

Configurations

Project creation through CLI

1. Create solution file
➔ `dotnet new sln`
2. Create a WebApi project
➔ `dotnet new webapi -o <projectName>`
3. Add project in Solution file
➔ `dotnet sln add <projectName>`
4. List projects in solution
➔ `dotnet sln list`
5. Run project
➔ `dotnet run`
➔ `dotnet run watch`

Base Controller

1. Create a base Controller and add the attributes on the base controller level.
2. Add **[ApiController]** attribute to handle the controller level validations for the correct parameter type in the payload
3. Add **[Route("api/[controller]")]** attribute to have a same URL structure for all endpoints.

Base Entity Class

1. Create a BaseEntity class as a parent class for all the entity classes.
2. This class would have the common properties that we could use in all the other entities. For example, the ID property.

public int Id {get; set;}

The primary key for all the entities would be an integer value.

3. The Entity Framework would read an Id field as a Primary Key and would auto increment the value when inserting a new record.

Data Seeding

1. Use JSON files for inserting initial values in the tables.
2. Create a **DbContextSeed{}** class with static methods to insert the records.

```
public class StoreContextSeed
{
    public static async Task SeedAsync(StoreContext context,
        ILoggerFactory loggerFactory)
    {
        try
        {
            if(!context.Entity.Any()){
                var entityData =
                File.ReadAllText("../seedEntity.json");
                var entities =
                JsonSerializer.Deserialize<List<Entity>>(entityData);

                foreach(var item in entities)
                {
                    context.Entity.Add(item);
                }
                await context.SaveChangesAsync();
            }
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            var logger = loggerFactory.CreateLogger<DbContextSeed>();
            logger.LogError(ex.Message);
        }
    }
}

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```

3. Update the **Program.cs** file and call the **SeedAsync()** method.

```
public static async Task Main(string[] args)
{
    var host = CreateHostBuilder(args).Build();
    using(var scope = host.Services.CreateScope()){
        var services = scope.ServiceProvider;
        var loggerFactory =
        services.GetRequiredService<ILoggerFactory>();
        try
        {
            {
                var context = services.GetRequiredService<DbContext>();
                await context.Database.MigrateAsync();
                await DbContextSeed.SeedAsync(context, loggerFactory);
            }
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            var logger = loggerFactory.CreateLogger<Program>();
            logger.LogError(ex, "And error occurred during migration.");
        }
    }

    host.Run();
}
```

Cleanup startup.cs class

1. Create a new Class for **Dependency Injections**.

```
public static class ApplicationServicesExtensions
{
    public static IServiceCollection AddApplicationServices(this
IServiceCollection services)
    {
        services.AddScoped<IInterface, ImplementationClass>();

        return services;
    }
}
```

The code above has a static method that is accepting and returning an **IServiceCollection**.

We have defined the services dependencies in this method.

2. Create a new class for Application Configuration in **startup.cs**.

```
public static class SwaggerServiceExtensions
{
    public static IServiceCollection AddSwaggerDocumentation(this
IServiceCollection services)
    {
        services.AddSwaggerGen(c =>
        {
            c.SwaggerDoc("v1", new OpenApiInfo { Title = "API",
Version = "v1" });
        });

        return services;
    }

    public static IApplicationBuilder UseSwaggerDocumentation(this
IApplicationBuilder app)
    {
        app.UseSwagger();
        app.UseSwaggerUI(c =>
c.SwaggerEndpoint("/swagger/v1/swagger.json", "API v1"));

        return app;
    }
}
```

The example above is having a static method for configuring the swagger with the application in **startup.cs** class.

The method above returns and accepts **IServiceCollection**.

3. Update the **startup.cs** class and call the above static methods in respective methods.

```
services.AddApplicationServices();

app.UseSwaggerDocumentation();
```

AutoMapper Configuration

1. Create new class **MappingProfile.cs** as a Helper Class.

```
public class MappingProfiles : Profile
{
    public MappingProfiles()
    {
        CreateMap<SourceEntity, DestinationEntity>();
        CreateMap<Product, ProductToReturnDto>()
            .ForMember(d => d.ProductBrand, o => o.MapFrom(s =>
s.ProductBrand.Name));
    }
}
```

2. If we want to update the value in a property of a class, then we would create a new class as a Resolver class for that entity.

```
public class ProductUrlResolver : IValueResolver<Product,
ProductToReturnDto, string>
{
    private readonly IConfiguration _config;

    public ProductUrlResolver(IConfiguration config)
    {
        _config = config;
    }

    public string Resolve(Product source, ProductToReturnDto
destination, string destMember, ResolutionContext context)
    {
        if(!string.IsNullOrEmpty(source.PictureUrl))
        {
            return _config["ApiUrl"] + source.PictureUrl;
        }

        return null;
    }
}
```

3. To call the MapperProfile methods

```
private readonly IMapper _mapper;

public ABCController(IMapper mapper)
{
    _mapper = mapper;
}

public void MethodOne()
{
    var result = _mapper.Map<SourceEntity, DestinationEntity>(input);
}
```

4. **This is Very Important.** Update the Startup.cs class and configure the AutoMapper

```
services.AddAutoMapper(typeof(MappingProfiles));
```

Exception Handling and Error Response

1. Create a Class to handle the errors. We want to send a consistent error message for all the error types. Create a new folder, **Errors**.

```
public class ApiResponse
{
    public ApiResponse(int statusCode, string message = null)
    {
        StatusCode = statusCode;
        Message = message ??
        GetDefaultMessageForStatusCode(statusCode);
    }

    public int StatusCode { get; set; }
    public string Message { get; set; }

    private string GetDefaultMessageForStatusCode(int statusCode)
    {
        return statusCode switch
        {
            400 => "A bad request, you haev made",
            401 => "Authorized, you are not",
            404 => "Resource found, it was not",
            500 => "Errors are the path to the dark side. Errors lead
to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to career change",
            _ => null
        };
    }
}
```

To call the above method we would return an **ApiResponse** object.

2. Example for using the Error Messages

```
[HttpGet]
[ProducesResponseType (StatusCodes.Status200OK)]
[ProducesResponseType (typeof(ApiResponse),
StatusCodes.Status404NotFound)]
[ProducesResponseType (typeof(ApiException),
StatusCodes.Status500InternalServerError)]
public async Task<ActionResult<IReadOnlyList<Entity>>> GetEntities()
{
    if(error)
    {
        return NotFound(new ApiResponse(404));
    }

    return null;
}
```

3. If we want to return more information in case of an Exception, we would create a new class, which would inherit ApiResponse class.

```
public class ApiException : ApiResponse
{
    public ApiException(int statusCode,
                        string message = null,
                        string details = null)
        : base(statusCode, message)
    {
        Details = details;
    }

    public string Details { get; set; }
}
```

In point 2 where we are defining the Server500Exception we are returning the **ApiException** type of response, because we want more information regarding the error in that case.

4. **This a good one.** If we want to validate the API level exceptions and want to show the correct error message, we will create a new class **ApiValidationErrorResponse**.

```
public class ApiValidationErrorResponse : ApiResponse
{
    public ApiValidationErrorResponse() : base(400)
    {
    }

    public IEnumerable<string> Errors { get; set; }
}
```

To use this above class to handle the API specific errors we also need to configure the **startup.cs** class to handle such exceptions and show the desired error message.

startup.cs class configuration:

```
services.Configure<ApiBehaviorOptions>(options =>
{
    options.InvalidModelStateResponseFactory = actionContext =>
    {
        var errors = actionContext.ModelState
            .Where(e => e.Value.Errors.Count > 0)
            .SelectMany(x => x.Value.Errors)
            .Select(x => x.ErrorMessage).ToArray();

        var errorResposne = new ApiValidationErrorResponse
        {
            Errors = errors
        };

        return new BadRequestObjectResult(errorResposne);
    };
});
```

5. **This is very important.** If we want to handle the error message based on the environment, we will create a new class as a Middleware **ExceptionMiddelware.cs**. We would create a new **MiddleWare** folder for this class.

```
public class ExceptionMiddelware
{
    private readonly RequestDelegate _next;
    private readonly ILogger<ExceptionMiddelware> _logger;
    private readonly IHostEnvironment _env;

    public ExceptionMiddelware(RequestDelegate next,
                               ILogger<ExceptionMiddelware> logger,
                               IHostEnvironment env)
    {
        _next = next;
        _logger = logger;
        _env = env;
    }

    public async Task InvokeAsync(HttpContext context)
    {
        try
        {
            await _next(context);
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            _logger.LogError(ex, ex.Message);
        }
    }
}
```

```

        context.Response.ContentType = "application/json";
        context.Response.StatusCode =
(int)HttpStatusCode.InternalServerError;

        var response = _env.IsDevelopment()
            ? new
ApiException((int)HttpStatusCode.InternalServerError, ex.Message,
ex.StackTrace.ToString())
            : new
ApiException((int)HttpStatusCode.InternalServerError);

        var options = new JsonSerializerOptions{
            PropertyNamingPolicy = JsonNamingPolicy.CamelCase
        };

        var json = JsonSerializer.Serialize(response, options);

        await context.Response.WriteAsync(json);
    }
}

```

Also, update the **Startup.cs** class for the above-mentioned class.

```

public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IWebHostEnvironment env)
{
    app.UseMiddleware<ExceptionMiddelware>();
}

```

Use Sqlite Database

1. Update the **appsettings.Development.json**

```

"ConnectionStrings": {
    "DefaultConnection" : "Data source=skinet.db"
}

```

2. Update the **Startup.cs** class

```

public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddControllers();
    services.AddAutoMapper(typeof(MappingProfiles));

    services.AddDbContext<StoreContext>(x =>

        x.UseSqlite(_configuration.GetConnectionString("DefaultConnection")
        ));
}

```