

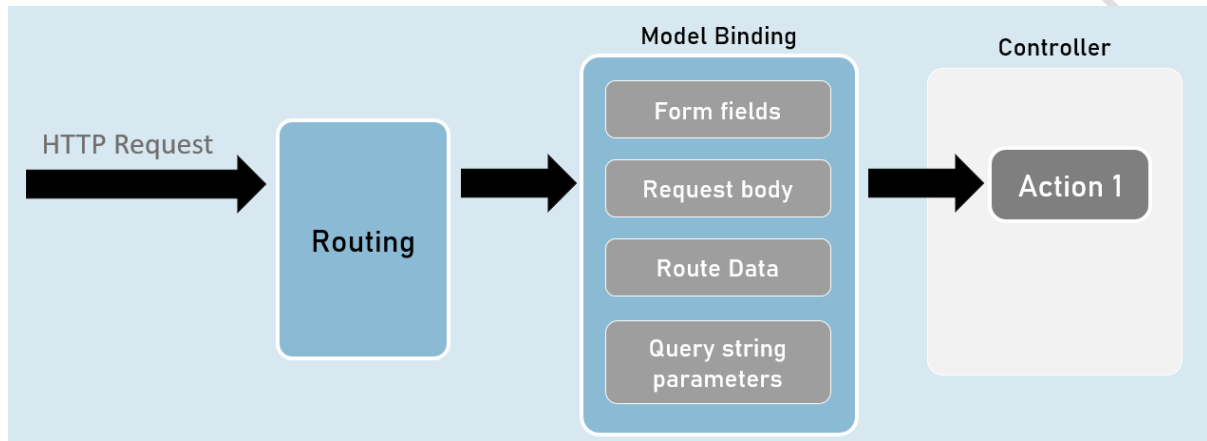
# Asp.Net Core – True Ultimate Guide

## Section 7 – Model Binding and Validations – Cheat Sheet

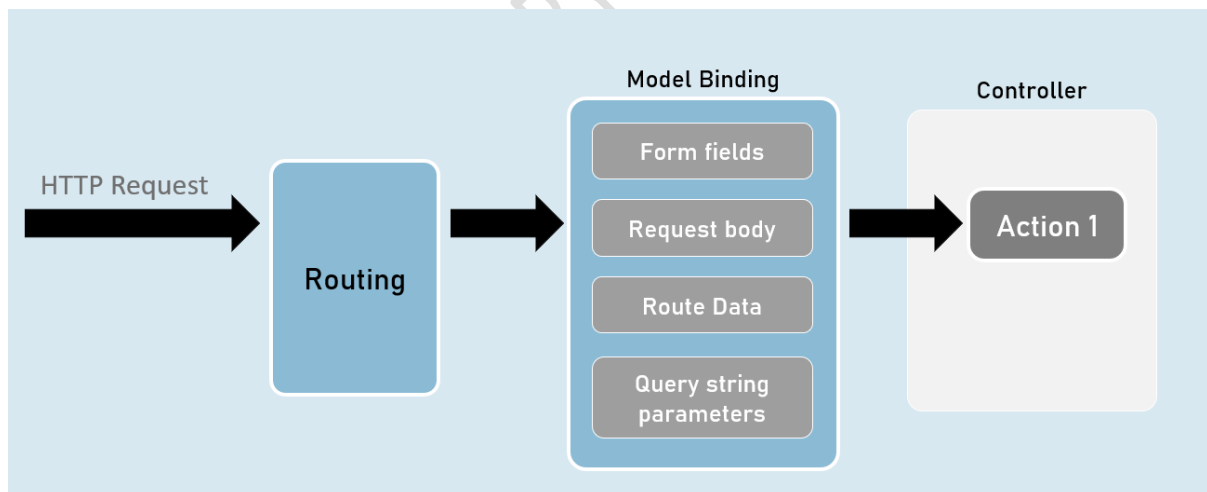
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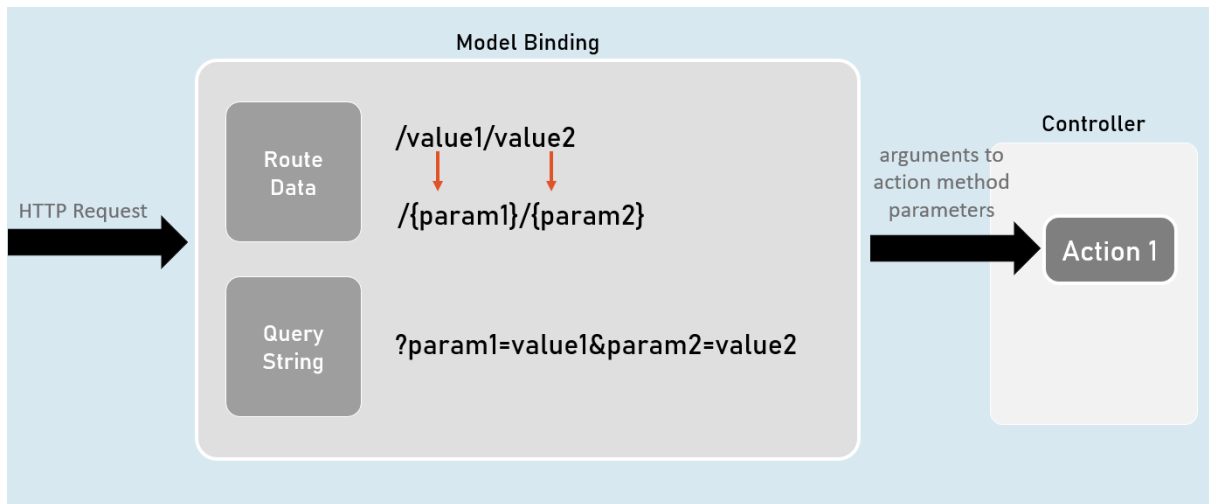
### Model Binding

Model Binding is a feature of asp.net core that reads values from http requests and pass them as arguments to the action method.

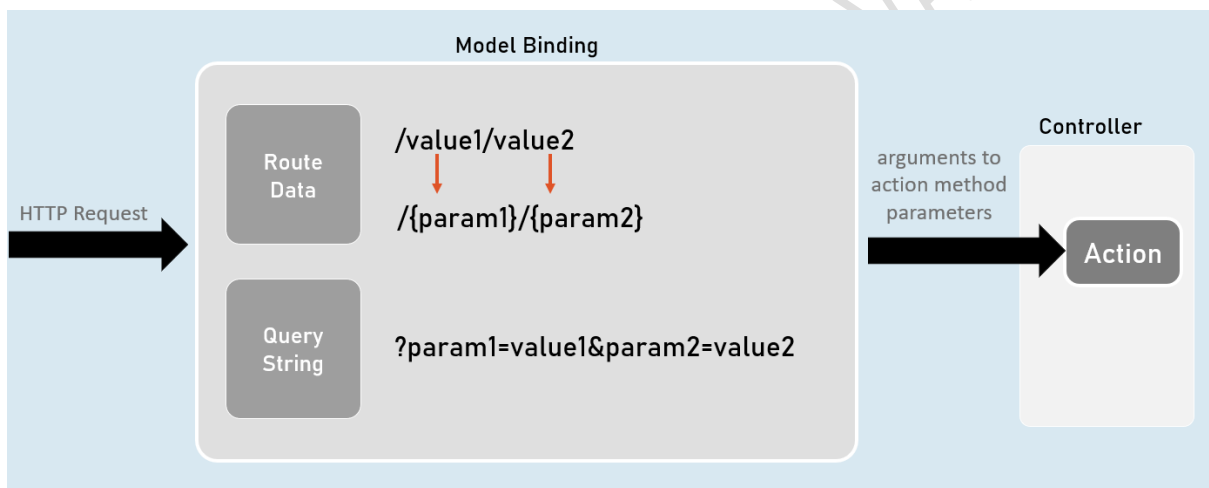


### QueryString vs RouteData





### [FromQuery] and [FromRoute]



#### [FromQuery]

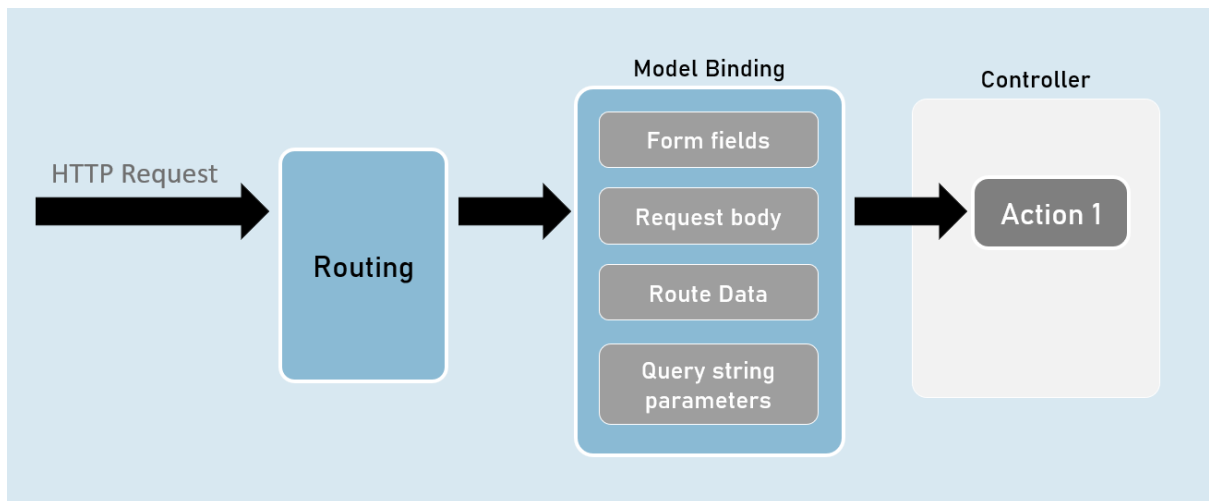
//gets the value from query string only

```
public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [FromQuery] type parameter)
{
}
```

#### [FromRoute]

//gets the value from route parameters only

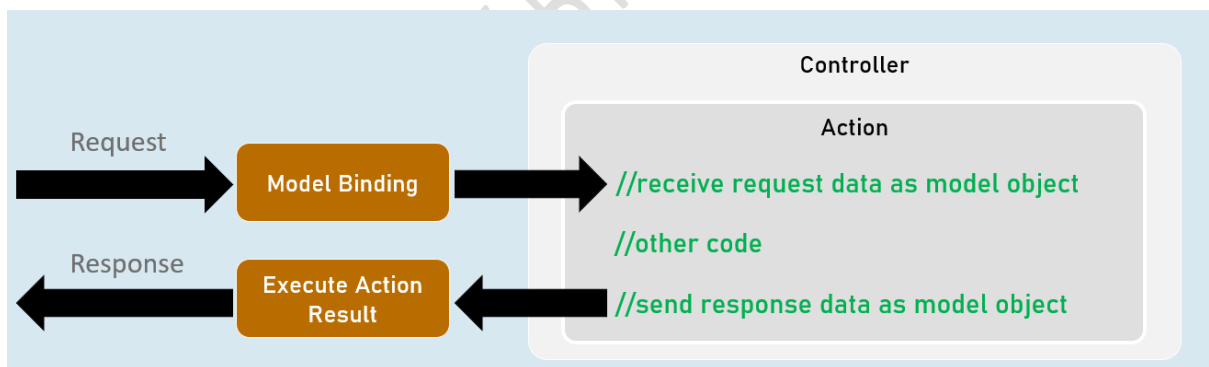
```
public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [FromRoute] type parameter)
{
}
```



## Models

Model is a class that represents structure of data (as properties) that you would like to receive from the request and/or send to the response.

Also known as POCO (Plain Old CLR Objects).



Model

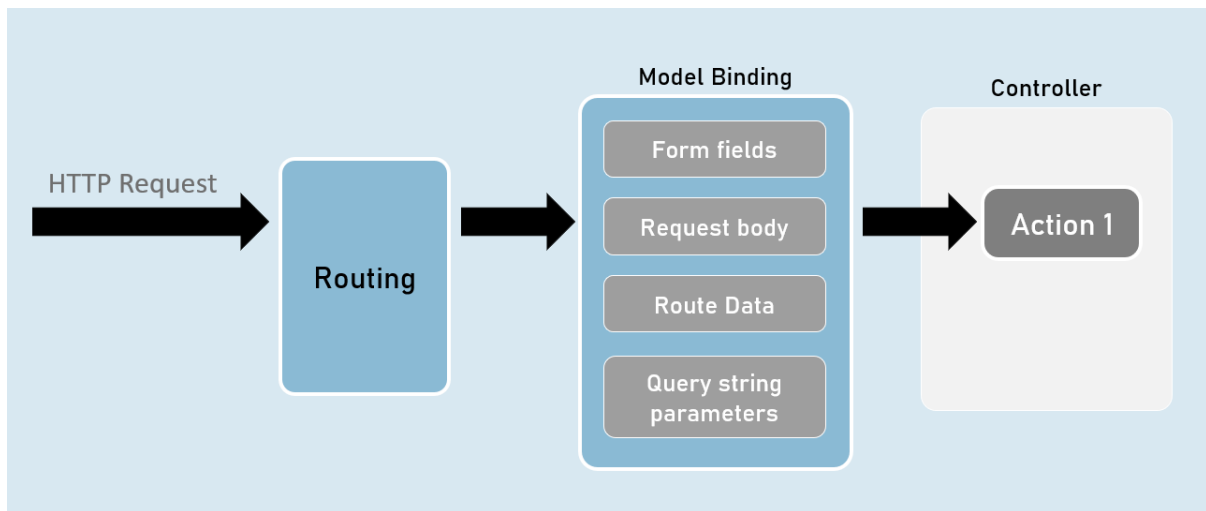
```
class ClassName
```

```
{
```

```
    public type PropertyName { get; set; }
```

```
}
```

## form-urlencoded and form-data



### form-urlencoded (default)

#### Request Headers

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

#### Request Body

param1=value1&param2=value2

### form-data

#### Request Headers

Content-Type: multipart/form-data

#### Request Body

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="param1"

value1

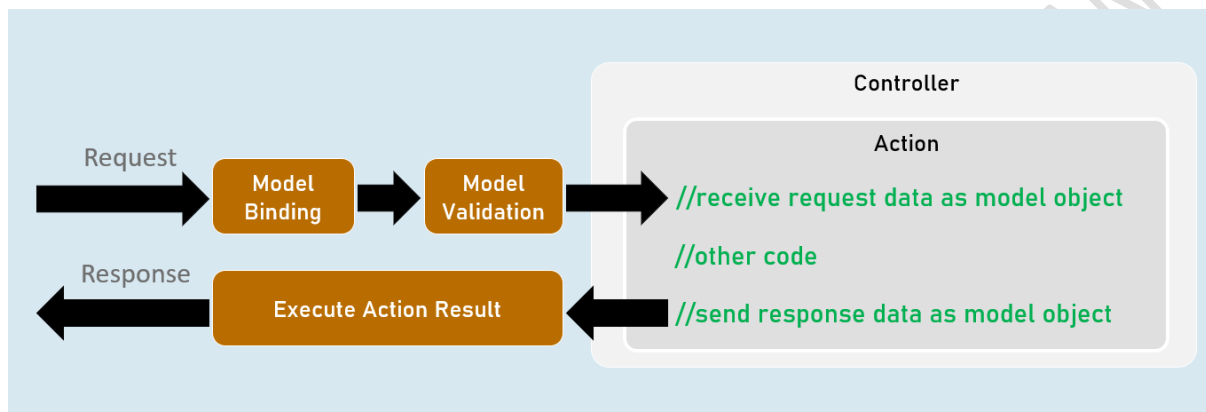
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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="param2"

value2

## Model Validation

```
class ClassName
{
    [Attribute] //applies validation rule on this property
    public type PropertyName { get; set; }
}
```



## ModelState

### IsValid

Specifies whether there is at least one validation error or not (true or false).

### Values

Contains each model property value with corresponding "Errors" property that contains list of validation errors of that model property.

### ErrorCount

Returns number of errors.

## Model Validation

**[Required(ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies that the property value is required (can't be blank or empty).

**[StringLength(int maxLength, MinimumLength = value, ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies minimum and maximum length (number of characters) allowed in the string.

**[Range(int minimum, int maximum, ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies minimum and maximum numerical value allowed.

**[RegularExpression(string pattern, ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies the valid pattern (regular expression).

**[EmailAddress(ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies that the value should be a valid email address.

**[Phone(ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies that the value should be a valid phone number).

Eg: (999)-999-9999 or 9876543210

**[Compare(string otherProperty, ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies that the values of current property and other property should be same.

**[Url(ErrorMessage = "value")]**

Specifies that the value should be a valid url (website address).

Eg: http://www.example.com

**[ValidateNever]**

Specifies that the property should not be validated (excludes the property from model validation).

### Custom Validations

```
class ClassName : ValidationAttribute
```

```
{
```

```
    public override ValidationResult? IsValid(object? value, ValidationContext validationContext)
```

```
    {
```

```
        //return ValidationResult.Success;
```

```
//[or] return new ValidationResult("error message");  
}  
}
```

### ValidationAttribute

- Base class for all validation attributes such as RequiredAttribute, RegularExpressionAttribute, RangeAttribute, StringLengthAttribute, CompareAttribute etc.
- Provides properties such as ErrorMessage & methods such as Validate(), IsValid() etc.

### ValidationContext

- Acts as a parameter for "IsValid()" method of custom validation attribute classes.
- Provides properties such as ObjectType, ObjectInstance.

### Custom Validations with Multiple Properties

Field1:

Field2:

Field3:

Field4:

Field5:

Field6:

Model Validation

## **IVValidatableObject**

```
class ClassName : IValidatableObject
{
    //model properties here

    public IEnumerable<ValidationResult> Validate(ValidationContext validationContext)
    {
        if (condition)
        {
            yield return new ValidationResult("error message");
        }
    }
}
```

- Base class for model classes with validation.
- Provides a method called Validate() to define class level validation logic.
- The Validate() method executes after validating all property-level validations are executed; but doesn't execute if at least one property-level validations result error.

## **ValidationContext**

- Acts as a parameter for "Validate()" method of model classes with IValidatableObject.
- Provides properties such as ObjectType, ObjectInstance.

## **[Bind] and [BindNever]**

### **[Bind]**

```
class ClassNameController
{
    public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [Bind(nameof(ClassName.PropertyName),
    nameof(ClassName.PropertyName) )] ClassName parameterName)
    {
    }
}
```



- [Bind] attribute specifies that only the specified properties should be included in model binding.
- Prevents over-posting (post values into unexpected properties) especially in 'Create' scenarios.

### [BindNever]

```
class ModelClassName
```

```
{
```

```
    [BindNever]
```

```
    public type PropertyName { get; set; }
```

```
}
```

- [BindNever] attribute specifies that the specified property should NOT be included in model binding.
- Useful when you have fewer properties to eliminate from model binding.

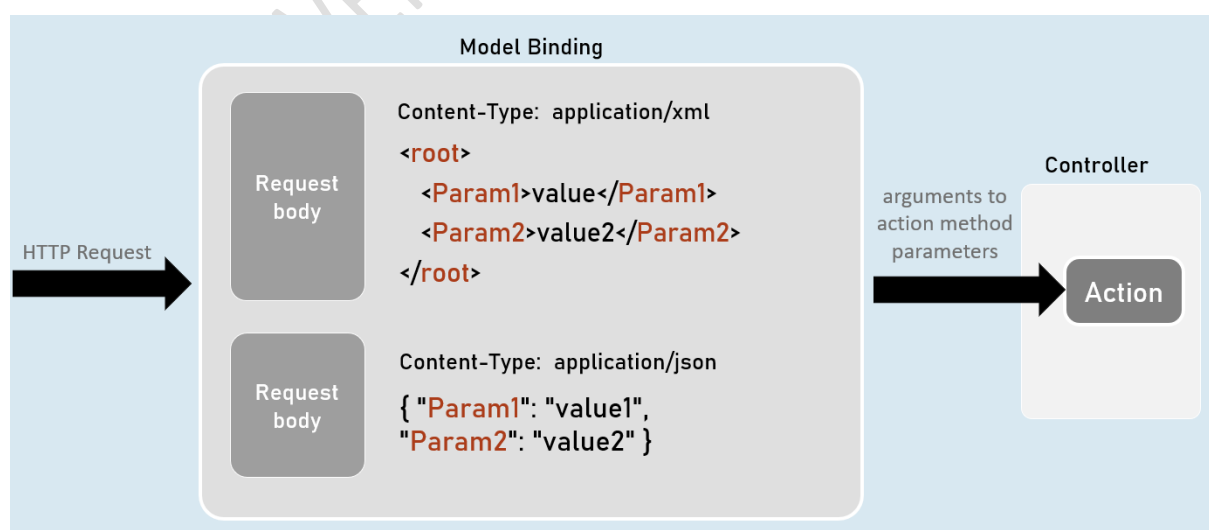
### [FromBody]

//enables the input formatters to read data from request body (as JSON or XML or custom) only

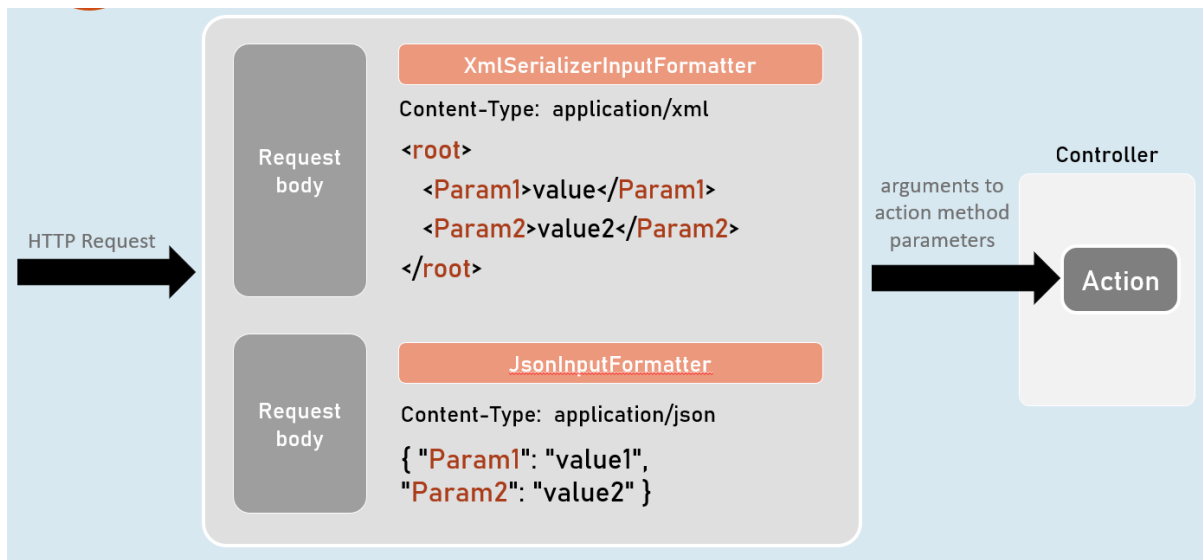
```
public IActionResult ActionMethodName( [FromBody] type parameter)
```

```
{
```

```
}
```



## Input Formatters



## Custom Model Binders

### Custom Model Binder

```
class ClassName : IModelBinder
{
    public Task BindModelAsync(ModelBindingContext bindingContext)
    {
        //gets value from request
        bindingContext.ValueProvider.GetValue("FirstName");

        //returns model object after reading data from the request
        bindingContext.Result = ModelBindingResult.Success(your_object);
    }
}
```

### IModelBinder

- Base interface for all custom model binders.
- Provides a method called **BindModelAsync**, to define logic for binding (reading) data from the request and creating a model object that has be received as parameter in the action method.

### **ModelBindingContext**

- Acts as a parameter for "BindModelAsync()" method of custom model binder classes.
- Provides properties such as HttpContext, ModelState, ValueProvider, Result etc..

### **Custom Model Binder Providers**

class ClassName : IModelBinderProvider

```
{  
    public IModelBinder GetBinder(ModelBinderProviderContext providerContext)  
    {  
        //returns type of custom model binder class to be invoked  
        return new BinderTypeModelBinder(typeof(YourModelBinderClassName));  
    }  
}
```

### **IModelBinderProvider**

- Base interface for all custom model binder providers.
- Provides a method called GetBinder, to return the type of custom model binder class.

### **ModelBinderProviderContext**

- Acts as a parameter for "GetBinder()" method of custom model binder provider classes.
- Provides properties such as BindingInfo, Services etc.