

Advanced ASP.NET MVC 2

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What's new in MVC 2?

In 10 minutes or less



Targeting



Out of band installer .NET 3.5 SPI



Ships in the box
.NET 3.5 SPI
.NET 4

Not part of the .NET Framework

Strongly-Typed UI Helpers

- Overrides for existing UI helpers
- Use expressions based on models

```
Html.TextBox("FirstName")
Html.TextBoxFor(m => m.FirstName)
```



Validation

- Automatic validation during model binding
- Extensible validation & metadata API
- Server side: DataAnnotations attributes
- Client side: ASP.NET Ajax 4
- 3rd Party: Castle Validator, EntLib, etc.





Dynamic Scaffolding

```
<% using (Html.BeginForm()) { %>
    K= Html.ValidationSummary(true, "Login was unsuccessful. Please correct the errors and try again.") %>
    <fieldset>
        <legend>Account Information</legend>
        <%= Html.EditorForModel() %>
        <input type="submit" value="Log On" />
    </fieldset>
<% } %>
public class LogOnModel
    [Required]
    [DisplayName("User name")]
    public string UserName { get; set; }
    [Required]
    [DataType(DataType.Password)]
    [DisplayName("Password")]
    public string Password { get; set; }
    [DisplayName("Remember me?")]
    public bool RememberMe { get; set; }
}
```

Account Information ————	
User name	
Password	
Remember me?	



Dynamic Scaffolding

- Automatic display and editing
- HTML helpers
- Customizable by controller, area, & site
- Built-in templates:
 Text (single & multi-line), password, decimal,
 boolean (2- and 3-state), hidden, HTML, e-mail
 address, URL, collection, complex object



Areas

- Organize a large application into multiple logical areas
- Directory structure that mimics project conventions (Controllers, Models, Views)
- Automatic route registration



RenderAction

- Alternative to RenderPartial
- Executes independent action
 - [ChildActionOnly]
- Comparable to user controls in WebForms
- Some action filter limitations



AsyncController

- Helps build scalable sites
- Non-blocking calls to external services or inherently parallelizable algorithms
- Async Event Pattern:

ActionAsync
ActionCompleted



Miscellany

- ASP.NET Ajax 4, jQuery 1.4.1, jQuery Validation 1.6
- Empty project template
- Code snippets
- ASP.NET 4 support

<%: %> auto-encoding syntax

ViewPage<dynamic> for untyped views



PUT and DELETE & Resource Routing

demo



Customizing Static Scaffolding

demo



Customizing Dynamic Scaffolding

demo.

Custom Server- and Client-Side Validation

demo

Async Controller (Parallel Twitter Search)



Q&A and Thank You!

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