

# Castle Windsor

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## Who am I?

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## Castle Windsor

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```
public void Install(IWindsorContainer container, Castle.MicroKernel.IConfigurationStore store)
{
    container
        .Register(Component.For<ICatalogService>()
            .ImplementedBy<MyCatalogService>().LifeStyle.Singleton)
        .Register(Component.For<IPriceService>()
            .ImplementedBy<PriceService>()
            .Named("priceService")
            .DependsOn(new {taxRate=0.18f})
            .OnCreate((kernel, service)=>service.Name="priceService"))
        .Register(AllTypes.Of<IConsoleCommandInterpreter>()
            .FromAssembly(typeof(IConsoleCommandInterpreter).Assembly)
            .WithService.FirstInterface());
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## Eventler - Code

```
public class EnrichWithFacility : AbstractFacility
{
    public delegate void ExtendComponentDelegate(IKernel kernel, object instance);
    public const string ExtendWithPropertyKey = "extendwith";
    protected override void Init()
    {
        Kernel.ComponentCreated += Kernel_ComponentCreated;
    }
    void Kernel_ComponentCreated(ComponentModel model, object instance)
    {
        if (model.ExtendedProperties.Contains(ExtendWithPropertyKey))
        {
            var action = model.ExtendedProperties[ExtendWithPropertyKey] as ExtendComponentDelegate;
            action(this.Kernel, instance);
        }
    }
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```
public class ServiceIdResolver : ISubDependencyResolver
{
    #region ISubDependencyResolver Members
    public bool CanResolve(CreationContext context, ISubDependencyResolver parentResolver,
        ComponentModel model, DependencyModel dependency)
    {
        return dependency.DependencyKey.ToLowerInvariant().Equals("serviceid") &&
            dependency.TargetType == typeof(string);
    }
    public object Resolve(CreationContext context, ISubDependencyResolver parentResolver,
        ComponentModel model, DependencyModel dependency)
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        return model.Name;
    }
    #endregion
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```
public class ArrayResolver : ISubDependencyResolver
{
    private readonly IKernel kernel;
    public ArrayResolver(IKernel kernel)
    {
        this.kernel = kernel;
    }

    public object Resolve(CreationContext context, ISubDependencyResolver contextHandlerResolver,
        ComponentModel model, DependencyModel dependency)
    {
        return kernel.ResolveAll(dependency.TargetType.GetElementType(), null);
    }

    public bool CanResolve(CreationContext context, ISubDependencyResolver contextHandlerResolver,
        ComponentModel model, DependencyModel dependency)
    {
        return dependency.TargetType != null && dependency.TargetType.IsArray &&
            kernel.HasComponent(dependency.TargetType.GetElementType());
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public class DataAccessHandlerSelector : IHandlerSelector
{
    bool databaseIsDown = false;

    public DataAccessHandlerSelector()
    {
        DatabaseMonitor.OnChangedState +=
            state => databaseIsDown = state == DatabaseState.Down;
    }

    public bool HasOpinionAbout(string key, Type service)
    {
        return databaseIsDown && service == typeof(IRepository);
    }

    public IHandler SelectHandler(string key, Type service, IHandler[] handlers)
    {
        return handlers.Where(x => x.ComponentModel.Implementation == typeof(CacheOnlyRepository)).First();
    }
}
```

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## Available Lifestyles - Singleton

```
public class SingletonLifestyleManager : AbstractLifestyleManager
{
    private volatile Object instance;

    public override void Dispose()
    {
        if (instance != null) base.Release( instance );
    }
    public override object Resolve(CreationContext context)
    {
        if (instance == null)
            lock (ComponentActivator)
                if (instance == null)
                    instance = base.Resolve(context);
        return instance;
    }
    public override bool Release(object instance)
    {
        return false;
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- ▶ Accessor/Factory Activator (Used by Factory Support Facility)



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```
public class AccessorActivator : DefaultComponentActivator
{
    public AccessorActivator(ComponentModel model, IKernel kernel,
        ComponentInstanceDelegate onCreation, ComponentInstanceDelegate onDestruction)
        : base(model, kernel, onCreation, onDestruction)
    {
    }

    protected override object Instantiate(CreationContext context)
    {
        String accessor = (String)Model.ExtendedProperties["instance.accessor"];

        PropertyInfo pi = Model.Implementation.GetProperty(accessor, BindingFlags.Public | BindingFlags.Static);

        return pi.GetValue(null, new object[0]);
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