

Workshop: Users, Security, App Layers and Web API

Workshop for the ["ASP.NET Advanced" course @ SoftUni](#)

The "House Renting System" ASP.NET Core MVC App is a Web application for **house renting**. **Users** can look at all **houses** with their **details**, **rent a house** and look at **their rented houses**. They can also **become Agents**. **Agents** can **add houses**, see their **details** and **edit** and **delete** only **houses they added**. The **Admin** has **all privileges** of **Users** and **Agents** and can see **all registrations** in the app and **all made rents**.

1. Add Custom User

Now, we will **create our custom user**. It will **extend the default user** from ASP.NET Core by **adding first and last name properties**.

First, create a **ApplicationUser model class** in the **"/Data/Models"** folder, which should **inherit IdentityUser** (the default user). It should also have **properties for first and last name**. They should be **required** and have **restrictions**. Write the class like this:

```
public class ApplicationUser : IdentityUser
{
    [Required]
    [MaxLength(UserFirstNameMaxLength)]
    0 references
    public string FirstName { get; set; } = null!;

    [Required]
    [MaxLength(UserLastNameMaxLength)]
    0 references
    public string LastName { get; set; } = null!;
}
```

The **maximum and minimum lengths** of properties are part of the **DataConstants** class:

```
public class ApplicationUser
{
    // First name
    public const int UserFirstNameMaxLength = 12;
    public const int UserFirstNameMinLength = 1;

    // Last name
    public const int UserLastNameMaxLength = 15;
    public const int UserLastNameMinLength = 3;
}
```

Now we should **replace** the **IdentityUser** with our **custom user** everywhere in our code (except for the **migrations** – they will be changed later).

First, go to **Program.cs** and **modify the Identity service**:

```
builder.Services.AddDefaultIdentity<ApplicationUser>(options =>
{
    options.SignIn.RequireConfirmedAccount = false;
    options.Password.RequireDigit = false;
    options.Password.RequireNonAlphanumeric = false;
    options.Password.RequireUppercase = false;
})
```

Next, modify the `HouseRentingDbContext` class, which should inherit the `IdentityDbContext` with `ApplicationUser`:

```
public class HouseRentingDbContext : IdentityDbContext<ApplicationUser>
{
```

Don't forget to change `IdentityUser` to `User` on all places. Also, you should add first and last names to the seeded user records. The rest of the class looks like this when changed:

```
private ApplicationUser AgentUser { get; set; }

protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder builder)
{
    SeedUsers();
    builder.Entity<ApplicationUser>()
        .HasData(AgentUser, GuestUser);

private void SeedUsers()
{
    var hasher = new PasswordHasher<ApplicationUser>();

    AgentUser = new ApplicationUser()
    {
        Id = "dea12856-c198-4129-b3f3-b893d8395082",
        UserName = "agent@mail.com",
        NormalizedUserName = "agent@mail.com",
        Email = "agent@mail.com",
        NormalizedEmail = "agent@mail.com",
        FirstName = "Linda",
        LastName = "Michaels"
    };

    AgentUser.PasswordHash =
        hasher.HashPassword(AgentUser, "agent123");

    GuestUser = new ApplicationUser()
    {
        Id = "6d5800ce-d726-4fc8-83d9-d6b3ac1f591e",
        UserName = "guest@mail.com",
        NormalizedUserName = "guest@mail.com",
        Email = "guest@mail.com",
        NormalizedEmail = "guest@mail.com",
        FirstName = "Teodor",
        LastName = "Lesly"
    };

    GuestUser.PasswordHash =
        hasher.HashPassword(GuestUser, "guest123");
}
```

Then, you should modify the type of the `ApplicationUser` property in the `Agent` entity class:

```

public class Agent
{
    5 references
    public int Id { get; init; }

    [Required]
    [MaxLength(PhoneNumberMaxLength)]
    4 references
    public string PhoneNumber { get; set; } = null!;

    [Required]
    5 references
    public string UserId { get; set; } = null!;

    1 reference
    public ApplicationUser User { get; init; } = null!;
}

```

At the end, we should also modify the "`_LoginPartial.cshtml`" file, which has **injected services** with **IdentityUser**. Import the **namespace** of the **ApplicationUser** class directly in the view (as we don't need it anywhere else). Then, make the **SignInManager** and **UserManager** use the **custom user**. Modify the view like this:

```

_LoginPartial.cshtml ✘ X
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Identity
@using HouseRentingSystem.Data.Models;
@inject SignInManager<ApplicationUser> SignInManager
@inject UserManager<ApplicationUser> UserManager
@inject IAgentService agents

```

Finally, let's **create a migration**, which will create **new columns in the database**. Open the **Package Manager Console** and **add a new migration** with:

```
Add-Migration AddedUserColumns -o Data/Migrations
```

The migration should be created successfully. Look at it – it should have code for **adding the "FirstName" and "LastName" columns and the new seeded data**.

Apply the migrating by updating the database with:

```
Update-Database
```

Note that there may be some other **updates of the database in the migration** but if you run the app and there are **no errors** then everything is fine.

Run the app in the browser and make sure that there are **no errors** because of the new migration. Then, open **SQL Server Management Studio** and examine the "**AspNetUsers**" table. It should have the "**FirstName**" and "**LastName**" columns:

AspNetUsers	
Id	
UserName	
NormalizedUserName	
Email	
NormalizedEmail	
EmailConfirmed	
PasswordHash	
SecurityStamp	
ConcurrencyStamp	
PhoneNumber	
PhoneNumberConfirmed	
TwoFactorEnabled	
LockoutEnd	
LockoutEnabled	
AccessFailedCount	
FirstName	
LastName	

In addition, our **seeded users** should have the **names we added**:

	Id	UserName	Email	FirstName	LastName
1	6d5800ce-d726-4fc8-83d9-d6b3ac1f591e	guest@mail.com	guest@mail.com	Teodor	Lesly
2	dea12856-c198-4129-b3f3-b893d8395082	agent@mail.com	agent@mail.com	Linda	Michaels
3	e3b4a709-cdc0-459a-93f1-163d801b665f	test2@softuni.bg	test2@softuni.bg		

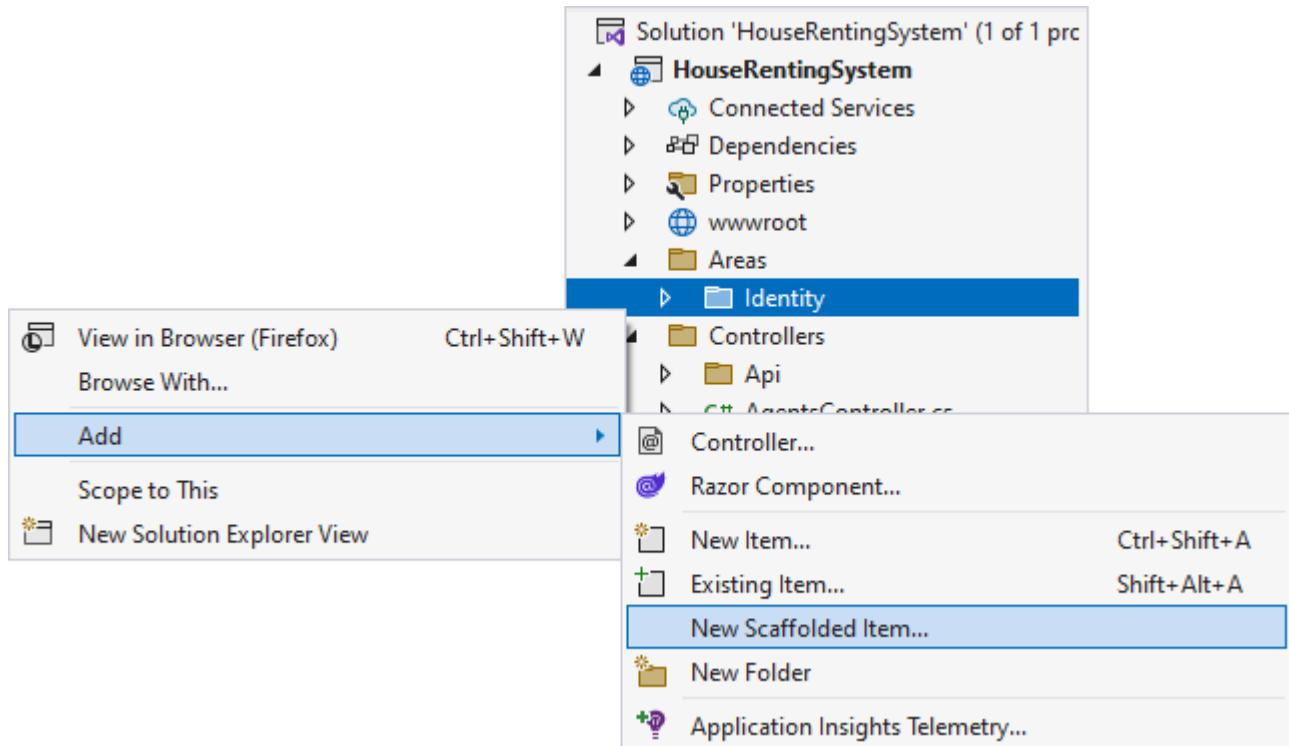
2. Modify Registration and Login

In this task we want to **clear** the "Login" and "Registration" pages from functionalities that we won't use. Also, we want to **add new fields** to the **registration form**.

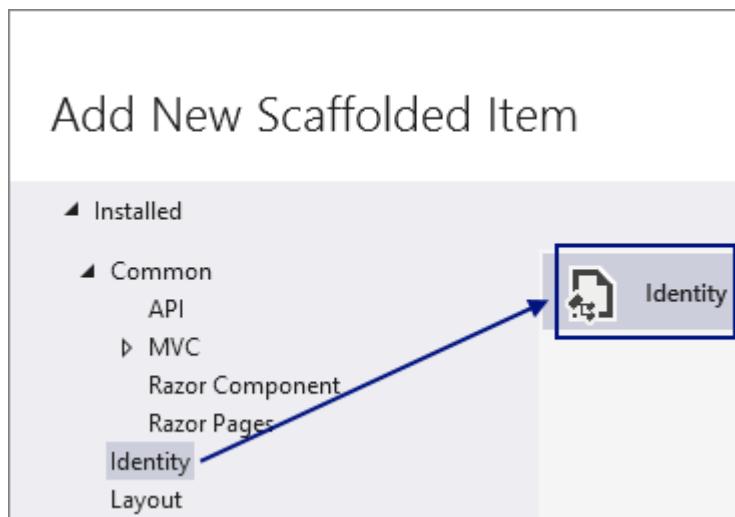
Scaffold Identity

To change the "Login" and "Register" pages and their logic, we should first **access their source code**. To do this, we should **scaffold the Identity pages**, which means to generate the pages code.

The **scaffolded pages** will be part of the "**/Areas/Identity**" folder. To scaffold, **right-click** on the "**Identity**" folder and choose **[Add] → [New Scaffolded Item...]**:



On the next step, go to the **[Identity] tab** and choose its only option:



Then, on the "Add Identity" window you should set the `_Layout.cshtml` as a layout page, check the pages to be scaffolded ("Login" and "Register") and select the db context class of our app. Do it like this:

Add Identity

Select an existing layout page, or specify a new one:

...

(Leave empty if it is set in a Razor _viewstart file)

Override all files

Choose files to override

<input type="checkbox"/> Account>StatusMessage	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\AccessDenied	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ConfirmEmail
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ConfirmEmailChange	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ExternalLogin	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ForgotPassword
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ForgotPasswordConfirmation	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Lockout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account>Login
<input type="checkbox"/> Account>LoginWith2fa	<input type="checkbox"/> Account>LoginWithRecoveryCode	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Logout
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\Layout	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\ManageNav	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage>StatusMessage
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\ChangePassword	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage>DeletePersonalData	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\Disable2fa
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\DownloadPersonalData	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage>Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\EnableAuthenticator
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\ExternalLogins	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\GenerateRecoveryCodes	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\Index
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\PersonalData	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\ResetAuthenticator	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\SetPassword
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage>ShowRecoveryCodes	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\Manage\TwoFactorAuthentication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Account\Register
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\RegisterConfirmation	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ResendEmailConfirmation	<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ResetPassword
<input type="checkbox"/> Account\ResetPasswordConfirmation		

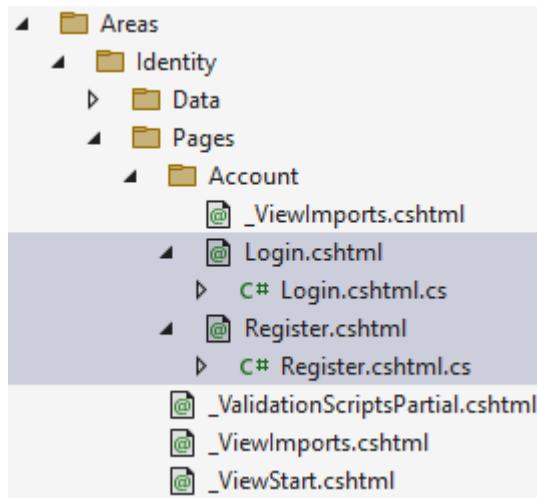
Data context class:

Use SQLite instead of SQL Server

User class:

Add Cancel

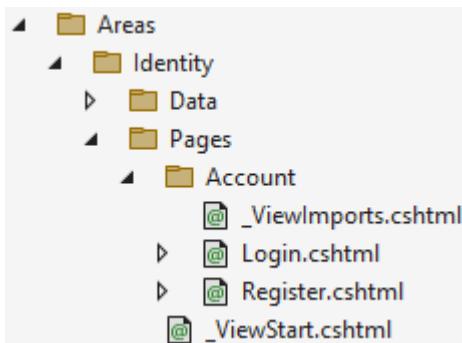
Click the **[Add]** button and examine the **scaffolded pages** in the **"/Areas/Identity"** folder:



Note that the **generated pages** are **Razor pages**. They have two files – one with extension **.cshtml** and one with **.cshtml.cs**. The **Login.cshtml** and **Register.cshtml** files are Razor pages and the logic behind them is in the **Login.cshtml.cs** and **Register.cshtml.cs** files. The **LoginModel** and **RegisterModel** classes hold the **logic** behind the pages. They have **OnGetAsync(...)** and **OnPostAsync(...)** methods, which are responsible for **handling requests** to the page.

You can now **clear some generated files** and modify others. First, you can delete the new Data folder, as you won't need it. You can also **move the namespaces** from the **"_ViewImports.cshtml"** file in the **"/Areas/Identity/Pages"** folder to the **"_ViewImports.cshtml"** file in the **"/Areas/Identity/Pages/Account"** folder:

Delete the classes in the "Areas" folder, which are not in the "Account" folder. Leave only the `_ViewStart.cshtml` file – others are unnecessary. The left classes should be the following:



You can also delete the `ScaffoldingReadMe.txt` file from the solution.

Modify the "Register" Page

Now we want to **modify our "Register" page**. It should **not have external logins**, but should have **fields for first and last names**. It should look like this:

Register - Best House Renting

localhost:7144/Identity/Account/Register

House Renting Worldwide All Houses

Register Login

Register

Create a new account.

Email

Password

Confirm password

First Name

Last Name

Register

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Go to the `Register.cshtml` file to **clear the unnecessary view code**. We want to **remove the section for registering with an external provider**. Also, we need to **add text fields** for the **first and last names** of the user. The "`Register.cshtml`" file should look like show below. Also, if you want your form to be on the **center of the screen**, as it looks better, add the following **CSS classes**:

```

<h1 class="text-center">@ViewData["Title"]</h1>



<div class="col-md-4 offset-md-4">
    <form id="registerForm" asp-route-returnUrl="@Model.ReturnUrl" method="post">
        <h2>Create a new account.</h2>
        <hr />
        <div asp-validation-summary="ModelOnly" class="text-danger"></div>
        <div class="form-floating">
            <input asp-for="Input.Email" class="form-control" autocomplete="username" aria-required="true" />
            <label asp-for="Input.Email"></label>
            <span asp-validation-for="Input.Email" class="text-danger"></span>
        </div>
        <div class="form-floating">
            <input asp-for="Input.Password" class="form-control" autocomplete="new-password" aria-required="true" />
            <label asp-for="Input.Password"></label>
            <span asp-validation-for="Input.Password" class="text-danger"></span>
        </div>
        <div class="form-floating">
            <input asp-for="Input.ConfirmPassword" class="form-control" autocomplete="new-password" aria-required="true" />
            <label asp-for="Input.ConfirmPassword"></label>
            <span asp-validation-for="Input.ConfirmPassword" class="text-danger"></span>
        </div>
        <div class="form-floating">
            <input asp-for="Input.FirstName" class="form-control" autocomplete="new-password" aria-required="true" />
            <label asp-for="Input.FirstName"></label>
            <span asp-validation-for="Input.FirstName" class="text-danger"></span>
        </div>
        <div class="form-floating">
            <input asp-for="Input.LastName" class="form-control" autocomplete="new-password" aria-required="true" />
            <label asp-for="Input.LastName"></label>
            <span asp-validation-for="Input.LastName" class="text-danger"></span>
        </div>
        <button id="registerSubmit" type="submit" class="w-100 btn btn-lg btn-primary">Register</button>
    </form>
</div>
</div>


```

Now we will add the "FirstName" and "LastName" properties to the **InputModel** in the **RegisterModel** class. Open the "Register.cshtml.cs" file and do it like this:

```

public class InputModel
{
    [Required]
    [EmailAddress]
    [Display(Name = "Email")]
    7 references
    public string Email { get; set; }

    [Required]
    [Display(Name = "First Name")]
    [StringLength(UserFirstNameMaxLength,
        MinimumLength = UserFirstNameMinLength)]
    3 references
    public string FirstName { get; set; }

    [Required]
    [Display(Name = "Last Name")]
    [StringLength(UserFirstNameMaxLength,
        MinimumLength = UserFirstNameMinLength)]
    3 references
    public string LastName { get; set; }
}

```

As we **added the properties**, it is important to use them when **creating a user to fill the database columns**. To do this, **modify the OnPostAsync(...)** method like this:

```

public async Task<IActionResult> OnPostAsync(string returnUrl = null)
{
    returnUrl ??= Url.Content("~/");

    if (ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        var user = new ApplicationUser
        {
            UserName = Input.Email,
            Email = Input.Email,
            FirstName = Input.FirstName,
            LastName = Input.LastName,
        };
    }
}

```

Now it is time to **clear** the **RegisterModel** class from things we won't use like **external logins, email sender**, etc. Your class should look like this:

```

[AllowAnonymous]
6 references
public class RegisterModel : PageModel
{
    private readonly SignInManager<ApplicationUser> _signInManager;
    private readonly UserManager<ApplicationUser> _userManager;

    0 references
    public RegisterModel(
        UserManager<ApplicationUser> userManager,
        SignInManager<ApplicationUser> signInManager)
    {
        _userManager = userManager;
        _signInManager = signInManager;
    }

    [BindProperty]
    21 references
    public InputModel Input { get; set; }

    2 references
    public string ReturnUrl { get; set; }

```

```

public class InputModel
{
    [Required]
    [EmailAddress]
    [Display(Name = "Email")]
    6 references
    public string Email { get; set; }

    [Required]
    [Display(Name = "First Name")]
    [StringLength(UserFirstNameMaxLength,
        MinimumLength = UserFirstNameMinLength)]
    4 references
    public string FirstName { get; set; }

    [Required]
    [Display(Name = "Last Name")]
    [StringLength(UserFirstNameMaxLength,
        MinimumLength = UserFirstNameMinLength)]
    4 references
    public string LastName { get; set; }

    [Required]
    [StringLength(100,
        ErrorMessage = "The {0} must be at least {2} and at max {1} characters long.",
        MinimumLength = 6)]
    [DataType(DataType.Password)]
    [Display(Name = "Password")]
    4 references
    public string Password { get; set; }

    [DataType(DataType.Password)]
    [Display(Name = "Confirm password")]
    [Compare("Password",
        ErrorMessage = "The password and confirmation password do not match.")]
    3 references
    public string ConfirmPassword { get; set; }
}

public async Task OnGetAsync(string returnUrl = null)
{
    ReturnUrl = returnUrl;
}

```

```

public async Task<IActionResult> OnPostAsync(string returnUrl = null)
{
    returnUrl ??= Url.Content("~/");

    if (ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        var user = new ApplicationUser
        {
            UserName = Input.Email,
            Email = Input.Email,
            FirstName = Input.FirstName,
            LastName = Input.LastName,
        };

        var result = await _userManager.CreateAsync(user, Input.Password);

        if (result.Succeeded)
        {
            await _signInManager.SignInAsync(user, isPersistent: false);
            return LocalRedirect(returnUrl);
        }
        foreach (var error in result.Errors)
        {
            ModelState.AddModelError(string.Empty, error.Description);
        }
    }

    return Page();
}

```

Now open the "**Register**" page in the browser. It should look as shown on the beginning of the task. Try to **register a new user**. The registration should be **successful** and the user should **appear in the database**. They should also have a **first and last names**:

	Id	UserName	Email	FirstName	LastName
1	fa82d51c-c6b2-454f-aff8-2c6907a341ea	michael@mail.com	michael@mail.com	Michael	Klein

Modify the "Login" Page

It is time to **modify** the "**Login**" page as well in order to **clear it** from unnecessary code in its generated class. It should look like this:

The screenshot shows a login page with the following structure:

- Header:** Log in - Best House Renting, localhost:44342/Identity/Account/Login
- Navigation:** House Renting Worldwide, All Houses, Register, Login
- Title:** Log in
- Text:** Use a local account to log in.
- Form Fields:**
 - Email (input field)
 - Password (input field)
 - Remember me?
- Buttons:** Log in (blue button)
- Links:** Register as a new user
- Page Footer:** © 2022 - HouseRentingSystem

Go to the "Login.cshtml" view and remove links for email confirmation, external login and forgotten password. Also, add the needed classes to center the page content. The code should look like this:

```

@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Log in";
}

<h1 class="text-center">@ViewData["Title"]</h1>
<div class="row">
    <div class="col-md-4 offset-md-4">
        <section>
            <form id="account" method="post">
                <h2>Use a local account to log in.</h2>
                <hr />
                <div asp-validation-summary="ModelOnly" class="text-danger"></div>
                <div class="form-floating">
                    <input asp-for="Input.Email" class="form-control" autocomplete="username" aria-required="true" />
                    <label asp-for="Input.Email" class="form-label"></label>
                    <span asp-validation-for="Input.Email" class="text-danger"></span>
                </div>
                <div class="form-floating">
                    <input asp-for="Input.Password" class="form-control" autocomplete="current-password" aria-required="true" />
                    <label asp-for="Input.Password" class="form-label"></label>
                    <span asp-validation-for="Input.Password" class="text-danger"></span>
                </div>
                <div>
                    <div class="checkbox">
                        <label asp-for="Input.RememberMe" class="form-label">
                            <input class="form-check-input" asp-for="Input.RememberMe" />
                            @Html.DisplayNameFor(m => m.Input.RememberMe)
                        </label>
                    </div>
                </div>
                <div>
                    <button id="login-submit" type="submit" class="w-100 btn btn-lg btn-primary">Log in</button>
                </div>
            </form>
        </section>
    </div>
</div>
```

Now clear the **LoginModel** class in the "Login.cshtml.cs" file as shown below:

```
[AllowAnonymous]
6 references
public class LoginModel : PageModel
{
    private readonly SignInManager< ApplicationUser> _signInManager;

    0 references
    public LoginModel(SignInManager< ApplicationUser> signInManager)
    {
        _signInManager = signInManager;
    }

    [BindProperty]
13 references
    public InputModel Input { get; set; }

    1 reference
    public string ReturnUrl { get; set; }

    [TempData]
2 references
    public string ErrorMessage { get; set; }

    public class InputModel
    {
        [Required]
        [EmailAddress]
        4 references
        public string Email { get; set; }

        [Required]
        [DataType(DataType.Password)]
        4 references
        public string Password { get; set; }
    }

    public async Task OnGetAsync(string returnUrl = null)
{
    if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(ErrorMessage))
    {
        ModelState.AddModelError(string.Empty, ErrorMessage);
    }

    returnUrl ??= Url.Content("~/");

    await HttpContext.SignOutAsync(IdentityConstants.ExternalScheme);

    ReturnUrl = returnUrl;
}
```

```

public async Task<IActionResult> OnPostAsync(string returnUrl = null)
{
    returnUrl ??= Url.Content("~/");

    if (ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        var result = await _signInManager.PasswordSignInAsync(Input.Email,
            Input.Password,
            true,
            lockoutOnFailure: false);

        if (result.Succeeded)
        {
            return LocalRedirect(returnUrl);
        }
        else
        {
            ModelState.AddModelError(string.Empty, "Invalid login attempt.");
            return Page();
        }
    }

    return Page();
}

```

Try to log in with the **new user** we created. Login should be **successful**.

3. Display New User Data

As we now have **first and last names** of users, we can **display them** in different places to improve our app.

Step 1: Display User Names in the Navigation Bar

Let's use the **new user data** in the **welcoming** in our **navigation bar**. It should look like this:



However, **not all of our users have first and last names**. If a logged-in user **does not have the names**, their **username should be display**, as before:



We also want to **remove the link** for the "**My Profile**" page in the "**Hello, " message**.

If you want **all of your users to have first and last names** you can **delete and create the database again** or **edit them manually** through SSMS (but this is **bad practice** and you should **not** do it in real projects).

Let's **modify the navigation bar**. To do this, we will first **create a service** with a method to **return the user names as a string**. Create an " **ApplicationUser**" folder in "**Contracts**" and "**Services**" with an **IApplicationUserService interface** and a **ApplicationUserService class**:

The **IApplicationUserService** should **define** the following method:

```

public interface IApplicationUserService
{
    0 references
    Task<string> UserFullName(string userId);
}

```

The **UserService** class should implement the above interface method. When the user has names, they should be returned as a **string**. When they don't, **null** should be returned. Write the class like this:

```
public class ApplicationUserService : IApplicationUserService
{
    private readonly HouseRentingDbContext _data;

    0 references
    public ApplicationUserService(HouseRentingDbContext data)
    {
        _data = data;
    }

    1 reference
    public async Task<string> UserFullName(string userId)
    {
        var user = await _data.Users.FindAsync(userId);

        if(string.IsNullOrEmpty(user.FirstName)
           || string.IsNullOrEmpty(user.LastName))
        {
            return null;
        }

        return user.FirstName + " " + user.LastName;
    }
}
```

Add the service in **Program** class so that you will be able to use it:

```
builder.Services.AddTransient<IApplicationUserService, ApplicationUserService>();
```

As we want to **inject** the service in a view, we should go to the **_ViewImports.cshtml** file and add the class namespace:

```
_ViewImports.cshtml ✘ X
@using HouseRentingSystem
@using HouseRentingSystem.Models
@using HouseRentingSystem.Models.Home
@using HouseRentingSystem.Models.House
@using HouseRentingSystem.Models.Agent
@using HouseRentingSystem.Services.House
@using HouseRentingSystem.Services.Agent;
@using HouseRentingSystem.Services.ApplicationUser;
@using HouseRentingSystem.Contracts.Agent;
@using HouseRentingSystem.Contracts.House;
@using HouseRentingSystem.Contracts.ApplicationUser;
@using HouseRentingSystem.Infrastructure;

@addTagHelper *, Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers
```

Now go to the "**_Login.cshtml**" view and let's **modify** it. **Inject** **IUserService** and **use the method** we created to check whether the **current user has names**. Depending on this, **display different messages**, which should **not contain** a link to the "My Profile" page. Do it like this:

```
_LoginPartial.cshtml ✘ X
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Identity
@using HouseRentingSystem.Data.Models;
@inject SignInManager<ApplicationUser> SignInManager
@inject UserManager<ApplicationUser> UserManager
@inject IAgentService agents
@inject IApplicationUserService user
```

```

<ul class="navbar-nav">
    @if (SignInManager.IsSignedIn(User))
    {
        @if (await agents.ExistsById(User.Id()) == false)...
        <li class="nav-item">
            @if(await user.UserFullName(User.Id()) is var fullName && fullName != null)
            {
                <a class="nav-link text-dark">Hello, @fullName!</a>
            }
            else
            {
                <a class="nav-link text-dark">Hello, @User.Identity.Name!</a>
            }
        </li>
    }

```

Now run the app and make sure that the **navigation bar** displays the correct message – with first and last names or with **username**, depending on the available user data.

Step 2: Display Agent Names

As you know, on the "**Details**" page of every house we **display the house's agent data**. Until now we displayed only the **email and phone number**, but now we will also display the **agent names** (if they are **present**).

For example, if our new user "**Michael Klein**" becomes an **agent** and **adds a house**, the house's "**Details**" page will be the following:

House Details - Best House Renti

localhost:7144/Houses/Details/6/House-Michael-Mystic-Falls-Virginia

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Michael Klein! Logout

House Details

 House Michael

Located in: **Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States**

Price Per Month: **1300.00 BGN**

A perfect house for a family with a garage and a nice backyard.

Category: **Single-Family**

(*Not Rented*)

Edit **Delete**

Agent Info

Full Name: Michael Klein

Email: michael@mail.com

Phone Number: +359888123124

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First, to **display the names** we need to add a **FullName** property to the **AgentServiceModel**:

```
public class AgentServiceModel
{
    0 references
    public string FullName { get; set; } = null!;
    1 reference
    public string Email { get; set; } = null!;
    1 reference
    public string PhoneNumber { get; set; } = null!;
}
```

Next, we need to **modify the service model**, which builds the **HouseDetailsServiceModel** for the "Details" page. Use the **IUserService** to **get the full name of the agent**. To do this, you should first **inject the service** in the **HouseService** class like this:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
    private readonly HouseRentingDbContext _data;
    private readonly IApplicationUserService _user;

    0 references
    public HouseService(HouseRentingDbContext data,
        IApplicationUserService user)
    {
        _data = data;
        _user = user;
    }
}
```

Now modify the **HouseDetailsById(int id)** method to **use the UserFullName(...)** service method for the **FullName** property of the **AgentServiceModel**:

```
public async Task<HouseDetailsServiceModel> HouseDetailsById(i
{
    return await _data
        .Houses
        .Where(h => h.Id == id)
        .Select(h => new HouseDetailsServiceModel()
    {
        Id = h.Id,
        Title = h.Title,
        Address = h.Address,
        Description = h.Description,
        ImageUrl = h.ImageUrl,
        PricePerMonth = h.PricePerMonth,
        IsRented = h.RenterId != null,
        Category = h.Category.Name,
        Agent = new AgentServiceModel()
        {
            FullName = _user.UserFullName(h.Agent.UserId).ToString(),
            PhoneNumber = h.Agent.PhoneNumber,
            Email = h.Agent.User.Email,
        }
    })
    .FirstOrDefaultAsync();
}
```

At the end, **modify the "Details.cshtml" view to display the names** if the **FullName** property is not **NULL**:

```

<div class="card" style="width: 18rem;">
  <div class="card-body">
    <h5 class="card-title">Agent Info</h5>
    @if(Model.Agent.FullName != null)
    {
      <p class="card-text">Full Name: @Model.Agent.FullName</p>
    }
    <p class="card-text">Email: @Model.Agent.Email</p>
    <p class="card-text">Phone Number: @Model.Agent.PhoneNumber</p>
  </div>
</div>

```

Now look at the "Details" page and make sure the **names are displayed** when the user has them.

4. Seed Administrator

In this task we will see how to **seed an administrator** in our database. Before that, however, let's **create a class with a constant** for the **administrator role name and email**, as we are going to need it. Create the **AdminUser** class and add the **constants** like this:

```

public class AdminUser
{
  public const string AdminRoleName = "Administrator";
  public const string AdminEmail = "admin@mail.com";
}

```

Now **create the Admin** as an **ApplicationUser** in the **HouseRentingDbContext** class, as it is responsible for the database. Also, the **Admin** should be explicitly an **agent**, because the **Admin** now **has no phone number**. This is a problem, as when the **Admin** creates a house, there will be **no phone number to be shown** in the "Agent Info" section. In addition, it would be **easier to give access** to the **Admin**, when they are an agent.

For the above reasons, let's **seed the Admin as a user and an agent in the database**. Note that the new **Agent record** should have a **unique id** – there should **not** be an **Agent** with the same **id** in the database already. Do it like this:

```

public class HouseRentingDbContext : IdentityDbContext<ApplicationUser>
{
  1 reference
  private ApplicationUser AdminUser { get; set; }
  1 reference
  private Agent AdminAgent { get; set; }

  protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder builder)
  {
    SeedUsers();
    builder.Entity<ApplicationUser>()
      .HasData(AgentUser,
               GuestUser,
               AdminUser);

    SeedAgent();
    builder.Entity<Agent>()
      .HasData(Agent,
               AdminAgent);
  }
}

```

You can use the following code in the **SeedUsers()** method:

```

AdminUser = new ApplicationUser()
{
  Id = "bcb4f072-ecca-43c9-ab26-c060c6f364e4",
  Email = AdminEmail,
  NormalizedEmail = AdminEmail,
  UserName = AdminEmail,
}

```

```

        NormalizedUserName = AdminEmail,
        FirstName = "Great",
        LastName = "Admin"
    };

AdminUser.PasswordHash = hasher.HashPassword(AgentUser, "admin123");

```

Use this code in the **SeedAgent()** method:

```

AdminAgent = new Agent()
{
    Id = 5,
    PhoneNumber = "+359123456789",
    UserId = AdminUser.Id
};

```

Be careful with the value of the id – check which is the last id in your "**Agents**" table.

As we **changed the db context** we should now **migrate the changes to the database**. Open the **Package Manager Console** in **Visual Studio** and **add a migration** to the "**Data/Migrations**" folder like this:

```
Add-Migration AddedAdmin -o Data/Migrations
```

The **migration should be created** and you should apply the changes to the database using:

```
Update-Database
```

```

protected override void Up(MigrationBuilder migrationBuilder)
{
    migrationBuilder.UpdateData(
        table: "AspNetUsers",
        keyColumn: "Id",
        keyValue: "6d5800ce-d726-4fc8-83d9-d6b3ac1f591e",
        columns: new[] { "ConcurrencyStamp", "PasswordHash", "SecurityStamp" },
        values: new object[] { "bee63644-c0fb-458b-a9c0-df6c040e04b3", "AQAAAAE

    migrationBuilder.UpdateData(
        table: "AspNetUsers",
        keyColumn: "Id",
        keyValue: "dea12856-c198-4129-b3f3-b893d8395082",
        columns: new[] { "ConcurrencyStamp", "PasswordHash", "SecurityStamp" },
        values: new object[] { "8551d5e6-dedf-4c04-8e4d-f18a48892a20", "AQAAAAE

    migrationBuilder.InsertData(
        table: "AspNetUsers",
        columns: new[] { "Id", "AccessFailedCount", "ConcurrencyStamp", "Email" },
        values: new object[] { "bcb4f072-ecca-43c9-ab26-c060c6f364e4", 0, "b253

    migrationBuilder.InsertData(
        table: "Agents",
        columns: new[] { "Id", "PhoneNumber", "UserId" },
        values: new object[] { 6, "+359123456789", "bcb4f072-ecca-43c9-ab26-c06
}

```

Note that some **user data is changed** as it is **not hardcoded** when the seeding is done, but this is **not a problem**, as we do not have dependencies on the changed columns.

Now run the app and log in with the **Admin**. You should see that they can now add houses:

The screenshot shows a top navigation bar with the following items: "House Renting Worldwide", "All Houses", "My Houses", "Add Houses", "Hello, Great Admin!", and "Logout".

Open **SSMS** and look at the "AspNetUsers" table for our new **Admin** user:

	Id	UserName
1	bcb4f072-ecca-43c9-ab26-c060c6f364e4	admin@mail.com

Now look at the "Agents" table. There should be the **new agent**, who is also our **Admin**:

	Id	PhoneNumber	UserId
1	6	+359123456789	bcb4f072-ecca-43c9-ab26-c060c6f364e4

5. Add Role for Admin

In this task we will see how to **create a role for our Admin**, as roles will help us **restrict and give them special access** easier. To **add a user in a role**, we will need **RoleManager**. To access it, we should go **Program class** and add **role-related services** to our app like this:

```
builder.Services.AddDefaultIdentity<ApplicationUser>(options =>
{
    options.SignIn.RequireConfirmedAccount = false;
    options.Password.RequireDigit = false;
    options.Password.RequireNonAlphanumeric = false;
    options.Password.RequireUppercase = false;
})
    .AddRoles<IdentityRole>()
    .AddEntityFrameworkStores<HouseRentingDbContext>();
```

Our **roles** will be of type **IdentityRole**, which is the **default for ASP.NET Core**.

To **create a role with a user of that role**, we will need to use the **UserManager** and **RoleManager** services (which come from ASP.NET). For this reason, we will **not seed the user** in the **HouseRentingDbContext** class (as it does not use services), but we will **create a separate class**.

Create the **ApplicationBuilderExtensions** class in the "**Infrastructure**" folder. This class should **extend the IApplicationBuilder**, as it has **access to the app services** we need. The class should look like this:

```
public class ApplicationBuilderExtensions
{
}
```

The **ApplicationBuilderExtensions** class will have a single method for **seeding an administrator**. To **extend the IApplicationBuilder**, the method should **accept it as a parameter**, **modify it** and then **return it**:

```
public static class ApplicationBuilderExtensions
{
    0 references
    public static IApplicationBuilder SeedAdmin(this IApplicationBuilder app)
    {
```

The **app services** we need are **scoped services**. For this reason, we **cannot just use them directly** but we need to **manually create a scope** for them. The **scope is a code block**, in which a **service exists**. Create a **scope** like this:

```
    using var scopedServices = app.ApplicationServices.CreateScope();
```

Then, **get your services** through the **ServiceProvider** like this:

```

var services = scopedServices.ServiceProvider;

var userManager = services.GetRequiredService<UserManager<ApplicationUser>>();
var roleManager = services.GetRequiredService<RoleManager<IdentityRole>>();

```

Now we can **use the services to create an admin role** and then a **user in that role**. The **RoleManager** and **UserManager** have **only asynchronous methods**, so we need to **create a Task**, which will be **awaited** to finish its execution:

```

Task
    .Run(async () =>
{

```

Now check if the **administrator role exists**. If it does, it means that the **Admin** is added to the new role and we **should not add it again**:

```

if (await roleManager.RoleExistsAsync(AdminRoleName))
{
    return;
}

```

If the **role does not exist**, create it as an **IdentityRole**:

```

var role = new IdentityRole { Name = AdminRoleName };

await roleManager.CreateAsync(role);

```

Then, **get the Admin user** like this:

```

var admin = await userManager.FindByNameAsync(AdminEmail);

```

Finally, **add the user to the new role** and **return the IApplicationBuilder** like this:

```

await userManager.AddToRoleAsync(admin, role.Name);
}

.GetAwaiter()
.GetResult();

return app;
}

```

At the end, we should **invoke the above extension method** in **Program class** like this:

```
app.SeedAdmin();
```

Now **run the app** and try to **log in with the Admin credentials**. The login should be sucessful.

Look at the "**AspNetRoles**" **table**, which should have the **new IdentityRole** we created:

	Id	Name	Normalized Name
1	8c083475-590b-46f3-b2fa-5439e0199db7	Administrator	ADMINISTRATOR

6. Modify Admin Access

For now, our **Admin has the access of an ordinary user**. Now we will **modify our app**, so that we give the **Admin more privileges**. However, let's first summarize what the **Admin can** and **cannot do**:

- **Admin can add houses** and **edit** and **delete** not only their houses, but these of other users, too
- **Admin can rent houses**, which are **not rented already**
- **Admin can leave a house**, which is **rented only by them**. They cannot leave houses, which are rented by another user

- **Admin** is already an agent, so they **cannot become agents** again

In addition, the "My Houses" page will show the created houses of the **Admin** for now. Later, we will create a **separate page** for the **Admin** to see the **houses they added** and those that **they rented**.

To begin with, we need to **create a method**, which **returns a bool** whether the current user is the **Admin** or not, so that we can make **validations**. To do this, we need to **check the role of the current user**. Go to the **ClaimsPrincipalExtensions** class and add the following **method**, which **extends ClaimsPrincipal**:

```
public static class ClaimsPrincipalExtentions
{
    0 references
    public static bool IsAdmin(this ClaimsPrincipal user)
    {
        return user.IsInRole(AdminRoleName);
    }
}
```

Now use it in the **HouseController** to **give special access** to pages when the **current user is the Admin**. As the **Admin is an agent**, we do not need to make modifications to the functionality for adding a house (it is already working). However, we should **modify the "edit" and "delete" functionalities** to allow the **Admin** to **edit and delete all houses**. Do it like this:

```
[Authorize]
2 references
public class HouseController : Controller
{
    public async Task<IActionResult> Edit(int id)
    {
        if (await _houses.Exists(id) == false)
        {
            return BadRequest();
        }

        if (await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, this.User.Id()) == false
            && User.IsAdmin() == false)
        {
            return Unauthorized();
        }
    }

    [HttpPost]
0 references
    public async Task<IActionResult> Edit(int id, HouseFormModel house)
    {
        if (await _houses.Exists(id) == false)
        {
            return View();
        }

        if (await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, User.Id()) == false
            && User.IsAdmin() == false)
        {
            return Unauthorized();
        }
    }
}
```

```

public async Task<IActionResult> Delete(int id)
{
    if(await _houses.Exists(id) == false)
    {
        return BadRequest();
    }

    if(await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, User.Id())
        && User.IsAdmin() == false)
    {
        return Unauthorized();
    }
}

[HttpPost]
0 references
public async Task<IActionResult> Delete(HouseDetailsView)
{

    if(await _houses.Exists(house.Id))
    {
        return BadRequest();
    }

    if(await _houses.HasAgentWithId(house.Id, User.Id())
        && User.IsAdmin() == false)
    {
        return Unauthorized();
    }
}

```

Modify the Rent() method, too. The **Admin** should be able to **rent free houses**. Do it like this:

```

[HttpPost]
0 references
public async Task<IActionResult> Rent(int id)
{
    if(await _houses.Exists(id))
    {
        return BadRequest();
    }

    if(await _agents.ExistsById(User.Id())
        && User.IsAdmin() == false)
    {
        return Unauthorized();
    }
}

```

Now we should only **modify the views to display the buttons correctly**. The pages we should **modify** are the "**All Houses**", "**My Houses**" and "**Details**" pages. First, go to the "**_HousePartial.cshtml**" view file, as it is responsible for the first two pages. It should look like this when **changed**:

```

HousePartial.cshtml ✘ ×
@model HouseServiceModel
@inject IHouseService houses
@inject IAgentService agents

<div class="col-md-4">
    <div class="card mb-3">
        
        <div class="card-body text-center">
            <h4>@Model.Title</h4>
            <h6>Address: <b>@Model.Address</b></h6>
            <h6>...</h6>
            <h6>(@Model.IsRented ? "Rented" : "Not Rented")</h6>
            <br />
            <a asp-controller="House" asp-action="Details" asp-route-id="@Model.Id"
                asp-asp-route-information="@Model.GetInformation()" class="btn btn-success">Details</a>
            @if (User.Identity.IsAuthenticated)
            {
                @if (await houses.HasAgentWithId(Model.Id, User.Id())
                    || User.IsAdmin())...
                <p></p>
                @if (!Model.IsRented && await agents.ExistsById(User.Id()) == false
                    || User.IsAdmin())...
                else if (await houses.IsRentedByUserWithId(Model.Id, User.Id()))...
            }
        </div>
    </div>
</div>

```

Now modify the Details.cshtml view in the same way:

```

Details.cshtml ✘ ×
@model HouseDetailsServiceModel
@inject IHouseService houses
@inject IAgentService agents

 @{
    ViewBag.Title = "House Details";
}

<h2 class="text-center">@ViewBag.Title</h2>
<hr />

<div class="container" style="display:inline">
    <div class="row">
        <div class="col-4">
            
        </div>
        <div class="card col-8 border-0">
            <p style="font-size:25px;"><u>@Model.Title</u></p>
            <p>Located in: <b>@Model.Address</b></p>
            <p>...</p>
            <p>@Model.Description</p>
            <p>Category: <b>@Model.Category</b></p>
            <p><i>(@Model.IsRented ? "Rented" : "Not Rented")</i></p>
            <div class="form-inline">
                @if (User.Identity.IsAuthenticated)
                {
                    @if (await houses.HasAgentWithId(Model.Id, User.Id())
                        || User.IsAdmin())...
                    @if (!Model.IsRented && await agents.ExistsById(User.Id()) == false
                        || User.IsAdmin())...
                    else if (await houses.IsRentedByUserWithId(Model.Id, User.Id()))...
                }
            </div>
            <p></p>
            <div class="card" style="width: 18rem;">...
        </div>
    </div>
</div>

```

Be careful with the use of brackets on the above screenshots!

Run the app and log in with the Admin credentials. Go to the "All Houses" and you should see the [Details], [Edit] and [Delete] buttons on each house. You should also see the [Rent] button on houses, which are not rented:

The screenshot shows a web application titled "All Houses - Best House Renting" running on localhost:7144/Houses/All. The interface includes a header with navigation links for "House Renting Worldwide", "All Houses", "My Houses", and "Add Houses", along with a "Hello, Great Admin!" message and a "Logout" link. Below the header is a search/filter section with "Category" (set to "All"), "Search by text" (empty), "Sorting" (set to "Newest"), and a "Search" button. Navigation arrows "<<>" are on either side of the sorting dropdown.

House Michael
Address: **Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States**
Price Per Month: **1300.00 BGN**
(Not Rented)

Small House Wonder
Address: **In the heart of Edinburgh, Scotland**
Price Per Month: **1000.00 BGN**
(Not Rented)

Grand House
Address: **Boyana Neighbourhood, Sofia, Bulgaria**
Price Per Month: **2000.00 BGN**
(Rented)

At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: © 2022 - HouseRentingSystem.

Look at the "Details" page of any house and make sure the buttons are present again:

House Details - Best House Renti X +

localhost:7144/Houses/Details/6/House-Michael-Mystic-Falls-Virginia

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

House Details



House Michael

Located in: **Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States**

Price Per Month: **1300.00 BGN**

A perfect house for a family with a garage and a nice backyard.

Category: **Single-Family**

(Not Rented)

Edit Delete

Rent

Agent Info

Full Name: Michael Klein

Email: michael@mail.com

Phone Number: +359888123124

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Try to edit a house of another user. It should be successful:

House Details - Best House Renti X +

localhost:7144/Houses/Details/6/House-Michael-Mystic-Falls-Virginia

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

House Details



House Michael

Located in: **Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States**

Price Per Month: **1300.00 BGN**

A perfect house for a family with a garage and a nice backyard.
It also has a beautiful view.

Category: **Single-Family**

(Not Rented)

Edit Delete
Rent

Agent Info

Full Name: Michael Klein
Email: michael@mail.com
Phone Number: +359888123124

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Now try to **delete a house of another user**. The deletion should be successful, too:

House Details - Best House Renti X +

localhost:7144/Houses/Details/5/Small-House-Wonder-In-the-heart

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

House Details



Small House Wonder

Located in: **In the heart of Edinburgh, Scotland**

Price Per Month: **1000.00 BGN**

A cozy cottage house surrounded by nature. You will love it!

Category: **Cottage**

(Not Rented)

Edit Delete Rent

Agent Info

Email: test@softuni.bg

Phone Number: +359888123123

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All Houses - Best House Renting X +

localhost:7144/Houses/All

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

All Houses

Category Search by text Sorting

All ... Newest Search << >>



House Michael
Address: **Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States**
Price Per Month: **1300.00 BGN**
(Not Rented)

Grand House
Address: **Boyana Neighbourhood, Sofia, Bulgaria**
Price Per Month: **2000.00 BGN**
(Rented)

Family House Comfort
Address: **Near the Sea Garden in Burgas, Bulgaria**
Price Per Month: **1200.00 BGN**
(Rented)

Details Edit Delete Rent Details Edit Delete Rent Details Edit Delete Rent

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You can also **try to rent and then leave a house**, which is **not already rented**. Then, **create a new house** from the **Admin profile** and make sure that it is **created successfully and displayed on the "My Houses" page**:

My Houses

Admin House

Address: In the outskirts of the city, near the Big Lake

Price Per Month: 3000.00 BGN
(Not Rented)

Details Edit Delete

Rent

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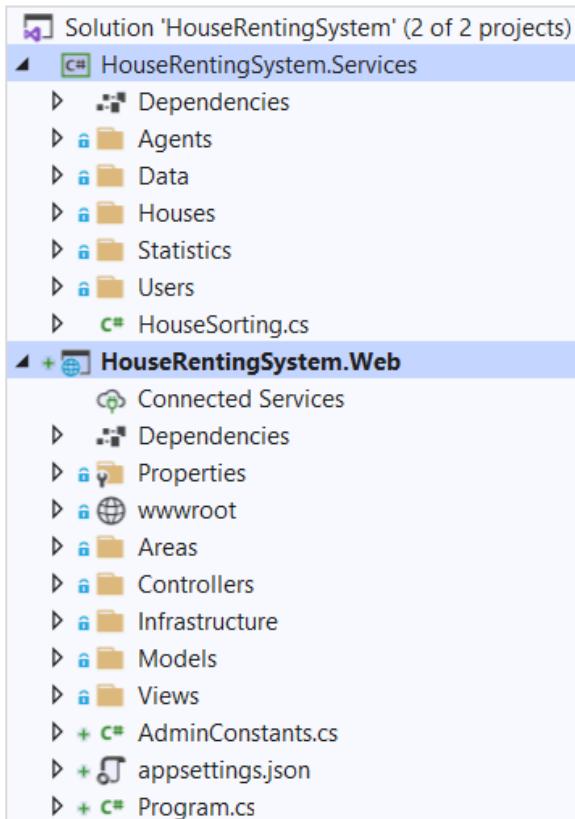
7. Separate to Multiple Projects

In this task, we will **move the service and data layer classes to separate projects** of type **class library**. A class library defines types and methods that are called by an application. In this way, we will **separate the different layers** of our app and **improve the architecture**.

In this case, we will have the following projects:

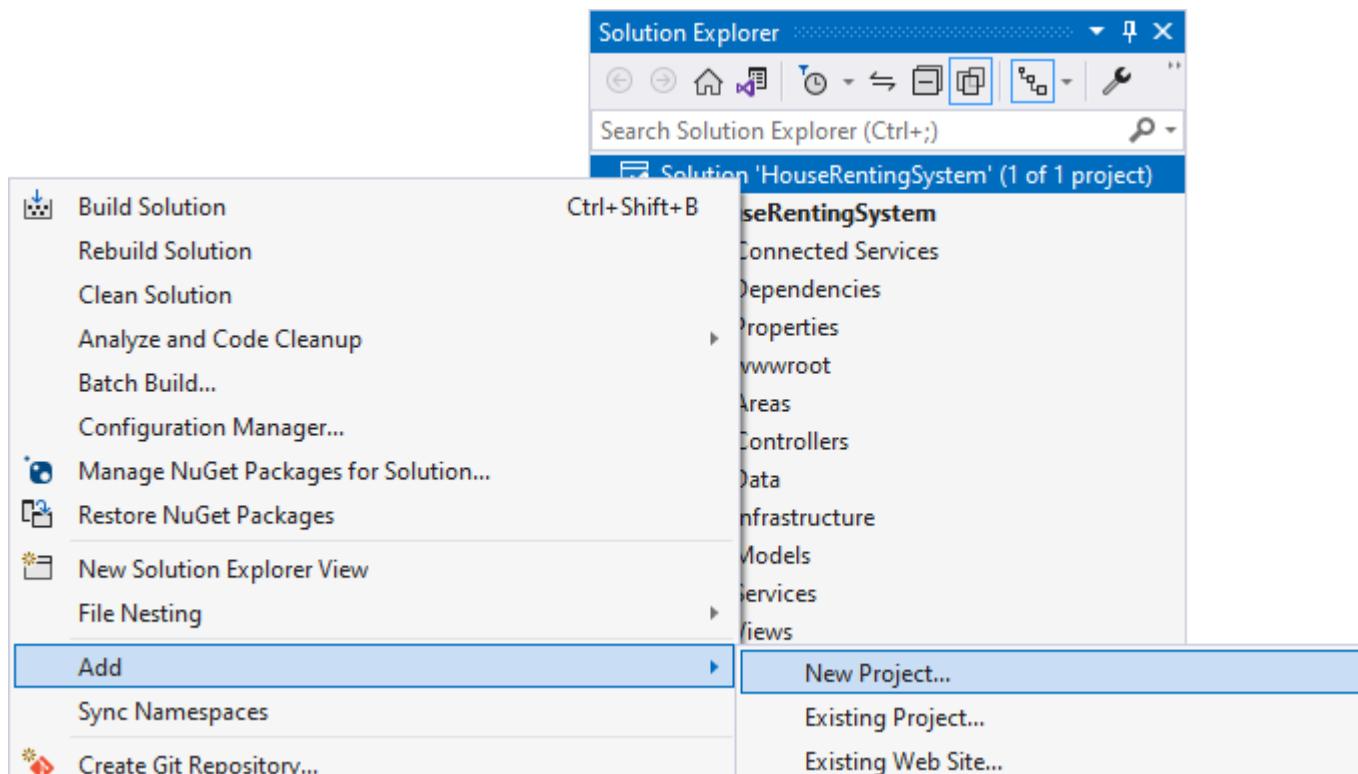
- "HouseRentingSystem.Core" project, which includes and **service-related classes**
- "HouseRentingSystem.Data" project, which includes and **data-related classes**
- "HouseRentingSystem.Web" project, which contains the **web part** with the **controllers** and **references the "HouseRentingSystem.Services" project**

When done, the solution will look like this:



Step 1: Create a Services + Data Projects

First, we will separate our **services and data layers** from the main project, as they do **not have dependencies** on other classes, but depend only on each other. We will move them to **class library** projects. To create a class library, right-click on the "HouseRentingSystem" solution and choose [Add] → [New Project]:



Next, choose the "**Class library**" project template and name the project "**HouseRentingSystem.Services**".

 Class Library
A project for creating a class library that targets .NET or .NET Standard

C# Android Linux macOS Windows Library

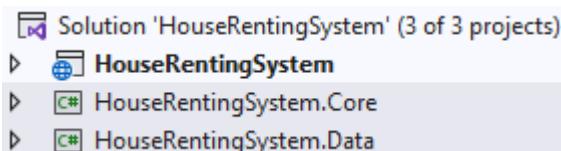
 Razor Class Library

Configure your new project

Class Library C# Android Linux

Project name

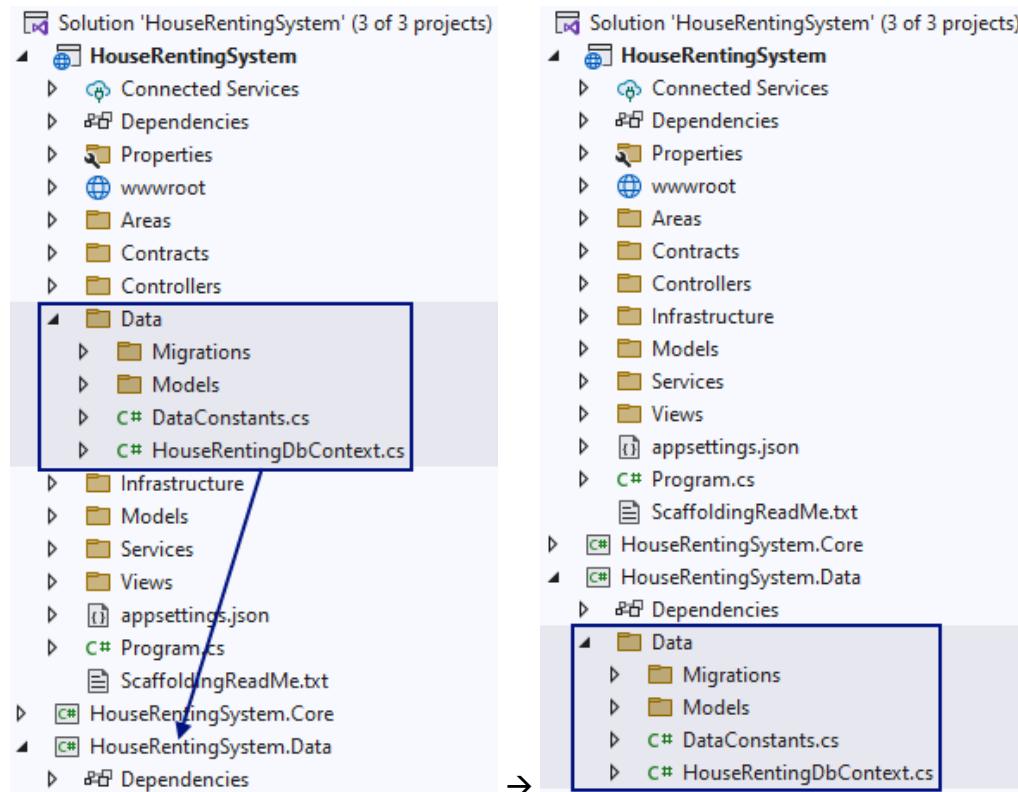
HouseRentingSystem.Data



The projects are created and you can delete the **Class1.cs** files, as we won't need them.

Move the Data Layer Classes

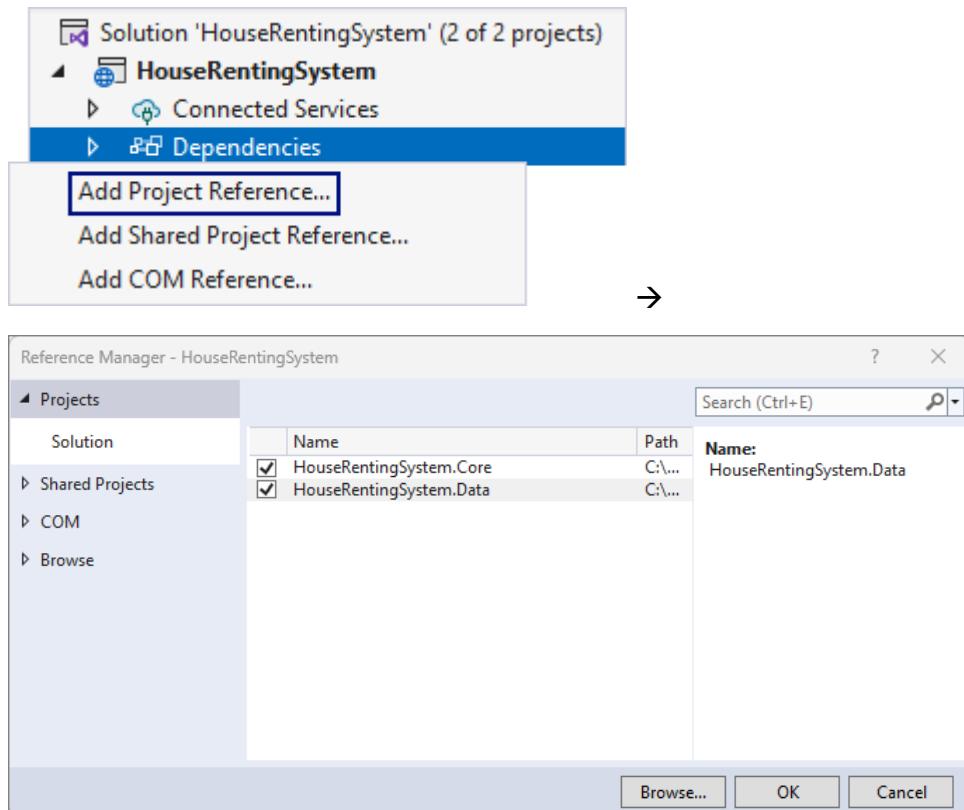
Now let's move the "Data" folder with its classes from the "**HouseRentingSystem**" project to the "**HouseRentingSystem.Data**" project:



Build the project and note that there are many errors that we need to fix.

First, let's make the "**HouseRentingSystem**" project depend on the new "**HouseRentingSystem.Core**" and "**HouseRentingSystem.Data**" project, as it needs the data classes. To do this, right-click on [Dependencies] →

[Add Project Reference] and select the "HouseRentingSystem.Core" and "HouseRentingSystem.Data" projects like this:



Build the project again. The errors should be less.

However, note that all our classes from the "HouseRentingSystem.Data" project are from the "HouseRentingSystem.Data.Data" namespace. We should change the namespaces to "HouseRentingSystem.Data" to match the current project architecture.

Go to all classes and modify their namespace to be the following:

```
namespace HouseRentingSystem.Data
```

Note that you should be careful with the namespaces of classes, which are in a subfolder. For example, the classes in the "Entities" folder should have the following namespace:

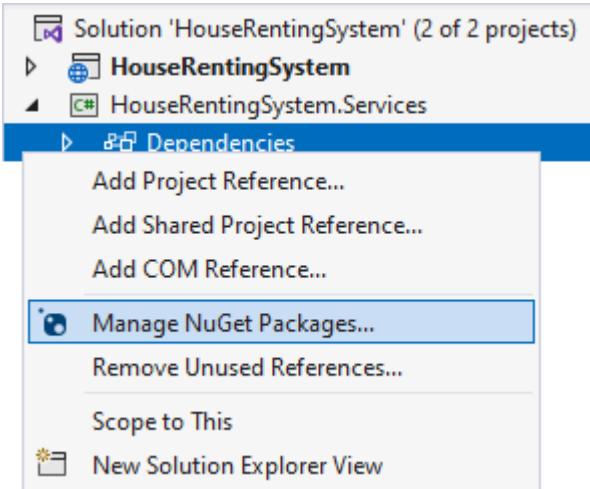
```
namespace HouseRentingSystem.Data.Data.Models
```

The "Migrations" folder classes should be part of this namespace:

```
namespace HouseRentingSystem.Data.Data.Migrations
```

You should also change the references to the classes with the modified namespace. When you build the project, you should have no errors, related to the namespaces.

Now let's go to NuGet Package Manager and let's add the packages that the "HouseRentingSystem.Services" project needs:



Download the packages below but be careful with the package versions.

.NET	Microsoft.AspNetCore.Identity.EntityFrameworkCore	by Microsoft	6.0.11 7.0.0
.NET	Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer	by Microsoft	6.0.11 7.0.0
.NET	Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Tools	by Microsoft	6.0.11 7.0.0

You can **delete the above packages** from the "HouseRentingSystem" project, as we do not need them anymore.

Build the project again. Make sure that there are **no more errors** in any of the projects.

Move the Service Layer Classes

Now we should also **move the classes and interfaces from the "Services" and "Contracts" folders** of the "HouseRentingSystem" to the "HouseRentingSystem.Core" project:

We should modify the namespaces from **HouseRentingSystem** to **HouseRentingSystem.Core**.

Don't forget to also **change the references to the classes** with the modified namespace.

We should also move the service models to the **HouseRentingSystem.Core** project as services depend on them. In order to do that, create a new folder named "**Models**" in the services layer project and inside it, create folders "**Agent**", "**House**" and "**Statistic**". Move the service model classes to the relevant folders and change their namespaces and modify the references to them from the other classes and projects.

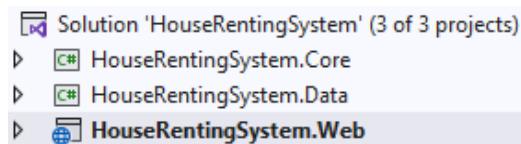
Note that all **errors** that have left are because of the **HouseSorting class**, because it is used in both projects, but the **new project doesn't depend on the old one**, as then we will have a **circular dependency**, which is **not allowed**. For this reason, let's **move the HouseSorting class to the "HouseRentingSystem.Core" project** and **change its namespace**.

Rename the used namespace everywhere where necessary to **clear all errors**. If you have **any other problems**, **delete all "bin" and "obj" folders** in the projects and **rebuild the solution**.

Step 2: Rename the Web Project

The "HouseRentingSystem" is our **web project**. For this reason, it is a good idea to **rename it**, so that it is clearer what it contains.

To do this, **right-click** on the "HouseRentingSystem" project → [Rename] and set the name to be "HouseRentingSystem.Web":



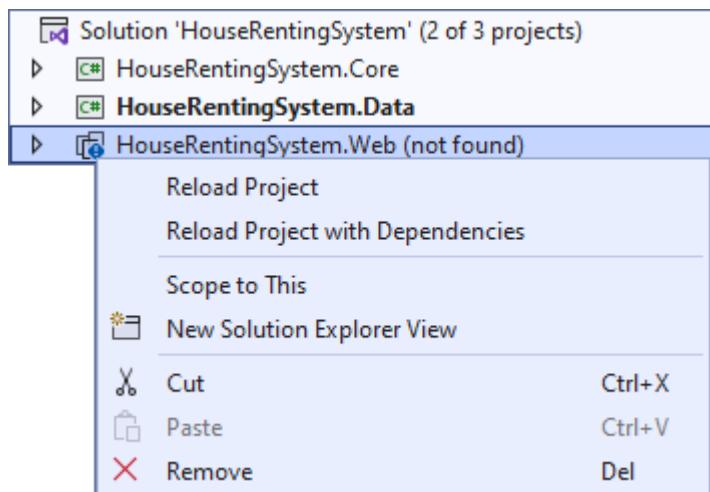
Then, **change the namespace of all classes** in the project to be relevant to the new project name.

Do it for all classes. Also, **change the namespace references** to be correct. **Build the solution** and make sure that there are **no errors**.

Next, close **Visual Studio** and **navigate to the solution folder** in **File Explorer**.

Then, **rename the "HouseRentingSystem" folder** to "HouseRentingSystem.Web".

Open the solution in **Visual Studio** again. Now the **solution file does not recognize** the "HouseRentingSystem.Web" project, so let's **delete it** and **add it** again:



Right-click on the HouseRentinSystem solution and choose **[Add] → [Existing Project]**.

Now **run the project** and make sure that **everything works correctly** as before the separation to projects:

8. Add AutoMapper

AutoMapper is a **simple little library**, which will help us get rid of code, which **maps one object to another**. With that mapper tool, we won't do the mappings manually, which will **improve our code** and **prevent mistakes**.

Now, we should register the **AutoMapper service** in the "HouseRentingSystem.Web" project. We should **install the AutoMapper.Extensions.Microsoft.DependencyInjection NuGet package**.



Go to the **Program class** and **add the service** with the **assemblies of the service and controller classes** like this:

```
builder.Services.AddAutoMapper(
    typeof(IHouseService).Assembly,
    typeof(HomeController).Assembly);
```

Now **create classes**, in which we will **create the mappings**. They should **inherit the Profile class**. Create one for the controller and one for the **service methods mappings** in the corresponding projects.

The **ServiceMappingProfile** class should be in a folder "**Infrastructure**" in the "**HouseRentingSystem.Core**" project:

```
public class ServiceMappingProfile : Profile
{
}
```

The **ControllerMappingProfile** class should be in a folder "**Infrastructure**" in the "**HouseRentingSystem.Web**" project:

```
public class ControllerMappingProfile : Profile
{
}
```

Step 1: Mapping in Controller Methods

Go to the "**HouseRentingSystem.Web**" project and **examine the controller methods** for manual mapping between objects. In our case, we have such **mappings in the Edit(int id)** and **Delete(int id)** methods of the **HouseController**:

```
public class HouseController : Controller
{
    public async Task<IActionResult> Edit(int id)
    {
        if (await _houses.Exists(id) == false) ...
        if (await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, this.User.Id()) == false
            && User.IsAdmin() == false) ...

        var house = await _houses.HouseDetailsById(id);

        var houseCategoryId = await _houses.GetHouseCategoryId(house.Id);

        var houseModel = new HouseFormModel()
        {
            Title = house.Title,
            Address = house.Address,
            Description = house.Description,
            ImageUrl = house.ImageUrl,
            PricePerMonth = house.PricePerMonth,
            CategoryId = houseCategoryId,
            Categories = await _houses.AllCategories()
        };

        return View(houseModel);
    }
}
```

```

public async Task<IActionResult> Delete(int id)
{
    if(await _houses.Exists(id) == false) ...

    if(await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, User.Id())
       && User.IsAdmin() == false) ...

    var house = await _houses.HouseDetailsById(id);

    var model = new HouseDetailsViewModel()
    {
        Title = house.Title,
        Address = house.Address,
        ImageUrl = house.ImageUrl,
    };

    return View(model);
}

```

In the above methods, we need to map the `HouseDetailsService` model to `HouseFormModel` and `HouseDetailsViewModel`. Go to the `ControllerMappingProfile` class and create the mappings in the constructor like this:

```

public class ControllerMappingProfile : Profile
{
    public ControllerMappingProfile()
    {
        CreateMap<HouseDetailsService, HouseFormModel>();
        CreateMap<HouseDetailsService, HouseDetailsViewModel>();
    }
}

```

Now go back to the `HousesController` class and inject the mapper through the constructor and assign it to a field:

```

public class HouseController : Controller
{
    private readonly IHouseService _houses;
    private readonly IAgentService _agents;
    private readonly IMapper _mapper;

    public HouseController(IHouseService houses,
                          IAgentService agents,
                          IMapper mapper)
    {
        _houses = houses;
        _agents = agents;
        _mapper = mapper;
    }
}

```

Modify the methods to use the mapper. Use the `Map()` method with the result model type and the object to be mapped. Note that some properties cannot be mapped directly because their names in objects are not the same, so we should take care of them manually. Do it like this:

```

public async Task<IActionResult> Edit(int id)
{
    if (await _houses.Exists(id) == false) ...

    if (await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, this.User.Id()) == false
        && User.IsAdmin() == false) ...

    var house = await _houses.HouseDetailsById(id);

    var houseCategoryId = await _houses.GetHouseCategoryId(house.Id);

    var houseModel = _mapper.Map<HouseFormModel>(house);
    houseModel.CategoryId = houseCategoryId;
    houseModel.Categories = await _houses.AllCategories();

    return View(houseModel);
}

public async Task<IActionResult> Delete(int id)
{
    if(await _houses.Exists(id) == false) ...

    if(await _houses.HasAgentWithId(id, User.Id())
       && User.IsAdmin() == false) ...

    var house = await _houses.HouseDetailsById(id);

    var model = _mapper.Map<HouseDetailsViewModel>(house);

    return View(model);
}

```

Run the app and try out the mapping. Go to the "Edit" and "Delete" pages of any house and make sure that the house data is displayed correctly:

Edit House - Best House Renting x +

localhost:7144/Houses/Edit/7

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

Edit House

Title
Admin House

Address
In the outskirts of the city, near the Big Lake

Description
One of the best houses on the market at the moment.

Image URL
<https://media.distractify.com/brand-img/hvjYXo9pD/2160x1130/dpkmjpduyaabi0h->

Price Per Month
3000.00

Category
Single-Family

Save

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Delete House - Best House Renting x +

localhost:7144/Houses/Delete/7

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

Delete House



Title
Admin House

Address
In the outskirts of the city, near the Big Lake

Delete

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Now let's **create mapping** in the **service methods**, as well.

Step 2: Mapping in Service Methods

Service methods, which have **mappings**, are all in the **HouseService** class. These methods map objects as part of **LINQ queries** and use the **ProjectTo()** method.

To use this method, we should **install the AutoMapper.Extensions.Microsoft.DependencyInjection NuGet package** also in the "HouseRentingSystem.Services" project.

Next, you should **inject the mapper** in the **HouseService** class:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
    private readonly HouseRentingDbContext _data;
    private readonly IApplicationUserService _user;
    private readonly IMapper _mapper;

    0 references
    public HouseService(HouseRentingDbContext data,
        IApplicationUserService user,
        IMapper mapper)
    {
        _data = data;
        _user = user;
        _mapper = mapper;
    }
}
```

Now let's **modify the mapping** in each method, where needed, and **try them out**.

All(...) Method

In the **All(...)** method we have a **mapping from House to HouseServiceModel**. However, the **House entity** does not have the **IsRented** property, which we need in the **HouseServiceModel**. For this reason, we should go to the **ServiceMappingProfile** class and **configure the mapping** like this:

```
public class ServiceMappingProfile : Profile
{
    0 references
    public ServiceMappingProfile()
    {
        CreateMap<House, HouseServiceModel>()
            .ForMember(h => h.IsRented, cfg => cfg
                .MapFrom(h => h.RenterId != null));
    }
}
```

Go back to the **All(...)** method of the **HouseService** class and use the **ProjectTo()** method to **map objects** in a **LINQ query**. Note that you should **provide the method with the mapper configurations**, not the mapper itself. Do it as shown below:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
    public HouseQueryServiceModel All(
        var houses = housesQuery
            .Skip((currentPage - 1) * housesPerPage)
            .Take(housesPerPage)
            .ProjectTo<HouseServiceModel>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
            .ToList());
}
```

Now run the app and navigate to the "All Houses" page. It should show the houses data, especially if they are rented or not, correctly. Note that now the "Admin House" is rented by the "guest" user:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "All Houses - Best House Renting". The URL is "localhost:7144/Houses/All". The page header includes "House Renting Worldwide", "All Houses", "My Houses", "Add Houses", "Hello, Great Admin!", and "Logout". The main content is titled "All Houses" and features three house listings:

- Admin House**
Address: In the outskirts of the city, near the Big Lake
Price Per Month: 3000.00 BGN (Rented)
Buttons: Details (green), Edit (yellow), Delete (red)
- House Michael**
Address: Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States
Price Per Month: 1300.00 BGN (Rented)
Buttons: Details (green), Edit (yellow), Delete (red)
A blue "Rent" button is located below the listing.
- Grand House**
Address: Boyana Neighbourhood, Sofia, Bulgaria
Price Per Month: 2000.00 BGN (Rented)
Buttons: Details (green), Edit (yellow), Delete (red)
A blue "Rent" button is located below the listing.

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AllHousesByAgentId(...) and AllHousesByUserId(...) Methods

The `AllHousesByAgentId(...)` and `AllHousesByUserId(...)` methods use the private `ProjectToModel(...)` method to map models of type `House` to `HouseServiceModel`. However, we won't need that method anymore, as our mapping will be improved with `AutoMapper`.

Modify the `AllHousesByAgentId(...)` and `AllHousesByUserId()` methods and delete the `ProjectToModel()` method like this:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
```

```

public async Task<IEnumerable<HouseServiceModel>> AllHousesByAgentId(int agentId)
{
    var houses = await _data
        .Houses
        .Where(h => h.AgentId == agentId)
        .ProjectTo<HouseServiceModel>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
        .ToListAsync();

    return houses;
}

public async Task<IEnumerable<HouseServiceModel>> AllHousesByUserId(string userId)
{
    var houses = await _data
        .Houses
        .ProjectTo<HouseServiceModel>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
        .ToListAsync();

    return houses;
}

```

Run the app and navigate to the "My Houses" page with the **Admin**. The page should display the **admin's created houses** correctly:

Then, log in with another user, who should see the **houses they rented**:

HouseDetailsById(...) Method

The `HouseDetailsById(...)` method has **two mappings** in one – from `House` to `HouseDetailsServiceModel` and from `Agent` to `AgentServiceModel`. In addition, some properties mapping needs to be configured. For example, the `Category` property of the `HouseDetailsServiceModel` should have the `category name of the house` and the `Email` property of the `AgentServiceModel` should have the `user email of the agent`.

Create the mappings with the configurations in the `ServiceMappingProfile` class like this:

```
CreateMap<House, HouseDetailsServiceModel>()
    .ForMember(h => h.IsRented, cfg => cfg
        .MapFrom(h => h.RenterId != null))
    .ForMember(h => h.Category, cfg => cfg
        .MapFrom(h => h.Category.Name));
```

```
CreateMap<Agent, AgentServiceModel>()
    .ForMember(ag => ag.Email, cfg => cfg
        .MapFrom(ag => ag.User.Email));
```

Then, **modify the `HouseDetailsById(...)` method** to get the house from the database by **including the necessary properties** for mapping and **map the objects**. Note that the **agent's full name should be set separately**, as it is produced by a service method:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
```

```

public async Task<HouseDetailsServiceModel> HouseDetailsById(int id)
{
    var dbHouse = await _data
        .Houses
        .Include(h => h.Category)
        .Include(h => h.Agent.User)
        .Where(h => h.Id == id)
        .FirstOrDefaultAsync();

    var house = _mapper.Map<HouseDetailsServiceModel>(dbHouse);

    var agent = _mapper.Map<AgentServiceModel>(dbHouse.Agent);
    agent.FullName = await _user.UserFullName(dbHouse.Agent.UserId);

    house.Agent = agent;

    return house;
}

```

Run the app and navigate to the "Details" page of any house and make sure there are **no errors** and the page contains all the data:

House Details - Best House Renti x +

localhost:7144/Houses/Details/7/Admin-House-In-the-outskirts

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

House Details

 Admin House

Located in: In the outskirts of the city, near the Big Lake

Price Per Month: **3000.00 BGN**

One of the best houses on the market at the moment.

Category: **Single-Family**

(Rented)

[Edit](#) [Delete](#)

Agent Info

Full Name: Great Admin

Email: admin@mail.com

Phone Number: +359123456789

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LastThreeHouses() Method

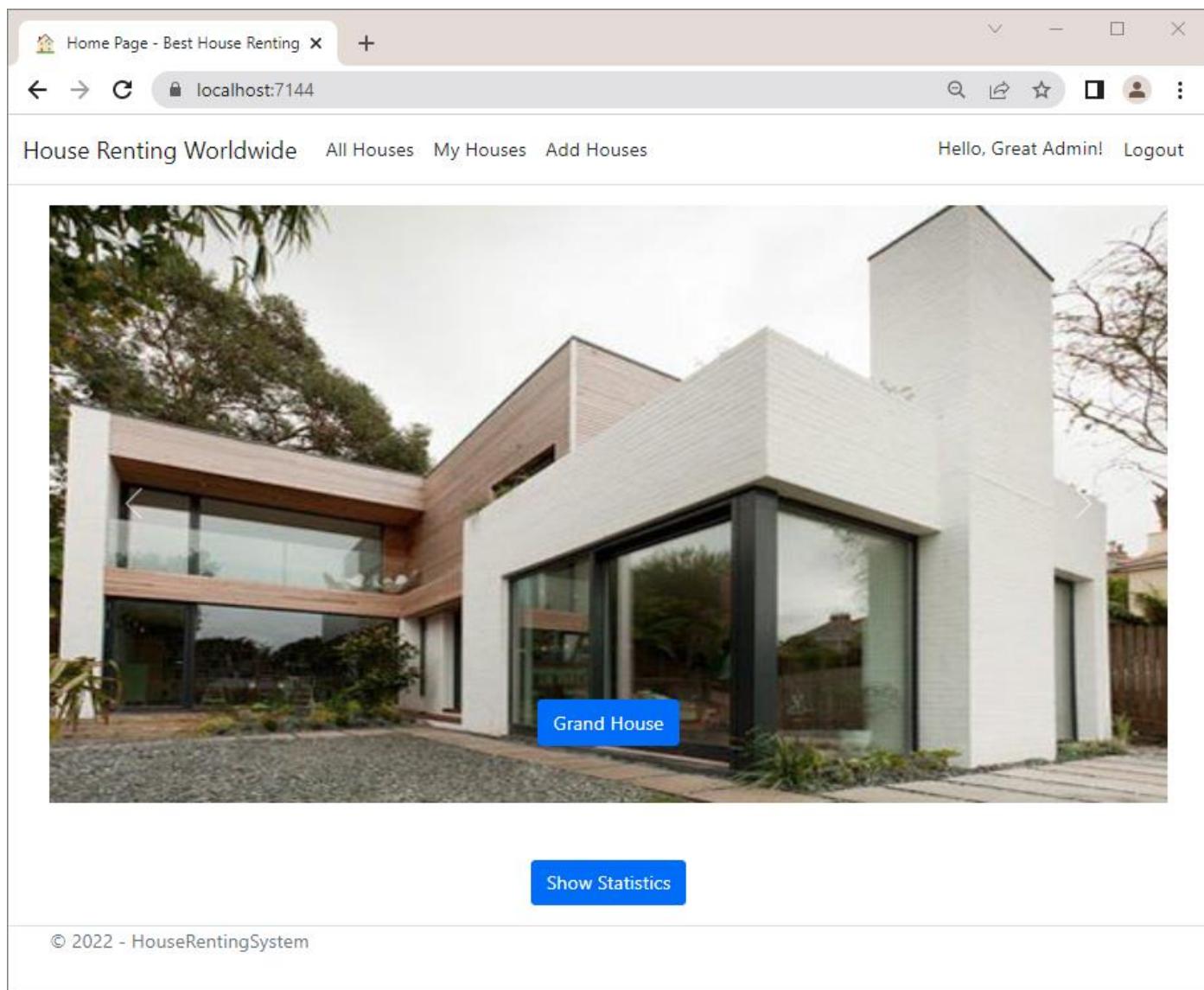
In this method we should map House to HouseIndexServiceModel. Create the mapping as shown below. It does not need configurations:

```
CreateMap<House, HouseIndexServiceModel>();
```

Write the LastThreeHouses() method like this:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
    public async Task<IEnumerable<HouseIndexServiceModel>> LastThreeHouses()
    {
        return _data
            .Houses
            .OrderByDescending(c => c.Id)
            .ProjectTo<HouseIndexServiceModel>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
            .Take(3);
    }
}
```

Run the app and examine the "Home" page with the houses. It should display them as before:



The screenshot shows a web browser window for 'Home Page - Best House Renting'. The address bar shows 'localhost:7144'. The page header includes 'Hello, Great Admin!' and 'Logout'. The main content area displays a large image of a modern two-story house with a white brick exterior and large glass windows. A blue button labeled 'Grand House' is overlaid on the image. Below the image is a blue 'Show Statistics' button. At the bottom left of the page is a copyright notice: '© 2022 - HouseRentingSystem'.

The button for the "Details" page of the house should also be working and should build the URL with the house name and address correctly:



House Michael

Located in: **Mystic Falls, Virginia, United States**

Price Per Month: **1300.00 BGN**

A perfect house for a family with a garage and a nice backyard. It also has a beautiful view.

Category: **Single-Family**

(Rented)

Edit **Delete**

Rent

Agent Info

Full Name: Michael Klein

Email: michael@mail.com

Phone Number: +359888123124

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AllCategories() Method

The last method we have with **mapping** is the **AllCategories()** method, which maps **Category** to **HouseCategoryServiceModel**. Create it like this:

```
CreateMap<Category, HouseCategoryServiceModel>();
```

The **AllCategories()** method should be modified like this:

```
public class HouseService : IHouseService
{
    public async Task<IEnumerable<HouseCategoryServiceModel>> AllCategories()
    {
        return await _data
            .Categories
            .ProjectTo<HouseCategoryServiceModel>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
            .ToListAsync();
    }
}
```

Run the app and open any page that shows the **house categories**, for example the "All Houses" page. They should all be displayed:

All Houses - Best House Renting

localhost:7144/Houses/All

House Renting Worldwide All Houses My Houses Add Houses Hello, Great Admin! Logout

All Houses

Category

- All
- All**
- Cottage
- Duplex
- Single-Family

Search by text

Sorting

Newest

Search >>

We have used **AutoMapper** everywhere we can in our app and it is now improved a lot.