



Building Blocks – pt 1



Our Vision



“Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”
– Jesus



Prerequisites

- Visual Studio or Visual Studio Express
- SQL Server or SQL Server Express



QuickStart Tutorials

From 0 to 60 in about 60 minutes



Rockit SDK

- rockrms.com/Rock/Developer/Rokit



My Church

mychurch.org



Unzip to a folder

- Open the solution (.sln) file
- Edit web.ConnectionStrings.config and replace with your database name

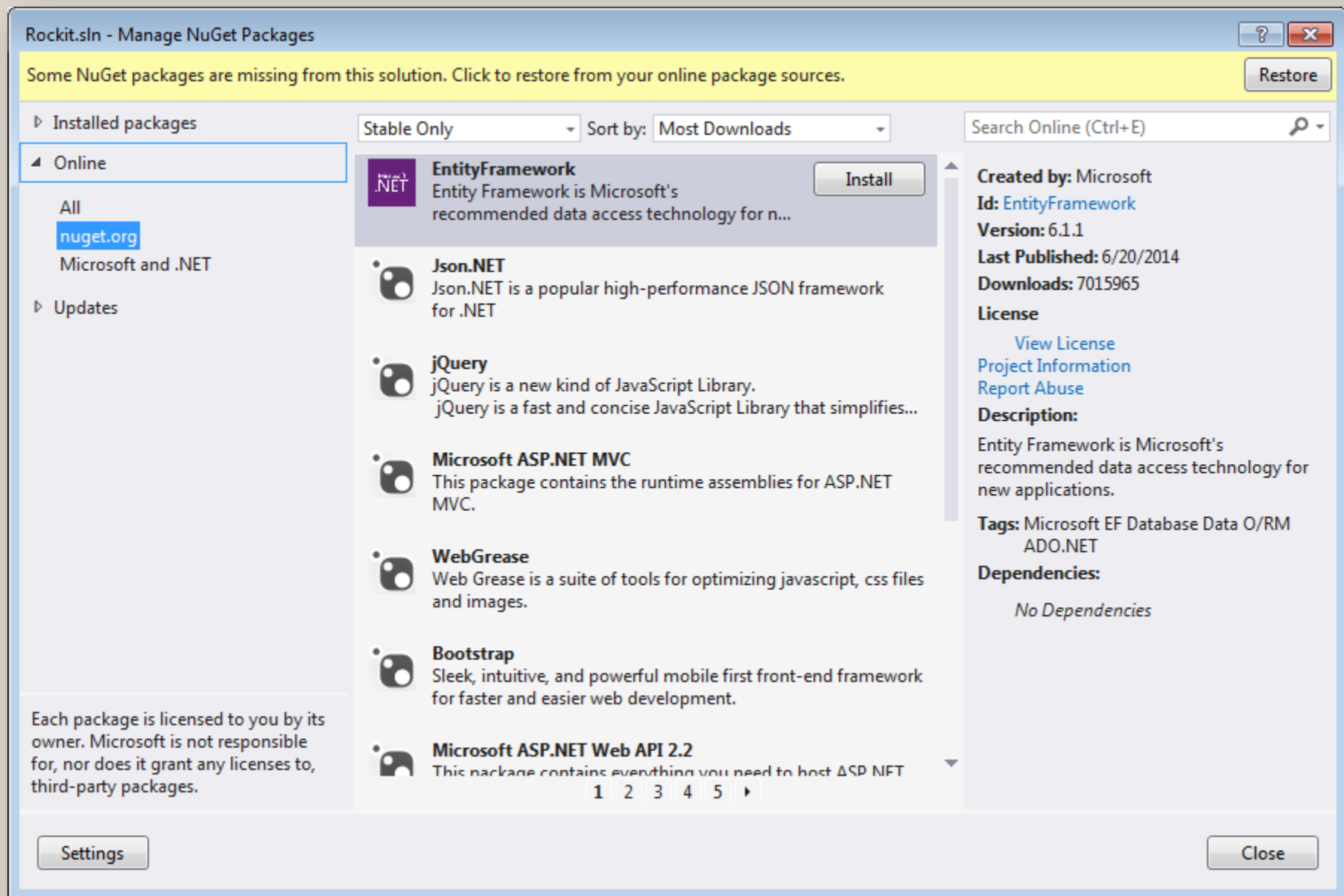


NOTE

If your project won't compile, check your NuGet Managed Packages.

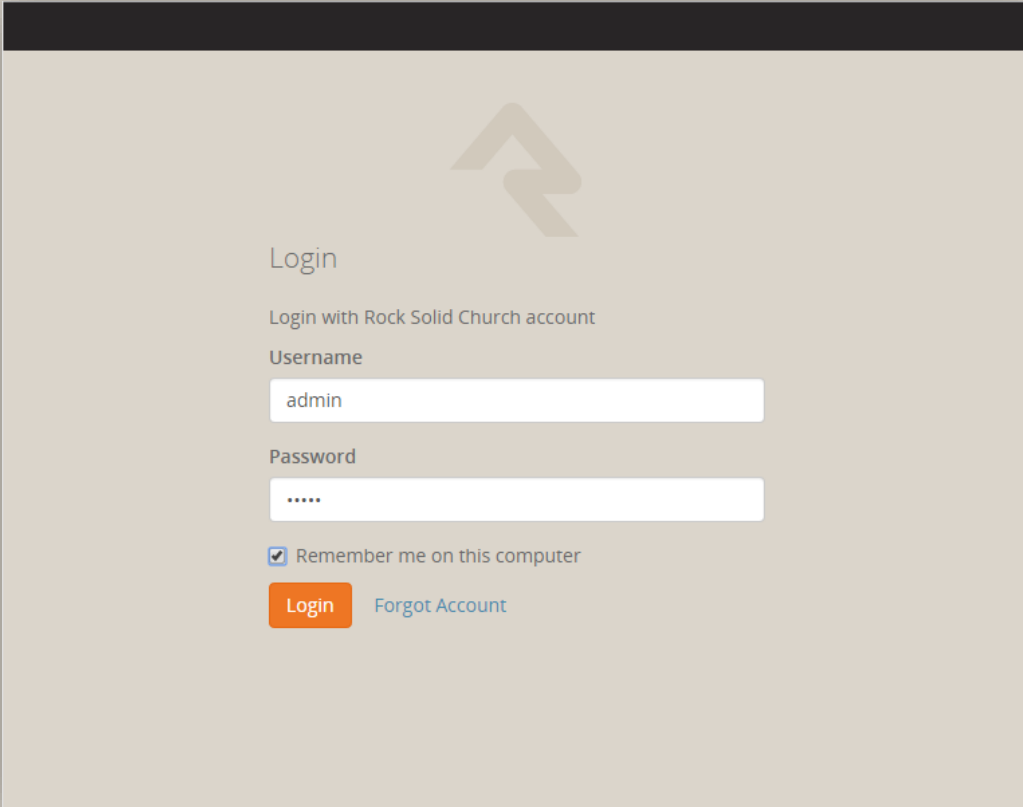
**Tools > NuGet Package Manager >
Manage NuGet Packages for Solution...**





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- Because of the App_Data\Run.Migration file
 - A database is created
 - Schema is added
 - Data is added



The screenshot shows a login interface with a large, faint logo in the background. The text 'Login' is centered above the input fields. Below it, the text 'Login with Rock Solid Church account' is displayed. The 'Username' field contains the text 'admin'. The 'Password' field is masked with dots. A checkbox labeled 'Remember me on this computer' is checked. At the bottom, there is an orange 'Login' button and a blue link for 'Forgot Account'.

Login

Login with Rock Solid Church account

Username

admin

Password

.....

☒ Remember me on this computer

Login [Forgot Account](#)



See Rocksolidchurch.org?

- When you see it or any variation in this tutorial:
 - `org_rocksolidchurch`
 - `org.rocksolidchurch`
 - `_org.rocksolidchurch`
- Replace with your own organization name



Hello World

Getting comfortable in Rock





HelloWorld.ascx

- **Step 1 – Add New Item**
 - Right-click your RockWeb\Plugins\org_rocksolidchurch\
 - Add New Item → Web User Control
- Call it HelloWorld
- Add “Hello World” to the markup (in the .ascx)
- Change from inheritance from System.Web.UI.UserControl to Rock.Web.UI.RockBlock



Register & Add to Page

1. Click Zone Editor 
2. Click the fly-out-toolbar in the Feature Zone 
3. Click the Add button
4. Add your new block (bottom of list; uncategorized)
5. Refresh page





Name ▾



Hello Admin ▾



Hello World

Administrator Checklist

This checklist contains items for the administrator to complete. Once all items are complete it will disappear until new items are available.

☐ Update Your Install



☐ Create Your Account



☐ Setup Location Service



☐ Add Organization Address



☐ Input Google Maps Key



☐ Update Email Templates



Quick Links

[Rock RMS Website](#)

[External Website](#)

Active Internal Users

There are no logged in users on the Rock RMS site.

Active External Users

There are no logged in users on the External Website site.



Fetching Data

Getting familiar with the service layers



StarkList.ascx

- Copy Blocks/Utility/Stark.ascx into your folder & rename it PeopleList.ascx(.cs)
- Change Inherits= "RockWeb.Blocks.Utility.StarkList" to Inherits= "RockWeb.Plugins.org_rocksolidchurch.PeopleList"
- Change the corresponding namespace and class name too
- Change the block attributes

```
[DisplayName( "People List" )]  
[Category( "org_rocksolidchurch > Tutorials" )]  
[Description( "Fetch a bunch of people" )]
```



Markup – Rock:Grid

```
<Rock:Grid ID="gList" runat="server" AllowSorting="true">
  <Columns>
    <asp:BoundField DataField="FullName" HeaderText="Name" SortExpression="FullName" />
    <asp:BoundField DataField="Gender" HeaderText="Gender" SortExpression="Gender" />
    <asp:BoundField DataField="Email" HeaderText="Email" SortExpression="Email" />
  </Columns>
</Rock:Grid>
```



BindGrid()

```
RockContext rockContext = new RockContext();
PersonService personService = new PersonService( rockContext );

var qry = personService.Queryable()
    .Where( p => p.Gender == Gender.Male)
    .Take(10);

gList.DataSource = qry.ToList();
gList.DataBind();
```



People

★ Blank List Block		
Name	Gender	Email
No People Found		
<div></div>		



Volunteers

```
<Rock:Grid ID="gList" runat="server" AllowSorting="true" RowItemText="Volunteer">
  <Columns>
    <asp:BoundField DataField="FullName" HeaderText="Name" SortExpression="FullName" />
    <asp:BoundField DataField="Gender" HeaderText="Gender" SortExpression="Gender" />
    <asp:BoundField DataField="Email" HeaderText="Email" SortExpression="Email" />
  </Columns>
</Rock:Grid>
```



Pluralized

★ Blank List Block		
Name	Gender	Email
No Volunteers Found		
<div></div>		



Sample Data?

- Admin Tools > Power Tools



Configurable

Providing options via Block Attributes



Block Attribute Fields

```
[DisplayName( "People List" )]  
[Category( "org_rocksolidchurch > Tutorials" )]  
[Description( "Fetch a bunch of people" )]  
[CustomRadioListField( "Gender Filter", "Select to list only records for that gender",  
    "Male,Female", required: false )]  
public partial class PeopleList : Rock.Web.UI.RockBlock  
{
```



Use the Attribute Value

```
private void BindGrid()
{
    RockContext rockContext = new RockContext();
    PersonService personService = new PersonService( rockContext );

    var qry = personService.Queryable();

    var genderValue = GetAttributeValue( "GenderFilter" );
    if ( !string.IsNullOrEmpty( genderValue ) )
    {
        var gender = genderValue.ConvertToEnum<Gender>();
        qry = qry.Where( p => p.Gender == gender );
    }

    gList.DataSource = qry.ToList();
    gList.DataBind();
}
```



- AccountField
- AccountsField
- AttributeCategoryField
- AttributeField
- BinaryFileTypeField
- BooleanField
- CampusesField
- CampusField
- CategoryField
- CodeEditorField
- CommunicationTemplateField
- ComparisonField
- ComponentField
- ComponentsField
- ContentChannelField
- CurrencyField
- CustomCheckboxListField
- CustomDropdownListField
- CustomRadioListField
- DateField
- DateRangeField
- DayOfWeekField
- DaysOfWeekField
- DecimalField
- DecimalRangeField
- DefinedTypeField
- DefinedValueField
- EmailField
- EmailTemplateField
- EntityField
- EntityTypeField
- EnumField
- EnumsField
- GroupField
- GroupLocationTypeField
- GroupRoleField
- GroupTypeField
- GroupTypeGroupField
- GroupTypesField
- IntegerField
- IntegerRangeField
- LinkedPage
- LocationField
- MemoField
- MetricCategoriesField
- MetricEntityField
- PersonBadgesField
- PersonField
- RemoteAuthsField
- SchedulesField
- SecurityRoleField
- SiteField
- SlidingDateRangeField
- TextField
- TimeField
- UrlLinkField
- WorkflowActivityType
- WorkflowAttribute
- WorkflowTextOrAttribute
- WorkflowTypeField



OnRowSelected to Known Route

- Markup

```
<Rock:Grid ID="gList" runat="server" AllowSorting="true" RowItemText="Volunteer"  
           DataKeyNames="Id" OnRowSelected="gList_RowSelected">
```

- Code

```
protected void gList_RowSelected( object sender, RowEventArgs e )  
{  
    int personId = (int)e.RowKeyValue;  
    Response.Redirect( string.Format( "~/Person/{0}", personId ), false );  
}
```



To a LinkedPage

- Block Attribute

```
[LinkedPage( "Related Page" )]
```

- Code

```
protected void gList_RowSelected( object sender, RowEventArgs e )  
{  
    NavigateToLinkedPage( "RelatedPage", "PersonId", e.RowKeyId );  
}
```



Access Control

Enabling features based on authorization



Rock.Security.Authorization

- VIEW
- EDIT
- APPROVE
- ADMINISTERATE



IsUserAuthorized()

- Show Add Button

```
if ( IsUserAuthorized( Rock.Security.Authorization.EDIT ) )  
{  
    gList.Actions.ShowAdd = true;  
}
```

- Define and add click handler




```
gList.Actions.AddClick += Actions_AddClick;
```

```
void Actions_AddClick( object sender, EventArgs e )  
{  
    Response.Redirect( "~/NewFamily/" );  
}
```




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The Possibilities Are Endless

Rock is an application framework that you can extend to meet the needs of your ministry. With the right technical abilities, the sky is the limit to what you can do.


If you are interested in developing for Rock during the initial beta period, we recommend you limit your efforts to learning and creating prototypes. Changes are still happening in the foundation which could break your plugin applications. As experienced developers, we do know the frustrations of framework changes that break code, and we are committed to having a stable framework with a consistent API after the initial 1.0 release. Should changes be required after version 1.0, we will be using standard and conservative deprecation practices.

Rock Fundamentals




Start Here and take a quick look at the basic building blocks of Rock.

Design



Learn the design aspects of Rock development.

Code



Learn to build on Rock to meet all your goals through code.

Core Technology

Python 3.6

Python 3.7

Python 3.8

Python 3.9




Python 3.10


Python 3.11



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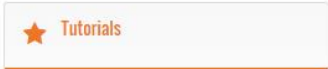

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Make your way through the 101, 202, and 303 of Rock Dev University.





Developer Reference




Useful guides that you'll probably refer to from time to time.






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Have a Question?


Harness the power of the Rock community to get your questions answered. To better serve the community, we have separated the questions into two categories: general use and development.

General Use




Questions on using or administrating Rock.

Community Troubleshooting




Have a problem? Get assistance from others.

Developing




Designing or developing on Rock.

Bugs / Issues






Found or bug or need to report something that doesn't work?

New Idea



Share your ideas for improving Rock.

Rock is a project of the Spark Development Network.





CITRT Sessions

Wednesday

- **Rock Liquid** (1:15 pm)
- **Odata & REST** (2:15 pm)
- **Intro to Rock** (3:30 pm)
- **Rock Extensibility** (4:00 pm)
- **Building Blocks I** (4:30 pm)
- **Cascading Dataviews** (5:00 pm)
- **Rock Dev Env Setup** (7:00 pm)
- **Building Blocks II** (7:30 pm)
- **Importing Data** (8:30 pm)

Thursday

- **Bootstrap & LESS** (1:15 pm – Room B)
- **Rock CMS** (3:30 pm)
- **Rock Security** (4:30 pm)
- **Building Workflows I** (5:00 pm)
- **Dynamic Dataviews** (9:00 pm)
- **Custom WF Actions** (9:30 pm)

All classes are in Room A unless otherwise noted

