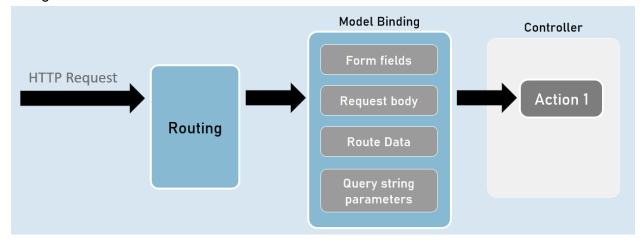
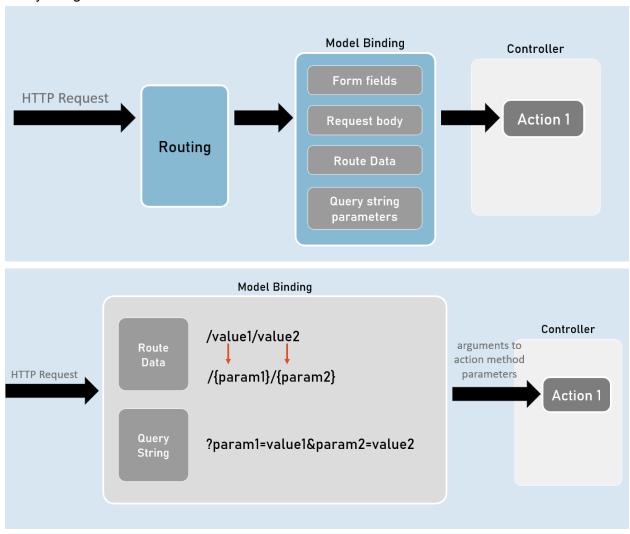
# **Model Binding**

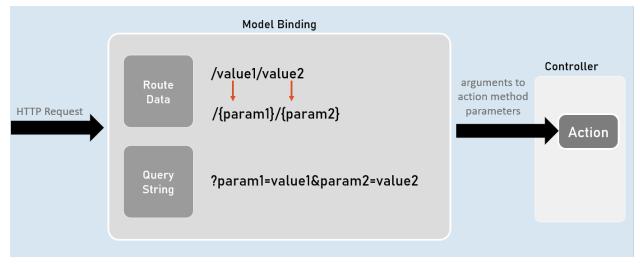
Model Binding is a feature of asp.net core that reads values from http requests and pass them as arguments to the action method.



# QueryString vs RouteData



[FromQuery] and [FromRoute]

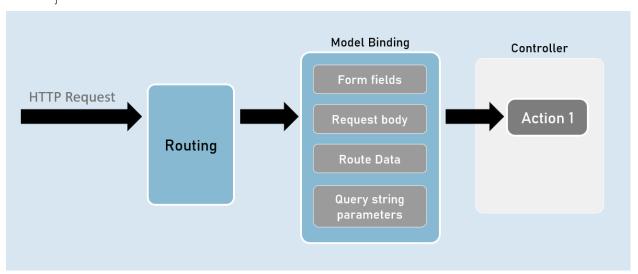


# [FromQuery]

```
//gets the value from query string only
public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [FromQuery] type
parameter)
{
}
```

# [FromRoute]

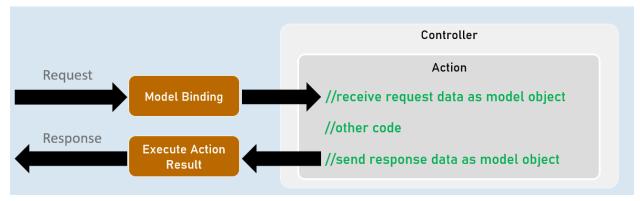
```
//gets the value from route parameters only
public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [FromRoute] type
parameter)
{
}
```



#### Models

Model is a class that represents structure of data (as properties) that you would like to receive from the request and/or send to the response.

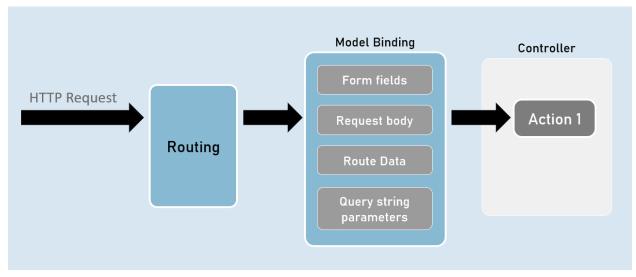
Also known as POCO (Plain Old CLR Objects).



## Model

```
class ClassName
{
  public type PropertyName { get; set; }
}
```

# form-urlencoded and form-data



form-urlencoded (default)

# **Request Headers**

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

# **Request Body**

param1=value1&param2=value2

## form-data

# **Request Headers**

Content-Type: multipart/form-data

# **Request Body**

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="param1"

value1

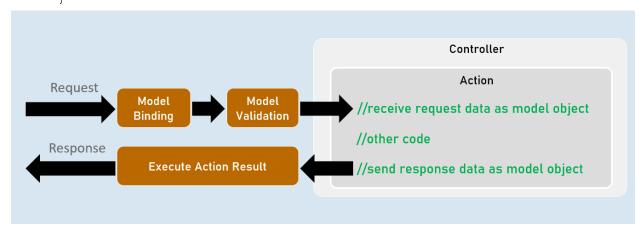
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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="param2"

value2

## **Model Validation**

```
class ClassName
{
  [Attribute] //applies validation rule on this property
  public type PropertyName { get; set; }
}
```



## ModelState

## IsValid

Specifies whether there is at least one validation error or not (true or false).

#### **Values**

Contains each model property value with corresponding "Errors" property that contains list of validation errors of that model property.

## **ErrorCount**

Returns number of errors.

Model Validation

[Required(ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies that the property value is required (can't be blank or empty).

[StringLength(int maximumLength, MinimumLength = value, ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies minimum and maximum length (number of characters) allowed in the string.

[Range(int minimum, int maximum, ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies minimum and maximum numerical value allowed.

[RegularExpression(string pattern, ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies the valid pattern (regular expression).

[EmailAddress(ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies that the value should be a valid email address.

[Phone(ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies that the value should be a valid phone number).

Eg: (999)-999-9999 or 9876543210

[Compare(string otherProperty, ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies that the values of current property and other property should be same.

# [Url(ErrorMessage = "value")]

Specifies that the value should be a valid url (website address).

Eg: http://www.example.com

# [ValidateNever]

Specifies that the property should not be validated (excludes the property from model validation).

#### **Custom Validations**

```
class ClassName : ValidationAttribute
{
  public override ValidationResult? IsValid(object? value,
  ValidationContext validationContext)
  {
     //return ValidationResult.Success;
     //[or] return new ValidationResult("error message");
  }
}
```

#### **ValidationAttribute**

- Base class for all validation attributes such as RequiredAttribute,
   RegularExpressionAttribute, RangeAttribute, StringLengthAttribute, CompareAttribute etc.
- Provides properties such as ErrorMessage & methods such as Validate(), IsValid() etc.

# **ValidationContext**

- Acts as a parameter for "IsValid()" method of custom validation attribute classes.
- Provides properties such as ObjectType, ObjectInstance.

Custom Validations with Multiple Properties

Field1:		
Field2:		
Field3:	-	Model Validation
Field4:		
Field5:		
Field6:		

# IValidatableObject

```
class ClassName : IValidatableObject
{
   //model properties here

public IEnumerable<ValidationResult>
Validate(ValidationContext validationContext)
{
   if (condition)
   {
      yield return new ValidationResult("error message");
   }
}
```

- Base class for model classes with validation.
- Provides a method called Validate() to define class level validation logic.
- The Validate() method executes after validating all property-level validations are executed; but doesn't execute if at least one property-level validations result error.

## ValidationContext

- Acts as a parameter for "Validate()" method of model classes with IValidatableObject.
- Provides properties such as ObjectType, ObjectInstance.

# [Bind] and [BindNever] [Bind]

```
class ClassNameController
{
  public IActionResult ActionMethodName(
  [Bind(nameof(ClassName.PropertyName),
  nameof(ClassName.PropertyName))] ClassName parameterName)
  {
  }
}
```

- [Bind] attribute specifies that only the specified properties should be included in model binding.
- Prevents over-posting (post values into unexpected properties) especially in 'Create' scenarios.

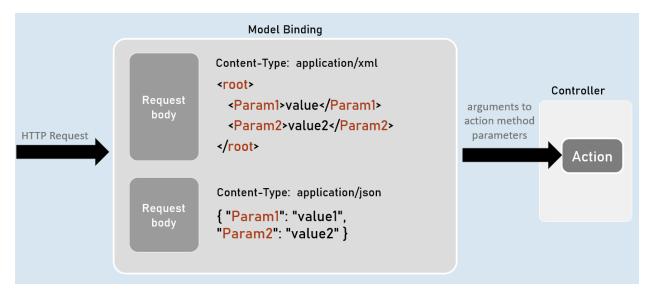
# [BindNever]

```
class ModelClassName
{
  [BindNever]
  public type PropertyName { get; set; }
}
```

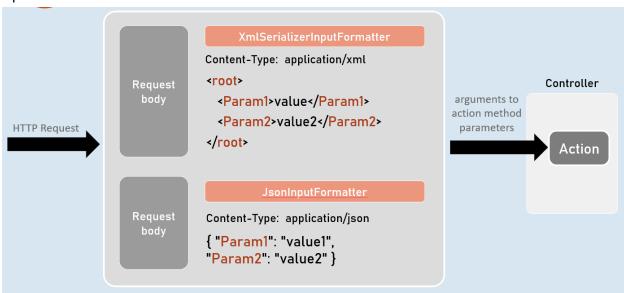
- [BindNever] attribute specifies that the specified property should NOT be included in model binding.
- Useful when you have fewer properties to eliminate from model binding.

# [FromBody]

```
//enables the input formatters to read data from request body
(as JSON or XML or custom) only
public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [FromBody] type
parameter)
{
}
```



# Input Formatters



## **Custom Model Binders**

#### **Custom Model Binder**

```
class ClassName : IModelBinder
{
  public Task BindModelAsync(ModelBindingContext bindingContext)
  {
    //gets value from request
    bindingContext.ValueProvider.GetValue("FirstName");
    //returns model object after reading data from the request
    bindingContext.Result =
ModelBindingResult.Success(your object);
```

}

## **IModelBinder**

- Base interface for all custom model binders.
- Provides a method called BindModelAsync, to define logic for binding (reading) data from the request and creating a model object that has be received as parameter in the action method.

# ModelBindingContext

- Acts as a parameter for "BindModelAsync()" method of custom model binder classes.
- Provides properties such as HttpContext, ModelState, ValueProvider, Result etc..

#### **Custom Model Binder Providers**

```
class ClassName : IModelBinderProvider
{
  public IModelBinder GetBinder(ModelBinderProviderContext
  providerContext)
  {
    //returns type of custom model binder class to be invoked
    return new
BinderTypeModelBinder(typeof(YourModelBinderClassName));
  }
}
```

#### **IModelBinderProvider**

- Base interface for all custom model binder providers.
- Provides a method called GetBinder, to return the type of custom model binder class.

## ModelBinderProviderContext

- Acts as a parameter for "GetBinder()" method of custom model binder provider classes.
- Provides properties such as BindingInfo, Services etc.