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# Module 5: Views & Razor Pages

Module Overview

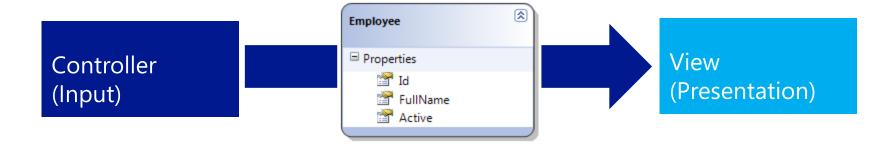
Module 5: Razor Pages & MVC Views

Section 1: View Fundamentals

Lesson: Role of Views

### View

- Components that display the application's user interface
- Responsible for transforming a model into a format presentable to user
  - o For web pages, View transforms the model contents to HTML



### Role of a View

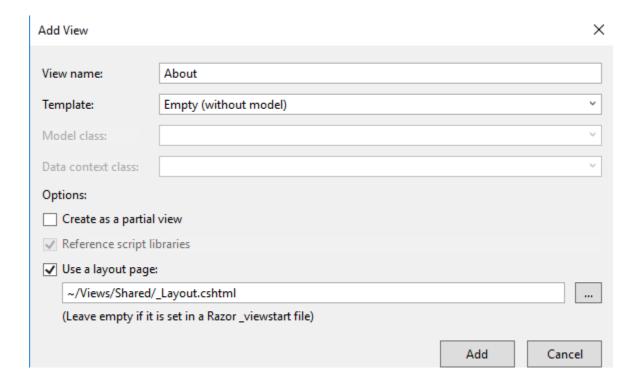
View takes model data as input, and outputs it in user presentable form (for example, HTML)

#### • Example:

- 1. User sends a URL request with query string values
- 2. Controller is triggered against the request
- 3. Controller handles query-string values
- 4. Controller passes the values to the model
- 5. Model uses the value to query the database and returns the results
- 6. Controller selects a View to render the UI
- 7. Controller returns the View to requesting browser

### View Creation

- Views are named according to view engine
  - Razor: \*.cshtml or \*.vbhtml (for classic asp.net)
  - View can be created through:
    - Solution Explorer
    - Action Method



# Specifying Views

Select View using default convention

```
public ActionResult About()
{
    ViewBag.Message = "Your app description page.";    ViewS > Home > About.cshtml
    return View();
}
```

Select a particular view

```
public ActionResult About()
{
    ViewBag.Message = "Your app description page.";
    return View("AboutCompany");
    AboutCompany.cshtml
```

• Select view from a different directory structure

```
public ActionResult About()
{
    ViewBag.Message = "Your app description page.";
    return View("~/Views/Home/Company/About.cshtml");
}
Views > Home > Company >
About.cshtml
```

Module 5: Razor Pages & MVC Views

Section 1: Razor View Engine

Lesson: Razor Pages

## Razor Pages - I

- Page-focused scenarios
- @page directive
  - o makes the file into an MVC action (.cshtml)
  - o handles requests directly, without going through a controller
- PageModel class keeps code clean in different file (.cshtml.cs)
  - o By convention, razor page file and class have the same name
  - o Example: Create.cshtml, Create.cshtml.cs
- @model represents the PageModel class implemented.
- Code file helps to implement methods to handle request sync or async:
  - o OnGet, OnPost,
  - o OnGetAsync, OnPostAsync
  - o OnGet..., OnPost...

# Razor Pages - II

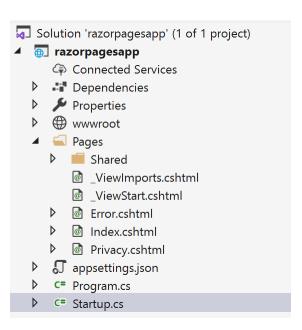
- Located in **Pages** folder
  - o /Pages/Index.cshtml
  - o /Pages/Index.cshtml.cs
- Url determined by file path

File name and path	matching URL
/Pages/Index.cshtml	/ Or /Index
/Pages/Contact.cshtml	/Contact
/Pages/Store/Contact.cshtml	/Store/Contact
/Pages/Store/Index.cshtml	/Store Or /Store/Index

### Razor Pages - III

• In Startup class in Startup.cs file:

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
        services.AddRazorPages();
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IWebHostEnvironment env)
        app.UseEndpoints(endpoints =>
                endpoints.MapRazorPages();
        });
```



# Razor Pages - IV

```
@page
@model razorpagesapp.Pages.CreateModel
@addTagHelper *, Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers
Enter a customer:
!<form method="post">
    Name:
    <input asp-for="Customer.Name" />
    <input asp-for="Customer.Email" />
    <input type="submit" />
</form>
```

Create.cshtml

```
6 references
public class CreateModel : PageModel
    private readonly CustomerDbContext _context;
    0 references
    public CreateModel(CustomerDbContext context)
        _context = context;
    0 references
    public IActionResult OnGet()
        return Page();
    [BindProperty]
    public Customer Customer { get; set; }
    public async Task<IActionResult> OnPostAsync()
        if (!ModelState.IsValid)
            return Page();
        context.Customers.Add(Customer);
        await context.SaveChangesAsync();
        return RedirectToPage("./Index");
```

**Create.cshtml.cs** 

# Demo: Razor Pages

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Section 1: View Fundamentals

Lesson: Passing Data to Views

### ViewData

- Represents a container to pass data from a Controller to View and vice versa
- ViewData exposes an instance of *ViewDataDictionary*
- Data passed from Controller to View using ViewData

```
o ViewData["color"] = "Red";
```

- Data accessed from View
  - @ViewData ["color"]

### ViewBag

Represents a dynamic wrapper around ViewData

```
o ViewData["Color"] > ViewBag.Color
```

ViewBag only works with valid C# identifiers

```
o ViewData["Car Color"] = "Red";
o ViewBag.Car Color;
```

ViewBag dynamic value cannot be used in extension methods

### TempData

- Temporary Data
- Passing data between the current and next HTTP requests
- Data passed from Controller to View using TempData
  - o TempData["color"] = "Red";
- Data accessed from View
  - o @TempData["color"]
- TempData object could yield results differently than expected because the next request origin cannot be guaranteed!

### TempData

- In this example, message is stored in TempData, but it is not available for all the Action methods calls.
- Privacy could raise an exception.
- Use method TempData.Peek or TempData.Keep to retain values for next request.

```
public IActionResult Index()
    TempData["message"] = "Message from index";
    return View();
0 references
public IActionResult FirstCall()
    //Message is used. Next request can call this data
    ViewBag.Message = TempData.Peek("message");
    //use TempData.Keep() to retain the values in TempData dictionary
    return View();
public IActionResult SecondCall()
    //when this request ends, message is not available anymore
    ViewBag.Message = TempData["message"];
    return View();
0 references
public IActionResult Privacy()
    //will throw an exception if request is made after SecondCall
    ViewBag.Message = TempData["message"];
    return View();
```

# Strongly Typed Views

- Strongly typed to the type TModel
- Contains Model property
- Enables compile time code checking

#### **Strongly Typed View**

```
Controller
public ActionResult Detail() {
          ...
          return View(person);
}

View
@model App.Models.Person
@Model.Name
@Model.Age
```

#### **Standard View**

```
Controller
public ActionResult Detail() {
          ...
          return View();
}

View
@ViewData["Name"]
@ViewData["Age"]
```

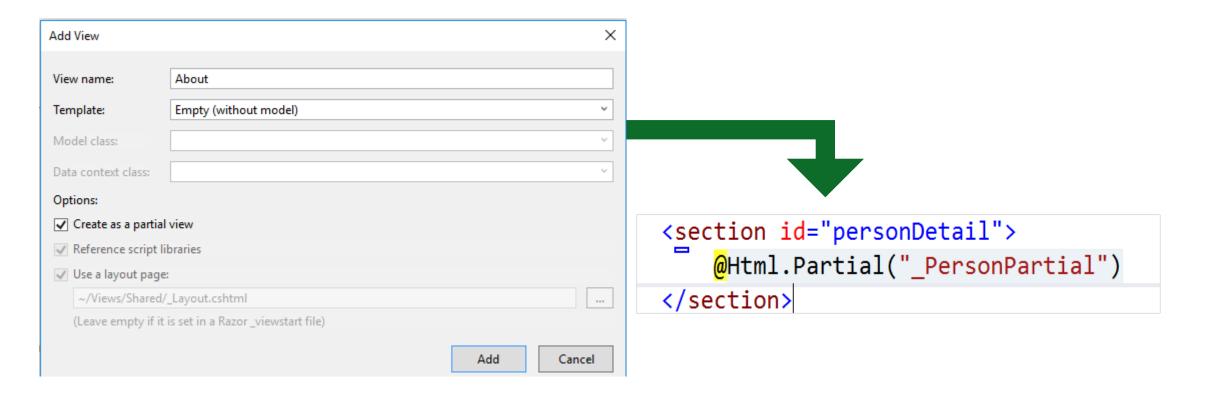
VS.

### Partial View

- Reusable component filled with content and code
  - o Theoretically plays the same role as web controls in ASP.NET web pages
- Useful in various scenarios:
  - Logon dialog box
  - Time widget to display time on all views of the application
- Can be rendered inside layout or regular views
- Uses ViewData and ViewBag to share data
- Partial view render:

```
<div>
    @Html.Partial("_FeaturedProduct")
</div>
```

### Partial View (continued)



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Section 1: View Fundamentals

Lesson: View Components

### View Component

- Similar to partial views (Partial View does not have a "code-behind")
- Introduced in ASP.NET MVC Core
- Responds like a mini-controller, responsible for rendering a chunk
- Example scenarios for use:
  - Dynamic navigation menus
  - Tag cloud (where it queries the database)
  - Logon panel
  - Shopping cart
  - Sidebar content on a blog
- Does not use model binding; takes input data parameter

### View Component [Class]

- Derive from ViewComponent
- Decorate with [ViewComponent] attribute
- Derive from a class with [ViewComponent]
   attribute
- Class name ending with the suffix ViewComponent
- Public, non-nested, and non-abstract class like Controllers

```
using System.Ling;
using Micorosft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using TodoList.Models;
namespace TodoList.ViewComponents
  public class PriorityListViewComponent : ViewComponent
    private readonly ApplicationDbContext db;
    public PriorityListViewComponent(ApplicationDbContext context)
      db = context;
    public IViewComponentResult Invoke(int maxPriority)
      var items = db.TodoItems.Where(x => x.IsDone == false &&
          x.Priority <= maxPriority);</pre>
      return View(items);
```

PriorityListViewComponent.cs

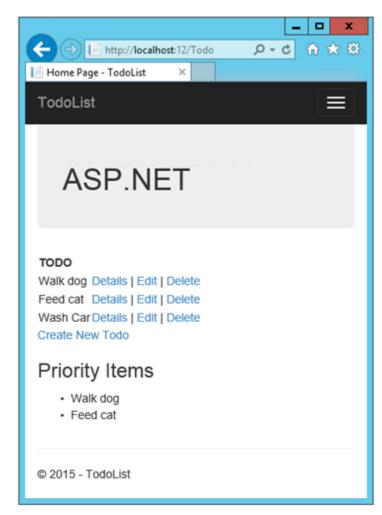
### View Component [View]

```
@model IEnumerable<TodoList.Models.TodoItem>

<h3>Priority Items</h3>

    @foreach (var todo in Model)
    {
        @li>@todo.Title
    }
```

*Views\Todo\Components\PriorityList\Default.cshtml* 



View using View Component

Views\todo\index.cshtml

### Asynchronous View Component

```
public class PriorityListViewComponent : ViewComponent
 private readonly ApplicationDbContext db;
 public PriorityListViewComponent(ApplicationDbContext context)
   db = context;
 // Synchronous Invoke removed.
 public async Task<IViewComponentResult> InvokeAsync(int maxPriority, bool isDone)
   var items = await GetItemsAsync(maxPriority, isDone);
   return View(items);
 private Task<!Queryable<TodoItem>> GetItemsAsync(int maxPriority, bool isDone)
   return Task.FromResult(GetItems(maxPriority, isDone));
 private IQueryable<TodoItem> GetItems(int maxPriority, bool isDone)
   var items = db.TodoItems.Where(x => x.IsDone == isDone &&
       x.Priority <= maxPriority);</pre>
   string msg = "Priority <= " + maxPriority.ToString() +</pre>
          " && isDone == " + isDone.ToString();
   ViewBag.PriorityMessage = msg;
   return items;
```

# Demo: View Components

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Section 2: Razor View Engine

Lesson: Razor View Engine

# View Engines

- ASP.NET MVC comes with Razor view engine by default
  - ASPX view engine not supported by ASP.NET Core MVC
- Other view engines:
  - Brail
  - NDjango
  - NHaml
  - NVelocity
  - SharpTiles
  - Spark
  - StringTemplate
  - XSLT

### Razor View Engine

- Clean, lightweight, and simple view engine for ASP.NET MVC
- Default view engine for ASP.NET MVC 3.0 onwards
- Minimizes the amount of syntax and extra characters
- Reduces syntax between code and view markup
- Full IntelliSense support in Visual Studio

### Razor View

```
Sample.cshtml ≠ ×
    @{
        Layout = "~/Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml";
    <!DOCTYPE html>
  ⊡<html>
  ≐<head>
        <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width" />
        <title>Sample View</title>
    </head>
   <div>
            <h1>@ViewBag.Message</h1>
            This is a sample view.
            @section featured {
                We are offering 90% discount on diamond sale.
        </div>
    </body>
    </html>
```

### Code Expressions

- '@' sign used for transition from markup to code and back
- @@ used as an escape sequence

```
@{
    string message = "This is a sample text message.";
}
<span>@message</span>
<span>abc@@microsoft.com</span>
```

### Code Blocks

- Razor supports code blocks within a view
- Code blocks may automatically be transformed into markup

### Razor Syntax

```
Razor Syntax
Implicit code expression
<span>@model.Message</span>
Explicit code expression
<span>ISBN@(isbn)</span>
Unencoded code expression
<span>
    @Html.Raw(model.AlertMessage)
</span>
Code block
@{
    int x = 567;
    string s = "Microsoft";
```

### Razor Syntax (continued)

### **Razor Syntax** Code and markup @foreach(var item in items) { <span>Item No.@item.Id </span> Code and plain text @if(showMessage) { <text> Text Message. </text> 0r @if(showMessage) { @:Text Message.

#### Razor Syntax (continued)

#### **Razor Syntax**

Comments

@\*

Multi-line comment

Product name: @ViewBag.Product

\*@

### Demo: Razor View Engine

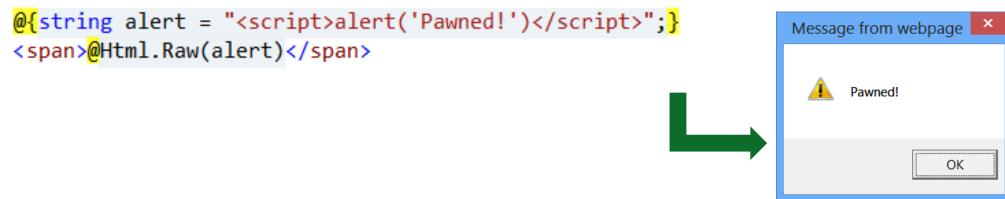
#### HTML Encoding

- Razor expressions are always HTML encoded!
  - Defense against Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attack, etc.

```
@{string alert = "<script>alert('Pawned!')</script>";}
<span>@alert</span>
```



Use Html.Raw() for showing HTML markup



# Demo: Importance of HTML Encoding

## Demo: Model Binding

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Section 2: Razor View Engine

Lesson: Layouts and Sections

#### Layouts – Default ASP.NET MVC Template



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#### Layouts

- Layouts are to views what Master Pages are to web pages in ASP.NET
- Layout defines a common template for ASP.NET MVC site
- @RenderBody() defines placeholder for view body

```
Layout = "~/Views/Shared/ Layout.cshtml";
ViewStart.cshtml
                                 <!DOCTYPE html>
                                 <html lang="en">
                                     <head>
                                         <meta charset="utf-8" />
                                         <title>@ViewBag.Title - My ASP.NET MVC Application</title>
                                         <link href="~/favicon.ico" rel="shortcut icon" type="image/x-icon" />
                                         <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width" />
                                         @Styles.Render("~/Content/css")
                _Layout.cshtml
                                         @Scripts.Render("~/bundles/modernizr")
                                    </head>
                                     <body>
                                         <header>
                                            <div class="content-wrapper">
                                                <div class="float-left">
                                                    @Html.ActionLink("your logo here", "Index", "Home")
```

#### Layout Sections

- Layout may have multiple sections
- View must provide content for all layout sections, unless explicitly made optional
- @RenderSection( ... ) defines placeholder for layout sections

#### Sections

• A view can define only the sections that are referred to in the layout

```
<h2>@ViewBag.Message</h2>
                                          @section Header
                                              my header
</head>
<body>
   <div class="page">
   @RenderSection("Header")
                                              index.cshtml
       <header>
           <div id="title">
               <h1>My MVC Applicati
           </div>
```

\_layout.cshtml

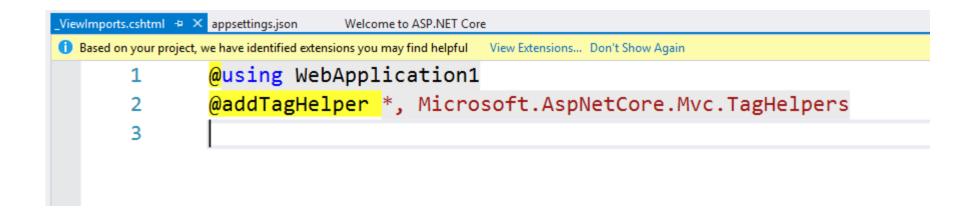
#### ViewStart

- \_ViewStart.cshtml is used to include the same layout in all views by default
- Default layout can be overridden for specific views
  - o Blank layout property means no layout has been defined

\_ViewStart.cshtml

#### View Imports

- \_ViewImports.cshtml is used to import all the namespaces used by Views
- Views can add specific imports in respective files
- Tag Helper global scope is set here



#### \_ViewImports.cshtml

## Demo: Layout and Sections

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Section 2: Razor View Engine

Lesson: HTML Helpers, Display, and Editor Templates

#### Built-in HTML Helpers

- Html.CheckBox("myCheckbox", false)
- Html.Hidden("myHidden", "val")
- Html.RadioButton("myRadiobutton", "val", true)
- Html.Password("myPassword", "val")
- Html.TextArea("myTextarea", "val", 5, 20, null)
- Html.TextBox("myTextbox", "val")

```
@Html.TextBox("MyTextBox", "MyValue",
new { @class = "my-ccs-class", mycustomattribute = "my-value" })
```

#### HTML Helpers

• External helpers are like regular extension methods and it takes the first parameter to HtmlHelper object

```
public static MvcHtmlString GetUL(this HtmlHelper html, string[] items)
    TagBuilder tag = new TagBuilder("ul");
    foreach (string item in items)
        TagBuilder itemTag = new TagBuilder("li");
        itemTag.SetInnerText(item);
        tag.InnerHtml += itemTag.ToString();
    return new MvcHtmlString(tag.ToString());
```

#### Built-in Display Templates

- EmailAddress
- HiddenInput
- HTML
- Text and Raw
- URL
- Collection
- Boolean
- Decimal
- String
- Object

```
<dl class="row">
   <dt class = "col-sm-2">
        @Html.Raw("Person Details")
   </dt>
   <dd class = "col-sm-10">
        @Html.HiddenFor(model => model.PersonId)
   </dd>
   <dt class = "col-sm-2">
        @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.Name)
   </dt>
   <dd class = "col-sm-10">
        @Html.DisplayFor(model => model.Name)
   </dd>
   <dt class = "col-sm-2">
        @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.BirthDate)
   </dt>
   <dd class = "col-sm-10">
        @Html.DisplayFor(model => model.BirthDate)
   </dd>
   <dt class = "col-sm-2">
        @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.Email)
   </dt>
   <dd class = "col-sm-10">
        @Html.DisplayFor(model => model.Email)
   </dd>
</dl>
```

Person Details

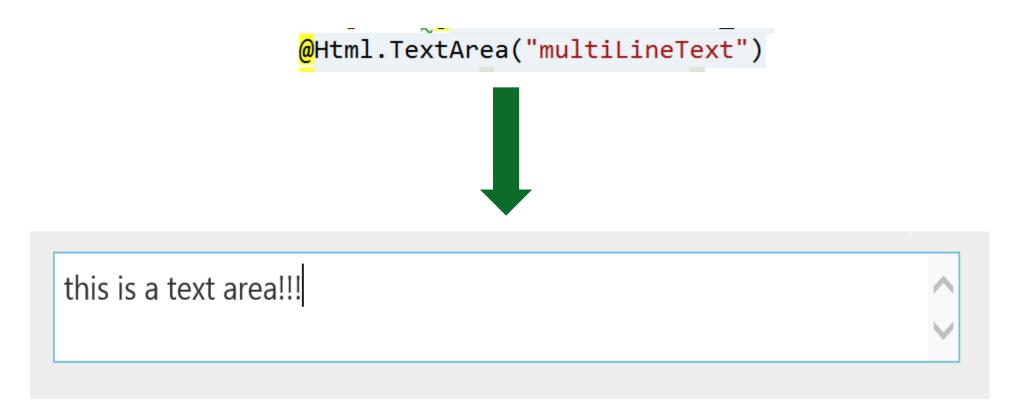
Name John Doe

**BirthDate** 10/12/1980 12:00:00 AM

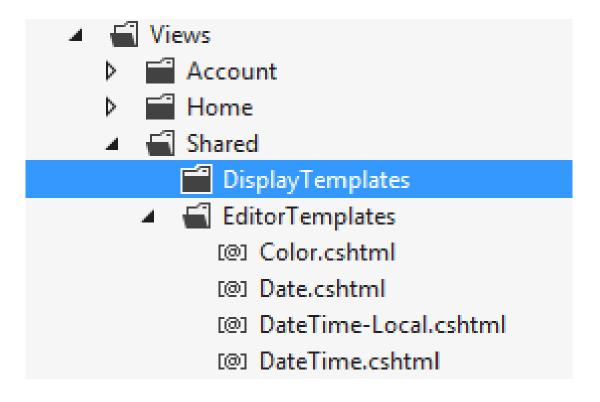
**Email** john.doe@mail.com

#### Built-in Editor Templates

- HiddenInput
- MultilineText
- Password
- Text
- Collection
- Boolean
- Decimal
- String
- Object



#### Display and Editor Templates



### Demo: Editor

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Section 2: Razor View Engine

Lesson: Tag Helpers

#### Tag Helpers

- Enable the server-side code to participate in creating and rendering the HTML elements in Razor
- HTML-friendly development experience
- Rich IntelliSense environment for creating HTML and Razor markup
- Produces maintainable code using information available on server
  - o ImageTagHelper appends version number to image name to resolve caching
- Visual Studio Tooling enabled by Microsoft.AspNetCore.Tooling.Razor NuGet package

#### Tag Helper Scope

- @addTagHelper makes Tag Helpers available
  - o Including it in \_ViewImports.cshtml makes them available in all the views

- @removeTagHelper removed a previously added Tag Helper
- @tagHelperPrefix specifies tag prefix to enable Tag helper support

#### Microsoft.AspNet.Mvc.TagHelpers

- Default Tag Helpers in Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers package
  - Anchor
  - Cache
  - o Image
  - o Input
  - Validation
  - Link
  - Select
  - Label
  - Form Automatically adds AntiForgery token
  - Custom
- Source Code: <u>https://github.com/aspnet/Mvc/tree/dev/src/Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.TagHelpers</u>

#### HTML helpers vs Tag Helpers

Tag Helper

```
<input asp-for="UserName" />
```

HTML Helper

```
@Html.EditorFor(1 => 1.UserName)
```

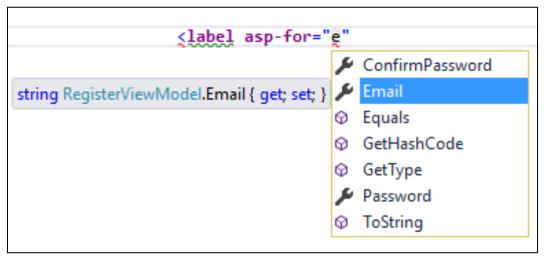
Result

```
<input name="UserName" class="text-box single-line"
id="UserName" type="text" value="">
```

#### Tag Helpers vs. HTML Helper

#### Tag Helper

- o IntelliSense
- Distinct font and clean code
- Assists in writing robust and maintainable code
- No need to learn C# syntax for UX designers



Tag Helper

#### HTML Helper

- Lack of full IntelliSense support
- Crowded code

- ample image caching
- Lack of maintainability, for example, image caching
- C# knowledge is required

@Html.Label("FirstName", "First Name:", new {@class="caption"})

HTML Helper

#### Register View with HTML Helpers

```
@using (Html.BeginForm("Register", "Account", FormMethod.Post, new { @class = "form-horizo
   @Html.AntiForgeryToken()
    <h4>Create a new account.</h4>
    <hr />
   @Html.ValidationSummary("", new { @class = "text-danger" })
   <div class="form-group">
       @Html.LabelFor(m => m.Email, new { @class = "col-md-2 control-label" })
        <div class="col-md-10">
            @Html.TextBoxFor(m => m.Email, new { @class = "form-control" })
        </div>
    </div>
   <div class="form-group">
       @Html.LabelFor(m => m.Password, new { @class = "col-md-2 control-label" })
        <div class="col-md-10">
            @Html.PasswordFor(m => m.Password, new { @class = "form-control" })
        </div>
   </div>
   <div class="form-group">
       @Html.LabelFor(m => m.ConfirmPassword, new { @class = "col-md-2 control-label" })
        <div class="col-md-10">
            @Html.PasswordFor(m => m.ConfirmPassword, new { @class = "form-control" })
       </div>
    </div>
   <div class="form-group">
       <div class="col-md-offset-2 col-md-10">
            <input type="submit" class="btn btn-default" value="Register" />
       </div>
    </div>
```

#### Register View with Tag Helpers

```
<form asp-controller="Account" asp-action="Register" method="post" class="form-horizer"</pre>
   <h4>Create a new account.</h4>
    <hr />
   <div asp-validation-summary="ValidationSummary.All" class="text-danger"></div>
   <div class="form-group">
       <label asp-for="Email" class="col-md-2 control-label"></label>
       <div class="col-md-10">
            <input asp-for="Email" class="form-control" />
           <span asp-validation-for="Email" class="text-danger"></span>
       </div>
   </div>
   <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="Password" class="col-md-2 control-label"></label>
        <div class="col-md-10">
            <input asp-for="Password" class="form-control" />
           <span asp-validation-for="Password" class="text-danger"></span>
       </div>
   </div>
   <div class="form-group">
       <label asp-for="ConfirmPassword" class="col-md-2 control-label"></label>
        <div class="col-md-10">
            <input asp-for="ConfirmPassword" class="form-control" />
            <span asp-validation-for="ConfirmPassword" class="text-danger"></span>
       </div>
   </div>
   <div class="form-group">
       <div class="col-md-offset-2 col-md-10">
           <button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">Register/button>
       </div>
   </div>
</form>
```

#### Label Tag Helper

```
public class SimpleViewModel
    [Display(Name = "Email Address")]
    public string Email { get; set; }
<label asp-for="Email"></label>
<label for="Email">Email Address</label>
```

#### Select Tag Helper

```
public class SimpleViewModel
   public IEnumerable<string> CountryCodes { get; set; }
<select
                                       <select name="CountryCodes"</pre>
    asp-for="CountryCodes"
                                               id="CountryCodes"
    asp-items="ViewBag.Countries">
                                               multiple="multiple">
                                           <option selected="selected" value="CA">
 </select>
                                               Canada
                                           </option>
                                           <option value="USA">United States
                                           <option value="--">Other</option>
                                       </select>
```

#### Form Tag Helper

```
<form asp-controller="Account"</pre>
     asp-action="Login"
     asp-route-customparam="myvalue"></form>
<form action="/Account/Login?customparam=myvalue" method="post">
    <input name="RequestVerificationToken" type="hidden"</pre>
value="CfDJ8AFtmUdx-
b5MkQvAyGYbjFmMGSMv0Fmk7gG4RqGX1kNV6yqKqj6fgqnOh4TLT6ZnWSaqtAbKkg
pEB20lvfkc2iOKZKIqt3tJ4Jij8DjmatTrZo-
DKVOLwwOzj3kB8VKpFwc0rQMjaJTTC gVv5f0vAg">
</form>
                                        Automatic Anti-Forgery Token!
```

#### Link Tag helper

```
<a asp-controller="Product"
    asp-action="Display"
    asp-route-id="@ViewBag.ProductId">
        View Details
</a>
</a>
<a href="/Product/Display/1">View Details</a>
```

#### Custom Tag Helper

```
[HtmlTargetElement("div", Attributes = "svg-shape")]
0 references
public class SvgShape : TagHelper
    [HtmlAttributeName("svg-shape")]
    public string Shape { get; set; }
    0 references
    public override void Process(TagHelperContext context, TagHelperOutput output)
        string html = null;
        switch(Shape)
            case "circle":
                html = "<svg width='100' height='100'><circle cx='50' cy='50' r='40' stroke='green' stroke-width='4' fill='yellow' /></svg>";
                break;
            case "star":
                html = "<svg width='300' height='200'><polygon points='100,10 40,198 190,78 10,78 160,198' style='fill:lime;stroke:purple;stroke-width:5;f:
                break;
        output.Content.AppendHtml(html);
```

#### Custom Tag Helper

```
@addTagHelper "*, WebApplication3"
```

```
<div svg-shape="circle" ></div>
```

## Demo: Tag Helpers

Module 5: Razor Pages & MVC Views

Section 2: Razor View Engine

Lesson: Service Injection in Views

#### Service Injection in Views

- @inject used for injecting dependencies in Views
- Service needs to be registered first with Inversion of Controller (IoC) container

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    //...
    //Code removed for brevity
    //Add MVC services to the services container
    services.AddControllersWithViews();
    services.AddTransient<StatisticsService>();
}
```

@inject markup code at the top of view

```
@inject StatisticsService StatsService
```

#### Injected Service Definition and Consumption

```
namespace TodoList.Services
  public class StatisticsService
    private readonly ApplicationDbContext db;
   public StatisticsService(ApplicationDbContext context)
      db = context;
    public async Task<int> GetCount()
      return await Task.FromResult(db.TodoItems.Count());
    public async Task<int> GetCompletedCount()
      return await Task.FromResult(
        db.TodoItems.Count(x => x.IsDone == true));
    public async Task<double> GetAveragePriority()
```

*Views\ToDo\Index.cshtml* 

*Services\StatisticsService.cs* 

## Demo: Service Injection in Views

## Demo: Razor Runtime Compile

#### Module Summary

- In this module, you learned:
  - o Views and their role in MVC pattern
  - Partial and strongly typed views
  - View engines and Razor view engine
  - Tag Helpers
  - View Components
  - Service Injection in Views
  - Scaffolding
  - o Razor Pages





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