Building End-to-End Multi-Client Service Oriented Applications

Module 12
The Car Rental Web Site
Part 3 – HTML5 History API & Accessing WCF



Highlights

- HTML 5 Push-State
 - Tracking and pushing back-button history
- Accessing Services from the site
 - The proxy-disposability pattern in the controllers
- User-data authorization
 - Similar to that on the WCF services (and for the same reasons)
- Unit Testing

HTML5 Push-State

- Manually pushing history onto the browser
- Makes the back-button think it has a place to go
- Without it, a back-press will navigate to the point before the server request took place, for example:
 - Currently on Home Page
 - Click on "Register"
 - □ Fill out Step 1, press Next
 - □ Fill out Step 2, press Next (we got here through SPA)
 - Press Back-button
 - Back at Home Page (we really would like to go back to step 1)
- Needed as the final polish in a SPA
- My pattern is designed to work with the way I design SPAs
 - There are frameworks to assist with this (Sammy.JS)

The Rest of the Site

- Other sections of this site
 - My Account
 - Reserve a Car the one I'm going to write
 - Current Reservations
- Will access WCF Services (using the proxy classes)
- Proxies will be injected into controllers
 - Will need pattern for disposability
- Each site "section" will be exposed SPA-style
 - Step 1 Choose reservation dates
 - Step 2 Choose an available car
 - □ Step 3 Reservation confirmation

Summary

- Many technologies used here
 - MVC, Knockout, Web API, Bootstrap, JQuery
- Site is SPA/Non-SPA hybrid
- Uses SimpleMembershipProvider for authentication
- Base classes for both controller types provide common functionality
- Formal pattern offers proxy disposing
- HTML5 Push-State gives final polish for back-button support

End of Module