting Environments

- EnvironmentName property can be set to any value
- Framework-defined values include:
 - Development
 - Staging
 - Production (default if none specified)
- Typically set using the ASPNETCORE_ENVIRONMENT environment variable
- Can also be configured via launchSettings.json

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Application Architecture

Middleware

- ASP.NET uses a modular request processing pipeline
- The pipeline is composed of middleware components
- Each middleware component is responsible for invoking the next component in the pipeline or short-circuiting the chain
- Examples of middleware include...
 - Request routing
 - Handling of static files
 - User authentication
 - Response caching
 - Error handling

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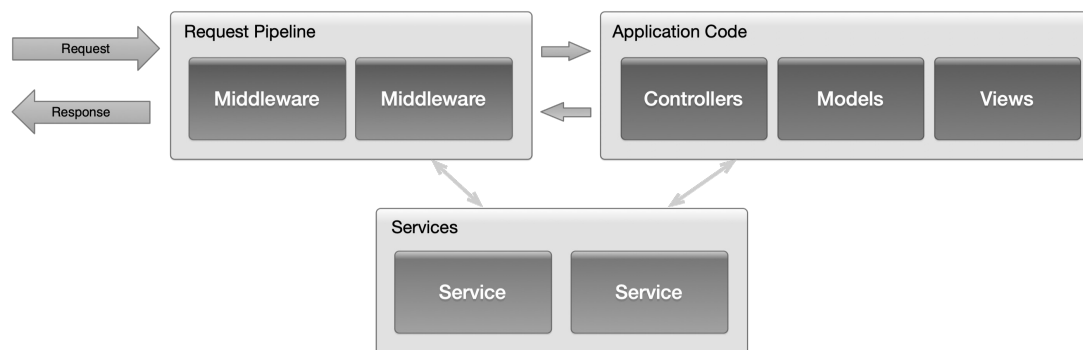
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Services

- ASP.NET Core also includes the concept of services
- Services are components that are available throughout an application via dependency injection
- An example of a service would be a component that accesses a database or sends an email message

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Application Architecture



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Introduction to Blazor

- Overview
- Components
- Hosting Models
- Blazor Server
- Blazor WebAssembly
- Supported Platforms

Introduction to Blazor

Overview

- Blazor is a framework for building interactive client-side web UI with .NET code
- Provides an alternative to frameworks such as Angular and React

Introduction to Blazor

Overview

- Blazor apps are based on components
 - UI element such as a dialog or data entry form
 - Written using the same Razor syntax used by traditional views and Razor Pages
- Components render into an in-memory representation of the browser's Document Object Model (DOM) called a render tree
 - Used to determine what updates should be applied to the UI

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Introduction to Blazor

Components

```
@page "/counter"
<h1>Counter</h1>
<p>Current count: @currentCount</p>
<button class="btn btn-primary" @onclick="IncrementCount">Click me</button>
@code {
    int currentCount = 0;

    void IncrementCount()
    {
        currentCount++;
    }
}
```

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Introduction to Blazor

Hosting Models

- Razor Components can be used in one of two different configurations
 - Blazor WebAssembly
 - Blazor Server

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Blazor WebAssembly

- Uses the same Razor Components as Blazor Server but the C# code executes on the client
- Microsoft has created a version of the .NET Runtime (CLR) that is written in WebAssembly
 - Allows .NET assemblies (that contain IL code) to be downloaded and executed on the client
 - Code executes in the same browser sandbox as JavaScript
 - Does not require the user to install something ahead of time (browser extension or plug-in)

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Blazor WebAssembly

- When visiting a site that uses Blazor WebAssembly, a small JavaScript file is downloaded (blazor.webassembly.js) that...
 - Downloads the WebAssembly version of the .NET runtime (about 1 MB in size), the app, and all dependencies
- No state is maintained on the server
- .NET classes like HttpClient can be used to communicate with the server
 - Preconfigured in a new Blazor WebAssembly project

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Supported Platforms

- The user must be using a browser that supports WebAssembly
 - Firefox 52 (March 2017)
 - Chrome 57 (March 2017)
 - Edge 16 (September 2017)
 - Safari 11 (September 2017)

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Introduction to Blazor

Blazor Server

- With Blazor Server, a JavaScript file (blazor.server.js) is sent to the browser
 - Establishes a persistent connection between the browser and the server using SignalR (WebSockets)
- Message is sent to the server when events occur in the browser
- C# code in the Razor Component is executed on the server
- UI updates are sent to the browser over the SignalR connection
- JavaScript interop allows for...
 - JavaScript functions to be invoked from C#
 - C# code to be triggered from JavaScript

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Blazor Server

- Blazor Server does maintain state information for each connected user
- Scalability of the application is therefore limited by available memory on the server
- Scalability varies based on the application
 - Each circuit uses approximately 250 KB of memory for a minimal Hello World-style app

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Blazor Server

- State associated with each client is referred to as a circuit
- Circuits are not tied to a specific network connection
- Makes it possible to tolerate temporary network interruptions and attempts by the client to reconnect to the server

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Blazor Server

- Each browser screen (window or tab) requires a separate circuit
- Closing a tab or navigating to an external URL is a graceful termination
 - Server resources are released immediately
- For a non-graceful termination, resources are retained for a configurable length of time

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Introduction to Blazor

Blazor Server vs. Blazor WebAssembly

- Blazor Server
 - Complete .NET API compatibility
 - Direct access to server and network resources
 - Fast initial load time
- Blazor WebAssembly
 - Offline capability
 - Static site hosting
 - Access to native client capabilities
 - Low latency interactions

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Blazor Server Application

- Hosting Blazor Server
- Client-Side Routing
- Layout Components
- Configuration
- Dependency Injection
- Logging
- Error Handling

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Blazor Server Application

Hosting Blazor Server

- Blazor Server uses ASP.NET Core SignalR to communicate with the browser
- Blazor works best when using WebSockets as the SignalR transport
- Long Polling is used by SignalR when WebSockets isn't available
 - Typically caused by a VPN or proxy blocking the connection
 - Blazor Server emits a warning if it detects Long Polling must be used

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Blazor Application Component

Client-Side Routing

- A single HTML page is initially loaded by the browser
 - Loads the framework components and the App component
- App component includes the client-side Router component
 - Intercepts relative URL requests and loads the component with a matching route (@page directive)
 - <base> element must be modified if the host page is not located at the root of the site

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Blazor Application Component

Client-Side Routing

- Components that can be loaded via the routing system (and include a `@page` directive) are typically placed in the Pages folder
- Components that are used by other components but cannot be navigated to directly are typically placed in the Shared folder

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Blazor Application Component

Layout Components

- App component typically specifies a default layout
 - Defines common content (e.g., navigation menu)
- Other component content is loaded into a location specified by the layout (`@Body`)

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Blazor Server Application

Configuration

- Before ASP.NET Core, application settings were typically stored in an application's web.config file
- ASP.NET Core introduced a completely new configuration infrastructure
- Based on key-value pairs gathered by a collection of configuration providers that read from a variety of different configuration sources

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Blazor Server Application

Configuration

- Available configuration sources include:
 - Files (INI, JSON, and XML)
 - System environment variables
 - Command-line arguments
 - In-memory .NET objects
 - Azure Key Vault
 - Custom sources

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Blazor Server Application

Configuration

- The default WebApplicationBuilder adds providers to read settings (in the order shown) from:
 - appsettings.json
 - appsettings.{Environment}.json
 - User secrets
 - System environment variables
 - Command-line arguments
- Values read later override ones read earlier

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Blazor Server Application

Configuration

- The configuration API provides the ability to read from the constructed collection of name-value pairs
- An object of type IConfiguration is available to be used via dependency injection

```
public class HomeController : ControllerBase
{
    public HomeController(IConfiguration configuration)
    {
        _emailServer = configuration["EmailServer"];
    }
}
```

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Blazor Server Application

Configuration

- Hierarchical data is read as a single key with components separated by a colon

```
{
  "Email": {
    "Server": "gmail.com",
    "Username": "admin"
  }
}
```

```
public class HomeController
{
  public HomeController(IConfiguration configuration)
  {
    _emailServer = configuration["Email:Server"];
  }
}
```

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Blazor Server Application

Configuration

- The options pattern can be used to provide configuration information to other components within your application as strongly-typed objects via dependency injection

```
public class EmailOptions
{
  public string Server { get; set; }
  public string Username { get; set; }
}
```

```
builder.Services.Configure<EmailOptions>(Configuration.GetSection("Email"));
```

```
public HomeController(IOptions<EmailOptions> emailOptions)
{
  _emailOptions = emailOptions;
}
```

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- Services are components that are available throughout an application via dependency injection
- The lifetime of a service for a traditional ASP.NET Core application can be...
 - Singleton (one instance per application)
 - Scoped (one instance per web request)
 - Transient (new instance each time component requested)
- An example of a service would be a component that accesses a database or sends an email message

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- Services are typically added via extension methods available on IServiceCollection

```
builder.Services.AddDbContext<ApplicationDbContext>(...);  
builder.Services.AddScoped<IEmailSender, MyEmailSender>();  
builder.Services.AddScoped<ISmsSender, MySmsSender>();
```

- Most methods include the service lifetime as part of the method name (e.g., AddScoped)
- The AddDbContext method is a custom method specifically for adding an Entity Framework DbContext type as a service

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- Services are available throughout the application via dependency injection
- A common practice is to follow the Explicit Dependencies Principle
 - Controllers include all required services as constructor parameters
 - System will provide an instance or throw an exception if the type cannot be resolved via the DI system

```
public class ProductController : ControllerBase
{
    public ProductController(IEmailSender emailSender) {
        ...
    }
}
```

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- Razor components typically use the @inject directive

```
@page "/fetchdata"
<PageTitle>Weather forecast</PageTitle>
@using MyBlazorServerApp.Data
@inject WeatherForecastService ForecastService
```

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- A service can receive other services via DI
- When DI creates the service, it recognizes the services it requires in the constructor and provides them

```
using System.Net.Http;  
  
public class DataAccess : IDataAccess  
{  
    public DataAccess(HttpClient http)  
    {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- In Blazor Server apps, the concept of a request is different
- Scoped services aren't reconstructed when navigating among components on the client
 - Communication takes place over the SignalR connection of the user's circuit, not via HTTP requests
- Transient service instances can live longer than expected since components can be long-lived

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Application Configuration

Dependency Injection

- Care must be taken when using a service instance that isn't thread safe and designed for concurrent use
 - Prominent example is Entity Framework's DbContext
- A good approach is to use one instance per operation
- Register a factory object as a service
 - Use the factory to obtain an instance when needed

```
@inject IDbContextFactory<ECommContext> DbFactory;  
  
private async Task DeleteContactAsync()  
{  
    using var context = DbFactory.CreateDbContext();  
    ...  
}
```

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Application Configuration

Logging

- ASP.NET Core has a logging API that works with a variety of logging providers
- Built-in providers allow you to log to the console and the Visual Studio Debug window
- Other 3rd-party logging frameworks can be used to provide many other logging options
 - Serilog
 - NLog
 - Log4Net
 - Loggr
 - elmah.io

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Application Configuration

Logging

- The list of logging providers can be configured when configuring the host
- Any component that wants to use logging can request an `ILogger<T>` as a dependency

```
public class ProductController : Controller
{
    public ProductController(IRepository repository,
        ILogger<ProductController> logger) { }
}
```

```
@page "/counter"
@Inject ILogger<Counter> logger
```

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Application Configuration

Logging

- `ILogger` defines a set of extension methods for different verbosity levels
 - Trace (most detailed)
 - Debug
 - Information
 - Warning
 - Error
 - Critical

```
_logger.LogInformation("About to save department {0}", id);
```

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Application Configuration

Logging

- The highest verbosity level written to the log is typically set in via application configuration

```
"Logging": {  
  "LogLevel": {  
    "Default": "Debug",  
    "System": "Information",  
    "Microsoft": "Information"  
  }  
}
```

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Application Configuration

Logging

- Serilog has become a popular choice for ASP.NET Core
 - Wide variety of destinations and formats
 - Can record structured event data

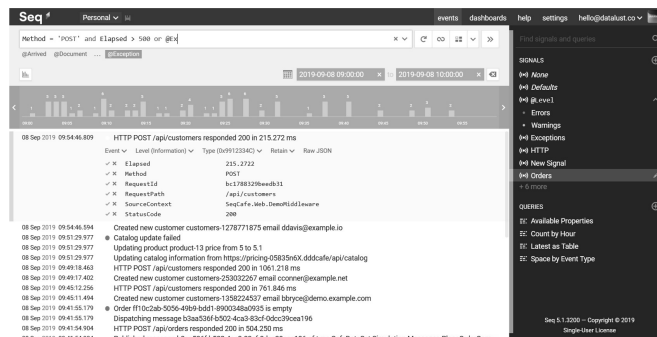
github.com/serilog/serilog-aspnetcore

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Application Configuration

Logging

- In many ASP.NET Core applications, the log data needs to be off-host and centralized (e.g., load-balanced environment)
- Seq is an open-source server that can accept logs via HTTP
 - Integrates with .NET Core, Java, Node.js, Python, Ruby, Go, Docker, and more



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Application Configuration

Logging

- The logging framework(s) that you decide to use should not change how you write to the log (ILogger)
 - The only code that changes is in Program.cs

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Application Configuration

Error Handling

- When an error occurs, Blazor apps display a yellow bar at the bottom of the screen
- In a Blazor Server app, customize the experience in the Pages/_Layout.cshtml file

```
<div id="blazor-error-ui">
  <environment include="Staging,Production">
    An error has occurred...
  </environment>
  <environment include="Development">
    An unhandled exception has occurred...
  </environment>
  <a href="" class="reload">Reload</a>
  <a class="dismiss">✕</a>
</div>
```

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Application Configuration

Error Handling

- Client-side errors don't include the call stack and don't provide detail on the cause of the error
- During development, circuit error information can be made available to the client by enabling detailed errors

```
{
  "DetailedErrors": true,
  "Logging": {
    "LogLevel": {
      "Default": "Information",
      "Microsoft": "Warning",
      "Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime": "Information",
      "Microsoft.AspNetCore.SignalR": "Debug"
    }
  }
}
```

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Application Configuration

Error Handling

- Blazor treats most unhandled exceptions as fatal to the circuit where they occur
 - Could otherwise leave the circuit in an undefined state
- Will require the user to reload the page to create a new circuit

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Application Configuration

Error Handling

- For Blazor apps, you cannot use a middleware component in the request pipeline for global error handling
- Error boundaries provide a convenient approach for handling exceptions
 - Renders its child content when an error hasn't occurred
 - Renders error UI when an unhandled exception is thrown

```
<ErrorBoundary>  
  <ChildContent>  
    @Body  
  </ChildContent>  
  <ErrorContent>  
    <p class="errorUI">Nothing to see here right now. Sorry!</p>  
  </ErrorContent>  
</ErrorBoundary>
```

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Data Binding

- Razor
- One-Way Data Binding
- Attribute Binding
- Event Handling
- Two-Way Data Binding
- Default Actions
- Change Detection

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Data Binding

Razor

- Components use Razor to define a mix of HTML markup and C# code
- @code section can be used within a Razor file or code can be placed in a separate file by using a partial class
- Fields, properties, and methods defined in C# are available to be used within the markup
- Properties of a component can be set by another component if the [Parameter] attribute is used

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Data Binding

One-Way Data Binding

- Data that flows from the component to the DOM
- Events in the DOM that trigger code to execute

```
<p>Current count: @currentCount</p>
<button class="btn btn-primary" @onclick="IncrementCount">Click me</button>

@code {
    int currentCount = 0;

    void IncrementCount()
    {
        currentCount++;
    }
}
```

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Data Binding

Attribute Binding

- The value of an HTML element attribute can also be set with data binding

```
<span class="@BackgroundColor">@currentCount</span>
```

- If bound to a Boolean expression, Blazor will hide the attribute if the value evaluates to false

```
<button class="btn btn-primary"
        disabled="@ (currentCount > 10)"
        @onclick="IncrementCount">
```

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Data Binding

Event Handling

- Event handlers use the @on<event> syntax
- Can use a member method or a lambda function

```
@onclick="@(() => currentCount++)">Click me</button>
```

- Invocation will cause Blazor to update the UI with the latest values
- An event handler can accept An EventArgs type
 - Specific type depends on the event

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Data Binding

Two-Way Data Binding

- DOM will be updated when the component value changes
- Component value will also be updated when the DOM changes
- Could be accomplished by using two one-way bindings

```
<input value="@increment"  
  @onchange="@((ChangeEventArgs e)  
    => increment = int.Parse($"{e.Value}"))" />
```

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Data Binding

Two-Way Data Binding

- The @bind syntax can be used to achieve two-way binding
- Tied to the onchange event by default
- A different triggering event can be specified

```
<input @bind="@increment" @bind:event="oninput" />
```

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Data Binding

Default Actions

- When attaching to an event in Blazor, the browser's default action will still trigger
- This can be explicitly (or conditionally) prevented

```
<input @bind="@increment"  
      @onkeypress="KeyHandler"  
      @onkeypress:preventDefault />
```

```
<input @bind="@increment"  
      @onkeypress="KeyHandler"  
      @onkeypress:preventDefault="@shouldPreventDefault" />
```

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Data Binding

Change Detection

- When a DOM event triggers code, Blazor assumes values may have been modified
 - Automatically refreshes the UI
- Sometimes, you will need to explicitly tell Blazor to refresh the UI
 - An example is when a background thread updates a field
- Call the `StateHasChanged` method of the Component base class

```
var timer = new System.Threading.Timer(  
    callback: _ => { IncrementCount(); StateHasChanged(); },
```

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Models

- Introduction
- Asynchronous Data Access
- Object-Relational Mapping
- Entity Framework Core
- Dapper ORM

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Models

Introduction

- Models represent "real world" objects the user is interacting with
- Entities are the objects used during Object-Relational Mapping and provide a way to obtain and persist model data
- The term Data Transfer Object (DTO) is often used to describe an object that carries data between different processes or subsystems
 - A single DTO may contain multiple different entities, exclude some entity properties, or use different property names
 - In a Web API application, the object that get serialized into JSON is often a DTO

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Models

Asynchronous Data Access

- When performing IO-bound operations (database access, web service calls, etc.), it is a best practice to perform that work asynchronously
- Allows for the efficient use of thread resources
 - Thread pool threads can be used to handle other incoming requests while the IO-bound operation is in progress
 - Improves the scalability of a web application

```
public async Task<IEnumerable<Product>> GetAllProducts()  
{  
    return await _repository.GetProductsAsync();  
}
```

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Models

Object-Relational Mapping

- If a data access component communicates with a relational database, a necessary task will be to convert between relational data and C# objects
- This can be done manually by with ADO.NET, or several frameworks exist that can help with this task
 - Entity Framework Core
 - Dapper (3rd-party micro-ORM)
 - AutoMapper (mapping one object to another)

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- Modeling based on POCO entities
- Data annotations
- Relationships
- Change tracking
- LINQ support
- Built-in support for SQL Server and Sqlite (3rd-party support for Postgres, MySQL, and Oracle)

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- By creating a subclass of DbContext, EF Core can populate your entity objects and persist changes

```
public class ECommContext : DbContext
{
    public DbSet<Product> Products { get; set; }
}
```

- The DbContext can be used to create a new database based on the definition of your model objects or it can work with a database that already exists (as we will do)
- The Migrations feature of EF Core can be used to incrementally apply schema changes to a database (beyond the scope of this course)

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- EF Core will make certain assumptions about your database schema based on your entity objects
- For example, EF Core will assume the database table names will match the name of each DbSet property

```
public class ECommContext : DbContext
{
    public DbSet<Product> Products { get; set; }
}
```

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- To specify different mappings, you can use data annotations on your entities or use EF's fluent API

```
[Table("Product")]
public class Product
{
    [Column("Name")]
    public string ProductName { get; set; }
}
```

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
    modelBuilder.Entity<Product>().ToTable("Product");

    modelBuilder.Entity<Product>().Property(p => p.ProductName)
        .HasColumnName("Name");
}
```

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- Objects retrieved from the context are automatically tracked for changes
- Those changes can be persisted with a call to SaveChanges

```
Product product = _context.Products(p => p.Id == id);
product.ProductName = "Something else";
_context.SaveChanges();
```

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- EF Core will not automatically load related entities
- The Include method can be used to perform "eager loading" of one or more related entities

```
_dbContext.Products.Include(p => p.Supplier)
    .SingleOrDefault(p => p.Id == id);
```

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- EF Core sends the SQL it generates to the logging system when executed
- Interception API can also be used to obtain or modify the SQL

```
public class HintCommandInterceptor : DbCommandInterceptor
{
    public override InterceptionResult ReaderExecuting(DbCommand command,
        CommandEventData eventData, InterceptionResult result)
    {
        command.CommandText += " OPTION (OPTIMIZE FOR UNKNOWN)";
        return result;
    }
}
```

```
services.AddDbContext(b => b.UseSqlServer(connStr)
    .AddInterceptors(new HintCommandInterceptor()));
```

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- EF Core can also be used to execute custom SQL or call a stored procedure

```
var products = context.Products
    .FromSqlRaw("SELECT * FROM dbo.Products")
    .ToList();
```

```
var product = context.Products
    .FromSqlRaw("EXECUTE dbo.GetProduct {0}", id)
    .SingleOrDefault();
```

- In the example above, EF Core uses an ADO.NET parameterized query and SQL injection is not a concern
 - Still an issue if the entire string is constructed first and then passed to FromSqlRaw

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- The entity classes can be defined manually, or the code for them can be automatically generated
 - CLI tools
 - Package Manager Console tools in Visual Studio

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Models

Entity Framework Core

- EF Core is a large topic and in-depth coverage is beyond the scope of this course
 - Inheritance
 - Shadow Properties
 - Cascading Updates and Deletes
 - Transactions
 - Concurrency Conflicts
 - Migrations

docs.microsoft.com/en-us/ef/core/

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Models

Dapper ORM

- Dapper is an open-source ORM framework that has become a very popular alternative to Entity Framework

github.com/StackExchange/Dapper

- Has less features than EF but provides a good high-performance "middle-ground" between ADO.NET and EF
- Dapper is not specifically covered in this course

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- NavigationManager
- Accepting User Input
- Validation

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Razor Component Forms

Route Parameters

- When a component needs information about what to display, a route parameter can be used to set a component parameter

```
@page "/edit/{id}"
```

```
@code {  
    [Parameter]  
    public string? Id { get; set; }  
}
```

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Razor Component Forms

Route Parameters

- A route parameter can be marked as optional
- You can provide a default value in OnInitilaized

```
@page "/welcome/{name?}"
```

```
@code {  
    [Parameter]  
    public string? Name { get; set; }  
  
    protected override void OnInitialized()  
    {  
        Name = Name ?? "Guest";  
    }  
}
```

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Razor Component Forms

NavigationManager

- The Blazor Router component automatically handles standard navigation elements (e.g., links)
- When you need to handle navigation tasks programmatically, the NavigationManager object provides helpful events and methods
 - Available to a component via dependency injection

```
@inject NavigationManager NavigationManager
```

```
private void EditProduct(int id)  
{  
    NavigationManager.NavigateTo($"edit/{id}");  
}
```

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Razor Component Forms

Accepting User Input

- When creating a component for accepting user input, standard HTML `<input>` elements are typically used
 - `@bind` attribute used to connect value to component field
- An HTML `<form>` element does not need to be used
 - onclick binding on a button can trigger client-side code to make navigation decisions
 - However, using the `EditForm` component can make validation tasks easier

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Razor Component Forms

Validation

- You can implement client-side validation in a manual way via events and data binding
- You can also use the `EditForm` component bound to a model that uses data annotations
 - `Required`, `EmailAddress`, `MaxLength`, `RegularExpression`, ...
- `DataAnnotationsValidator` component can be used to provide user feedback

```
<EditForm Model="@product" OnValidSubmit="SaveProduct">  
<DataAnnotationsValidator />
```

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Razor Component Forms

Validation

- The ValidationMessage component can be used to display the text of the error message from a data annotation

```
<InputText id="ProductName" @bind-Value="@product.ProductName" />  
<ValidationMessage For="@(() => product.ProductName)" />
```

- Visual styles are defined via CSS

```
.valid.modified:not([type=checkbox]) {  
    outline: 1px solid #26b050;  
}  
.invalid {  
    outline: 1px solid red;  
}  
.validation-message {  
    color: red;  
}
```

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Razor Component Forms

Validation

- The EditForm provides callbacks for handling form submissions
 - OnValidSubmit
 - OnInvalidSubmit
 - OnSubmit

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Comprehensive Blazor Server

Custom Components

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- Two-Way Data Binding Between Components
- Cascading Parameters

Custom Components

Introduction

- It is very common to create reusable shared custom components in a Blazor app
- Components in the Shared folder can easily be used by other components
 - Do not include a @page directive

Custom Components

Child Content

- A custom component may be used to wrap content that is provided to it
- This is commonly done by providing a component parameter named `ChildContent` of type `RenderFragment`

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Custom Components

Two-Way Data Binding Between Components

- A property of a component can be bound to the property of a child component with `@bind-[property]`

```
<Alert @bind-Show="ShowAlert">
```

- Child component must implement a property that the parent can use to listen for changes
 - Must use the naming convention of `[property]Changed`
 - Can be of type `Action<propertyType>`
 - Invoke the action when the property changes

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Custom Components

Two-Way Data Binding Between Components

- Remember that a component will automatically re-render itself when an event handler is triggered but not when a bound property changes in another way (async operation)

```
StateHasChanged();
```

- Using an `EventCallback<T>` instead of an `Action<T>` will cause Blazor to see a property change as an event
 - Will invoke `StateHasChanged`

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Custom Components

Cascading Parameters

- Data binding makes it easy for a parent component to pass data to a child component
- Simple data binding can be cumbersome when a parent needs to make data available to a more deeply nested component
- The `CascadingValue` component can be used to wrap a component hierarchy and supply a value to all the components within its subtree

```
<CascadingValue Value="@Msg">  
  <div class="content px-4">  
    @Body  
  </div>  
</CascadingValue>
```

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Custom Components

Cascading Parameters

- CascadingParameter attribute used by a child component to access the value

```
[CascadingParameter]  
public string Msg { get; set; } = string.Empty;
```

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Comprehensive Blazor Server

Security and Identity

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- Blazor Server Authentication
- State Management
- Blazor Authorization
- JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

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Security and Identity

Overview

- Security scenarios differ between Blazor Server and Blazor WebAssembly apps
- Blazor WebAssembly apps run on the client
 - Authorization is only used to customize the UI
 - Cannot be used to enforce authorization access rules
- Blazor Server apps run on the server
 - Authorization checks can be used to customize the UI
 - Access rules for areas of the app and components can be enforced

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Security and Identity

Blazor Server Authentication

- Authentication is handled when the SignalR connection is established
 - Can be based on a cookie or some other bearer token
- An AuthenticationStateProvider obtains authentication state data from ASP.NET Core's HttpContext.User
 - Used by AuthorizeView and CascadingAuthenticationState components

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Security and Identity

State Management

- A Blazor Server app maintains state for a user in server memory that is associated with a circuit
- If a user experiences a temporary network connection loss, Blazor attempts to connect the user to their original circuit with their original state
- When a user can't be reconnected to their original circuit, the user receives a new circuit with an empty state
- To preserve state across circuits, the app must persist the data to some other storage location

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Security and Identity

State Management

- Different locations can be used for persisting state
 - Server-side storage
 - URL
 - Browser storage
 - In-memory state container service

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Security and Identity

State Management

- For browser storage, two options exist
 - localStorage – Can persist across browser sessions
 - sessionStorage – State persists across reloads but not if the current tab is closed
- ASP.NET Core Protected Browser Storage uses ASP.NET Core Data Protection in combination with localStorage and sessionStorage

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Security and Identity

Blazor Authorization

- Using an AuthorizeRouteView instead of a RouteView in App.razor will make it easy to add authorization rules to pages
 - NotAuthorized component can be used to provide custom content when the user is not authorized
- Wrapping the Router component in a CascadingAuthenticationState component makes it easy to obtain information about the authentication state at any time
 - Accessed via the context property

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Security and Identity

Blazor Authorization

- Different content can be displayed based on the authentication state with the `AuthorizeView` component

```
<AuthorizeView>
  <Authorized>
    <p>You are authorized!</p>
  </Authorized>
  <NotAuthorized>
    <p>You are not authorized</p>
  </NotAuthorized>
</AuthorizeView>
```

```
<AuthorizeView Roles="Admin">
  ...
</AuthorizeView>
```

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Security and Identity

Blazor Authorization

- An app can require authorization across the entire app by adding the `[Authorize]` attribute to the `_Imports.razor` file

```
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authorization
@attribute [Authorize]
```

```
@attribute [Authorize(Roles="Admin")]
```

- The authentication component should be sure to allow anonymous access

```
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Components.WebAssembly.Authentication
@attribute [AllowAnonymous]
```

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Security and Identity

Blazor Authentication

- The authentication component will often redirect the user to an authorization endpoint (identity provider) outside of the app
 - Will include a login callback to receive the response
- The IP will generate a token and redirect the user to the provided login callback
- The app will process the callback
 - Store the access token in local storage
 - Notify the ApplicationStateProvider

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- JSON Web Token (JWT) is an open, industry standard (RFC 7519) method for representing claims security between two parties
- Claims can be verified and trusted because the token is digitally signed
 - Using a shared secret (HMAC) or with a public/private key pair
- Tokens can be encrypted but typically do not need to be

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- The token header specifies the type of the token and the signing algorithm being used

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

- The header is Base64Url encoded and forms the first part of the JWT

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- The second part of the token is the payload which contains the claims
- There are a set of predefined claims which are not mandatory but are recommended
 - iss: Issuer
 - exp: Expiration time
 - sub: Subject
 - Unique identifier of the authenticated entity
 - aud: Audience
 - Identifies the recipients that the JWT is intended for

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- The third part of the token is the signature
- Generated using the encoded header, encoded payload, a secret, and the algorithm specified in the header
- Ensures that the token has not been altered
- A secure pre-shared secret can provide verification of a known issuing authority
- The issuing authority's public key can be used to perform verification if signed with the authority's private key

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- The token issuing server can be an external identity provider (Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft, etc.) or you can create your own using ASP.NET Core
- To work with JWTs, add the `Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authentication.JwtBearer` package
- If creating your own token issuing server, it may be a good idea to use a third-party library to handle many of the security-related details
 - `IdentityServer`

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- If acting as a token issuing authority, you will need to generate the token with the appropriate claims

```
var key = new SymetricSecurityKey(
    Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(_configuration["jwt_key"].Value);

var creds = new SigningCredentials(
    key, SecurityAlgorithms.HmacSha512Signature);

var token = new JwtSecurityToken(
    claims: claims,
    expires: DateTime.Now.AddDays(1),
    signingCredentials: creds);

return new JwtSecurityTokenHandler().WriteToken(token);
```

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- To authenticate, you will need to configure the authentication service and middleware

```
services.AddAuthentication(JwtBearerDefaults.AuthenticationScheme)
    .AddJwtBarer(options => {
        options.TokenValidationParameters = new TokenValidationParameters
        {
            ValidateIssuerSigningKey = true,
            IssuerSigningKey = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(_config["jwt_key"].Value),
            ValidateIssuer = true,
            ValidateAudience = true,
            ValidateLifetime = true
        };
    });
```

```
app.UseAuthentication();
app.UseAuthorization();
```

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Security and Identity

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- Blazor app may need to pass the access token as an HTTP header when making external API calls

```
_httpClient.DefaultRequestHeaders.Authorization =  
    new AuthenticationHeaderValue("Bearer", token);
```

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JavaScript Interop

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- Call .NET from JavaScript

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JavaScript Interop

Overview

- A Blazor app can invoke JavaScript functions from .NET code and JavaScript code can invoke .NET functions
- Use caution when mutating the DOM from JavaScript
 - Undefined behavior can occur if the state of the DOM no longer matches Blazor's internal representation
- JS interop calls are asynchronous by default to ensure compatibility across both Blazor hosting models
 - For Blazor Server, calls are sent over a network connection

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JavaScript Interop

JavaScript Initializers

- It is easy to define JavaScript code that will be automatically triggered by Blazor lifecycle events
- Create a JavaScript file in the wwwroot named [assembly].lib.module.js

```
export function beforeStart(options, extensions) {  
    console.log("beforeStart");  
}  
  
export function afterStarted(blazor) {  
    console.log("afterStarted");  
}
```

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JavaScript Interop

Location of JavaScript

- External JavaScript files that will be used throughout an app should be loaded after the Blazor script reference in the host page

```
<script src="_framework/blazor.webassembly.js"></script>  
<script src="js/site.js"></script>  
</body>
```

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JavaScript Interop

Location of JavaScript

- JavaScript that is only used by a specific component can be colocated with the component
- Use the filename of the component with .js appended
 - When published, the script will be moved to the web root
- Import the JavaScript file in the OnAfterRenderAsync method

```
module = await JS.InvokeAsync<IJSObjectReference>(  
    "import", "../Pages/Index.razor.js");
```

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JavaScript Interop

Call JavaScript from .NET

- To call JavaScript from .NET, an IJSRuntime instance is required
- Use dependency injection to obtain the IJSRuntime

```
@page "/fetchdata"  
@inject IJSRuntime JS
```

- App-level JavaScript functions will be available directly via the IJSRuntime

```
await JS.InvokeVoidAsync("doSomething", someVal);
```

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JavaScript Interop

Call JavaScript from .NET

- For component collocated JavaScript, use an IJSObjectReference that gets set in OnAfterRenderAsync

```
private IJSObjectReference? module;  
  
protected override async Task OnAfterRenderAsync(bool firstRender)  
{  
    if (firstRender) {  
        module = await JS.InvokeAsync<IJSObjectReference>("import",  
            "./Pages/Index.razor.js ");  
    }  
}
```

```
await module.InvokeAsync<string>("doSomething", someValue);
```

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JavaScript Interop

Call .NET from JavaScript

- To invoke a static .NET method from JavaScript, use `DotNet.invokeMethod` or `DotNet.invokeMethodAsync`

```
DotNet.invokeMethodAsync('{ASSEMBLY NAME}',  
    '{.NET METHOD ID}', {ARGUMENTS});
```

- The .NET method must be public, static, and have the `[JSInvokable]` attribute

```
[JSInvokable]  
public static Task<int[]> ReturnArrayAsync()  
{  
    return Task.FromResult(new int[] { 1, 2, 3 });  
}
```

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JavaScript Interop

Call .NET from JavaScript

```
<button onclick="returnArrayAsync()">  
    Trigger .NET static method  
</button>
```

```
<script>  
    window.returnArrayAsync = () => {  
        DotNet.invokeMethodAsync('MyBlazorApp', 'ReturnArrayAsync')  
            .then(data => {  
                console.log(data);  
            });  
    };  
</script>
```

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JavaScript Interop

Call .NET from JavaScript

- To invoke an instance .NET method, a `DotNetObjectReference` is used

```
@code {
    private DotNetObjectReference<FetchData>? dotNetProxy;

    public async Task TriggerDotNetInstanceMethod()
    {
        dotNetProxy = DotNetObjectReference.Create(this);
        result = await JS.InvokeAsync<string>("sayHello", dotNetProxy);
    }

    [JSInvokable]
    public string GetHelloMessage() => $"Hello, {name}!";

    public void Dispose()
    {
        dotNetProxy?.Dispose();
    }
}
```

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JavaScript Interop

Call .NET from JavaScript

- To invoke an instance .NET method, a `DotNetObjectReference` must be used

```
<script>
    window.sayHello = (dotNetProxy) => {
        return dotNetProxy.invokeMethodAsync('GetHelloMessage');
    };
</script>
```

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Testing

- Introduction
- Unit Testing
- xUnit
- Testing Server-Side Controllers
- Testing Blazor Components
- Integration Testing

Testing

Introduction

- Testing your code for accuracy and errors is at the core of good software development
- Testability and a loosely-coupled design go hand-in-hand
- Even if not writing tests, keeping testability in mind helps to create more flexible, maintainable software

Testing

Introduction

- Unit testing
 - Test individual software components or methods
- Integration testing
 - Ensure that an application's components function correctly when assembled together

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Testing

Unit Testing

- A unit test is an automated piece of code that involves the unit of work being tested, and then checks some assumptions about a noticeable end result of that unit

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Testing

Unit Testing

- A unit of work is the sum of actions that take place between the invocation of a public method in the system and a single noticeable end result by a test of that system
- A noticeable end result can be observed without looking at the internal state of the system and only through its public API
 - Public method returns a value
 - Noticeable change to the behavior of the system without interrogating private state
 - Callout to a third-party system over which the test has no control

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Testing

Unit Testing

- Good unit tests are...
 - Automated and repeatable
 - Easy to implement
 - Relevant tomorrow
 - Easy to run
 - Run quickly
 - Consistent in its results
 - Fully isolated (runs independently of other test)

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Testing

Unit Testing

- A unit test is typically composed of three main actions
 - Arrange objects, creating and setting them up as necessary
 - Act on the object
 - Assert that something is as expected

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Testing

Unit Testing

- Often, the object under test relies on another object over which you have no control (or doesn't work yet)
- A stub is a controllable replacement for an existing dependency in the system
 - By using a stub, you can test your code without dealing with the dependency directly
- A mock object is used to test that your object interacts with other objects correctly
 - Mock object is a fake object that decides whether the unit test has passed or failed based on how the mock object is being used by the object under test

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Testing

xUnit

- A test project is a class library with references to a test runner and the projects being tested
- Several different testing frameworks are available for .NET
 - Visual Studio includes project templates for the MSTest, xUnit, and NUnit frameworks
- xUnit has steadily been gaining in popularity both inside and outside of Microsoft

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Testing

xUnit

- Fact attribute is used to define a test that represents something that should always be true
- Theory attribute is used to define a test that represents something that should be true for a particular set of data

```
[Fact]
public void PassingTest()
{
    Assert.Equal(4, Add(2, 2));
}
```

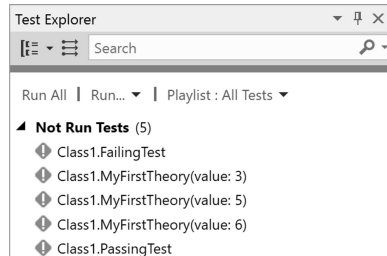
```
[Theory]
[InlineData(3)]
[InlineData(5)]
[InlineData(6)]
public void MyFirstTheory(int value)
{
    Assert.True(IsOdd(value));
}
```

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Testing

xUnit

- Tests can be run using the Visual Studio Test Explorer



- Tests can also be run by using the .NET Core command line interface

```
> dotnet test
```

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Testing

Testing Server-Side Controllers

- When looking to test a controller, ensure that all dependencies are explicit so that stubs and mocks can be used when needed
- When testing a controller action, check for things like...
 - What is the type of the response returned?
 - If a view result, what is the type of the model?
 - What does the model contain?

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Testing

Testing Blazor Components

- To write units tests for Blazor components within an xUnit project, the bUnit package can be used

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Testing

Integration Testing

- Integration tests check that an app functions correctly at a level that includes the app's supporting infrastructure
 - Request processing pipeline
 - Database
 - File system

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Testing

Integration Testing

- The Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Testing package provides a collection of components to help with integration testing
 - Test web host
 - In-memory test server
 - WebApplicationFactory