Module 2 Day 6

Data Access Objects

What makes an application?

- Program Data
 - ✓ Variables & .NET Data Types
 - ✓ Arrays
 - ✓ More Collections (list, dictionary, stack, queue)
 - ✓ Classes and objects (OOP)
- Program Logic
 - ✓ Statements and expressions
 - ✓ Conditional logic (if)
 - ✓ Repeating logic (for, foreach, do, while)
 - ✓ Methods (functions / procedures)
 - √ Classes and objects (OOP)
 - ☐ Frameworks (MVC)

- Input / Output
 - User
 - ✓ Console read / write
 - ☐ HTML / CSS
 - ☐ Front-end frameworks (HTML / CSS / JavaScript)
 - Storage
 - ✓ File I/O
 - Relational database
 - ☐ APIs

This Week

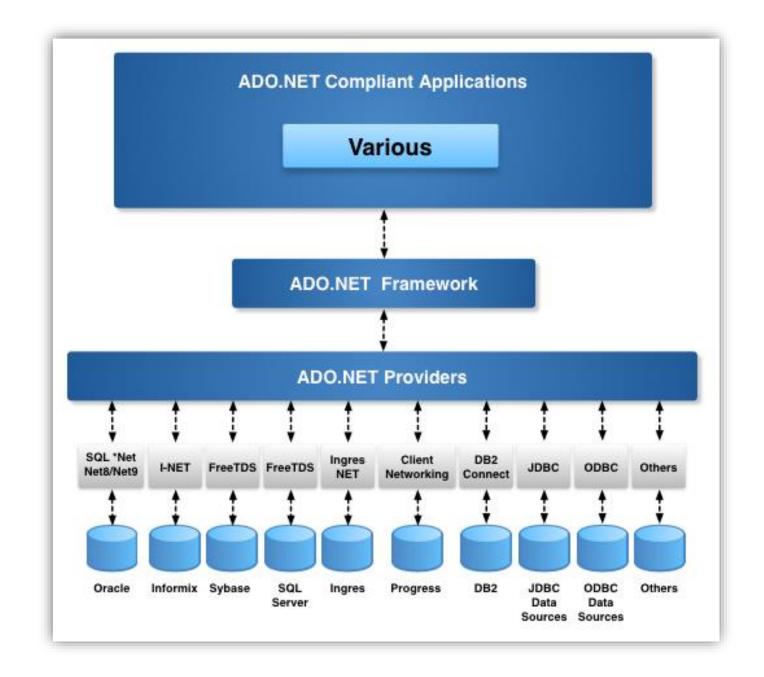
- Monday
 - Database Connectivity from C#
 - Data Access Objects The DAO pattern
- Tuesday
 - Integration Testing Testing DAOs
- Wednesday
 - Data Security Preventing SQL Injection Attacks
- Thursday & Friday
 - Module 2 Capstone
- All Pairs Exercises this week

Database Connectivity

- SQL Server and other databases use a client-server architecture
- The DBMS (SQL Server) is the server
- Last week, SSMS was the client
- This week, C# programs will be the client

ADO.Net

- Consumers applications that need access to data
- *Providers* components that provide data
- ADO.Net Framework –
 defines how consumers talk
 to providers to get data
- Allows access to lots of databases using a common model



ADO.Net - Interfaces

IDbConnection

 Represents an open connection to a data source, and is implemented by .NET Framework data providers that access relational databases.

IDbCommand

 Represents an SQL statement that is executed while connected to a data source, and is implemented by .NET Framework data providers that access relational databases.

IDataReader

- Provides a means of reading one or more forward-only streams of result sets
 obtained by executing a command at a data source, and is implemented by .NET
 Framework data providers that access relational databases.
- SQL Server provider implements these in SqlConnection, SqlCommand, SqlDataReader classes

Data Access

- using
- Connection string
- SqlCommand constructor
- ExecuteReader()
- Read()
- Accessing column data (dictionary-like access)



```
// Things can go awry, so put it in a try
try
    using (SqlConnection conn = new SqlConnection("conn str..."))
        conn.Open();
                                  // Open the connection to the DB
        // A command is a query statement
        SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SELECT * FROM city", conn);
        // Execute the statement and get the results
        SqlDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();
        // Read row by row
        while (reader.Read())
            // Do something with the row
            string name = Convert.ToString(reader["name"]);
            int population = Convert.ToInt32(reader["population"]);
            Console.WriteLine($"City: {name}, population {population}");
     // End of the "using". Closes the connection in Dispose()
catch (SqlException ex)
    // There was an exception...do something with it here
```

Parameterized Queries

- Placeholders for each parameter in the query
- Parameters collection (on Command)



The DAO Pattern

- Data Access Objects
- Only role is to store and retrieve data
- Decouples the application from the persistence layer
 - Could be DB, file system, test objects, etc.
 - Isolates changes needed if the schema changes
- Performs object-to-relational mapping (ORM)
- Use of Interfaces provides additional flexibility

