# **Coding/API Creation Guidelines Document**

(API/ Standard Coding/ Folder Structure)

### Introduction:

This API creation guidelines document will explain the details of the following items:

- Controllers
- DTO/ Models
- Services
- Repositories
- DB Entities
- Others

## Controllers:

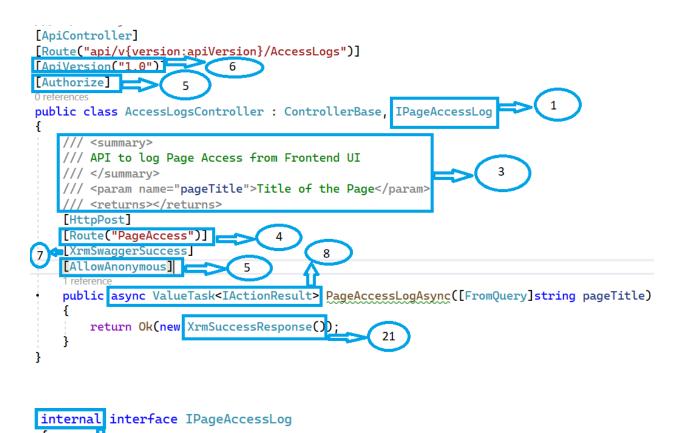
- All Controller should inherit from XrmControllerBase/ XrmGetControllerBase/
  XrmPostControllerBase class, and implement its own interface (should be internal) if API
  endpoint is extended outside of what are there in XrmControllerBase/ XrmGetControllerBase/
  XrmPostControllerBase class.
- 2. All controller **interface** should be internal.
- 3. All API should have XML comment.
- 4. All API should have Route attribute with API name.
- 5. All Controller should have Authorize attribute, if any API required anonymous access then apply AllowAnonymous attribute at API level.
- 6. All Controller API should have ApiVersion attribute as [ApiVersion("1.0")]
- 7. All API should have Custom SwaggerResponse Attribute [Possible API Response]
- 8. All API should be async and have ValueTask<IActionResult> as return type.
- 9. All API should have **HttpMethod** defined.
- 10. All API should return with OkObjectResult if success
- 11. All API should return with BadRequestObjectResult for other responses
- 12. All Data fetching APIs should be HttpGet methods.
- 13. All sensitive data fetch APIs should be HttpPost methods.
- 14. All Data creation APIs should be HttpPost methods.
- 15. All Data Modification APIs should be HttpPut methods.
- 16. All Data Deletion APIs should be HttpDelete methods.
- 17. All APIs that doesn't need Response body should be created as HttpHead method API.
- 18. All Controller should have the route "api/v{version:apiVersion}/{ControllerName}". {ControllerName} should not be the placeholder [Controller].
- 19. All Controller's Interface should be created inside Interfaces>V1 folder
- 20. All controllers should be created inside **Controllers>V1** folder

- 21. All custom Response Types should have prefix "Xrm" and postfix "Response" in its name. e.g. XrmCustomTypeResponse
- 22. All Data Fetch APIs should implement **Paginations**.
- 23. Return only Ok and BadRequest from API wrapping the custom **ResponseTypes**.
- 24. Every API urls in **Gateway** should have a rate limiter.

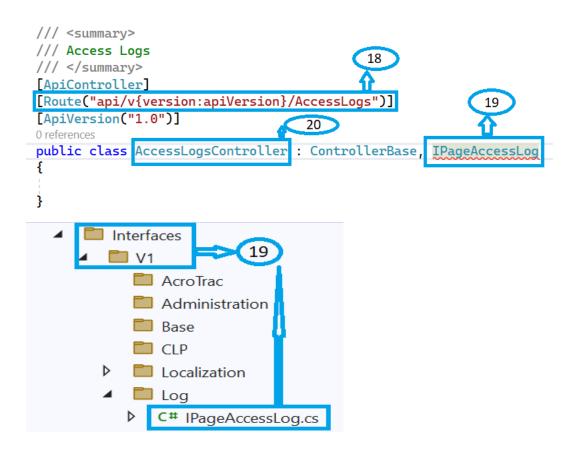
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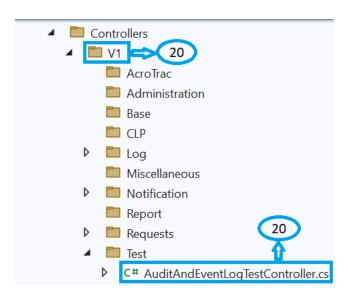
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- 25. API aggregator should be created only if requested from Front End.
- 26. API description should be properly available in **Swagger UI**. All API should have **XML comments** with proper Parameters comment and return type. And also, API should be marked with proper Possible Status Code **SwaggerResponse** Code.



```
[HttpGet]
 [Route("GetCultureInfoTestAsync")]
 [XrmSwaggerSuccess]
 0 references
 public async ValueTask<IActionResult> GetCultureInfoTestAsync(int id)
     if (id == 0) return new BadRequestObjectResult("Invalid Request");
     var result = await _cultureInfoService.GetCultureInfoByIdAsync(id);
     if (result.succeeded)
        return new OkObjectResult(result);
    return new BadRequestObjectResult(result);
                                                      11
 }
[HttpPost]
                  14
public async ValueTask<IActionResult> AddCultureInfoTestAsync()
{
   // code here
[HttpGet] 12
public async ValueTask<IActionResult> GetCultureInfoAsync()
    // code here
[HttpPut] 15
public async ValueTask<IActionResult> UpdateCultureInfoAsync()
{
    // code here
[HttpDelete]
 public async ValueTask<IActionResult> DeleteCultureInfoAsync(int id)
     // code here
```





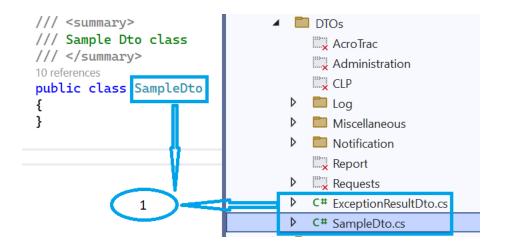
```
public async ValueTask<IActionResult> GetAllAccessLogAsync([FromQuery] string accessLogType, SamplePaginationDto paginationDto)
{
    if (paginationDto != null && (paginationDto.StartIndex < 0 || paginationDto.PageSize < 0))
        return BadRequest(new XrmErrorResponse("Invalid Pagination"));

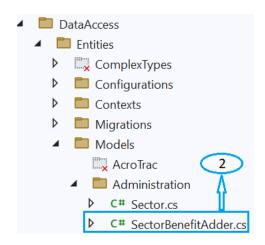
    var result = await _logService.Test(accessLogType, paginationDto: paginationDto);
    if (result.Succeeded)
        return Ok(result);

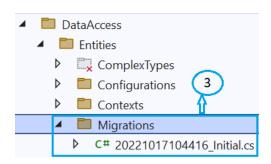
    return BadRequest(result);
}</pre>
```

# Dtos/Models:

- 1. All **DTO** classes should have postfix "**Dto**"
- 2. All Models nullable and non-nullable should be reflected in model class also along with Fluent API. Example: if a string property is nullable then we should write "string?" in model class and in Fluent API "IsRequired(false)". Do not mismatch nullable type i.e. defining nullable in model class and make it non-nullable with Fluent API or vice versa.
- 3. All Models should be created inside DataAccess > Entities > Models
- 4. All Models's Migration file should be created inside DataAccess > Entities > Migrations
- 5. All **Model** class should disable **XML comment** warning with **"#pragma warning disable CS8618, 1591"** just below namespace line.
- 6. All Master data seeding for Model should be created inside **Seeder** folder.
- 7. All **Models** should inherit Entity abstract class. Entity Abstract class has Id and Ukey property.
- 8. All AutoMapper mapping configurations for Module specific Models and DTOs should be done from the specific module folder inside ObjectMapper.
- 9. All DTO data integrity validations should be done inside BusinessLogic's Service class
- 10. All Model data integrity validations should be done inside DataAccess's Repositories class
- 11. All DTO class properties should have proper XML Comment.
- 12. If DTO class property is different from Model's property then proper mapping should be done in AutoMapper with "ForMember" clause.

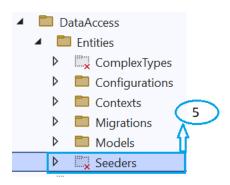


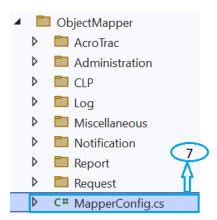




```
#pragma warning disable CS1591 // Missing XML comment for publicly visible type or member
27 references
public class Sector : EntityWithAudit
{
    4 references
    public string SectorName { get; set; }
    1 reference
    public string Address1 { get; set; }
    1 reference
    public string Address2 { get; set; }
    1 reference
    public string City { get; set; }
    1 reference
    public string State { get; set; }
    1 reference
    public string DostalCode { get; set; }
    0 references
    public bool IsBenefitAdder { get; set; }
    3 references
    public virtual ICollection<SectorBenefitAdder> SectorBenefitAdders { get; set; }
}
```

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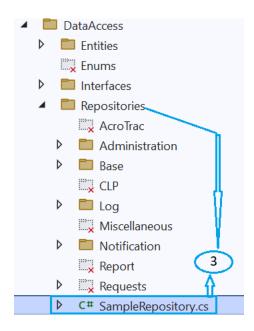
## Services:

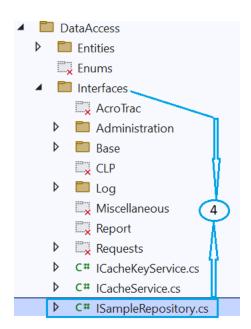
- 1. All service should implement its own **interface**.
- 2. All Services should handle error with try catch block.
- 3. All Services should return an instance of XrmInternalServerErrorResponse from **catch** block and provide exception as parameter.
- 4. All services should have return type as **Xrm Custom ResponseTypes**. If multiple response types are required from within the same service, then use parent ResponseBase class as return type.
- 5. Any services which will be/ could be used in multiple projects should be created inside Services folder in **CommonUtilities** project.
- 6. All services for specific modules should be created inside Services of BusinessLogic folder
- 7. All Interfaces for specific module services should be created inside Interfaces of **BusinessLogic** folder
- 8. All classes (including Controller), interface, methods, properties, enum, struct should have XML comment properly defined with parameter description except for Entity Model class, Migration class file.

# Repositories:

- 1. All repository should implement its own interface.
- 2. All repo should implement generic IRepository.
- 3. All Repositories should be created inside Repositories folder of DataAccess folder.
- 4. All Repository's Interfaces should be created inside Interfaces folder of DataAccess folder
- 5. All CRUD operations should be done through **Generic Repository**.

```
/// <summary>
/// Definition of all the methods of access log repository
/// </summary>
1 reference
public class AccessLogRepository : Repository<AccessLog>, IAccessLogRepository
{
    /// <inheritdoc/>
7 references
public class Repository<T> : IRepository<T> where T : class
{
    ///
```





## **DB** Entities:

- All DbContext related changes should be done inside the specific module's DbContext file located inside DataAccess > Entities > Contexts
- 2. All Module related **Model's** Metadata configuration should be done from inside the specific module configuration folder **DataAccess > Entities > Configurations > [Module Folder]**
- All complex return types of Stored Procedure should be created inside DataAccess > Entities >
   ComplexTypes folder.
- 4. No instance of **DbContext** will be created outside Repositories classes.

- All Stored Procedure, Views, Functions, or any other Database objects should be created through Entity Framework Migration file. Direct creation of database object through SQL Management Studio is NOT allowed.
- 6. Deletion of **MigrationHistory** data is prohibited.
- 7. Never access database/ DbContext from the BusinessLayer/ Service Layer. Database manipulation should only be done at Repository Layer.

# Migration:

- 1. Before running add-migration command, we should always checkout migration snapshot file (e.g. **XRMDbContextModelSnapshot.cs** for XRMDbCOntext). THIS IS MANDATORY.
- 2. Always make sure to provide Migration file path in **add-migration** command along with dbcontext.

E.g.

add-migration <MigrationFileName> -Context XrmDbContext -o
DataAccess/Entities/Migrations

- 3. Migration File Name should be kept as short as possible. Avoid giving long migration file name.
- 4. If running migration on "EmailService", "LocalizationService", & "LoggingService" then make sure that update-database command has the database connection string attribute (Connection).

#### Example:

```
update-database -Context AuthDbContext -Connection
"Server=172.16.0.18\\SQL2017,1434; Database=XRMv2_Common;
Trusted_Connection=True; MultipleActiveResultSets=True;
TrustServerCertificate=True;"
```

5. If migration needs to be rollback then follow the below steps:

a.

If you have DateTime field (like CreatedOn) that needs to be added while writing Seeder file then do not use DateTime. Now to set the value instead give a hard coded value like "new DateTime(2023, 1, 15, 0, 0, 0)". This will prevent your seeder from being included on other's migration file.

### Other Guidelines:

- 1. All internal class should have **protected constructor**.
- 2. All private variable initialized in the **constructor** should be marked as readonly.
- 3. All classes that are not to be used outside the assembly should be marked as internal.
- 4. All methods that are not to be used outside the class by its instance should be marked as **private**.
- 5. All **internal** methods should be marked as **private**.
- 6. All **CS files** should not contain any unused namespace.
- 7. All **CS files** should not have Commented Code unless approved by **Leads**.
- 8. All framework-based files should never be modified without approval from **Framework Team/ Technical Managers**.
- 9. All framework-based files are closed for modification.

- 10. No **NuGet Packages** or **.NET Framework** should be upgraded or installed without approval from **Technical Managers**.
- 11. **Bin** and **Obj** folder should never be part of **Source Control** and should never be checked in.
- 12. No Check-in should be done without Comment and Associating WorkItem (Tasks/ User Stories)
- 13. Project References has already been added as per required. If new reference is needed, prior approval needs to be taken from **Technical Managers**.
- 14. Proper Unit Testing should be done through **Postman**.
- 15. All IDE should have SonarLint extension installed.
- 16. All warnings in each file should be address before check-in. If not able to resolved from developer's end should escalate to Technical Lead/ Technical Manager/ COE Team in the same order.
- 17. All naming conventions should be in **Pascal** case.
- 18. Use PascalCasing for class names and method names.
- 19. Use Camel Casing for local variables and method arguments.
- 20. All Extension methods/class/ file should be created inside Extensions folder
- 21. All Extension class/ file name should have postfix "Extension".
- 22. All Filters method should be created inside Filters folder
- 23. All Enums should be created inside Enums folder
- 24. All **Middleware** should be created inside **Middlewares** folder
- 25. All Middleware class/ file name should have postfix "Middleware".
- 26. Any new Project should be created inside **SRC** folder.
- 27. Any **Dependency Injection** of classes should be done from specific module DI file located inside the **DIRegistration** Folder.
- 28. All validators for specific **service/module** should be created inside validators of **BusinessLogic** folder
- 29. All Domain related logics and requirements should be done inside BusinessLogic's Service class.
- 30. All Security Checklist should be followed.
- 31. Used object should be disposed if applicable, It can be handled using implementation of IDisposable and used as "Using".
- 32. After any **check-in** done, developer must validate from peers after get latest to ensure there is no project compilation error. It often happens when check-in done, developer who **checked-in** the code everything work fine to there system, but it generate errors to others after getting latest file due to partial check-in or missing references, etc.
- 33. All Date format for model properties should be in datetime2 data type.
- 34. All String format for model properties should be in nvarchar data type.
- 35. A class should have only one responsibility.
- 36. A method should have only one responsibility.
- 37. All Entity Configuration class for **Fluent API** should be created inside "**Configuration**" of "**Entities**" folder within **DataAccessLayer**.
- 38. All Entity Configuration class/ file name for **Fluent API** should have postfix "**Metadata**".
- 39. Do not write comments for every line of code and every variable declared.
- 40. Use // or /// for comments. Avoid using /\* ... \*/
- 41. If you have to use some complex or weird logic for any reason, document it very well with sufficient comments.

```
42. Avoid using else conditions.
   //Bad
   public void Test(Test test) {
     if (test == null) {
       throw new ArgumentNullException(nameof(test));
     } else {
       //Do something
   }
   //Good
    public void Test(Test test) {
     if (test == null)
       throw new ArgumentNullException(nameof(test));
      //Do something
   }
   //Bad
    public Result Test(SomeEnum someEnum) {
     if (someEnum == SomeEnum.A) {
       //Do something
     } else {
       //Do the Other thing
     }
   }
   //Good
   public Result Test(SomeEnum someEnum) {
     return someEnum switch {
       SomeEnum.A => DoSomething(),
        SomeEnum.B => DoTheOtherThing(),
        _ => throw new NotImplementedException()
     };
     Result DoSomething() { }
     Result DoTheOtherThing() { }
   }
```

- 43. Use LINQ expression everyever possible for querying Collection (List/ Collection/ IEnumerable)
- 44. A line of code should not exceed half the screen. This makes it easier to read and you can have two files open in a split-screen, without missing some code.

- 45. Global **Usings** and **File-Scoped Namespaces**. In **C# 10** you now have the possibility to use file-scoped namespaces and global usings.
- 46. Do not use **Hungarian** notation or any other type of identification in identifiers:

```
// Correct
int counter;
string name;
```

## // Avoid

int iCounter;
string strName;

47. Do not use **Screaming Caps** for constants or readonly variables:

```
// Correct
```

public static const string ShippingType = "DropShip";

## // Avoid

public static const string SHIPPINGTYPE = "DropShip";

48. Avoid using Abbreviations except for commonly used names such as Id, Ukey, Xrm, Uri, Xml.

### // Correct

UserGroup userGroup;

Assignment employeeAssignment;

## // Avoid

UserGroup usrGrp;

Assignment empAssignment;

- 49. Do not use **Underscores** in identifiers.
- 50. Use predefined type names instead of system type names like Int16, Single, UInt64, etc.

Consistent with the Microsoft's .NET Framework. It makes code more natural to read.

### // Correct

string firstName;

int lastIndex;

bool isSaved;

### // Avoid

String firstName; Int32 lastIndex;

Boolean isSaved;

51. Use implicit type var for local variable declarations. Exception: **primitive types (int, string, double, etc)** use predefined names.

```
var stream = File.Create(path);
var customers = new Dictionary();
```

```
// Exceptions
int index = 100;
```

```
string timeSheet;
bool isCompleted;
```

- 52. **Prefix** interfaces with the letter **I**. Interface names are noun (phrases) or adjectives.
- 53. Do name source files according to their main classes. Exception: file names with partial classes reflect their source or purpose, e.g. designer, generated, etc.
- 54. Do vertically align curly brackets.

```
// Correct
```

```
class Program
{
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
     }
}
```

55. Do declare all member variables at the top of a class, with static variables at the very top.

```
// Correct
```

```
public class Account
{
   public static string BankName;
   public static decimal Reserves;

public string Number {get; set;}
   public DateTime DateOpened {get; set;}
   public DateTime DateClosed {get; set;}
   public decimal Balance {get; set;}

// Constructor
   public Account()
   {
      // ...
   }
}
```

- 56. Do not use suffix enum names with **Enum**.
- 57. Always declare the variables as close as possible to their use.
- 58. Always separate the methods, different sections of program by one space.
- 59. Write only one statement per line.
- 60. Write only one declaration per line.
- 61. Use one of the concise forms of object instantiation, as shown in the following declaration.

```
ExampleClass instance2 = new();
```

Or

- 62. Do not use variable names that resemble keywords or existing .NET Framework classes.
- 63. Prefix boolean variables, properties and methods with "is" or similar prefixes.
- 64. Method name should tell what it does. Do not use mis-leading names. If the method name is obvious, there is no need of documentation explaining what the method does.

```
Good:
void SavePhoneNumber (string phoneNumber)
{
// Save the phone number.
}

Not Good:
// This method will save the phone number.
void SaveDetails (string phoneNumber)
{
// Save the phone number.
}
```

65. A method should do only **'one job'**. Do not combine more than one job in a single method, even if those jobs are very small.

#### Good:

## **Not Good:**

66. Do not hardcode numbers. Use constants instead. Declare constant in the top of the file and use it in your code. However, using constants are also not recommended. You should use the constants in the config file or database so that you can change it later. Declare them as constants only if you are sure this value will never need to be changed. Use Enum wherever required. Do not use numbers or strings to indicate discrete values.

## Good:

```
enum MailType
{
      Html,
      PlainText,
      Attachment
}
void SendMail (string message, MailType mailType)
      switch (mailType)
      {
            case MailType.Html:
                   // Do something
                   break;
            case MailType.PlainText:
                   // Do something
                   break;
            case MailType.Attachment:
                   // Do something
                   break;
            default:
                   // Do something
                   break;
```

```
}
```

#### Not Good:

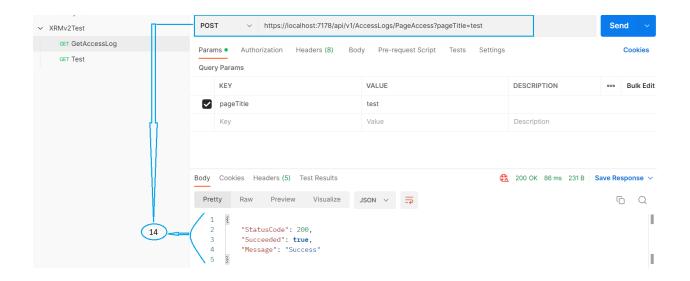
- 67. Never hardcode a path or drive name in code. Get the application path programmatically and use relative path.
- 68. Do not have more than one class in a single file.
- 69. Avoid writing very long methods. A method should typically have **1~30 lines of code**. If a method has more than **30 lines of code**, you must consider re factoring into separate methods.
- 70. Avoid having very large files. If a single file has more than **1000 lines of code**, it is a good candidate for refactoring. Split them logically into two or more classes.
- 71. Avoid passing too many parameters to a method. If you have more than **2~5 parameters**, it is a good candidate to define a class or structure.
- 72. If you have a method returning a collection, return an empty collection instead of NULL, if you have no data to return.
- 73. Use StringBuilder class instead of String when you must manipulate string objects in a loop.
- 74. Wherever possible, catch only the specific exception, not generic exception.
- 75. When you re throw an exception, use the throw statement without specifying the original exception. This way, the original call stack is preserved.
- 76. All sensitive data should be using Encryption & Decryption.
- 77. All API should use https
- 78. A non-Nullable bool or int should not have default value in metadata. If wished to have default value true/false for bool field and any numeric value for int then that field should be nullable.

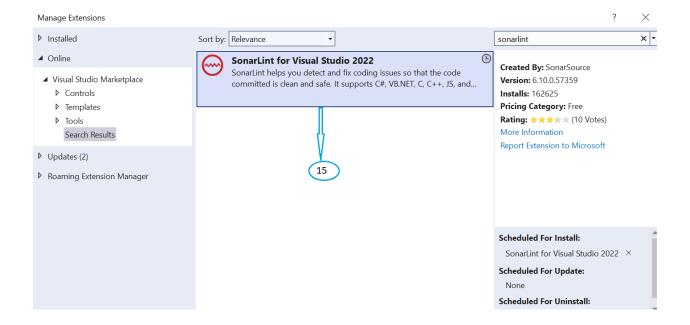
- 79. Do not add unnecessary two way Navigation property while creating model. Always go for One way unless you are sure that you need ICollection navigation property from the parent table.
- 80. Always check if your navigation property has circular reference/link. your navigation property from where it is generating should not be linked back from the parent table in any way through other navigation property. E.g. ReqLibrary to LaborCategory to JobCategory to ReqLibrary.
- 81. If circular reference is unavoidable then always have OnDelete(DeletionBehaviour.NoAction) while defining relationship in metadata file. DeletionBehaviour.Cascade should not be used in such scenarios.

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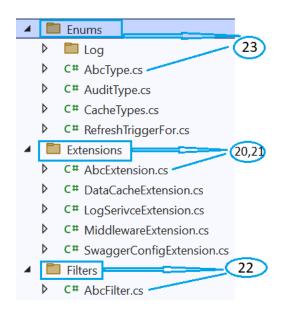
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internal class AcroTracMetadata
                                                   3
    0 references
    protected AcroTracMetadata(){}
    /// <summary>
    /// Configure Acrotrac module related tables.
    /// </summary>
    /// <param name="modelBuilder">An instance of ModelBuilder</param>
    1 reference
    public static void Configure(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
        // Method intentionally left empty.
                                                        4
    private string test(string timeInterval)
        return timeInterval;
}
public class TestController : ControllerBase
   private readonly ISampleService _sampleService;
   public TestController(ISampleService sampleService)
        sampleService = sampleService;
```

```
_using APIService.DataAccess.Entities.Models.Base;
using System.Text;
                                                                        6
namespace APIService.DataAccess.Entities.Models.Administration
 #pragma warning disable CS8618, 1591 // Missing XML comment for publicly visible type or member
     public class Sector : EntityWithAudit
         //public string Id { get; set; }
         4 references
         public string SectorName { get; set; }
          1 reference
         public string Address1 { get; set; }
         public string Address2 { get; set; }
         1 reference
         public string City { get; set; }
          1 reference
         public string State { get; set; }
         public string PostalCode { get; set; }
         public bool IsBenefitAdder { get; set; }
         public virtual ICollection<SectorBenefitAdder> SectorBenefitAdders { get; set; }
 pragma warning restore CS8618,1591 // Missing XML comment for publicly visible type or member
 }
```



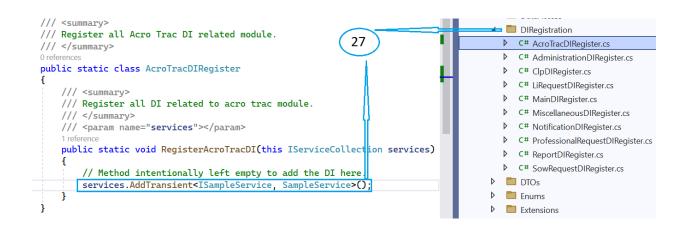


```
/// <summary>
/// Test Service
/// </summary>
0 references
public class TestService
                                               18
    /// <summary>
    /// Test mehtod
    /// </summary>
    /// <param name="testValue"></param>
    /// <returns></returns>
    0 references
    private string Test(int testValue)
                                              19
    {
        return testValue.ToString();
```









```
BusinessLogic
     Enums
     Interfaces
     Services
                       28
     ■ Validators
public class TestService: IDisposable
                                                   31
    private readonly IDisposable _objDispose;
    public TestService()
    {
     // Initialize here
                                        31
    1 reference
    public void Dispose()
        _objDispose.Dispose();
    }
    0 references
    public void Test1()
         using (var testService = new TestService())
             //Any business logic code here
             testService.Dispose();
```

```
public static class AbcLogMetadata
                                                                                                              Dependencies
                                                                                                            ▲ □ Configurations
    /// <summary>
                                                                            37
                                                                                                                 C# AbcLogMetadata.cs
    /// Define test log model configuration
    /// </summary>
    /// <param name="modelBuilder"></param>
    public static void TestConfigure(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
                                                                        34
        modelBuilder.Entity<AccessLog>(entity =>
            entity.HasIndex(x => x.Ukey).IsUnique();
            entity.Property(x => x.DeviceType).HasColumnType('nvarchar(20)").IsRequired(true);
            entity.Property(x => x.LogInTime).HasColumnType("datetime2").IsRequired(false);
       }).HasDefaultSchema("log");
                                                                  33
```