

ASP520-A

# Module 3

# Implementing Forms & Using MudBlazor Services

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## **View Models**

#### 1.1 Event Models

Models are not only used for data saved to and loaded from <u>data storage</u>. Models can be specifically designed to collect data from <u>specific input forms</u> and to output results in <u>specific formats</u> which are commonly called as <u>view models</u>. View models are built to help <u>resolve problems</u> with using <u>plain data models</u> for UI purposes.

One issue of using **Event** model class in MudBlazor is that it has no control to input a **DateTime** value. It has a **DatePicker** that can be binded to a <u>nullable</u> **DateTime** but the **From** property of **Event** is <u>not nullable</u>. Also the control will <u>store the date</u> but it <u>resets the time</u> as well. MudBlazor also has a **TimePicker** but bindable to a nullable **TimeSpan**. Datatype and behavior differences means that the **Form** property cannot be directly used in an <u>input form</u>.

We can of course enhance our data model so that it can also be used as a view model by adding additional features. Following are two properties that we can add to **Event** class specifically to support requirements of **DatePicker** and **TimePicker** and ensure we <u>preserve the time</u> when date is stored and <u>preserve the date</u> when time is stored. Eventually date and time data still accessed and stored in the **From** property. To stop database migration from adding columns to **Events** table for these properties assign **NotMappedAttribute** to them.

#### Properties added to model for UI support: Models\Event.cs

```
[NotMapped]
public DateTime? FromDate {
    get { return From; }
    set {
        if (value != null) {
            From = new DateTime(
                 value.Value.Year, value.Value.Month, value.Value.Day,
                 From.Hour, From.Minute, From.Second
            );
        }
    }
[NotMapped]
public TimeSpan? FromTime {
    get { return From.TimeOfDay; }
    set {
        if (value != null) {
            From = new DateTime(
                 From. Year, From. Month, From. Day,
                 value.Value.Hours, value.Value.Minutes, value.Value.Seconds);
        }
    }
}
```

Alternatively, if you do not wish to convert your data model to a view model, you can <u>extend</u> the view model from your data model. **FromDate** and **FromTime** properties will only exist in the view model. The view model will be used for UI while remaining fully compatible to all features and functionality implemented for **Event**.

#### Extend class for UI support: Models\NewEvent.cs

```
namespace Newrise.Shared.Models {
    public class NewEvent : Event {
        public DateTime? FromDate { ... }
        public TimeSpan? FromTime { ... }
    }
}
```

## 1.2 Participant Models

An application may wish to control what users can do or cannot do and what they can see or cannot see. This is called as <u>authorization</u>. To be able to <u>authorize users</u> in our application, we need <u>authentication</u>. Most applications use a <u>ID and password</u> system to authenticate their users. Some applications implement <u>multi-factor authentication</u> (MFA) where additional information like email address, phone numbers and other <u>user secrets</u> are required for authentication purposes. The data model may need changes to support the authentication methods implemented in the application.

We will update **Participant** class to store the <u>password hash</u>. Passwords should never be stored for security reasons so only users should know their passwords. A password hash is a <u>one-way encrypted version</u> of the <u>plain-text password</u>.

#### <u>Update model to store hashed password: Models\Participant.cs</u>

#### Update the database

Add-Migration AddAuthentication Update-Database

Even though we never store the <u>original password</u> in the database but it is required in the <u>user registration input form</u>. In fact we actually have to store <u>two input passwords</u> for comparison to ensure the user has entered the <u>correct password</u>. We thus need a view model to enter the passwords. We can then use <u>data annotations</u> to <u>validate the passwords</u>.

#### Extending view model from data model: Models\NewParticipant.cs

```
public class NewParticipant : Participant {
}
```

#### Password property and annotations

```
[Required(ErrorMessage="{0} is required.")]
[StringLength(16, ErrorMessage = "{0} cannot be more than {1} characters.")]
public string Password { get; set; }
```

Use a **DisplayAttribute** to change the name of the property in error messages. Use a **CompareAttribute** to compare one property with another. These are used below for the **ConfirmPassword** property.

#### ConfirmPassword property and annotations

```
[Display(Name = "Confirm Password")]
[Required(ErrorMessage = "{0} is required.")]
[StringLength(16, ErrorMessage = "{0} cannot be more than {1} characters.")]
[Compare(nameof(Password), ErrorMessage = "Passwords does not match.")]
public string ConfirmPassword { get; set; }
```

The above data annotations does not guarantee a <u>strong password</u>. You can make use of **RegularExpressionAttribute** to validate a strong password. Construct a pattern by <u>combining parts</u> shown below to form the validation and then add the <u>range of all acceptable characters</u> followed by <u>mininum and maximum</u> number of characters.

#### Password regular expression validation parts

#### Combined expression

```
(?=.*[A-Z])^(?=.*[a-z])(?=.*\d)(?=.*[$@$!%*?&])[A-Za-z\d$@$!%*#?&]{8,16}$
```

#### Add constant for password format pattern

```
public const string PasswordFormat =
    @"(?=.*[A-Z])^(?=.*[a-z])(?=.*\d)(?=.*[$@$!%*?&])[A-Za-z\d$@$!%*#?&]{8,16}$";
```

#### Use RegularExpressionAttribute with pattern for properties

```
:
[RegularExpression(PasswordFormat, ErrorMessage = "{0} is not valid.")]
public string Password { get; set; }

:
[RegularExpression(PasswordFormat, ErrorMessage = "{0} is not valid.")]
public string ConfirmPassword { get; set; }
```

### 1.3 Pure View Models

While models are not compulsory for input forms, they are required if you wish to use <u>data annotations</u> for <u>input validation</u>. A login form where you request for just the user ID and password may not require a model as the properties can be part of the <u>login page</u> but having and using a model is always beneficial.

#### A pure view model for login: Models\LoginInfo.cs

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;

namespace Newrise.Shared.Models {
    public class LoginInfo {
        [Display(Name = "ID/Email")]
        [Required(ErrorMessage = "{0} is required.")]
        [StringLength(254, ErrorMessage = "{0} cannot be more than {1} characters.")]
        public string UserID { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "{0} is required.")]
        [StringLength(16, ErrorMessage = "{0} cannot be more than {1} characters.")]
        [RegularExpression(NewParticipant.PasswordFormat, ErrorMessage = "{0} is invalid.")]
        public string Password {
            get; set;
        }
    }
}
```

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## Forms & Validation

#### 2.1 Edit Form

Even though MudBlazor has a **MudForm** component, you need to use ASP.NET Core's built-in **EditForm** if you want to use <u>data annotations</u> to <u>validate your model</u> so you do not need to add <u>specific validation components</u> to your form. All you need to do is add a <u>DataAnnotationsValidator</u> to the form and it will generate the validation based on the model you assigned to <u>Model</u> <u>property</u> of the form.To use ASP.NET Core form and input components, you need to import the following namespace.

#### Adding namespaces for ASP.NET Core form components: \_Imports.Razor

```
@using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Components.Forms
:
```

Also assign a method to **OnValidSubmit** event to <u>process the model</u> that has <u>passed validation</u> and optionally assign a method to **OnInvalidSubmit** if you want to detect and <u>process failed validations</u>. In the form we will use a **MudCard** to contain the form contents in a **MudCardContent** section and action buttons in the **MudCardActions** section. We add two **MudAlert** components to display <u>success and error messages</u> in the page after the page title. These components will not be added if the <u>messages are empty</u>. To submit contents of the form, you need a **Submit** button which will trigger the form to validate input and call the methods that are assigned to **OnValidSubmit** and **OnInvalidSubmit** depending on whether <u>form validation</u> is <u>successful or failed</u>.

#### Setup a new page to add events: Pages\Event\Create.razor

```
@page "/events/create"
@inject EventDataService EventDataService
<PageTitle>@(Program.AppName + " - New Event")</PageTitle>
<EditForm Model=Item OnValidSubmit=HandleSubmit>
    <DataAnnotationsValidator />
    <MudGrid>
        <MudItem xs="12">
            <MudCard Class="ma-4 pa-4">
                <MudCardContent></MudCardContent>
                <MudCardActions></MudCardActions>
            </MudCard>
        </MudItem>
    </MudGrid>
</EditForm>
@code {
    string Success { get; set; } = string.Empty;
    string Failure { get; set; } = string.Empty;
    NewEvent Item { get; set; } = new Event { From = DateTime.Now }
    async void HandleSubmitAsync(EditContext context) {
        await EventDataService.AddEventAsync(Item);
}
```

#### Initial contents of the card

We have yet to add any <u>input components</u> for our **Event** model. You can use either ASP.NET Core's built-in input components or the ones provided by MudBlazor. We will be using MudBlazor input components so we don't have to use a <u>Javascript UI library</u> and CSS to create and style a responsive UI.

Normally each input component will be on a <u>separate row</u>, you can use **MudStack** to combine multiple input components into one row. However you should make sure that those components would fit well <u>across all size breakpoints</u> or use the **MudGrid** and **MudItem** components instead.

We used three different input components to input **Id**, **Type** and **Online** properties of an **Event** object; **MudTextField**, **MudSelect** and **MudCheckBox**. The **For** property is to return the <u>identity</u> of the entity property that this input component is used for so that <u>validation error messages</u> can be <u>attached</u> to the correct component.

#### Using MudStack to combine components into one row

```
<MudStack Row="true">
    <MudTextField Label="ID *" @bind-Value=Item.Id MaxLength=6
        For=@(() => Item.Id) AutoFocus /><br />
    <MudSelect T=EventType Label="EVENT TYPE *" AnchorOrigin=Origin.BottomCenter
        @bind-Value=Item.Type For=@(()=>Item.Type)>
        <MudSelectItem T=EventType Value=EventType.Presentation />
        <MudSelectItem T=EventType Value=EventType.Training />
        <MudSelectItem T=EventType Value=EventType.Workshop />
        <MudSelectItem T=EventType Value=EventType.Forum />
        </MudSelect>
        <MudCheckBox Class="pt-4" Label="Available Online" @bind-Value=Item.Online />
    </MudStack><br />
```

If you try to test the above page you will get an error. Some components may require other components to be included into the page for them to work. Any component that uses popups require a **MudPopoverProvider** to be present. This can be included into the layout instead of every page.

#### <u>Including MudPopoverProvider service component: Layout\DefaultLayout.cs</u>

```
@inherits LayoutComponentBase
<MudThemeProvider />
<MudPopoverProvider />
```

.

#### Input components for Title and Description

```
<MudTextField Label="TITLE *" @bind-Value=Item.Title MaxLength=50
    For=@(() => Item.Title) /><br />
<MudTextField Label="DESCRIPTION" @bind-Value=Item.Description MaxLength=1000
    For=@(()=>Item.Description) Lines=5 /><br />
```

Use **MudDatePicker** and **MudTimePicker** to input date and time. This is where the view model properties **FromDate** and **FromTime** is used to ensure date and time will be combined and stored into a single **From** property.

#### Input components for From using view model properties

```
<MudStack Row=true>
    <MudDatePicker Label="START DATE" @bind-Date=Item.FromDate />
    <MudTimePicker Label="START TIME" @bind-Time=Item.FromTime />
</MudStack><br />
```

Use **MudNumericField** to input or edit <u>numerical type properties</u>. You can use **Min** and **Max** to control the <u>range of values</u> so that you do not even need to use a **Range** validator. There are <u>up and down buttons</u> attached by default to adjust the value. You can set **HideSpinButtons** to **true** if you don't want the buttons to appear.

#### Rest of the input components

```
<MudStack Row=true>
    <MudNumericField Label="HOURS" @bind-Value=Item.Hours
        Min=0.5 Max=8.0 Step=1.0 For=@(()=>Item.Hours) />
        <MudNumericField Label="SEATS" @bind-Value=Item.Seats
        Min=1 Max=200 Step=10 For=@(()=>Item.Seats) />
        <MudNumericField Label="FEE" @bind-Value=Item.Fee
        Min=0 Max=5000 Step=100 For=@(()=>Item.Fee) />
        </MudStack><br />
```

All input controls are now in the form but we need to update **HandleSubmitAsync** to ensure the entire process is handled correctly and properly. First we need to remove any <u>previous messages</u> displayed in the page by clearing **Success** and **Failure** then use the **EventDataService** to add the event to the database. We cannot guarantee it will succeed so the entire operation require at least a **try-catch** block to handle errors otherwise we display a <u>success message</u> and <u>reset the form</u> so another event can be added. Since this method is <u>asynchronous</u>, Blazor may not know <u>when to update the page</u> so call **StateHasChanged** method to inform Blazor to update UI changes in the component and these changes will be reflected to the web browser.

#### Method to process the form after validation

```
async void HandleSubmitAsync() {
    try {
        Success = string.Empty;
        Failure = string.Empty;
        await EventDataService.AddEventAsync(Item);
        Success = $"Event {Item.Id} added successfully";
        Item = new NewEvent { From = DateTime.Now };
    }
    catch (Exception ex) { Failure = $"{ex.Message} Cannot add event."; }
    finally { StateHasChanged(); }
}
```

#### 2.2 Database Errors

We have <u>exception handling</u> in the above method because input validation would not guarantee that database operations will succeed. Operations may still fail due to <u>table and column constraints</u>. Entity Framework does not return the actual database error, it will return a general Entiry Framework error message and the actual error message can be retrieved from **InnerException** of the error. It is pointless to do so unless the error is produced from a <u>stored procedure</u>, otherwise a <u>constraint error</u> is often too <u>technical</u> to be understood by a <u>normal user</u>. A common error that we will get from the above operation is a <u>primary key violation</u> error where you try to add more than one event with the <u>same **Id**</u>. What we can do is to check for a <u>duplicate event Id</u> before adding the event. In this way, we can create a <u>better error message</u> that the one from the database server or from Entity Framework.

#### Avoiding constraint errors by checking in code: Services\EventDataService.cs

```
public async Task AddEventAsync(Event item) {
    using (var dc = await _dcFactory.CreateDbContextAsync()) {
        if (await dc.Events.FindAsync(item.Id) != null)
            throw new Exception($"Event with ID '{item.Id}' already exists.");
        await dc.Events.AddAsync(item);
        await dc.SaveChangesAsync();
    }
}
```

## 2.3 Validation Summary

Currently <u>validation errors</u> is attached to the <u>input components</u> which is good enough. Optionally you can also add in a **ValidationSummary** component to render all of the <u>error messages</u>. The following demonstrates showing the validation summary inside a **MudAlert** component controlled by a **ValidationFailed** property. The property can be set when <u>validation fails</u> which we can detect through a **OnInvalidSubmit** method call. We can simply use a lambda expression to <u>trigger the state change</u>. Remember to reset the property in your submit method.

#### ValidationSummary control property

#### Reset the property on every submit

```
async void HandleSubmitAsync() {
   try {
      ValidationFailed = false;
      .
```

## 2.4 Input Focus

Notice that the input cursor is automatically positioned into the User ID input control when the page is opened. This is because we added an **AutoFocus** parameter to that control. We do not have to care if we are going to navigate away from the page after completing the operation but if we choose to remain in the same page, we may want to reset the focus back to that control but do this we need to have access to it. To be able to access components created in the page you need to declare a <u>field or property</u> for the component and use **ref** directive to <u>bind the component</u> to it.

#### Declare a field for a component

```
MudTextField<string> Id;

Bind component to the field

<MudTextField @ref=Id Label="ID *" @bind-Value=Item.Id MaxLength=6
    For=@(() => Item.Id) AutoFocus /><br />

Refocus on component

async void HandleSubmitAsync() {
    try { ... } catch (Exception ex) { ... }
    finally {
        await Id.FocusAsync();
        StateHasChanged();
```

## 2.5 Page State

}

}

An issue with <u>asynchronous operations</u> is that the <u>page is still fully interactable</u> while those operations are in progress. This means that it is possible for the user to submit the form again even though we are already in the process of updating the database. To control this you can add a <u>state field or property</u> as shown below that can be used to determine whether the submission process is in progress.

#### Adding a page state property

```
bool IsSubmitting { get; set; }

Setting and reseting the state

async void HandleSubmitAsync() {
    try { IsSubmitting = true; ... }
    catch (Exception ex) { ... }
    finally { IsSubmitting = false; ... }
}
```

Based on the state you can choose to disable controls using the **Disabled** parameter. Below shows how to disable the actions buttons while submission is in progress. You can also choose to hide or replace anything in the page. This will stop the user from doing anything in the page until the operation has completed.

#### **Disabling buttons**

#### Replacing form with progress alert

## 2.6 Using Tables

We can now update **Events** page to display the <u>list of events</u> added to the database. You can use **MudSimpleTable** or **MudTable**. Advantage of using the later is that you can assign items to be rendered and it generates one row for each item by using a **RowTemplate** without a **for-each** loop. It has support for <u>paging</u>, <u>sorting</u>, <u>filtering</u>, <u>selection and editing</u> features. It has many different sections like **ToolBarContent**, **HeaderContent**, **FooterContent** and **PagerContent** as well.

#### Displaying a list of events: Pages\Events.razor

```
@page "/events"
@using EventModel = Newrise.Shared.Models.Event;
@inject EventDataService EventDataService
<PageTitle>@(Program.AppName + " - Event Listing")
<MudGrid>
    <MudItem Class="ma-8" xs="12">
        <MudText Typo="Typo.h5">List of Events</MudText><br />
        <MudTable Items=Items Bordered Striped RowsPerPage="10">
            <ToolBarContent></ToolBarContent>
            <HeaderContent></HeaderContent>
            <RowTemplate></RowTemplate>
            <PagerContent></PagerContent>
        </MudTable>
    </MudItem>
</MudGrid>
@code {
    List<EventModel> Items { get; set; } = new List<EventModel>();
    protected override async Task OnInitializedAsync() {
        Items = await EventDataService.GetEventsAsync();
    }
}
```

#### ToolBarContent section

```
<MudButton Variant=Variant.Filled Color=Color.Primary
    Href="/events/create">ADD EVENT</MudButton>
```

#### HeaderContent section

```
<MudTh>ID</MudTh>
<MudTh>Type</MudTh>
<MudTh>Title</MudTh>
<MudTh>From</MudTh>
<MudTh>Hours</MudTh>
<MudTh>Seats</MudTh>
<MudTh>Seats</MudTh>
```

#### RowTemplate section

```
<MudTd DataLabel="ID">@context.Id</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="Type">@context.Type</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="Title">@context.Title</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="From">@context.From</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="Hours">@context.From</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="Hours">@context.Hours</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="Seats">@context.Seats</MudTd>
<MudTd DataLabel="Fee">@context.Fee</MudTd>
```

#### PagerContent section

```
<MudTablePager />
```

}

Set **RowsPerPage** and add a **MudTablePager** to **PagerContent** to allow the user to change page and page options. To support filtering, add a string field or property to store the search text and add an input text field for the user to enter it, then assign a method to **Filter** property of **MudTable** to perform the filtering based on the search text.

#### Add a property to store search text

#### Assign filter method to MudTable

```
<MudTable Items=Items Bordered Striped RowsPerPage="10" Filter=EventFilter>
```

By default **MudTextField** only stores the input value when it loses focus. This means validation and processing does not occur immediately during input. You need to press **ENTER** or move away from the search box for the filter to occur. Add **Immediate** to a **MudTextField** to store the value immediately during editing.

#### Enable Immediate option on MudTextField

```
<MudTextField @bind-Value=SearchText Placeholder="Search"
Adornment=Adornment.Start AdornmentIcon=@Icons.Material.Filled.Search
IconSize=Size.Medium Immediate />
```

To support sorting, add a **MudTableSortLabel** to any header column and assign the method to return the sorting value to the **SortBy** property. The default sort order is ascending but you can change it with the **InitialDirection** property.

#### **Enable sorting on ID**

#### **Enable sorting on Title**

#### **Enable sorting on Fee**

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## **Notifications & Dialogs**

#### 3.1 Notifications

<u>Notifications</u> are <u>popup content</u> that <u>stay on screen</u> for a <u>certain amount of time</u> and will disappear on their own. Since they are usually rendered on <u>another layer</u> that is <u>independent</u> and <u>on top</u> of other page content, they remain visible even though the page content changes. In MudBlazor, such a toast notification is know as a **Snackbar**. Make sure to call **AddMudServices** on the application host builder to have access to this service.

#### Add MudBlazor services: Program.cs

```
builder.Services.AddMudServices();
```

Add a **MudSnackbarProvider** to your layout to <u>setup the UI</u> for the notifications to appear. This guarantees that snackbars would appear no matter what is the page and components currently being rendered.

#### Adding Snackbar service component: Layout\DefaultLayout.cs

```
@inherits LayoutComponentBase
<MudThemeProvider />
<MudPopoverProvider />
<MudSnackbarProvider />
.
```

Whichever <u>page or component</u> that needs to display a toast notification, you can get access to the <u>Snackbar service</u> through property injection of **ISnackbar**. Call **Add** method to add a snackbar notification.

#### Accessing the Snackbar service: Pages\Event\Create.razor

```
@inject ISnackbar Snackbar
```

#### Adding a snackbar notification

```
async void HandleSubmitAsync() {
   try {
      ValidationFailed = false;
      Success = string.Empty;
      Failure = string.Empty;
      await EventDataService.AddEventAsync(Item);
      Success = $"Event {Item.Id} added successfully";
      Snackbar.Add(Success, Severity.Success);
      Item = new Event { From = DateTime.Now };
}
```

## 3.2 Dialogs

Since screen space is limited, we can use popups to <u>display additional details</u> and to <u>perform additional operations</u> while remaining on the <u>same page</u>. To use dialogs, add **MudDialogProvider** into your layout.

#### Adding dialog support component to UI

```
@inherits LayoutComponentBase
<MudThemeProvider />
<MudPopoverProvider />
<MudSnackbarProvider />
<MudDialogProvider />
.
```

A dialog is implemented as a <u>separate component</u>. Add **EventDetails** component to a new **Shared** folder. Use the **MudDialog** component to encapsulate the content of the dialog. The dialog can contain different section to construct the <u>title</u>, the <u>main content</u> and <u>action area</u>. Since the actual dialog will be <u>instantiated</u> by the <u>dialog service</u> and provided as a **CascadingValue**, you need to define a property to <u>capture and access</u> it. A <u>cascading value</u> is automatically <u>passed from ancestor</u> to <u>all descendants</u>. To get this value, you need to use mark your property using **CascadingParameter** attribute and Blazor will <u>match the value</u> to the property <u>based on the type</u>. Use **Parameter** on additional properties that will be passed directly during instantiation.

#### A basic MudBlazor dialog: Shared\EventDetails.razor

The <u>dialog title</u> can be passed in during instantiation, this is useful if the <u>title changes</u> everytime you open the dialog. If you want a <u>fixed or more complex title</u>, you can add a **TitleContent** section. Here we conditionally use a **MudChip** to <u>tag</u> an online course and a **MudDivider** to create a <u>separator line</u>.

#### TitleContent section

```
<TitleContent>
    <MudText Typo=@Typo.h5>Event Details</MudText>
    <MudDivider />
</TitleContent>
```

In the <u>main content area</u>, we will display the other details of the event. <u>Optional fields</u> like **Description** will only be displayed if it's <u>not empty</u>. Use **FullWidth** property to ensure a particular input gets the <u>most space</u> with <u>other inputs</u> on the <u>same row</u>.

#### **DialogContent section**

```
<MudStack Row=true>
    <MudSpacer />
    @if (Event.Online) { <MudChip T=string Color=Color.Info>ONLINE</MudChip> }
</MudStack>
<MudStack Row=true>
    <MudTextField Label="ID" Value=Event.Id ReadOnly />
    <MudTextField FullWidth Label="TITLE" Value=Event.Title ReadOnly />
</MudStack><br />
<MudStack Row=@true>
    <MudTextField Label="TYPE" Value=Event.Type ReadOnly />
    <MudTextField Label="FROM" Value=Event.From ReadOnly />
    <MudTextField Label="HOURS" Value=Event.Hours ReadOnly />
</MudStack><br />
@if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(Event.Description)) {
    <MudTextField Label="DESCRIPTION" Value=Event.Description Lines=5 ReadOnly />
    <br />
}
<MudStack Row=@true>
    <MudTextField Label="SEATS" Value=Event.Seats ReadOnly />
    <MudTextField Label="ALLOCATED SEATS" Value=Event.AllocatedSeats ReadOnly />
    <MudTextField Label="REMAINING SEATS" Value=Event.RemainingSeats ReadOnly />
</MudStack><br />
@if (Event.Fee != 0) {
    <MudTextField Label="FEE"
      Value=Event.Fee ReadOnly /><br />
}
```

We will now use the above dialog in the **Events** page. Use **IDialogService** to access the dialog service. Add a **ShowDetails** method to use the service to open a dialog for an **Event**. Call the generic **Show** method to instantiate and open the specific dialog, use a **DialogParameters** object to pass in <u>additional parameters</u>. If your dialog does not have a <u>fixed title</u>, pass in the title as the first argument to **Show** method.

#### Get access to dialog service: Pages\Events.razor

```
@page "/events"
@inject EventDataService EventDataService
@inject IDialogService DialogService
```

#### <u>Instanting a dialog component with parameters</u>

```
void ShowDetails(Event item) {
   var parameters = new DialogParameters();
   parameters.Add("Event", item);
   DialogService.Show<EventDetail>(null, parameters);
}
```

Inside a **MudTable** you can refer to the current item through **context** property. This would allow you to easily write code to call the above method and pass in the item. To do this, do not <u>bind to the method</u> but <u>bind to method call statement</u>. You can either add <u>a link or icon button</u> for each item in the table or <u>wrap an existing column</u> into a link. The following shows how to convert the <u>Title column</u> into a link to trigger the **ShowDetails** method and pass in the <u>current **Event**</u>.

#### Link to call the ShowDetails method

```
<RowTemplate>
  <MudTd DataLabel="ID">@context.Id</MudTd>
  <MudTd DataLabel="Type">@context.Type</MudTd>
  <MudTd DataLabel="Title">
       <MudTd DataLabel="Title">
       <MudLink OnClick=@(()=>ShowDetails(@context))>@context.Title</MudLink>
  </MudTd>
    .
```

When a dialog is used to <u>change data</u> it may require to <u>inform</u> its parent component if the data is updated. The data may be used in the <u>rendering</u> of the parent component so it needs to be <u>refreshed</u>. For an <u>admin</u> user, we will allow the dialog to be used to remove the **Event**. We can use a <u>delegate parameter</u> that can be assigned a method in the parent component that will <u>refresh its own state</u>. Once the item is removed, we can then use the delegate to call the method. You can <u>close the dialog from code</u> as you have access to the dialog through the **MudDialog** property.

#### Get required services: Shared\EventDetails.razor

```
@inject EventDataService EventDataService @inject ISnackbar Snackbar
```

<MudSpacer />

}

#### A delegate parameter and state property for processing

[Parameter]public Action<Event> EventDeleted { get; set; }

<MudButton Color=Color.Error Variant=Variant.Filled
 OnClick=DeleteEventAsync>DELETE</MudButton>

```
bool IsProcessing { get; set; }
Method to delete the event
async Task DeleteEventAsync() {
    try {
        IsProcessing = true;
        await EventDataService.RemoveEventAsync(Event.Id);
        Snackbar.Add($"Event '{Event.Id}' deleted.", Severity.Success);
        EventDeleted?.Invoke(Event);
    }
    catch (Exception) { Snackbar.Add($"Cannot delete event '{Event.Id}'.", Severity.Error); }
    finally { MudDialog.Close(); }
}
Add button to DialogActions section
@if (IsProcessing) {
    <MudAlert Severity=Severity.Info>Deleting event. Please wait.</MudAlert> }
else {
```

The parent component <u>provides a method</u> and passes a <u>delegate to the method</u> as a <u>parameter to the dialog</u>. The method reloads the data and this should update the UI. However, sometimes dynamically generated content may not refresh properly so call the **StateHasChanged** method to force a <u>UI refresh</u>.

#### Method to reload Event list and refresh page state

```
async void OnEventDeletedAsync(EventModel item) {
    Items = await EventDataService.GetEventsAsync();
    StateHasChanged();
}
```

#### Passing delegate as a parameter to a component

```
void ShowDetails(Event item) {
   var parameters = new DialogParameters();
   parameters.Add("Event", item);
   parameters.Add("EventDeleted", new Action<EventModel>(OnEventDeletedAsync));
   DialogService.Show<EventDetails>(null, parameters);
}
```