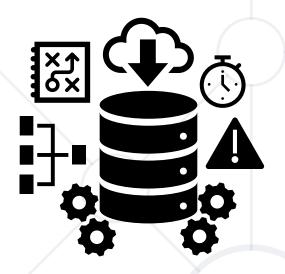
Routing and Binding, Views, DI and Services

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



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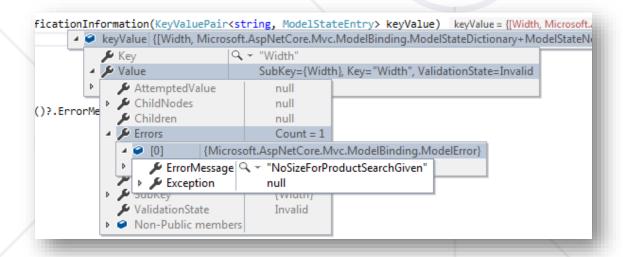




Model Binding Overview



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



The model binding behavior can be customized

Attributes



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

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

Custom Model Binder



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

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

Custom Model Binder



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

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



Model Validation Overview



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

Custom Model Validation



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

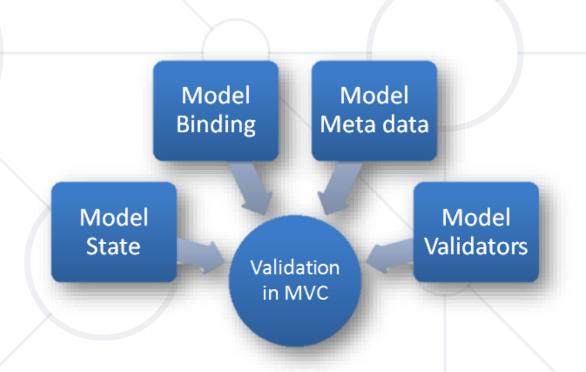
```
public class IsBefore : ValidationAttribute
   private const string DateTimeFormat = "dd/MM/yyyy";
   private readonly DateTime date;
   public IsBefore(string dateInput)
        date = DateTime.ParseExact(dateInput, DateTimeFormat, CultureInfo.InvariantCulture);
   protected override ValidationResult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

Custom Model Validation



Then you can use it in your model

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



Custom Model Validation



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

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

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



Uploading and Downloading Files

Files

Uploading Files



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

Multiple-file upload is also supported

Uploading Files



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

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

Downloading Files



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









Downloading Files



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

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



What is Razor?



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



@ – For values (HTML encoded)

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

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



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



Comments

```
@*
    A Razor Comment
*@
@{
    // A C# comment
    /* A Multi
    line C# comment

*/
}
<!-- HTML Comment -->
```

Escaping @

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



■ @(...) – Explicit code expression

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

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

Views – Dependency Injection



John

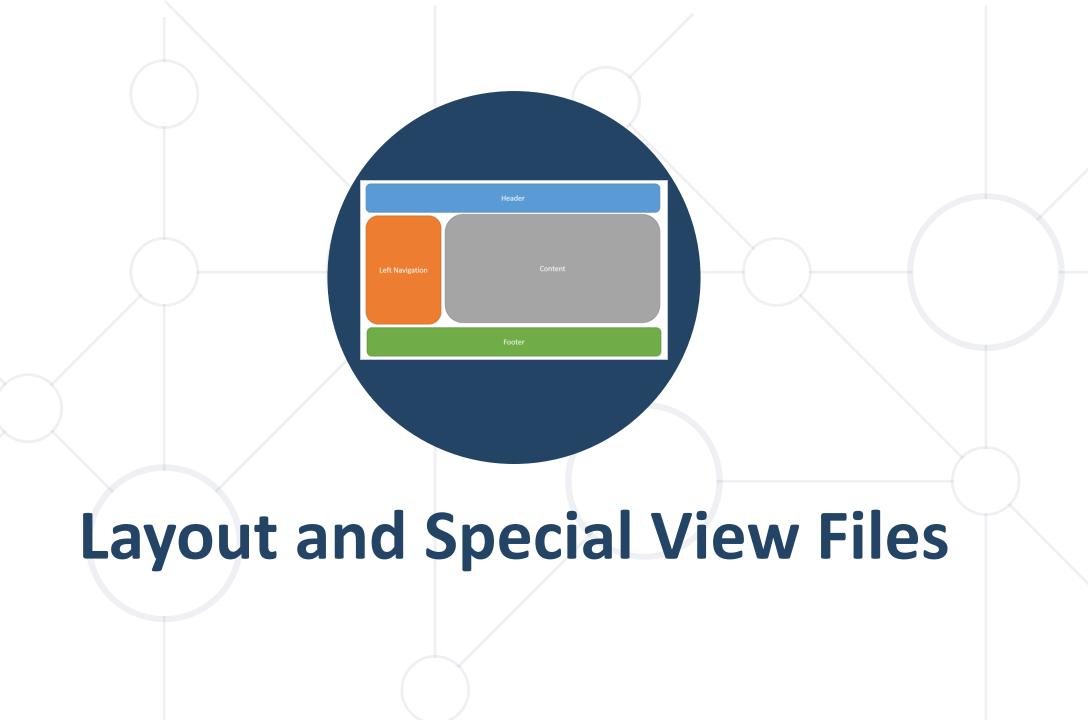
Max

George

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

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

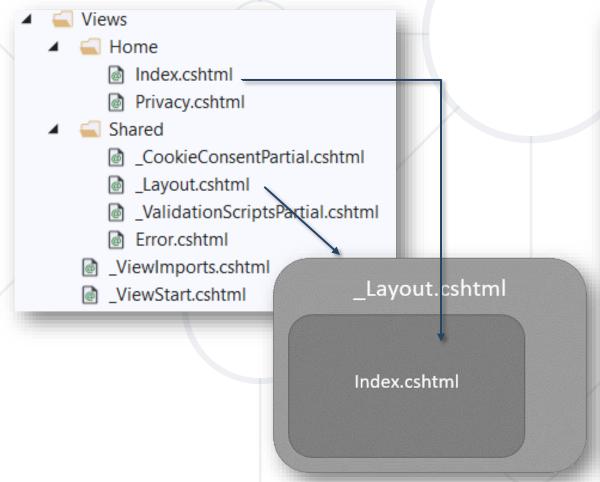
builder.Services.AddScoped<DataService, DataService>();

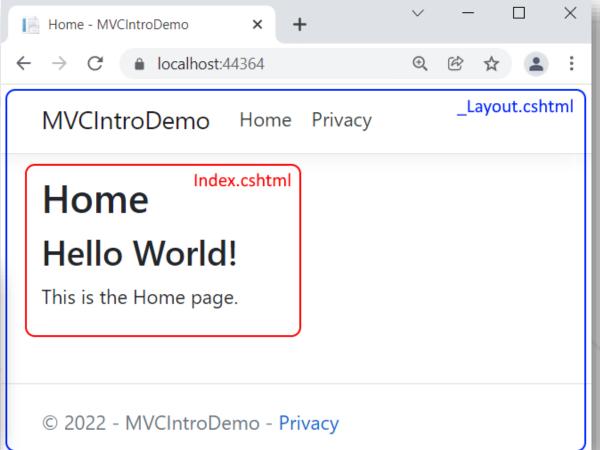


_Layout.cshtml



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





_Layout.cshtml



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

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width" />
    <title>@ViewBag.Title</title>
</head>
<body>
    <nav>@* Menu *@</nav>
    <div>
        @RenderBody()
    </div>
</body>
</html>
```

Sections



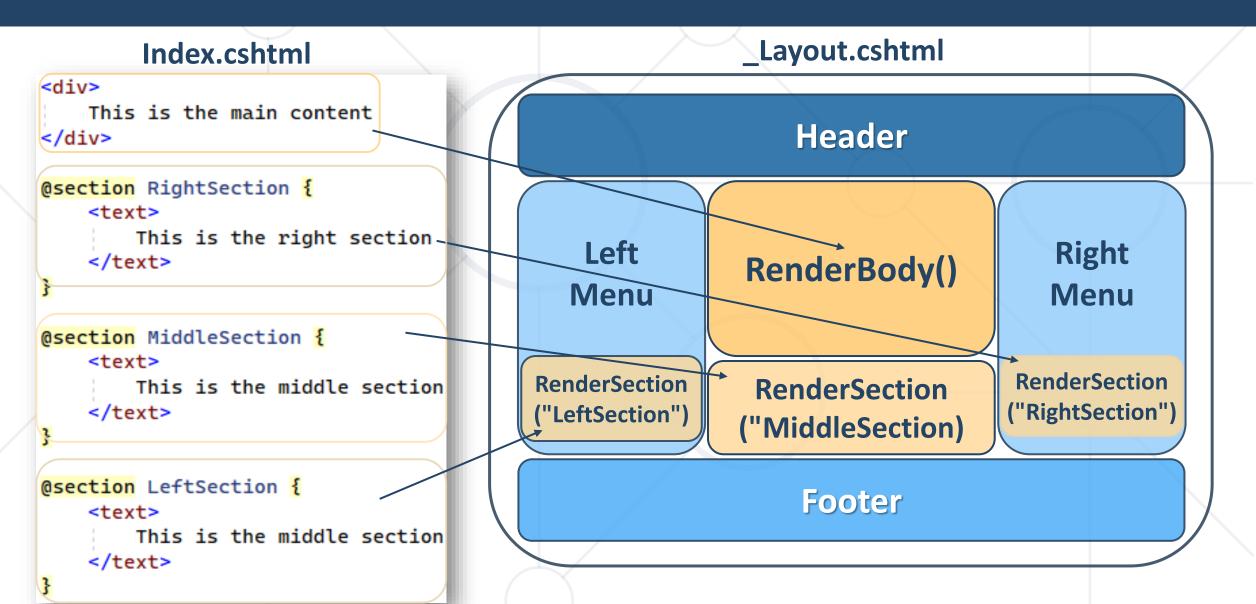
 You can have one or more "sections" (optional), defined in views

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

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

Scheme





_ViewStart.cshtml



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

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

Views without layout

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

_ViewImports.cshtml



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

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

This file does not support other Razor features

_ValidationScriptsPartial.cshtml



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

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

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

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



Partial View

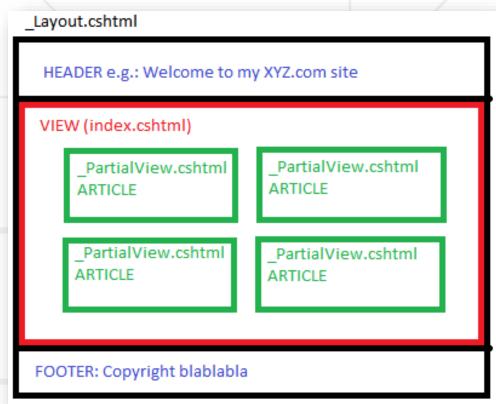
Partial View in Partial View

Partial Views and View Components

Partial Views



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



Use of Partial Views



HTML Helper for Partial Views

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

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

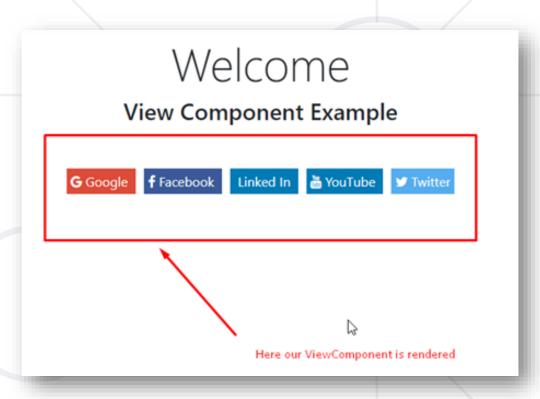
Tag Helper for Partial Views

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

View Components



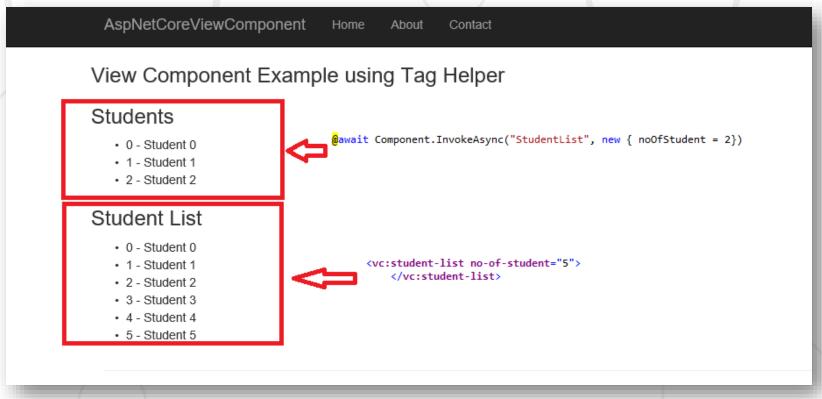
- View Components are similar to Partial Views, but much more powerful
 - No model binding
 - Depend only on the data provided to it
- View Components
 - Render a chunk rather than a whole response
 - Can have parameters and business logic
 - Typically invoked from a Layout page
 - Include the same separation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



View Components



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



View Components



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

Defining Your Own ViewComponent



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

Defining Your Own ViewComponent



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

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



HTML Helpers and Tag Helpers

HTML Helpers



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

<pre>@using (Html.BeginForm("Search", "Users",</pre>
{ @Html.TextBox("username") <input type="submit"/>
} @Html.Raw(htmlContent)

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

Tag Helpers



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

Often start with asp-

Tag Helpers vs HTML Helpers



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

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

<label asp-for="firstName">First Name: </label>



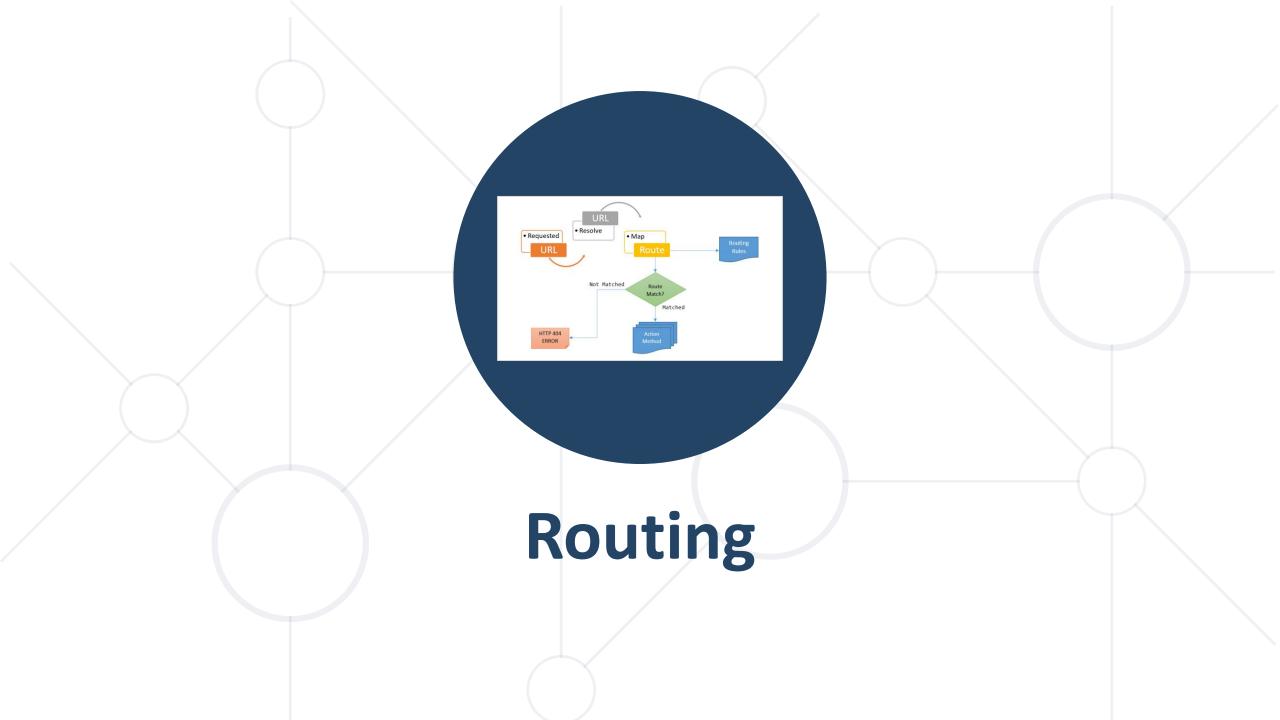
@Html.Label("firstName", "FirstName: ");

Creating Your Own Tag Helper



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

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



Route Constraints



Route Constraints are rules on the URL segments

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

 All the constraints are regular expression compatible with the Regex class

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

Attribute Routing



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

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

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

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

Attribute Routing



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

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

route

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

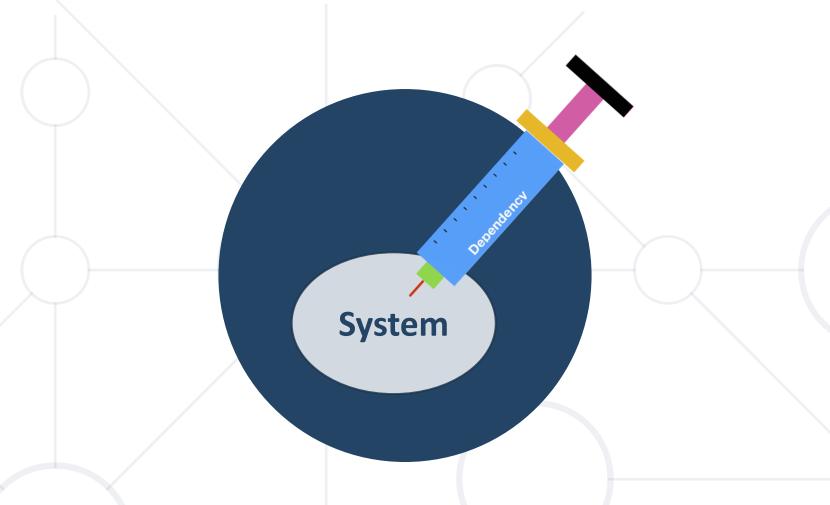
```
[Route("Home")]
public class HomeController : Controller
   // ...
    [Route("/")] // Does not combine, Route - /
    [Route("Index")] // Route - /Home/Index
    [Route("")] // Route - /Home
    public IActionResult Index()
        return View();
```

Static Files Routing



Can be modified to serve other folders

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



Dependency Injection

Design Pattern for IoC Implementation

What is a Dependency?

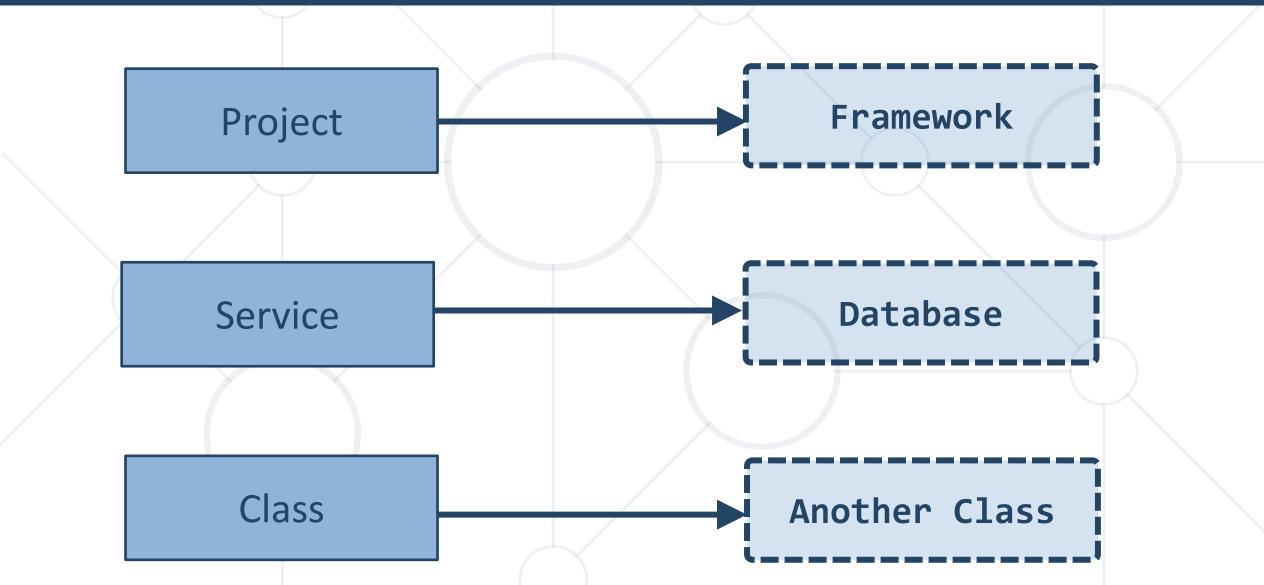


- Another object that your class needs
 - Other examples (Framework, Database, File System, Providers)
- Classes dependent on each other are called coupled
- Dependencies are bad because they decrease reuse

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

Dependency Examples

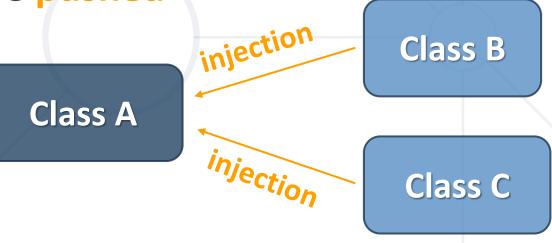




What is Dependency Injection?

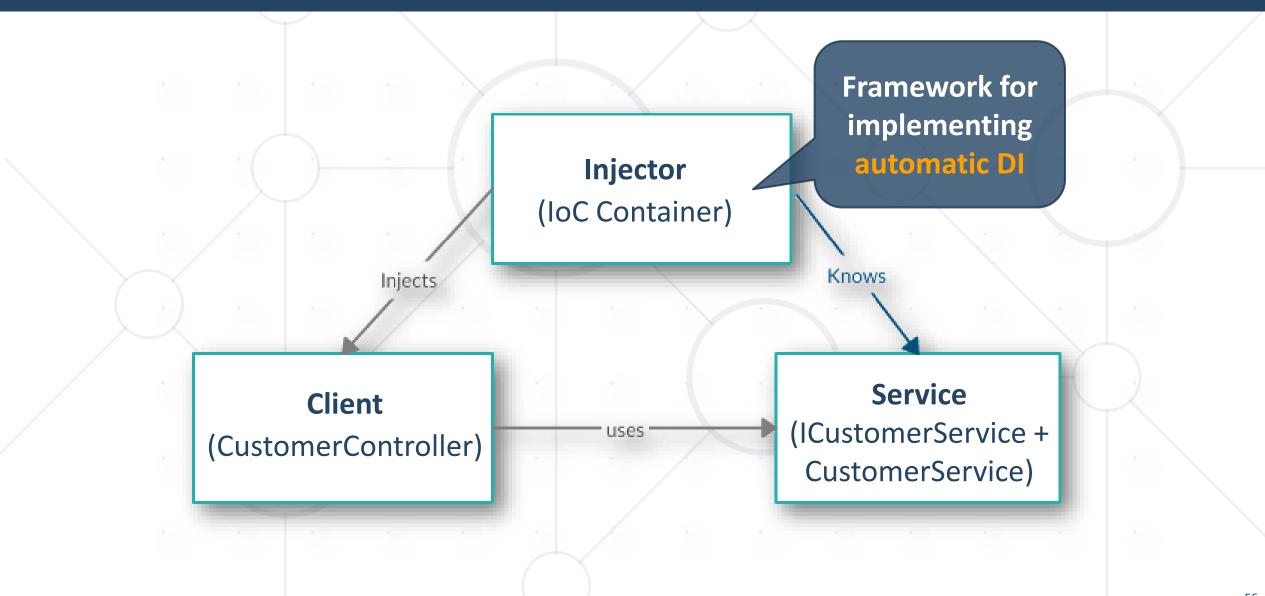


- Dependency Injection (DI) is a popular design pattern
- It is a technique for achieving Inversion of Control (IoC)
 - Classes should declare what they need
 - Constructors should inject dependencies (constructor injection)
 - Dependencies (abstractions) are pushed in the class from the outside
 - Classes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



Dependency Injection Scheme





Constructor Injection

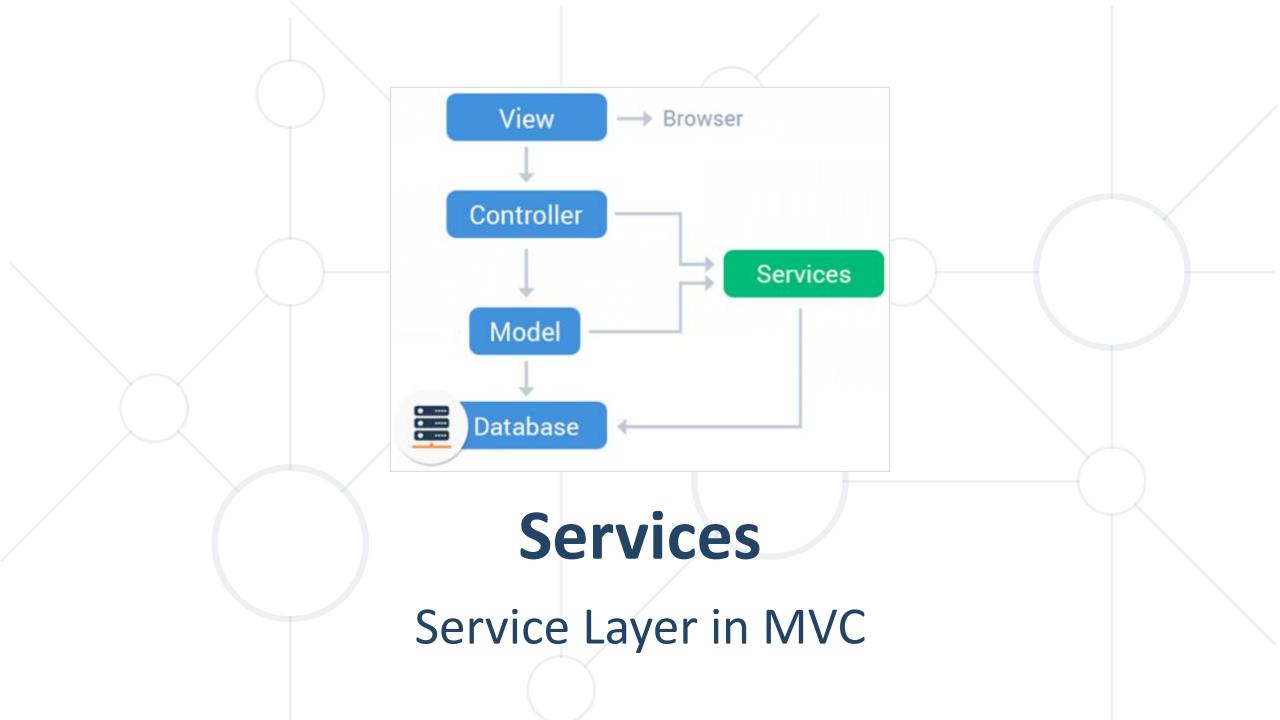


- Decouples dependencies
- Pros
 - Classes self document requirements
 - Works well without container
 - Always valid state

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

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

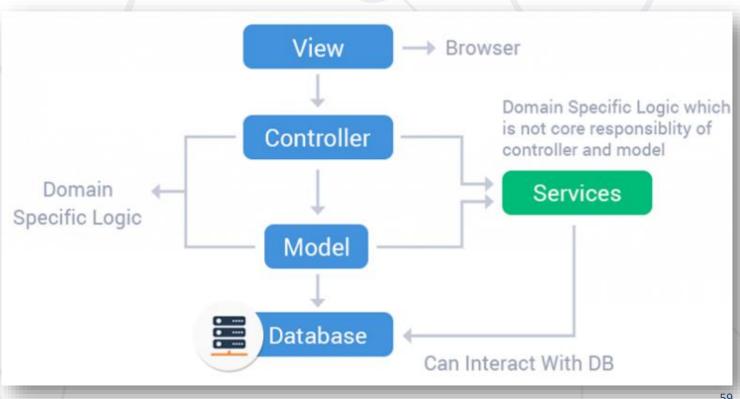
The service comes from outside



Service Layer

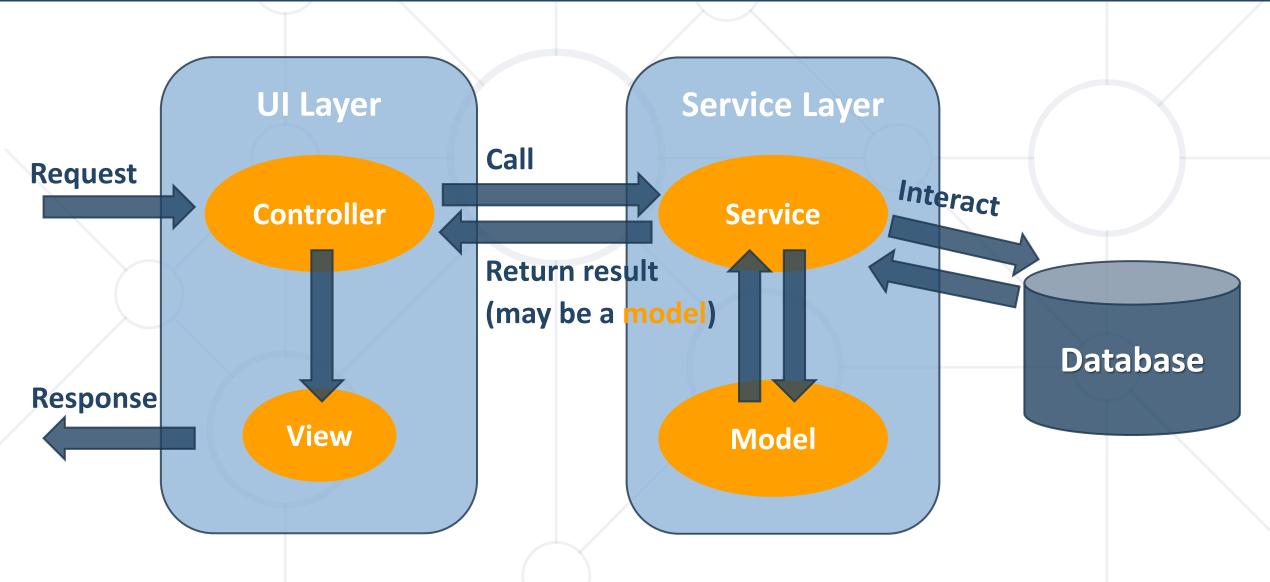


- Service layer is an additional layer in an ASP.NET MVC app between controllers and database layer
- Resolves the problem with duplicating code in controller actions
- It contains business logic
 - Controller actions should not contain database logic
 - Controllers may get a model from the service layer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



MVC with Services





Application Services Configuration



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

builder.Services.AddTransient<DataService>();

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

builder.Services.AddSingleton<DataService>();

Singleton objects are the same for every object and request

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

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

Service Interface + Configuration



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

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

Allows you to inject services into controller classes constructors via DI

Configure the service in the Program.cs class

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

Service



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

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

Controller



Controllers should be responsible only for the request and response

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

Service with Service Model



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

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

Summary



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





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