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Check out our extensive range of movies! We compare prices from leading movie retailers like Film World and Cinema World.

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Year: 1983

Initial Thoughts

- Preference for Live Data (rely less on cache / local copy)
- Open for additional providers (ie. do not hard-code the 2 given providers)
- UI similar to Booko (booko.com.au). No need for a service to get the cheapest price. Just dynamically sort prices (as they come) from lowest to highest at the front-end.
- Best Practices (separation of concerns, leverage on existing solutions, testability)

Preference for Live Data

- For unreliable services, use a Retry utility.
- Thought about using Polly. (Polly is a .Net resilience and transient-fault handling library.)
- Polly has retry, circuit breaker, timeout, bulkhead isolation, and fallback features.
- BUT, can't afford to overcome the learning curve for the given timeframe



Retry Helper

- RetryHelper code was taken from a blog article that mentions Polly.
- Modify the code so to use methods that return a string. (Original only accepted void methods.)

1 reference

```
20 public static async Task<string> RetryOnExceptionAsync<TException>(
21     int times, TimeSpan delay, Func<Task<string>> operation) where TException : Exception
22 {
23     string result = string.Empty;
24
25     if (times <= 0)
26         throw new ArgumentOutOfRangeException(nameof(times));
27
28     var attempts = 0;
29     do
30     {
31         try
32         {
33             attempts++;
34             result = await operation();
35             break;
36         }
37         catch (TException ex)
38         {
39             if (attempts == times)
40                 // Give up but log it.
41                 return string.Empty;
42             await CreateDelayForException(times, attempts, delay, ex);
43         }
44     } while (true);
45
46     return result;
47 }
48
49
```

- It also has exponential / incremental backoff functionality, but it is not used in this demo.

```
1 reference
private static Task CreateDelayForException(
    int times, int attempts, TimeSpan delay, Exception ex)
{
    if (delay == null)
    {
        var delaySeconds = IncreasingDelayInSeconds(attempts);
        delay = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(delaySeconds);
    }
    // Log.Warn($"Exception on attempt {attempts} of {times}. " +
    //           "Will retry after sleeping for {delay}.", ex);
    return Task.Delay(delay);
}
```

```
3 references
internal static int[] DelayPerAttemptInSeconds =
{
    (int) TimeSpan.FromSeconds(2).TotalSeconds,
    (int) TimeSpan.FromSeconds(30).TotalSeconds,
    (int) TimeSpan.FromMinutes(2).TotalSeconds,
    (int) TimeSpan.FromMinutes(10).TotalSeconds,
    (int) TimeSpan.FromMinutes(30).TotalSeconds
};
```

```
1 reference
static int IncreasingDelayInSeconds(int failedAttempts)
{
    if (failedAttempts <= 0) throw new ArgumentOutOfRangeException();

    return failedAttempts > DelayPerAttemptInSeconds.Length ? DelayPerAttemptInSeconds.Last() : DelayPerAttemptInSeconds[failedAttempts - 1];
}
```

Retry Configuration

- Instead of using incremental backoff, use fixed values that work best.

```
"MaxRetryAttempts": "10",  
"SecondsPauseBetweenFailures": "1",  
"TimeoutSeconds": "10",
```

- If it fails, use a stored value (key-value store).

Configurable Providers

- Have a configurable list of providers to get values from, instead of hard-coding them.

```
"ProviderSettings": {  
  "Providers": [  
    {  
      "Name": "Cinema World",  
      "BaseAddress": "https://webjetapitest.azurewebsites.net/api/cinemaworld/",  
      "MoviesService": "movies",  
      "MovieService": "movie",  
      "Token": "sjd1HfkjU83ksdsm3802k",  
      "Prefix": "cw"  
    },  
    {  
      "Name": "Film World",  
      "BaseAddress": "https://webjetapitest.azurewebsites.net/api/filmworld/",  
      "MoviesService": "movies",  
      "MovieService": "movie",  
      "Token": "sjd1HfkjU83ksdsm3802k",  
      "Prefix": "fw"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```


Configurable Providers

- Let the SPA have a list of providers retrieved from the server (GetProviders), and retrieve each data from the server asynchronously (GetMovies / GetMovie).
- Services:
 - GetProviders
 - GetMovies?serviceId=XX
 - GetMovie?serviceId=XX&movieId=YY

Separation of Concerns

- CheapMovies.Domain: For the Movie entity
- CheapMovies.Services: MovieDataService (communicating with web services) and MovieService (for returning Movie data to API)
- CheapMovies.Store: key-value storage
- CheapMovies.Common: RetryHelper and constants (config keys)

Separation of Concerns

- CheapMovies.Api: controllers that call services
- CheapMovies.Web: Startup, Angular SPA, Configuration (appsettings.json)
- CheapMovies.Tests: xUnit tests

CheapMovies.Domain

- Movie entity, with constructor that accepts JSON string and JSON object

```
using System;
using Newtonsoft.Json.Linq;

namespace CheapMovies.Domain.Entities
{
    10 references
    public class Movie
    {
        1reference
        public string Title { get; set; }
        1reference
        public string Year { get; set; }
        1reference
        public string Rated { get; set; }
        1reference
        public string Released { get; set; }
    }
}
```

```
1reference
public Movie(string jsonString): this(JObject.Parse(jsonString))
{
}

2 references
public Movie(JObject json)
{
    this.Title = (string)json["Title"];
    this.Year = (string)json["Year"];
    this.Rated = (string)json["Rated"];
    this.Released = (string)json["Released"];
    this.Runtime = (string)json["Runtime"];
    this.Genre = (string)json["Genre"];
}
```

CheapMovies.Services

- MovieDataService
 - Provider collection
 - GetMoviesOperationAsync / GetMovieOperationAsync
 - GetMoviesAsync / GetMovieAsync

CheapMovies.Services

```
6 references
public class Provider
{
    1reference
    public string Name { get; set; }
    1reference
    public string BaseAddress { get; set; }
    1reference
    public string MoviesService { get; set; }
    1reference
    public string MovieService { get; set; }
    1reference
    public string Token { get; set; }
    1reference
    public string Prefix { get; set; }
    2 references
    public HttpClient HttpClient {
        get
        {
            HttpClient client = new HttpClient();
            client.BaseAddress = new Uri(this.BaseAddress);
            client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Add(Constants.HTTP_HEADER_ACCESS_TOKEN, this.Token);
            client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Accept
                .Add(new MediaTypeWithQualityHeaderValue(Constants.HTTP_MEDIA_TYPE_JSON));
            return client;
        }
    }
}
```

CheapMovies.Services

- Constructor gets settings and providers from configuration.

```
0 references
public MovieDataService(IConfiguration configuration)
{
    this.configuration = configuration;

    this.maxRetryAttempts = this.configuration.GetValue(Constants.CONFIG_RETRY_MAX_ATTEMPTS, 3);
    var seconds = this.configuration.GetValue(Constants.CONFIG_RETRY_SECONDS_PAUSE_BETWEEN_FAILURES, 1);
    this.pauseBetweenFailures = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(seconds);
    this.timeoutSeconds = this.configuration.GetValue(Constants.CONFIG_TIMEOUT_SECONDS, 10);

    var providerSettings = new ProviderSettings();
    this.configuration.Bind(nameof(ProviderSettings), providerSettings);
    this.providers = providerSettings.Providers;
}
```

CheapMovies.Services

- GetMoviesAsync: Retries one or more calls
- GetMoviesOperationAsync: A single web service call

```
3 references
public async Task<string> GetMoviesAsync(int serviceId)
{
    return await RetryHelper.RetryOnExceptionAsync(
        this.maxRetryAttempts, this.pauseBetweenFailures, async () =>
            await this.GetMoviesOperationAsync(serviceId)
    );
}
```

```
1 reference
public async Task<string> GetMoviesOperationAsync(int serviceId)
{
    Provider provider = this.providers[serviceId];
    var client = provider.HttpClient;
    client.Timeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(this.timeoutSeconds);
    var result = await client.GetStringAsync(provider.MoviesService);
    return result;
}
```


CheapMovies.Services

- MovieService
 - GetProviders (returns providers in config settings)
 - GetMoviesAsync / GetMovieAsync
 - UseStore
 - ParseMovies

CheapMovies.Services

4 references

```
public MovieService(
    IConfiguration configuration,
    IMovieDataService movieDataService,
    IStoreRepository storeRepository)
{
    this.movieDataService = movieDataService;
    this.storeRepository = storeRepository;
    var providerSettings = new ProviderSettings();

    if (configuration != null)
    {
        this.configuration = configuration;
        this.configuration.Bind(nameof(ProviderSettings), providerSettings);
        this.providers = providerSettings.Providers;
    }
}
```

1 reference

```
public List<string> GetProviders()
{
    var result = new List<string>();
    foreach (Provider provider in this.providers)
    {
        result.Add(provider.Name);
    }

    return result;
}
```

CheapMovies.Services

3 references

```
public async Task<Movie> GetMovieAsync(int serviceId, string movieId)
{
    string result = await this.movieDataService.GetMovieAsync(serviceId, movieId);
    bool fromStore = false;
    this.UseStore(serviceId.ToString() + ":" + movieId, ref result, ref fromStore);
    var movie = new Movie(result);
    movie.FromStore = fromStore;
    return movie;
}
```

2 references

```
private void UseStore(string key, ref string value, ref bool fromStore)
{
    if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(value))
    {
        value = this.storeRepository.GetValue(key);
        fromStore = true;
    }
    else
    {
        this.storeRepository.StoreValue(key, value);
        fromStore = false;
    }
}
```

CheapMovies.Services

- Why use a custom local store?
 - I wanted Redis but it is not free in Azure.
 - It can also be a local store solution that uses both in-memory cache and a key-value database like Redis.

CheapMovies.Services

```
1 reference
public List<Movie> ParseMovies(string json)
{
    List<Movie> output = new List<Movie>();

    var moviesJson = JObject.Parse(json);
    JArray movies = (JArray)moviesJson["Movies"];

    foreach (var movie in movies)
    {
        output.Add(new Movie((JObject)movie));
    }

    return output;
}
```

CheapMovies.Store

- StoreRepository
 - Uses Entity Framework DbContext (StoreDbContext)
 - StoreValue (key, value) - adds or updates
 - GetValue (key) - returns value

CheapMovies.Common

- RetryHelper
- Constants

```
5 references
public class Constants
{
    1reference
    public const string HTTP_HEADER_ACCESS_TOKEN = "x-access-token";
    1reference
    public const string HTTP_MEDIA_TYPE_JSON = "application/json";
    1reference
    public const string CONFIG_RETRY_MAX_ATTEMPTS = "MaxRetryAttempts";
    1reference
    public const string CONFIG_RETRY_SECONDS_PAUSE_BETWEEN_FAILURES = "SecondsPauseBetweenFailures";
    1reference
    public const string CONFIG_TIMEOUT_SECONDS = "TimeoutSeconds";
}
```

CheapMovies.Api

- MovieController - thin controller that calls services
 - GetProviders - api/movies/getproviders
 - GetMoviesAsync - api/movies/getmovies?serviceId=XX
 - GetMovieAsync - api/movies/getmovie?serviceId=XX
&movieId=YY

CheapMovies.Api

```
[HttpGet]
[Route("api/movie/getproviders")]
0 references
public ActionResult GetProviders()
{
    try
    {
        var result = this.movieService.GetProviders();
        return new OkObjectResult(result);
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Error: " + ex.Message);
        return new EmptyResult();
    }
}
```

CheapMovies.Api

- Controllers are loaded from CheapMovies.Web through application parts.

```
// get api controllers from api assembly
var apiAssembly = typeof(MovieController).GetTypeInfo().Assembly;
services.AddMvc()
    .SetCompatibilityVersion(CompatibilityVersion.Version_2_2)
    .AddApplicationPart(apiAssembly);
```

- If converting to a microservices architecture, the Movies API (and other APIs) can be loaded within its own host.

CheapMovies.Web

- Startup

```
0 references
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddSingleton<IConfiguration>(this.Configuration);
    services.AddTransient(typeof(IStoreRepository), typeof(StoreRepository));
    services.AddTransient(typeof(IMovieDataService), typeof(MovieDataService));
    services.AddTransient(typeof(IMovieService), typeof(MovieService));

    // set up sqlite store
    var connectionStringBuilder = new Microsoft.Data.Sqlite.SqliteConnectionStringBuilder { DataSource = "cheap-movies.db" };
    var dbContextConnectionString = connectionStringBuilder.ToString();
    services.AddDbContext<StoreDbContext>(options =>
    {
        options.UseSqlite(dbContextConnectionString);
    });

    // get api controllers from api assembly
    var apiAssembly = typeof(MovieController).GetTypeInfo().Assembly;
    services.AddMvc()
        .SetCompatibilityVersion(CompatibilityVersion.Version_2_2)
        .AddApplicationPart(apiAssembly);

    // In production, the Angular files will be served from this directory
    services.AddSpaStaticFiles(configuration =>
    {
        configuration.RootPath = "ClientApp/dist";
    });
}
```

0 references

```
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IHostingEnvironment env)
{
    using (var serviceScope = app.ApplicationServices.GetService<IServiceScopeFactory>().CreateScope())
    {
        var context = serviceScope.ServiceProvider.GetRequiredService<StoreDbContext>();
        context.Database.Migrate();
    }

    if (env.IsDevelopment())
    {
        app.UseDeveloperExceptionPage();
    }
    else
    {
        app.UseExceptionHandler("/Error");
        // The default HSTS value is 30 days. You may want to change this for production scenarios, see https://aka.ms/a
        app.UseHsts();
    }

    app.UseHttpsRedirection();
    app.UseStaticFiles();
    app.UseSpaStaticFiles();

    app.UseMvc(routes =>
    {
        routes.MapRoute(
            name: "default",
            template: "{controller}/{action=Index}/{id?}");
    });

    app.UseSpa(spa =>
    {
        // To learn more about options for serving an Angular SPA from ASP.NET Core,
        // see https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=864501

        spa.Options.SourcePath = "ClientApp";

        if (env.IsDevelopment())
        {
            spa.UseAngularCliServer(npmScript: "start");
        }
    });
}
```

CheapMovies.Web

- Angular SPA
 - app.module
 - movies.component
 - movies.service
 - movie entity
 - price entity

CheapMovies.Web

- Component

```
constructor(  
    private movieService: MovieService  
) {}  
  
public ngOnInit() {  
    this.movieService.getProviders()  
        .subscribe(result => {  
            this.providers = result;  
        });  
    this.movieService.getMovies(0)  
        .subscribe(result => {  
            this.movies = result;  
            this.orderBy('title', 'asc');  
            this.moviesLoaded = true;  
            this.populatePrices();  
        });  
}  
  
private populatePrices() {  
    this.movies.forEach(movie => {  
        this.movieService.setMoviePrices(this.providers, movie);  
    });  
}  
  
public orderBy(field: string, order: string) {  
    this.sortField = field;  
    this.sortOrder = order;  
    this.movies = _.orderBy(this.movies, this.sortField, this.sortOrder);  
}
```

```

<div *ngIf="moviesLoaded">
  <div *ngIf="movies.length > 0">
    <div class="row">
      <div class="col-sm-6">
        <button id="alphabetical-button" type="button" class="btn btn-light mr-2" (click)="orderBy('title','asc')">Alphabetical</button>
        <button id="oldest-button" type="button" class="btn btn-light mr-2" (click)="orderBy('year','asc')">Oldest</button>
        <button id="newest-button" type="button" class="btn btn-light mr-2" (click)="orderBy('year','desc')">Newest</button>
        <label class="small mt-3" id="order-by-label">Ordered by: {{sortField}} {{sortOrder}}</label>
      </div>
      <div class="col-sm-6">
        <p class="small mt-3">The [stored] tag, if present, indicates last recorded price (not live).</p>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div class="d-flex flex-wrap">
      <div *ngFor="let movie of movies" class="card text-center m-1" style="width: 20rem;">
        <div class="card-body">
          <h5 class="card-title">{{movie.title}}</h5>
          <p class="card-text">Year: {{movie.year}}</p>
        </div>
        <div *ngFor="let price of movie.prices; let i = index" class="card-footer">
          <p class="card-text text-left">
            <span *ngIf="i == 0" class="badge badge-danger" style="width: 100px;">
              {{price.price | currency}}
            </span>
            <span *ngIf="i > 0" class="badge badge-secondary" style="width: 100px;">
              {{price.price | currency}}
            </span>
            {{price.name}}
            <span *ngIf="price.fromStore">
              [stored]
            </span>
          </p>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

```

CheapMovies.Web

- Service

```
public getProviders(): Observable<any> {
  return this.http.get(
    this.baseUrl + 'api/movie/getproviders'
  );
}

public getMovies(serviceId: number): Observable<any> {
  return this.http.get(
    this.baseUrl + 'api/movie/getmovies?serviceId=' + serviceId
  );
}

public setMoviePrices(providers: string[], movie: Movie) {
  movie.prices = new Array();
  for (let i = 0; i < providers.length; i++) {
    const provider = providers[i];
    this.getPrice(i, movie.id)
      .subscribe((result: any) => {
        if (result) {
          const price = new Price();
          price.name = provider;
          price.price = result.price;
          price.fromStore = result.fromStore;
          movie.prices.push(price);
          movie.prices = movie.prices.sort((a, b) => a.price - b.price);
        }
      });
  }
}

public getPrice(serviceId: number, movieId: string): Observable<Price> {
  return this.http.get<Price>(
    this.baseUrl + 'api/movie/getmovie?serviceId=' + serviceId + '&movieId=' + movieId
  );
}
```


CheapMovies.Web

- E2E testing page object

```
export class AppPage {  
  navigateTo() {  
    return browser.get('/');  
  }  
  
  getMainHeading() {  
    return element(by.css('app-root h1')).getText();  
  }  
  
  getAlphabeticalButton() {  
    return element(by.id('alphabetical-button'));  
  }  
  
  getOldestButton() {  
    return element(by.id('oldest-button'));  
  }  
  
  getNewestButton() {  
    return element(by.id('newest-button'));  
  }  
  
  getOrderByLabel() {  
    return element(by.id('order-by-label')).getText();  
  }  
}
```

CheapMovies.Web

- E2E testing Protractor tests

```
it('should display title', () => {
  page.navigateTo();
  expect(page.getMainHeading()).toEqual('Cheap Movies');
});

it('should sort alphabetically', () => {
  browser.ignoreSynchronization = true;
  browser.sleep(2000);
  page.getAlphabeticalButton().click().then(function () {
    expect(page.getOrderByLabel()).toEqual('Ordered by: title asc');
  });
});

it('should sort by year oldest', () => {
  browser.ignoreSynchronization = true;
  browser.sleep(2000);
  page.getOldestButton().click().then(function () {
    expect(page.getOrderByLabel()).toEqual('Ordered by: year asc');
  });
});

it('should sort by year newest', () => {
  browser.ignoreSynchronization = true;
  browser.sleep(2000);
  page.getNewestButton().click().then(function () {
    expect(page.getOrderByLabel()).toEqual('Ordered by: year desc');
  });
});
```

CheapMovies.Tests

- Movie Data Service - “Movie” Has Data Test

```
[Fact]
0 references | Run Test | Debug Test
public void MovieDataServiceMovieHasDataTest()
{
    this.goodMockMovieDataService = new Mock<IMovieDataService>();
    this.goodMockMovieDataService.Setup(m => m.GetMovieAsync(0, "0076759")).
        Returns(Task.FromResult(this.movieJsonString));

    IMovieService movieService = new MovieService(
        null,
        this.goodMockMovieDataService.Object,
        this.mockStoreRepository.Object);
    var movie = movieService.GetMovieAsync(0, "0076759").Result;

    Assert.Equal("0076759", movie.Id);
    mockStoreRepository.Verify(m => m.StoreValue("0:0076759", this.movieJsonString), Times.Once());
}
```

CheapMovies.Tests

- Movie Data Service - “Movie” Error Test

```
[Fact]
0 references | Run Test | Debug Test
public void MovieDataServiceMovieErrorTest()
{
    this.badMockMovieDataService = new Mock<IMovieDataService>();
    this.badMockMovieDataService.Setup(m => m.GetMovieAsync(0, "0076759")).
        Returns(Task.FromResult(string.Empty));

    this.mockStoreRepository = new Mock<IStoreRepository>();
    this.mockStoreRepository.Setup(m => m.GetValue("0:0076759")).
        Returns(this.movieJsonString);

    IMovieService movieService = new MovieService(
        null,
        this.badMockMovieDataService.Object,
        this.mockStoreRepository.Object);
    var movie = movieService.GetMovieAsync(0, "0076759").Result;

    Assert.Equal("0076759", movie.Id);
    mockStoreRepository.Verify(m => m.GetValue("0:0076759"), Times.Once());
}
```

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