

REGISTERING SERVICES WITH DEPENDENCY INJECTION

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app.MapGet("/register/{username}", RegisterUser); ❶

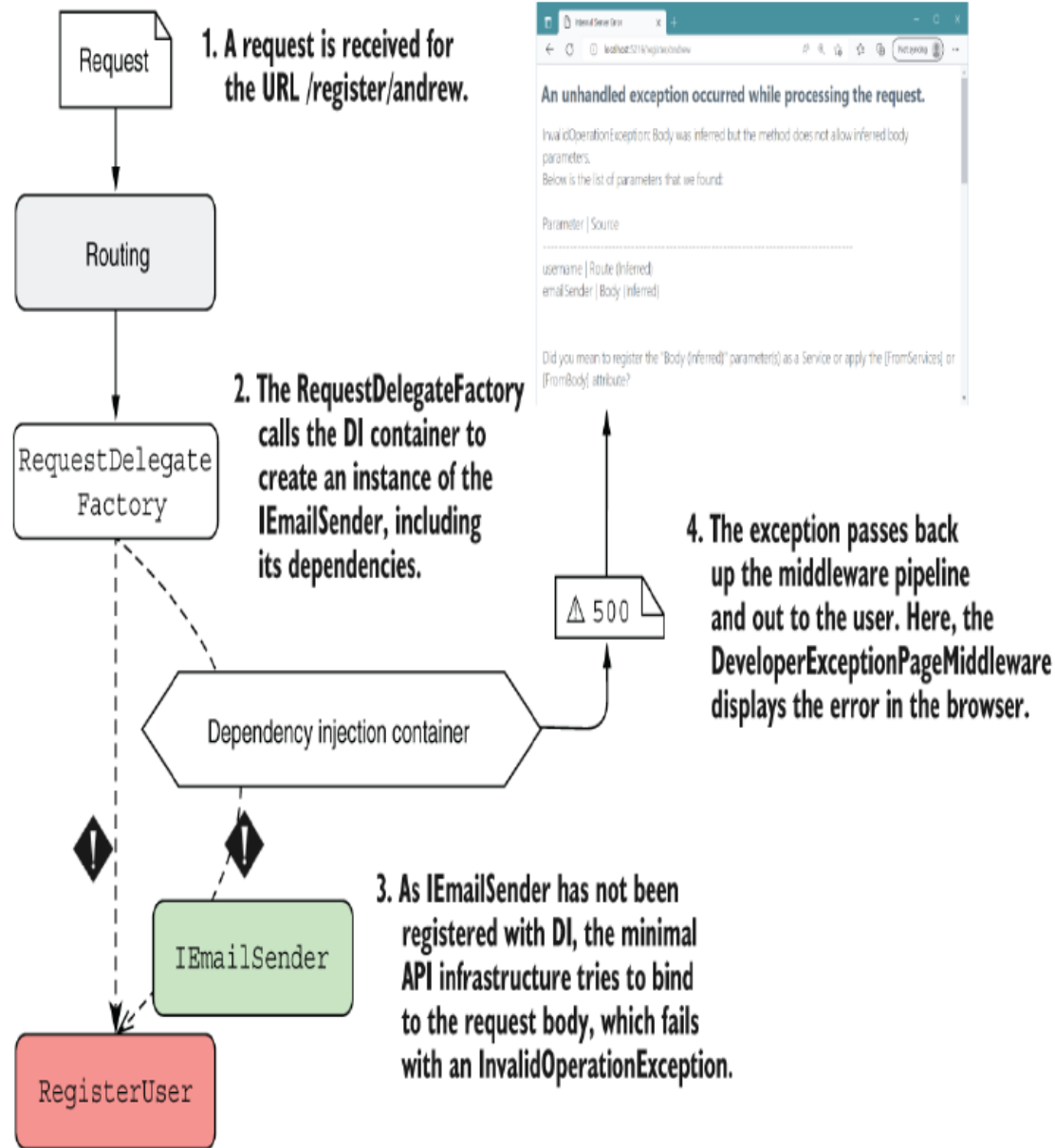
app.Run();

string RegisterUser(string username)
{
    IEmailSender emailSender = new EmailSender( ❷
        new MessageFactory(), ❸
        new NetworkClient( ❹
            new EmailServerSettings ❺
            ( ❺
                Host: "smtp.server.com", ❺
                Port: 25 ❺
            )) ❺
    );
    emailSender.SendEmail(username); ❻
    return $"Email sent to {username}!";
}
```

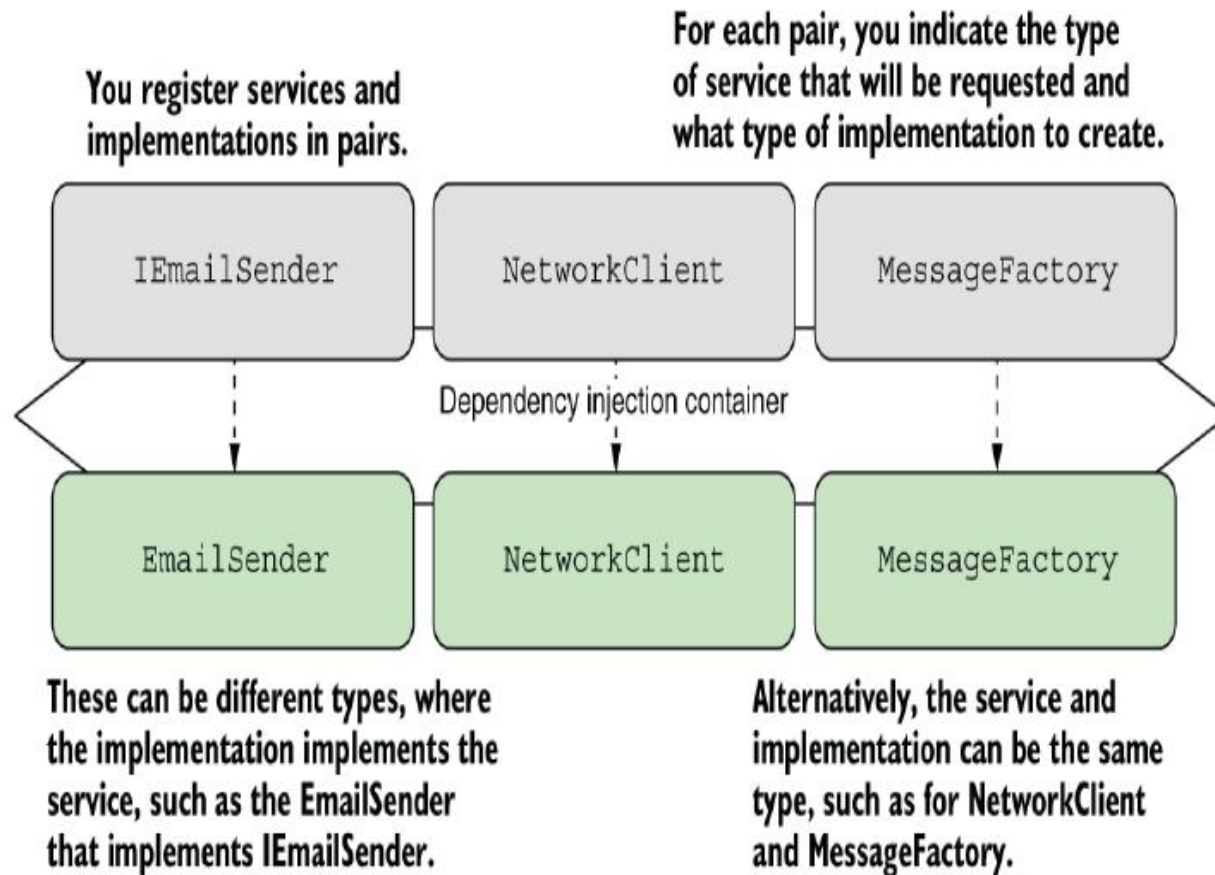
```
app.MapGet("/register/{username}", RegisterUser); ❶

app.Run();

string RegisterUser(string username, IEmailSender emailSender) ❷
{
    emailSender.SendEmail(username); ❸
    return $"Email sent to {username}!";
}
```



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you need to register an IEmailSender implementation and all its dependencies with the DI container

REGISTERING CUSTOM SERVICES WITH THE DI CONTAINER

Configuring DI consists of making **a series of statements made by calling various Add* methods** on the IServiceCollection.

Each Add* method provides three pieces of information to the DI container:

- **Service type—TService.** This **class or interface** will be requested as a dependency. It's often an interface, such as IEmailSender, but sometimes a concrete type, such as NetworkClient or MessageFactory.
- **Implementation type—TService or TImplementation.** The container **should create** this class to fulfill the dependency. It must be a concrete type, such as EmailSender. It **may** be the same as the service type, as for NetworkClient and MessageFactory.
- **Lifetime—transient, singleton, or scoped.** The lifetime defines **how long** an instance of the service should be used by the DI container.

REGISTERING CUSTOM SERVICES WITH THE DI CONTAINER

```
WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

builder.Services.AddScoped<IEmailSender, EmailSender>(); ❶
builder.Services.AddScoped<NetworkClient>();             ❷
builder.Services.AddSingleton<MessageFactory>();         ❸

WebApplication app = builder.Build();

app.MapGet("/register/{username}", RegisterUser);

app.Run();

string RegisterUser(string username, IEmailSender emailSender)
{
    emailSender.SendEmail(username);
    return $"Email sent to {username}!";
}
```


REGISTERING SERVICES USING OBJECTS AND LAMBDA

- The preceding Add* methods use generics to specify the Type of the class to register, but they **don't give any indication of how to construct an instance of that type**. Instead, the **container** makes several assumptions that you have to adhere to:
 - The class must be a **concrete type**.
 - The class must have only a **single relevant constructor** that the container can use.
 - For a constructor to be relevant, all constructor **arguments** must **be registered with the container** or must be arguments with a default value.

REGISTERING SERVICES USING OBJECTS AND LAMBDA

- The EmailServerSettings record doesn't meet these requirements, as it requires you to provide a Host and Port in the constructor, which are a string and int, respectively, without default values:

```
public record EmailServerSettings(string Host, int Port);|
```


REGISTERING SERVICES USING OBJECTS AND LAMBDA

```
WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

builder.Services.AddScoped<IEmailSender, EmailSender>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<NetworkClient>();
builder.Services.AddSingleton<MessageFactory>();
builder.Services.AddSingleton(
    new EmailServerSettings           ❶
    (
        Host: "smtp.server.com",    ❶
        Port: 25                    ❶
    ));

WebApplication app = builder.Build();

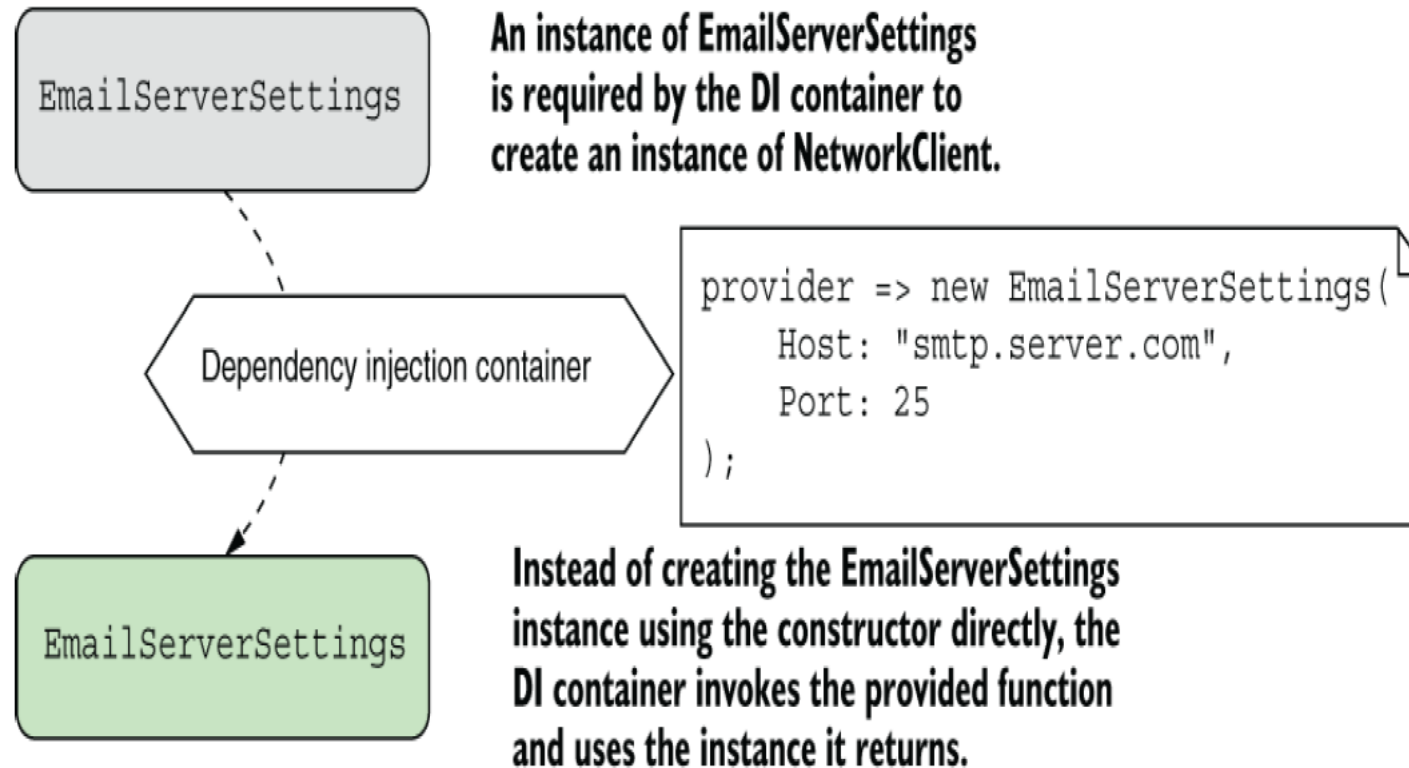
app.MapGet("/register/{username}", RegisterUser);

app.Run();
```

- ❶ This instance of EmailServerSettings will be used whenever an instance is required.

This code works fine if you want to have only a single instance of EmailServerSettings in your application; The same object will be shared everywhere. **But what if you want to create a new object each time one is requested?**

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WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

builder.Services.AddScoped<IEmailSender, EmailSender>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<NetworkClient>();
builder.Services.AddSingleton<MessageFactory>();
builder.Services.AddScoped(
    provider =>
        new EmailServerSettings
        (
            Host: "smtp.server.com",
            Port: 25
        ));

WebApplication app = builder.Build();

app.MapGet("/register/{username}", RegisterUser);

app.Run();
```

EXTENSION METHOD

```
public static class EmailSenderServiceCollectionExtensions
{
    public static IServiceCollection AddEmailSender(
        this IServiceCollection services)           ❶
    {
        services.AddScoped<IEmailSender, EmailSender>();  ❷
        services.AddSingleton<NetworkClient>();           ❷
        services.AddScoped<MessageFactory>();             ❷
        services.AddSingleton(                           ❷
            new EmailServerSettings                       ❷
            (
                host: "smtp.server.com",                  ❷
                port: 25                                  ❷
            ));                                           ❷
        return services;                                ❸
    }
}
```

```
WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

builder.Services.AddEmailSender(); ❶

WebApplication app = builder.Build();

app.MapGet("/register/{username}", RegisterUser);

app.Run();
```

- ❶ The extension method registers all the services associated with the EmailSender.

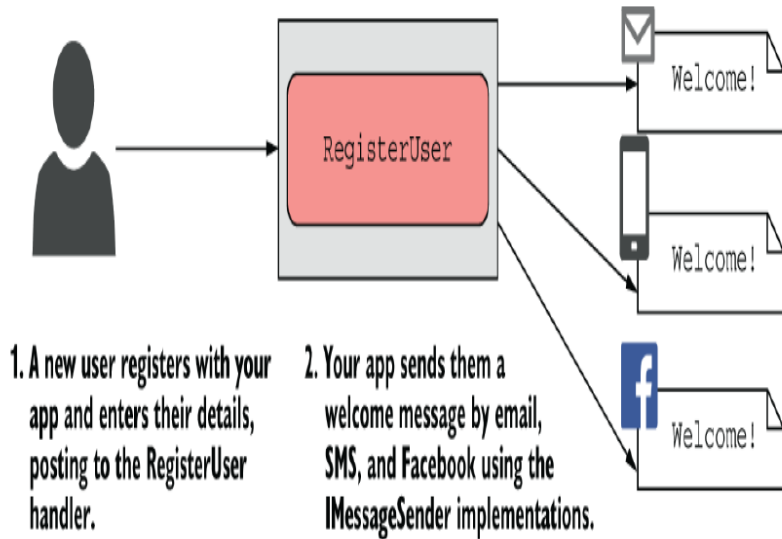
- ❶ Creates an extension method on IServiceCollection by using the “this” keyword
- ❷ Cuts and pastes your registration code from Program.cs
- ❸ By convention, returns the IServiceCollection to allow method chaining

REGISTERING A SERVICE IN THE CONTAINER MULTIPLE TIMES

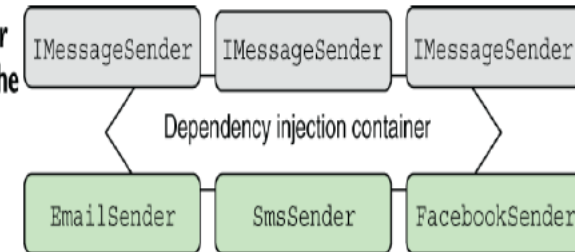
- One advantage of coding to interfaces is that you can create multiple implementations of a service.
- IEmailSender so that you can send messages via Short Message Service (SMS) or Facebook, as well as by email.

```
public interface IMessageSender
{
    public void SendMessage(string message);
}
```

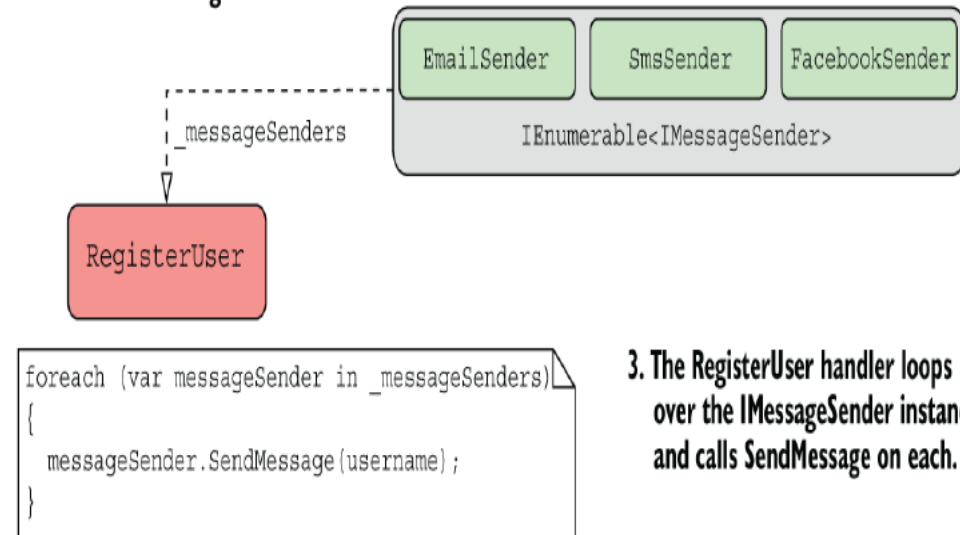
INJECTING MULTIPLE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF AN INTERFACE



1. Multiple implementations of IMessageSender are registered with the DI container using the normal Add* methods.



2. The DI container creates one of each IMessageSender implementation and injects them into the RegisterUser as an IEnumerable<IMessageSender>.



3. The RegisterUser handler loops over the IMessageSender instances and calls SendMessage on each.

INJECTING MULTIPLE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF AN INTERFACE

```
WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);  
builder.Services.AddScoped<IMessageSender, EmailSender>();  
builder.Services.AddScoped<IMessageSender, SmsSender>();  
builder.Services.AddScoped<IMessageSender, FacebookSender>();
```

```
string RegisterUser(  
    string username,  
    IEnumerable<IMessageSender> senders)  
{  
    foreach(var sender in senders)  
    {  
        Sender.SendMessage($"Hello {username}!");  
    }  
  
    return $"Welcome message sent to {username}";  
}
```

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- ❶ Requests an IEnumerable injects an array of IMessageSender
- ❷ Each IMessageSender in the IEnumerable is a different implementation.

INJECTING A SINGLE IMPLEMENTATION WHEN MULTIPLE SERVICES ARE REGISTERED

```
public class SingleMessageSender
{
    private readonly IMessageSender _messageSender;
    public SingleMessageSender(IMessageSender messageSender)
    {
        _messageSender = messageSender;
    }
}
```

The DI container will use the **last registered** implementation of a service when resolving a single instance of the service.

CONDITIONALLY REGISTERING SERVICES USING TRYADD

```
WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);  
  
builder.Services.AddScoped<IMessageSender, EmailSender>();    ❶  
builder.Services.TryAddScoped<IMessageSender, SmsSender>();    ❷
```

- ❶ EmailSender is registered with the container.
- ❷ There's already an IMessageSender implementation, so SmsSender isn't registered.

UNDERSTANDING LIFETIMES: WHEN ARE SERVICES CREATED?

- Whenever the DI container is asked for a particular registered service, such as an instance of `IMessageSender`, it can do either of two things to fulfill the request:
 - Create and return a **new instance** of the service.
 - Return an **existing instance** of the service.
- The **lifetime** of a service controls the behavior of the DI container with respect to these two options.

UNDERSTANDING LIFETIMES: WHEN ARE SERVICES CREATED?

- In ASP.NET Core, you can specify one of three lifetimes when registering a service with the built-in container:
- **Transient**—Every time a service is requested, a new instance is created. Potentially, you can have different instances of the same class within the same dependency graph.
- **Scoped**—Within a scope, all requests for a service give you the same object. For different scopes, you get different objects. In ASP.NET Core, each web request gets its own scope.
- **Singleton**—You always get the same instance of the service, regardless of scope.

EXAMPLE

```
class DataContext
{
    public int RowCount { get; }           ❶
    = Random.Shared.Next(1, 1_000_000_000); ❷
}
```

- ❶ The property is read-only, so it always returns the same value.
- ❷ Generates a random number between 1 and 1,000,000,000

```
public class Repository
{
    private readonly DataContext _dataContext; ❶
    public Repository(DataContext dataContext) ❶
    {
        _dataContext = dataContext;           ❶
    }                                           ❶
    public int RowCount => _dataContext.RowCount; ❷
}
```

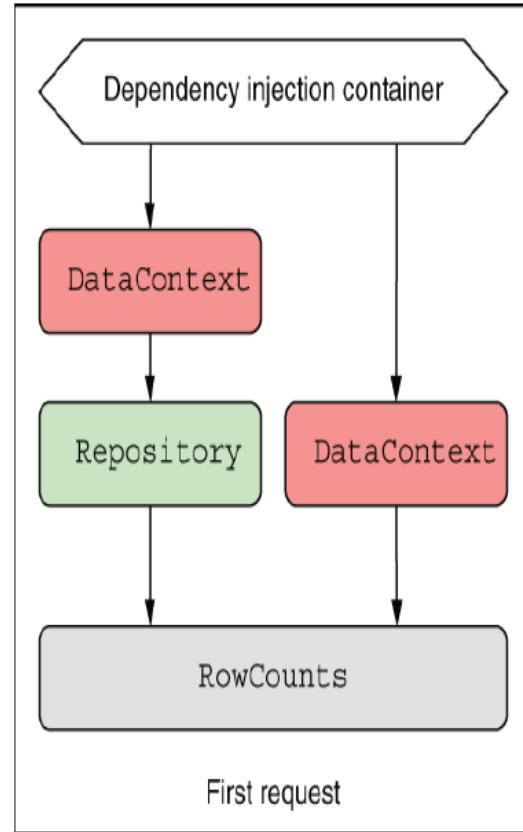
- ❶ An instance of DataContext is provided using DI.
- ❷ RowCount returns the same value as the current instance of DataContext.

```
static string RowCounts(           ❶
    DataContext db,               ❶
    Repository repository)        ❶
{
    int dbCount = db.RowCount;    ❷
    int repositoryCount = repository.RowCount; ❷

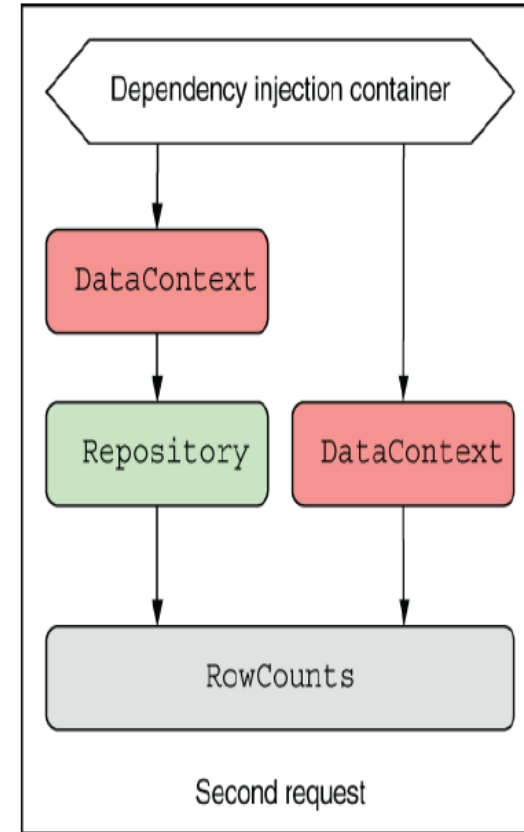
    return: $"DataContext: {dbCount}, Repository: {repositoryCount}"; ❸
}
```

- ❶ DataContext and Repository are created using DI.
- ❷ When invoked, the page handler retrieves and records RowCount from both dependencies.
- ❸ The counts are returned in the response.

EXAMPLE



For each request, two instances of DataContext are required to call the RowCounts handler.



A total of four DataContext instances are required for two requests.

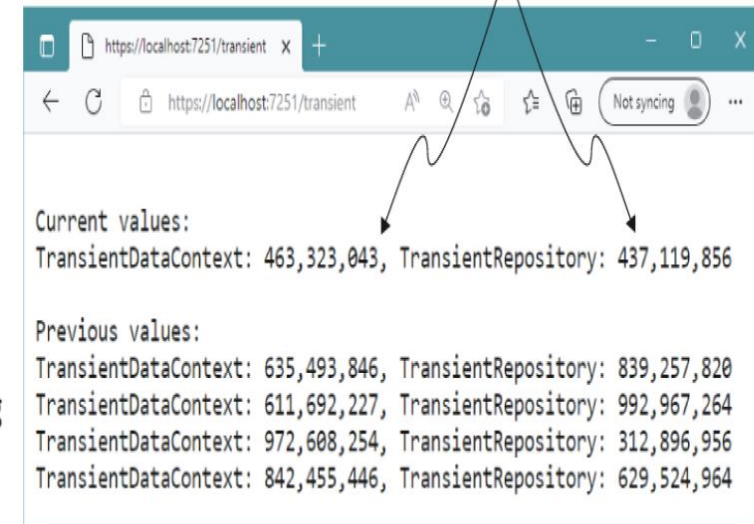
TRANSIENT: EVERYONE IS UNIQUE

- When you register services this way, every time a dependency is required, the container creates a new one.

```
builder.Services.AddTransient<DataContext>();  
builder.Services.AddTransient<Repository>();
```

The RowCount changes with each request, indicating that new DataContexts are created for every request.

The RowCount is different within a single request, indicating that two different DataContexts are created.



SCOPED: LET'S STICK TOGETHER

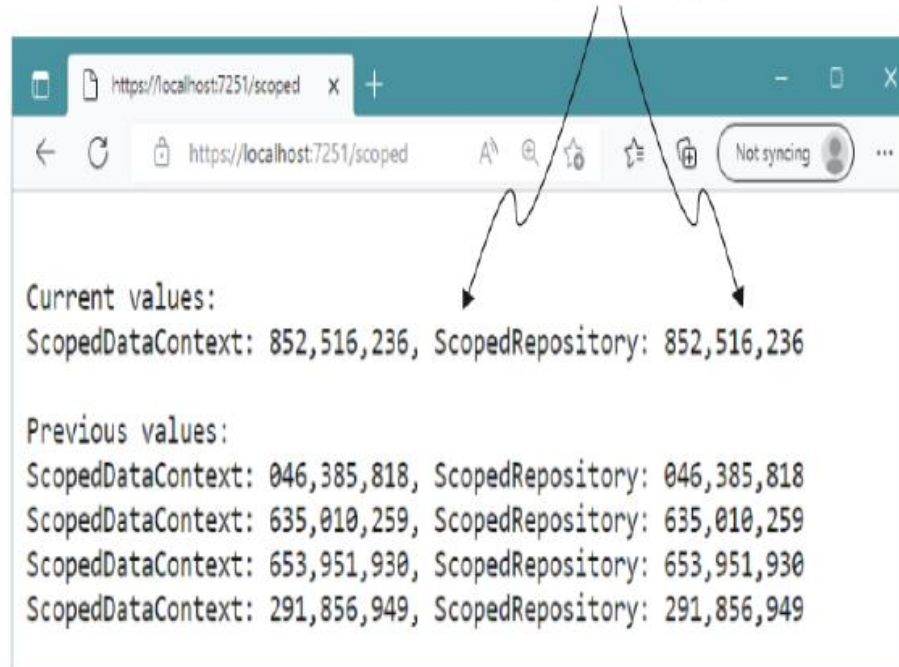
- The scoped lifetime states that a single instance of an object will be used within a given scope, but a different instance will be used between different scopes.
- You can register dependencies as scoped by using the `AddScoped` extension methods.

```
builder.Services.AddScoped<DataContext>();
```

SCOPED: LET'S STICK TOGETHER

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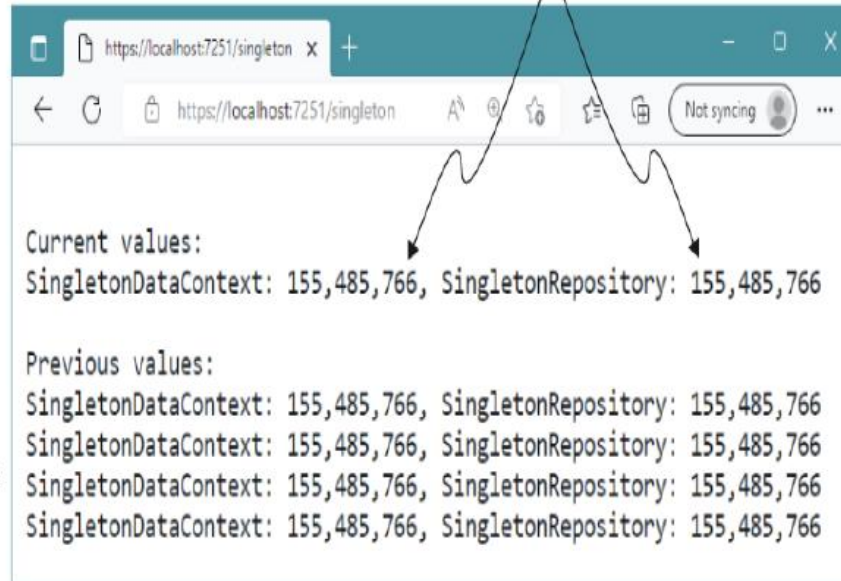
SINGLETON: THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE

- The singleton is conceptually simple: an instance of the service is created when it's first needed.
- You'll always get the same instance injected into your services.
- Singleton services must be thread-safe in a web application, as they'll typically be used by multiple threads during concurrent requests.

```
builder.Services.AddSingleton<DataContext>();
```

SINGLETON: THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE

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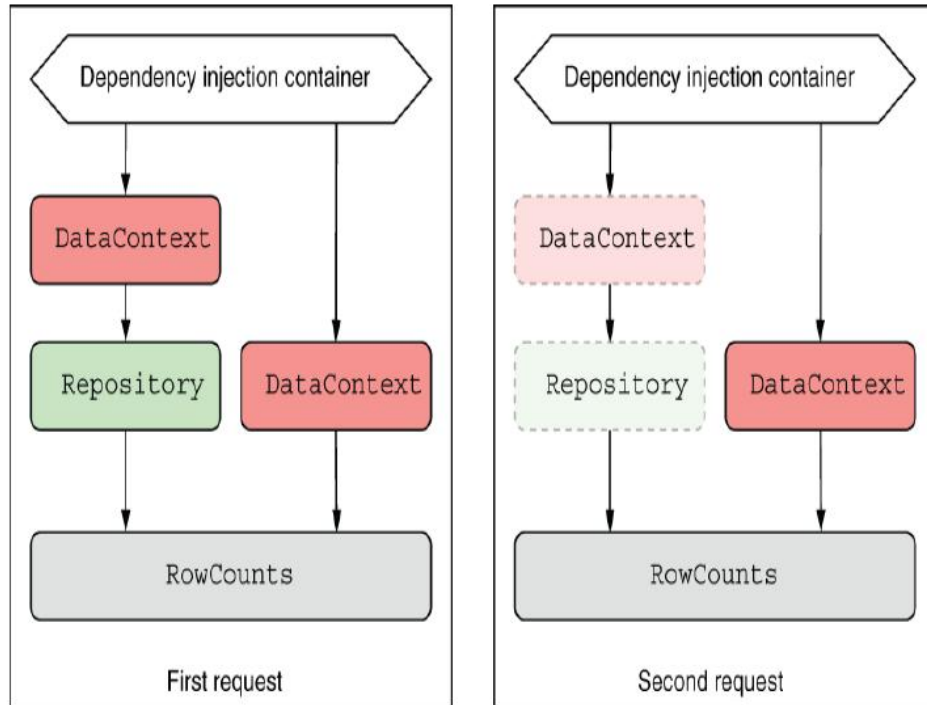
The RowCount is the same for all requests, indicating that the same DataContext is used for every request.

KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR CAPTIVE DEPENDENCIES

Suppose that you're configuring the lifetime for the DataContext and Repository examples.

- DataContext—**Scoped**, as it should be shared for a single request
- Repository—**Singleton**, as it has no state of its own and is thread-safe, so why not?

KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR CAPTIVE DEPENDENCIES



As the repository has been registered as a singleton, the DataContext it uses also acts as a singleton, even though it is registered as scoped.

The DataContext dependency has been captured by the repository, breaking the scoped lifetime.

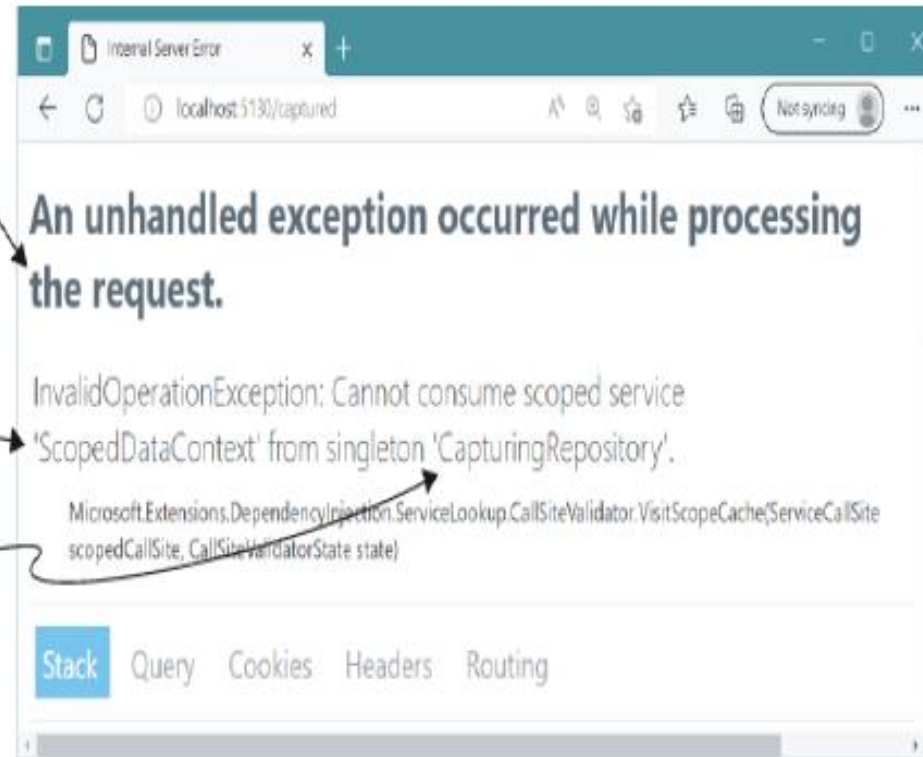
A service should use only dependencies that have a **lifetime longer** than or equal to the service's lifetime.

KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR CAPTIVE DEPENDENCIES

In a development environment, your app throws an Exception when the DI container detects a captured dependency.

The exception message describes which service was captured...

...and which service captured the dependency.



KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR CAPTIVE DEPENDENCIES

```
WebApplicationBuilder builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args); ❶  
  
builder.Host.UseDefaultServiceProvider(o => ❷  
{  
    o.ValidateScopes = true; ❸  
    o.ValidateOnBuild = true; ❹  
});
```

- ❶ The default builder sets `ValidateScopes` to validate only in development environments.
- ❷ You can override the validation check with the `UseDefaultServiceProvider` extension.
- ❸ Setting this to true will validate scopes in all environments, which has performance implications.
- ❹ `ValidateOnBuild` checks that every registered service has all its dependencies registered.

KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR CAPTIVE DEPENDENCIES

```
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Unhandled exception. System.AggregateException: Some services are not able to be constructed
(Error while validating the service descriptor' ServiceType: CapturingRepository Lifetime:
Singleton ImplementationType: CapturingRepository': Cannot consume scoped service 'ScopedData
aContext' from singleton 'CapturingRepository'.)
---> System.InvalidOperationException: Error while validating the service descriptor 'Servi
ceType: CapturingRepository Lifetime: Singleton
ImplementationType: CapturingRepository' : Cannot consume scoped service 'ScopedDataContext'
from singleton 'CapturingRepository'.
---> System.InvalidOperationException: Cannot consume scoped service 'ScopedDataContext' fr
om singleton 'CapturingRepository' .
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he(ServiceCallSite scopedCallSite, CallSiteValidator state)
    at Microsoft.Extensions.DependencyInjection.ServiceLookup.CallSiteVisitor`2.VisitCallSite
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