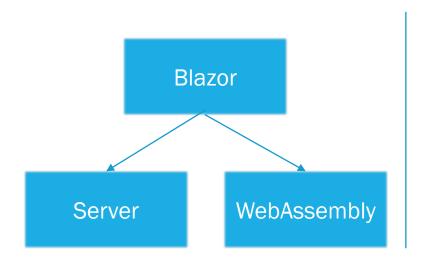
# FRONT END DEVELOPEMET WITH ASP.NET

**INTRODUCTION** 

## **AGENDA**



Front-end Dev Tools

Demo

- With an ever-expanding sea of frameworks, tools and ecosystems from which to choose, it can seem harder than
  ever to figure out the best option for your business when it comes to building modern web applications;
- Until recently JavaScript was generally considered the go-to option for building "modern" web applications with Blazor;
- Microsoft has create Blazor,
- Like JavaScript, runs in the browser, but your applications are written using C#;
- Your application and a small version of the .NET runtime are then shipped to the browser where everything runs via WebAssembly;

- If the **learning curve** meant you couldn't do anything meaningful with it for the first three months, it probably **wouldn't be your first choice!**
- Leverage Your Existing Skills: For many C# developers, JavaScript is either a complete mystery, or at least yet another thing to learn.
- If C# is the primary language of your enterprise, then Blazor may be the best choice.
- It also avoids the pitfalls of having multiple languages to maintain.

- Possibilities for front-end development
  - React (<u>https://reactjs.org/</u>) ships with a component model and the ability to bind components to data but very little else.
  - This is a deliberate choice by the React team, leaving it up to other parties to provide additional concerns like routing, support for forms, etc.
  - Because of this, React itself is fairly straightforward to learn (due to its relatively limited scope).

- Possibilities for front-end development
  - Angular (<u>https://angular.io/</u>), on the other hand, includes routing, forms and virtually anything else you can think of.
  - The upside of this is you don't have to jump off to various third-party providers to plug the gaps, but it also makes the surface area of Angular much, much bigger, meaning there's a lot to learn.

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- Blazor (https://dotnet.microsoft.com/apps/aspnet/web-apps/blazor) occupies a sort of middle ground here, shipping with a solid component model, plus routing and forms, and an HTTP client for making network requests.
- Overall Blazor is "lighter" than Angular in this regard.
- It also builds on established Microsoft technologies, so if your team is familiar with ASP.NET routing and writing markup using Razor, much of Blazor's functionality will come naturally to them.
- Blazor, despite being the newest kid in town has an ecosystem with rich tools, such as <u>Telerik UI</u> (<a href="https://www.telerik.com/blazor-ui">https://www.telerik.com/blazor-ui</a>) or Syncfusion (<a href="https://www.syncfusion.com/blazor-components">https://www.syncfusion.com/blazor-components</a>), providing tootls to speed up your development.

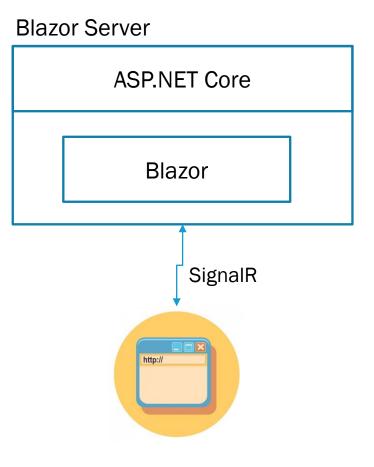
#### **BLAZOR**

- Blazor applications are composed of components that are constructed using C#, HTML-based Razor syntax, and CSS.
- Blazor has two different runtime modes: server-side Blazor and client-side Blazor, also known as Blazor WebAssembly.
- Blazor brings a modern component-based version of Razor, making it possible to break your features down into tiny components which are small, focused and therefore quicker to build.
- Once you have these components you can easily compose them together to make a bigger feature, or an entire application.

#### **BLAZOR**

- Both modes run in all modern web browsers, including web browsers on mobile phones
- Client-side Blazor is composed of the same code as server-side Blazor; however, it runs entirely in the web browser using a technology known as WebAssembly (<a href="https://webassembly.org/">https://webassembly.org/</a>)
- The primary difference in Blazor applications that are created in server-side Blazor versus client-side Blazor is that the client-side Blazor applications need to make web calls to access server data, whereas the server-side Blazor applications can omit this step as all their code is executed on the server.

## **BLAZOR SERVER VS BLAZOR WEBASSEMBLY**



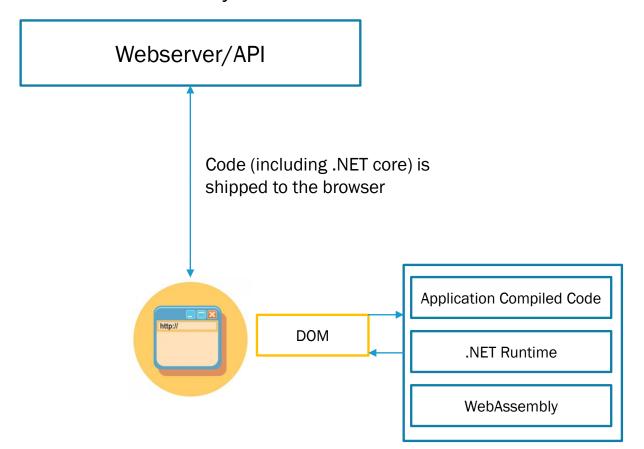
Application runs on the server

SinalR component enables the communication

Easier to develop since integrates all components for web app development

#### **BLAZOR SERVER VS BLAZOR WEBASSEMBLY**

Blazor WebAssembly



Webserver/API need to be developed separately (it is useful if you already have an existing API)

Runs on the client (displaying data)

Obviously, you cannot connect directly to the database

It is useful for front-end

Supports progressive web app (specially used if you want to ship web app to mobile phones)

#### **BLAZOR - COMPONENTS AND ROUTING**

- A Blazor application is composed of components;
- A component is a chunk of code consisting of a user interface and processing logic;
- A Blazor component is also called a Razor component;
- Blazor features routing, where you can provide navigation to your controls using the @page directive followed by a unique route in quotes preceded by a slash;
- A Razor component is contained in a .razor file and can be nested inside of other components.

#### **BLAZOR - COMPONENTS AND ROUTING**

For example, we can create a component named **ComponentOne.razor** using the following code.

#### **BLAZOR - PARAMETERS**

- Razor components can pass values to other components using parameters.
- Component parameters are defined using the [Parameter] attribute, which must be declared as public.

## **BLAZOR - DATA BINDING**

 Simple, one-way binding in Blazor is achieved by declaring a parameter and referencing it using the @ symbol. An example of this is shown in the following code:

```
<b>BoundValue:</b> @BoundValue
@code {
  private string BoundValue { get; set; }

  protected override void OnInitialized() {
    BoundValue = "Initial Value";
  }
}
```

## **BLAZOR - DATA BINDING**

**Two-way**, dynamic data binding in Razor components is implemented using the **@bind** attribute.

```
<input @bind="BoundValue" @bind:event="oninput" />
Display CurrentValue: @BoundValue
@code {
   private string BoundValue { get; set; }
}
```

## **BLAZOR - EVENT**

 Raising events in Razor components is straightforward. The following example demonstrates using the @onclick event handler to execute the method IncrementCount when the button is clicked

```
Current count: @currentCount
<button class="btn btn-primary" @onclick="IncrementCount"> Click me </button>

@code {
   private int currentCount = 0;
   private void IncrementCount() {
      currentCount++;
   }
}
```

## **TOOLSET**

- Database Management
  - Dapper (SQL)
- UI focused JS Framework ("Front-End Frameworks" / "Javascript UI Libraries")
  - Bootstrap <a href="https://getbootstrap.com/">https://getbootstrap.com/</a> hassle-free solution that has a lot of support
  - Kendo-iu <a href="https://www.telerik.com/kendo-ui">https://www.telerik.com/kendo-ui</a>
  - Jauery <a href="https://jquery.com/">https://jquery.com/</a> Standard approach. Can represent "to much" for simple projects.
  - Bulma <a href="https://bulma.io">https://bulma.io</a> lightweight approach that does not include JavaScript!

## **UTILITIES**

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## **BLAZOR FORMS**

- Forms and validation are supported in Blazor using <u>data annotations</u>.
- The following ExampleModel type defines validation logic using data annotations:

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;

public class ExampleModel {
       [Required]
       [StringLength(10, ErrorMessage = "Name is too long.")]
       public string Name { get; set; }
}
```

## **BLAZOR FORMS**

• A form is defined using the <u>EditForm</u> component. The following form demonstrates typical elements, components,

```
and Razor code: <EditForm Model="@exampleModel" OnValidSubmit="@HandleValidSubmit">
                   <DataAnnotationsValidator />
                   <ValidationSummary />
                   <InputText id="name" @bind-Value="exampleModel.Name" />
                   <button type="submit">Submit
               </EditForm>
               @code {
                   private ExampleModel exampleModel = new ExampleModel();
                   private void HandleValidSubmit()
```

## **DEMO (STARTUP)**

- Using Visual Studio Code
  - dotnet new blazorserver -o BlazorApp --no-https
  - cd BlazorApp
  - dotnet watch run
  - Wait for the command to display that it's listening on http://localhost:5000 and then, open a browser and navigate to that address.
  - https://github.com/brunobmo/Blazor\_Course

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