Passing data to view

3 ways to pass data to the View:

ViewData ViewBag Strongly Type View

ViewData and ViewBag resolved dynamically at runtime do not provide compile type checking and intallisense but strongly type does

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ViewData
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ViewData["PageTitle"] = "MyIndex";
<h1>@ViewData["PageTitle"]</h1>
any type rather than string need to be casted to type
UserIdentityUser user = new UserIdentityUser();
user.Description = "My Desc";
ViewData["User"] = user;
@using dotNetCore Identity.Models;
<mark>@{</mark>
 var user = @ViewData["User"] as UserIdentityUser;
 var desc=user.Description;
 <h1>@desc</h1>
ViewBag
ViewBag.Title = "My Some Title";
<h1>@ViewBag.Title</h1>
Strongly Type View
UserIdentityUser user = new UserIdentityUser();
user.Description = "My Desc";
return View(user);
@using dotNetCore_Identity.Models;
@model UserIdentityUser
<h1>@Model.Description</h1>
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viewModels are Strongly Type View like HomeDetailsViewModel (ControllerActionViewModel)

Useful Razor Content Expressions

Razor is smart enough to know that the **space** character after the expression is not a valid identifi er, so it transitions smoothly back into markup

@: Out of Stock ... The @: characters prevent Razor from interpreting this as a C# statement, which is the default behavior when it encounters text

ViewStart ViewImports Layout

_VIewStart _ViewImports _Layout are hierarchical can be overriden

Layout

It is important to understand the difference between omitting the Layout property from the view file and setting it to null. If your view is self-contained and you do not want to use a layout, then set the Layout property to null. If you omit the Layout property, then MVC will assume that you do want a layout and that it should use the value it finds in the view start file