## Routing and Binding, Views, DI and Services

Custom Model Binding and Validation, Files, Razor Syntax, Special Views, Routing and Dependency Injection



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#### Have a Question?





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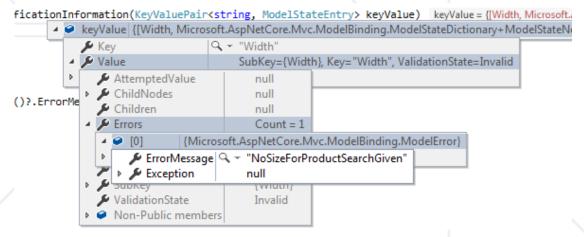


**Custom Model Binding** 

## **Model Binding Overview**



- Bridge between HTTP request and action method parameters
- Data from HTTP requests is used by controllers
  - Retrieved from route data, form fields, query strings, etc.
- Request data is bind to action parameters by name
  - If binding is not successful, an error is not thrown



The model binding behavior can be customized

#### **Attributes**



- Built-in Model binding behavior can be directed to a different source
  - The framework provides several attributes for that

Attribute	Description
[BindRequired]	Adds a model state error if binding cannot occur.
[BindNever]	Tells the model binder to never bind this parameter.
[From{source}]	Used to specify the exact binding source. [FromHeader], [FromQuery], [FromRoute], [FromForm]
[FromServices]	Uses dependency injection to bind parameters from services.
[FromBody]	Use configure formatters to bind data from request body. Formatter is selected based on Content-Type of Request.
[ModelBinder]	Used to override the default model binder, binding source and name.

#### **Custom Model Binder (1)**



- Custom Model Binding can be completely customized
  - You need to create a BindingProvider and a Binder

```
[ModelBinder(BinderType = typeof(StudentEntityBinder))]
public class Student
   public int Id { get; set; }
   public string Name { get; set; }
   public int Age { get; set; }
public class StudentEntityBinder : IModelBinder
   public Task BindModelAsync
         (ModelBindingContext bindingContext)
       // TODO: Do Magic ...
       bindingContext.Result
            = ModelBindingResult.Success(model);
       return Task.CompletedTask;
```

#### **Custom Model Binder (2)**



```
public class StudentEntityBinderProvider : IModelBinderProvider
    public IModelBinder GetBinder(ModelBinderProviderContext context)
        if(context == null)
            throw new ArgumentNullException(nameof(context));
        if(context.Metadata.ModelType == typeof(Student))
            return new BinderTypeModelBinder(typeof(StudentEntityBinder));
        return null;
```

```
services.AddControllerWithViews(options =>
{
    options.ModelBinderProviders
        .Insert(0, new StudentEntityBinderProvider());
    // Add custom binder to beginning
});
```



#### **Model Validation Overview**



- Model validation occurs after model binding
  - Reports errors that originate from model binding
- Two types of validation
  - Server-side
  - Client-side
- ModelState.IsValid property indicates if the model validation is successful
  - Iterates over the errors

#### **Custom Model Validation (1)**



- Validation attributes work for most needs, but not for all
  - Sometimes you need to implement your own validation attributes

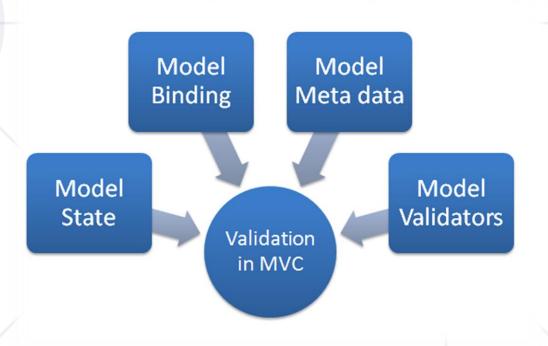
```
public class IsBefore : ValidationAttribute
   private const string DateTimeFormat = "dd/MM/yyyy";
    private readonly DateTime date;
   public IsBefore(string dateInput)
        date = DateTime.ParseExact(dateInput, DateTimeFormat, CultureInfo.InvariantCulture);
    protected override ValidationResult IsValid(object value, ValidationContext validationContext)
        if ((DateTime)value >= date) return new ValidationResult(ErrorMessage);
        return ValidationResult.Success;
```

#### **Custom Model Validation (2)**



Then you can use it in your model

```
public class RegisterUserModel
    [Required]
    public string Username { get; set; }
    [Required]
    [StringLength(20)]
    public string Password { get; set; }
    [Required]
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    [Required]
    public string LastName { get; set; }
    [IsBefore("01/01/2000")]
    public DateTime BirthDate { get; set; }
```



## **Custom Model Validation (3)**



- You can also use validation directly in the Binding Model
  - This is done by using the IValidatableObject interface

```
public class RegisterUserModel : IValidatableObject
{
   public string Username { get; set; }
   public string Password { get; set; }
   public string ConfirmPassword { get; set; }

   public IEnumerable<ValidationResult> Validate(ValidationContext validationContext)
   {
      if(string.IsNullOrEmpty(Username)) yield return new ValidationResult("Username cannot be empty");
      if(string.IsNullOrEmpty(Password)) yield return new ValidationResult("Password cannot be empty");
      if(ConfirmPassword != Password) yield return new ValidationResult("Passwords do not match");
   }
}
```



# **Uploading and Downloading Files**

Files

## **Uploading Files (1)**



- ASP.NET Core MVC supports File Upload using simple model binding
  - For larger files, Streaming is used

Multiple-file upload is also supported

## **Uploading Files (2)**



- When uploading files using model binding, your action should accept
  - IFormFile (for single file) or IEnumerable<IFormFile> (or List<IFormFile>)

```
[HttpPost("Upload")]
public async Task<IActionResult> Upload(List<IFormFile> files)
   var filePath = Path.GetTempFileName(); // Full path to file in temp location
   foreach (var formFile in files.Where(f => f.Length > 0))
        using (var stream = new FileStream(filePath, FileMode.Create))
            await formFile.CopyToAsync(stream);
    } // Copy files to FileSystem using Streams
   var bytes = files.Sum(f => f.Length);
    return Ok(new { count = files.Count, bytes, filePath});
```

## **Downloading Files (1)**



- ASP.NET Core abstracts file system access through File Providers
  - File Providers are used throughout the ASP.NET Core framework
- Examples of where ASP.NET Core uses File Providers internally
  - IHostingEnvironment exposes the app's content root and web root
  - Static File Middleware uses File Providers to locate static files
  - Razor uses File Providers to locate pages and views









## **Downloading Files (2)**



- To access physical files, you have to use PhysicalFileProvider
  - You'll have to initialize it with your server physical files folder path
  - Then you can extract information about the File

```
public IActionResult Download(string fileName)
   // Construct the path to the physical files folder
    string filePath = this.env.ContentRootPath + this.config["FileSystem:FilesFolderPath"];
   IFileProvider provider = new PhysicalFileProvider(filePath); // Initialize the Provider
   IFileInfo fileInfo = provider.GetFileInfo(fileName); // Extract the FileInfo
   var readStream = fileInfo.CreateReadStream(); // Extact the Stream
   var mimeType = "application/octet-stream"; // Set a mimeType
   return File(readStream, mimeType, fileName); // Return FileResult
} // NOTE: There is no check if the File exists. This action may result in an error
```



#### What is Razor?



- Simple-syntax view engine
- Code-focused templating approach
- Easy transition between HTML and code
- Combining HTML and C#

#### Razor Syntax (1)



@ – For values (HTML encoded)

■ @{...} – For code blocks (keep the view simple)

```
@{
    var productName = "Energy drink";
    if (Model != null) { productName = Model.ProductName; }
    else if (ViewBag.ProductName != null) { productName = ViewBag.ProductName; }
}
Product "@productName" has been added in your shopping cart
```

#### Razor Syntax (2)



- If, else, for, foreach, etc. C# statements
  - HTML markup lines can be included at any part
  - @: For plain text line to be rendered

#### Razor Syntax (3)



#### Comments

```
@*
    A Razor Comment
*@
    @{
        // A C# comment
        /* A Multi
        line C# comment
        */
}
<!-- HTML Comment -->
```

#### Escaping @

```
this is the sign that separates email names from domains: @@<br/>And this is how smart Razor is: spam_me@gmail.com
```

#### Razor Syntax (4)



■ @(...) – Explicit code expression

- @using for including namespace into view
- @model for defining the model for the view

```
@using MyWebApp.Models;
@model UserModel
@Model.Username
```

#### Views – Dependency Injection

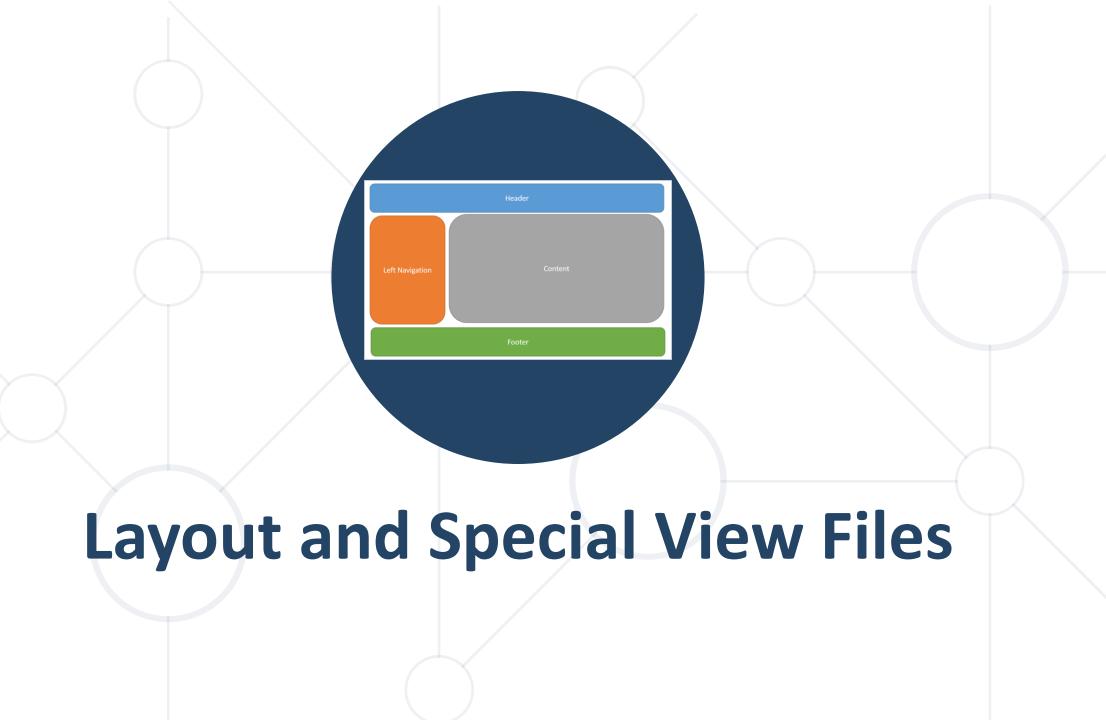


- ASP.NET Core supports dependency injection into views
  - You can inject a Service into a View by using @inject

```
public class DataService
{
    1 reference
    public IEnumerable<string> GetData()
    {
        return new[] { "David", "John", "Max", "George" };
    }
}
```

```
builder.Services.AddScoped<DataService, DataService>();
```

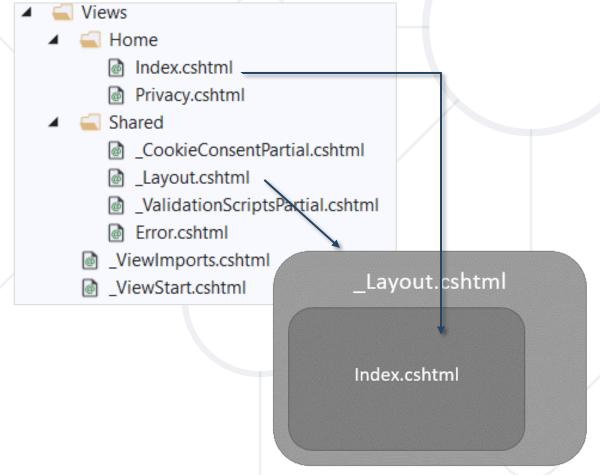
John Max George

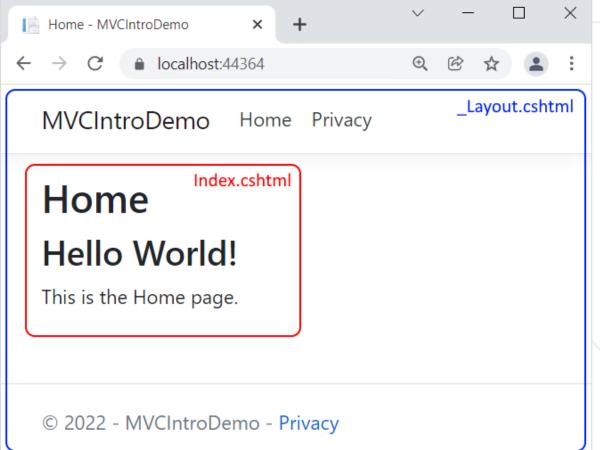


## \_Layout.cshtml (1)



Defines a common site template (~/Views/Shared/\_Layout.cshtml)





## \_Layout.cshtml (2)



- Razor View engine renders content inside-out
  - First the View is rendered, and after that the Layout
- @RenderBody() indicate where we want the views based on this layout to "fill in" their core content at that location in the HTML

#### Sections



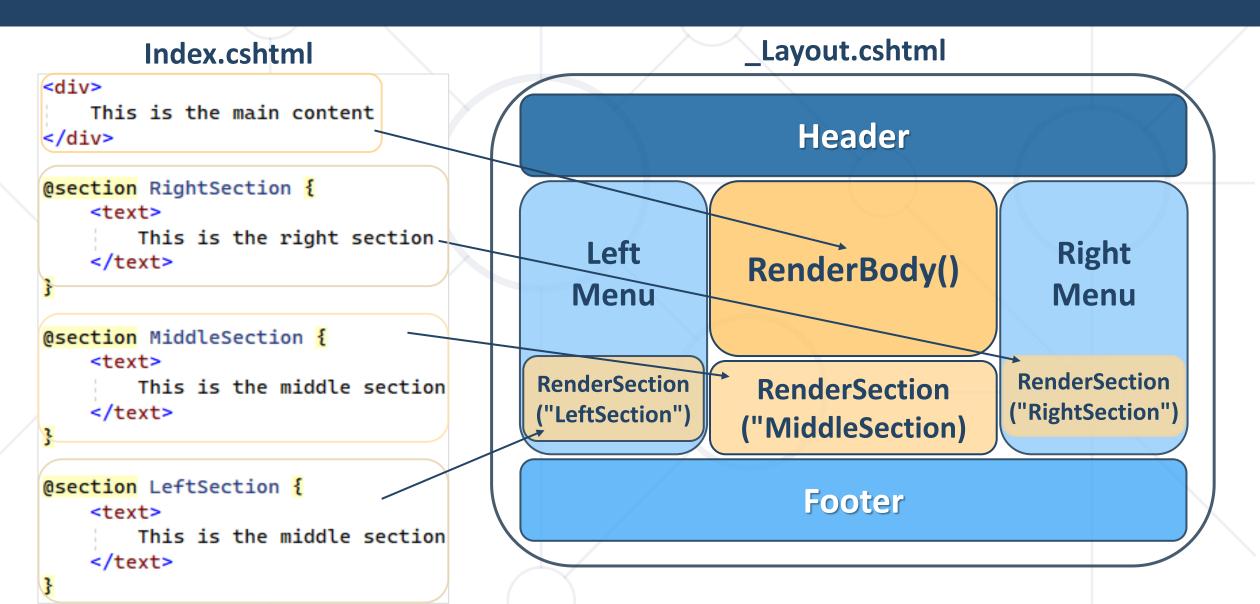
 You can have one or more "sections" (optional), defined in views

- Can be rendered anywhere in the layout page using the method RenderSection()
  - @RenderSection(string name, bool required)
  - If the section is required and not defined, an exception will be thrown (IsSectionDefined())

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>@ViewBag.Title</title>
    <link href="@Url.Content("~/Content/site.css")</pre>
        rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
</head>
<body>
    <div id="header">
        <h1>My Site Header</h1>
    </div>
    <div id="sidebar">
      @RenderSection("SideBar", required: false);
    </div>
    <div id="content">
        @RenderBody();
    </div>
    <div id="footer">
        <h1>Site Footer - &copy; </h1>
    </div>
</body>
</html>
```

#### Scheme





#### \_ViewStart.cshtml



- Views don't need to specify layout since their default layout is set in their \_\_ViewStart file
  - ~/Views/\_ViewStart.cshtml (code for all views)
- Each view can specify custom layout pages

```
@{
    Layout = "~/Views/Shared/_UncommonLayout.cshtml";
}
```

Views without layout

```
@{
    Layout = null;
}
```

#### \_ViewImports.cshtml



- If a directive or a dependency is shared between many Views, it can be specified globally in the ViewImports
  - ~/Views/\_ViewImports.cshtml (code for all views)

```
@using MyWebApp
@using MyWebApp.Models
@using MyWebApp.Models.AccountViewModels
@using MyWebApp.Models.ManageViewModels
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Identity
@addTagHelper *, Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers
```

This file does not support other Razor features

## \_ValidationScriptsPartial.cshtml



- This file contains validation scripts in the form of a partial view
  - ~/Views/Shared/\_ValidationScriptsPartial.cshtml

```
<script
   src="~/lib/jquery-validation/dist/jquery.validate.min.js">
</script>
<script
   src="~/lib/jquery-validation-unobtrusive/jquery.validate.unobtrusive.min.js">
</script></script></script>
```

To use them, render the partial view inside a view in a section

```
@section Scripts {
    <partial name="_ValidationScriptsPartial" />
}
```



**Partial View** 

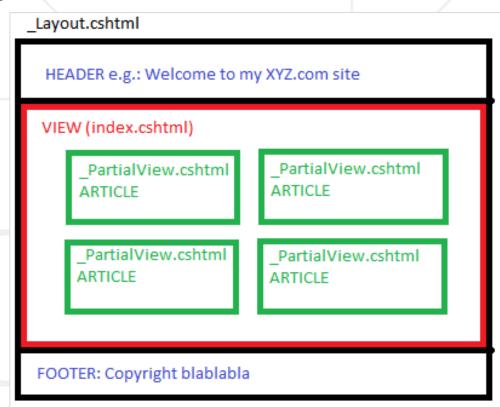
Partial View in Partial View

## **Partial Views and View Components**

#### **Partial Views**



- Partial Views render portions of a page
  - Break up large markup files into smaller components
  - Reduce the duplication of common view code
- Razor partial views are normal views (.cshtml files)
  - Usually placed in /Shared/ or in the same directory where used



#### **Use of Partial Views**



HTML Helper for Partial Views

```
@using WebApplication.Models;
@model ProductsListViewModel

@foreach (var product in Model.Products)
{
    @await Html.PartialAsync("_ProductPartial", product);
}
```

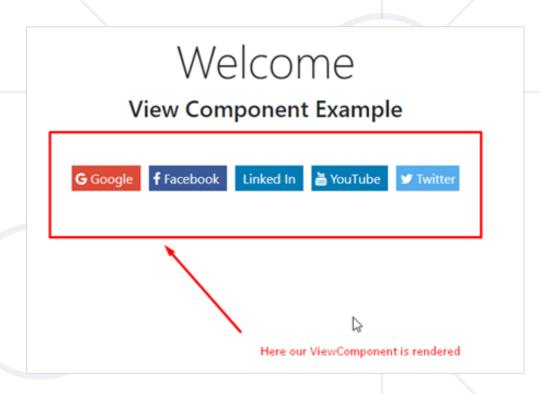
Tag Helper for Partial Views

```
@foreach (var product in Model.Products)
{
     <partial name="_ProductPartial" model="product" />
}
```

### **View Components (1)**



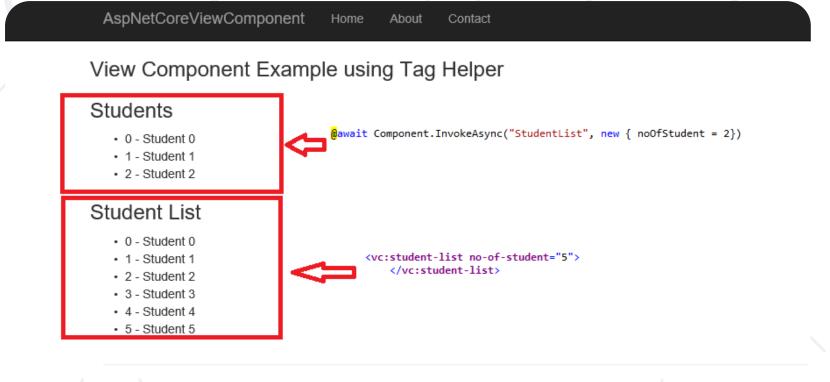
- View Components are similar to Partial Views, but much more powerful
  - No model binding
  - Depend only on the data provided to it
- View Components
  - Render a chunk rather than a whole response
  - Can have parameters and business logic
  - Typically invoked from a Layout page
  - Include the same separation of concerns and testability benefits between controller / view



## View Components (2)



- View components are intended anywhere you have reusable rendering logic that's too complex for a partial view
  - Dynamic navigation menus
  - Login panels
  - Shopping carts
  - Sidebar content
  - Recently published articles
  - Tag cloud



## View Components (3)



- View Components consist of 2 parts
  - A class typically derived from ViewComponent
  - A result typically a View
- View Components
  - Define their logic in a method called InvokeAsync()
  - Never directly handle a Request
  - Typically initialize a Model which is passed to the View

### **Defining Your Own ViewComponent (1)**



```
Inherit the
           \ViewComponents\HelloWorldViewComponent.cs
                                                               ViewComponent class
public class HelloWorldViewComponent: ViewComponent
                                                                 Components don't
    private readonly DataService _dataService;
                                                                  handle requests
    public HelloWorldViewComponent(DataService dataService)
      => _dataService = dataService;
                                                                      directly
    public async Task<IViewComponentResult> InvokeAsync(string name)
        string helloMessage =
                                                       Async method with logic
            await _dataService.GetHelloAsync();
        ViewData["Message"] = helloMessage;
        ViewData["Name"] = name;
                                                  They often initialize a
        return View();
                                                     model which is
                     Typically return a view
                                                   passed to the view
```

#### **Defining Your Own ViewComponent (2)**



```
Views
                                                                      Home
   \Views\Shared\Components\HelloWorld\Default.cshtml
                                                                      Shared
                                                                        Components
<h1>@ViewData["Message"]!!! I am @ViewData["Name"]</h1>
                                                                          HelloWorld
                                                                            Default.cshtml
                       \Views\Home\Index.cshtml
<div class="view-component-content">
    @await Component.InvokeAsync("HelloWorld", new { name = "David" });
    <vc:HelloWorld name="John"></vc:HelloWorld>
</div>
```

To use a Tag Helper, register the assembly of the view component using the @addTagHelper directive



HTML Helpers and Tag Helpers

#### **HTML Helpers**



- Each view inherits RazorPage
  - RazorPage has a property named Html
- The Html Property has methods that return string can be used to
  - Create inputs
  - Create links
  - Create forms
- Avoid using HTML Helpers
  - Use Tag Helpers instead

HTML Helpers	
@Html.ActionLink	@Html.TextBox
@Html.BeginForm	@Html.TextArea
@Html.CheckBox	@Html.Password
@Html.Display	@Html.Hidden
@Html.Editor	@Html.Label
@Html.DropDownList	@Html.Action

#### Tag Helpers



- Tag Helpers enable the participation of Server-side code in the HTML element creation and rendering, in Razor views
  - There are built-in Tag Helpers for many common tasks
    - Forms, Links, Assets, etc.
  - There are custom Tag Helpers in GitHub repos and NuGet

Often start with asp-

## Tag Helpers vs HTML Helpers



- Tag Helpers attach to HTML elements in Razor Views
- Tag Helpers reduce the explicit transitions between HTML & C#
- Tag Helpers make the Razor markup quite clean and the views – quite simple

- HTML Helpers are invoked as methods which generate content
- HTML Helpers tend to include a lot of C# code in the markup
- HTML Helpers use complex and very C#-specific Razor syntax in some cases

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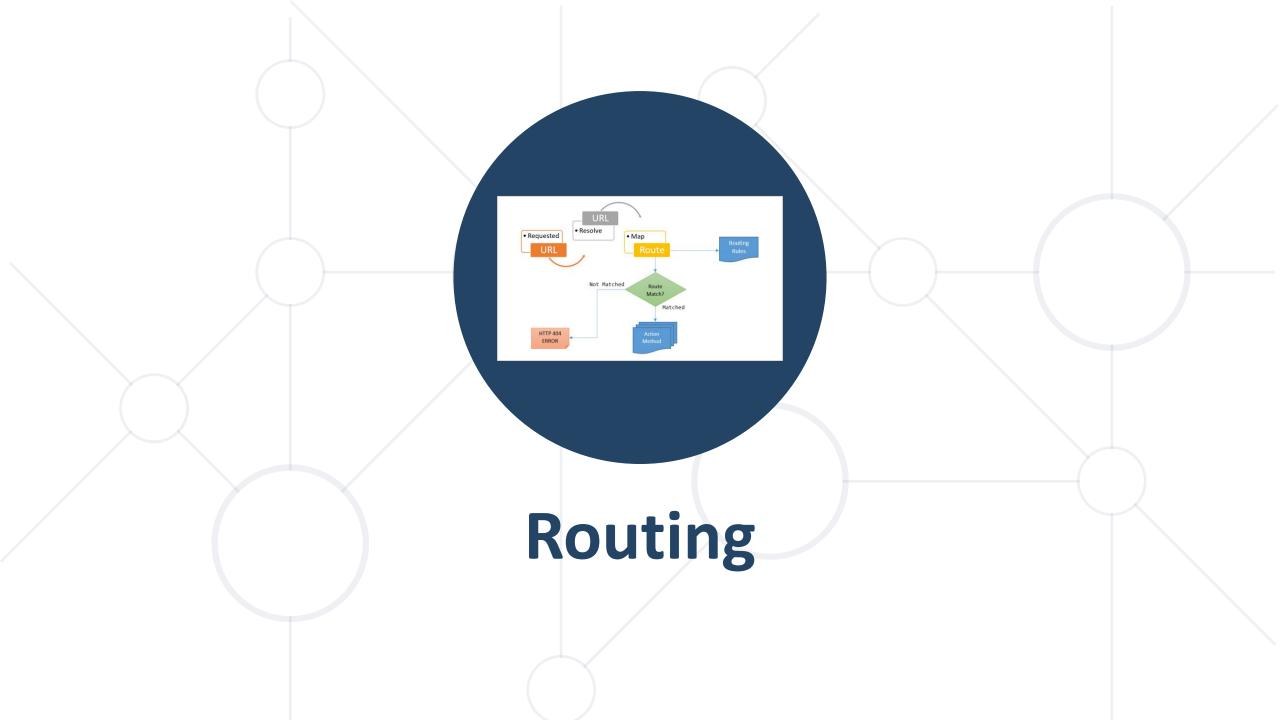
@Html.Label("firstName", "FirstName: ");

#### **Creating Your Own Tag Helper**



```
[HtmlTargetElement("h1")]
public class HelloTagHelper : TagHelper
{
    private const string MessageFormat = "Hello, {0}";
    public string TargetName { get; set; }

    public override void Process(TagHelperContext context, TagHelperOutput output)
    {
        string formattedMessage = string.Format(MessageFormat, this.TargetName);
        output.Content.SetContent(formattedMessage);
    }
}
```



#### **Route Constraints**



Route Constraints are rules on the URL segments

```
endpoints.MapControllerRoute(
  name: "blog",
  pattern: "{year}/{month}/{day}",
  defaults: new { controller = "Blog", action = "ByDate" },
  constraints: new { year = @"\d{4}", month = @"\d{1,2}", day = @"\d{1,2}" }
);
```

 All the constraints are regular expression compatible with the Regex class

```
class BlogController : Controller {
  public IActionResult ByDate(
    string year, string month, string day)
    { ... }
}
```

#### **Attribute Routing (1)**



- It uses a set of attributes to map actions directly to route template
- It can also directly define the request method
- Http{Action}attributes are quite often used in REST APIs

```
public class HomeController : Controller
{
    [Route("/")]
    public IActionResult Index() => View();
}
```

```
public class HomeController : Controller
{
    [HttpGet("/")]
    public IActionResult Index() => View();
}
```

```
public class UsersController : Controller
{
    [HttpPost("Login")]
    public IActionResult Login() => View();
}
```

#### **Attribute Routing (2)**



Attribute routing allows you to create multiple routes for a single action

It also allows you to combine a route for a controller and an action

route

```
public class HomeController :
Controller
    [Route("/")]
    [Route("Index")]
    public IActionResult Index()
        return View();
```

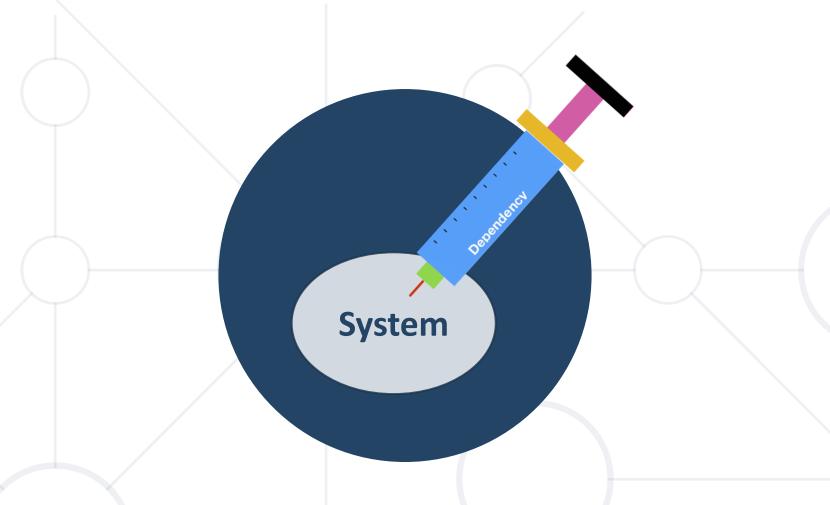
```
[Route("Home")]
public class HomeController : Controller
   // ...
    [Route("/")] // Does not combine, Route - /
    [Route("Index")] // Route - /Home/Index
    [Route("")] // Route - /Home
    public IActionResult Index()
        return View();
```

#### **Static Files Routing**



Can be modified to serve other folders

```
app.UseStaticFiles(
new StaticFileOptions()
      FileProvider = new PhysicalFileProvider(
            Path.Combine(Directory.GetCurrentDirectory(), "OtherFiles")),
      RequestPath = new PathString("/files")
});
                                                This will serve "style.css" file
                                                         upon request
                                                 "http://{app}/files/styl
                                                  e.css" from "OtherFiles"
                                                     instead of "wwwroot"
```



## **Dependency Injection**

Design Pattern for IoC Implementation

### What is a Dependency?

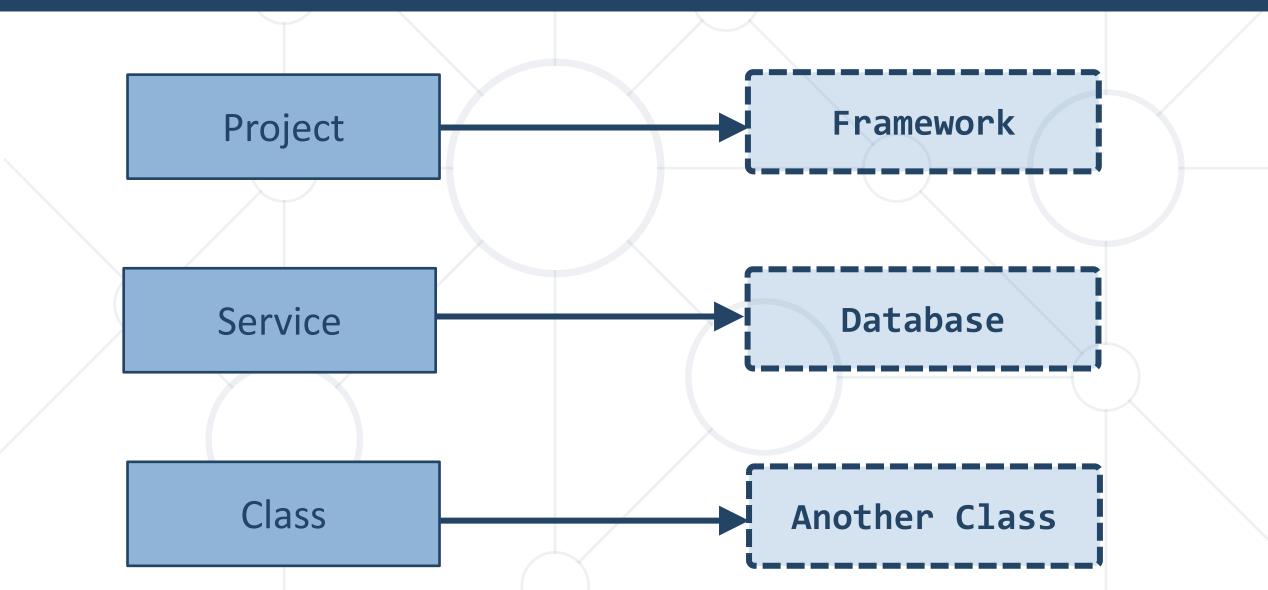


- Another object that your class needs
  - Other examples (Framework, Database, File System, Providers)
- Classes dependent on each other are called coupled
- Dependencies are bad because they decrease reuse

```
public class Customer
{
   var customerService =
        new CustomerService('Service');
}
Customer class is dependent
   on concrete service
```

## **Dependency Examples**

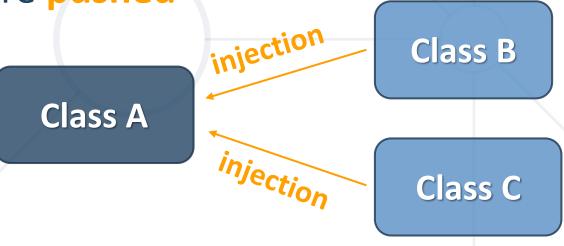




## What is Dependency Injection?

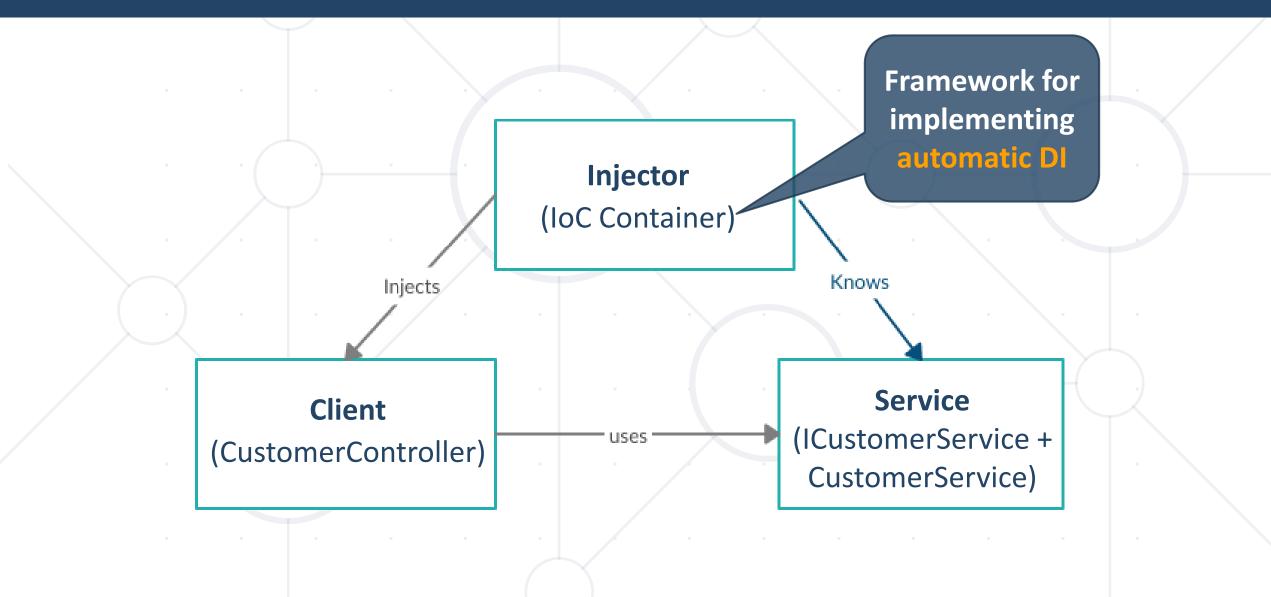


- Dependency Injection (DI) is a popular design pattern
- It is a technique for achieving Inversion of Control (IoC)
  - Classes should declare what they need
  - Constructors should inject dependencies (constructor injection)
  - Dependencies (abstractions) are pushed in the class from the outside
  - Classes do not instantiate their dependencies



## **Dependency Injection Scheme**





#### **Constructor Injection**

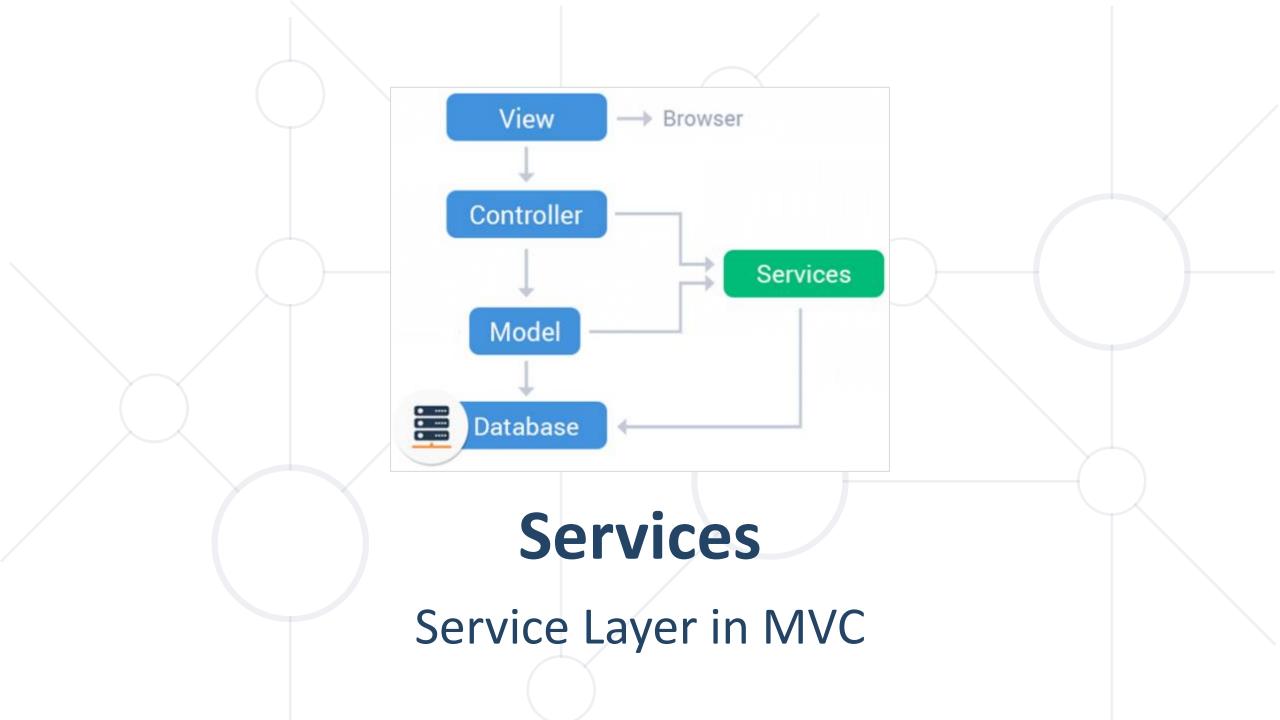


- Decouples dependencies
- Pros
  - Classes self document requirements
  - Works well without container
  - Always valid state

- Cons
  - Many parameters
  - Some methods may not need everything

```
public class Customer
{
    private ICustomerService _customerService;
    public Customer(ICustomerService service)
    {
        _customerService = service;
    }
}
```

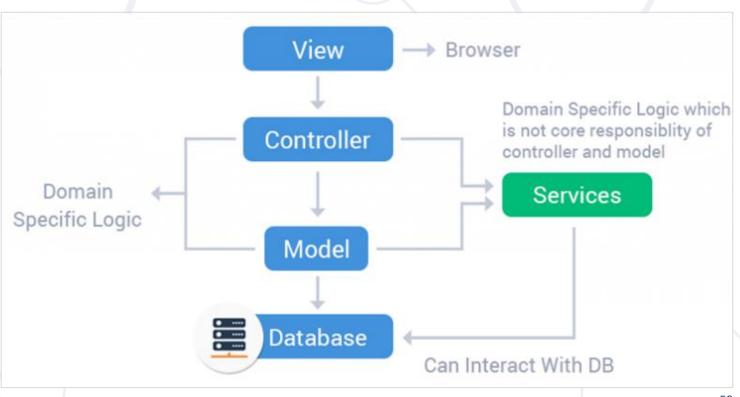
The service comes from outside



#### **Service Layer**

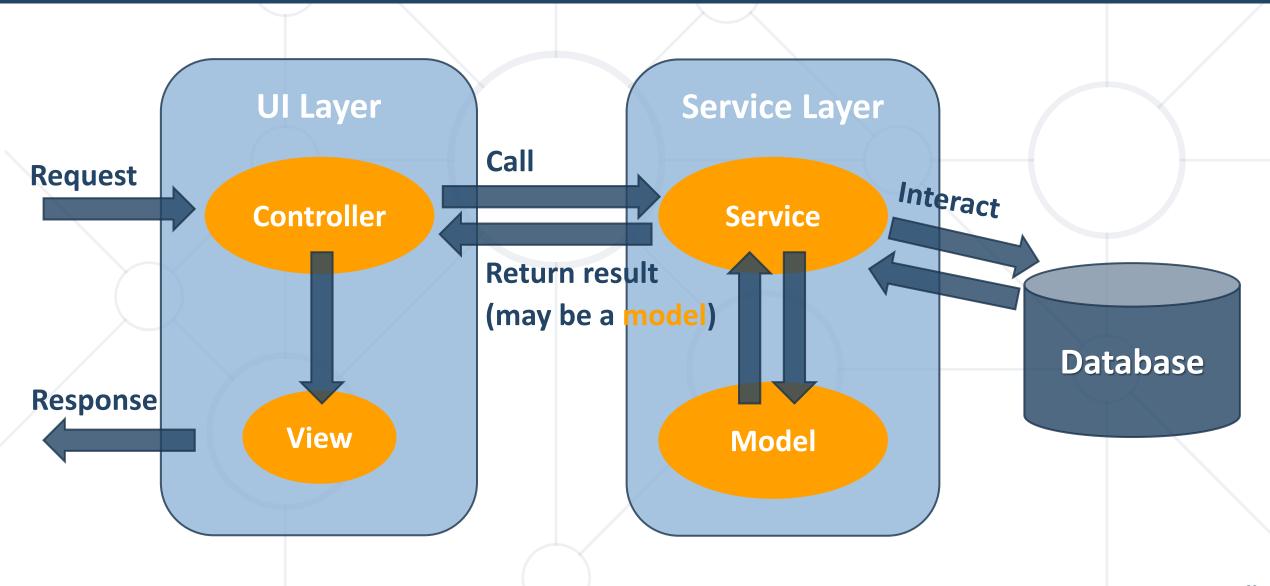


- Service layer is an additional layer in an ASP.NET MVC app between controllers and database layer
- Resolves the problem with duplicating code in controller actions
- It contains business logic
  - Controller actions should not contain database logic
  - Controllers may get a model from the service layer and pass it to a view



#### **MVC** with Services





#### **Application Services Configuration**



- Configuration options, by convention, are set in Program.cs
- Services can be configured for Dependency Injection differently

builder.Services.AddTransient<DataService>();

builder.Services.AddScoped(typeof(DataService));

builder.Services.AddSingleton<DataService>();

Transient objects are always different. A new instance is provided to every controller and service

Singleton objects are the same for every object and request

Scoped objects are the same within a request. They are different across different requests

### **Service Interface + Configuration**



- Services are typically defined using interfaces
  - Interfaces define service methods

```
public interface IProductService
{
   List<ProductServiceModel> All();
   void CreateProduct(string name, string description);
}
```

Allows you to inject services into controller classes constructors via DI

Configure the service in the Program.cs class

```
builder
    .Services
    .AddTransient<IProductService, ProductService>();
```

#### Service



- Should contain the business logic
- May interact with the database context

```
public class ProductService : IProductService
                                                      Accept the db context
                                                      through the constructor
   private readonly ApplicationDbContext _data;
   public ProductService(ApplicationDbContext data)
      => _data = data;
   public void CreateProduct(string name, string description)
      var product = new Product()
            { Name = name, Description = description};
                                                           Method contains
      data.Products.Add(product);
                                                           business logic for
      _data.SaveChanges();
                                                           creating a product
```

#### Controller



Controllers should be responsible only for the request and response

```
public class ProductsController: Controller
                                                              Inject the service
   private IProductService _productService;
                                                           through the constructor
   public ProductsController(IProductService service)
       => _productService = service;
   public IActionResult Create() => View();
   [HttpPost]
   public IActionResult Create(ProductFormModel model)
       if (!ModelState.IsValid)
          return View(model);
       _productService.CreateProduct(model.Name, model.Description);
                                                         Invoke service methods
       return RedirectToAction("All");
                                                          for the business logic
```

#### **Service with Service Model**



```
public class ProductServiceModel
                                          Special
                                         model for
    0 references
    public int Id { get; set; }
                                        the service
    0 references
    public string Name { get; set; }
public class ProductController : Controller
    private IProductService _productService;
    0 references
    public ProductController(IProductService service)
     => _productService = service;
    0 references
    public IActionResult All()
        var model = _productService.All();
        return View(model);
```

```
public class ProductService : IProductService
    private readonly ApplicationDbContext _data;
    references
    public ProductService(ApplicationDbContext data)
    => _data = data;
   0 references
    public List<ProductServiceModel> All()
        var products = _data.Products
            .Select (p => new ProductServiceModel
                Id = p.Id,
                Name = p.Name
            .ToList();
        return products;
```

#### Summary



- Model Binding
- Model Validation
- Working with Files
- Razor syntax
- Layout and Special View Files
- Partial Views and View Components
- HTML Helpers and Tag Helpers
- Routing
- Dependency Injection and Services





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