**Objectives**

In this lab you will start writing a simple community information web site. You could make this about the town or neighborhood you live in, or some other community. The purpose of this lab is to help you learn to:

* Write simple controller classes and methods.
* Write simple views.

**Part 1: Controllers**

This is the initial site map:  
 (We’ll add to this in coming weeks.)

* Home – General information about the community and the purpose of the site
  + About – information about the authors
    - Contact – contact information
  + History – A brief history of the community
* Map – A map of the community (you can embed a link to Google maps or something similar).
* News – What’s happening in the community
  + Today’s news
  + Archive

Write a controller class for each top level page of the site (later we’ll add these to a menu). Write a method in the controller for each sub-page. Remember that the Home controller should have an index method, index methods are optional in other controllers. Sub-sub pages can just be another method in the same controller. You don’t need to nest controllers.

**Part 2: Views**

Create a simple shared layout that just formats the title of the page for each view. Use the ViewBag to pass the titles to the shared layout.

Write a view to go with each controller method.

Use the ViewBag to send today’s date to the home page.

Create a view model for the news view. The news view will be a strongly typed view. You can put a few dummy news items in the view model in the controller method for this view. Keep the model simple- just a few properties like Title and Story.