**Where we are:**

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| Intro to MVC | Annotation and validation |
| Controllers and views | Identity - Authentication |
| Models and Entity Framework | Identity - Authorization |
| Forms and HTML helpers | EF Code-First Migrations Deploying to Azure |
| Customizing Scaffolding | Dependency Injection Unit Testing |

**Announcements / Code Review**  
Changing the topics for this week  
Code review for lab 7

Unit Testing

* Test directly against the database
  + Add a test for a simple controller method: Search for book
  + Add a test for a more complex method: Create book
* Issues with testing against a real database
  + The database may not contain optimal data for doing certain tests. It’s not always practical/advisable to put data into a real data base during the arrange phase
  + The data can change over time and cause tests to fail.
  + The tests could cause unwanted changes to the real data.

Dependency Injection and the Repository Pattern

* Dependency injection – control dependency at run-time.
* For testing, use a fake version of the database
* Use different database contexts depending on whether we’re doing testing or not? No, the database context is too complex to simulate.
* Create a repository class that is an abstraction layer over the database context. It is typically put in a project folder named DAL (Data Access Layer).

References: