**1) Explain what is ADO.NET entity framework?**

ADO.NET entity framework is an ORM (Object Relational Mapping) framework developed by Microsoft. It is an extension of ADO.NET that provides an automated mechanism to access and store data in the database. With the help of ADO.NET, database can be accessed without much required programming or code.

**2) Mention what is the key advantage of using Entity Framework or EF?**

The main advantage of using Entity Framework or EF is that it generates code automatically for the Model (Middle Layer), Mapping code and Data Access Layer. It reduces a lot of time during the development process.

**3) Mention in what all scenarios Entity Framework can be applicable?**

Entity Framework can be applicable in three scenarios

If you have existing database already or you want to build your database first than other parts of the application

If your prime focus is your domain classes and then create the database from your domain classes

If you want to design your database schema on the visual designer and create the classes and database

**4) Explain how you can load related entities in EF (Entity Framework)?**

You can load related entities or data in EF in three ways

Eager Loading

Lazy Loading

Explicit Loading

**Eager Loading**  
Eager Loading helps you to load all your needed entities at once; i.e., all your child entities will be loaded at single database call. **This can be achieved, using the Include method**, which returns the related entities as a part of the query and a large amount of data is loaded at once.

For example, you have a User table and a UserDetails table (related entity to User table), then you will write the code given below. Here, we are loading the user with the Id equal to userId along with the user details.

1. User usr = dbContext.Users.Include(a => a.UserDetails).FirstOrDefault(a => a.UserId == userId);

If you have multiple level of child entities, then you can load, using the query given below.

1. User usr = dbContext.Users.Include(a => a.UserDetails.Select(ud => ud.Address)).FirstOrDefault(a => a.UserId == userId);

**Lazy Loading (By default Lazy Loading is on)**  
**It is the default behaviour of an Entity Framework**, where a child entity is loaded only when it is accessed for the first time. It simply delays the loading of the related data, until you ask for it.

For example, when we run the query given below, UserDetails table will not be loaded along with the User table.

1. User usr = dbContext.Users.FirstOrDefault(a => a.UserId == userId);

It will only be loaded when you explicitly call for it, as shown below. UserDeatils ud = usr.UserDetails; // UserDetails are loaded here

**Explicit Loading**  
There are options to disable Lazy Loading in an Entity Framework. **After turning Lazy Loading off, you can still load the entities by explicitly calling the Load method for the related entities**. There are two ways to use Load method Reference (to load single navigation property) and Collection (to load collections), as shown below.

1. User usr = dbContext.Users.FirstOrDefault(a => a.UserId == userId);
2. dbContext.Entry(usr).Reference(usr => usr.UserDetails).Load();

When to use what

1. Use Eager Loading when the relations are not too much. Thus, Eager Loading is a good practice to reduce further queries on the Server.
2. Use Eager Loading when you are sure that you will be using related entities with the main entity everywhere.
3. Use Lazy Loading when you are using one-to-many collections.
4. Use Lazy Loading when you are sure that you are not using related entities instantly.
5. When you have turned off Lazy Loading, use Explicit loading when you are not sure whether or not you will be using an entity beforehand.

**5) What is Navigation Property?**  
It is a way to represent a foreign key relationship in the database or define the relationship between the two entities. A navigation property points to related tables in your database model. For instance, if you have a customer table that relates to the orders table, the navigation property points from the customers table to the orders table. **While the primary and foreign keys are physical properties of the table, the navigation properties are a logical part of a data model**.  
  
**Example**Client - Client ID, Name.  
  
Project - Project ID, Client ID.  
  
It means the project is linked with the client on the basis of Client ID.  
  
Relationship: Project HAS-a client.  
  
If we model this relationship, it would look like as shown below:

1. class Client
2. {
3. **public** **string** Name {**get**; **set**}
4. }
6. class Project
7. {
8. **public** Client objClient {**get**; **set**}
9. }

It means we can do this in the following manner:  
  
Project.objClient.Name;  
  
Now, if we want to achieve this structure in the database, we need to define our model in the way shown below:

1. class Client
2. {
3. **public** int Id {**get**; **set** ;}
4. **public** **string Name** {**get**; **set** ;}
5. }
7. class Project
8. {
9. public **int** Id {**get**; **set** ;}
10. public Client client {**get**; **set** ;} // Project HAS-a client. Name of Field will be
11. // [PropertyName]\_[PropertyIDName] “client\_Id”
12. }

**Note**Association between two entities defines three things: type of entity, type of association, and referential integrity.   
  
**6) How Navigation property works**When we apply navigation property in our code, it means we are asking EF to automatically perform a join between the two tables.  
  
**Example**Code accesses project info of the client name ASD, as shown below:

1. Context.Projects.Where(p ->p.client.Name == ‘ASD’);

Now, SQL translation of the code, given above is as follows:

1. **Select** Projects .Id, Projects .client\_Id
2. **From** Projects **inner** join Clients
3. **On** Projects.client\_Id = Clients.Id
4. **Where** Clients.**Name** = ‘ASD’

**7) How and when navigation properties load**  
**By default, navigation properties are null, they are not loaded by default**.  For loading navigation property, we use “include” method of IQuearable and this type of loading is called Eager loading.  
  
Eager loading: It is a process by which a query for one type of entity loads the related entities as a part of query and it is achieved by “include” method of IQuerable.   
  
**8) How Navigation properties loading works,**

1. class Client
2. {
3. **public** **int** ID {get; **set** ;}
4. **public** string **Name** {get; **set** ;}
5. }
7. Class Project
8. {
9. **public** **int** ID {get; **set** ;}
10. **public** Client Clients {get; **set** ;} // Project HAS-a client. **Name** **of** Field will be
11. [PropertyName]\_[PropertyIDName] “Clients\_ID”
12. }

**Clients**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ID | Name |
| 1 | CMD |
| 2 | NSH |

**Projects**

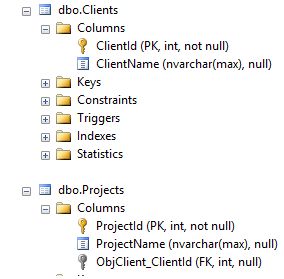
|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ID | Clients\_ID |
| 100 | 1 |
| 101 | 1 |

1. Get all the projects but do not get the linked clients.
   1. Context.Projects.ToArray()

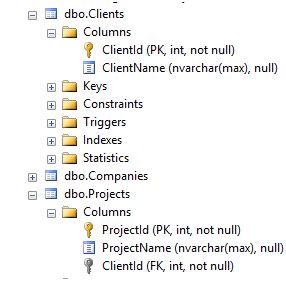
   4. <ArrayOfProject>
   5. <Project>
   6. <ID>100</ID>
   7. <Clients>null</Clients>
   8. </Project>
   9. <Project>
   10. <ID>101</ID>
   11. <Clients>null</Clients>
   12. </Project>
   13. </ArrayOfProjects>
2. Filter, using where clause, which works perfectly and filters the records, but the linked property clients are not loaded.
   1. Context.Project.Where(p =>p.Clients.Name==”CMD”) .ToArray()
   3. <ArrayOfProject>
   4. <Project>
   5. <ID>100</ID>
   6. <Clients>**null**</Clients>
   7. </Project>
   8. </ArrayOfProjects>
3. Include statement is able to fetch or load the linked item of an entity.
   1. Context.Project.include(p =>p.Clients).ToArray();
   3. <ArrayOfProject>
   4. <Project>
   5. <ID>100 </ID>
   6. <Client>
   7. <ID>1</ID>
   8. <Name> CMD</Name>
   9. </Client>
   10. </Project>
   11. <Project>
   12. <ID>101 </ID>
   13. <Client>
   14. <ID>1</ID>
   15. <Name> CMD</Name>
   16. </Client>
   17. </Project>
   18. <ArrayOfProject>

**9) How Entity Framework detect Navigation properties**

1. **Complex type**When we define complex type inside class, which is attached with the context for Entity framework, consider this complex type as a foreign key inside this class. Hence, it creates Foreign key by name [PropertyName]\_[PropertyIDName] (Name by which property is defined and the name of Primary key is of complex type.)  
     
   **Example**
   1. class Client
   2. {
   3. **public** **int** ClientId {**get**; **set**;}
   4. **public** **string** ClientName {**get**; **set**;}
   6. }
   8. Class Project
   9. {
   10. **public** **int** ProjectId {**get**; **set**;}
   11. **public** **string** ProjectName {**get**; **set**;}
   13. **public** Client ObjClient {**get**; **set**;}
   14. }

  
  
In the above example, we have two classes: Client and Project.  
  
Now, the client is defined inside the Project class. Hence, these two classes are attached with the context by dbset.Thus, entity frame considers it as a Foreign key.  
  
It will create a Foreign key inside the Project table by the following naming convention [PropertyName]\_[PropertyIDName], which means, it will look like “ObjClient\_ClientId”

1. **By Naming conventions**  
   When we define the complex type property inside a class and also add the property with the same name as a Primary key of complex type, the Entity Framework considers this and defines a property as a Foreign key of the table with the same name.  
     
   **Example**
   1. class Client
   2. {
   3. **public** **int** ClientId {**get**; **set**;}
   4. **public** **string** ClientName {**get**; **set**;}
   5. }
   6. class Project
   7. {
   8. **public** **int** ProjectId {**get**; **set**;}
   9. **public** **string** ProjectName {**get**; **set**;}
   11. **public** **int** ClientId {**get**; **set**;} // Entity framework treat it as foreign key, and create same
   12. // name property as Foreign key into table.
   13. **public** Client ObjClient {**get**; **set**;}
   14. }

  
  
In the above example in Project table, the Entity framework creates Foreign key by the name “ClientId”.

**10) Ways to define Foreign key in Entity Framework**

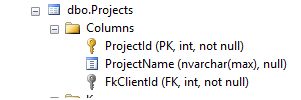
1. By adding complex type as a property,
   1. class Client
   2. {
   3. public intClientId {**get**; **set**;}
   4. public **string** ClientName {**get**; **set**;}
   6. }
   8. class Project
   9. {
   10. public intProjectId {**get**; **set**;}
   11. public **string** ProjectName {**get**; **set**;}
   13. public Client ObjClient {**get**; **set**;}
   14. }

Only add property of complex type, and it will automatically create “ObjClient\_ClientId” foreign key into project table.

1. By adding complex type as a property and adding the property by the same name and typing it as Primary key of a complex type,
   1. class Client
   2. {
   3. public **int** ClientId {**get**; **set**;}
   4. public **string** ClientName {**get**; **set**;}
   6. }
   8. class Project
   9. {
   10. public **int** ProjectId {**get**; **set**;}
   11. public **string** ProjectName {**get**; **set**;}
   13. public **int** ClientId {**get**; **set**;} // Entity framework treat it as foreign key, and create same
   14. // name property as Foreign key into table.
   15. public Client ObjClient {**get**; **set**;}
   16. }
2. By using data annotation Foreign key attribute,  
     
   Data annotation Foreign key attribute can be used in the two ways -- one with the navigation property defined inside the class or with a Foreign key, defined inside the class.  
     
   **Example**Foreign key attribute is used over a navigation property.
   1. class Project
   2. {
   3. **public** **int** ProjectId {**get**;**set**;}
   4. **public** **string** ProjectName{**get**; **set**;}
   6. [ForeignKey("FkClientId")]
   7. **public** Client client {**get**; **set**;} // Navigation property
   8. }

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* 1. class Project
  2. {
  3. **public** **int** ProjectId {**get**;**set**;}
  4. **public** **string** ProjectName{**get**; **set**;}
  5. **public** **int** FkClientId {**get**; **set**;} // It will become foreign key.
  6. [ForeignKey("FkClientId")]
  7. **public** Client client {**get**; **set**;} // Navigation property
  8. }

  
  
**Example**  
Foreign key attribute is used over the property with which you want to make Foreign key.

* 1. class Project
  2. {
  3. **public** **int** ProjectId {**get**;**set**;}
  4. **public** **string** ProjectName{**get**; **set**;}
  5. [ForeignKey ("Client")]
  6. **public** **int** FkClient {**get**; **set**;}
  7. }

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On this stage, the code given above will give an error, because in the code given above, we are saying that, FkClient is a Foreign key of Client table, but EF will not create this foreign key due to the absence of the navigation property of Client, it means at least one navigation property of client should be there adding its key as a foreign key into the project.

* 1. class Project
  2. {
  3. **public** **int** ProjectId {**get**;**set**;}
  4. **public** **string** ProjectName{**get**; **set**;}
  5. [ForeignKey ("Client")]
  6. **public** **int** FkClient {**get**; **set**;}
  7. **public** Client Client{**get**;**set**;} // Navigation Property.
  8. }

1. By using data annotation Foreign key attribute, we can give different name to Foreign key property.

**Note**The first part of the expression defines the navigation property on the current entity, the second part of the expression defines the reverse navigation property.  
  
**11) What is Reverse Navigation property?**

Here, we will discuss reverse navigation property.  
  
Two navigation properties that we have defined on each end of a relationship are in fact different ends of the same relationship.  
  
It has been able to do this because there has been only one possible match.   
  
Type of Navigation properties,

1. Optional relationship (Null able foreign key and multiplicity, 0...1)(One to one relationship )(Zero or one).
2. Required relationship (One to many relationship).
3. Many relationship (Many to Many relationship).

**One-to-One Relationship**  
Optional relationship (Null able foreign key and multiplicity, 0...1)(One to one relationship )(Zero or one).  
  
Primary key value table contains one record and its related table contains one or zero records related to this table. This relationship is called a one to one relationship.  
  
Suppose, take an example of “Client” and “ClientAddress”, which has a one to one relationship (zero or one), this means *the* ***client can have one or zero addresses.***  
Hence, if we create a class of the client having ID and Name; create Class ClientAddress contains ID, Address and City.

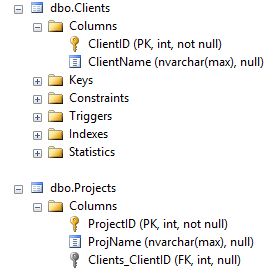
For setting up one to one relationships between the Client and ClientAddress, we need to define the navigation property of the client into ClientAddress and specify a Foreign Key of client into ClientAddress and then define the reverse navigation property of ClientAddress into the client. In this way, EF handles One to One relationships.

1. class Client
2. {
3. **public** **int** ClientID{**get**;**set**;};
4. **public** String Name{**get**;**set**;};
5. }
6. clientAddress
7. {
9. **public** **int** ClientAddressId {**get**;**set**;}
10. **public** String Address {**get**;**set**;}
11. **public** **string** City {**get**;**set**;}
12. [ForeignKey ("Client")]
13. **public** **int** FkClient {**get**; **set**;}
14. **public** Client Client{**get**;**set**;} // Navigation Property.
15. }

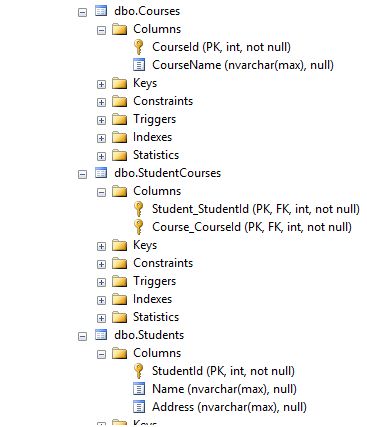
**One-to-many relationships**  
Primary key value table contains one record and its related table contains one, zero or many records related to it. This relationship is called a One-to-Many relationship.  
  
**Example**Suppose we have “Client” and “Project” entity.   
  
***One client can have multiple projects, but one project can only link with one client.***  
  
**Note**Reverse navigation property of the expression is defined as a collection. In this case, there is a one-to-many relationship.

1. class Client
2. {
3. **public** **int** ClientID{**get**;**set**;}
4. **public** String ClientName{**get**;**set**;}
5. // Second Part of expression define reverse navigation property
6. **public** **virtual** ICollection<Project> Projects { **get**; **set**; }
7. }


11. class Project
12. {
13. **public** **int** ProjectID{**get**;**set**;}
14. **public** String ProjName {**get**;**set**;}
15. // First Part of expression define navigation property
16. **public** Client Clients {**get**;**set**}
17. }

  
  
Hence, in the code given above, you can see the client type contains a collection of Project type. Project type contains client type entity.   
  
These are the two ends of the expression of the navigation properties and it shows that the client can have a multiple project due to which, the project is defined in the collection inside the client.  
  
On the other hand, project only links with the single client, due to which it contains the client type entity.   
  
**Many-to-Many relationship**  
One table records are able to relate with any numbers (or zero records) of records of the second, the second table records are able to relate with any number of records of the first table.   
  
*Many-to-many relationship require a third table, which is called linking or mapping the table.****Example: relationship between “Student” and “Course” entity,***   
  
One student can be enrolled for multiple courses and one course can be taught to many students.   
  
Hence, in this case, a third table is required, which will contain Pk of both entities.

1. class Student
2. {
3. **public** **int** StudentId {**get**;**set**;}
4. **public** String Name {**get**;**set**;}
5. **public** String Address {**get**; **set**; }
6. **public** **virtual** ICollection<Course > Courses { **get**; **set**; }
8. }
10. class Course
11. {
12. **public** **int** CourseId {**get**; **set**;}
13. **public** String CourseName {**get**;**set**;}
14. **public** **virtual** ICollection<Student>Students { **get**; **set**; }
15. }



**12) How can you enhance the performance of Entity Framework?**

To enhance the performance of Entity Framework, you have to follow the following steps

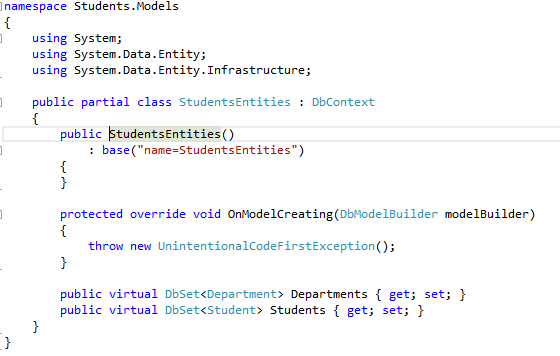
* All the DB objects should not be into one single entity model.
* Disable change tracking for entity if not needed
* Reduce response time for the first request by using pre-generating Views
* If not required try to avoid fetching all the fields
* For data manipulation select appropriate collection
* Wherever needed use compiled query
* Avoid using Views and Contains
* While binding data to grid or paging, retrieve only required no of records
* Debug and Optimize LINQ query

**13) Explain why T4 entity is important in Entity Framework?**

T4 (Text Template Transformation Toolkit) entity is important in Entity framework as it is the heart of entity framework code generation. **It reads the EDMX XML file and generate C# behind code.**

**14) Where do we use Virtual classes in Entity Framework DbContext Models?**

We use Virtual classes in Entity Framework in context class where we define DBSet of corresponding table. As we can see easily in below code sample for Students and Departments:



**15) What’s new in Entity Framework 6?**

* Customizing Code First Conventions.
* Logging of database commands.
* Stored Procedure Mapping.
* Asynchronous Queries and Save support.

**16) How we can use a property for an Entity that is not mapped to database in Code First Approach?**

In Code First Approach, all properties are normally mapped to database. But in certain scenarios, if we don’t want a specific property to be mapped to database, Entity Framework provides us with NotMapped attribute for annotation.

Let’s take a practical example, we have an entity i.e. Product and we want to have a ProductCode that will not be mapped to database. So, we will do the following to achieve in Code First Approach.

public class Product

{

[Key]

public int UniqueProductIdentifier{ get; set; }

public string ProductName { get; set; }

[NotMapped]

public string ProductCode

{

get{

return UniqueProductIdentifier + "-" + ProductName

}

}

public decimal Price { get; set; }

....

....

}

**17) If we have not followed proper conventions in Code First approach, then how we can mark a field/property as primary key?**

An important point to remember about EF Code First approach; we have to follow proper convention for a primary key, means Entity Framework expects ID combined with Entity Name. In our case, above referred Code First Example, we have two entities (i.e. Category and Product) and for both of these entities, we used proper convention for primary key i.e. CategoryId and ProductId.

But in case we used something different i.e. “UniqueCategoryIdentifier” or “UniqueProductIdentifier”, then we have to tell that this is our primary key column and this can be done using a simple attribute i.e. “Key” as follows:

public class Category

{

[Key]

public int UniqueCategoryIdentifier{ get; set; }

public string CategoryName{ get; set; }

public ICollection<Product> Products { get; set; }

}

public class Product

{

[Key]

public int UniqueProductIdentifier{ get; set; }

public string ProductName { get; set; }

public decimal Price { get; set; }

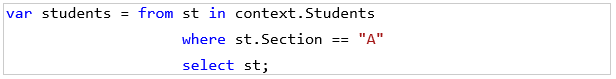
....

....

}

If we don’t follow the convention as well as not using the “Key” attribute, then will end up with following error.

**18) What is the query syntax we use to query an ADO.NET Entity Data Model?**

We can use LINQ to Query ADO.Net Entity Framework. For Example:

**19) Is LINQ a feature of Entity Framework?**

Yes, above is the example to get student record from Section A.

**20) Can you describe the feature of split entity in Entity Framework?**

Entity splitting gives us the ability to take an entity in our model and split this entity into multiple database tables. When we query an entity, Entity Framework will create a query that Automatically joins the related physical tables for us.

**21) How to handle transactions in Entity Framework 6**

Transaction being a single unit of work that are either successful or failed has really important for an application that is developed using Entity Framework.

**1. DbContext.Database.BeginTransaction:** Below we can find source code to understand that how different operations are combined within the same transaction and further are all committed or rollbacked. This method also allows us to specify the isolation level for the transaction.

using (EFModelFirst\_DemoContainer context = new EFModelFirst\_DemoContainer())

{

using (var transaction = context.Database.BeginTransaction())

try

{

Category c = new Category();

c.CategoryName = "Mobile";

context.Categories.Add(c);

context.SaveChanges();

Product p = new Product();

p.CategoryId = c.CategoryId;

p.ProductName = "HTC";

p.Price = "15000";

context.Products.Add(p);

context.SaveChanges();

transaction.Commit();

}

catch (Exception ex)

{

transaction.Rollback();

}

}

**2. DbContext.Database.UseTransaction:** It allows DbContext to use a transaction that was stated outside of the Entity Framework. It means using this API we can use any existing transaction with Entity Framework.

It is used when sometimes we must use an existing transaction that is started outside of the Entity Framework.

public EFModelFirst\_DemoContainer() : base("name=EFModelFirst\_DemoContainer")

{}

using(SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection("connectionString"))

{

con.Open();

using (var transaction = con.BeginTransaction())

{

using (var transaction1 = context.Database.BeginTransaction()) {

try

{

Category c = new Category();

c.CategoryName = "Mobile";

context.Categories.Add(c);

context.SaveChanges();

Product p = new Product();

p.CategoryId = c.CategoryId;

p.ProductName = "HTC";

p.Price = "15000";

context.Products.Add(p);

context.SaveChanges();

transaction.Commit();

}

catch (Exception ex)

{

transaction.Rollback();

}

}

}

**22) What are three Schema Definition Language in EDM?**

**SSDL** (Storage Schema Definition Language)

It stores the schema of database which we created

**CSDL** (Conceptual Schema Definition Language)

It stores the schema of cs file which generated for each table of database. This files defines the properties created for that table and all the relationship.

**ML** (Mapping Language) or C-S M Mapping

It stores the mapping of SSDL and CSDL.

**23) What is ObjectContext class in Entity Framework?**

ObjectContext is the class which helps us to perform Insert, Update, Delete and Create in Entity Framework.

This class is available in System.Data.Entity namespace.

**24) Which namespace we use in Code first approach to use [key] attribute**

System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotation

**25) Which namespace we use in Code first approach to use [Foreign key] attribute**

System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotation.Schema

**26) How to disable the lazy loading framework?**

You can disable the lazy loading by

context.ContextOptions.LazyLoadingEnabled = false;

**27) What are the types of property in Entity Framework?**

We have three types of property in entity framework.

* Scalar property
* Navigation Property
* Complex Property

**28) What are scalar and navigation properties in Entity Framework?**

**Scalar properties** are the property which is directly links with the database.

e.g. Department name, Department Id are Scalar property.

**Navigation Properties** are property which have association with the other entity’s property.

e.g. Employees is Navigation property.

**29) What is client wins and store wins mode in Entity Framework concurrency?**

Client and Store wins are actions which we need to take when concurrency happens.

In store Wins - data are loaded into **from database to client** entity objects and

In Client wins - data will store **from client side to database.**

**30) What are the components of Entity Framework Architecture?**

Below are the components of Entity Framework –

* Entity Data Model (EDM)
* LINQ to Entities
* Entity SQL
* Object Service
* Entity Client Data Provider
* ADO.Net Data Provider.

**31) What is Compiled Query?**

To avoid parsing overhead can be removed by compiling this linq query. To compile a Linq query we use CompiledQuery class and this class if present in System.Data.Linq

**//Without CompiledQuery**

static void Main() {

using(SampleDataContext dbContext = new SampleDataContext())

{

//Every time this linq query is executed this has to be parse and the transaction sql //statement will have to be dynamically generated on the fly so this parsing overhead can //be removed by compiling this linq query

Student stu = (from s in dbContext.Students

Where s.Id == 1

Select s).Single();

Console.WriteLine(stu.FirstName + “ “ + stu.LastName);

}

}

**//By using CompiledQuery**

static void Main() {

var compileStuQuery = CompiledQuery.Compile(

(SampleDataContext dataContext, int Stuid) =>

(from s in dataContext.Students

Where s.Id == Stuid

Select s).Single()

);

using(SampleDataContext dbContext = new SampleDataContext())

{

Student stu = compileStuQuery(dbContext, 1);

Console.WriteLine(stu.FirstName + “ “ + stu.LastName);

}

}

**32) What is Conceptual Model?**

Conceptual Models are the model classes which contain the relationships. These are independent of the database design.

**33) What is Storage Model?**

Storage Models are our database design models, which contains database tables, views, stored procs and keys with relationships.

**34) What is pluralize and singularize in the Entity Framework?**

“Pluralize” and “Singularize” give meaningful naming conventions to objects. In simple words it says do you want to represent your objects with the below naming convention:

One Customer record means “Customer” (singular).

Lot of customer records means “Customers” (plural, watch the “s”)

**35) What is the purpose of a DBContext class?**

You can think of DbContext as the database connection and a set of tables, and DbSet as a representation of the tables themselves. The DbContext allows you to link your model properties (presumably using the Entity Framework) to your database with a connection string.

Later, when you wish to refer to a database in your controller to handle data, you reference the DbContext.

**36) How can we handle concurrency in Entity Framework?**

In EF, concurrency issue is resolved by using optimistic locking. To implement optimistic locking, right click on the EDMX designer and set the concurrency mode to Fixed. Now whenever we have concurrency issues you should get an OptimisticConcurrencyException error.

**37) What are POCO classes in Entity Framework?**

The term POCO does not mean to imply that your classes are either plain or old. The term POCO simply specifies that the POCO classes don’t contain any reference that is specific to the entity framework or .NET framework.

Basically, POCO (Plain Old CLR Object) entities are existing domain objects within your application that you use with Entity Framework.

**38) What are the advantages and disadvantages of Database First Approach?**

**Advantages:**

* Easy to create entity models if there is an existing database.
* Preferred approach for data intensive applications.

**Disadvantages:**

* Once we create a edmx file from an existing database, huge pile of code is generated.
* If we want to add the additional functionality to the models generated, we need to extend the models.

**39) What are the advantages of Model First Approach?**

* Model first approach gives the flexibility to design the Entity Models independently and gives an option to improve at later stages.
* Model classes can be created by drawing it in the edmx designer, so no much of database is required.

**40) What are the advantages/disadvantages of Code First Approach?**

**Advantages:**

* Based on business objects we can decide the database structure.
* We can decide which classes need to be serialized and can specify the collection to eager load.
* Good for smaller applications.

**Disadvantages:**

* All database related stuffs should be included in the code.
* For Stored Procs, we need to use the Fluent APIs to write it in code.
* Not good for data intensive applications.

**41) What is EF Data Access Architecture?**

The ADO.NET Framework supports two models of Data Access Architecture:

* Connection Oriented
* Disconnected

EF uses the Disconnected model (doesn't leave a connection open). Since you work with data and make desired changes and then you perform the SaveChanges. In N-tier applications a context either produces entities or saves entities, not both. It produces entities that get serialized and the context is disposed. Entities that return from the client application are deserialized and re-attached to new context instance that saves their changes.

**42) How to handle SQL injection attacks in Entity Framework?**

Entity Framework is injection safe since it always generates parameterized SQL commands which help to protect our database against SQL Injection.

A SQL injection attack can be made in Entity SQL syntax by providing some malicious inputs that are used in a query and in parameter names. To avoid this one, you should never combine user inputs with Entity SQL command text.

**43) What is the proxy object?**

An object that is created from a POCO class or entities generated by the Entity Framework to support change tracking and lazy loading, is known as a proxy object.

There are some rules for creating a proxy class object:

* The class must be public and not sealed.
* Each property must be marked as virtual.
* Each property must have a public getter and setter.
* Any collection navigation properties must be typed as ICollection <T>.

**44) What are the various Entity States in EF?**

Each and every entity has a state during its lifecycle which is defined by an enum (EntityState) that have the following values:

* Added
* Modified
* Deleted
* Unchanged
* Detached.

**45) What is Code First Migrations in Entity Framework?**

Code-First approach allows you to define model classes as per the Domain requirements via POCOs. Hence, you have complete control over the classes being written or Implemented.

Code First Migrations allow you to create a new database or to update the existing database based on your model classes by using Package Manager Console exist within Visual Studio.

**46) How to execute plain SQL in EF6?**

EF6 allows us to execute raw SQL queries to query the database. The following methods are used to execute raw SQL queries:

* DbSet.SqlQuery()
* DbContext.Database.SqlQuery()
* DbContext.Database.ExecuteSqlCommand()

**47) How does EF support Transaction?**

In EF, whenever you execute SaveChanges() to insert, update or delete data into the database, it wraps that operation in a transaction. So, you don’t need to open a transaction scope explicitly.

**48) What is automatic migration?**

IEntity Framework supports automatic migration so that you don't need to migrate model changes manually. So, when you will run the application, it will be handled by the EF.

**49) What are the components of Entity Framework Architecture?**

Below are the components of Entity Framework – E3LOA

Entity Data Model (EDM)

LINQ to Entities

Entity SQL

Object Service

Entity Client Data Provider

ADO.Net Data Provider

**50) What are the parts of Entity Data Model (EDM)?**

Below are the parts of Entity Data Model –

* Conceptual Model
* Mapping
* Storage Model

**51) What is the role of Entity Client Data Provider?**

Responsibility of Entity Client Data Provider is to convert the LINQ to Entities or Entity SQL queries to a SQL query, which is understood by the underlying database. This finally communicates with ADO.NET Data Provider which in turn used to talk to the database.

**52) What is the role of DB Context?**

DBContext will be responsible for Insert, Update and Delete functionalities of the entities. It acts like a bridge between the database and entity classes.

**53) What is Object Context?**

Object Context manages all the database operations, like database connection, and manages various entities of the Entity Model. DB Context is a wrapper around Object Context.

**54) What is the difference between ObjectContext and DbContext?**

Conceptually, both these are here for the same reason.

1. DBContext is wrapper around Object Context.
2. Prior to EF 4.1, EDM used to use Object Context as base class for Context classes.
3. There were some difficulties been observed in Object Context so now Db Context is introduced in EF 6.0 and this is used for all the development models – Database First, Model First and Code First.
4. Object Context supports complied queries, but DB Context not.
5. Object Context supports self-tracking entities, but DB Context does not.
6. DB Context is thread safe, but Object Context not.

**55) What is the Database First Approach?**

This approach is suitable, if we have a database already created and ready to use it. Using the existing database, we can create the Entity Models.

**56) What is the Model First Approach?**

This approach is suitable, when we prefer to create the Entity Models first and derive the database from the Entity Models.

**57) What is the Code First Approach?**

This approach is suitable, when we prefer to create the Domain classes first and derive the database from the Domain classes.

**58) How Entity Framework handles the Change Tracking?**

Entity Framework supports automatic change tracking of all the loaded entities through context class.

**59) What is the minimum requirement for Change Tracking in Entity Framework?**

If Entity Framework need to handle Change Tracking, each entity should have Entity Key (Primary Key).

ADO.NET Entity Framework Version History

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Supported Framework & IDE

Features Detail

6.0

.NET Framework 4.5.1 and Visual Studio 2013

1. **Async Query and Save**
2. Code-Based Configuration
3. **Dependency Resolution**
4. Interception/SQL logging
5. Improved Connection Management
6. Improved Transaction Support

5.0

.NET Framework 4.5 and Visual Studio 2012

1. Enum Support in Code First and EF Designer
2. Spatial Data Types in Code First and EF Designer
3. **Table-Valued Functions**
4. Multiple Diagrams per Model

4.3

.NET Framework 4.0 and Visual Studio 2010

1. **Code First Migrations**
2. **Automatic Migrations**

4.2

.NET Framework 4.0 and Visual Studio 2010

1. The EF 4.2 release included the bug fixes to EF 4.1

4.1

.NET Framework 4.0 and Visual Studio 2010

1. Code First development
2. Introduced DbContext API
3. Data Annotations and Fluent API Validation

4.0

.NET Framework 4.0 and Visual Studio 2010

1. Model-first development
2. POCO support
3. Lazy Loading
4. T4 Code Generation

3.5

.NET Framework 3.5 SP1 and Visual Studio 2008 SP1

1. This release provided basic O/RM support using the Database first development