

# Highly maintainable UI with ASP.NET MVC

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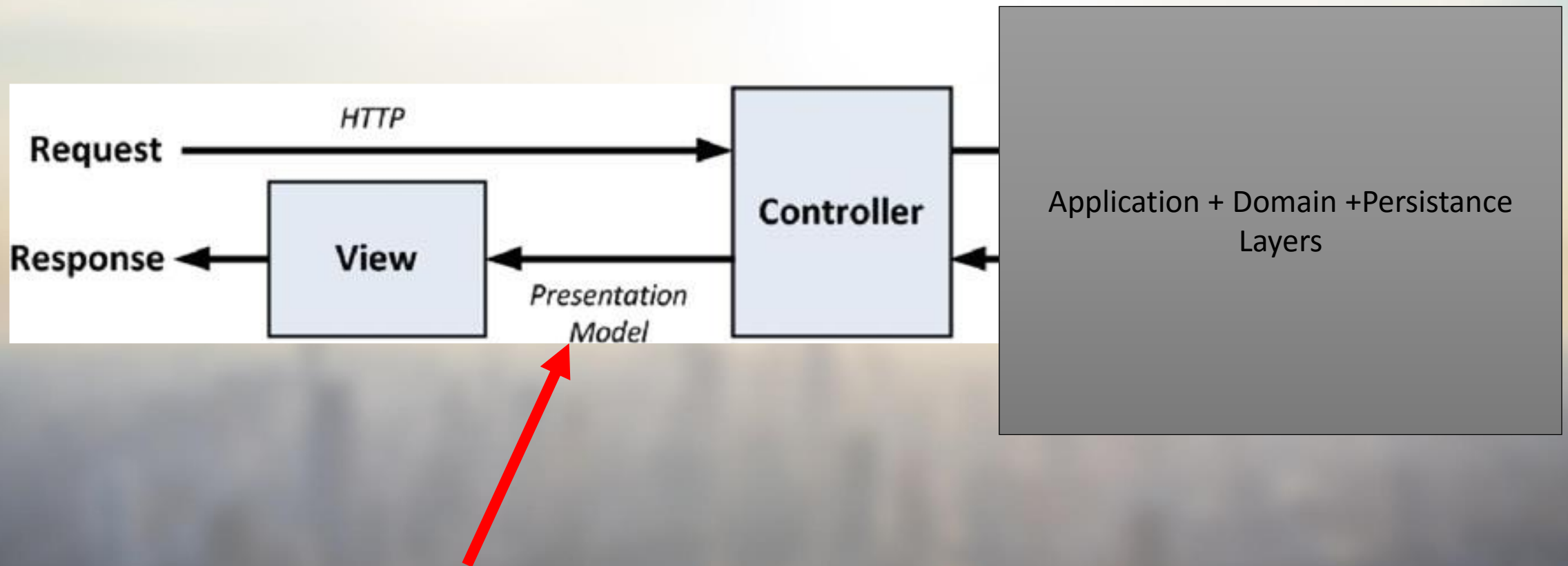




# Model



# Where is the model?



# Data Clumps

```
public ActionResult NewOrder()
{
    var viewModel = this.orderService.NewOrder();
    ViewData["AvailableDiscounts"] = new List<string> {"10%", "20%", "25%"};
    ViewData["AvailableShippingCountries"] = new List<string> {"Poland", "France", "Germany"};
    return View("NewOrderForm", viewModel);
}
```

```
@Html.DropDownListFor(x=>x.Discount,
    new List<SelectListItem>((ViewData["AvailableDiscounts"] as List<string>).Select(x=> new SelectListItem() {Text = x})))

@Html.DropDownListFor(x=>x.ShippingCountry,
    new List<SelectListItem>((ViewData["AvailableShippingCountries"] as List<string>).Select(x=> new SelectListItem() {Text = x})))
```



# Data Clumps

```
public class DropdownVM
{
    public string Selected { get; set; }
    public List<string> AvailableOptions { get; set; }
}

public class NewOrderViewModel
{
    public DropdownVM Discount { get; set; }
    public DropdownVM ShippingCountry { get; set; }
}
```

```
@Html.EditorFor(x => x.Discount)
@Html.EditorFor(x=>x.ShippingCountry)
```





View





# ALWAYS STRONGLY TYPED

```
11 @using (Html.BeginForm("UpdateMember", "User"))
12 {
13
14     @Html.Editor("FullName")
15
16     @Html.ActionLink("Click Me", "GetDetails", "User")
17 }
```



```
10
11 @using (Html.BeginForm<UserController>(c=>c.UpdateMember(null)))
12 {
13
14     @Html.EditorFor(x=>x.FullName)
15
16     @(Html.ActionLink<UserController>(c=>c.GetDetails(), "ClickMe"))
17 }
18
```



# ALWAYS STRONGLY TYPED

## Mvc4Futures 4.0.20710

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ASP.NET MVC Futures includes unsupported prototype features for ASP.NET MVC, from the MVC team.

To install Mvc4Futures, run the following command in the [Package Manager Console](#)

```
PM> Install-Package Mvc4Futures
```



# Simple Form

## Ankieta wstępna

\* - pola wymagane

### Podaj dane firmy

NIP: **PL7964973363**

Nazwa firmy\*:

Kod pocztowy\*:

00-000

Branża:



Przedział obrotów:



### Podaj dane osoby kontaktowej

Imię:

Nazwisko:

Telefon komórkowy:

48

E-mail:

### Informacje dodatkowe

Notatka:



# Simple Form



```

8
9 @using (Html.BeginForm())
10 {
11     <div class="form-horizontal">
12         <h4>Podaj dane firmy</h4>
13         <hr />
14         @Html.ValidationSummary(true, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
15         @Html.HiddenFor(model => model.Id)
16         @Html.HiddenFor(model => model.Version)
17
18         <div class="form-group">
19             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.Nip, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
20             <div class="col-md-10">
21                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.Nip, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
22                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.Nip, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
23             </div>
24         </div>
25
26         <div class="form-group">
27             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.FullName, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
28             <div class="col-md-10">
29                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.FullName, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
30                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.FullName, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
31             </div>
32         </div>
33
34         <div class="form-group">
35             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.ZipCode, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
36             <div class="col-md-10">
37                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.ZipCode, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
38                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.ZipCode, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
39             </div>
40         </div>
41
42         <div class="form-group">
43             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.ContactFirstName, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
44             <div class="col-md-10">
45                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.ContactFirstName, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
46                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.ContactFirstName, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
47             </div>
48         </div>
49
50         <div class="form-group">
51             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.ContactLastName, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
52             <div class="col-md-10">

```







```

8
9 using (Html.BeginForm())
10 {
11     <div class="form-horizontal">
12         <h4>Podaj dane firmy</h4>
13         <hr />
14         @Html.ValidationSummary(true, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
15         @Html.HiddenFor(model => model.Id)
16         @Html.HiddenFor(model => model.Version)
17
18         <div class="form-group">
19             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.Nip, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
20             <div class="col-md-10">
21                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.Nip, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
22                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.Nip, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
23             </div>
24         </div>
25
26         <div class="form-group">
27             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.FullName, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
28             <div class="col-md-10">
29                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.FullName, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
30                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.FullName, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
31             </div>
32         </div>
33
34         <div class="form-group">
35             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.ZipCode, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
36             <div class="col-md-10">
37                 @Html.EditorFor(model => model.ZipCode, new { htmlAttributes = new { @class = "form-control" } })
38                 @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.ZipCode, "", new { @class = "text-danger" })
39             </div>
40         </div>
41
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47             </div>
48         </div>
49
50         <div class="form-group">
51             @Html.LabelFor(model => model.ContactLastName, htmlAttributes: new { @class = "control-label col-md-2" })
52             <div class="col-md-10">

```



# Simple Form

```
9  @helper EditorLineTemplate(IHtmlString label, IHtmlString editor, IHtmlString validationMessage)
10 {
11     <div class="form-group">
12         @label
13         <div class="col-md-10">
14             @editor
15             @validationMessage
16         </div>
17     </div>
18 }
```

```
public static IHtmlString EditorLineFor<TModel, TField>(this HtmlHelper<TModel> htmlHelper, Expression<Func<TModel, TField>> field)
{
    var label = htmlHelper.LabelFor(field);
    var editor = htmlHelper.EditorFor(field);
    var validationMessage = htmlHelper.ValidationMessageFor(field);
    return Templates.EditorLineTemplate(label, editor, validationMessage);
}
```





# Simple Form

```
15 @using (Ajax.BeginForm<Case1Controller>(c => c.Save(null), Case1UIElementsIds.CreateCaseForm, "PageBody"))
16 {
17     using (Html.CreateFormSection("Podaj dane firmy"))
18     {
19         @Html.DisplayLineFor(m => m.Nip)
20         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.FullName)
21         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.ZipCode)
22         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.Industry)
23         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.TurnoverLevel)
24     }
25
26     using (Html.CreateFormSection("Podaj dane osoby kontaktowej"))
27     {
28         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.ContactFirstName)
29         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.ContactLastName)
30         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.ContactPhoneNumber)
31         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.ContactEmail)
32     }
33
34     using (Html.CreateFormSection("Informacje dodatkowe"))
35     {
36         @Html.EditorLineFor(m => m.Note)
37     }
38 }
39
```



## Simple Form – TagHelper (ASP.NET Core)

```
8 <form asp-controller="Case1" asp-action="Update">
9   <formsection title="Podaj dane firmy">
10     <displayline for="Nip" />
11     <editorline for="FullName" />
12     <editorline for="ZipCode" />
13     <editorline for="Industry" />
14     <editorline for="TurnoverLevel" />
15   </formsection>
16   <formsection title="Podaj dane osoby kontaktowej">
17     <editorline for="ContactFirstName" />
18     <editorline for="ContactLastName" />
19     <editorline for="ContactPhoneNumber" />
20     <editorline for="ContactEmail" />
21   </formsection>
22   <formsection title="Informacje dodatkowe">
23     <editorline for="Note" />
24   </formsection>
25 </form>
```



# Html Form

```
7
8 @using (Html.BeginForm("Register", "Account", FormMethod.Post, new { @class = "form-horizontal", role = "form", id="RegisterForm" }))
9 {
10     @Html.AntiForgeryToken()
11     <h4>Create a new account.</h4>
12     @*Form fields*@
13
14 }
```



# Ajax Form

```
15  @using (Ajax.BeginForm("Save", new AjaxOptions() {  
16      OnSuccess = "HandleBasicForm(data)",  
17      OnFailure = "showErrors(data)"  
18  })))  
19  {  
20      @*Form inputs*@  
21  }  
22
```

✖ ▶ Uncaught EvalError: Refused to evaluate a string as JavaScript [jquery.unobtrusive-ajax.js](#) because 'unsafe-eval' is not an allowed source of script in the following Content Security Policy directive: "default-src 'self'".



# Ajax Form

**JQUERY.UNOBTUSIVE-AJAX.JS**



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# Ajax Form

```
10
11 @using (Ajax.BeginForm<ContractorController>(c => c.Save(null), "ContactForm"))
12 {
13
14 }
```

```
3  (function () {
4
5      Ajax.OnSuccess("ContractorForm", function () {
6
7      });
8
9      Ajax.OnFailure("ContractorForm", function () {
10
11      });
12
13  })();
14
```



# Passing data between Razor and JavaScript

```
7
8 <script>
9     var message = "Hello @Model.UserName";
10    alert(message);
11 </script>
12
13 <style>
14     .page-header-layout {
15         background-color: "@Model.UserFavouriteColor";
16     }
17 </style>
18 <div class="page-header-layout">
19     <div class="header-content">
20         <h1>User Settings</h1>
21     </div>
22 </div>
```



# Passing data between Razor and JavaScript

- ❌ Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "default-src 'self'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-RMH/evq07aWq01fNZhOR1hs8nKsiBNojRr3Qc4J6uBU='), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note also that 'style-src' was not explicitly set, so 'default-src' is used as a fallback. [CaseList:7](#)
- ❌ Refused to execute inline script because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "default-src 'self'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-/zkCoQ+dl6aIgc/Bf8Yw3GSJ0QFJEVXubWRe4lckmzk='), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note also that 'script-src' was not explicitly set, so 'default-src' is used as a fallback. [CaseList:8](#)





# Contextual Encoding

<i>Test</i>

Context	Correctly encoded string
HTML	&lt;i&gt;Test&lt;/i&gt;
JavaScript	\x3ci\x3eTest\x3c\x2fi\x3e
CSS	\00003Ci\00003ETest\00003C\00002F1\00003E



# Passing data between Razor and JavaScript

```
16 <div id="UserSettingsPage" data-user-name="@Model.UserName" data-model="@Model.ToJson()">
17   <div class="page-header-layout">
18     <div class="header-content">
19       <h1>User Settings</h1>
20     </div>
21   </div>
22 </div>
```

```
var message = $("#UserSettingsPage").data("userName");

var model = $("#UserSettingsPage").data("model");
```




# Razor + JQuery UI

```
1
2  $(function () {
3
4      $("#User").autocomplete();
5      $("#DateFrom").datepicker();
6      $("#DateTo").datepicker();
7
8  });
9
```



# Razor + JQuery UI

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Unobtrusive wire-up of jQuery UI features using data-ui-\* attributes on target elements.



```
DateTime.cshtml ↗ ✕  
1  @model DateTime  
2  @Html.TextBoxFor(m => m, new { data_ui_fn = "datepicker" })  
3  
4  
5
```



# Widget Factory

```
1  $.widget("ui.sequencelist", {
2      version: "1.0.0",
3      options: {},
10     _create: function () {
11         var that = this;
12         this.element.on("click", this.options.selectorUp, function (){});
19         this.element.on("click", this.options.selectorDown, function () {
20             var $item = $(this).closest(that.options.selectorItem);
21             $item.insertAfter($item.next(that.options.selectorItem));
22             that._setArrowVisibility();
23             that.renumerateSequenceFields();
24             that._trigger("orderchanged");
25         });
26
27         this._setInitialOrder();
28         this._setArrowVisibility();
29         this.isVisible = true;
30     },
31     showWidget: function (){},
38     hideWidget: function (){},
48     setVisibility: function(isVisible){},
55     renumerateSequenceFields: function (){},
63     _setInitialOrder: function (){},
77     _setArrowVisibility: function (){},
85     _getSequenceFields: function(){},
88     });
```



# Controller



```

[HttpPost]
[ValidateAntiForgeryToken]
[ValidateInput(false)]
public ActionResult DeliveryDetails(DeliveryDetailsViewModel model)
{
    // Check the selected shipping option
    if (!mCheckoutService.IsShippingOptionValid(model.ShippingOption.ShippingOptionID))
    {
        ModelState.AddModelError("ShippingOption.ShippingOptionID", ResHelper.GetString("DancingGoatMvc.Shipping.ShippingO
    })

    // Check if the billing address's country and state are valid
    var countryStateViewModel = model.BillingAddress.BillingAddressCountryStateSelector;
    if (!mCheckoutService.IsCountryValid(countryStateViewModel.CountryID))
    {
        countryStateViewModel.CountryID = 0;
        ModelState.AddModelError("BillingAddress.BillingAddressCountryStateSelector.CountryID", ResHelper.GetString("Danci
    })
    else if (!mCheckoutService.IsStateValid(countryStateViewModel.CountryID, countryStateViewModel.StateID))
    {
        countryStateViewModel.StateID = 0;
        ModelState.AddModelError("BillingAddress.BillingAddressCountryStateSelector.StateID", ResHelper.GetString("Dancing
    })

    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        var viewModel = mCheckoutService.PrepareDeliveryDetailsViewModel(model.Customer, model.BillingAddress, model.Shipp
        return View(viewModel);
    }

    var cart = mShoppingService.GetCurrentShoppingCart();
    var customer = cart.Customer ?? new Customer();

    model.Customer.ApplyToCustomer(customer);
    cart.Customer = customer;

    var modelAddressID = model.BillingAddress.BillingAddressSelector?.AddressID ?? 0;
    var billingAddress = mCheckoutService.GetAddress(modelAddressID) ?? new CustomerAddress();

    model.BillingAddress.ApplyTo(billingAddress);
    billingAddress.PersonalName = $"{customer.FirstName} {customer.LastName}";

    cart.BillingAddress = billingAddress;
    cart.ShippingOption = mCheckoutService.GetShippingOption(model.ShippingOption.ShippingOptionID);

    cart.Save();

    return RedirectToAction("PreviewAndPay");
}

```



# Perfect Controller

## Patterns [\[ edit \]](#)

### Controller [\[ edit \]](#)

The **controller** pattern assigns the responsibility of dealing with system events to a non-UI class that represents the overall system or a use case scenario. A controller object is a non-user interface object responsible for receiving or handling a system event.

A use case controller should be used to deal with *all* system events of a use case, and may be used for more than one use case (for instance, for use cases *Create User* and *Delete User*, one can have a single *UserController*, instead of two separate use case controllers).

It is defined as the first object beyond the UI layer that receives and coordinates ("controls") a system operation. The controller should delegate the work that needs to be done to other objects; it coordinates or controls the activity. It should not do much work itself. The GRASP Controller can be thought of as being a part of the application/service layer <sup>[2]</sup> (assuming that the application has made an explicit distinction between the application/service layer and the domain layer) in an object-oriented system with common layers in an information system logical architecture.





# Perfect Controller

```
[ActionLinkArea(AreaNames.Admin)]
public class UserController : Controller
{
    private readonly IUserService userService;

    public UserController(IUserService userService)
    {
        this.userService = userService;
    }

    public ActionResult GetMemberForEdit(EntityDTO dto)
    {
        var memberEditViewModel = this.userService.GetMemberForEdit(dto);
        return this.View("Forms/Members/EditUserMember", memberEditViewModel);
    }

    [HttpPost]
    public JsonResult UpdateMember(UnitMemberEditDTO dto)
    {
        this.userService.UpdateMember(dto);
        return this.JsonSuccess();
    }
}
```



# Perfect Controller

```
public ActionResult GetAdditionalProductDetails(AdditionalProductDetailsInputDTO input)
{
    var viewModelWrapper = this.eflCase3AdditionalService.GetAdditionalProductForEdit(input);
    switch (viewModelWrapper.WrappedContentType)
    {
        case AdditionalProductDetailsType.Gap:
            return this.View("Forms/AdditionalProductGap", viewModelWrapper.GapViewModel);
        case AdditionalProductDetailsType.Assistance:
            return this.View("Forms/AdditionalProductAssistance", viewModelWrapper.AssistanceViewModel);
        case AdditionalProductDetailsType.AssistanceTruck:
            return this.View("Forms/AdditionalProductAssistanceTruck", viewModelWrapper.AssistanceTruckViewModel);
        default:
            throw Fail.Because("Not supported additional product type");
    }
}
```

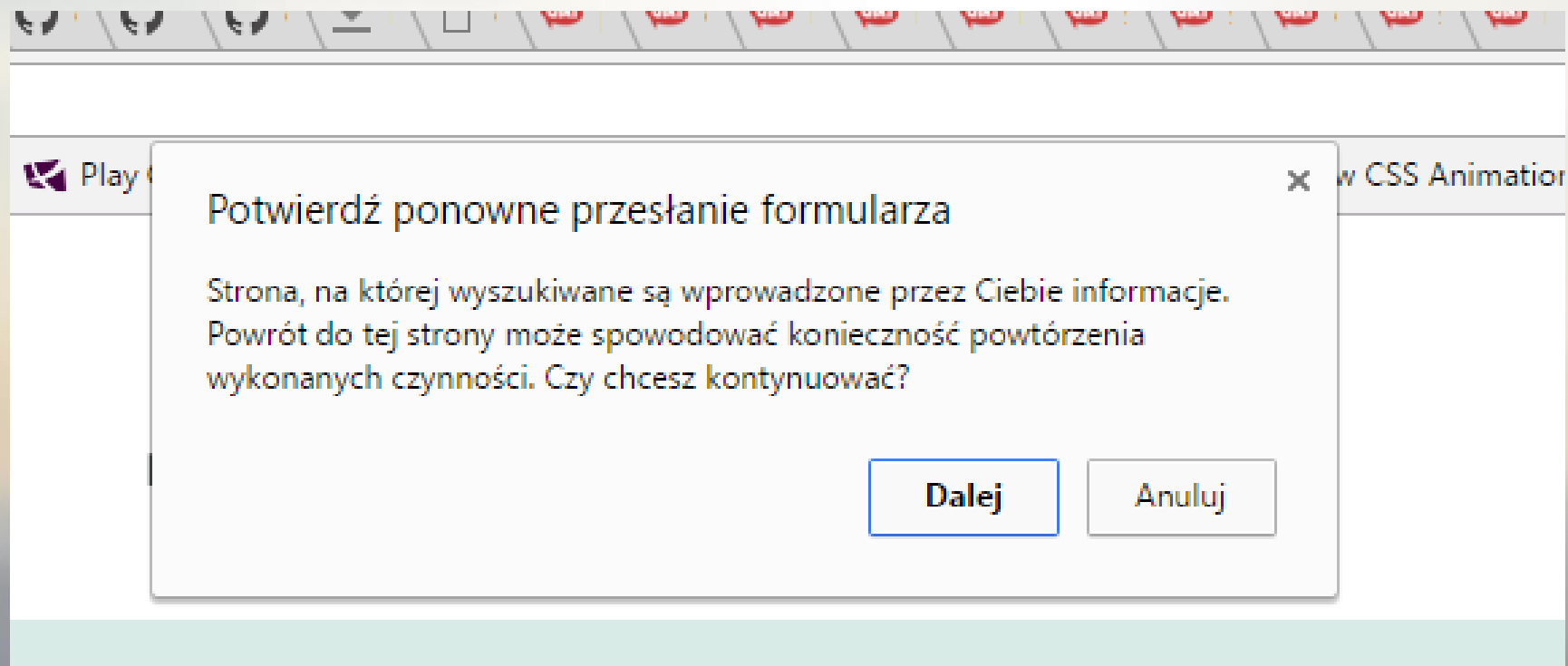


# POST-REDIRECT-GET

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult UpdateRelatedPerson(CreateUpdateRelationWithPersonDTO dto)
{
    this.eflCase4RelationService.UpdateRelationWithPerson(dto);
    return this.RedirectToAction(c => c.GetRelations(dto.CaseId));
}
```



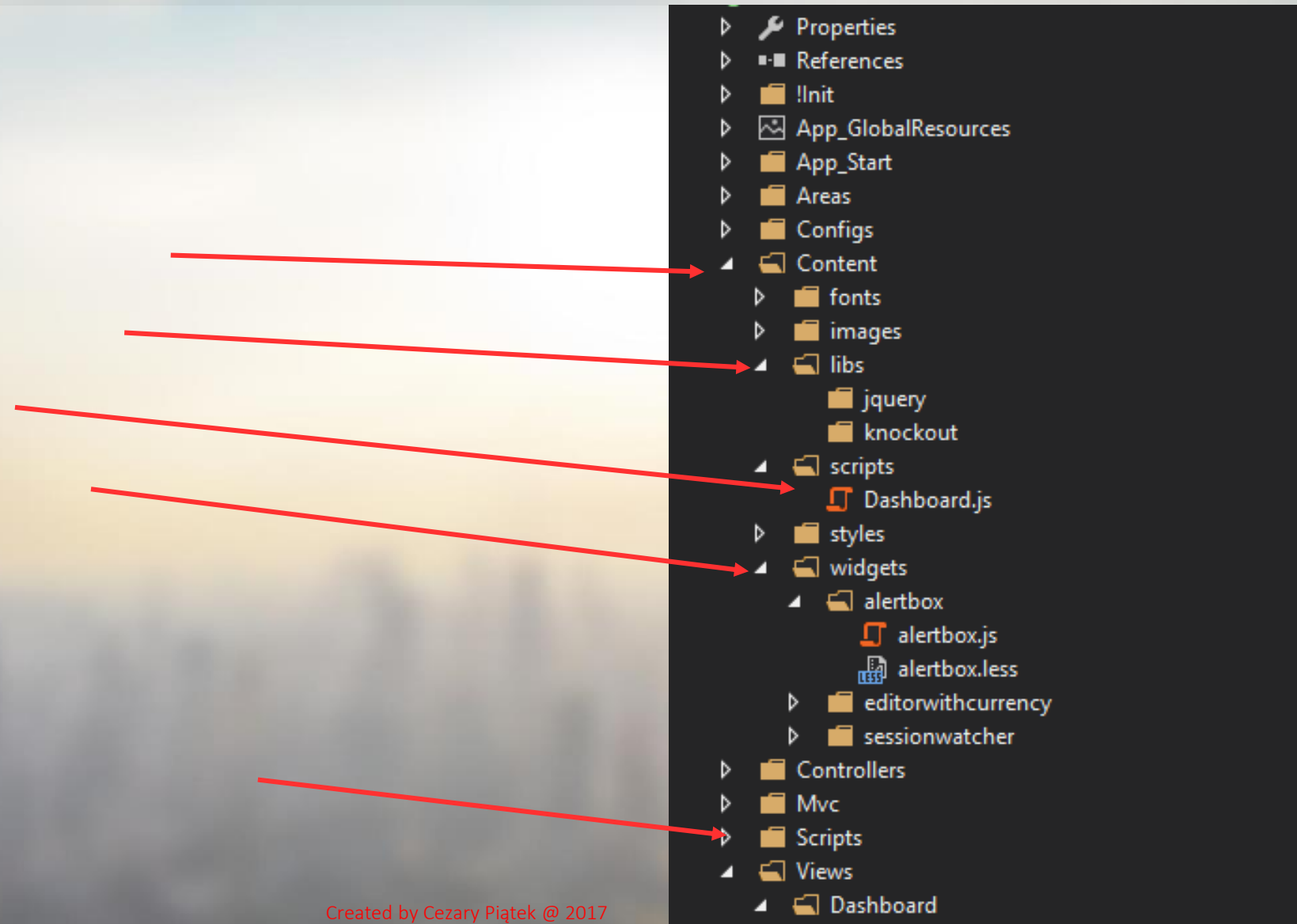
# POST-REDIRECT-GET



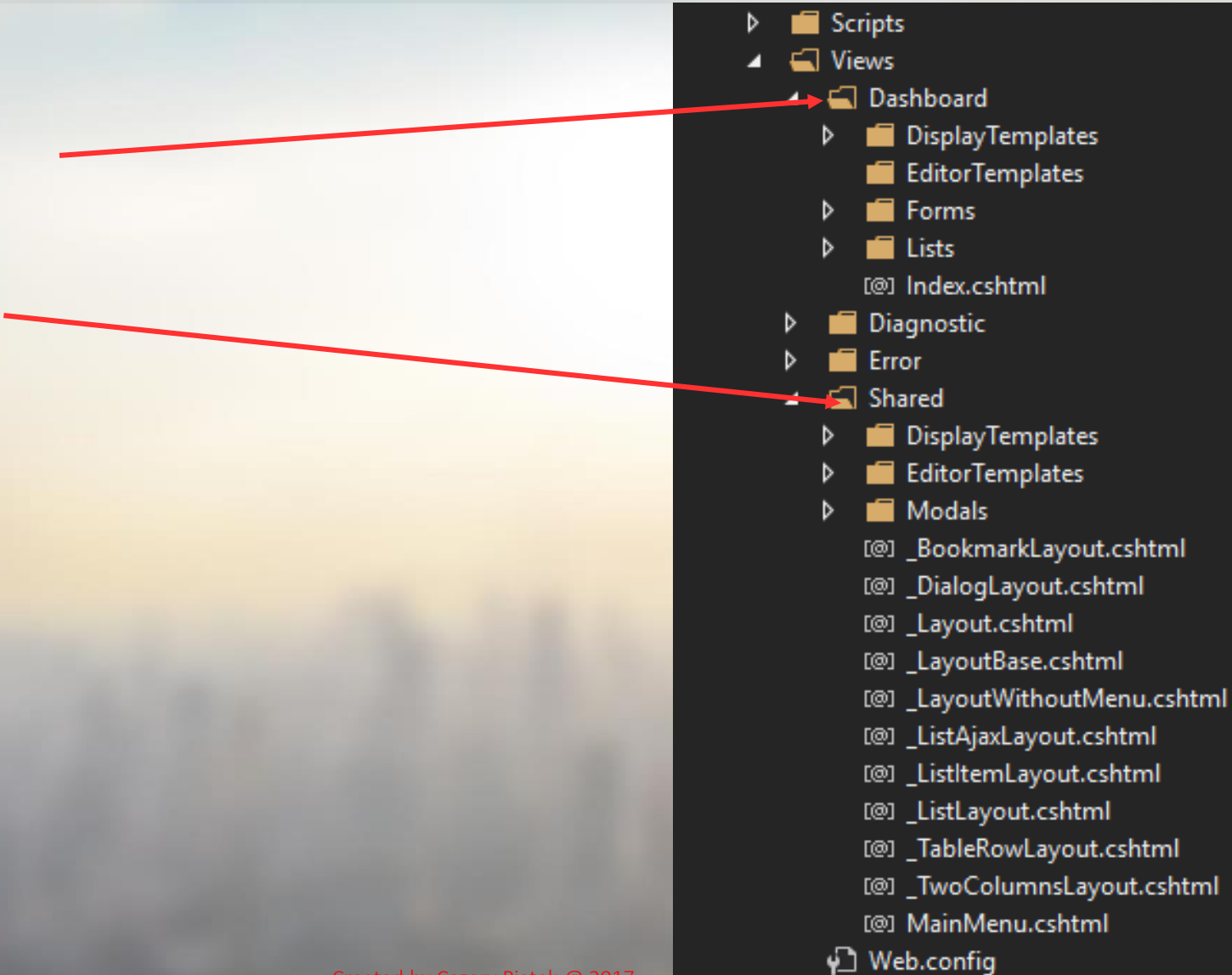
# Directory Structure



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```
└─ Scripts
└─ Views
    └─ Dashboard
        └─ DisplayTemplates
        └─ EditorTemplates
        └─ Forms
        └─ Lists
        └─ Index.cshtml
    └─ Diagnostic
    └─ Error
    └─ Shared
        └─ DisplayTemplates
        └─ EditorTemplates
        └─ Modals
        └─ _BookmarkLayout.cshtml
        └─ _DialogLayout.cshtml
        └─ _Layout.cshtml
        └─ _LayoutBase.cshtml
        └─ _LayoutWithoutMenu.cshtml
        └─ _ListAjaxLayout.cshtml
        └─ _ListItemLayout.cshtml
        └─ _ListLayout.cshtml
        └─ _TableRowLayout.cshtml
        └─ _TwoColumnsLayout.cshtml
        └─ MainMenu.cshtml
└─ Web.config
```

The image shows a directory tree structure. Two red arrows originate from the left side of the slide. The top arrow points to the 'Dashboard' folder under the 'Views' directory. The bottom arrow points to the 'Shared' folder, also under the 'Views' directory. The 'Views' directory contains several sub-directories and files, including 'Scripts', 'Views', 'Dashboard', 'Diagnostic', 'Error', 'Shared', 'DisplayTemplates', 'EditorTemplates', 'Forms', 'Lists', 'Index.cshtml', 'Modals', and 'MainMenu.cshtml'. The 'Shared' folder contains a large number of layout files, including '\_BookmarkLayout.cshtml', '\_DialogLayout.cshtml', '\_Layout.cshtml', '\_LayoutBase.cshtml', '\_LayoutWithoutMenu.cshtml', '\_ListAjaxLayout.cshtml', '\_ListItemLayout.cshtml', '\_ListLayout.cshtml', '\_TableRowLayout.cshtml', '\_TwoColumnsLayout.cshtml', and 'MainMenu.cshtml'. The 'Web.config' file is located at the bottom of the tree.



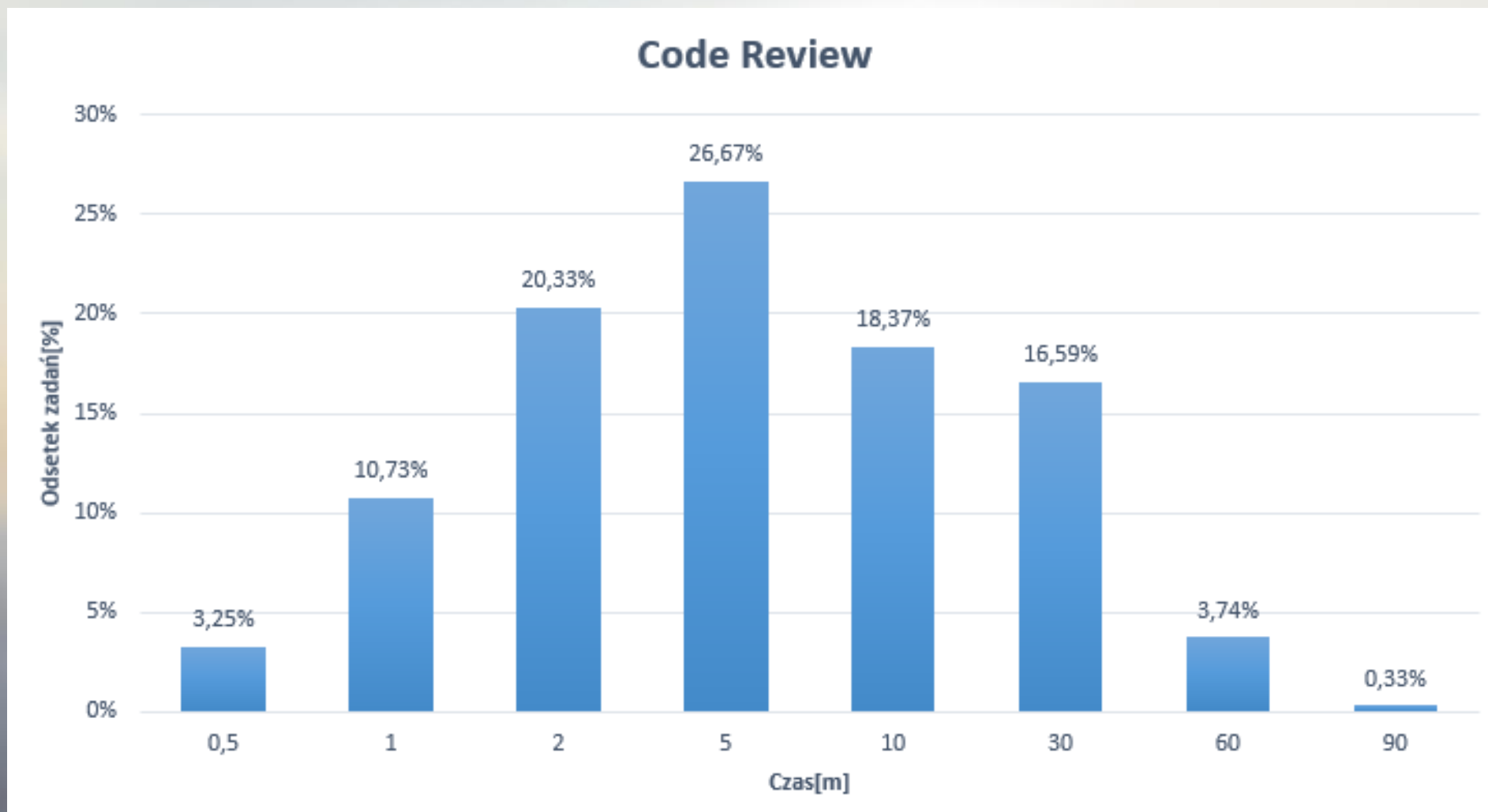
# Good practices

- Coding standards
- Knowledge transfer
- Code Review
- Code snippets/scaffolding
- Solution Wide Analysis





# Code Review



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