# Building Configurable Applications Using .NET Generic Host

Understanding Configuration in .NET

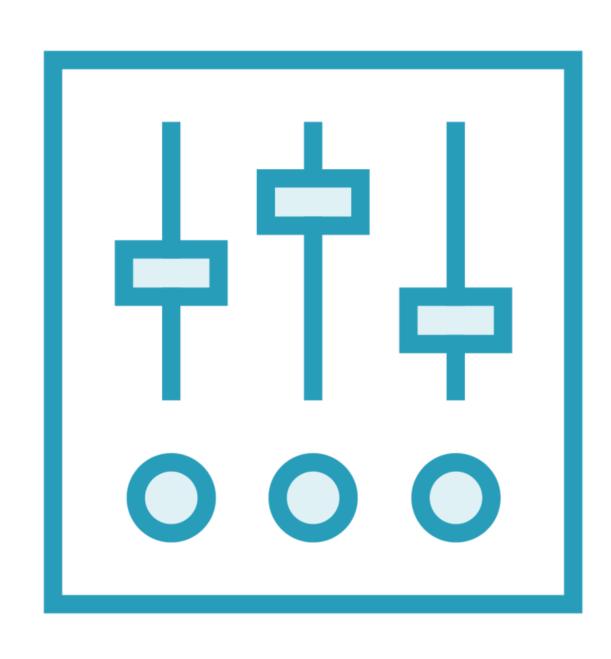


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Version Check
.NET 5.0 onwards
.NET Core 2.1 onwards

### A Configurable Application



#### **Portable**

- Runs in different environments without rebuilding

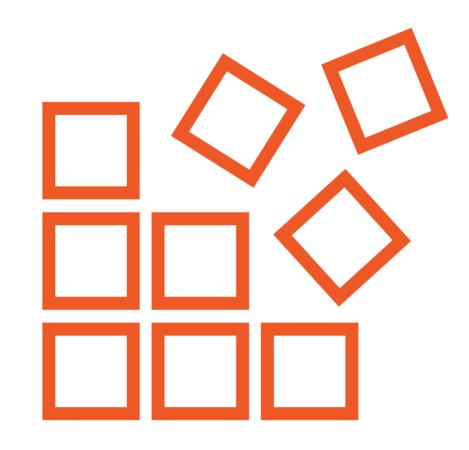
#### **Flexible**

- Can respond to changing business requirements

#### Maintainable

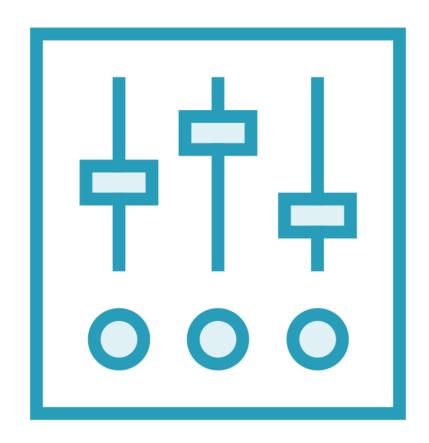
 Doesn't require full development cycle for a simple change

### Types of Configuration



Compile-time

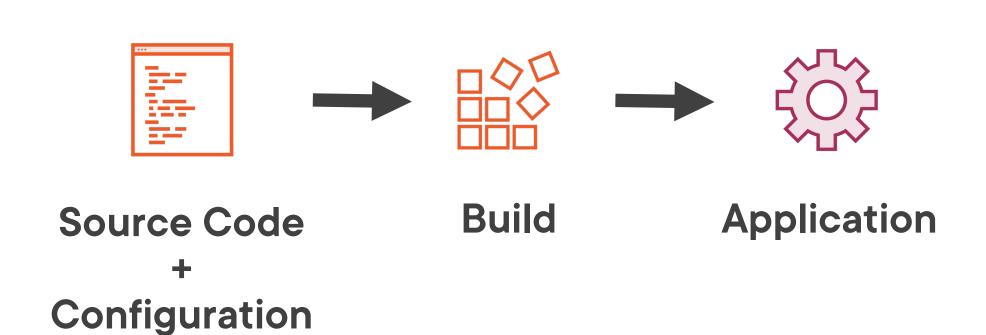
Configuration values built into the application

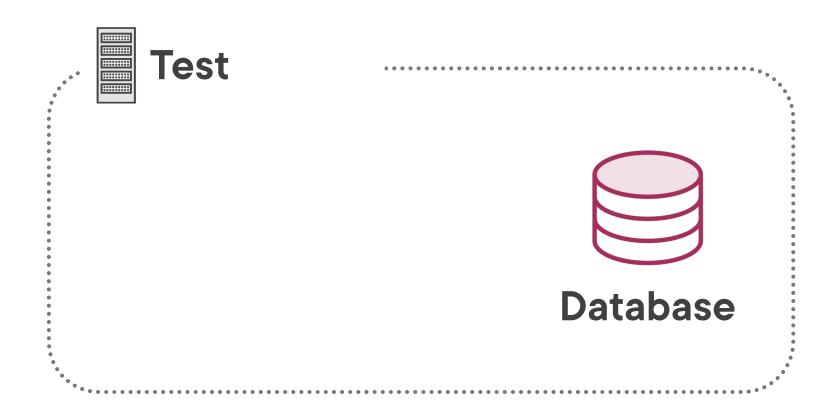


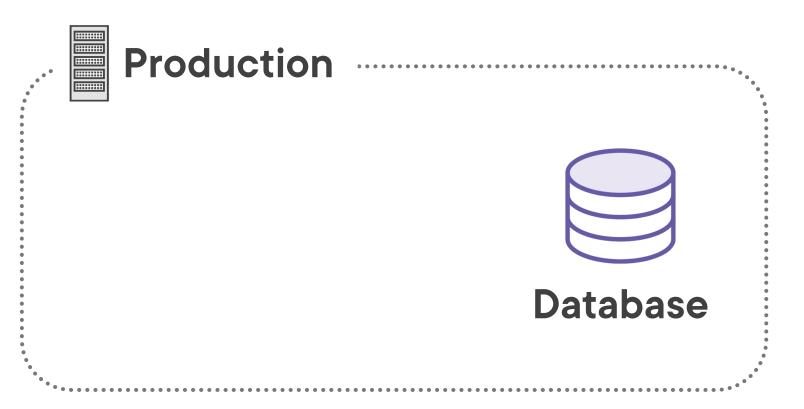
Runtime

Application loads configuration values at runtime

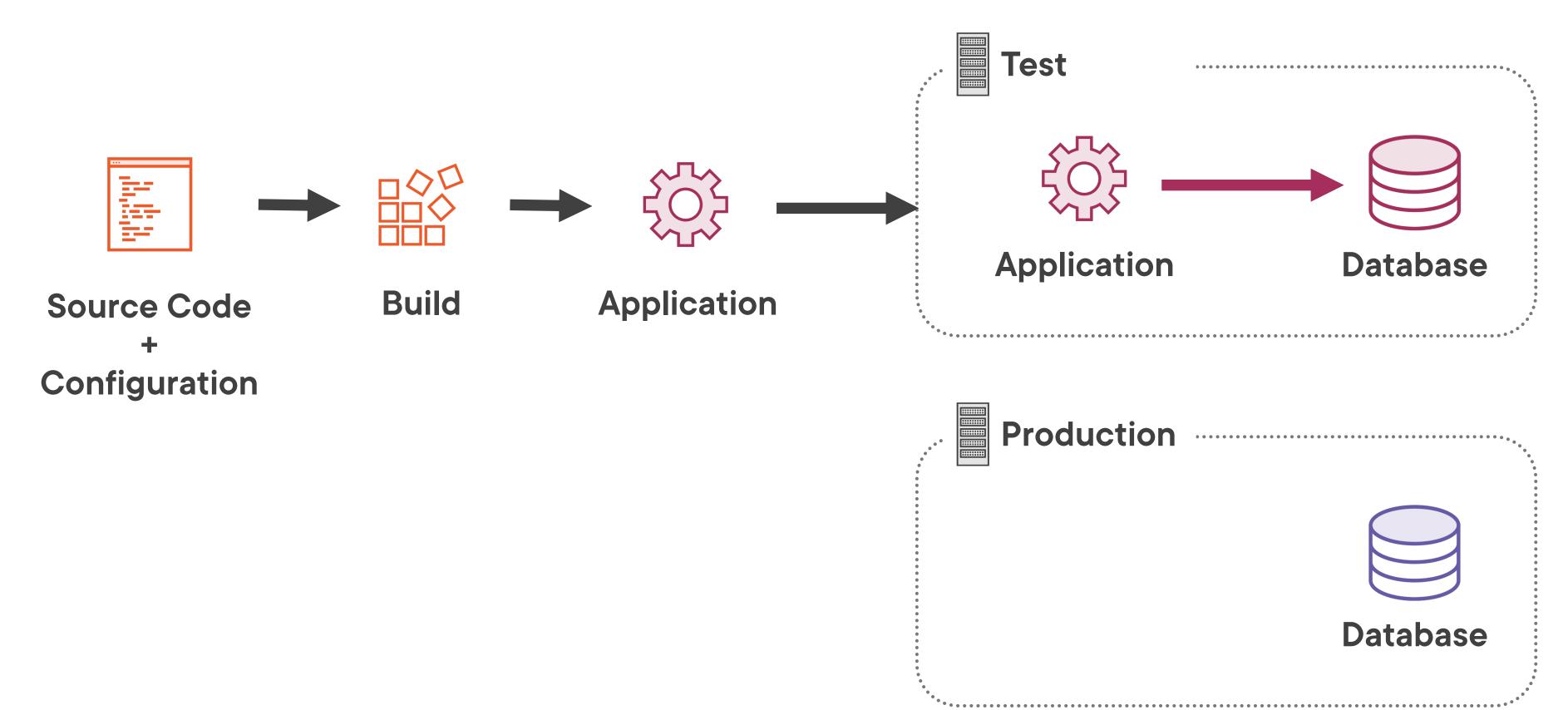
# Compile-time Configuration



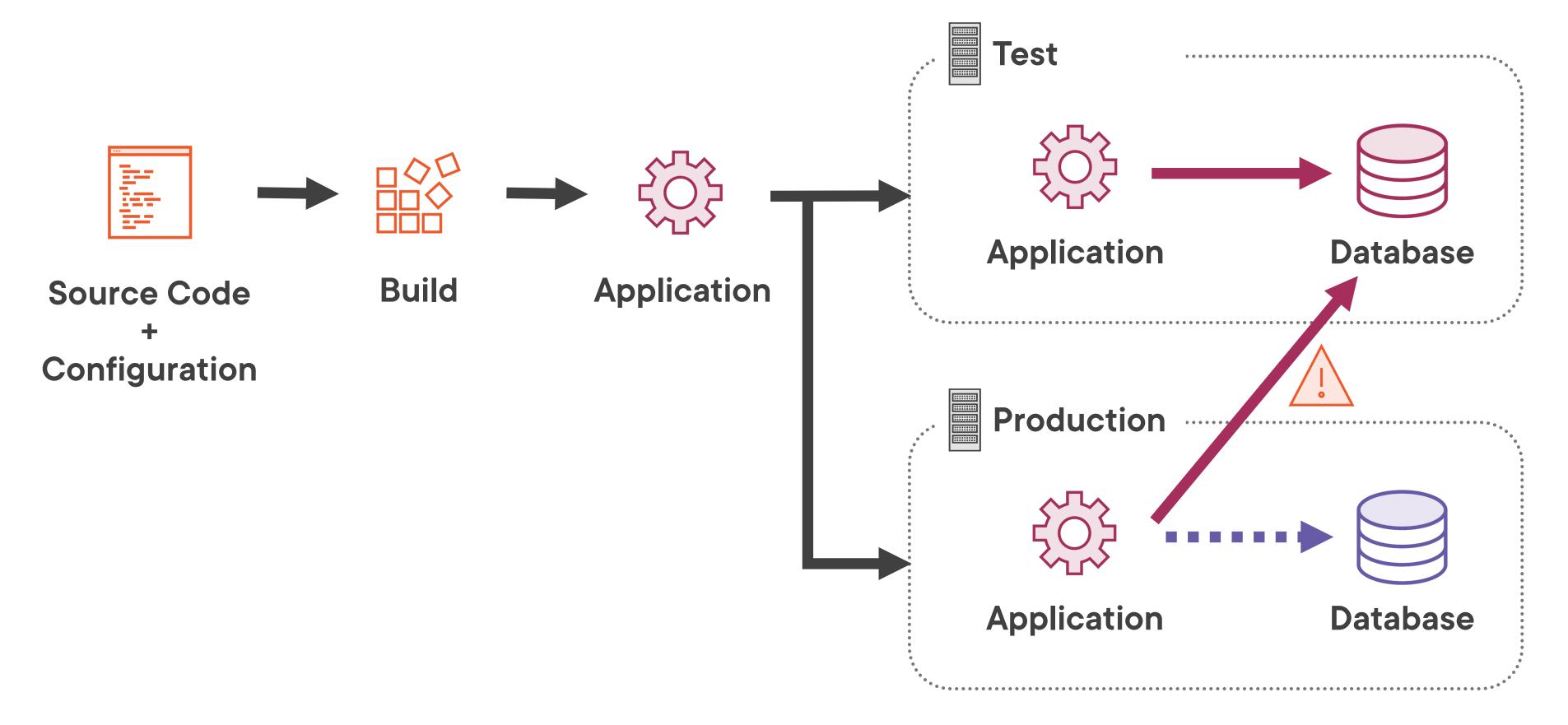




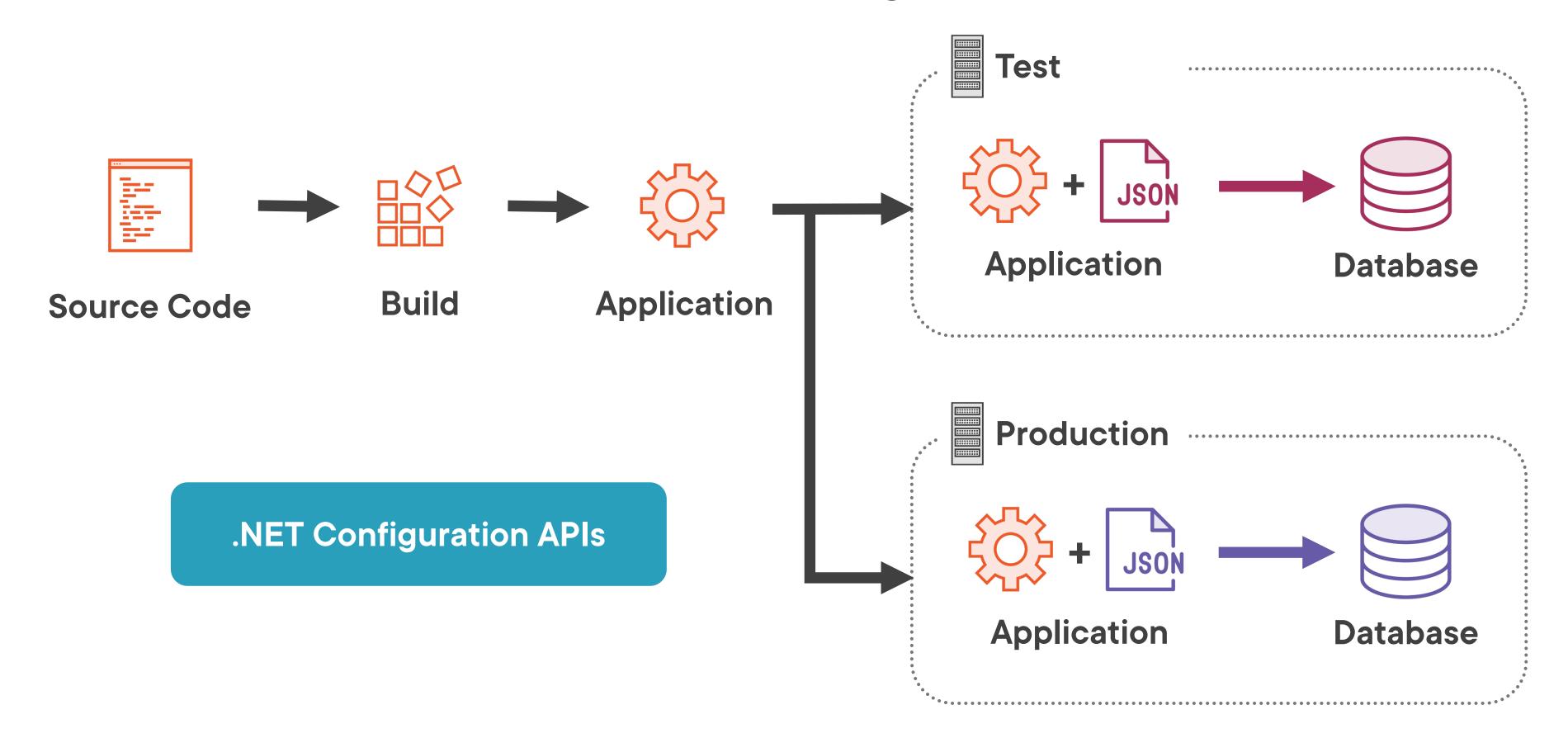
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### Runtime Configuration



Sells outdoor equipment

Online store

Competitive market





Q. What can we help you find?

**CLOTHING FOOTWEAR EQUIPMENT BAGS & TRAVEL TRAIL REVIEWS** 



home > bags & travel

#### **ESSENTIAL PACK**

SKU: 48040747 | \*\* 4.2 | 10 reviews











\$259.99

Perfect for anyone starting out.





Quantity: <1>

Size: < S/M >

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\$499.95

HIGHLIGHTER HEAD

\$42.98







THE GOLDEN LINK

\$21.99



\$129.99

**MEGA POKEY KIT** 





**ESSENTIAL PACK** 

MOCCASINS \$35.95

#### PRODUCT DETAILS

This expedition pack is designed for extended trips where a large capacity is essential. Designed as a 65 liter pack, it adjusts to 75 liters using an expandable collar on the main compartment. It also sports a bombproof compartment as well as a waterproof compartment, making this bag the best choice for the EXTREME ADVENTURER. All accessories in this kit are of the highest quality.

#### Specs

- Capacity: 4,577 cu. in.; 75 L
- · Weight: 4 lb. 6 oz
- Dimensions: 34"L x 14"W x 13"D
- Torso fit: 15" to 21"

- Style: Climbing
- · Construction: In-Mold
- Head Circumference: M/L: 58 63 centimeters | S/M: 53 59 centimeters
- · Visor/Brim: No
- · Weight: M/L: 245 grams | S/M: 230 grams

#### Construction

#### Backpack

- Carbon fiber clasps
- 1000 denier CORDURA® unparalleled strength to weight ratio
- · Space grade memory foam pads for best support and comfort

- · Carbon fiber outer shell
- · Expanded polystyrene foam layer for absorbing impact
- · Ventilation ports keeps head cool

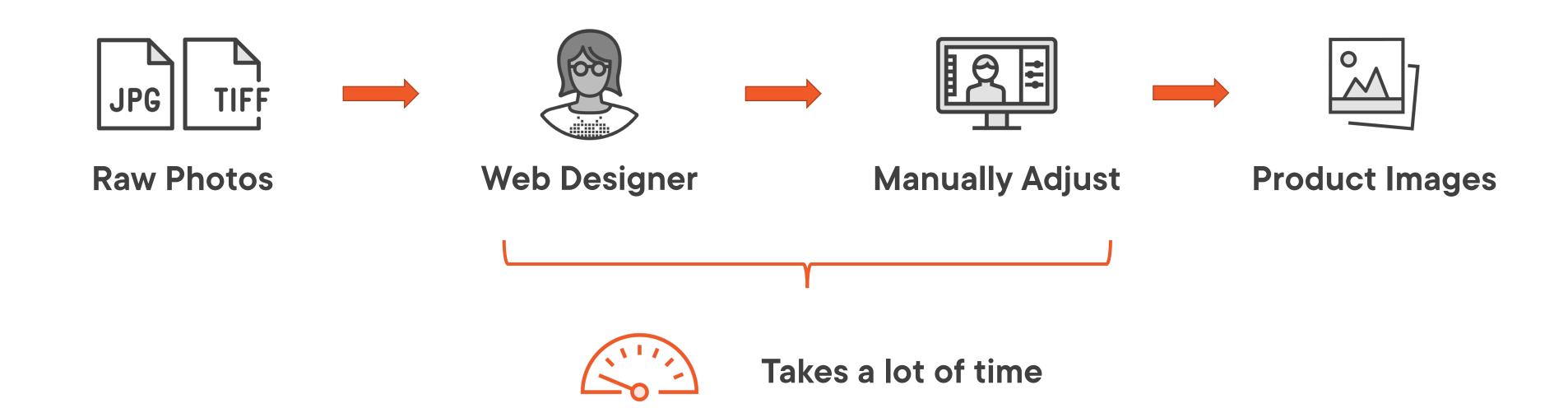
#### **Additional Features**

### Streamline the cataloguing process

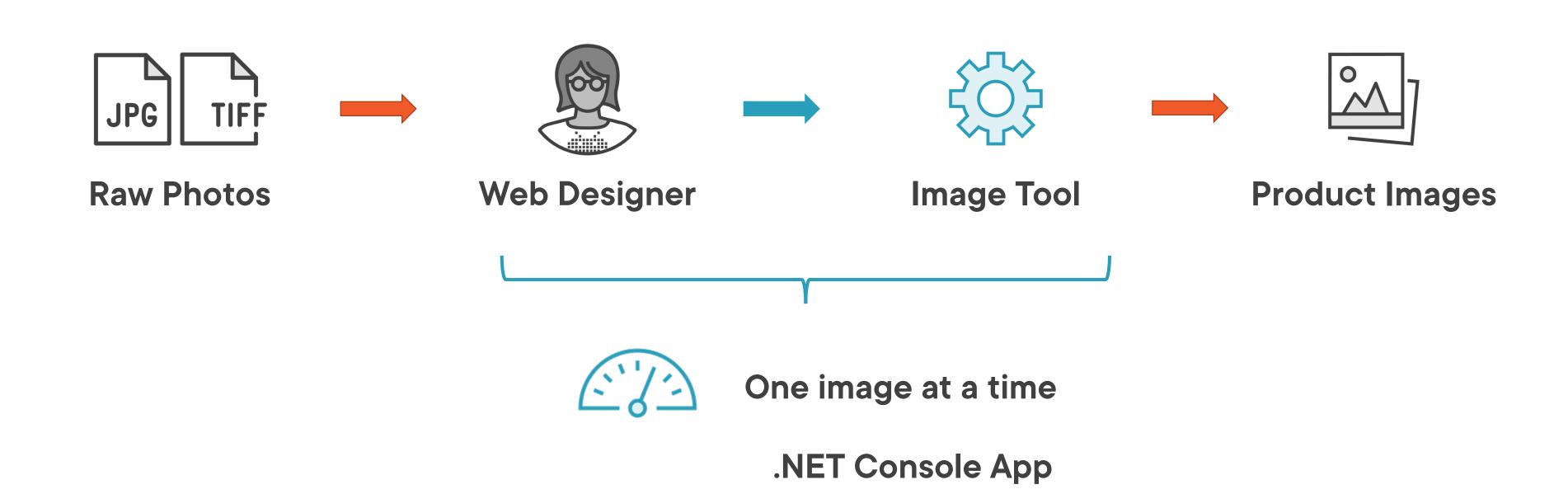
#### New product images need to be:

- Resized
- Optimized
- Watermarked

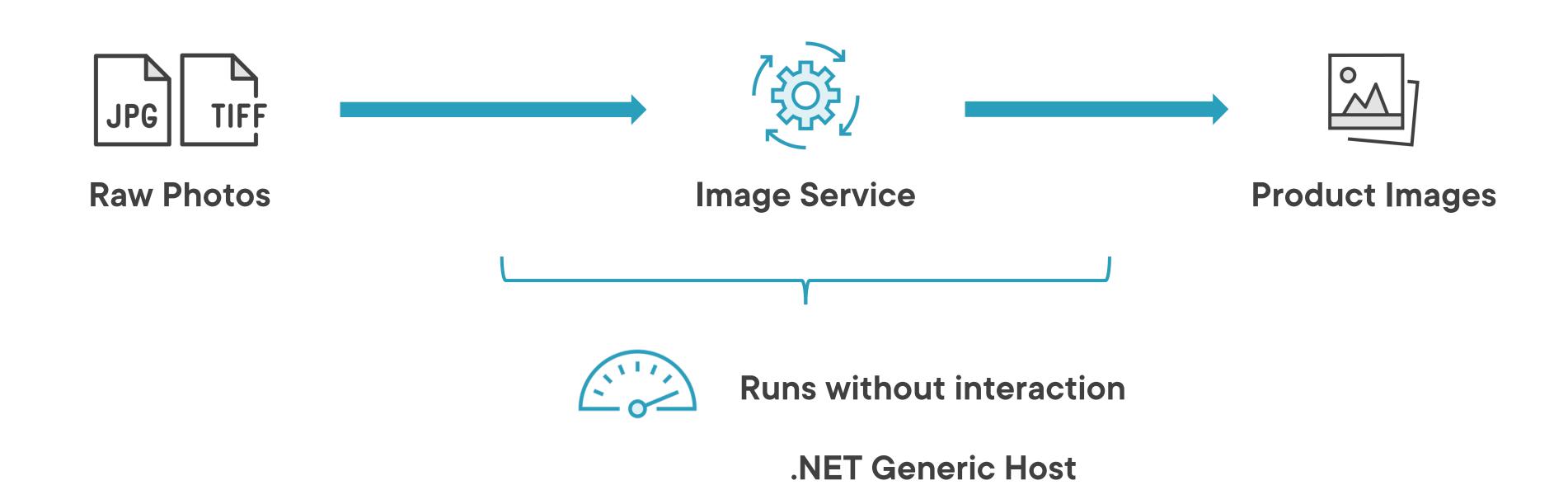
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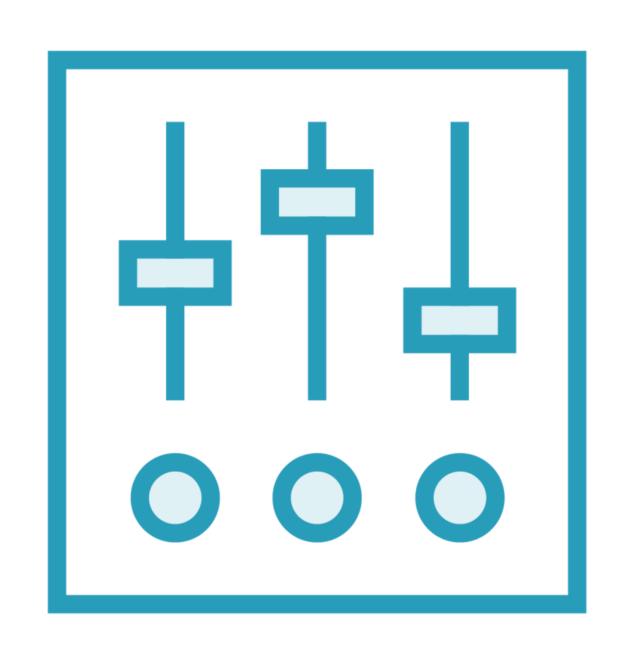
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### Possible Configuration



#### **Images dimensions**

- Thumbnail, medium and large

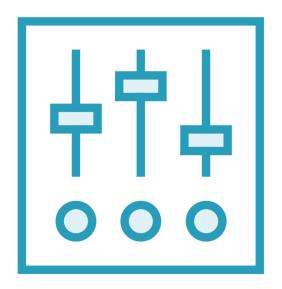
**Compression level** 

**Watermark text** 

**Output image filename prefixes** 

- E.g. thumbnail-backpack.jpg

# Configuration in .NET

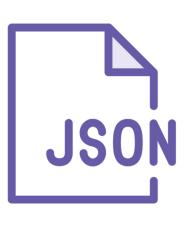


#### Configuration

**Key-value pairs** 

Key	Value
thumbnailWidth	52
compressionLevel	0.2
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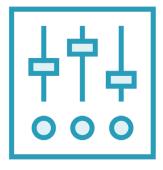
# Configuration in .NET







**Configuration Provider** 



Configuration

{	
	"thumbnailWidth": 48,
	"compressionLevel": 0.7
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Key	Value
thumbnailWidth	48
compressionLevel	0.7

### .NET Configuration Providers



Files e.g. JSON, XML, INI



**Command-line parameters** 



**Environment variables** 

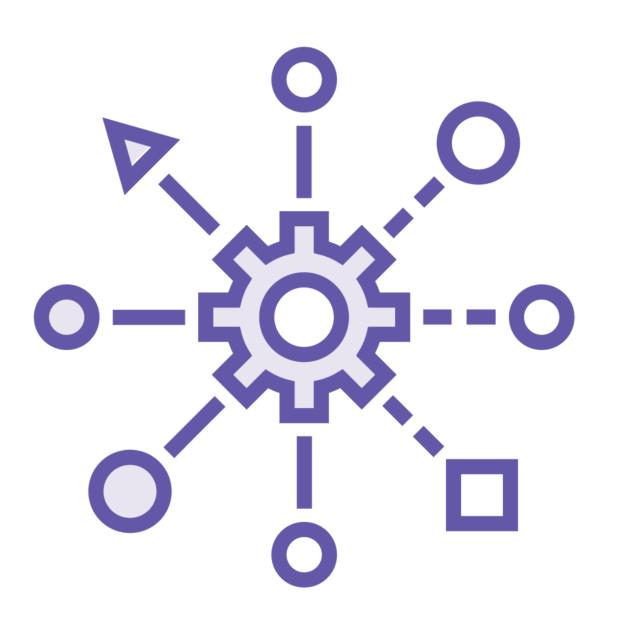


**Azure Key Vault** 



... And more, with option to create a custom provider.

### Modular Design



#### Follows .NET modular design using NuGet

Only reference what you need

#### **Configuration API**

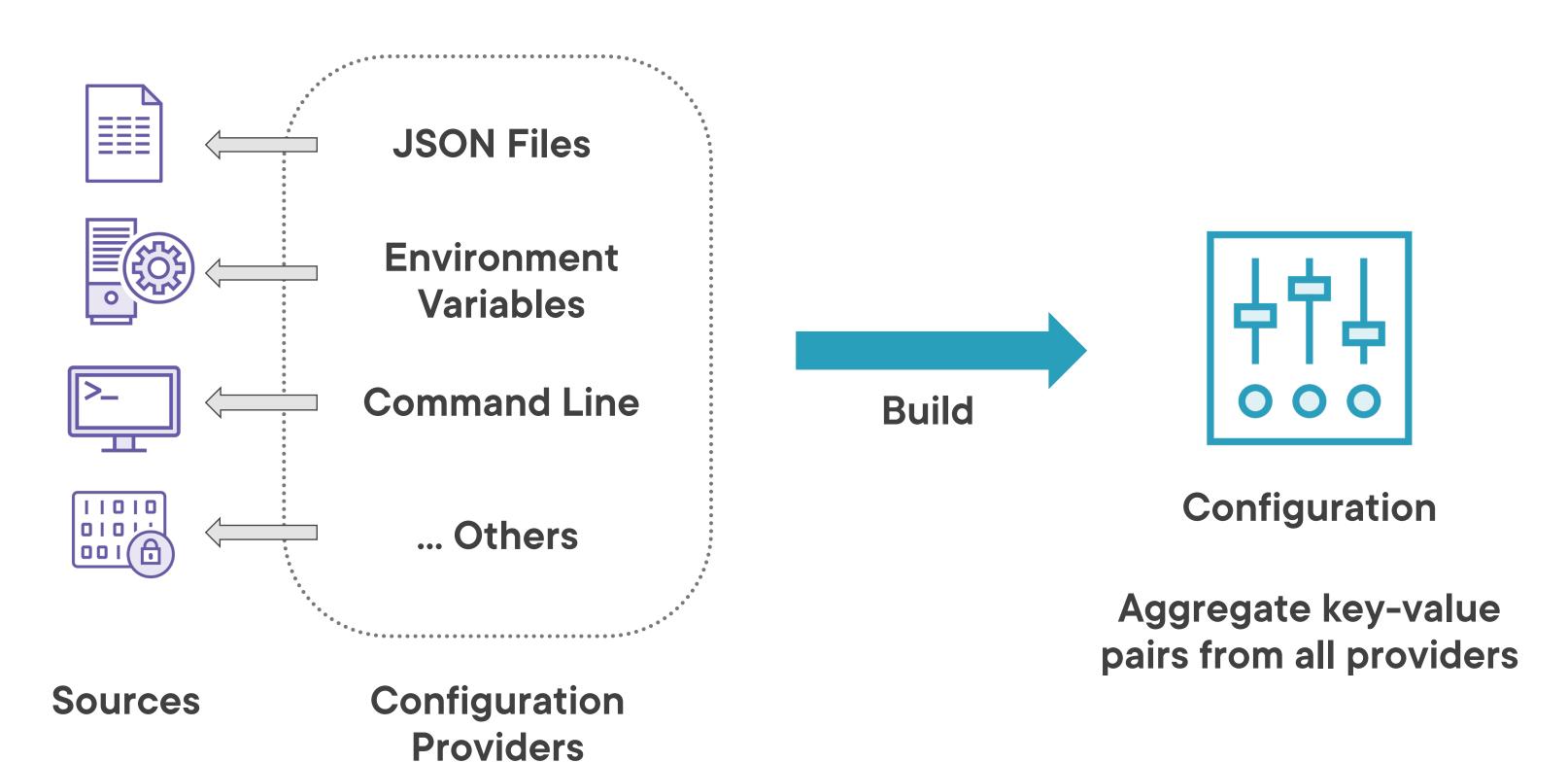
- Microsoft.Extensions.Configuration

Configuration providers are separate NuGet packages, e.g.

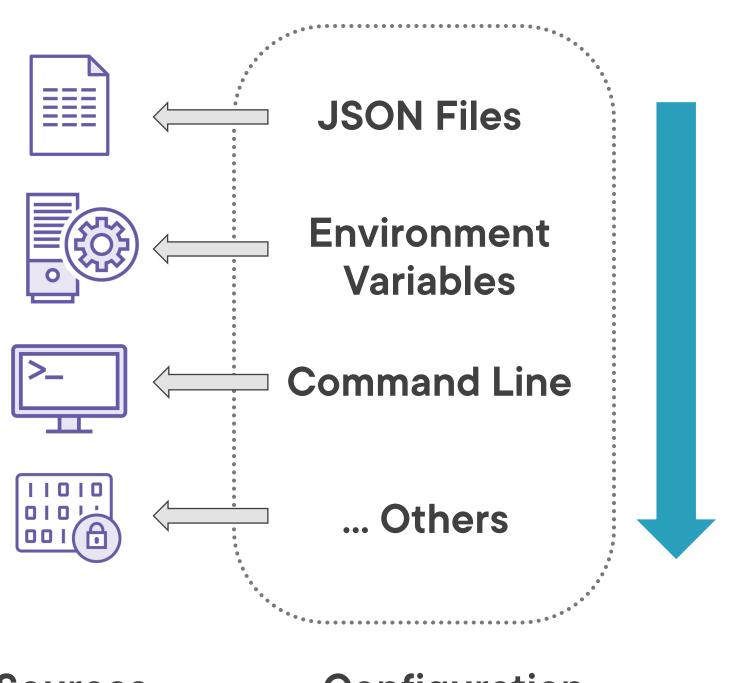
- Microsoft.Extensions.Configuration.Json

Not limited to using just one provider

# Building Configuration

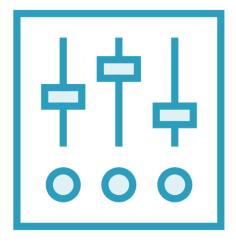


# Building Configuration



thumbnailWidth = 512

thumbnailWidth = 48

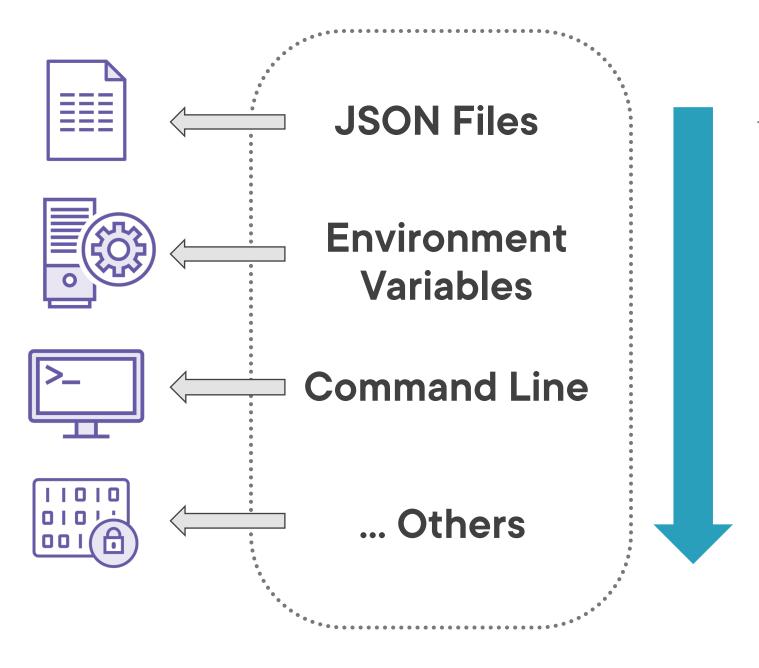


Configuration

**Sources** 

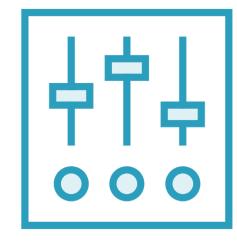
Configuration Providers

# Building Configuration



thumbnailWidth = 512

thumbnailWidth = 48



Configuration

Key	Value
thumbnailWidth	48
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Sources

**Configuration Providers** 

#### Summary



Configurable applications are flexible, portable and maintainable

Runtime vs. compile-time configuration

.NET Configuration

- Providers load from a configuration source
- Builds dictionary of key-value pairs
- Multiple providers work in order, overwriting duplicate keys.

Modular design using NuGet packages

Up Next:

Exploring the Configuration API