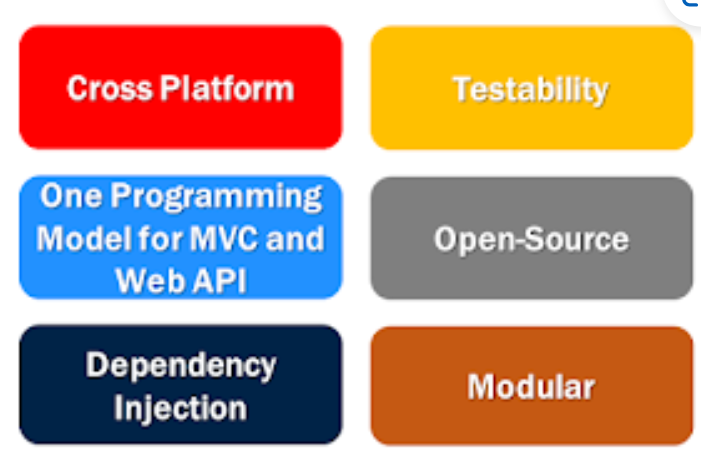
# ASP.NET CORE

## WHAT IS ASP.NET CORE?

* ASP.NET Core is a cross-platform, high-performance, open-source framework for building modern, cloud based, Internet-connected applications
* ASP.NET Core is a redesign of ASP.NET 4.x

## ASP.NET CORE BENEFITS AND FEATURES

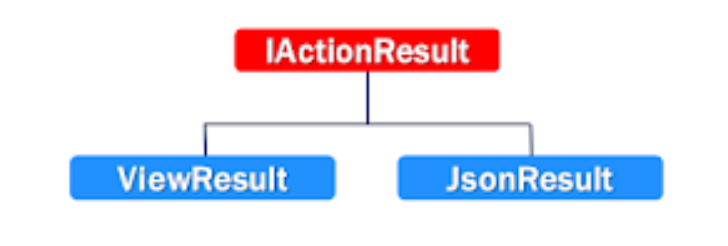


### CROSS PLATFORM:

1. ASP.NET Core applications can be developed and run across different platforms like Windows, MacOS, Linux
2. ASP.NET Core applications can be hosted on IIS, Apache, Docker, Self-host in your own process

### One Unified Programming Model for MVC and Web API:

Both the MVC Controller class and the ASP.NET Web API Controller class inherit from the same 'Controller' base class and returns 'IActionResult'



### Modular:

* ASP.NET Core Provides Modularity with Middleware Components
* Both the request and response pipelines are composed using the middleware components
* Rich set of built-in middleware components are provided out of the box
* Custom Middleware Components can also be created

## ASP.NET Core Project File

### TargetFramework

* Specifies the target framework for the application
* To specify a target framework we use Target Framework Moniker (TFM)



In our case the TFM is **netcoreapp3.1**

### AspNetCoreHostingModel

* Specifies how the application should be hosted
* InProcess or OutOfProcess
* InProcess hosts the app inside of the IIS worker process(w3wp.exe)
* OutOfProcess hosting model forward web requests to a backend ASP.NET Core app running the Kestrel Server

# Main Method in ASP.NET Core

* A Console application usually has a **Main()** method
* Why do we have a **Main()** method in ASP.NET Core web application
* ASP.NET Core application initially starts as a Console application and the **Main()** method of Program.cs class is the entry point



* This **Main()** method configures ASP.NET Core and starts it and at that point it becomes an ASP.NET Core web application

# ASP.NET Core InProcess Hosting

## Some of the Tasks that CreateDefaultBuilder() performs

* Setting up the web server
* Loading the host and application configuration from various configuration sources and
* Configuring logging

## An ASP.NET core application can be hosted

* InProcess or
* OutOfProcess

### To configure InProcess hosting



#### With InProcess

* Application is hosted inside the IIS worker process
* There is only one web server
* From a performance standpoint, InProcess hosting is better than OutOfProcess hosting



CreateDefaultBuilder() method calls UseIIS() method and host the app inside of the IIS worker process (w3wp.exe or iisexpress.exe)



ASP.NET application when run from CLI and **InProcess** hosting is configured than kestrel is used as the web server as shown below:





InProcess hosting delivers significantly higher request throughput than OutOfProcess hosting

### With OutOfProcess hosting

* 2 Web Servers – Internal and External Web Server
* The internal web server is Kestral
* The external web server can be IIS, Nginx, Apache

## What is Kestral

* Cross-Platform Web Server for ASP.NET Core
* Kestral can be used, by itself as an edge server
* The process used to host the app is dotnet.exe

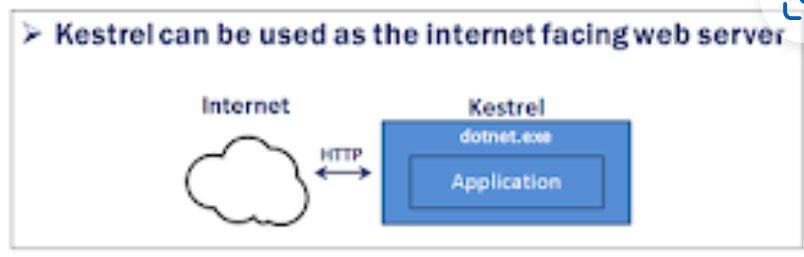
# ASP.NET Core OutOfProcess Hosting

## To configure OutOfProcess hosting

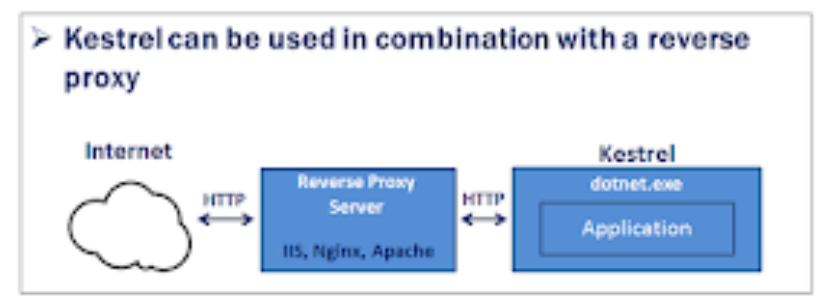
We can either set AspNetCoreHostingModel to **OutOfProcess** or remove the AspNetCoreHostingModel, application uses OutOfProcess hosting by default



When application is run from CLI and OutOfProcess hosting is configured the Kestral server is used as edge server as shown below



Another way Kestral can be used in combination with a reverse proxy server, where Kestral is not facing the internet, it’s the Reverse Proxy server that takes the incoming http request and forwards it to the Kestral server that is hosting and running our ASP.NET Core application



A **Reverse Proxy Server**  such as IIS, Nginx etc. provides an additional layer of configuration and security, it might integrate better with our existing infrastructure and can also be used for load balancing.

