Developing Provider-hosted Add-ins using MVC

Lab Time: 60 minutes

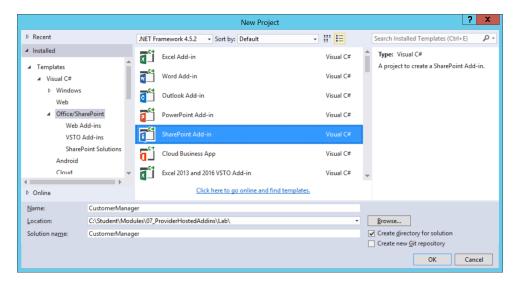
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Lab Overview: In this lab you will create a provider-hosted add-in for SharePoint Online using ASP.NET and the MVC framework. You will work with MVC controllers, views and models to implement a user interface experience as well as a scheme for managing SharePoint session state across requests. You will also use Entity Framework to create a custom database for tracking customer data. After creating the customer database, you will use the MVC scaffolding support in Visual Studio to create a strongly-typed controller class that extends your add-in with a user interface experience for viewing, creating, updating and deleting customer records.

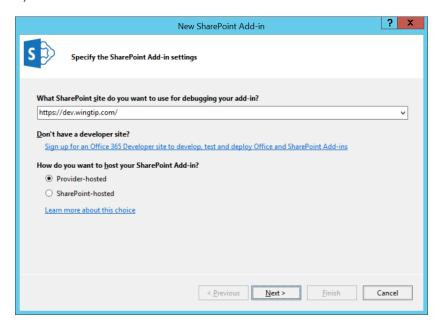
Exercise 1: Creating a Provider-Hosted Add-in that uses the MVC Framework

In this exercise you will use Visual Studio to create a new SharePoint Add-in project that is implemented as a provider-hosted add-in which uses the MVC framework in ASP.NET. Once you have created the new project for the add-in, you will make some basic changes to the app manifest and to MVC components user to generate the user interface. After that, you get your add-in project up and running in the Visual Studio debugger so you can test it out.

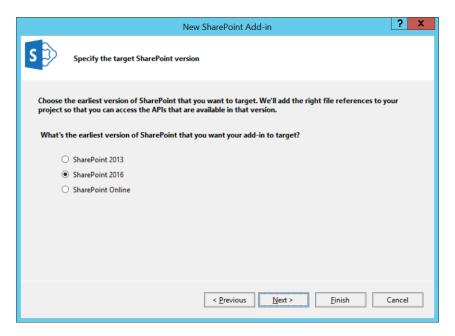
- Before you can start working on this lab, you must ensure the S2S certificate configuration on your VM is setup correctly by determining whether you have already completed Exercise 3: Create a Test Certificate for Working with S2S Trusts Authentication in the earlier lab titled Lab06: Configuring App Permissions and S2S Authentication.
 - a) If you are not sure whether you have completed this prerequisite exercise, you can examine the C:\Certs folder on your student VM to see if there are two certificate files named WingtipAppCetificate01.cer and WingtipAppCetificate01.pfx. If these files do not exist in the C:\Certs folder, you have not yet completed Exercise 3.
 - b) If you have already completed Exercise 3: Create a Test Certificate for Working with S2S Trusts Authentication from lab 6, you can now move ahead to Exercise 2 in this lab.
 - c) If you have *NOT* already completed **Exercise 3: Create a Test Certificate for Working with S2S Trusts Authentication** from lab 6 titled **Configuring App Permissions and S2S Authentication**, you must go back and complete that exercise now. After that you can then proceed with Exercise 2 in this lab.
- 2. Launch Visual Studio 2015.
- 3. Create the new solution in Visual Studio 2015:
 - a) In Visual Studio select File → New → Project.
 - b) In the New Project dialog:
 - i) Select Templates → Visual C# → Office/SharePoint → Apps.
 - ii) Click App for SharePoint
 - iii) Name the new project CustomerManager.
 - iv) Add the new project into the folder at C:\Student\Modules\07_ProviderHostedAddins\Lab\.
 - v) Click **OK** to display the **New Add-in for SharePoint** wizard.



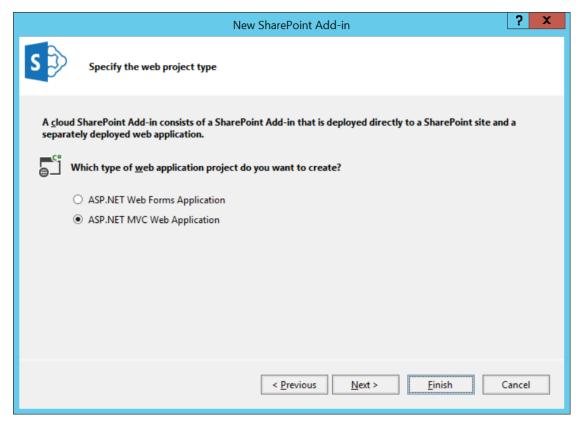
- c) In the New Add-in for SharePoint wizard:
 - i) Enter the URL for the de site at https://dev.wingtip.com.
 - ii) Select Provider-Hosted as the hosting model.
 - iii) Click Next.



d) On the Specify the target SharePoint version dialog, select SharePoint 2016 and click Next.

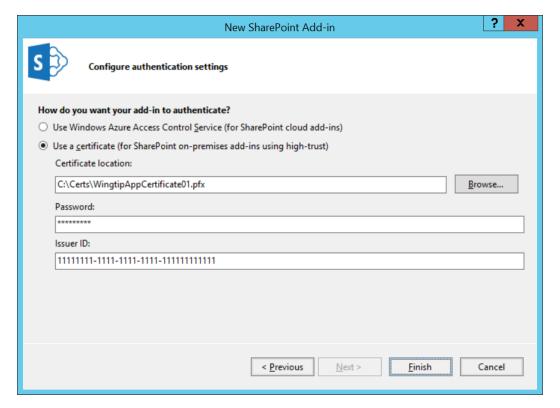


e) In the Specify the web project type dialog, select ASP.NET MVC Web Application and click Next.

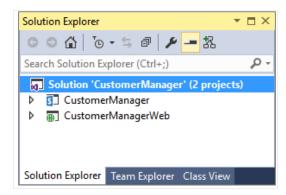


- f) In the Configure authentication settings dialog, select the option to Use a certificate (for SharePoint 0n-premises addins using high-trust). Enter the certification information for the certificate you created in the previous lab on add-in security.
 - i) Enter a Certification location of C:\Certs\WingtipAppCertificate01.pfx.
 - ii) Enter a Password of Password1.

 - iv) Click Finish.



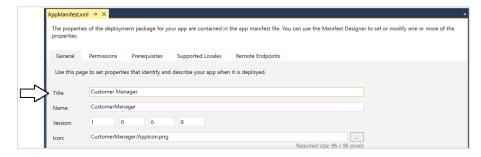
- g) Wait until Visual Studio and the New app for SharePoint wizard completes its work and generates a new solution.
- h) You should see a new Visual Studio solution which contains two projects. The top project named **CustomerManager** is the main project for the add-in whose primary purpose is to generate the app package. The bottom project named **CustomerManagerWeb** is an ASP.NET project based on MVC that will be used to implement the remote web.



- 4. Update the title for the add-in using the app manifest.
 - a) Expand the top project named CustomerManager and double-click AppManifest.xml to open the app manifest in the Visual Studio app manifest designer.



b) Set the Title to Customer Manager.



- c) Save and close the **AppManifest.xml** file.
- 5. Replace the generic app icon with a custom app icon.
 - a) Using Windows Explorer, locate the icon file at the following location inside your Student folder.

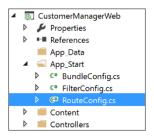
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b) Use this Applcon.png file to replace the generic Applcon.png file located at the root of the CustomerManager project.



You have finished working on the top project named **CustomerManager**. Now you will begin to work with the ASP.NET project named **CustomerManagerWeb** which will implement the remote web for the add-in using the MVC framework.

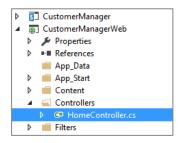
- 6. Examine the code supplied by Visual Studio to initialize the route map for this MVC application.
 - a) In the CustomerManagerWeb project, expand the App_Start folder
 - b) Locate the source file named RouteConfig.cs.



- c) Double-click on RouteConfig.cs to open this source file in a Code View window.
- You should see a RouteConfig class that contains a method named RegisterRoutes.
- e) Inside the implementation of the RegisterRoutes method, there is a call to the MapRoute method.

```
routes.MapRoute(
   name: "Default",
   url: "{controller}/{action}/{id}",
   defaults: new { controller = "Home", action = "Index", id = UrlParameter.Optional }
);
```

- f) You should be able to see that that code generated by Visual Studio configures a controller named **"Home"** as the default controller in this MVC application's top-level routing scheme.
- g) Close RouteConfig.cs and make sure not to save any changes.
- 7. Examine the existing code inside HomeController.cs file.
 - a) In the CustomerManagerWeb project, expand the Controllers folder
 - b) Locate the source file named HomeController.cs.



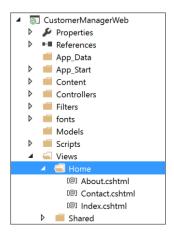
- c) Double click on the file named HomeController.cs to open the C# source file in a Code View window.
- d) Examine the Controller class that Visual Studio has generated for you. You should be able to see that there is a class named **HomeController** that inherits from the **Controller** class.
- e) You should be able to see that the HomeController class contains three action methods named Index, About and Contact.
- f) Remove the SharePointContextFilter from the Index method.
- g) Delete all the code inside the **Index** method and replace it with the following code.

```
public ActionResult Index() {
   ViewBag.Message = "Hello MVC!";
   return View();
}
```

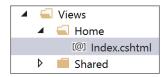
- h) Delete the About method
- i) Delete the Contact method.
- j) The HomeController class in your project should now be simplified and match the following code listing.

```
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Controllers {
  public class HomeController : Controller {
    public ActionResult Index() {
        ViewBag.Message = "Hello MVC!";
        return View();
    }
}
```

- 8. Modify the views for the **Home** controller.
 - a) Expand the Views folder in the CustomerManagerWeb project.
 - b) Expand the **Home** folder inside the **Views** folder to see the razor views associated with the **Home** controller.



- c) Delete the razor view files named About.cshtml and Contact.cshtml.
- d) The **Home** folder should now only contain the razor view file named **Home.cshtml**.



- e) Double-click Home.cshtml to open this file in a code editor window.
- f) Delete all the existing code within Home.cshtml and replace it with the following code

```
<h2>Welcome to Customer Manager</h2>
<div class="jumbotron">
    @ViewBag.Message
</div>
```

- g) Save and close Home.cshtml.
- 9. Modify the Shared view for this MVC application.
 - a) Expand the **Shared** folder inside the **Views** folder.
 - b) Locate and double-click the shared view file named _Layouts.cshtml to open it in a code editor window,



- c) Take a moment to inspect the code that Visual Studio has added into **_Layouts.cshtml**. Note that the file is used to generate the common layout for all the pages in your MVC application.
- d) Look at the code inside _Layouts.cshtml and locate the title element inside the head element.

```
<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8" />
        <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
        <title>@viewBag.Title - My ASP.NET Application</title>
        @styles.Render("~/Content/css")
        @scripts.Render("~/bundles/modernizr")
</head>
```

e) Update the title element to match the following code listing.

```
<title>Customer Manager</title>
```

f) Move down inside _Layouts.cshtml and locate the first div element in the body section which defines the navigation bar.

g) Modify the class attribute of this div by removing the navbar-fixed-top class so that the div matches the following code listing.

```
<div class="navbar navbar-inverse">
```

h) Move down the code in **_Layouts.cshtml**, and locate the line of code which matches the following code listing.

```
@Html.ActionLink("Application name", "Index", "Home", new {area =""}, new { @class = "navbar-brand" })
```

i) Replace the text value of **Application name** with **Customer Manager**.

```
@Html.ActionLink("Customer Manager", "Index", "Home", new {area =""}, new { @class = "navbar-brand" })
```

j) Move down the code in _Layouts.cshtml, and locate the code which adds navigation links to the navbar.

```
<div class="navbar-collapse collapse">
```

k) Remove the lines of code that add navigation links for **About** and **Contact** and leave a single navigation link for **Home**.

Move down and locate the **div** element which contains **@RenderBody**.

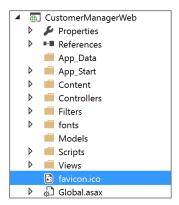
m) Remove the hr element and the footer element so the div matches the following code listing.

```
<div class="container body-content">
    @RenderBody()
</div>
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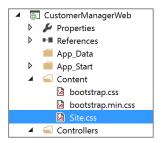
- n) Save and close _Layouts.cshtml.
- 10. Replace the generic favicon.ico file in the CustomerManagerWeb project with a custom favicon.ico file.
 - a) Using Windows Explorer, locate the icon file at the following location inside your Student folder.

```
C:\Student\Modules\07_ProviderHostedAddins\Lab\StarterFiles\favicon.ico
```

b) Use this custom favicon.ico file to replace the generic favicon.ico file in the CustomerManagerWeb project.



- 11. Add a few custom CSS rules to style the user interface for your MVC application.
 - a) Open the **Contents** folder and locate the project's main CSS file named **Site.css**.



Note that the shared view **_Layouts.cshtml** already contains code to process a CSS bundle that will automatically add a link to **Sites.css** for all pages. Once you have added custom CSS styles to **Sites.css**, they will be automatically applied to all pages.

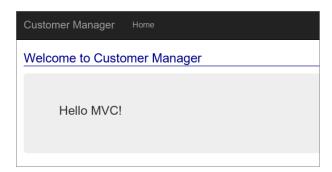
- b) Double-click on **Sites.css** to open it in a code editor window.
- c) Delete the existing contents inside Sites.css.
- d) Add two new CSS rules to style h2 header elements and the first column of a table element.

```
h2{
  font-size: 16pt;
  line-height: 1.0;
  color: darkblue;
  padding-bottom: 2px;
  border-bottom: 1px solid darkblue;
  margin-top: 0;
  margin-bottom: 12px;
}
.table tr td:first-child {
  width: 200px;
}
```

- e) Save and close Sites.css.
- 12. Test your work by running your new provider-hosted add-in in the Visual Studio debugger.
 - a) Press F5 to begin debugging.
 - b) If you are prompted with a SharePoint page that asks whether you to trust the add-in, click Trust it.



- c) Once the Visual Studio debugger has installed the add-in, you will be redirected to the add-in start page.
- d) Verify that the start page for the Customer Manager add-in displays properly as shown in the following screenshot.



e) Once you have tested the start page, close the browser window, return to Visual Studio and terminate the debugging session.

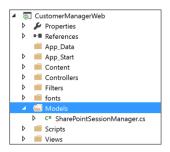
At this point, you have created a new Visual Studio solution for a provider-hosted add-in and you have removed some of the extraneous project elements that were added by Visual Studio. Now you can begin to implement the core functionality for your add-in.

Exercise 2: Tracking SharePoint Session State in a Provider-Hosted Add-in

In this exercise, you will continue working the Customer Manager add-in that you created in the previous exercise. You will extend the Customer Manager add-in by adding code to track SharePoint session state across requests using an ASP.NET session object.

- Add a new class named SharePointSessionManager to track SharePoint session state.
 - a) Right-click on the **Models** folder of the **CustomerManagerWeb** and click the **Add** >> **Class...** command.

- b) Give the new class a name of SharePointSessionManager.
- c) Verify that Visual Studio has added a new C# source file named SharePointSessionManager into the Models folder.



d) Examine the code in **SharePointSessionManager.cs** containing the starting point for the **SharePointSessionManager** class.

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Web;

namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Models {
   public class SharePointSessionManager {
   }
}
```

Note that this lab will now require you to add quite a bit of code. It will take quite a while to complete this section if you plan to type in all this code by hand. Please make use of the electronic version of this lab so you can copy-and-paste code fragments to save time.

2. Update the using statements at the top of SharePointSessionManager.cs to match the following code listing.

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Net.Http;
using System.Web;
using System.Web;
using System.Web.Mvc;
using System.Web.SessionState;
using Microsoft.IdentityModel.S2S.Protocols.OAuth2;
using Newtonsoft.Json;
```

3. Insert a few lines between the namespace definition and class definition.

```
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Models {

public class SharePointSessionManager {
    }
}
```

Add two new classes named SharePointSessionState and SharePointUserResult.

```
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Models {
  public class SharePointSessionState {
    public class SharePointUserResult {
    }
    public class SharePointSessionManager {
    }
}
```

5. Implement the **SharePointSessionState** class using the following code.

```
public class SharePointSessionState {
   public string RemoteWebUrl { get; set; }
   public string HostWebUrl { get; set; }
   public string HostWebDomain { get; set; }
```

```
public string HostWebTitle { get; set; }
public string CurrentUserAccountName { get; set; }
public string CurrentUserDisplayName { get; set; }
public string CurrentUserEmail { get; set; }
}
```

6. Implement the **SharePointUserResult** class using the following code.

```
public class SharePointUserResult {
  public string Title { get; set; }
  public string Email { get; set; }
  public string IsSiteAdmin { get; set; }
}
```

7. Extend the **SharePointSessionManager** class by adding three new static fields named **request**, **session** and **sessionState** using the following code.

```
public class SharePointSessionManager {
   static HttpRequest = HttpContext.Current.Request;
   static HttpSessionState session = HttpContext.Current.Session;
   static SharePointSessionState sessionState = new SharePointSessionState();
}
```

8. Extend the **SharePointSessionManager** class by adding five new static methods named **ExecuteGetRequest**, **AuthenticateUser**, **UserIsAthenticated**, **InitializeRequest** and **GetSharePointSessionState** using the following code.

```
public class SharePointSessionManager {
    static HttpRequest request = HttpContext.Current.Request;
    static HttpSessionState session = HttpContext.Current.Session;
    static SharePointSessionState sessionState = new SharePointSessionState();
    private static string ExecuteGetRequest(string restUri, string accessToken) { }
    private static void AuthenticateUser() { }
    private static bool UserIsAuthentiated() { }
    public static void InitializeRequest(ControllerBase controller) { }
    public static SharePointSessionState GetSharePointSessionState() { }
}
```

9. Implement the **ExecuteGetRequest** method using the following code.

```
private static string ExecuteGetRequest(string restUri, string accessToken) {
    // setup request
    HttpClient client = new HttpClient();
    client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Add("Authorization", "Bearer " + accessToken);
    client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Add("Accept", "application/json");
    // execute request
    HttpResponseMessage response = client.GetAsync(restUri).Result;
    // handle response
    if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode) {
        return response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync().Result;
    }
    else {
        // ERROR during HTTP GET operation
        return string.Empty;
    }
}
```

10. Implement the AuthenticateUser method using the following code.

```
private static void AuthenticateUser() {
    sessionState.RemoteWebUrl = request.Url.Authority;
    sessionState.HostWebUrl = request["SPHostUrl"];
    sessionState.HostWebDomain = (new Uri(sessionState.HostWebUrl)).Authority;
```

```
sessionState.HostWebTitle = request.Form["SPSiteTitle"];
    // get windows authenticated user name
    sessionState.CurrentUserAccountName = HttpContext.Current.User.Identity.Name;
    // get access token to make RESt call
    var spContext = SharePointContextProvider.Current.GetSharePointContext(HttpContext.Current);
    string accessToken = spContext.UserAccessTokenForSPHost;
    // call SharePoint REST API to get information about current user
string restUri = sessionState.HostWebUrl + "/_api/web/currentUser/";
    string jsonCurrentUser = ExecuteGetRequest(restUri, accessToken);
    // convert json result to strongly-typed C# object
    SharePointUserResult userResult =
JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<SharePointUserResult>(jsonCurrentUser);
    sessionState.CurrentUserDisplayName = userResult.Title;
    sessionState.CurrentUserEmail = userResult.Email;
    // write session state out to ASP.NET session object
    session["SharePointSessionState"] = sessionState;
    // update UserIsAuthenticated session variable
    session["UserIsAuthenticated"] = "true";
```

11. Implement the **UserIsAuthentiated** method using the following code.

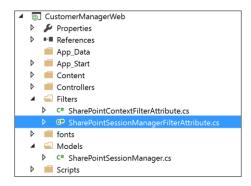
12. Implement the InitializeRequest method using the following code.

```
public static void InitializeRequest(ControllerBase controller) {
   if (!UserIsAuthentiated()) {
        AuthenticateUser();
   }
   else {
        // if user is authenticated, copy session state from previous request
        sessionState = (SharePointSessionState)session["SharePointSessionState"];
   }
   // add session state to ViewBag to make it accessible in views
   controller.ViewBag.HostWebUrl = sessionState.HostWebUrl;
   controller.ViewBag.HostWebTitle = sessionState.HostWebTitle;
   controller.ViewBag.CurrentUserDisplayName = sessionState.CurrentUserDisplayName;
}
```

Implement the GetSharePointSessionState method using the following code.

```
public static SharePointSessionState GetSharePointSessionState() {
  return sessionState;
}
```

- 14. Create a new MVC filter named **SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute**.
 - a) Expand the Filters folder of the CustomerManagerWeb project.
 - b) You should see that the **Filters** folder already contains a file named **SharePointContextFilterAttribute.cs** that was created by Visual Studio when you created the project. You can ignore this filter because you will not be using it in your add-in project.
 - c) Right-click on the **Filters** folder and click the **Add** >> **Class...** menu command.
 - d) Give the new class a name of SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute.
 - e) Verify that Visual Studio has added a new C# source file named **SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute.cs** into the **Filters** folder. Note that Visual Studio



f) Delete all the code inside SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute.cs and replace it with the following code.

```
using System.Web.Mvc;
using CustomerManagerWeb.Models;

namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Filters {
  public class SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute : ActionFilterAttribute {
    public override void OnActionExecuting(ActionExecutingContext filterContext) {
        SharePointSessionManager.InitializeRequest(filterContext.Controller);
    }
}
```

- g) Save and close SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute.cs.
- 15. Configure the SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute class to run as a global filter.
 - a) Expand the App_Start folder inside the CustomerManagerWeb project and locate the source file named FilterConfig.cs.



- b) Double-click on FilterConfig.cs to open it inside a code editor window.
- c) At the top of FilterConfig.cs, add a using statement for the

```
using System.Web;
using System.Web.Mvc;
using CustomerManagerWeb.Filters;
```

d) Locate the line of code in the RegisterGlobalFilters method that adds a global filter for HandleErrorAttribute.

filters.Add(new HandleErrorAttribute());

e) Add a new line of code to add the SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute class as a global filter.

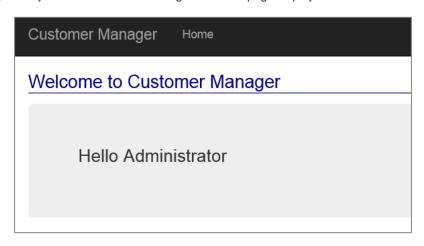
```
namespace CustomerManagerWeb {
  public class FilterConfig {
    public static void RegisterGlobalFilters(GlobalFilterCollection filters) {
      filters.Add(new HandleErrorAttribute());
      filters.Add(new SharePointSessionManagerFilterAttribute());
    }
}
```

- f) Save and close FilterConfig.cs.
- 16. Update the view for the **Index** action method of the **Home** controller home page to display the name of the current user.
 - a) Open the Index.cshtml file in the Home folder inside the Views folder.

b) Update the contents of the **p** element as shown in the following code listing.

```
<h2>Welcome to Customer Manager</h2>
<div class="jumbotron">
    Hello @viewBag.CurrentUserDisplayName
</div>
```

- c) Press **F5** to run the add-in project in the Visual Studio debugger.
- d) Verify that the Customer Manager add-start page displays the name of the current user.



Every SharePoint add-in has an important requirement for its user interface to provide a link which allows the user to navigate back to the host web. In the next step you will meet this requirement by adding a new action link to the add-in main navigation bar.

- 17. Update the view for the shared layout to provide a link to navigate back to the host web.
 - a) Open the _Layout.cshtml file in the Shared folder inside the Views folder.
 - b) Inside Layouts.cshtml, locate the div element which contains the ul element with the action link to the Index action.

```
<div class="navbar-collapse collapse">

      @Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Home")

</div>
```

c) Add a new ul element under the existing ul element and

```
<div class="navbar-collapse collapse">

        >@Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Home")

        </div>
```

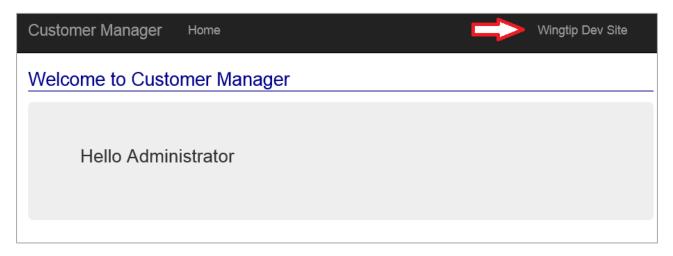
d) Add a class attribute to the ul element and reference the bootstrap CSS classes named nav, navbar-nav, pull-right.

e) Inside the ul element, add an li element with an inner anchor (a) element to provide a link back to the host web.

```
  <a href="@viewBag.HostWebUrl">@viewBag.HostWebTitle</a>
```

f) Your code should now match the following code listing.

- g) Save and close _Layouts.cshtml.
- h) Press **F5** to run the add-in project in the Visual Studio debugger.
- i) Verify that the Customer Manager add-start page displays the link back to the host web.



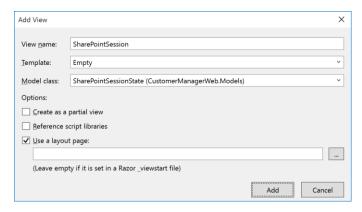
- 18. Add a new action method named **SharePointSession** to create a page which displays SharePoint session state.
 - a) Open HomeController.cs in a code editor window.
 - b) Add a using statement to import the CustomerManagerWeb.Models namespace.

```
using CustomerManagerWeb.Models;
```

- c) Add a new action methods named SharePointSession.
- d) Implement the SharePointSession action method using the following code.

```
public ActionResult SharePointSession() {
  return View(SharePointSessionManager.GetSharePointSessionState());
}
```

- e) Save your changes to HomeController.cs.
- 19. Create a razor view file for the SharePointSession action method.
 - a) Right-click the whitespace inside the SharePointSession method and select the Add View... menu command.
 - b) You will be prompted with the Add View dialog.
 - c) Change the **Template** selection from **Empty (without model)** to **Empty**.
 - d) Set the **Model class** property to **SharePointSessionState**.
 - e) Click the Add button to create the new razor view file.



f) You should now see a new file named **SharePointSession.cshtml** inside the view folder for the Home controller.



- 20. Implement the view definition in SharePointSession.cshtml.
 - a) Inspect the code that was automatically added to SharePointSession.cshtml.

b) Remove the code that updates the ViewBag.Title property and modify the content of the h2 element as shown below.

```
@model CustomerManagerWeb.Models.SharePointSessionState
<h2>SharePoint Session Information</h2>
```

c) Below the h2 element, add the following HTML code to create a table that displays SharePoint session information to the user.

```
Remote Web Url:
    @Model.RemoteWebUrl
  Host Web Url:
    @Model.HostWebUrl
  Host Web Domain:
    @Model.HostWebDomain
  Host Web Title:
    @Model.HostWebTitle
  Current User Account Name:
    @Model.CurrentUserAccountName
  Current User Display Name:
    @Model.CurrentUserDisplayName
```

```
Current User Email:
GModel.CurrentUserEmail
```

- d) Save and close SharePointSession.cshtml.
- 21. Update the shared layout to provide an action link to the SharePointSession action method.
 - a) Open the _Layout.cshtml file in the Shared folder inside the Views folder.
 - b) Inside _Layouts.cshtml, locate the div element which contains the ul element with the action link to the Index action.
 - c) Add a new li element with an action link to navigate to the SharePointSession action as shown in the following code listing.

- d) Save and close _Layouts.cshtml.
- 22. Test out the SharePointSession action method in the Visual Studio debugger.
 - a) Press **F5** to run the add-in project in the Visual Studio debugger.
 - b) Verify that the Customer Manager start page displays the new navigation link for the SharePointSession action method.



c) Click on the navigation link for the **SharePointSession** action method so you can test out the view you have just implemented. You should see a HTML table showing SharePoint session information as shown in the following screenshot.

Customer Manager Ho	ome SharePoint Session		
SharePoint Session Information			
Remote Web Url:	localhost:44394		
Host Web Url:	https://dev.wingtip.com		
Host Web Domain:	dev.wingtip.com		
Host Web Title:	Wingtip Dev Site		
Current User Account Name:	WINGTIP\Administrator		
Current User Display Name:	Administrator		
Current User Email:			

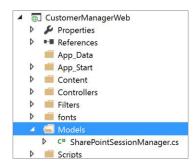
d) Once you have tested the page for the **SharePointSession** action, close the browser window, return to Visual Studio and terminate the debugging session.

At this point, you have extended the provider-hosted add-in project to track SharePoint session state. Adding this type of code is very common undertaking in the development of provided-hosted add-ins because you must track essential session data such as the Host Web URL and user profile information across requests.

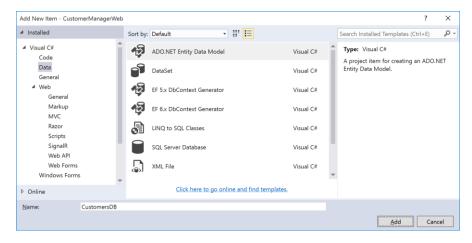
Exercise 3: Creating a Custom Database using the Entity Framework

In this exercise, you will continue working on the Customer Manager add-in that you have worked on in previous exercises. You will extend the Customer Manager add-in by creating an Entity Framework data model to generate a custom SQL Server database to track customer data.

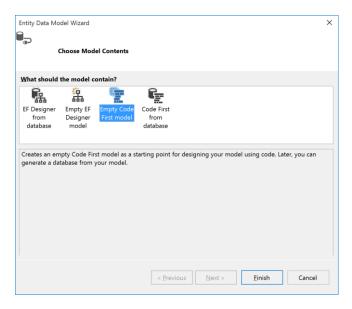
- 23. Add a new project item for a new Entity Framework data model named **CustomerDB** using the code-first approach.
 - a) In the CustomerManagerWeb project, expand the Models folder.
 - b) At this point, the Models folder should contain one C# file named SharePointSessionManager.cs.



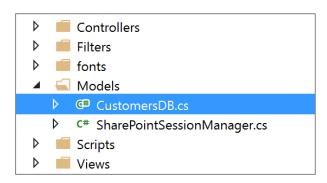
- c) Right-click on the Models folder and select the Add > New Item... menu command.
- d) When you are prompted with the **Add New Item** dialog, select **Visual C# > Data** in the left-hand filter panel and then select the **ADO.NET Entity Data Model** project item template. Enter a name of **CustomersDB** and click **Add**.



e) When you are prompted by the **Entity Data Model Wizard** dialog to **Choose Model Contents**, select the **Empty Code First Model** as shown in the following screenshot.



f) Verify that Visual Studio added a new C# source file named CustomersDB.cs in the Models folder.



- g) Inspect the code that Visual Studio added in CustomersDB.cs.
- 24. Implement the classes required in the Entity Framework data model.
 - a) Update the using statements in from CustomersDB.cs and simplify the code to match the following code listing,

```
using System;
using System.ComponentModel;
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
using System.Data.Entity;
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Models {
   public class CustomersDB : DbContext {
      public CustomersDB()
          : base("name=CustomersDB") {
      }
   }
}
```

b) Add a new public class named **Customer** beneath the **CustomersDB** class.

```
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Models {
  public class CustomersDB : DbContext {
    public CustomersDB()
        : base("name=CustomersDB") {
     }
  }
  public class Customer {
  }
}
```

}

c) Implement the **Customers** class by adding properties for **Id**, **FirstName**, **LastName**, **Company**, **Email**, **WorkPhone** and **HomePhone** as shown in the following code listing.

```
public class Customer {
  public int Id { get; set; }
  public string FirstName { get; set; }
  public string LastName { get; set; }
  public string Company { get; set; }
  public string Email { get; set; }
  public string WorkPhone { get; set; }
  public string HomePhone { get; set; }
}
```

d) Apply the [Key] attribute to the Id property to indicate that the Id value for each customer should be used as the primary key.

```
public class Customer {
  [Key]
  public int Id { get; set; }
```

 Apply the [DisplayName] attribute to the FirstName property, the LastName property, the WorkPhone property and the HomePhone property to provide a more human-readable display name with a space as shown in the following code listing.

```
public class Customer {
   [Key]
   public int Id { get; set; }
   [DisplayName("First Name")]
   public string FirstName { get; set; }
   [DisplayName("Last Name")]
   public string LastName { get; set; }
   public string Company { get; set; }
   public string Email { get; set; }
   public string Email { get; set; }
   [DisplayName("Work Phone")]
   public string WorkPhone { get; set; }
   [DisplayName("Home Phone")]
   public string HomePhone { get; set; }
}
```

f) Extend the CustomersDB class by adding a new virtual property named Customers based on the type DbSet<Customer>.

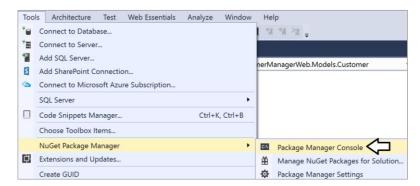
```
public class CustomersDB : DbContext {
  public CustomersDB()
    : base("name=CustomersDB") {
  }
  public virtual DbSet<Customer> Customers { get; set; }
}
```

g) At this point, the contents of the CustomersDB.cs file should match the code following listing.

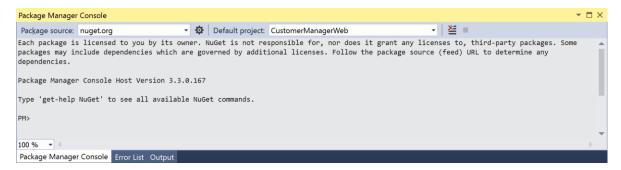
```
using System;
using System.ComponentModel;
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
using System.Data.Entity;
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Models {
  public class CustomersDB : DbContext {
    public CustomersDB()
         : base("name=CustomersDB") {
    public virtual DbSet<Customer> Customers { get; set; }
  public class Customer {
    [Kev]
    public int Id { get; set; }
[DisplayName("First Name")]
public string FirstName { get; set; }
    [DisplayName("Last Name")]
    public string LastName { get; set; }
    public string Company { get; set; }
    public string Email { get; set; }
```

```
[DisplayName("Work Phone")]
public string WorkPhone { get; set; }
[DisplayName("Home Phone")]
public string HomePhone { get; set; }
}
}
```

- h) Save and close CustomersDB.cs.
- 25. Enable Entity Framework migrations for the current project.
 - a) Drop down the Visual Studio Tools menu and select NuGet Package Manager > Package Manager Console.



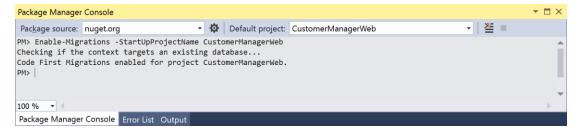
b) You should see the Package Manager Console appears at the bottom of the Visual Studio window.



- c) Using the mouse, place the cursor to the right of the PM> prompt in the Package Manager Console.
- d) Type the following command and press the ENTER key to execute it.

Enable-Migrations -StartUpProjectName CustomerManagerWeb

e) Wait until you see the message that Code First Migrations have been enabled for the CustomerManagerWeb project.



f) Once Migrations have been enabled, you should see that Visual Studio has created a new **Migrations** folder in the **CustomerManagerWeb** project and inside that folder you should see a new C# source file named **Configuration.cs**.



g) Examine the code that Visual Studio has generated inside **Configuration.cs**. You should see that there is a class named **Configuration** inheriting from **DbMigrationsConfiguration** which contains a public default constructor and a **Seed** method.

```
internal sealed class Configuration : DbMigrationsConfiguration<CustomerManagerWeb.Models.CustomersDB>{
   public Configuration() {
      AutomaticMigrationsEnabled = false;
   }
   protected override void Seed(CustomerManagerWeb.Models.CustomersDB context) {
   }
}
```

- 26. Use the Seed method to populate the Customers table with sample customer records.
 - a) Inside Configuration.cs, add a new using statement to import the CustomerManagerWeb.Models namespace.

```
namespace CustomerManagerWeb.Migrations {
   using System;
   using System.Data.Entity;
   using System.Data.Entity.Migrations;
   using System.Linq;
   using CustomerManagerWeb.Models;
```

b) The **Seed** method is used to add sample data into tables when the Entity Framework creates a database using Code First migration. For example, you can modify the **Seed** method as shown in the following code listing to add a customer record.

```
protected override void Seed(CustomersDB context) {
   context.Customers.Add(
    new Customer {
      FirstName = "Buck",
      LastName = "Adams",
      Company = "The Hanso Foundation",
      Email = "Buck.Adams@TheHansoFoundation.com",
      WorkPhone = "1(503)777-1111",
      HomePhone = "1(503)666-8888"
   }
   );
}
```

Instead of having you type in lots of code to add a dozen customer records, you will copy-and-paste code we have provided to you in a text file in your student folder.

c) Using Windows Explorer, locate and open the text file at the following path in your student folder.

```
C:\Student\Modules\MVC\Lab\Snippets\Configuration.Seed.cs.txt
```

- d) Copy the code for the Seed method out of the text file and paste into Configuration.cs to replace the existing Seed method.
- e) At this point, the Configuration class in your project should match the following screenshot.

```
internal sealed class Configuration : DbMigrationsConfiguration<CustomerManagerWeb.Models.CustomersDB> {
  public Configuration() {
   AutomaticMigrationsEnabled = false;
  protected override void Seed(CustomersDB context) {
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Buck", LastName = "Adams", Company = "The Hanso Foundation"
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Barbra", LastName = "Wiggins", Company = "Soylent Corporation"
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Austin", LastName = "Small", Company = "LuthorCorp", Email
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Rufus", LastName = "McMahon", Company = "ComTron", Email =
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Irving", LastName = "McGee", Company = "Krusty Burger", Email
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Winston", LastName = "Burke", Company = "Peach Pit", Email
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Roscoe", LastName = "Park", Company = "Astromech", Email =
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Ivy", LastName = "Gibbs", Company = "Brown Streak Railroad"
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Zack", LastName = "Miller", Company = "Groovy Smoothie", Em
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Bob", LastName = "Carson", Company = "Contoso", Email = "Bob"
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Dexter", LastName = "Vargas", Company = "The Hanso Foundation
    context.Customers.Add(new Customer { FirstName = "Pedro", LastName = "McCray", Company = "Itex", Email = "Ped
 }
```

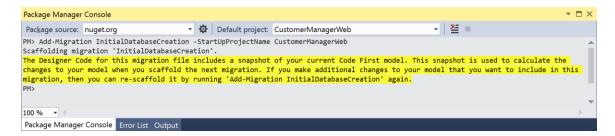
- Save and close Configuration.cs.
- 27. Update the connection string for the Entity Framework data model in the web.config file.
 - a) Open the web.config for the CustomerManagerWeb project and scroll down to the bottom.
 - b) Locate the connectionStrings section and the add element for the connection string named CustomersDB.
 - c) Inspect the value for the initial catalog property which has a value of CustomerManagerWeb.Models.CustomerDB.

d) Modify the value for the initial catalog property to CustomerDB_DEV.

- e) Save and close web.config.
- 28. Use the Package Manager Console to create a new SQL Server database from the Code First data model.
 - a) Navigate back to the Package Manager Console window.
 - b) Using the mouse, place the cursor to the right of the PM> prompt in the Package Manager Console.
 - c) Type the following command and press the **ENTER** key to execute it.

Add-Migration InitialDatabaseCreation -StartUpProjectName CustomerManagerWeb

d) Wait until the command completes its execution.

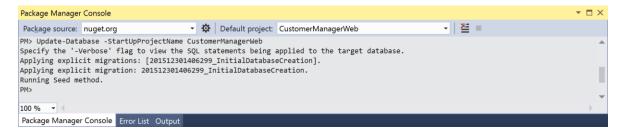


Now that you have created the first migration, you can now create a SQL Server database using the **Update-Database** command.

e) Type the following command and press the ENTER key to execute it.

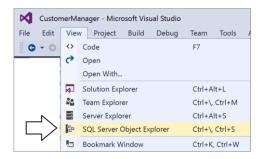
Update-Database -StartUpProjectName CustomerManagerWeb

f) Wait until the command completes its execution.

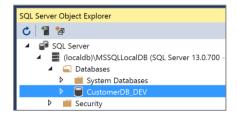


At this point, you have gone through all the steps required to create a SQL Server database for your application. In the next step, you will use a Visual Studio utility named the **SQL Server Object Explorer** to inspect the new database and the data inside.

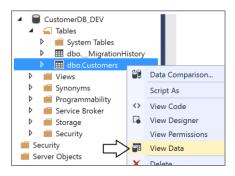
- 29. Verify that the SQL Server database named CustomerDB_DEV has been created.
 - a) Drop down View menu in Visual Studio and select the menu command for the SQL Server Object Explorer.



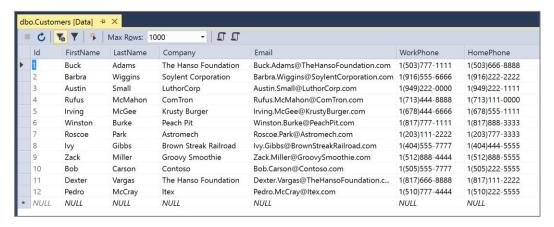
- b) In the SQL Server Object Explorer pane, expand the Databases node for (localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB.
- c) Verify that that the **Databases** contains the new database named **CustomerDB_DEV**.



- d) Expand the CustomerDB_DEV node and then expand the Tables node inside of it.
- e) Verify that you see the **Customers** table inside the **Tables** node.
- f) Right-click on the Customers table and click the View Data menu command.



g) At this point you should be able to see the sample records in the Customers table. These customer records were created from the code that you added to the Seed method earlier in this lab exercise.

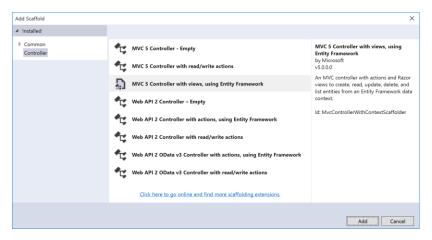


h) Close the window which displays the data from the Customers table.

Exercise 4: Creating a Strongly-typed Controller using the MVC Framework

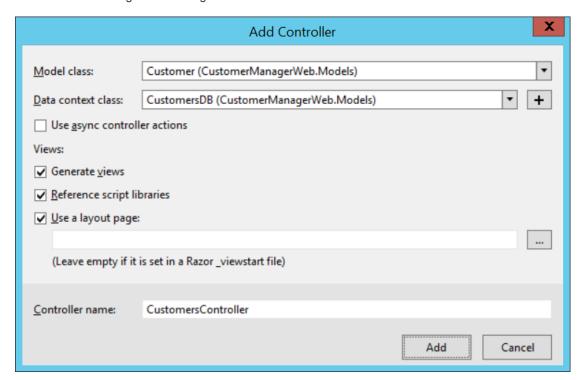
In this exercise you will complete your work on the Customer Manager add-in by creating a strongly-typed controller class which provides users with the ability to view, create, update and delete customer records.

- 30. Create a strongly-typed controller class using the Entity Framework data model named CustomersDB.
 - a) In the Solution Explorer, expand the CustomerManagerMVCWeb project node.
 - b) Right-click the **Controllers** folder and select **Add > Controller...** to display the **Add Scaffold** dialog.
 - c) In the Add Scaffold dialog, select MVC 5 Controller with views, using Entity Framework
 - d) Click the Add button to display the Add Controller dialog.



e) You should now be prompted by the Add Controller dialog,

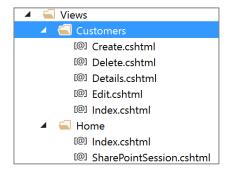
- f) Set the Model class to Customer (CustomerManagerWeb.Models).
- g) Set the Data context class to CustomersDB (CustomerManagerWeb.Models).
- h) Leave the Controller name setting with its default value of CustomersController.
- i) Leave all other settings in the dialog with their default values and click **Add**.



- j) When you add the controller named **CustomersController**, Visual Studio creates a file named **CustomersController.cs** and opens this C# source file a Code View window.
- k) Examine the **CustomersController** class that Visual Studio has generated for you. You will see that there are many action methods that have been added and implemented by Visual Studio.

Please note that you do not need to modify anything in the **CustomersController** class. It will work with just the code that has been generated by Visual Studio. However, as mentioned above, you should take a little time reviewing the code in each of the action methods in the **CustomersController** class to get an idea of how the code is written.

- I) When you are done, close **CustomersController.cs** without saving any changes.
- 31. Inspect the views that have been generated for the CustomersController.
 - a) In Solution Explorer, expand the project node for the CustomerManagerWeb project.
 - b) Expand the top-level Views folder and then expand the child folder named Customers.
 - c) Within the Customers folder, you should be able to see that five views that have been created for the Customers controller.



- d) Double-click on the razor view file named Index.cshtml to open it in a Code View window.
- e) As you can see, there is quite a bit of razor code that has been generated to implement this razor view.

f) Inside Index.cshtml, remove the code that updates the ViewBag.Title property and modify the text inside the h2 element to display "Customers List".

@model IEnumerable<CustomerManagerWeb.Models.Customer>
<h2>Customers List</h2>

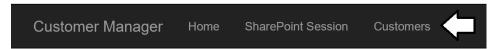
- g) Save and close Index.cshtml.
- h) Take a minute to quickly review the code in each of the other views for the **Customers** controller. There is no need to update any of the other views. However, it will be helpful if you have a basic understanding of how these views are implemented.
- i) When you are done, close any of the open razor view files that are still open.
- 32. Modify the navigation links in the shared view to incorporate the **CustomersController** in the application's navigation menu.
 - a) Locate the _Layout.cshtml file in the Shared folder inside the Views folder.
 - b) Double-click on **_Layout.cshtml** to open the view file in a Code View window.
 - c) Locate the ul element which contains action links for Index and SharePointSession action methods of the Home controller.

```
    @Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Home")
    @Html.ActionLink("SharePoint Session", "SharePointSession", "Home")
```

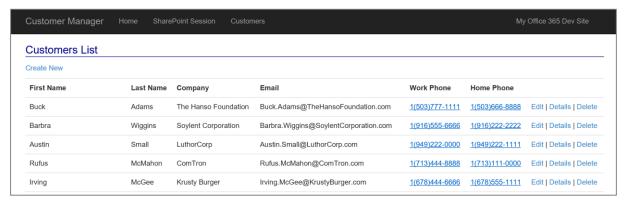
d) Add a third action link for the Index action method of the Customers controller as shown in the following code.

```
     '@Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Home")
     '@Html.ActionLink("SharePoint Session", "SharePointSession", "Home")
     '@Html.ActionLink("Customers", "Index", "Customers")
```

- e) When you are done, save your changes and close _Layouts.cshtml.
- 33. Test your work by running the Customer Manager add-in in the Visual Studio debugger.
 - a) Press **F5** to begin a Visual Studio debugging session for the add-in.
 - b) Once the add-in has been installed, you should be redirected to the add-in start page.
 - c) Verify that your add-in is showing the same links as before along with the new link for Customers.



d) Click on the link for Customers. You should see a list of customers that matches the screenshot below.



- e) Try the following operations to better understand the user interface that has been created for you.
 - i) Create a new customer.
 - ii) View the details of an existing customer.
 - iii) Edit an existing customer.
 - iv) Delete an existing customer.

You have now completed this lab successfully.	

f) When you have finished your testing, close the browser to stop the current debugging session and return to Visual Studio.