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1  /*
2  In this project we will implement a RESTful Web API, i.e. a program that:
3  1) exposes an API in form of a set of HTTP endpoints
4  2) the different HTTP methods are used coherently for different kind of operations, mapping the CRUD (for example, POST for the addition of resources)
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6  This app follows the MVC pattern:
7  Controller: classes to handle the routing and the application logic
8  Model: classes to handle the domain data, the domain logic (validations on the data) and the storing (database?)
9  View: classes to handle the UI (the representation/formatting of the model and the interaction with the user)
10 Every type of the application should have a single role.
11 If a class acts as a controller (example: a PersonController to handle a list of people), it shouldn't contain data of the domain (for example properties Name, Surname, etc.)
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13 */
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15 var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
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17 // In order to enable the controller system, we must add the controllers as services:
18 builder.Services.AddControllers();
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20 var app = builder.Build();
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22 // and we must add the controllers middleware:
23 app.MapControllers();
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25 app.Run();
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1 using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
2 using S05_P03_MVC1.Models;
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4 namespace S05_P03_MVC1.Controllers;
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6 // The attribute [ApiController] makes automatically the filling of the  ➤
   input parameters from the body (see the Edit() method),
7 // and the automatic generation of a 400 error if the model is not  ➤
   valid.
8 [ApiController]
9 public class SuperheroesController : ControllerBase
10 {
11     /*
12     This is the lifecycle of a controller:
13     1) Given the request's path, the system finds the controller and the  ➤
       method mapped to that path
14     2) The controller is instantiated
15     3) If it derives from ControllerBase, its web properties are filled  ➤
       (Connection, HttpContext, Request, Response, ...)
16     4) The input is instantiated and filled with the values from the  ➤
       request (could be the body, the path, ...)
17     5) If it derives from ControllerBase, the input is validated and the  ➤
       ModelState property is filled
18     6) The method is invoked
19     */
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21     // We want to implement a CRUD in memory.
22     // This does not work, because a new controller instance is created  ➤
       for EVERY request:
23     // private readonly List<Superhero> _superHeroes;
24     // public SuperheroesController() {
25     //     _superHeroes = new();
26     // }
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28     // For this simple exercise, we could use static lists:
29     private static readonly List<Superhero> _superHeroes;
30     static SuperheroesController() {
31         _superHeroes = new();
32     }
33
34     // Through HttpGet, HttpPost ecc. attributes I can set the allowed  ➤
       HTTP verbs
35     // (if the client uses another one, a 405 error is returned).
36     // In the attribute I can specify the path.
37     [HttpPost("/superheroes/add")]
38     public void Add(Superhero model) {
39         _superHeroes.Add(model);
40     }
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42     [HttpGet("/superheroes/all")]
43     public List<Superhero> GetAll() {
44         return _superHeroes;
45     }
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47     // Sometimes a path segment must be parametrized.
48     // For example, we want all the call to /superheroes/edit/<the-id-  ↗
49     // of-the-superhero> to be processed by the below method.
50     // We can set a parametrized segment in braces: {}
51     [HttpPut("/superheroes/edit/{id}")]
52     // The method must have a parameter with the same name:
53     public void Edit(int id, Superhero model) {
54         // Simplest idea: I find the corresponding model and I replace  ↗
55         // it with the input:
56         var index = _superHeroes.FindIndex(s => s.Id == id);
57         if (index == -1) {
58             Response.StatusCode = 404;
59             return;
60         }
61         _superHeroes[index] = model;
62
63         // Nonetheless, it's not a good idea.
64         // Usually an API exposes multiple PUT operations, to edit  ↗
65         // different parts of a model.
66         // Therefore it's better to map the exact properties on the  ↗
67         // saved model:
68         var saved = _superHeroes.FirstOrDefault(s => s.Id == id);
69         if (saved == null) {
70             Response.StatusCode = 404;
71             return;
72         }
73         saved.Nickname = model.Nickname;
74         saved.SecretName = model.SecretName;
75         saved.Assets = model.Assets;
76         saved.CanFly = model.CanFly;
77         saved.Birth = model.Birth;
78         saved.City = model.City;
79         saved.Gender = model.Gender;
80     }
81
82     [HttpDelete("/superheroes/delete/{id}")]
83     public void Delete(int id) {
84         _superHeroes.RemoveAll(s => s.Id == id);
85         // Here a 404 is not required:
86         // If a deletion is requested for a model that does not exist on  ↗
87         // the system,
88         // the goal of deleting it is already satisfied.
89         // No error required.
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