Building a Canvas App with a Shopping Cart



- Caching State using Variables and Collections
- Using a Collection to Track Shopping Cart Data
- Using Patch Instead of an Edit Form
- Writing Shopping Cart Data to Back to SharePoint
- Designing Reusable Components



State Variables

Collections

- Created as tables at app scope
- Managed using Collect, Clear and ClearCollect
- Can be stored to local device using SaveData & LoadData

Context variables

- Created as primitive, record or table at screen scope
- Managed using UpdateContext and Navigate

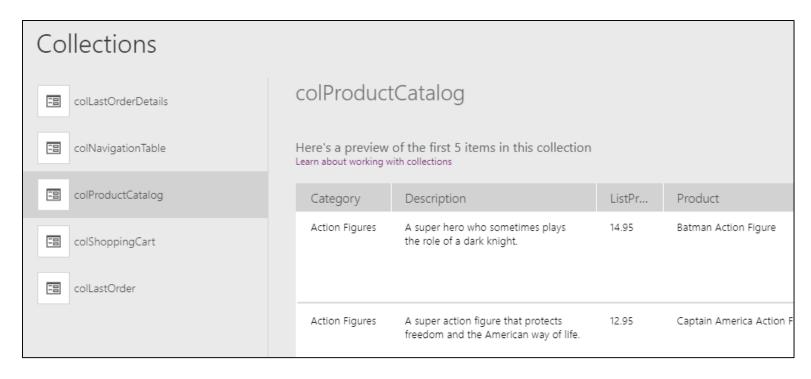
Global variables

- Created as primitive, record or table at app scope
- Created and managed using Set function

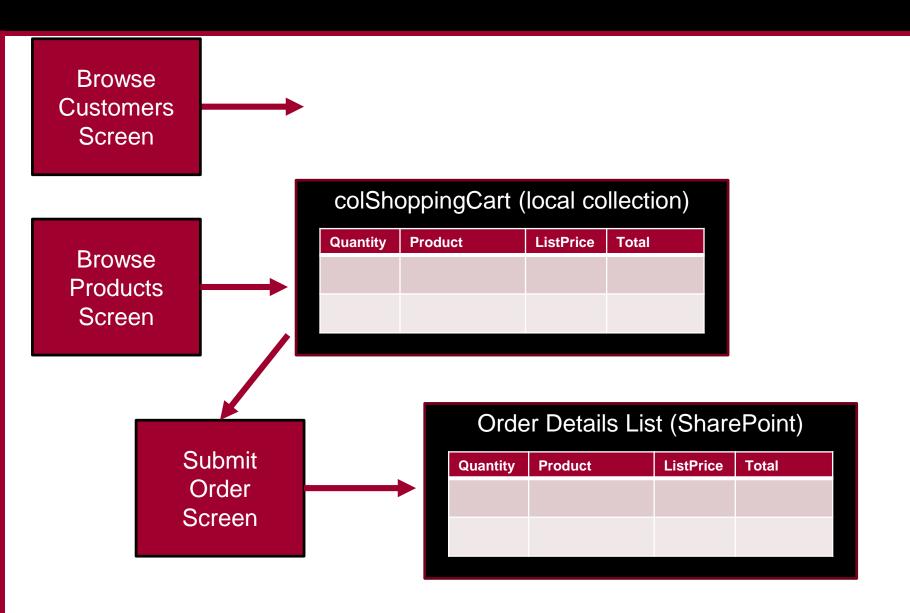


Code Naming Conventions

- Consistent naming conventions for variables & collections
 - Names should indicate type, purpose and scope
 - Collection names start with col such as colProductCatalog
 - Global variable names start with gbl such as gblCustomApiUrl
 - Context variables start with loc such as locCustomerFilter









App OnStart

- App OnStart property used to initialize state in app
 - Event provides support for initializing state in app at startup
 - Commonly used to initialize global variables and collections
 - Right-click App in left navigation to run OnStart while in editor

```
variables ⊕ Advanced
                             : Collections
  ♠ Data sources
                  Media
                                   ClearCollect(colProductCatalog, AddColumns('[dbo].[Products]',"Quantity", 1));
   OnStart
                                   ClearCollect(colNavigationTable, Table(
                                       {NavTitle: "Home", NavTarget: 'Welcome Screen'},
        Components
Screens
                                       {NavTitle: "Browse Customers", NavTarget: 'Browse Customers Screen'},
{NavTitle: "Add Customer", NavTarget: 'Add Customer Screen'},
                                       {NavTitle: "Browse Products", NavTarget: 'Browse Products Screen'}
 P App
                                   ))
  Welcome Screen
    Browse Customers Screen
                                     Format text
                                                    Remove formatting
   Add Customer Screen
```





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Updatable Collection Columns

Often helpful to add updatable column to collections





Columns updated using calls to Patch

```
Patch(colProductCatalog, galProducts.Selected, { Quantity: (ThisItem.Quantity + 1) } )

Patch(colProductCatalog, galProducts.Selected, { Quantity: (ThisItem.Quantity - 1) } )
```



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Using Patch Instead of an Edit Form

- Sometimes edit forms are not the best option
 - Patch function used to create and update records in data source

```
Patch(
    '[dbo].[Orders]',
    Defaults('[dbo].[Orders]'),
    {
        CustomerId: galCustomers.Selected.CustomerId,
        OrderAmount: Sum(
            colShoppingCart,
            Total
        ),
        OrderDate: Today()
    }
)
```

Patch function can be used with ForAll to insert multiple records



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Capturing Return Value from Patch

```
ClearCollect(
    collastOrder,
    Patch(
        '[dbo].[Orders]',
        Defaults('[dbo].[Orders]'),
            CustomerId: galCustomers.Selected.CustomerId,
            OrderAmount: Sum(
                colShoppingCart,
                Total
            OrderDate: Today()
);
ClearCollect(
    collastOrderDetails,
    ForAll(
        colShoppingCart,
        Patch(
            '[dbo].[OrderDetails]',
            Defaults('[dbo].[OrderDetails]'),
                OrderId: First(colLastOrder).OrderId,
                ProductId: ProductId,
                Quantity: Quantity,
                Total: Total
);
```

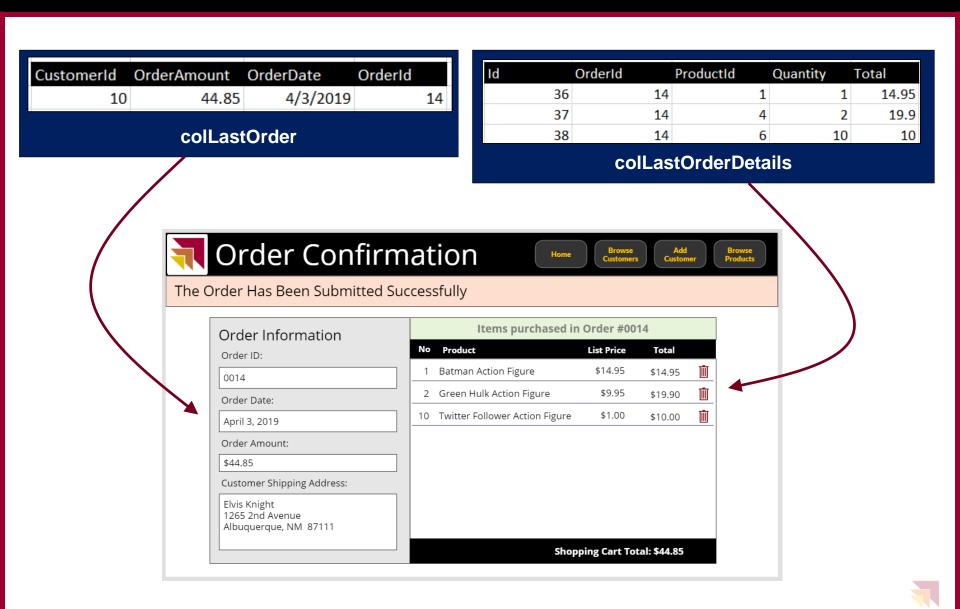
CustomerId	OrderAmount	OrderDate	OrderId			
10	44.85	4/3/2019		14		
colLastOrder						

Id	OrderId	ProductId	Quantity	Total
36	14	1	1	14.95
37	14	4	2	19.9
38	14	6	10	10

colLastOrderDetails



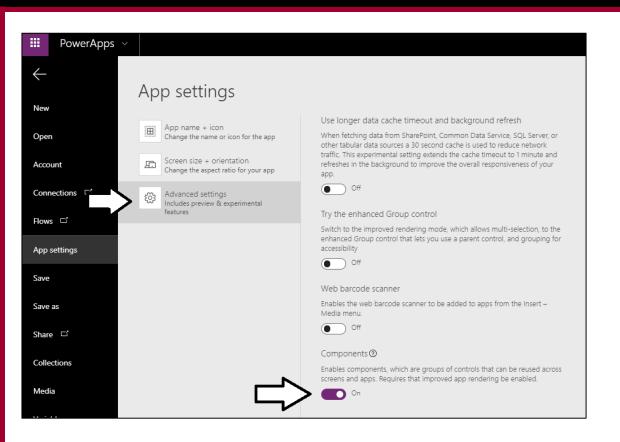
Populating UI from Cached State



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Enabling Components in a Canvas App

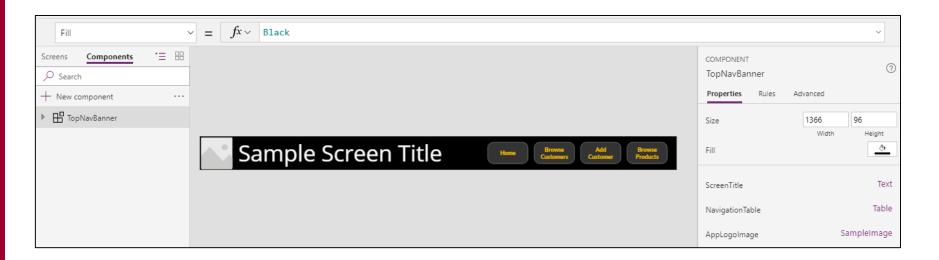


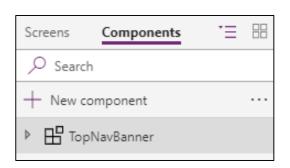


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Designing Components

- Steps to using components
 - Create new component
 - Add component properties
 - Implement component UI and behavior
 - Add component to screens in your canvas apps







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