Technical Specifications Document

Greatwide Truckload Management Demo App

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https://github.com/CodeslayerJay/GreatwideAppDemo

Setup:

Step 1: Setup the database

I have included the sample AdventureWorks scripts to create and seed the database. In the folder "DBSchema\AdventureWorks". Locate the script file "instawdb.sql" and follow the instructions included in the script. Best to copy the AdventureWorks folder to your local c:\ drive as mentioned in the instructions.

*Note: Might need to turn on SQLCMD Mode under Menu -> "Query" -> SQLCMD Mode. The script is rather large so may take a few mins to execute and complete.

Connecting to the database:

The Demo Application ConnectionString points to the default database "AdventureWorks". If creating a different database name then you would have to update the Database name in appsettings.json under ConnectionStrings.

The application uses a local version of SqlLite. You may need to change your connection string so it points to your local SQL Server. You can find the connection string in "appsettings.json" under ConnectionStrings.

Additional Scripts:

Included is a script for seeind product reviews for testing average ratings, view ratings, reviews, etc on the product details page.

In SSMS open the script file "DB_ProductReviewSeeds" found in DBSchema folder. Be to have the database selected where AdventureWorks was installed and Press F5 to execute the script.

Step 2: Open solution in Visual Studio

Open the solution in Visual Studio. The archive is a downloaded copy of the github repository. It contains all the files needed to execute the application. If you get any notifications just accept each one for each project.

The default startup project should already be set to GreatwideApp.UI, if it is not then right click the project and set as Default Startup Project. Build the solution and Visual Studio will download all the required dependencies not installed. When finished execute with ctrl+f5.

Application Details

Domain/Data Model

The entities in the domain are a basic model of the database. For the purposes of this demo I have excluded all the other tables and relational data that was not required.

Architecture

The application is built on a three layer architecture approach. The domain is strictly system/c# it has no dependencies. The domain logic is encapsulated so it can be moved and re-used with any other data layer or ui layer. The data layer is labeled under "Infrastructure", this layer can include external 3rd party dependencies like smtp emailers, text message senders, packages, etc. The UI is a ASP.NET Core MVC application, that has WebAPI built in. Although the demo application makes use of MVC, there is an example API endpoint for getting products as a JSON result at: localhost:yourportnumber/api/products.

Keynotes

- -The application uses the Repository/Unit Of Work pattern. It wraps EF DbContext, but still relatively easy to change contexts since the application is decoupled using repositories/unit of work interfaces via Dependency Injection / IoC.
- -Validation is performed using FluentValidation.
- -The application uses a Specification Pattern to encapsulate business logic/rules/specifications. The model has db model configuration and validation, however the specifications are used for the domain layer. Some of the business rules used as example are taken from constraints on the AdventureWorks database object.
- -The UI design used a simple Bootstrap template for demo purposes.
- -Added additional feature/functionality to add new reviews to a product for testing purposes. This does not include the ability to delete or edit a review.
- -For simplicity most of the code for Product/ProductReview is in the same controller/service, for larger projects best practice would be to move each into separate controllers/services.
- -There is a single unit test to test for getting average rating of a product. This demonstrates unit testing, etc.
- -Enjoy the Demo! =)