CST8256 Web Programming Language I

Lab 2

Objective

- 1. Use third party class libraries
- 2. Understand and use ASP.NET Tag Helpers

Due Date

See Brightspace posting for the due date. To earn 5 points, you are required:

- 1. Complete the lab as required.
- 2. Zip your web application project folder into a zip file and submit the zip file to the Brightspace before the due date
- 3. Demonstrate your lab work during the lab session in the week after the due date.

Preparation

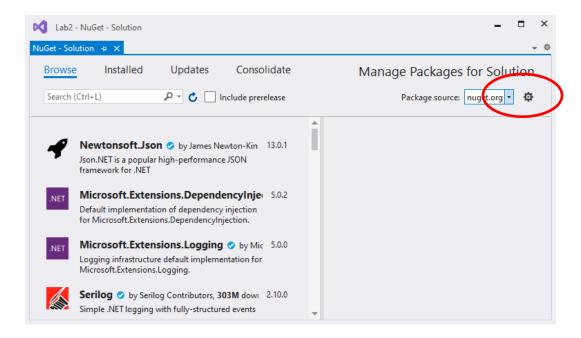
Often, when you develop a new software application, you will not build everything from scratch. Instead, you will use some class libraries. Those class libraries are packed as NuGet packages.

In this lab, we are going to learn how to use a class library either purchased from a third party or in-house developed previously.

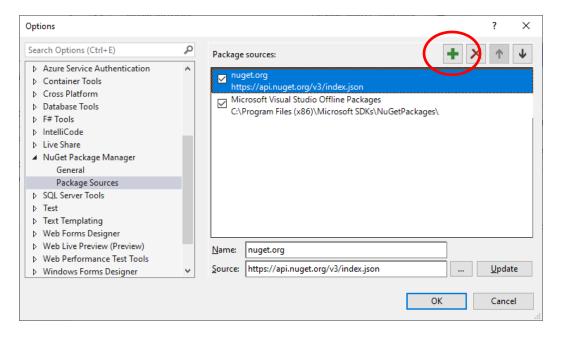
In the next lab, we will use class libraries obtained from the public domain.

- 1. Create a folder **LocalClassLib** (say, c:\algonquin\LocalClassLibs). Download NuGet package **AcademicManagement.2.0.0.nupkg** from the Brightspace, and move the file into **LocalClassLib** folder.
- 2. Start Visual Studio and create new Razor Page web application Lab2
- 3. From the Visual Studio's menu select **Tools > NuGet Package Manager > Manage NuGet Packages for Solution** ...
- 4. On start, the only package source is nuget.org which has all class libraries in the public domain. We need add the class libraries in our local source. Click **setting** button next to the package source dropdown.

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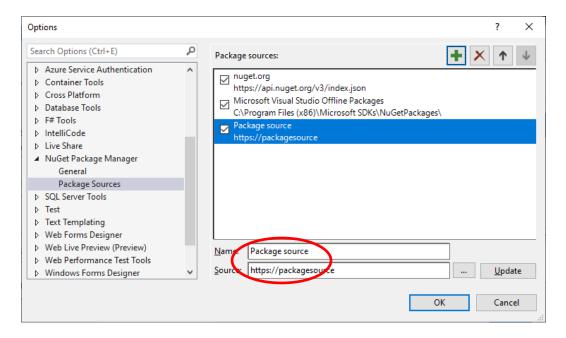


5. Click + button to add a new package source

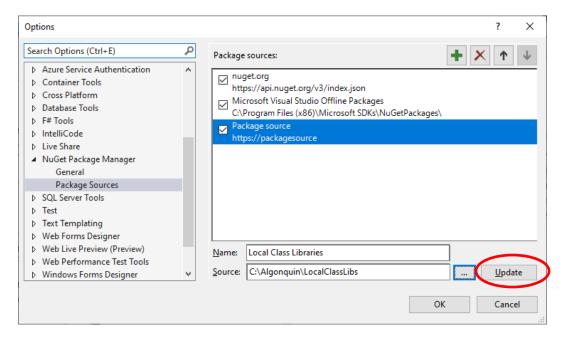


6. A new package source template is created for you in the list. You need to change its name and location.

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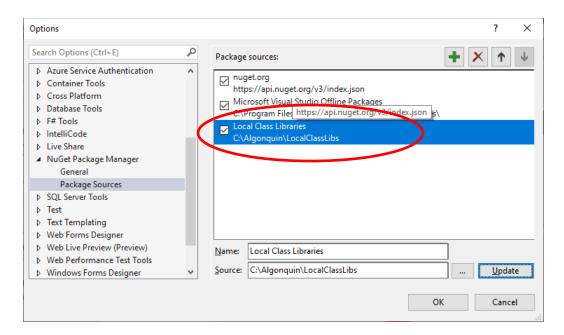


7. Enter a new name and browse to the folder where the downloaded NuGet package is located, click **Update** button.

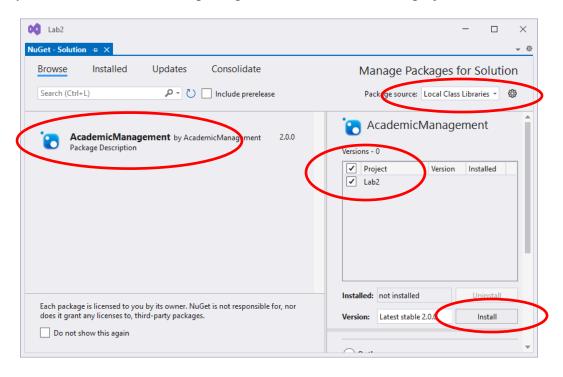


8. Make sure that the new source is in the list and with correct location, and click OK button

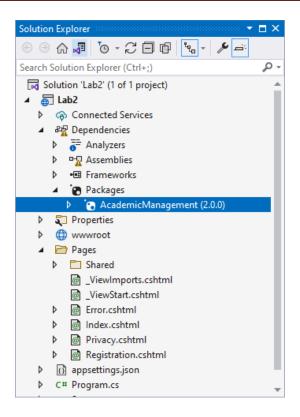
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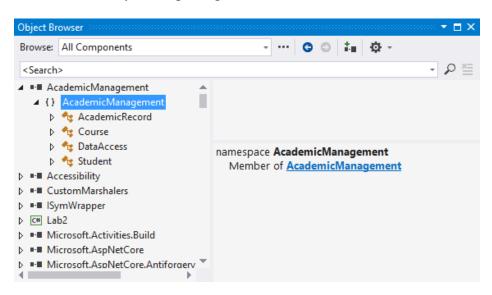
9. Select Local Class Libraries as the package source, you should see the package you downloaded. Select the package and install it to the Lab2 project.



10. The package is now added to the project's **Dependencies**



11. Select Visual Studio menu item **View > Object Browser** to browse the contents of the class library in the package



All classes are in the namespace **AcademicManagement**. To use these classes you have to include the following statement at the beginning of your C# file or Razor page file, respectively.

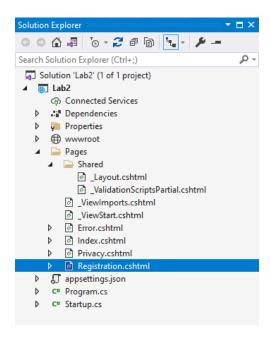
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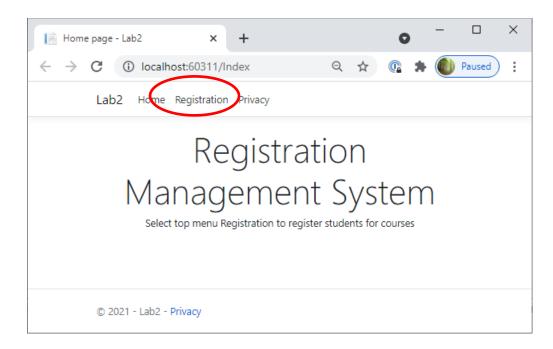
Click each class and its properties and methods. Read the descriptions to get yourself familiar with them. You will need to use them to complete Lab 2.

Requirements

1. This web application has two pages, **Index.cshtml** page and **Registration.cshtml** page. Add a new empty Razor page to the Pages folder of the project.

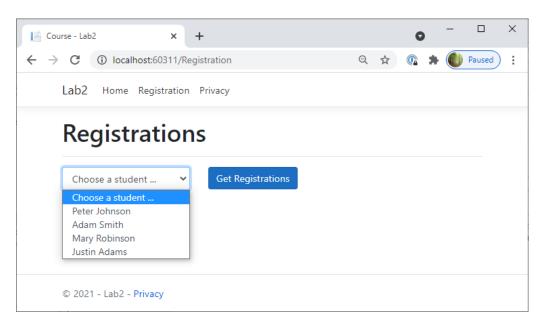


2. To navigate between these to pages, add a top menu item **Registration** to the **_Layout.cshtml** file. This menu item will link to Registration page.



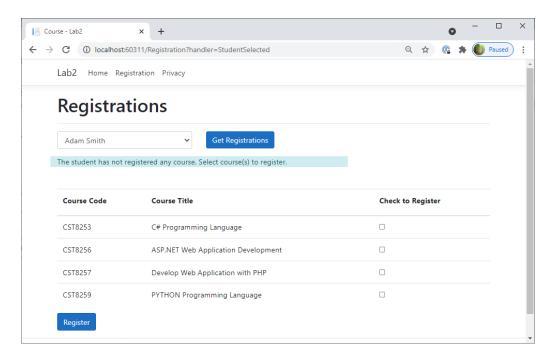
Hint: Study _Layout.cshtml file and pay attention to how **Home** menu item links to the Index page.

3. Like most web applications, the home (Index) page, is an introduction page. From there, the user will select the top menu items to access the different functions provided by the web application. For this lab, the only function is register students for courses. When the user clicks **Registration**, the Registration page is displayed shown a dropdown list of all available students in the system.



After the user selects a student and clicks **Get Registrations** button beside the dropdown list, if the selected student has not registered for any course, the page

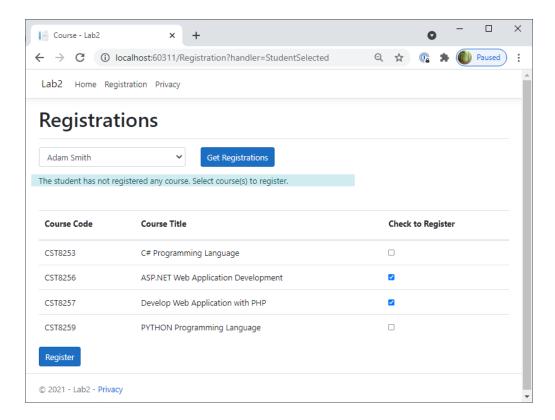
will show a list of available courses the student can register for. For example, since student Adam Smith has not registered any course, the page will show as:



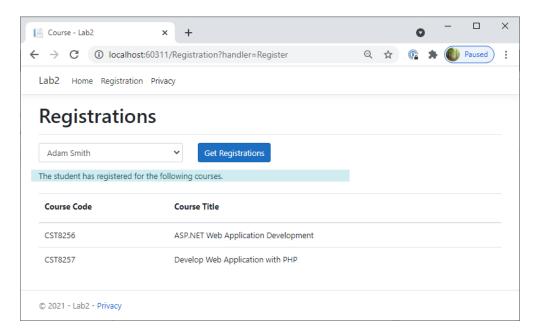
Hints:

- Use DataAccess.GetAllStudents() method to get all available students.
- Use DataAccess.GetAllCourses() method to get all available courses.
- Use DataAccess. **GetAcademicRecordsByStudentId** (...) method to get all academic records of a student with the specified student ID
- If the result is a list with 0 element, the student has not registered for any course.
- **DataAccess** class is defined in the class library which you installed in the Preparation section through a NuGet package. Use object browser to view the documentations for the above mentioned methods
- 4. The user can check one or more courses to register the selected student and click **Register** button at the bottom of page. The application will show the courses which the student has just registered.

For example, on the follow page, the use checked two courses and clicked **Register** button.



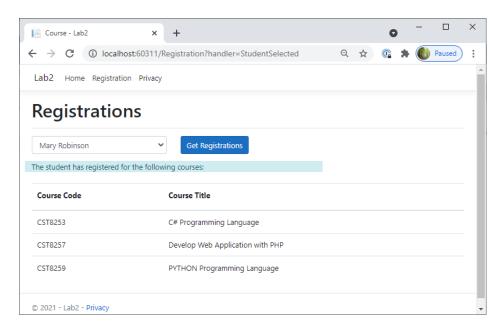
The page will show that student Adam Smith has just registered the two checked courses.



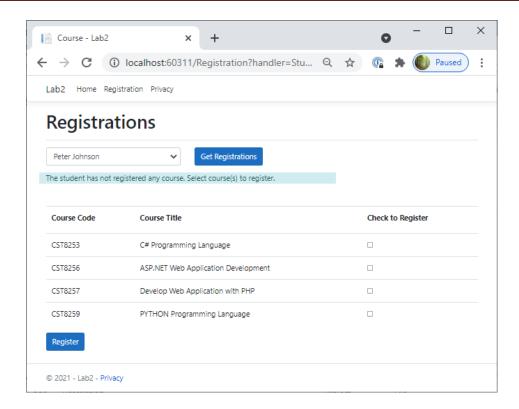
Hints:

 For each selected course and student combination, create a new AcademicRecord object

- Use DataAccess.AddAcademicRecord() method to add the newly created AcademicRecord object to the system.
- Since there are two submit buttons in the form, one for get the selected student registrations and the other for register the selected student for checked courses. Use asp-page-handler="Register" tag helper to specify that OnPostRegister() method of the page model class should be invoked when Register button is clicked. Use asp-page-handler="StudentSelected" tag helper to specify that OnPostStudentSelected() method of the page model class should be invoked when Get Registrations button is clicked
- 5. The user can then select a different student to view his/her registrations or to register the courses for the student if the student has not registered any courses.
- 6. For example, since student Mary Robinson has registered three courses previously, when the user selects Mary Robinson from the dropdown list and clicks **Get Registrations** button, the following inform is shown on the page:

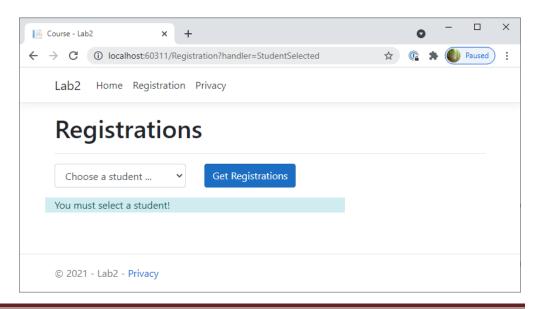


However, since student Peter Johnson has not registered any course yet, when the user selects Peter Johnson and clicks **Get Registrations** button, the page will show as follows:



Note: Since the students' registrations are stored in memory, there are only temporary maintained. When you restart the application, the previous stored registrations will be lost.

- 7. The web application should show appropriate error messages when the user's entries are incorrect:
 - When the user clicks **Get Registrations** button without selecting a student from the dropdown list:



• When the user clicks **Register** button without check any course from the course checkbox list

