



.NET Core: Developing Cross-Platform Web Apps with ASP.NET Core – Workshop*PLUS*

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Module 3: Models and EF Core

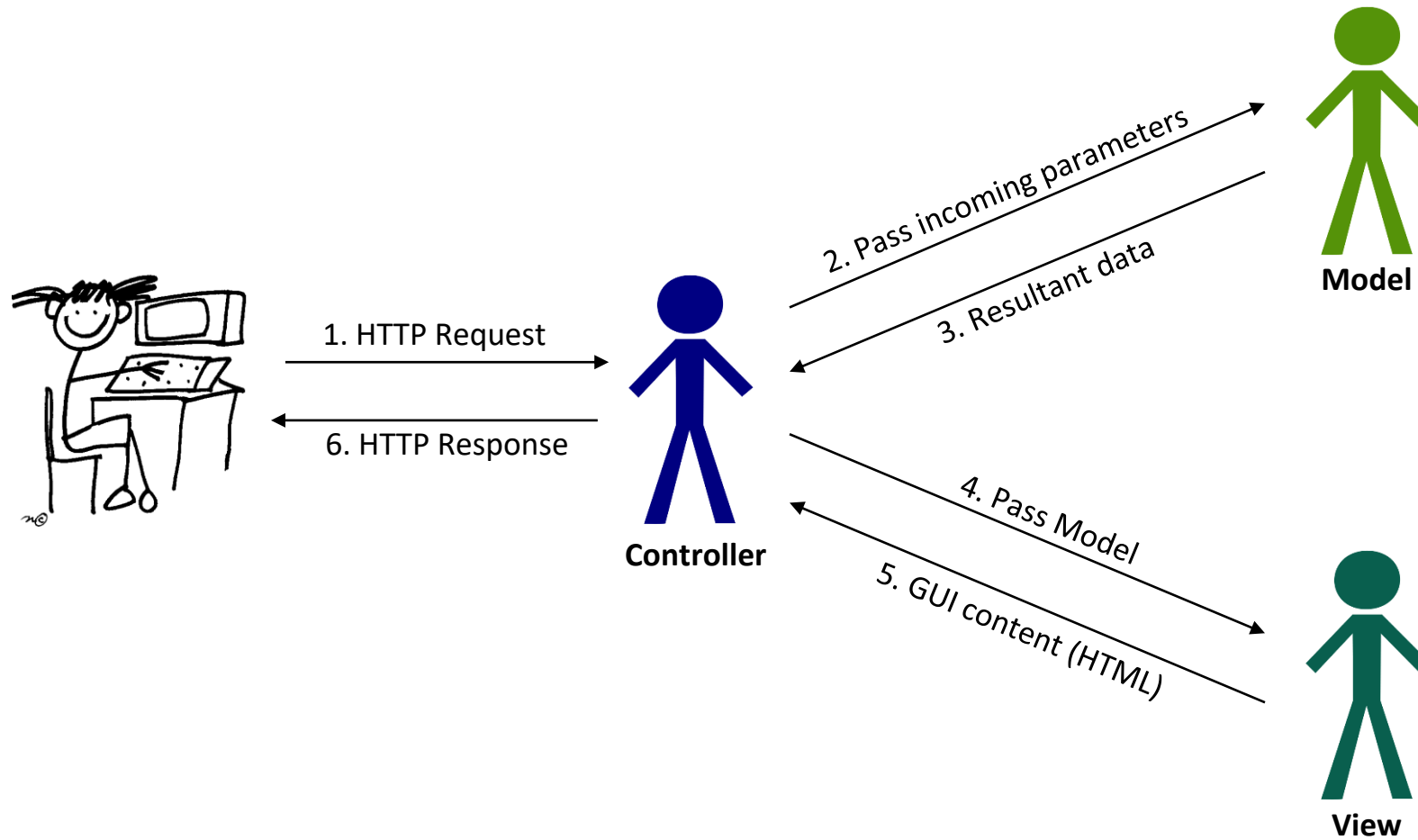
Module Overview

Module 3: Models

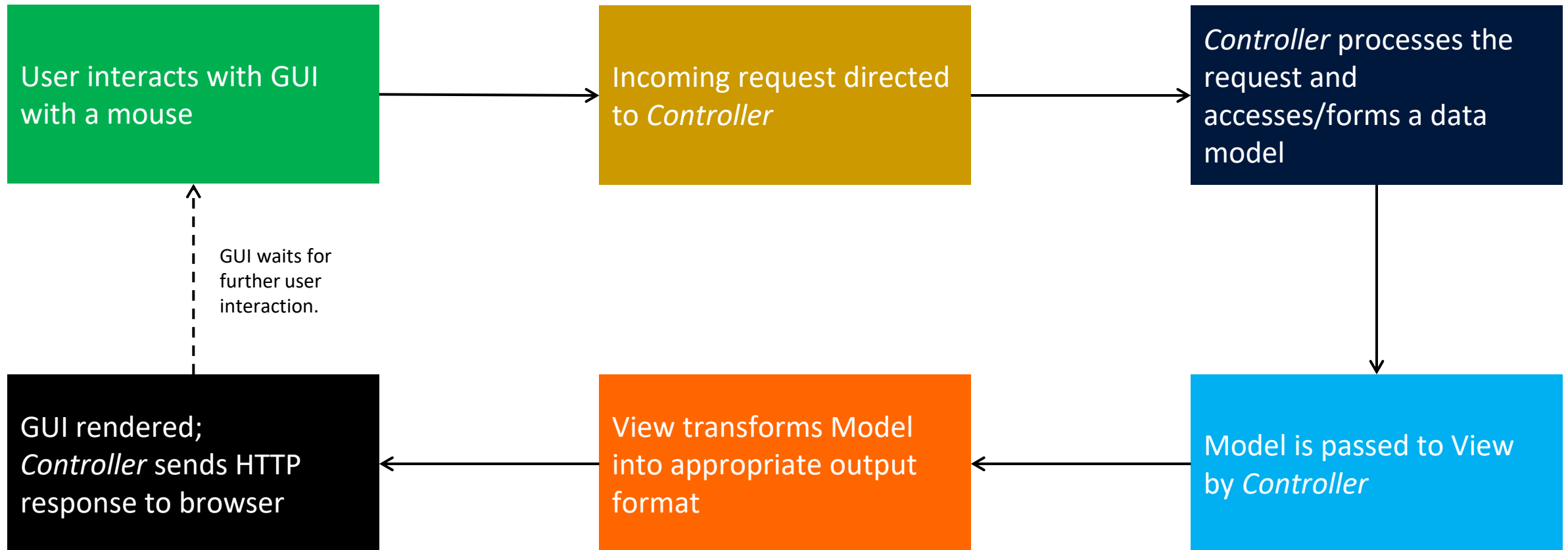
Section 1: MVC Design Pattern

Lesson: Overview

Model View Controller (MVC) Design Pattern



MVC Control Flow



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Section 2: Model Fundamentals

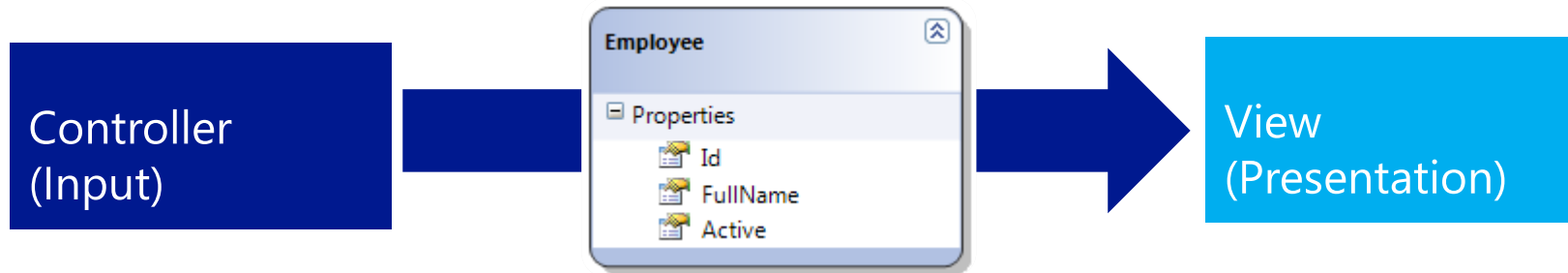
Lesson: Role of Models

Model

- A set of .NET classes that:
 - Describe data that the application is working with
 - Implement the **rules** or **logic** for how the data can be changed/manipulated
- Model state can be retrieved and stored in any form:
 - Relational databases
 - Comma-separated text files
 - RESTful web services
- It can use any data access technology for accessing and manipulating data
 - Object Relational Mapping frameworks like Entity Framework (EF)

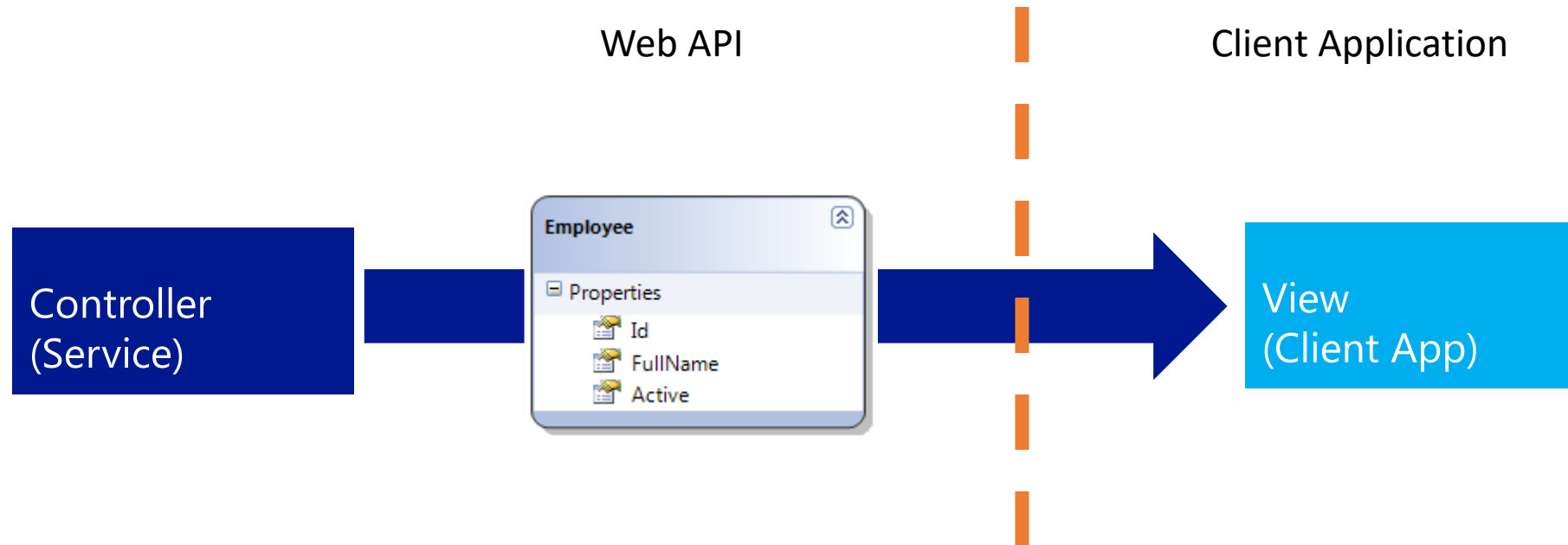
Role of a Model

- The “Model” is the medium of communication between **Controllers** and **Views**
- It responds to requests for information about its state (usually from view)
- It changes states in the data source as per the request of controller



Role of a Model

- Building a RESTful service or WebAPI? The pattern still applies!



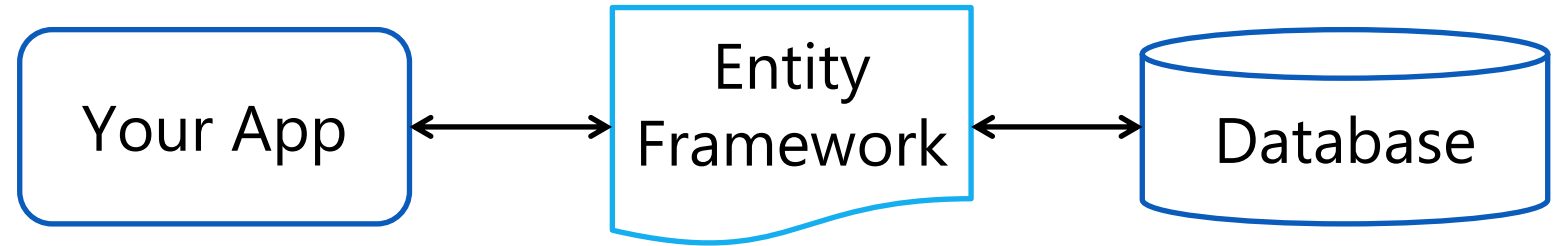
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Section 3: Model Development

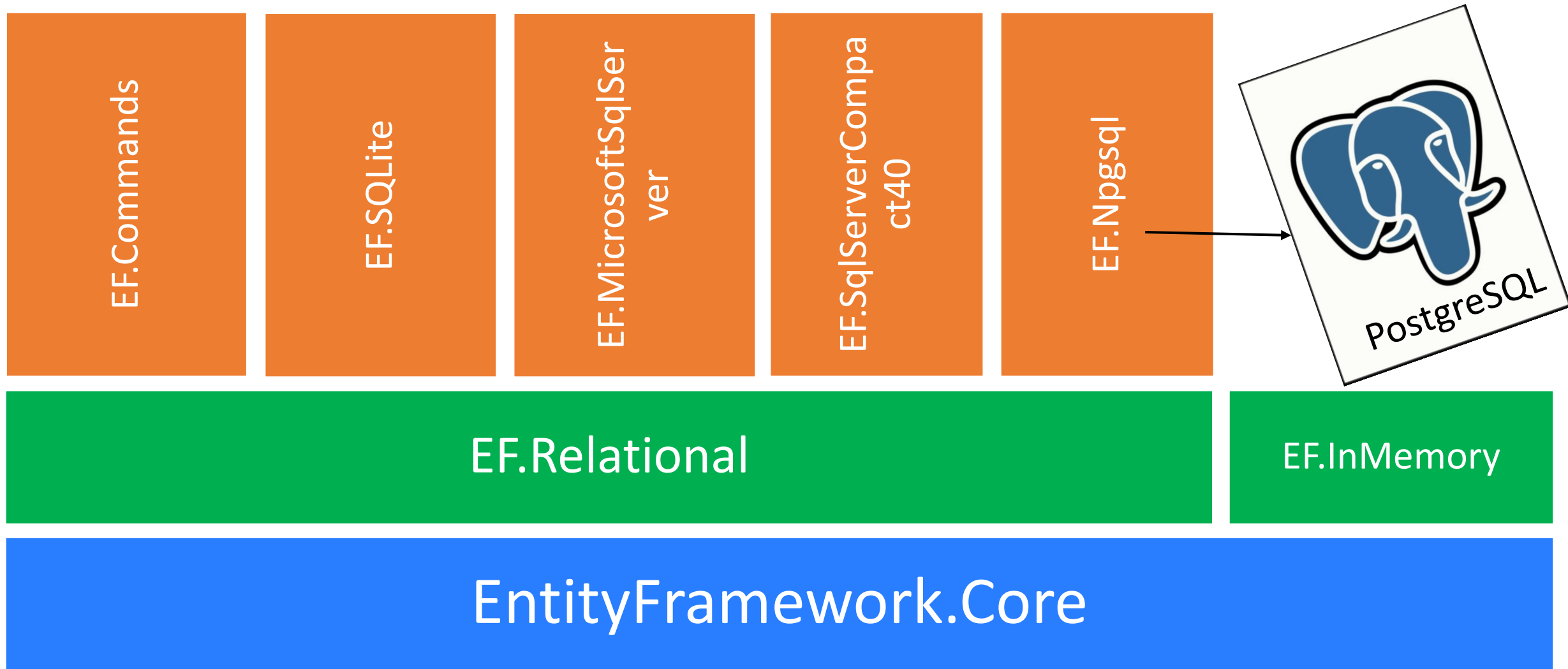
Lesson: Development with Entity Framework

Entity Framework

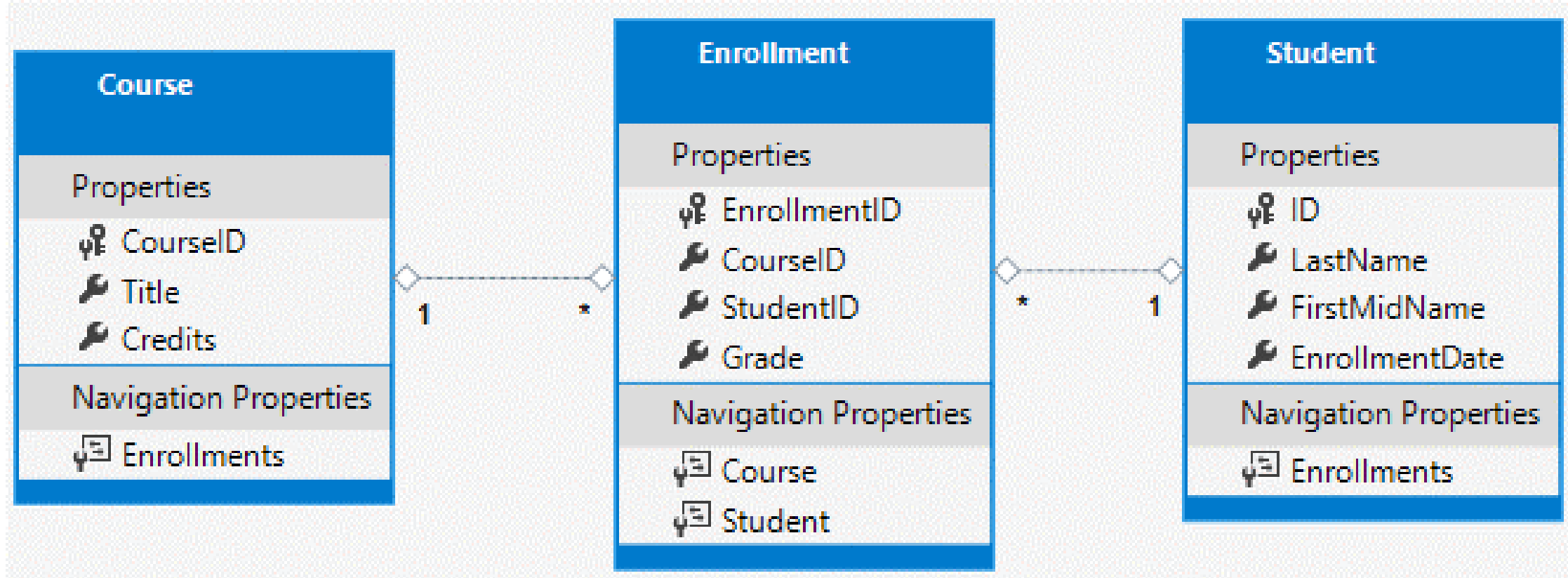
- Object-relational mapping framework by Microsoft
 - It understands how to store .NET objects in a **relational** database.
 - It retrieves and manipulates data as strongly typed objects using LINQ query
- It provides:
 - Change tracking
 - Identity resolution
 - Dev-time tooling
 - Query translation
 - More!
- Open-source and Cross-platform!
- Both Entity Framework and Entity Framework Core will continue to develop separately



EF Architecture



Our Data Domain – Contoso University



Model Development

- A model can be created with a .NET class
- Primary key, foreign key, and navigation properties are defined in the class
- Class (Enrollment) will be converted into a database table
- Class properties (*EnrollmentID*, *CourseID*, etc.) will be converted into table attributes

```
namespace ContosoUniversity.Models
{
    public enum Grade
    {
        A, B, C, D, F
    }

    public class Enrollment
    {
        public int EnrollmentID { get; set; }
        public int CourseID { get; set; }
        public int StudentID { get; set; }
        public Grade? Grade { get; set; }

        public Course Course { get; set; }
        public Student Student { get; set; }
    }
}
```


Model Relationships

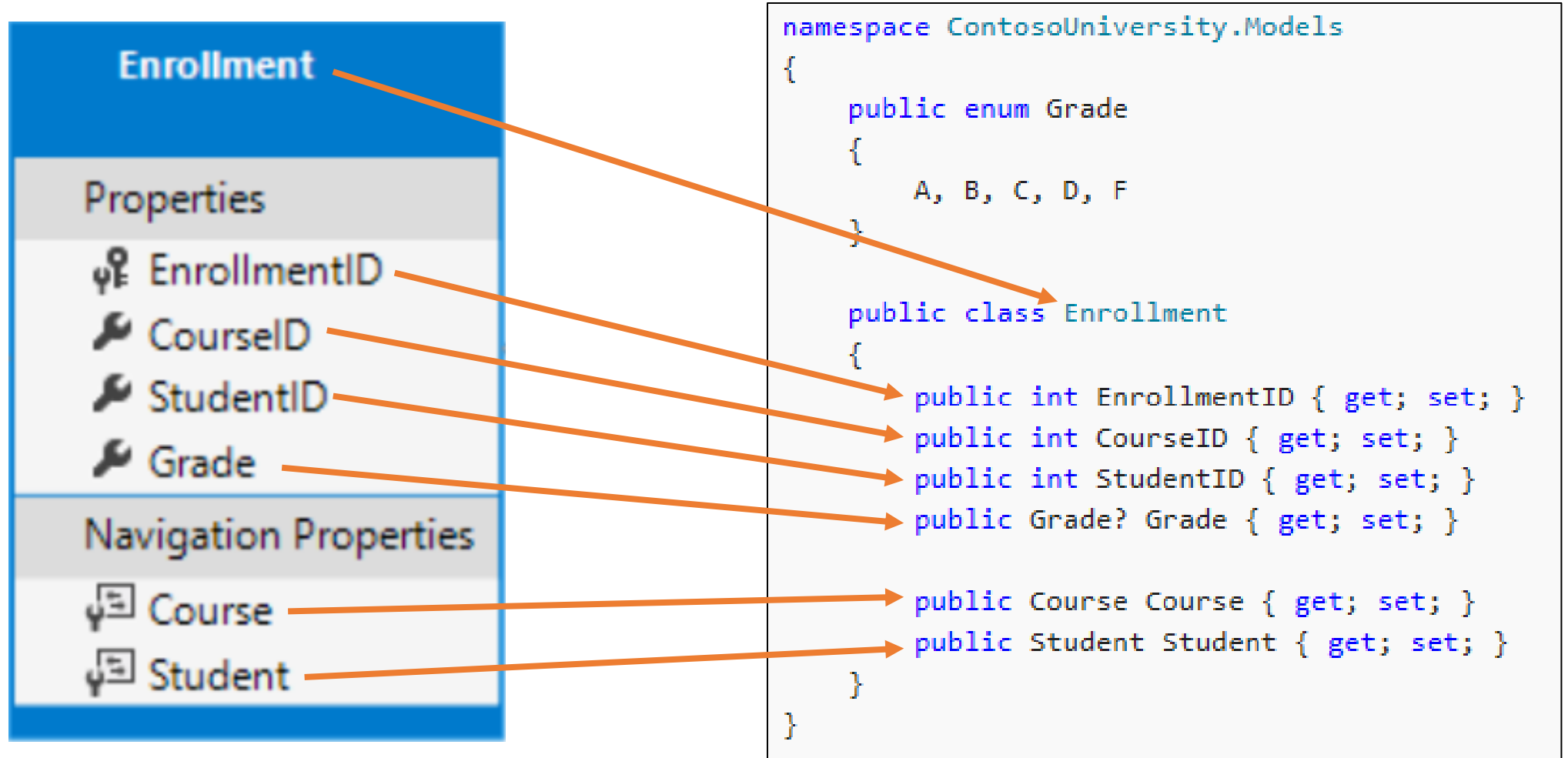
- Navigation property
 - Navigational property holds other entities that are related to this entity
 - *Student* and *Course* are navigation properties.
- Foreign key property
 - It is not required in a model object
 - It is used for convenience
 - *CourseID* and *StudentID* are foreign key properties

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Model Relationships



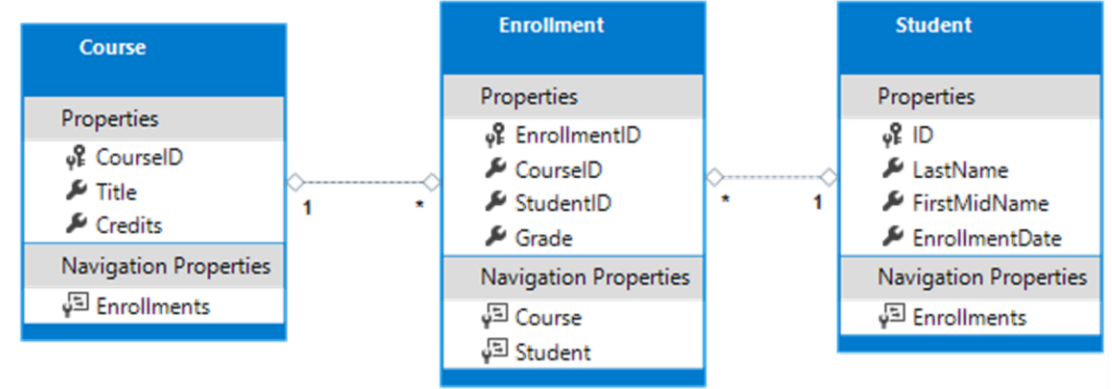
Model Relationships - DbContext

- The DbContext is how we expose our classes to EF
- Inherits from `Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.DbContext`
- It is also our gateway into the database in code

```
public class SchoolContext : DbContext
{
    public SchoolContext(DbContextOptions<SchoolContext> options) : base(options)
    {
    }

    public DbSet<Course> Courses { get; set; }
    public DbSet<Enrollment> Enrollments { get; set; }
    public DbSet<Student> Students { get; set; }
}
```

- `DbSet<T>` Where T is Class
 - How we tell EF which models to track relationships between
- Here we have told EF to track *Course*, *Enrollment*, and *Student* entities and their relationships



View Specific Models (DTOs)

- Data Transfer Objects (DTOs) or ViewModels can be used to create versions of your Entities that can be sent over the internet
- Prevents exposing schema information like relationships
- Creates more specific models for an application, like a flattened search result model
- Can be manually mapped or use a library like AutoMapper to move from entity to DTO and back

```
public class Enrollment
{
    5 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int EnrollmentID { get; set; }
    12 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int CourseID { get; set; }
    12 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int StudentID { get; set; }
    9 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public Grade? Grade { get; set; }

    2 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public Course Course { get; set; }
    2 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public Student Student { get; set; }
}
```

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    public Course Course { get; set; }
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    public Student Student { get; set; }
}
```

```
public class EnrollmentDTO
{
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int EnrollmentID { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int StudentID { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public string StudentLastName { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public string StudentFirstName { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public DateTime StudentEnrollmentDate { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int CourseID { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public string CourseTitle { get; set; }
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public int CourseCredits { get; set; }
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    public Grade? Grade { get; set; }
}
```

Entity Framework and ADO.NET

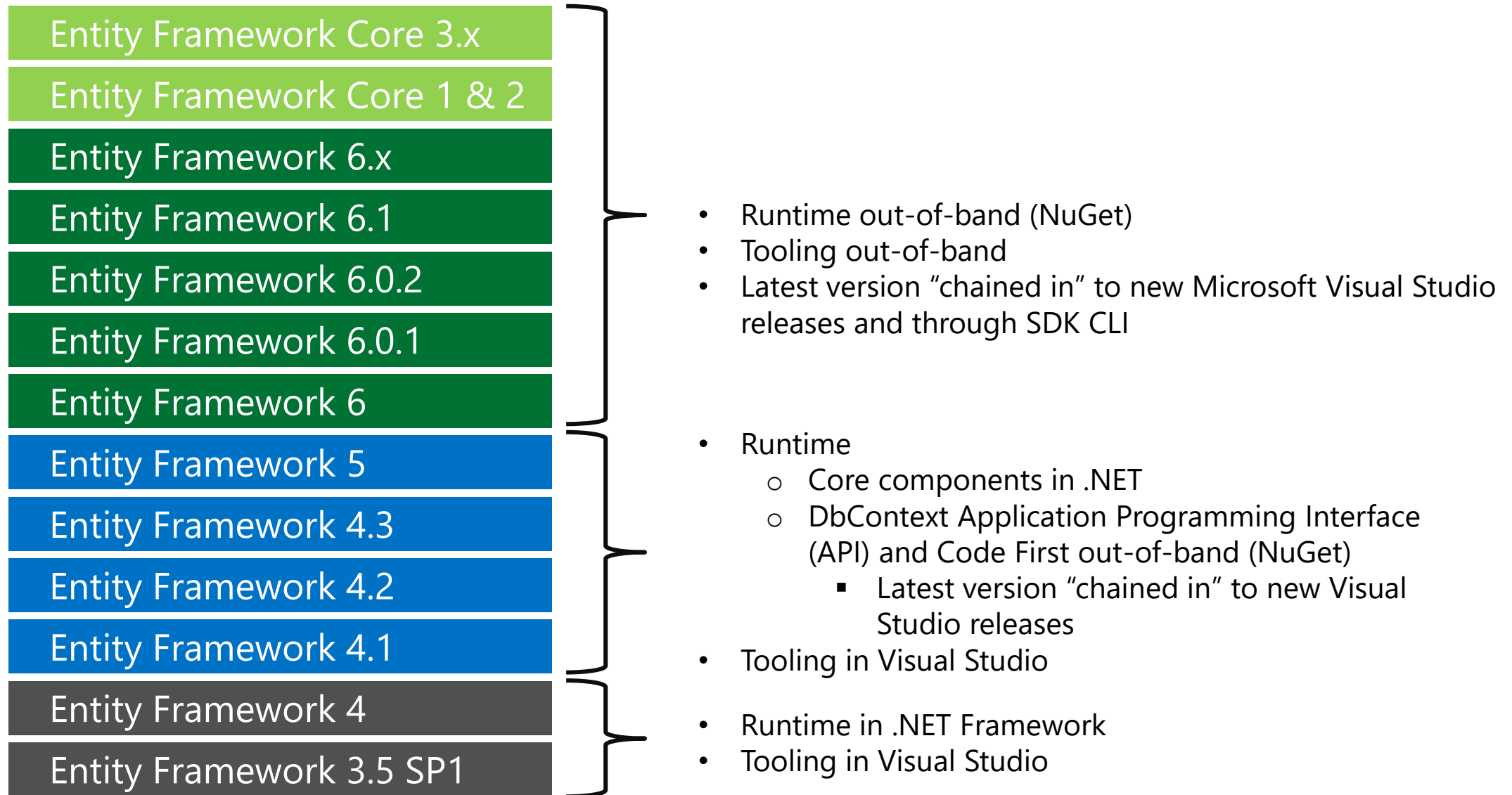
- EF build on top of ADO.NET since first EF version.
- EF generation T-SQL and then passing it to SQL Server via ADO.NET
- Code on ADO.NET is faster in a runtime, because you don't need to generate t-sql
- Entity Framework code will take less time from developer
- To use ADO.NET you need to add NuGet package
 - `System.Data.SqlClient`

Demo: ADO.NET

What is Entity Framework Core?

- Light-weight and extensible version of Entity Framework
- Open Source
- New platforms
 - ASP.NET Core, Windows Store, etc.
 - Linux
 - Mac
- **Edmx is discontinued**

Out of Band | Release History



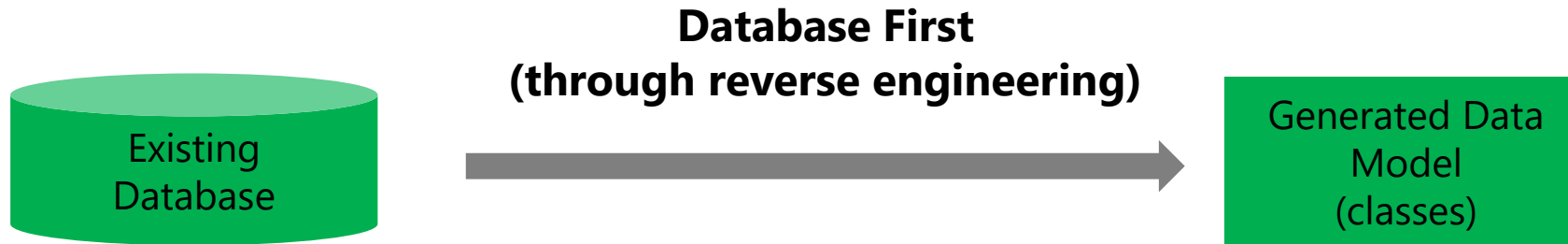
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Section 3: Model Development

Lesson: Code-based Modeling

Entity Framework Core **only** supports
Code-based Modeling
(that is, Code First approach)

Entity Framework Development Approaches



Code-based modeling is the only approach supported in Entity Framework Core

Code-First Development

- Model code is written in .NET classes; model and database are created from the code
 - .NET Classes correspond to database tables
 - Properties correspond to database table columns
 - Classes can be used with or without EF!
- Relationships can be customized via the fluent API in the OnModelCreating override
- Code First can also work with existing database
 - Code is used for mapping instead of visual designer and XML

Code-First Approach: Pros and Cons

- Pros


- Can realize complicated domain requirements
- Can have a very clean and elegant domain model that is represented with Plain Old CLR Object (POCO)
- Not tied with Entity Framework

- Cons

- Needs more effort in creating domain classes
- Needs to map the domain model to data model (with Data Annotations)

Tooling

- Entity Framework Core dotnet CLI – Our dev/design-time tooling

.NET Core CLI	 Copy
<pre>dotnet tool install --global dotnet-ef</pre>	

- Enables dotnet ef * commands at the command line in the project directory, e.g.,
 - dotnet ef migrations add Initial
 - dotnet ef database update Initial
 - dotnet ef dbcontext scaffold ...

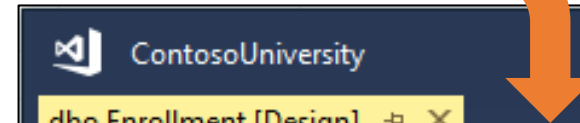
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Database Creation Using Entity Framework - I

- Model is created using .NET classes
- Executed using dotnet ef CLI tooling

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public class Enrollment
{
    public int EnrollmentID { get; set; }
    public int CourseID { get; set; }
    public int StudentID { get; set; }
    public int? Grade { get; set; }

    public Course Course { get; set; }
    public Student Student { get; set; }
}
```



ContosoUniversity

dbo.Enrollment [Design] X

Update | Script File: dbo.Enrollment.sql

	Name	Data Type	Allow Nulls	Default	
PK	EnrollmentID	int	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	CourseID	int	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Grade	int	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	StudentID	int	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			<input type="checkbox"/>		

Database Creation Using Entity Framework - II

- Tooling scans project for `Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.DbContext` based classes
- Contexts are used as the entry point into your code base
- We can override or reinforce how EF interprets relationships via the fluent API

```
public class SchoolContext : DbContext
{
    public SchoolContext(DbContextOptions<SchoolContext> options) : base(options)
    {
    }

    public DbSet<Course> Courses { get; set; }
    public DbSet<Enrollment> Enrollments { get; set; }
    public DbSet<Student> Students { get; set; }
}
```

For example, EF will create Students, Enrollments and Courses tables in the database

Database Seeding

- Database Initializers are deprecated in EF Core
 - Use DI to write and inject your own
- This code should be executed in Main, outside your app

```
public static class DbInitializer
{
    public static void Initialize(SchoolContext context)
    {
        context.Database.EnsureCreated();

        // Look for any students.
        if (context.Students.Any())
        {
            return; // DB has been seeded
        }

        var students = new Student[]
        {
            new Student{FirstMidName="Carson",LastName="Alexander",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2005-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Meredith",LastName="Alonso",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2002-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Arturo",LastName="Anand",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2003-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Gytis",LastName="Barzdukas",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2002-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Yan",LastName="Li",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2002-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Peggy",LastName="Justice",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2001-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Laura",LastName="Norman",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2003-09-01")},
            new Student{FirstMidName="Nino",LastName="Olivetto",EnrollmentDate=DateTime.Parse("2005-09-01")}
        };
        foreach (Student s in students)
        {
            context.Students.Add(s);
        }
        context.SaveChanges();
    }
}
```

Database Seeding

- Database Initializers are deprecated in EF Core
 - Use DI to write and inject your own
- This code should be executed in Main, outside your app

```
public static void Main(string[] args)
{
    var host = BuildWebHost(args);

    using (var scope = host.Services.CreateScope())
    {
        var services = scope.ServiceProvider;
        try
        {
            var context = services.GetRequiredService<SchoolContext>();
            DbInitializer.Initialize(context);
        }
        catch (Exception ex)
        {
            var logger = services.GetRequiredService<ILogger<Program>>();
            logger.LogError(ex, "An error occurred while seeding the database.");
        }
    }

    host.Run();
}
```

Program.cs

Configuring Connections with Entity Framework

- Database connection string is typically stored in configuration (often appsettings.json)

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddDbContext<SchoolContext>(options =>
        options.UseSqlServer(Configuration.GetConnectionString("DefaultConnection")));

    services.AddMvc();
}
```

Startup.cs

```
{
  "ConnectionStrings": {
    "DefaultConnection": "Server=(localdb)\\mssqllocaldb;Database=ContosoUniversity1;Trusted_Connection=True;MultipleActiveResultSets=
  },
  "Logging": {
    "IncludeScopes": false,
    "LogLevel": {
      "Default": "Warning"
    }
  }
}
```

appsettings.json

Code First Migrations

- Enables changing the data model and deploying the change in production without dropping and re-creating the database
- Effective strategy for real-world production databases
- **Up** method used for creating/updating database schema
- **Down** method used for rollback logic
- Maintains version of each change
- Not required, but are very helpful if your schema changes

Migration Methods

Up Method

```
protected override void Up(MigrationBuilder migrationBuilder)
{
    migrationBuilder.CreateTable(
        name: "Course",
        columns: table => new
        {
            CourseID = table.Column<int>(type: "int", nullable: false),
            Credits = table.Column<int>(type: "int", nullable: false),
            Title = table.Column<string>(type: "nvarchar(max)", nullable: true)
        },
        constraints: table =>
        {
            table.PrimaryKey("PK_Course", x => x.CourseID);
        });

    migrationBuilder.CreateTable(
        name: "Student",
        columns: table => new
        {
            StudentID = table.Column<int>(type: "int", nullable: false)
                .Annotation("SqlServer:ValueGenerationStrategy", SqlServerValueGenerationStrategy.IdentityColumn),
            EnrollmentDate = table.Column<DateTime>(type: "datetime2", nullable: false),
            FirstName = table.Column<string>(type: "nvarchar(max)", nullable: true),
            LastName = table.Column<string>(type: "nvarchar(max)", nullable: true)
        },
        constraints: table =>
```

Down Method


```
protected override void Down(MigrationBuilder migrationBuilder)
{
    migrationBuilder.DropTable(
        name: "Enrollment");

    migrationBuilder.DropTable(
        name: "Course");

    migrationBuilder.DropTable(
        name: "Student");
}
```

Creating and Applying Migrations

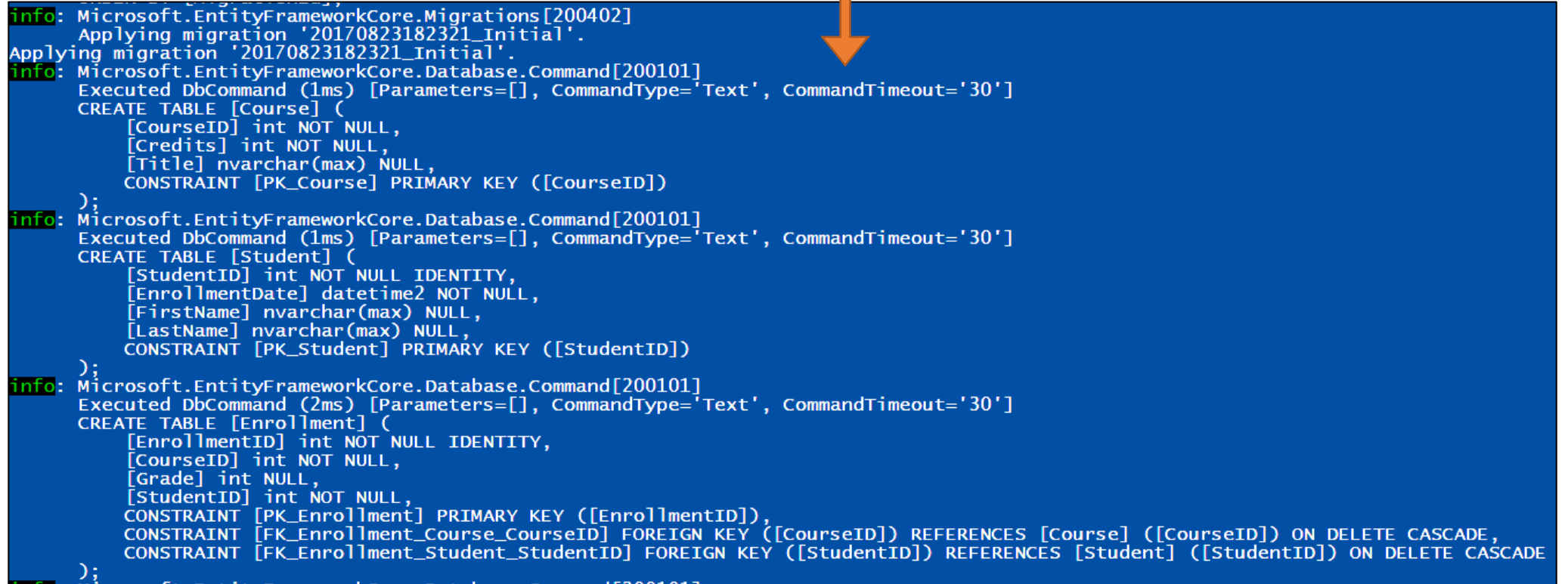
\$ dotnet ef migrations add Initial



Migrations

- 20170823182321_Initial.cs
- SchoolContextModelSnapshot.cs

\$ dotnet ef database update Initial



```
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      Applying migration '20170823182321_Initial'.
Applying migration '20170823182321_Initial'.
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[200101]
      Executed DbCommand (1ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='30']
      CREATE TABLE [Course] (
        [CourseID] int NOT NULL,
        [Credits] int NOT NULL,
        [Title] nvarchar(max) NULL,
        CONSTRAINT [PK_Course] PRIMARY KEY ([CourseID])
      );
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[200101]
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      CREATE TABLE [Student] (
        [StudentID] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
        [EnrollmentDate] datetime2 NOT NULL,
        [FirstName] nvarchar(max) NULL,
        [LastName] nvarchar(max) NULL,
        CONSTRAINT [PK_Student] PRIMARY KEY ([StudentID])
      );
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      CREATE TABLE [Enrollment] (
        [EnrollmentID] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
        [CourseID] int NOT NULL,
        [Grade] int NULL,
        [StudentID] int NOT NULL,
        CONSTRAINT [PK_Enrollment] PRIMARY KEY ([EnrollmentID]),
        CONSTRAINT [FK_Enrollment_Course_CourseID] FOREIGN KEY ([CourseID]) REFERENCES [Course] ([CourseID]) ON DELETE CASCADE,
        CONSTRAINT [FK_Enrollment_Student_StudentID] FOREIGN KEY ([StudentID]) REFERENCES [Student] ([StudentID]) ON DELETE CASCADE
      );
```

Entity Framework Tools & CLI

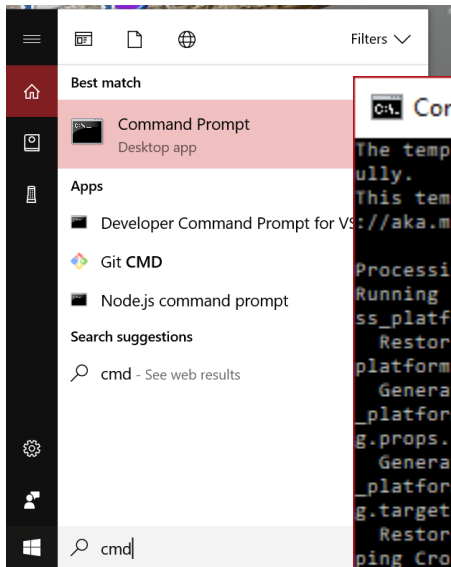
- Since .NET Core 3.0 the **dotnet ef** command line tool is no longer included in .NET Core SDK
- You must install it as a global or local tool using following command installs tool globally

```
dotnet tool install --global dotnet-ef --version 3.1.0-*
```

- Following command scaffolds all schemas and tables and put the new files in Models folder

```
dotnet ef dbcontext scaffold  
"Server=(localdb)\mssqllocaldb;Database=Bloggging;Trusted_Connection=True;"  
Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer -o Models
```

Demo: CRUD using EF



```
Command Prompt

The template "ASP.NET Core Web App (Model-View-Controller)" was created successfully.
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Processing post-creation actions...
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  Generating MSBuild file C:\Workshops\WorkshopPLUS - .NET Core Developing Cross-platform Web Apps with ASP.NET Core\MyDemos\MvcDemo1\obj\MvcDemo1.csproj.nuget.g.targets.
  Restore completed in 1.18 sec.
  Generating Cross-platform Web Apps with ASP.NET Core.
Restore succeeded.
```

NuGet Package Manager: ContosoUniversity.Demo1

Browse Installed Updates

Package source: nuget.org

Search: microsoft.visualstudio.web.codegeneration.design Include prerelease

Microsoft.VisualStudio.Web.CodeGeneration.Design by Microsoft v3.1.0

Code Generation tool for ASP.NET Core. Contains the dotnet-aspnet-codegenerator command used for generating controllers and views.

Installed: 3.1.0 Uninstall

Version: 3.1.0 Update

```
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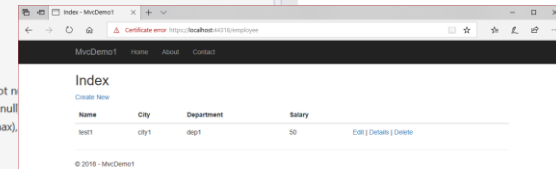
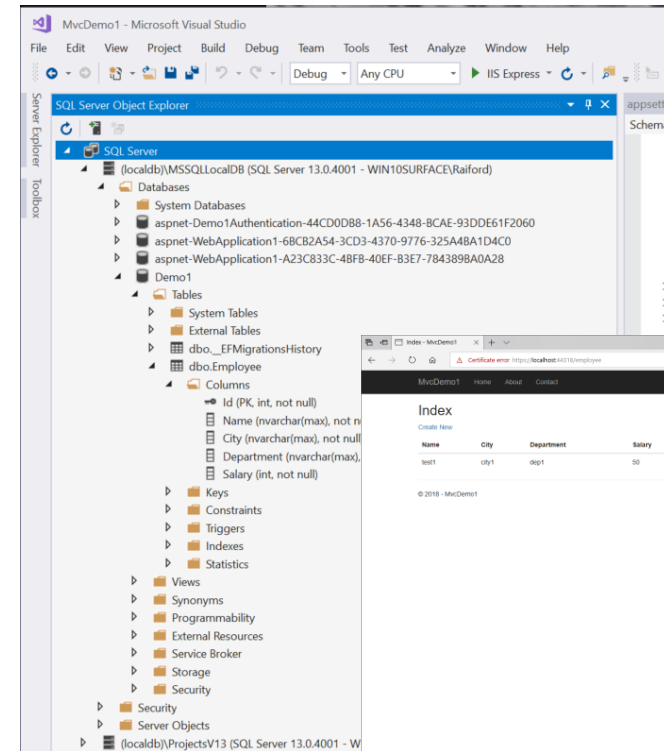
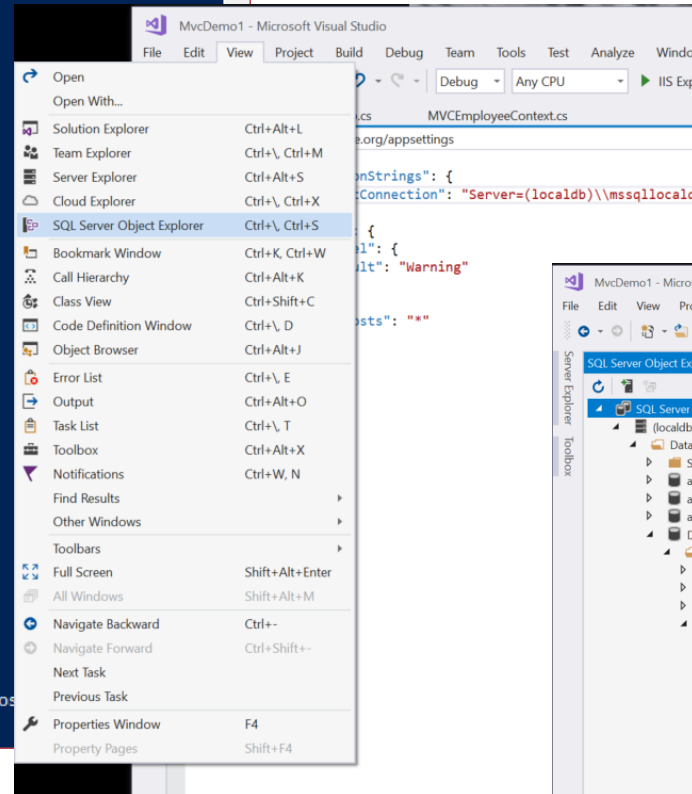
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Windows PowerShell
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Building project ...
Finding the generator 'controller'...
Running the generator 'controller'...
Attempting to compile the application in memory.
Attempting to figure out the EntityFramework metadata for the model and DbContext: 'Employees'
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Infrastructure[10403]
      Entity Framework Core 2.1.2-rtm-30932 initialized 'MvcEmployeeContext' using provider 'Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer' with options: None
Added Controller : '\Controllers\EmployeeController.cs'.
Added View : '\Views\Employee\Create.cshtml'
Added View : '\Views\Employee\Edit.cshtml'
Added View : '\Views\Employee\Details.cshtml'
Added View : '\Views\Employee\Delete.cshtml'
Added View : '\Views\Employee\Index.cshtml'
RunTime 00:00:24.87
PS C:\Workshops\WorkshopPLUS - .NET Core Developing Cross_platform Web Apps with ASP.NET Core\MyDemos\MvcDemo1>
```

```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Workshops\WorkshopPLUS - .NET Core Developing Cross_platform Web Apps with ASP.NET Core\MyDemos\MvcDemo1> dotnet e
f database update
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Infrastructure[10403]
Entity Framework Core 2.1.2-rtm-30932 initialized 'MvcEmployeeContext' using provider 'Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore
re.SqlServer' with options: None
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (742ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='60']
CREATE DATABASE [Demo1];
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (124ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='60']
IF SERVERPROPERTY('EngineEdition') <> 5
BEGIN
ALTER DATABASE [Demo1] SET READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT ON;
END;
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (11ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='30']
CREATE TABLE [__EFMigrationsHistory] (
[MigrationId] nvarchar(150) NOT NULL,
[ProductVersion] nvarchar(32) NOT NULL,
CONSTRAINT [PK__EFMigrationsHistory] PRIMARY KEY ([MigrationId])
);
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (7ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='30']
SELECT OBJECT_ID(N'[__EFMigrationsHistory]');
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (5ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='30']
SELECT [MigrationId], [ProductVersion]
FROM [__EFMigrationsHistory]
ORDER BY [MigrationId];
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Migrations[20402]
Applying migration '20180911202932_InitialCreate'.
Applying migration '20180911202932_InitialCreate'.
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (5ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='30']
CREATE TABLE [Employee] (
[Id] int NOT NULL IDENTITY,
[Name] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
[City] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
[Department] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
[Salary] int NOT NULL,
CONSTRAINT [PK_Employee] PRIMARY KEY ([Id])
);
info: Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Database.Command[20101]
Executed DbCommand (2ms) [Parameters=[], CommandType='Text', CommandTimeout='30']
INSERT INTO [__EFMigrationsHistory] ([MigrationId], [ProductVersion])
VALUES (N'20180911202932_InitialCreate', N'2.1.2-rtm-30932');
Done.
PS C:\Workshops\WorkshopPLUS - .NET Core Developing Cross_platform Web Apps with ASP.NET Core\MyDemos\
```



Code First (Existing Database)

- Database schema reverse-engineered to Model classes
- Creates POCO classes
- POCO classes modified to customize database generation
- Corresponding partial classes used for customization
- Originally generated classes are replaced with each generation
- Indexes, functions, and stored procedures ignored

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Lesson: Code First Development

Code-First Conventions - I

- Naming
 - Class Name or Object Type → Table Name
- Primary Key
 - Property named 'Id' or '<class name>Id' → Primary key value
 - Auto-increment is set for primary key values
- Relationship Inverses
 - Both types define *only one* navigation property
 - `Product.Category` and `Category.Products` represents different ends of the same relationship

```
public class Product
{
    public int ProductId { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public Category Category { get; set; }
}

public class Category
{
    public int CategoryId { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public ICollection<Product> Products { get; set; }
}
```

Code-First Conventions - II

- Type Discovery
 - Referenced object types are automatically included in the model without explicitly registering them as object sets
- Foreign Keys
 - Following conventions are used for foreign keys:
 - <navigation property name> <primary key property name>
that is, '**SubjectISBN**';
 - <principal class name> <primary key property name>
that is, '**BookISBN**';
 - <primary key property name> that is, '**ISBN**';
- Code-First conventions can be overridden using **Data Annotations**, which can in turn be overridden using Fluent API

```
public class BookReview
{
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public Book Subject { get; set; }
    public string SubjectISBN { get; set; }
}


public class Book
{
    [Key]
    public string ISBN { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public ICollection<BookReview> Reviews { get; set; }
}
```

View-Specific Model

- It is a model that exists just to supply information to a view
- It is mostly used for views that show accumulated data from different tables
- It is also used to prevent “over-posting” attack

```
public class Review
{
    public int ReviewID { get; set; } // Primary key
    public int ProductID { get; set; } // Foreign key
    public Product Product { get; set; } // Foreign entity
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public string Comment { get; set; }
    public bool Approved { get; set; }
}
```

Model created to
exclude *Approved* status



```
public class ReviewViewModel
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public string Comment { get; set; }
}
```

EF Core Fluent API

- Used inside of the `OnModelCreating` override in your `DbContext`
 - As of 2.0, can be defined in their own class and invoked inside `OnModelCreating`
- Can be used to override convention, explicitly define relationships, define custom conventions

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
    ...
}
```

EF Core Fluent API – Shadow Properties

- A Shadow Property is a property that is *not* defined on your code class, but *does* exist *logically* on the entity (and in the datastore)
 - Example: a class with a navigation property, but no foreign key, *must* logically have a foreign key defined for the navigation property
- They can only be accessed via the EF API
- EF can implicitly create them, or you can explicitly define them via the fluent API

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
    modelBuilder.Entity<Course>().Property<DateTime>("LastUpdated");
}
```

Create a shadow property

```
var query = _context.Courses
    .OrderBy(c => EF.Property<DateTime>(c, "LastUpdated"));
```

Use a shadow property in a LINQ query


```
_context.Entry(course).Property("LastUpdated").CurrentValue = DateTime.Now;
```

Get/Set the value of shadow property

EF Core Fluent API – Concurrency Token

- A Concurrency Token is the property on a model EF will use to determine if it has been modified since retrieved
- Timestamps are often used as concurrency tokens
- Can be marked via ConcurrencyCheckAnnotation or Fluent API
- Can be applied to Shadow Properties and regular properties

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
    modelBuilder.Entity<Course>()
        .Property<byte[]>("Timestamp")
        .IsConcurrencyToken();
}
```



Create Shadow Property

Mark as Concurrency Token

EF Core Fluent API – Relationships

- Relationships can be explicitly defined using the fluent API

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
    modelBuilder.Entity<Enrollment>(en =>
    {
        en.HasOne<Course>().WithMany(c => c.Enrollments).HasForeignKey(e => e.CourseID);
        en.HasOne<Student>().WithMany(c => c.Enrollments).HasForeignKey(e => e.StudentID);
    });
}
```


EF Core Fluent API – Conventions

- Default conventions can be overridden using the Fluent API

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
    foreach (var entity in modelBuilder.Model.GetEntityTypes())
    {
        modelBuilder.Entity(entity.Name).ToTable($"tbl_{entity.ClrType.Name.ToLower()}");

        foreach (var property in entity.GetProperties().Where(p => p.ClrType == typeof(string)))
        {
            property.Relational().ColumnName = $"{property.Name.ToLower()}_str";
            property.SetMaxLength(200);
        }

        foreach (var fk in entity.GetForeignKeys())
        {
            fk.Relational().Name = fk.Relational().Name.ToLower();
        }
    }
}
```

EF Core Fluent API – Model-Level Query Filters

- Create a filter at the model level that filters all queries on that entity type

```
public class SchoolContext : DbContext
{
    0 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public SchoolContext(DbContextOptions<SchoolContext> options) : base(options) { }

    8 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public DbSet<Course> Courses { get; set; }
    7 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public DbSet<Enrollment> Enrollments { get; set; }
    2 references | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    public DbSet<Student> Students { get; set; }

    private Guid TenantId;

    1 reference | 0 changes | 0 authors, 0 changes | 0 exceptions
    protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
    {
        modelBuilder.Entity<Course>().HasQueryFilter(c => !c.IsDeleted && c.TenantId == this.TenantId);
    }
}
```

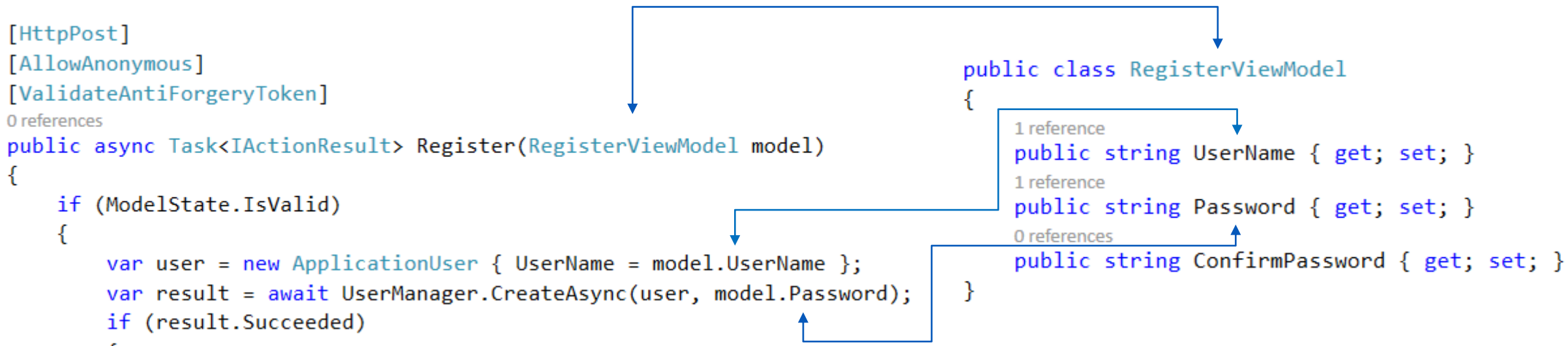
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Lesson: Model Binding

Model Binding

- Model binder: Automatically maps posted form value to a .NET framework type based on naming conventions
- **Default Model Binder** is a default Model Binder implementation
 - Takes care of mundane property mapping and type conversion
 - Uses the name attribute of input elements
 - Automatically matches parameter names for simple data types
 - Complex objects are mapped by property name; use dotted notation



Async Query and Save

- What is it?
 - Task based async pattern for query and save
- Why did we build it?
 - Appropriate use of async can improve performance and scalability
- When should you use it?
 - Reduce server resource usage by freeing up blocked threads
 - Improve client UI responsiveness by not blocking main thread
 - Parallelism – but not on the same context instance

Model Development Strategies

- Strive for fat models and skinny controllers
 - Encapsulate logic in services
 - Private methods on controllers are a code smell
- Be careful of looping references and N+1 queries
 - Bad LINQ queries make bad T-SQL queries
 - Leverage data contracts, serialization configuration, or ViewModels/Data Transfer Objects to avoid looping references

Demo: Model binding

Module Summary

- In this module, you learnt about:
 - Model and its role in MVC pattern
 - Model development
 - Entity Framework Core
 - Scaffolding and scaffolding templates
 - Entity Framework development approaches
 - Code-first development and conventions
 - View-specific Model
 - Model binding and security
 - Model development Strategies



Lab: Models



