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13. Implement Views and Properties

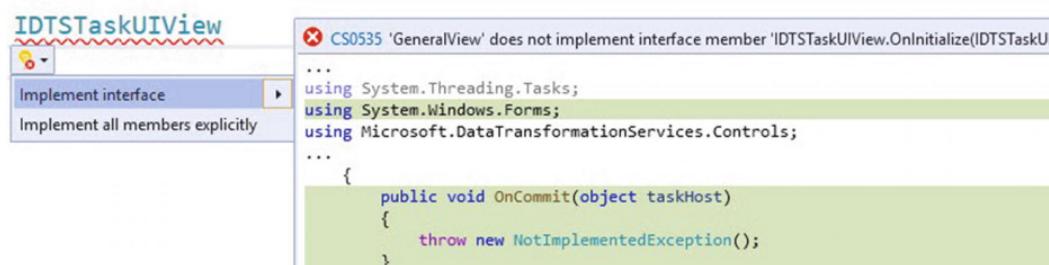
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In Chapter [12](#), we built and tested a minimally coded ExecuteCatalogPackageTask sporting a new “SSIS-y” editor named ExecuteCatalogPackageTaskComplexUI. In this chapter, we will implement the IDTSTaskUIView editor interfaces for GeneralView and SettingsView, add editor properties, and conduct even more tests.

Implementing the GeneralView IDTSTaskUIView Interface

In Chapter [11](#), we used some nifty functionality built into Visual Studio 2019 to implement the required IDTSTaskUIView interface methods for the GeneralView with a single click, as shown in Figure [13-1](#):



```
public void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost, TreeNode viewNode, object obj)
{
    throw new NotImplementedException();
}

public void OnLoseSelection(ref bool bCanLeaveView, ref string reason)
{
    throw new NotImplementedException();
}

public void OnSelection()
{
    throw new NotImplementedException();
}

public void OnValidate(ref bool bViewIsValid, ref string reason)
{
    throw new NotImplementedException();
}
```

Figure 13-1 Implementing required IDTSTaskUIView interface methods for GeneralView

Near the end of the chapter, we commented out the `throw` statements so the ExecuteCatalogPackageTaskComplexUI project would build and pass some basic tests. The code now appears as shown in Listing 13-1:

```
public void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost, TreeNode viewNode, object obj)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}

public void OnValidate(ref bool bViewIsValid, ref string reason)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}

public void OnCommit(object taskHost)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}

public void OnSelection()
{
```

```
// throw new NotImplementedException();
}
public void OnLoseSelection(ref bool bCanLeaveView, ref string reason)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}
Listing 13-1 IDTSTaskUIView interface methods for GeneralView, commented out
```

The code above has also been rearranged to more closely resemble an order I prefer (see the earlier note on “CDO”).

The next step is to implement the GeneralView `OnInitialize` method.

Implementing GeneralView `OnInitialize`

Implement the GeneralView `OnInitialize` method by replacing the current `OnInitialize` method code with the code in Listing 13-2:

```
public virtual void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost
    , System.Windows.FormsTreeNode viewNode
    , object taskHost
    , object connections)
{
    if (taskHost == null)
    {
        throw new ArgumentNullException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogTaskHost");
    }
    if (!(((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject is ExecuteCatalogPackageTask))
    {
        throw new ArgumentException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogTaskHost");
    }
    theTask = ((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask;
    this.generalNode = new GeneralNode(taskHost as TaskHost);
    generalPropertyGrid.SelectedObject = this.generalNode;
```

```
        generalNode.Name = ((TaskHost)taskHost).Name;
    }
```

Listing 13-2 Implementing OnInitialize for GeneralView

```
public virtual void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost
    , System.Windows.Forms.TreeNode viewNode
    , object taskHost
    , object connections)
{
    if (taskHost == null)
    {
        throw new ArgumentNullException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a null TaskHost.");
    }

    if (!(((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject is ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask))
    {
        throw new ArgumentException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a task that is not an ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.");
    }

    theTask = ((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask;

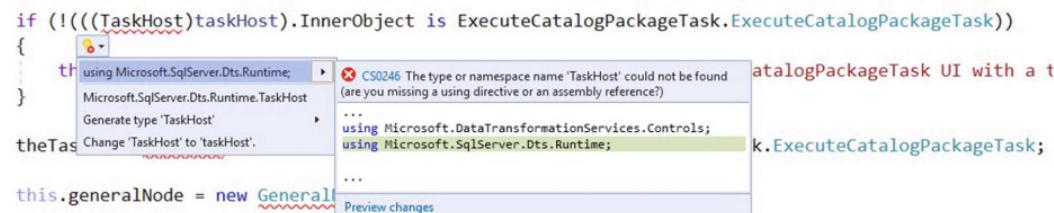
    this.generalNode = new GeneralNode(taskHost as TaskHost);

    generalPropertyGrid.SelectedObject = this.generalNode;

    generalNode.Name = ((TaskHost)taskHost).Name;
}
```

Figure 13-2 The GeneralView OnInitialize method

Note TaskHost and GeneralNode are marked with red squiggly lines to indicate an issue with each. Hover over TaskHost, click the dropdown, and then click “using Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime;” as shown in Figure 13-3:



The screenshot shows a portion of C# code in a Visual Studio editor. A tooltip is displayed over the word 'TaskHost' in the line 'theTask = ((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask;'. The tooltip contains an error message: 'CS0246 The type or namespace name 'TaskHost' could not be found (are you missing a using directive or an assembly reference?)'. Below the tooltip, a dropdown menu is open, showing suggestions: 'using Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime;', 'Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime.TaskHost', 'Generate type 'TaskHost'', and 'Change 'TaskHost' to 'taskHost''. The suggestion 'using Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime;' is highlighted. The rest of the code in the editor includes 'this.generalNode = new GeneralNode(taskHost as TaskHost);' and 'generalPropertyGrid.SelectedObject = this.generalNode;'.

Figure 13-3 Adding “using Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime;”

This Visual Studio automation adds a `using` directive for the `Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime` assembly reference, clearing a number of red

squiggly lines in the GeneralView OnInitialize method, as shown in Figure 13-4:

```
59 public virtual void OnInitialize(IDTTaskUIHost taskHost
60             , System.Windows.Forms.TreeNode viewNode
61             , object taskHost
62             , object connections)
63 {
64     if (taskHost == null)
65     {
66         throw new ArgumentNullException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a null TaskHost");
67     }
68
69     if (!((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject is ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask)
70     {
71         throw new ArgumentException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a task that is not an ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.");
72     }
73
74     theTask = ((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask;
75
76     this.generalNode = new GeneralNode(taskHost as TaskHost);
77
78     generalPropertyGrid.SelectedObject = this.generalNode;
79
80     generalNode.Name = ((TaskHost)taskHost).Name;
81 }
```

Figure 13-4 The using directive clears most design-time issues

Visual Studio line numbers are included in Figure 13-4 to aid in code functionality discussion. Lines 59–63 are the GeneralView OnInitialize method's declaration and arguments.

Lines 64–67 check to see if the taskHost member is null and, if taskHost is null, throw an ArgumentNullException that includes the message: “Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a null TaskHost.”

Lines 69–72 test whether the GeneralView taskHost member's InnerObject may *not* be cast to an instance of the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask type. If the GeneralView taskHost member's InnerObject cannot be cast to an ExecuteCatalogPackageTask, the code throws an ArgumentException that includes the message: “Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a task that is not an ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.”

If the previous “type test” succeeds, the GeneralView theTask member's InnerObject is assigned to the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask object on line 74.

On line 76, the GeneralView generalNode member is initialized (the code here is

On line 78, the GeneralView generalNode member is initialized (the code here is currently broken, but we will fix it soon).

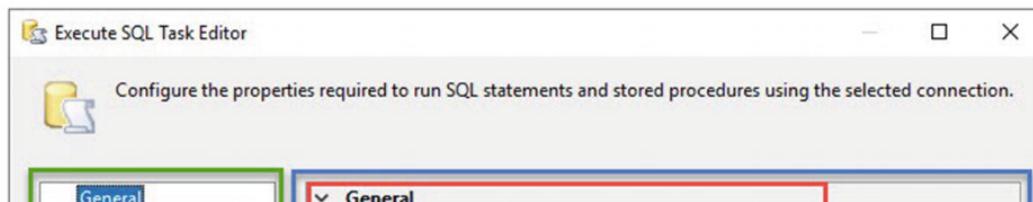
On line 78, the GeneralView generalPropertyGrid member is initialized as the generalNode.

Finally, the generalNode.Name is initialized as the value of the taskHost.Name property value on line 80. The taskHost may be thought of as the “task on the SSIS package Control Flow.” This line of code helps keep the name of the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask in sync with the taskHost.Name property value displayed one the SSIS package Control Flow when the Execute Catalog Package Task editor is closed.

There are a lot of moving parts in the GeneralView OnInitialize method. A lot of what is occurring in the OnInitialize method is a *knitting together* of the SSIS task editor View ▶ Node ▶ Property Category ▶ Property hierarchy we originally discussed in Chapter [10](#).

An SSIS task editor surfaces properties in a hierarchy: View ▶ Node ▶ Property Category ▶ Property. Views are “pages” on an SSIS task editor. The following section appeared in Chapter [10](#). We present it here as a review.

Figure [13-5](#) visualizes the hierarchy for the Execute SQL Task Editor. As mentioned earlier, the General view (in the green box on the left) displays the General node – represented by the propertygrid control (in the blue box on the right). The property category named “General” is shown in the red box. The Name property is shown enclosed in the yellow box, as shown in Figure [13-5](#):



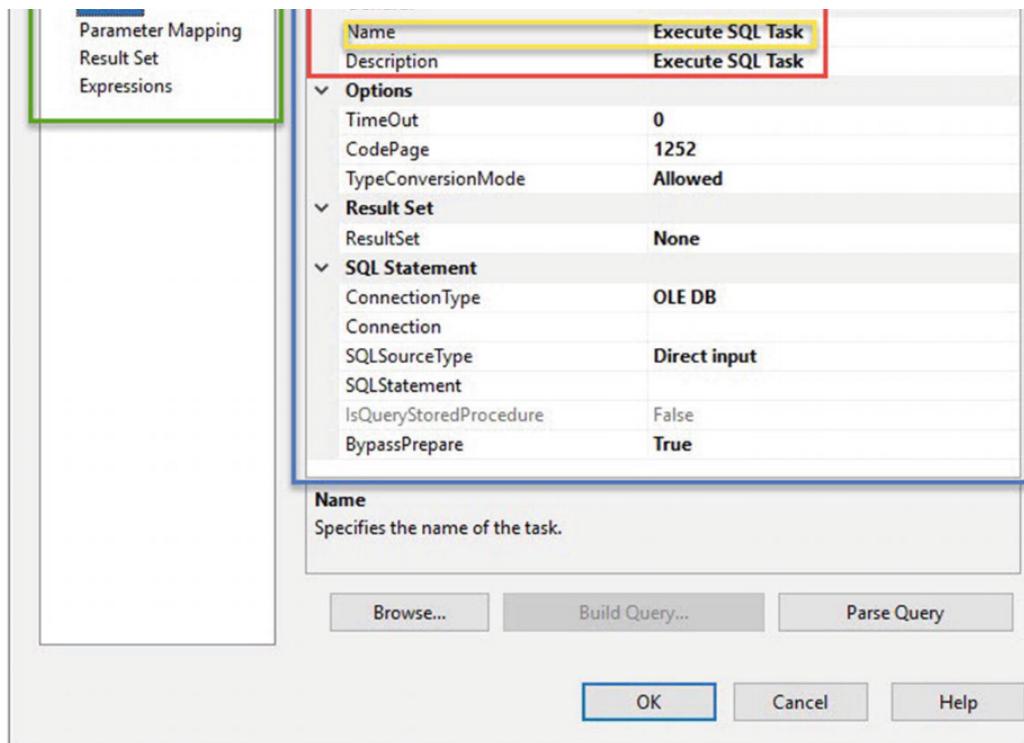


Figure 13-5 Visualizing View ▷ Node ▷ Property Category ▷ Property

Applied to the View ▷ Node ▷ Property Category ▷ Property hierarchy, the names of the entities for the Execute SQL Task Editor – shown in Figure 13-5 – are the following: General (View) ▷ General (Node) ▷ General (Property Category) ▷ Name (Property). That's a lot of General's, and one – the General node – is hiding beneath the propertygrid control.

The new `GeneralView.OnInitialize` method is coupling the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTaskComplexUI` to the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` using the `GeneralView.taskHost` member. Once that succeeds – and the code will throw an exception if the coupling is not possible – the `GeneralView`'s `generalNode` member is initialized (to a new `GeneralNode` object) and the `GeneralView`'s `generalPropertyGrid` is, in turn, initialized to the (new) `generalNode`.

Again, there are a *lot* of moving parts in the GeneralView OnInitialize method.

Implementing GeneralView OnCommit

Implement the GeneralView OnCommit method by replacing the current OnCommit method code with the code in Listing 13-3:

```
public virtual void OnCommit(object taskHost)
{
    TaskHost th = (TaskHost)taskHost;
    th.Name = generalNode.Name.Trim();
    th.Description = generalNode.Description.Trim();
    theTask.TaskName = generalNode.Name.Trim();
    theTask.TaskDescription = generalNode.Description.Trim();
}
```

Listing 13-3 Implementing OnCommit for GeneralView

The GeneralView OnCommit method appears as shown in Figure 13-6:

```
public virtual void OnCommit(object taskHost)
{
    TaskHost th = (TaskHost)taskHost;

    th.Name = generalNode.Name.Trim();
    th.Description = generalNode.Description.Trim();

    theTask.TaskName = generalNode.Name.Trim();
    theTask.TaskDescription = generalNode.Description.Trim();
}
```

Figure 13-6 The GeneralView OnCommit method

When the Name and Description members are added to the GeneralNode class, the red squiggly lines in Figure 13-6 – along with the errors they indicate – will resolve. Add the

TaskName and TaskDescription properties to the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask using the code in Listing 13-4 to resolve the red squiggly lines beneath the TaskName and TaskDescription properties to the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask:

```
public string TaskName { get; set; } = "Execute Catalog Package Task";
public string TaskDescription { get; set; } = "Execute Catalog Package T
```

Listing 13-4 Adding the TaskName and TaskDescription properties to the ExecuteCat

Once added, the code appears as shown in Figure 13-7:

```
public string TaskName { get; set; } = "Execute Catalog Package Task";
1 reference
public string TaskDescription { get; set; } = "Execute Catalog Package Task";
```

Figure 13-7 Adding the TaskName and TaskDescription properties

Coding the GeneralNode

GeneralNode contains the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask properties surfaced on the General page of the Execute Catalog Package Task (complex) editor. Begin by adding members using the code in Listing 13-5:

```
internal TaskHost taskHost = null;
private ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask task = null;
```

Listing 13-5 Add taskHost and task members to GeneralNode

The GeneralNode class appears as shown in Figure 13-8:

```
internal class GeneralNode
{
    internal TaskHost taskHost = null;
    private ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask task = null;
}
```

Figure 13-8 The GeneralNode class members

Add a constructor to the GeneralNode class by adding the code in Listing 13-6:

```
public GeneralNode(TaskHost taskHost)
{
    this.taskHost = taskHost;
    this.task = taskHost.InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteC
}

```

Listing 13-6 Adding a GeneralNode class constructor

Once the constructor is added, the GeneralNode class appears as shown in Figure 13-9:

```
internal class GeneralNode
{
    internal TaskHost taskHost = null;
    private ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask task = null;

    1 reference
    public GeneralNode(TaskHost taskHost)
    {
        this.taskHost = taskHost;
        this.task = taskHost.InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask;
    }
}
```

Figure 13-9 GeneralNode class constructor

After the GeneralNode constructor is implemented, the design-time error on line 76 clears, as shown in Figure 13-10:

```
76      this.generalNode = new GeneralNode(taskHost as TaskHost);
```

Figure 13-10 No more error

The next step is to code the GeneralNode properties.

Coding the GeneralNode Properties

In this section, we reach the Property Category ► Property portion of the View ► Node ► Property Category ► Property hierarchy. Properties of nodes are decorated to indicate property category and description. In the editor, the value of the property is paired with the property name, and this value is passed to the instantiation of the task. The pairing may be thought of as similar to a key-value mapping where the key is composed of the View ► Node ► Property Category ► Property hierarchy and the value is the value supplied by the SSIS developer during task (instance) edit. An example of a value is circled in Figure 13-11:

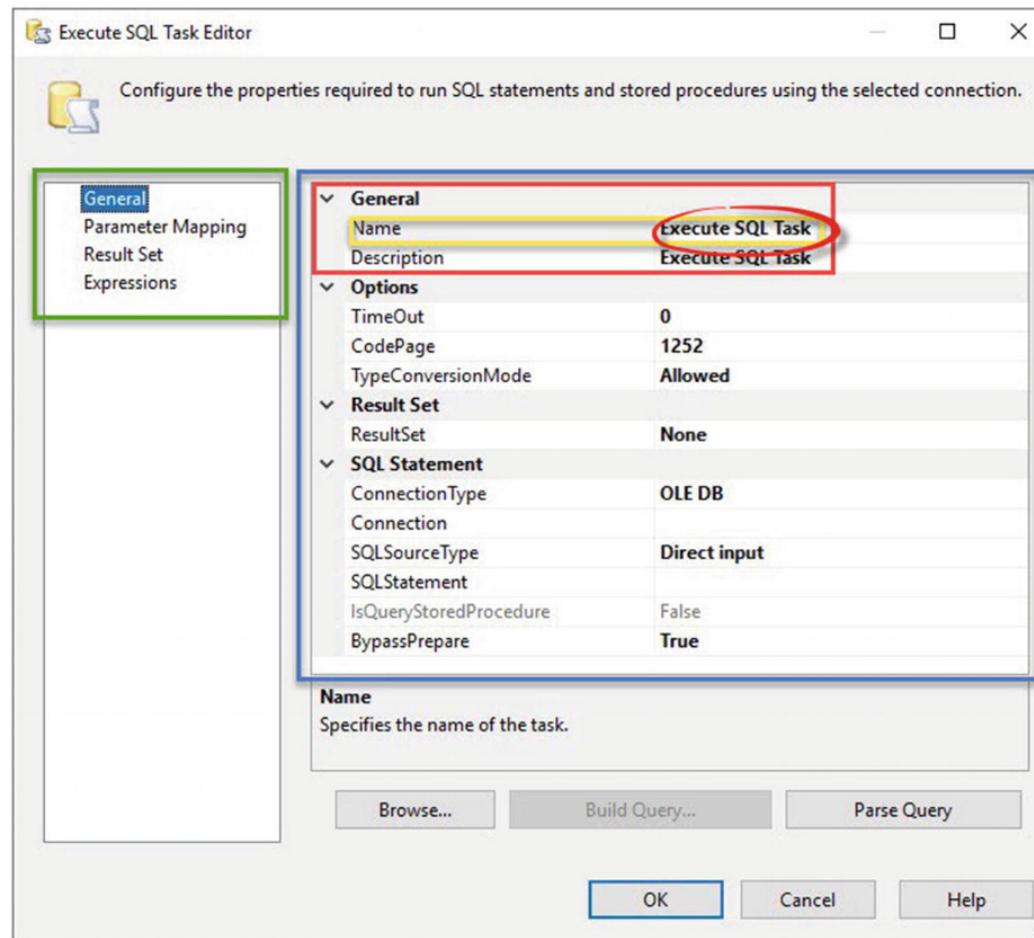


Figure 13-11 The value of the key-value pair

In the SSIS package, the value is configured during editing by an SSIS developer; when the SSIS developer clicks the OK button on the editor, the `OnCommit` method fires and stores the key-value property configurations in the SSIS package's XML, as shown in Figure [13-12](#):

```
<DTS:Executables>
  <DTS:Executable
    DTS:refId="Package\Execute SQL Task"
    DTS:CreationName="Microsoft.ExecuteSQLTask"
    DTS:Description="Execute SQL Task"
    DTS:DTSID="{B12AF18C-77FD-4164-9BA4-681FBA10D49D}"
    DTS:ExecutableType="Microsoft.ExecuteSQLTask"
    DTS:LocaleID="-1"
    DTS:ObjectName="Execute SQL Task"
    DTS:TaskContact="Execute SQL Task; Microsoft Corporation;
    DTS:ThreadHint="0">
  <DTS:Variables />
```

Figure 13-12 XML for an SSIS Execute SQL Task

In our sample Execute SQL Task, the `Name` property value is “Execute SQL Task.” The property value is stored in an attribute named `DTS:ObjectName`. At runtime, SSIS XML is loaded, interpreted, and executed, but it all starts with the SSIS developer opening the task editor and then configuring the value portion of key-value pairs, in which the keys are visually surfaced in editor views that make up the `View ▶ Node ▶ Property Category ▶ Property hierarchy`.

To add the `Name` property of our custom SSIS task, add the code in Listing [13-7](#) to the `GeneralNode`:

```
[  
  Category("General"),  
  Description("Specifies the name of the task.")  
]  
public string Name {
```

```
get { return taskHost.Name; }
set {
    if ((value == null) || (value.Trim().Length == 0))
    {
        throw new ApplicationException("Task name cannot be empty");
    }
    taskHost.Name = value;
}
```

Listing 13-7 Adding the Name property to the GeneralNode

When added, the code appears as shown in Figure 13-13:

```
[  
Category("General"),  
Description("Specifies the name of the task.")  
]  
1 reference  
public string Name {  
    get { return taskHost.Name; }  
    set {  
        if ((value == null) || (value.Trim().Length == 0))  
        {  
            throw new ApplicationException("Task name cannot be empty");  
        }  
  
        taskHost.Name = value;  
    }  
}
```

Figure 13-13 Adding the Name property

The red squiggly lines under the decorations indicate an issue. Hovering over the code presents options to address the issue, as shown in Figure 13-14:

```
[  
Category("General"),  
Description("Specifies the name of the task.")
```

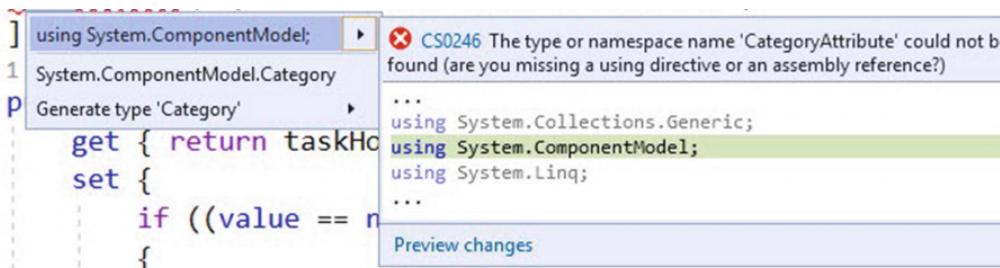


Figure 13-14 Addressing the decoration issue

Adding the `using` directive resolves the issue (you have to love Visual Studio 2019!), as shown in Figure 13-15:

```
117  [
118  Category("General"),
119  Description("Specifies the name of the task.")
120 ]
1 reference
121 public string Name {
122     get { return taskHost.Name; }
123     set {
124         if ((value == null) || (value.Trim().Length == 0))
125         {
126             throw new ApplicationException("Task name cannot be empty");
127         }
128         taskHost.Name = value;
129     }
130 }
```

Figure 13-15 The Name property with issues resolved

The `Category` and `Description` decorations shown on lines 117-120 are used by the `propertygrid` control for Property Category – which may hold one or more properties – and the Property Description displayed at the bottom of the editor when the property is selected during edit. The Property Category is set to `General` in this case; the Property Description is set to `Specifies the name of the task`. The Property Name is derived from the name of the view member – `Name` in this case.

Line 122 contains a `get` statement that returns the value of the `Name` property from the `taskHost.Name` property, or the `Name` property of the `taskHost`. While the statement is relatively short, there are a few moving parts. The `GeneralNode` `taskHost` member points back to the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` class. The `taskHost.Name` property value that the `GeneralNode` `Name` property is getting here is the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.Name` property value. Where is the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.Name` property value stored? In the SSIS package XML.

Lines 123–130 contain the `set` functionality for the property. Lines 124–127 check to see if the property value is null or empty and, if so, throws an `ApplicationException` that returns the message “Task name cannot be empty”.

If there is no exception, the value of the `taskHost.Name` is set on Line 129.

Add the `Description` property to the `GeneralNode` using the code in Listing 13-8:

```
[  
    Category("General"),  
    Description("Specifies the description for this task.")  
]  
public string Description {  
    get { return taskHost.Description; }  
    set { taskHost.Description = value; }  
}
```

Listing 13-8 Adding the `GeneralNode` `Description` property

When added, the code appears as shown in Figure 13-16:

```
[  
Category("General"),  
Description("Specifies the description for this task.")
```

```
]
1 reference
public string Description {
    get { return taskHost.Description; }
    set { taskHost.Description = value; }
}
```

Figure 13-16 The Description property

When the Name and Description properties are added, errors in the OnCommit method clear (compare to Figure 13-6), as shown in Figure 13-17:

```
public virtual void OnCommit(object taskHost)
{
    TaskHost th = (TaskHost)taskHost;

    th.Name = generalNode.Name.Trim();
    th.Description = generalNode.Description.Trim();

    theTask.TaskName = generalNode.Name.Trim();
    theTask.TaskDescription = generalNode.Description.Trim();
}
```

Figure 13-17 OnCommit errors cleared

Testing GeneralView

Build the solution and then open a test SSIS project. Add an Execute Catalog Package Task to the control flow and open the editor. Observe the General page, as shown in Figure 13-18:

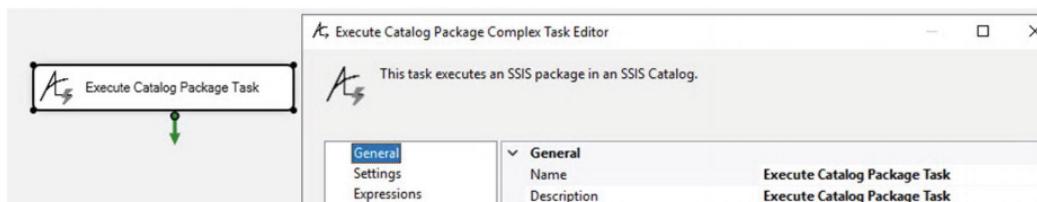
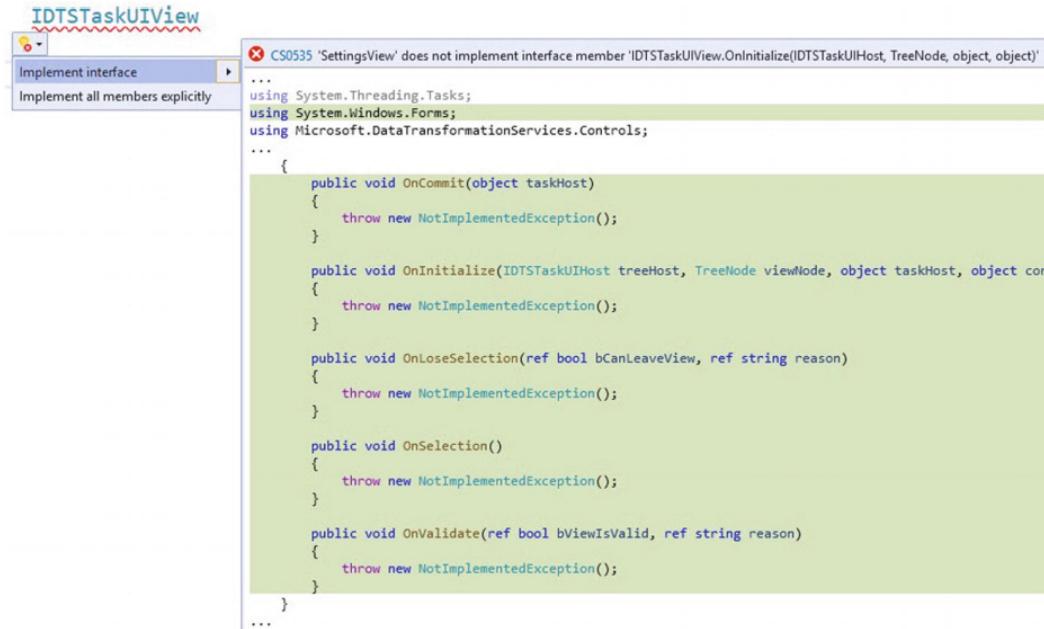


Figure 13-18 The GeneralView in action

The next step is to code the SettingsView.

Implementing the SettingsView IDTSTaskUIView Interface

In Chapter [11](#), we used the same nifty functionality built into Visual Studio 2019 to implement the required IDTSTaskUIView interface methods for the SettingsView as we used to implement the GeneralView interface, as shown in Figure [13-19](#):



A screenshot of the Visual Studio code editor. The title bar says "IDTSTaskUIView". A tooltip at the top left says "Implement interface" and "Implement all members explicitly". A red error icon is followed by the message "CS0535 'SettingsView' does not implement interface member 'IDTSTaskUIView.OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost, TreeNode, object, object)'". The code itself is as follows:

```
using System.Threading.Tasks;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using Microsoft.DataTransformationServices.Controls;
...
{
    public void OnCommit(object taskHost)
    {
        throw new NotImplementedException();
    }

    public void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost, TreeNode viewNode, object taskHost, object conn)
    {
        throw new NotImplementedException();
    }

    public void OnLoseSelection(ref bool bCanLeaveView, ref string reason)
    {
        throw new NotImplementedException();
    }

    public void OnSelection()
    {
        throw new NotImplementedException();
    }

    public void OnValidate(ref bool bViewIsValid, ref string reason)
    {
        throw new NotImplementedException();
    }
}
```

Figure 13-19 Implementing required IDTSTaskUIView interface methods for SettingsView

Near the end of the chapter, we commented out the `throw` statements so the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTaskComplexUI` project would build and pass some basic tests. The code – rearranged to suit my CDO – now appears as shown in Listing [13-9](#):

```
public void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost, TreeNode viewNode, obj
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}
public void OnValidate(ref bool bViewIsValid, ref string reason)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}
public void OnCommit(object taskHost)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}
public void OnSelection()
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}
public void OnLoseSelection(ref bool bCanLeaveView, ref string reason)
{
    // throw new NotImplementedException();
}
```

Listing 13-9 IDTSTaskUIView interface methods for SettingsView, commented out

The next step is to implement the `SettingsView` `OnInitialize` method.

Implementing SettingsView OnInitialize

Implement the `SettingsView` `OnInitialize` method by replacing the current `OnInitialize` method code with the code in Listing [13-10](#):

```
public virtual void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost
```

```

        , System.Windows.Forms.TreeNode viewNode
        , object taskHost
        , object connections)
{
    if (taskHost == null)
    {
        throw new ArgumentNullException("Attempting to initialize the Ex
    }
    if (!(((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject is ExecuteCatalogPackageTas
    {
        throw new ArgumentException("Attempting to initialize the Execut
    }
    theTask = ((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackag
    this.settingsNode = new SettingsNode(taskHost as TaskHost, connect
    settingsPropertyGrid.SelectedObject = this.settingsNode;
}

```

Listing 13-10 Implementing OnInitialize for SettingsView

As when coding the GeneralView, repair the missing `using` directive to clear the TaskHost design-time warning (see Figure 13-3). We will clear the SettingsNode design-time warning – the red squiggly line – later.

The SettingsView OnInitialize method should now appear as shown in Figure 13-20:

```

59 public virtual void OnInitialize(IDTSTaskUIHost treeHost
60             , System.Windows.Forms.TreeNode viewNode
61             , object taskHost
62             , object connections)
63 {
64     if (taskHost == null)
65     {
66         throw new ArgumentNullException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a null TaskHost");
67     }
68     if (!(((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject is ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask))
69     {
70         throw new ArgumentException("Attempting to initialize the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask UI with a task that is not a ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.");
71     }
72     theTask = ((TaskHost)taskHost).InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask;
73     this.settingsNode = new SettingsNode(taskHost as TaskHost, connections);
74     settingsPropertyGrid.SelectedObject = this.settingsNode;
75 }
76
77
78
79 }

```

Figure 13-20 The SettingsView OnInitialize method

Visual Studio line numbers are included in Figure [13-20](#) to aid in code functionality discussion. Lines 59–63 are the `SettingsView` `OnInitialize` method's declaration and arguments.

Lines 64–67 check to see if the `taskHost` member is null and, if `taskHost` is null, throw an `ArgumentNullException` that includes the message: “Attempting to initialize the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` UI with a null TaskHost.”

Lines 69–72 test whether the `SettingsView` `taskHost` member's `InnerObject` may *not* be cast to an instance of the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` type. If the `SettingsView` `taskHost` member's `InnerObject` cannot be cast to an `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask`, the code throws an `ArgumentException` that includes the message: “Attempting to initialize the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` UI with a task that is not an `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask`.”

If the previous “type test” succeeds, the `SettingsView` `theTask` member's `InnerObject` is assigned to the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` object on line 74.

On line 76, the `SettingsView` `generalNode` member is initialized (the code here is currently broken, but we will fix it soon).

Finally, the `SettingsView` `settingsPropertyGrid` member is initialized as the `settingsNode`.

As with the `GeneralView`, there are a lot of moving parts in the `SettingsView` `OnInitialize` method. The new `SettingsView` `OnInitialize` method is coupling the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTaskComplexUI` to the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` using the `SettingsView` `taskHost` member. Once that succeeds – and the code will throw an exception if the coupling is not possi-

ble – the `SettingsView`'s `settingsNode` member is initialized (to a new `SettingsNode` object), and the `SettingsView`'s `settingsPropertyGrid` is, in turn, initialized to the (new) `settingsNode`.

Adding ExecuteCatalogPackageTask Properties

Before implementing `SettingsView OnCommit`, we need to add a few properties to the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` class. Open the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.cs` file in the `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` project, and then add the member declarations in Listing 13-[11](#):

```
public string ConnectionManagerName { get; set; } = String.Empty;
public bool Synchronized { get; set; } = false;
public bool Use32bit { get; set; } = false;
public string LoggingLevel { get; set; } = "Basic";
```

Listing 13-11 Adding ExecuteCatalogPackageTask members

When added, the new `ExecuteCatalogPackageTask` members appear as shown in Figure [13-21](#):

```
public class ExecuteCatalogPackageTask : Microsoft.SqlServer.Dts.Runtime.Task
{
    // Public key: e86e33313a45419e
    //             e4f20b7aa35f375d -- key for simple UI
    //             a68173515d1ee3e3 -- key for complex UI

    18 references
    public string TaskName { get; set; } = "Execute Catalog Package Task";
    3 references
    public string TaskDescription { get; set; } = "Execute Catalog Package Task";
    5 references
    public string ConnectionManagerName { get; set; } = String.Empty;
    6 references
    public bool Synchronized { get; set; } = false;
    3 references
    public bool Use32bit { get; set; } = false;
    3 references
    public string LoggingLevel { get; set; } = "Basic";
    2 references
```

```
public string ReferenceName { get; set; } = "NULL (-1);  
4 references  
public long ReferenceID { get; set; } = -1;  
22 references  
public string ServerName { get; set; } = String.Empty;  
12 references  
private Server catalogServer { get; set; } = null;
```

Figure 13-21 New ExecuteCatalogPackageTask members

SettingsView surfaces the ExecuteCatalogPackageTask properties configured on the Settings page of the Execute Catalog Package Task (complex) editor. In this section, we introduce complexity into the complex editor, so we will take an incremental approach to coding, building, and testing. We begin by adding the FolderName, ProjectName, and PackageName properties.

Implementing SettingsView OnCommit for FolderName, ProjectName, and PackageName Properties

Return to the ExecuteCatalogPackageTaskComplexUI project and implement the SettingsView OnCommit method by replacing the current OnCommit method code with the code in Listing 13-12:

```
public virtual void OnCommit(object taskHost)  
{  
    theTask.PackageFolder = settingsNode.FolderName;  
    theTask.PackageProject = settingsNode.ProjectName;  
    theTask.PackageName = settingsNode.PackageName;  
}
```

Listing 13-12 Implementing OnCommit for SettingsView

The SettingsView OnCommit method appears as shown in Figure 13-22:

```
public virtual void OnCommit(object taskHost)  
{  
    theTask.PackageFolder = settingsNode.FolderName;  
    theTask.PackageProject = settingsNode.ProjectName;  
    theTask.PackageName = settingsNode.PackageName;
```

```
theTask.PackageFolder = settingsNode.FolderName;
theTask.PackageProject = settingsNode.ProjectName;
theTask.PackageName = settingsNode.PackageName;
}
```

Figure 13-22 The SettingsView OnCommit method for FolderName, ProjectName, and PackageName Properties

The next step is to code `SettingsNode` for the `FolderName`, `ProjectName`, and `PackageName` properties.

Coding `SettingsNode` for `FolderName`, `ProjectName`, and `PackageName` Properties

Begin by adding `FolderName`, `ProjectName`, and `PackageName` members to `SettingsNode` using the code in Listing 13-13:

```
internal ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask _task = null;
private TaskHost _taskHost = null;
```

Listing 13-13 Add members to `SettingsNode`

The `SettingsNode` class appears as shown in Figure 13-23:

```
internal class SettingsNode
{
    internal ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCatalogPackageTask _task = null;
    private TaskHost _taskHost = null;
}
```

Figure 13-23 The `SettingsNode` class members

Add a constructor to the `SettingsNode` class by adding the code in Listing 13-14:

```
public SettingsNode(TaskHost taskHost
```

```
        , object connections)
{
    _taskHost = taskHost;
    _task = taskHost.InnerObject as ExecuteCatalogPackageTask.ExecuteCat
}
Listing 13-14 Adding a SettingsNode class constructor
```

