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#### **Overview**

The `VivaProjectRepository` class is a repository responsible for interacting with both a cache and a database. It handles storing and retrieving data from a memory cache and performing CRUD operations on a SQL Server database using Dapper for database interactions.

# **Namespaces Used**

- `Dapper`: An ORM (Object-Relational Mapper) for database interactions, simplifying data queries.
- `Microsoft.Extensions.Caching.Memory`: Used for in-memory caching to improve performance by reducing database calls.
- `System.Data.SqlClient`: SQL client to manage SQL Server database connections.
- `System.Linq`: LINQ for data querying and transformation.
- `System.Threading.Tasks`: For asynchronous operations.

## **Database Operations Region**

#### **Insert Data into Database**

public async void InsertData(List<RestCountriesModel> data)

**Description**: This method inserts data into the `VIVA\_COUNTRIES\_TABLE` in the SQL Server database. It converts lists of capitals and borders into comma-separated strings for storage.

#### **Parameters:**

'data': A list of 'RestCountriesModel' to be inserted into the database.

**Operation**: The method executes an `INSERT` SQL query for each row in the provided list using Dapper's `ExecuteAsync` method.

#### **Get Data from Database**

public async Task<List<RestCountriesModel>> GetDataAsync()

**Description** This method retrieves all data from the `VIVA\_COUNTRIES\_TABLE` in the SQL Server database.

**Returns**: A list of `RestCountriesModel` objects mapped from the `CountryDbModel` retrieved from the database.

#### Mapping:

- The `Cca2`, `Name`, `Borders`, and `Capitals` fields from the database are mapped to the `RestCountriesModel`.

'Borders' and 'Capitals' are split into lists of strings.

#### **Database Connection**

The class uses the connection string:

private readonly string \_connectionString =

"Server=localhost;Database=master;Trusted\_Connection=True;";

This connection string is used for connecting to the local SQL Server instance, specifically the `master` database. It should be updated for production environments with appropriate security measures.

# **Cache Memory Region**

#### **Store Data in Cache**

public void StoreDataInCache(string key, List<RestCountriesModel> data)

**Description**: This method stores a list of `RestCountriesModel` in memory cache.

#### **Parameters**:

- `key`: A unique identifier for the cache entry.
- `data`: A list of `RestCountriesModel` to be cached.

**Cache Expiration**: The cache is set with a sliding expiration of 10 minutes.

#### **Get Data from Cache**

public List<RestCountriesModel> GetDataFromCache(string key)

**Description**: This method retrieves data from the memory cache by its key.

#### Parameters:

'key': The key associated with the cache entry.

**Returns**: Returns the list of `RestCountriesModel` from the cache if found, or `null` if the cache entry does not exist.

#### **Data Models**

#### RestCountriesModel

**Description**: A model representing the structure of a country, including its name, abbreviation, borders, and capital cities.

#### **Properties:**

- `Name`: An object representing the country's name.
- `Cca2`: The country code (e.g., "US").
- `Capital`: A list of capital cities (e.g., `[\"Washington, D.C.\"]`).
- `Borders`: A list of countries that share borders with the country (e.g., `[\"CAN\", \"MEX\"]`).

## CountryDbModel

**Description**: A database model representing the structure of country data in the `VIVA\_COUNTRIES\_TABLE`.

#### **Properties:**

- `Cca2`: The country code.
- `Name`: The country's name.
- `Borders`: Comma-separated string of border countries.
- `Capitals`: Comma-separated string of capital cities.