

# Improvements to MVC, Razor Pages, and ASP.NET Tooling

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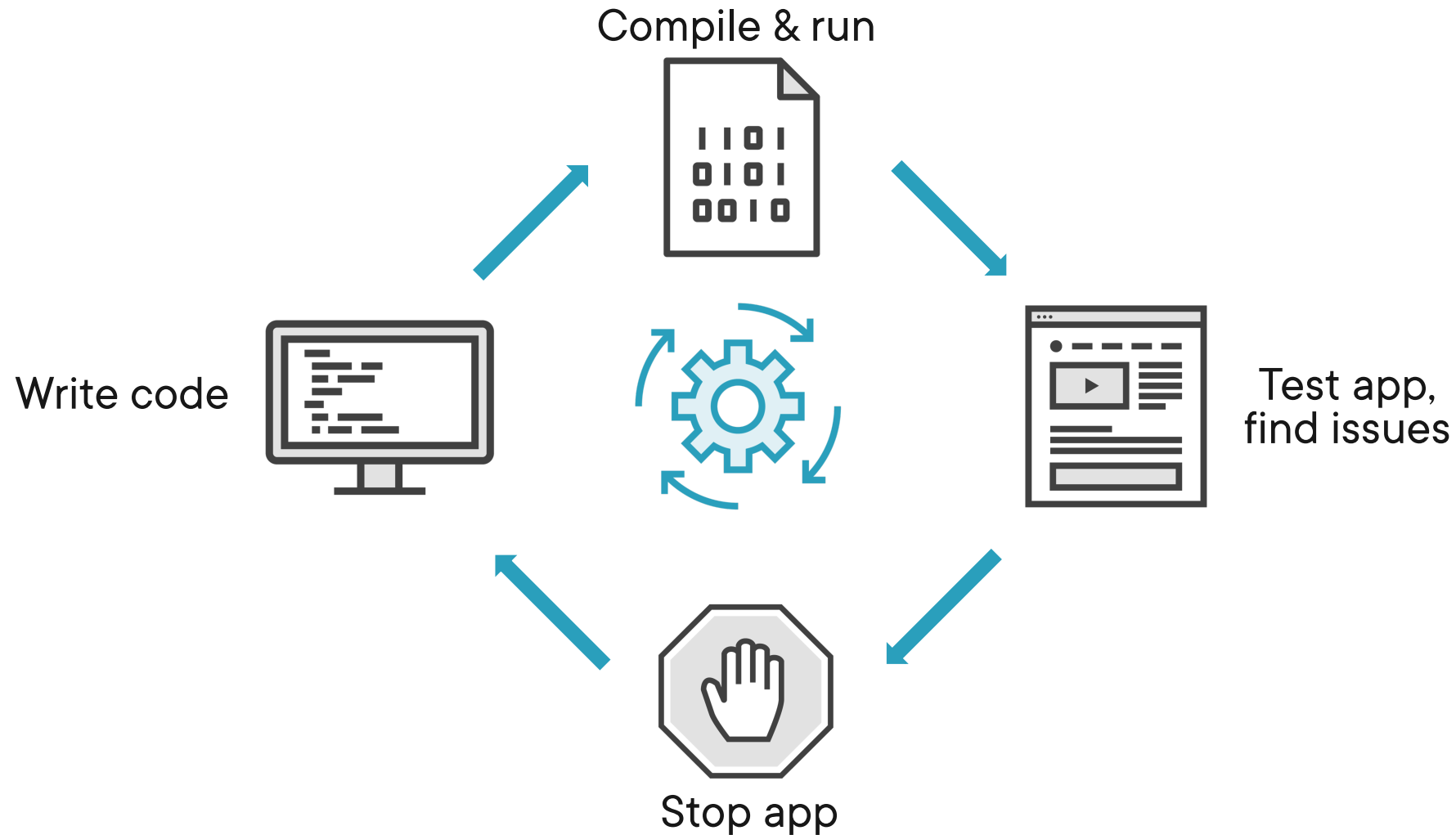
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# Introducing Hot Reload



# .NET Development Workflow Challenges



# Existing Options for Live Code Edits

## **Edit and Continue**

**Limited live changes while debugging**

## **dotnet watch**

**Monitors the project for file changes and recompiles**



# Benefits of Hot Reload

**Detects changes  
while the app is  
running**

**Applies updated  
assemblies to the  
current process**

**Maintains  
application state  
between changes**



# Visual Studio 2022 Tooling Features

**64-bit  
performance**

**Improved  
intellisense**

**New syntax  
shortcuts**

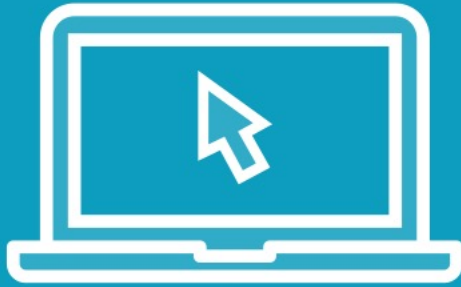
**Improved Git  
integration**

**New ASP.NET  
project templates**

**Updated SPA  
templates**



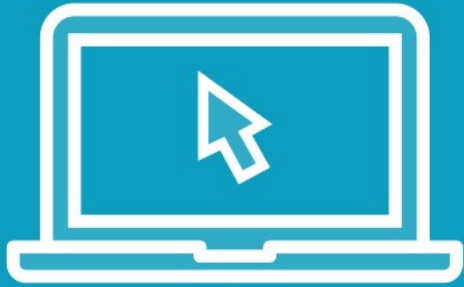
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## Exploring Hot Reload with Visual Studio



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## Exploring Hot Reload via the Command Line





# Improvements to Razor Pages, MVC & Web API

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# CSS Isolation

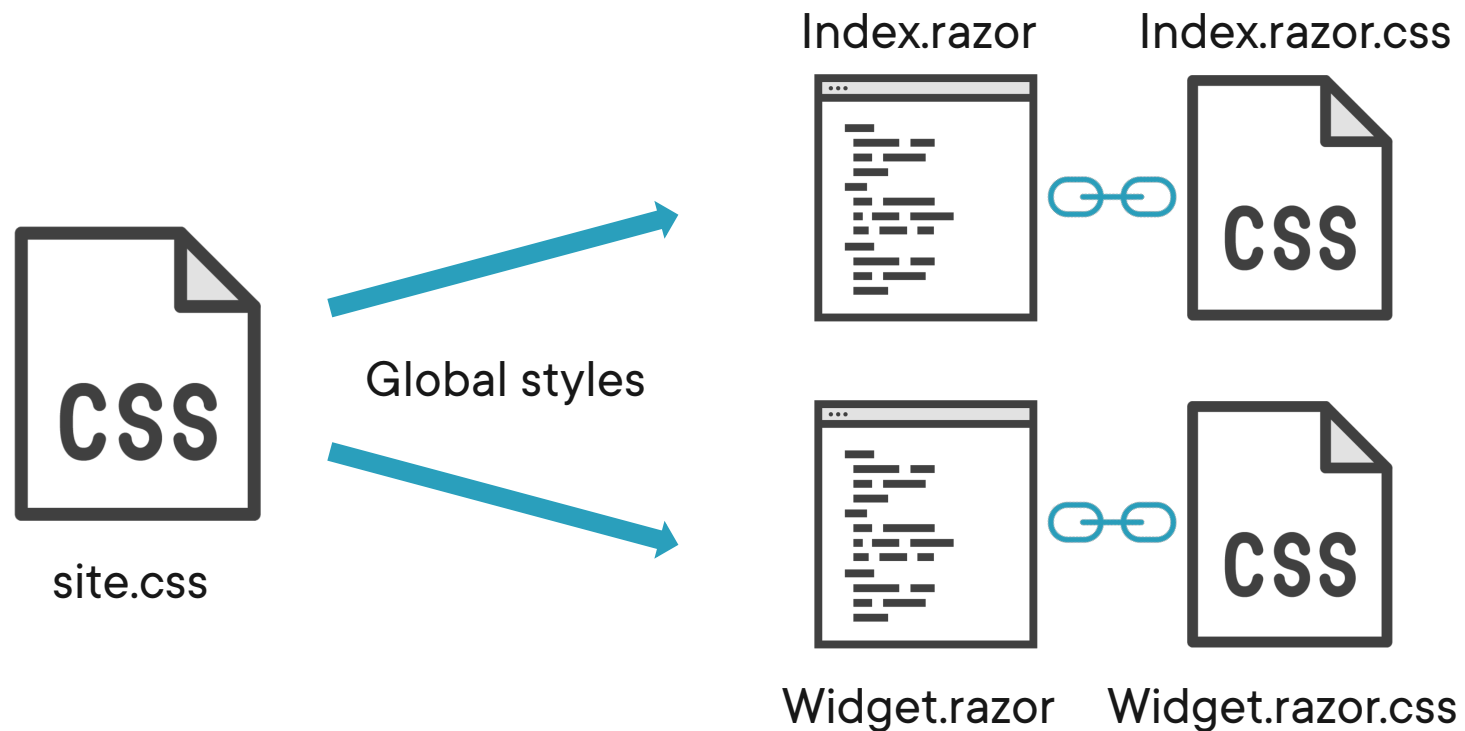
**A CSS pattern that keeps styles scoped to a single page or component.**



# Traditional CSS Structure



# Leveraging CSS Isolation



# HTTP Logging in ASP.NET Core 6.0

## Program.cs

```
app.UseHttpLogging();  
builder.Services.AddHttpLogging(options =>  
{  
    options.LoggingFields = HttpLoggingFields.All;  
    options.RequestHeaders.Add("Custom Header");  
    options.ResponseHeaders.Add("Custom Header");  
});
```

Http Logging Middleware

Logging configuration  
options using  
HttpLoggingOptions type

# Miscellaneous Improvements

## **Razor Compiler**

**Improved internals & performance, unified assemblies**

## **Razor Components**

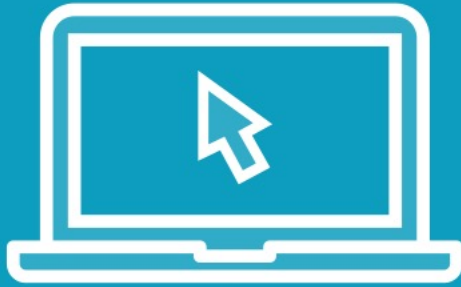
**Now support optional parameters, improved async options**

## **HTTP Headers**

**Simplified techniques for getting and setting HTTP Headers**



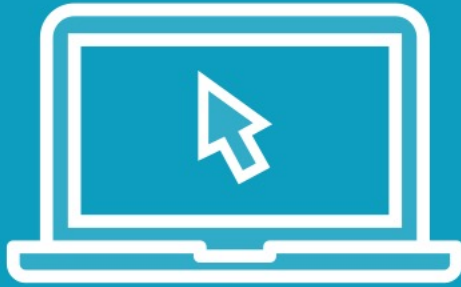
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## Applying CSS isolation with Razor Pages



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## Improving HTTP logging





# Understanding C# 10 Essential Features

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# A Note About C#

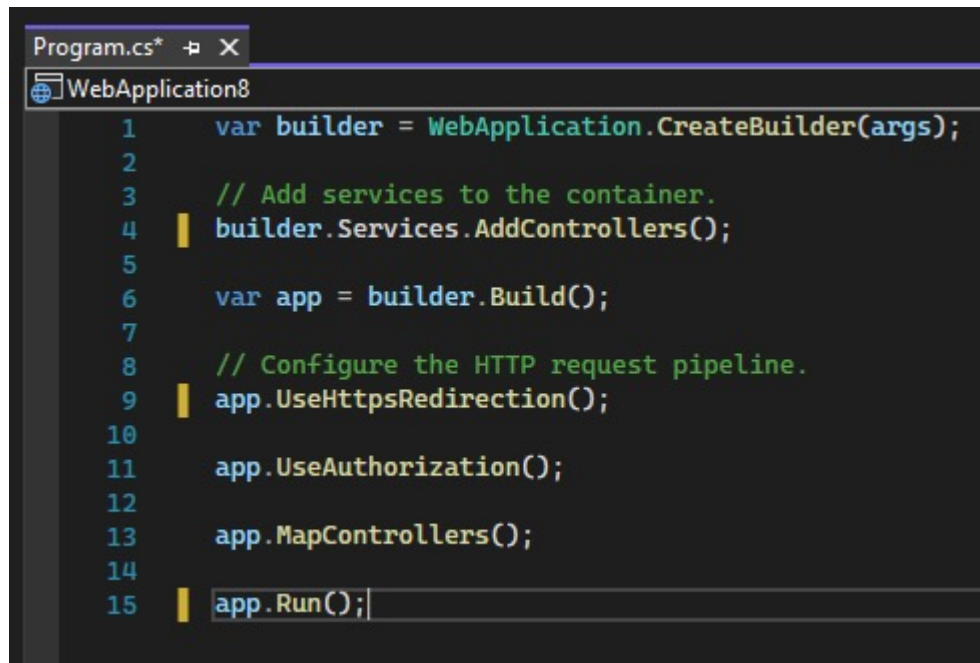
Many new features added in recent versions

We'll cover relevant essentials



# Understanding Top Level Statements

Main()

A screenshot of a code editor window titled 'Program.cs\*' with a 'WebApplication8' icon. The code is written in C# and represents the Main() method. It consists of 15 lines of code, with line numbers 1 through 15 visible on the left. The code starts with 'var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);', followed by a comment '// Add services to the container.' and 'builder.Services.AddControllers();'. Then it declares 'var app = builder.Build();', followed by a comment '// Configure the HTTP request pipeline.' and 'app.UseHttpsRedirection();'. Next is 'app.UseAuthorization();', then 'app.MapControllers();', and finally 'app.Run();' which is currently selected with a cursor.

```
1 var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
2
3 // Add services to the container.
4 builder.Services.AddControllers();
5
6 var app = builder.Build();
7
8 // Configure the HTTP request pipeline.
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11 app.UseAuthorization();
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13 app.MapControllers();
14
15 app.Run();
```

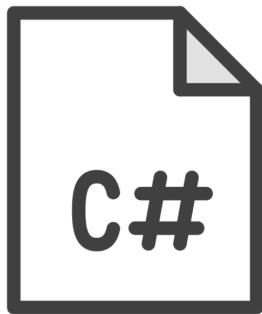
Written at the root of the file

No visible namespaces or wrapper methods



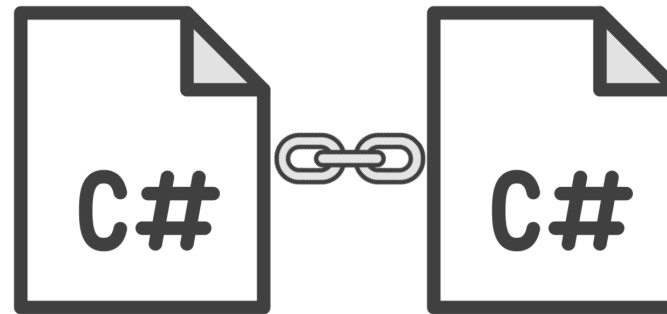
# A Unified Program File

ASP.NET Core 6.0



Program.cs

ASP.NET Core 5.0



Program.cs

Startup.cs

(still works in 6.0)



# Global Using Statements

## Globals.cs

```
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;  
global using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;  
global using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer;  
global using System.Text;
```

Use the `global` keyword to apply a using statement to your entire project

Global usings can be centralized in one file, or distributed across many

# Example Implicit Using Sets

## Console app

```
System
System.Collections.Generic
System.IO
System.Linq
System.Net.Http
System.Threading
System.Threading.Tasks
```

## Web app

```
System.Net.Http.Json
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Builder
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Hosting
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Http
Microsoft.AspNetCore.Routing
Microsoft.Extensions.Configuration
Microsoft.Extensions.DependencyInjection
Microsoft.Extensions.Hosting
Microsoft.Extensions.Logging
```

Remember, these features are  
all optional.



## Other C# 10 features

**Null parameter checks**

**File namespaces**

**Record structs**

**Lambda improvements**

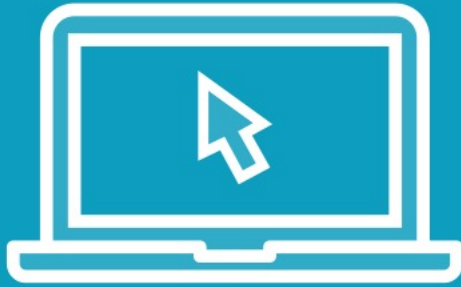
**String interpolation enhancements**

**Many others!**





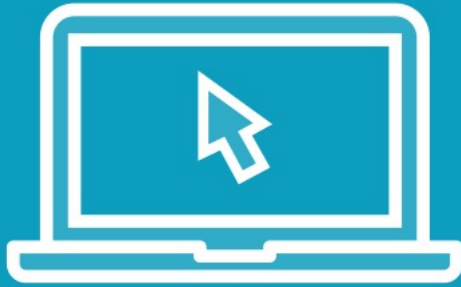
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## Exploring Visual Studio project changes



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## Understanding SPA template improvements



## Overview/ Summary



- Hot Reload allows us to make live edits to our running applications
- Hot Reload works in Visual Studio as well as via the command line
- Razor Pages and Views now support CSS isolation
- HTTP Logging can be used to easily view request traffic
- Getting and setting HTTP Request and Response headers is now simpler
- ASP.NET templates in Visual Studio utilize new platform and language features
- SPA templates have also been updated with more modern versions and patterns

