

Tutorial for Class number 4

This exercise intends to complement the previous tutorial (Tutorial_Class4) adding a relational class model to the project. The application will continue to allow to perform CRUD operations without having to write SQL. The database system operations will be supported by **Entity Framework Core** and generated by the process **Code First**.

This tutorial also follows the "ASP.NET Core MVC with EF Core - tutorial series"

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/data/ef-mvc/?view=aspnetcore-8.0>

First step

- Open the solution of previous class (Class03)
- Add a new class named **Course** to **Models** folder in project with the next content.

```
public class Course
{
    public int Id { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Required field")]
    [StringLength(50, MinimumLength = 3, ErrorMessage = "{0} must be between {2} and {1}")]
    public string? Name { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Required field")]
    [StringLength(256, ErrorMessage = "length can not exceed {1} characters")]
    public string? Description { get; set; }

    public int Credits { get; set; }

    [DataType(DataType.Currency)]
    [Column(TypeName = "money")]
    public Decimal Cost { get; set; }

    public Boolean State { get; set; }

    public int CategoryId { get; set; }

    public Category? Category { get; set; }
}
```

This class intends to represent a **Course** entity in a Database system.

This class has a field that represents the **Category** of the course, which is one of existing items in the Categories table. This is the FOREIGN KEY concept of the relational databases. The foreign key and navigation properties in the Course entity reflects the following relationships:

- A **Category** is assigned to one **Course**, so there's a **CategoryId** foreign key and a **Category** navigation property.

The **Column** attribute is used to change SQL data type mapping so that the column will be defined using the SQL Server money type in the database.

- Now we need to change the Category class to represent that one Category must have multiple Courses. A **Category** may have **many** courses, so there's a **Courses navigation property**

```
public class Category
{
    [Key]
    //[DatabaseGenerated(DatabaseGeneratedOption.None)]
    public int Id { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Required field")]
    [StringLength(50, MinimumLength = 3, ErrorMessage = "{0} length must be between {2} and {1}")]
    public string? Name { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Required field")]
    [MaxLength(256, ErrorMessage = "{0} length can not exceed {1} characters")]
    public string? Description { get; set; }

    [DisplayName("Creation Date")]
    public DateTime Date { get; set; } = DateTime.Now;

    public Boolean State { get; set; } = true; //default value

    public ICollection<Course>? Courses { get; set; }
}
```

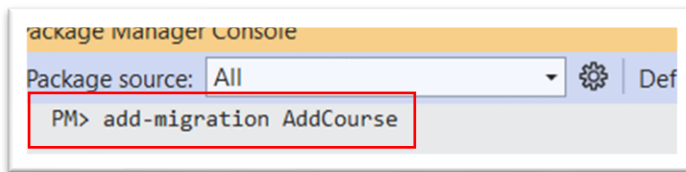
- Now we need to add the class Course to the Data Context:

```
public class Class03Context : DbContext
{
    public Class03Context(DbContextOptions<Class03Context> options)
        : base(options)
    {
    }

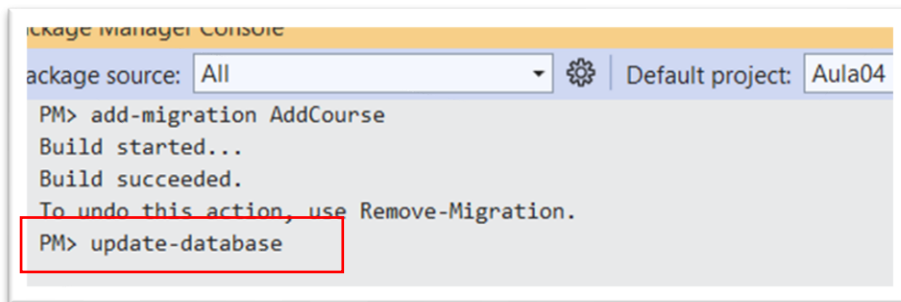
    public DbSet<Class03.Models.Category> Category { get; set; } = default!;

    public DbSet<Class03.Models.Course> Course { get; set; }
}
```

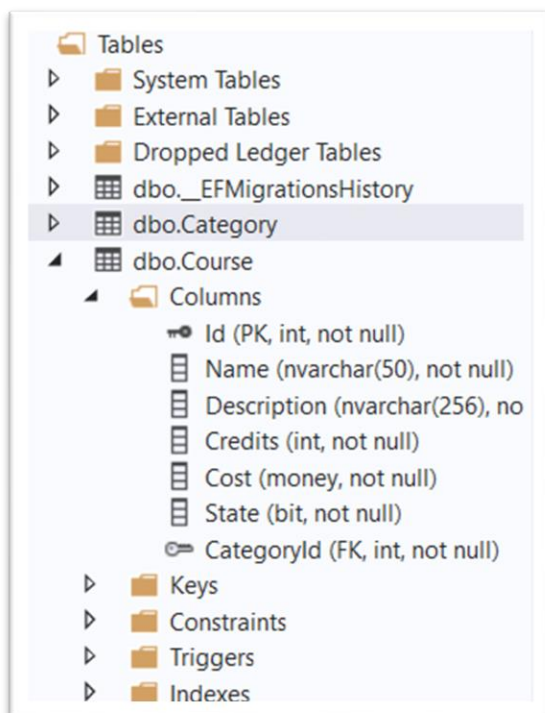
- To reflect these changes in the Model, we need to create a new Migration:



- Next we will alter the database by executing the command update-database.



Confirm in **SQL Server Object Explorer** the new table created in the database.

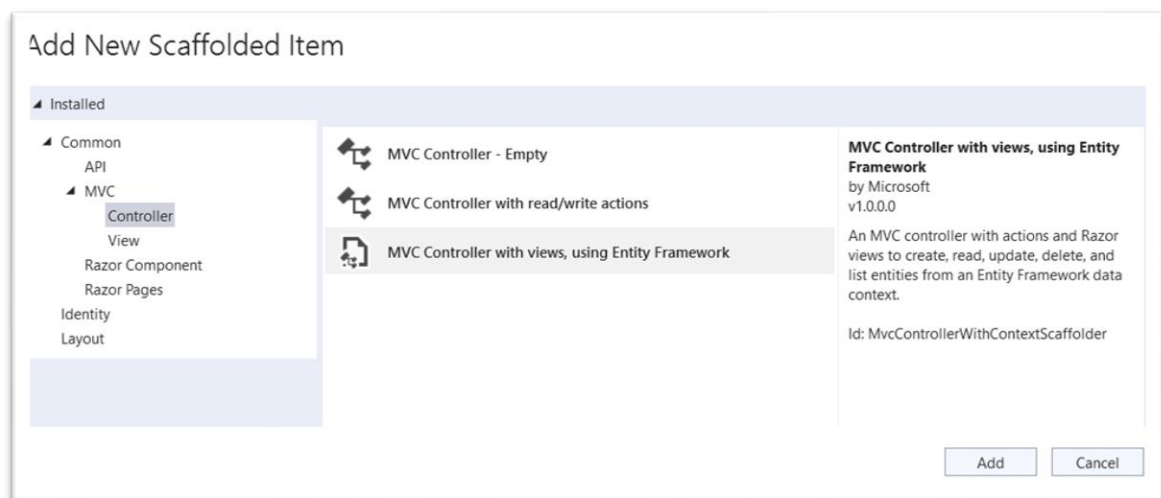


Using the mouse right button over the **dbo.Course** we can use the View Code option to see the SQL code that generated the table. Here we can see the creation of the **foreign key** in the **Category** table, and the SQL data type **Money**, reflecting the data annotation `[Column(TypeName = "money")]`

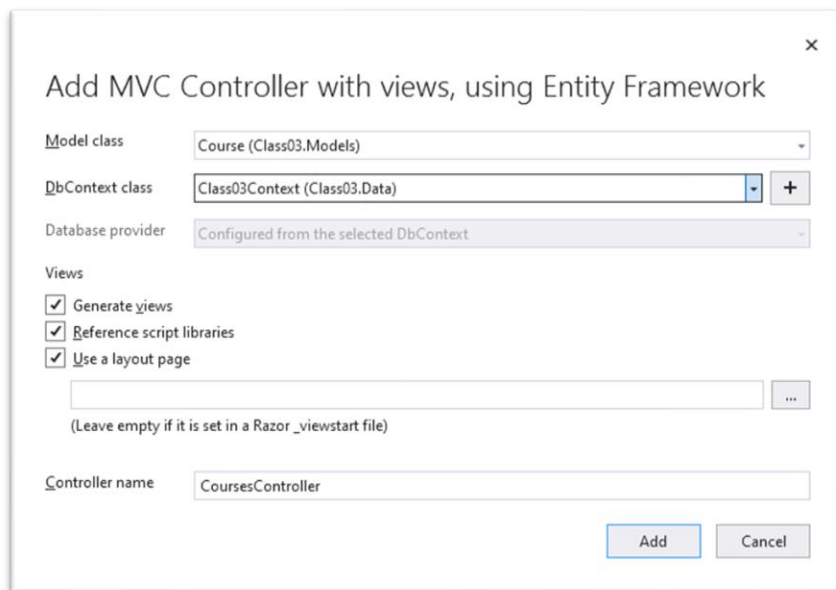
```
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[Course] (  
    [Id] INT IDENTITY (1, 1) NOT NULL,  
    [Name] NVARCHAR (50) NOT NULL,  
    [Description] NVARCHAR (256) NOT NULL,  
    [Credits] INT NOT NULL,  
    [Cost] MONEY NOT NULL,  
    [State] BIT NOT NULL,  
    [CategoryId] INT NOT NULL,  
    CONSTRAINT [PK_Course] PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED ([Id] ASC),  
    CONSTRAINT [FK_Course_CategoryId] FOREIGN KEY ([CategoryId]) REFERENCES [dbo].[Category] ([Id]) ON DELETE CASCADE  
)  
  
GO  
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [IX_Course_CategoryId]  
ON [dbo].[Course]([CategoryId] ASC);
```

Second Step

- Add a controller with the template “MVC Controller with views, using Entity Framework”. This will add to the project one controller class and all views code for CRUD operations over the model data.



- Choose the **Course** class as model class and the existing Data Context class **Aula03Context** (or what else name you gave to it) - in this case you should not create a new one.



Add MVC Controller with views, using Entity Framework

Model class: Course (Class03.Models)

DbContext class: Class03Context (Class03.Data)

Database provider: Configured from the selected DbContext

Views

- ☒ Generate views
- ☒ Reference script libraries
- ☒ Use a layout page

(Leave empty if it is set in a Razor _viewstart file)

Controller name: CoursesController

Add Cancel

- Accept or modify the suggested name for the controller (**CoursesController**).

Third step

For running the application for the first time it is important to have some data in the database.

- Open the **DbInitializer.cs** file in the **Data** folder, and append the following code, which create new courses in the database.

```
}
_context.SaveChanges();

var courses = new Course[]
{
    new Course
    {
        Name="Web Engineering",
        Description="Creating new sites using ASP.NET",
        Cost=50, Credits=6,
        CategoryId=categorias.Single(c=>c.Name=="Programming").Id
    },
    new Course
    {
        Name="Strategic Leadership and Management",
        Description="Leadership and Business Skill for Immediate Impact.",
        Cost=100, Credits=6,
        Category=categorias.Single(c=>c.Name=="Administration")
    },
    new Course
    {
        Name="Master in Corporate Communication",
        Description="This Master in Corporate Communication will provide required to organize a Communication Department.",
        Cost=80, Credits=10,
        Category=categorias.Single(c=>c.Name=="Communication")
    }
};

_context.Course.AddRange(courses);
_context.SaveChanges();
```

To create these courses in the start-up of the application, we need to delete all existing data in the database.

And we are ready to test the application 🚀🎆

- run on **https://localhost:????/courses/** to see all courses listed...

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Name	Description	Credits	Cost	State	Category	
Web Engineering	Creating new sites using ASP.NET	6	50,00 €	<input type="checkbox"/>	Algoritms and programming area courses	Edit Details Delete
Strategic Leadership and Management	Leadership and Business Skill for Immediate Impact.	6	100,00 €	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public administration and business management courses	Edit Details Delete
Master in Corporate Communication	This Master in Corporate Communication will provide required to organize a Communication Department.	10	80,00 €	<input type="checkbox"/>	Business and institutional communication course	Edit Details Delete

- ... or editing one of the elements listed in **https://localhost:????/courses/Edit/1** (by clicking Edit link)

Edit

Course

Name

Description

Credits

Cost

☐ State

CategoryId

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You should test all CRUD operations over courses elements. 😊 😐

Homework:

- Change the code where needed to show the category **Name** instead the **Description** in all the views (list, details, edit, create and delete).

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Name	Description	Credits	Cost	State	Category	
Master in Corporate Communication	This Master in Corporate Communication will provide required to organize a Communication Department	10	80,00 €	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Business and institutional communication courses	Edit Details Delete
Strategic Leadership and Management	Leadership and Business Skill for Immediate Impact.	6	100,00 €	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public administration and business management courses	Edit Details Delete
Web engineering	Creating new sites using ASP.NET	6	50,00 €	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Algorithms and programming area courses	Edit Details Delete

Edit Course

Name

Description

Credits

Cost

☒ State

CategoryID

▼

Details

Course

Name	Strategic Leadership and Management
Description	Leadership and Business Skill for Immediate Impact.
Credits	6
Cost	100,00 €
State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Category	Public administration and business management courses

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Delete

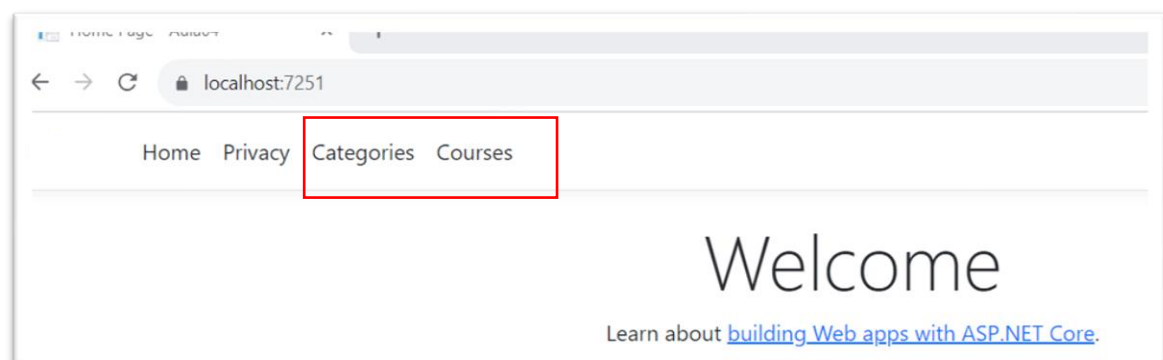
Are you sure you want to delete this?

Course

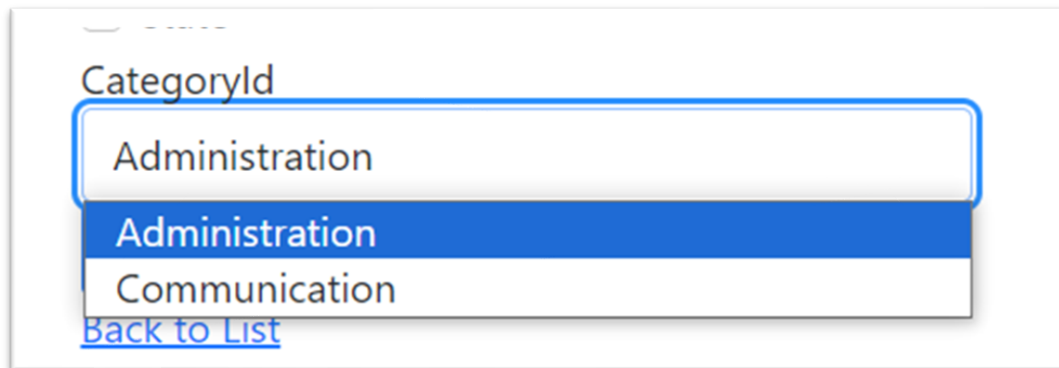
Name	Master in Corporate Communication
Description	This Master in Corporate Communication will provide required to organize a Communication Department
Credits	10
Cost	80,00 €
State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Category	Business and institutional communication courses

[Delete](#) | [Back to List](#)

- Create menu items in layout page to manage the categories and courses.

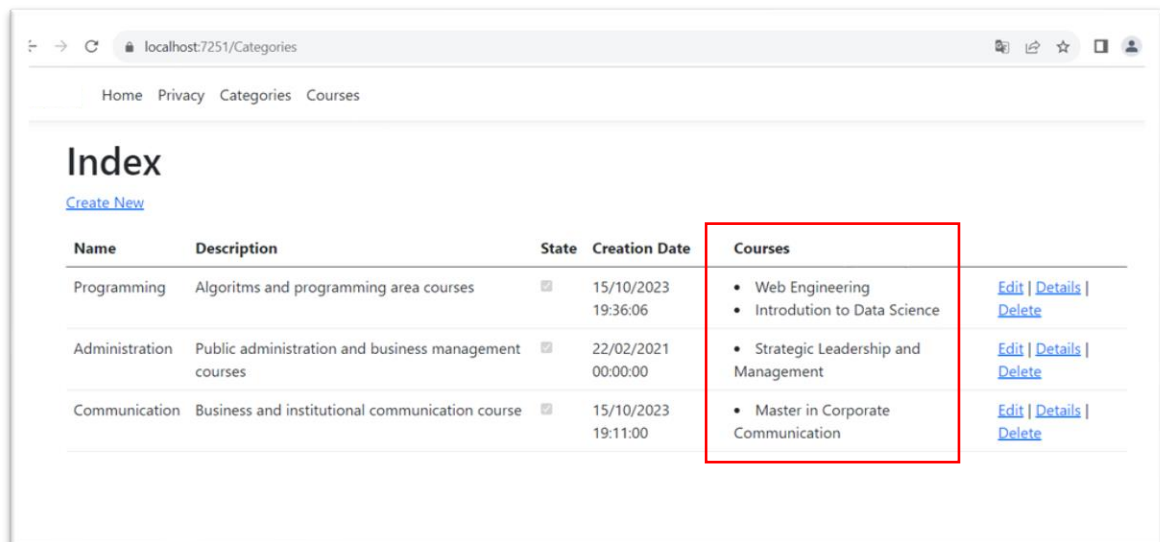


- When creating or editing a new course, only appears to select the categories which State is true.



A screenshot of a web form showing a dropdown menu for selecting a category. The dropdown is open, displaying three options: "Administration", "Administration", and "Communication". The first "Administration" option is highlighted in blue. Below the dropdown, there is a link labeled "Back to List".

- . When list the categories, show all courses with that category



A screenshot of a web application interface showing a list of categories and their associated courses. The browser address bar shows "localhost:7251/Categories". The navigation bar includes links for "Home", "Privacy", "Categories", and "Courses". The main content area is titled "Index" and includes a link "Create New". Below the title is a table with columns: "Name", "Description", "State", "Creation Date", "Courses", and "Edit | Details | Delete". The table lists three categories: "Programming", "Administration", and "Communication". The "Courses" column for each category is highlighted with a red box.

Name	Description	State	Creation Date	Courses	Edit Details Delete
Programming	Algoritms and programming area courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15/10/2023 19:36:06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web Engineering• Introduction to Data Science	Edit Details Delete
Administration	Public administration and business management courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22/02/2021 00:00:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Leadership and Management	Edit Details Delete
Communication	Business and institutional communication course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15/10/2023 19:11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master in Corporate Communication	Edit Details Delete