.NET App Dev Hands-On Workshop

API Lab 2b –Pipeline, Dependency Injection

This lab configures the RESTful service. You must have completed MVC/RP/API Lab 2a before starting this lab.

Part 1: Add the Global Usings File

- Create a new file named `GlobalUsings.cs` in the root directory of the `AutoLot.Api` project. Update it to the following:

```
global using Asp.Versioning;
global using Asp.Versioning.ApiExplorer;
global using AutoLot.Dal.EfStructures;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Exceptions;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Exceptions.Base;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Initialization;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Repos;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Repos.Base;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Repos.Interfaces;
global using AutoLot.Dal.Repos.Interfaces.Base;
global using AutoLot.Models.Entities;
global using AutoLot.Models.Entities.Base;
global using AutoLot.Services.Logging.Configuration;
global using AutoLot.Services.Logging.Interfaces;
global using AutoLot.Services.Utilities;
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authentication;
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authorization;
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.ApiExplorer;
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Authorization;
global using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Filters;
global using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
global using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Diagnostics;
global using Microsoft.Extensions.Options;
global using Microsoft.OpenApi.Any;
global using Microsoft.OpenApi.Models;
global using Swashbuckle.AspNetCore.Annotations;
global using Swashbuckle.AspNetCore.SwaggerGen;
global using System.Net.Http.Headers;
global using System.Reflection;
global using System.Security.Claims;
global using System.Text;
global using System.Text.Encodings.Web;
global using System.Text.Json;
global using System.Text.Json.Serialization;
```

Part 2: Configure the Application

Step 1: Update the Main Settings File

- Update the `appsettings. json` in the `AutoLot.Api` project to the following:

```
{
  "AllowedHosts": *
}
```

Step 2: Update the Development Settings File

- Update the `appsettings.Development.json` in the `AutoLot.Api` project to the following (**adjust the connection string for your machine's setup**):

```
{
  "AppLoggingSettings": {
    "MSSqlServer": {
      "TableName": "SeriLogs",
      "Schema": "Logging",
      "ConnectionStringName": "AutoLot"
    },
    "File": {
      "Drive": "c",
      "FilePath": "temp",
      "FileName": "log_AutoLot.txt"
    },
    "General": {
      "RestrictedToMinimumLevel": "Warning"
    }
  },
  "ConnectionStrings": {
    "AutoLot": "Server=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;Database=AutoLot_Hol;Trusted_Connection=True;"
  },
  "RebuildDataBase": true,
  "AppName": "AutoLot.Api - Dev"
}
```


Step 3: Add the Staging Settings File

- Add a new JSON file to the `AutoLot.Api` project named `appsettings.Staging.json` and update the file to the following:

```
{
  "AppLoggingSettings": {
    "MSSqlServer": {
      "TableName": "SeriLogs",
      "Schema": "Logging",
      "ConnectionStringName": "AutoLot"
    },
    "File": {
      "Drive": "c",
      "FilePath": "temp",
      "FileName": "log_AutoLot.txt"
    },
    "General": {
      "RestrictedToMinimumLevel": "Warning"
    }
  },
  "ConnectionStrings": {
    "AutoLot": "Server=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;Database=AutoLot_Hol;Trusted_Connection=True;"
  },
  "RebuildDataBase": false,
  "AppName": "AutoLot.Api - Staging"
}
```

Step 4: Add the Production Settings File

- Add a new JSON file to the `AutoLot.Api` project named `appsettings.Production.json` and update the file to the following:

```
{
  "AppLoggingSettings": {
    "MSSqlServer": {
      "TableName": "SeriLogs",
      "Schema": "Logging",
      "ConnectionStringName": "AutoLot"
    },
    "File": {
      "Drive": "c",
      "FilePath": "temp",
      "FileName": "log_AutoLot.txt"
    },
    "General": {
      "RestrictedToMinimumLevel": "Warning"
    }
  },
  "ConnectionStrings": {
    "AutoLot": "[its-a-secret]"
  },
  "RebuildDataBase": false,
  "AppName": "AutoLot.Api"
}
```


Step 5: Update the Project File

- If you updated the tables to be temporal tables (EF Core Lab 9), comment out the `IncludeAssets` tag for **`EntityFrameworkCore.Design`** in the `AutoLot.Api.csproj` file:

```
<PackageReference Include="Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Design" Version="[8.0.*,9.0)">
<!--<IncludeAssets>runtime; build; native; contentfiles; analyzers;
buildtransitive</IncludeAssets>-->
<PrivateAssets>all</PrivateAssets>
</PackageReference>
```

Part 3: Update the Program.cs Top Level Statements

Step 1: Add services to the DI service collection

- Add Serilog support into the `WebApplicationBuilder` and the logging interfaces to the DI container in `Program.cs` (updates in bold):

```
var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
builder.ConfigureSerilog();
builder.Services.RegisterLoggingInterfaces();
```

- Add the `ApplicationDbContext` after the call to `AddControllers`:

```
var connectionString = builder.Configuration.GetConnectionString("AutoLot");
builder.Services.AddDbContextPool<ApplicationDbContext>(
  options => {
    options.ConfigureWarnings(wc => wc.Ignore(RelationalEventId.BoolWithDefaultWarning));
    options.UseSqlServer(connectionString,
      sqlOptions => sqlOptions.EnableRetryOnFailure().CommandTimeout(60));
  });
```

- Add the repos:

```
builder.Services.AddScoped<ICarDriverRepo, CarDriverRepo>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<ICarRepo, CarRepo>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<IDriverRepo, DriverRepo>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<IMakeRepo, MakeRepo>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<IRadioRepo, RadioRepo>();
```

- Change the JSON formatting to Pascal casing, ignore case on incoming JSON, output JSON indented, and ignore reference cycles when serializing. Add the following code after the call to `services.AddControllers` (do not close the call with a semi-colon since you will add to this block):

```
builder.Services.AddControllers()
  .AddJsonOptions(options =>
  {
    options.JsonSerializerOptions.PropertyNamingPolicy = null;
    options.JsonSerializerOptions.PropertyNameCaseInsensitive = true;
    options.JsonSerializerOptions.WriteIndented = true;
    options.JsonSerializerOptions.ReferenceHandler = ReferenceHandler.IgnoreCycles;
  })
```


- Configure the `ApiController` behavior by adding the following immediately after `AddJsonOptions`:

```
  .ConfigureApiBehaviorOptions(options =>
  {
    //suppress automatic model state binding errors
    options.SuppressModelStateInvalidFilter = true;
    //suppress all binding inference
    //options.SuppressInferBindingSourcesForParameters= true;
    //suppress multipart/form-data content type inference
    //options.SuppressConsumesConstraintForFormFileParameters = true;
    //Don't create a problem details error object if set to true
    options.SuppressMapClientErrors = false;
    options.ClientErrorMapping[StatusCodes.Status404NotFound].Link =
"https://httpstatuses.com/404";
    options.ClientErrorMapping[StatusCodes.Status404NotFound].Title = "Invalid location";
  });
```

- Add the CORS policy to the services collection (it will be added to the HTTP pipeline later in this lab):

NOTE: Production applications must be locked down and not wide open like this example.

```
builder.Services.AddCors(options =>
{
  options.AddPolicy("AllowAll", pb =>
  {
    pb
      .AllowAnyHeader()
      .AllowAnyMethod()
      .AllowAnyOrigin();
  });
});
```

Step 2: Add the ValuesController

- Add a new API Controller named `ValuesController` to the `Controllers` folder, and update the code to the following:

```
namespace AutoLot.Api.Controllers;
[Route("api/[controller]")]
[ApiController]
public class ValuesController : ControllerBase
{
  [HttpGet("problem")]
  public IActionResult Problem() => NotFound();
}
```

Step 3: Test the Updated API Client Error Mapping Behavior

- Run the application and use `SwaggerUI` or Bruno to test the `Problem` endpoint. Either way, execute the following endpoint:

```
https://localhost:5011/api/Values/problem
```

- You will get a result as follows (your `traceId` value will be different):

```
{
  "type": "https://httpstatuses.com/404",
  "title": "Invalid location",
  "status": 404,
  "traceId": "00-3658bf06721852174d5e3476d1c48e21-8717962ad3817271-00"
}
```

Step 4: Test the Logging

- Open the `ValuesController` and inject the logging interface into a primary constructor:

```
public class ValuesController(IAppLogging<ValuesController> logger) : ControllerBase
```

- Add a new Get method:

```
[HttpGet("logging")]
public IActionResult TestLogging()
{
  logger.LogAppError("Test error");
  return Ok();
}
```

- Run the application and use the `SwaggerUI` or Bruno to execute the `logging` endpoint:

```
https://localhost:5011/api/Values/logging
```

- You will see a new record in the database and a new file created in the root of the `AutoLot.Api` project. When you are done testing, comment out the logging call.

Step 5: Configure the HTTP Pipeline

This code must be placed after the call to `builder.Build()`. I usually place it right before the call to `app.UseHttpsRedirection()`:

- Add the CORS policy to the Application:

```
app.UseCors("AllowAll");
```


- In the `IsDevelopment` if block, check the settings to determine if the database should be rebuilt, and if yes, call the data initializer:

```
if (app.Environment.IsDevelopment())
{
  app.UseSwagger();
  app.UseSwaggerUI();
  //Initialize the database
  if (app.Configuration.GetValue<bool>("RebuildDataBase"))
  {
    using var scope = app.Services.CreateScope();
    var dbContext = scope.ServiceProvider.GetRequiredService<ApplicationDbContext>();
    SampleDataInitializer.ClearAndReseedDatabase(dbContext);
  }
}
```

Part 4: Create and Apply the Exception Filter

Exception filters come into play when an unhandled exception is thrown in an action method (or bubbles up to an action method).

Step 1: Create the Exception Filter

- Add a new folder named Filters into the `AutoLot.Api` project. Add a new class named `CustomExceptionFilterAttribute.cs` in the Filters directory and update the code to match the following:

```
namespace AutoLot.Api.Filters;
public class CustomExceptionFilterAttribute(IWebHostEnvironment hostEnvironment) :
ExceptionFilterAttribute
{
  //add code into here
}
```

- The `ExceptionFilter` has only one method to be implemented, `OnException`. Override this from the base class as follows:

```
public override void OnException(ExceptionContext context)
{
  var ex = context.Exception;
  string stackTrace =
    hostEnvironment.IsDevelopment()
    ? context.Exception.StackTrace
    : string.Empty;
  string message = ex.Message;
  string error;
  IActionResult actionResult;
  switch (ex)
  {
    case DbUpdateConcurrencyException ce:
      //Returns a 400
      error = "Concurrency Issue.";
      actionResult = new BadRequestObjectResult(
        new { Error = error, Message = message, StackTrace = stackTrace });
      break;
    default:
      error = "General Error.";
      actionResult = new ObjectResult(
        new { Error = error, Message = message, StackTrace = stackTrace })
      {
        StatusCode = 500
      };
      break;
  }
  //context.ExceptionHandled = true; //If this is uncommented, the exception is swallowed
  context.Result = actionResult;
}
```

- Add the following global using statement to `GlobalUsings.cs`:

```
global using AutoLot.Api.Filters;
```

Step 2: Apply the Exception Filter

- Open the `Program.cs` class add the configuration to the `AddControllers` method:

```
builder.Services.AddControllers(
  config => config.Filters.Add(new CustomExceptionFilterAttribute(builder.Environment))
)
.AddJsonOptions(options => { ... })
.ConfigureApiBehaviorOptions(options => { ... });
```

Step 3: Test the Exception Filter

- Open the `ValuesController` and create a new `HttpGet` method that throws an exception like this:

```
[HttpGet("/error")]
public IActionResult TestExceptionHandling()
{
  throw new Exception("Test Exception");
}
```

- Run the application and use the SwaggerUI or Bruno to test the method:

```
https://localhost:5011/api/Values/error
```

- You will get a result as follows (stack trace omitted here):

```
{
  "Error": "General Error.",
  "Message": "Test Exception",
  "StackTrace": "<omitted for brevity>"
}
```

Summary

This lab configured the DI container and the HTTP Pipeline.

Next steps

In the next part of this series, you will add the controllers.