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- Introduction to ASP.NET MVC Framework
- Working with Controller
- Introduction to Routing
- Creating Views
- Introduction to Razor Engine
- Working with helper classes
- Working with Action Filters
- Introduction to Model
- Introducing data validation in Model

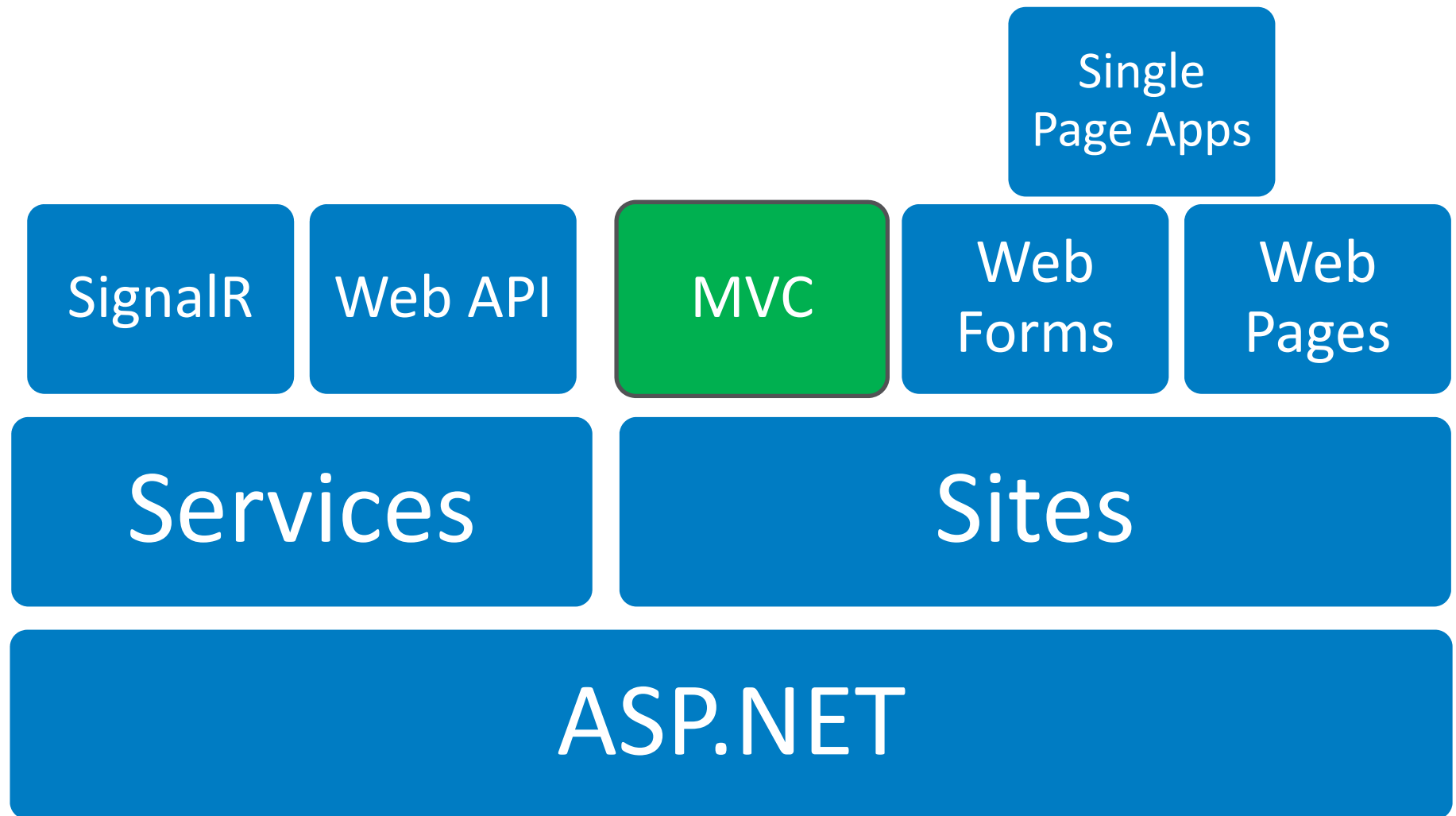
Session Plan (2/2)

- Deploying ASP.NET MVC applications
- Unit testing MVC applications
- Web Optimization

Introduction to ASP.NET MVC



ASP.NET Framework



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Introduction to Asp.Net MVC framework

- MVC stands for Model View Controller
- Asp.Net MVC is a Framework built on Microsoft .NET Framework to develop web application
- MVC application is separated into three core components:
 - The model
 - The view
 - The controller
- Is a lightweight, highly testable presentation framework
- Defined in the namespace System.Web.Mvc

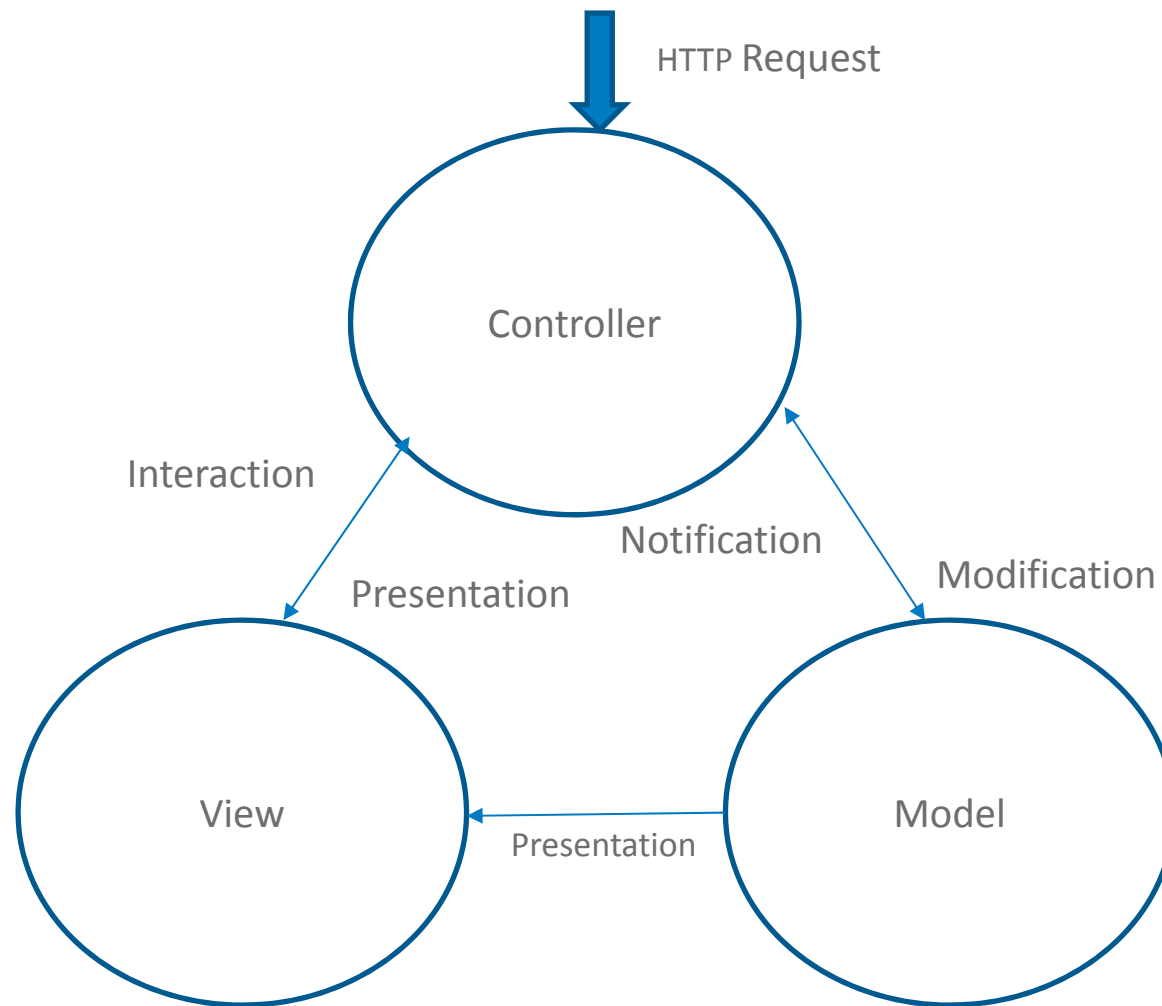
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Model View Controller Pattern

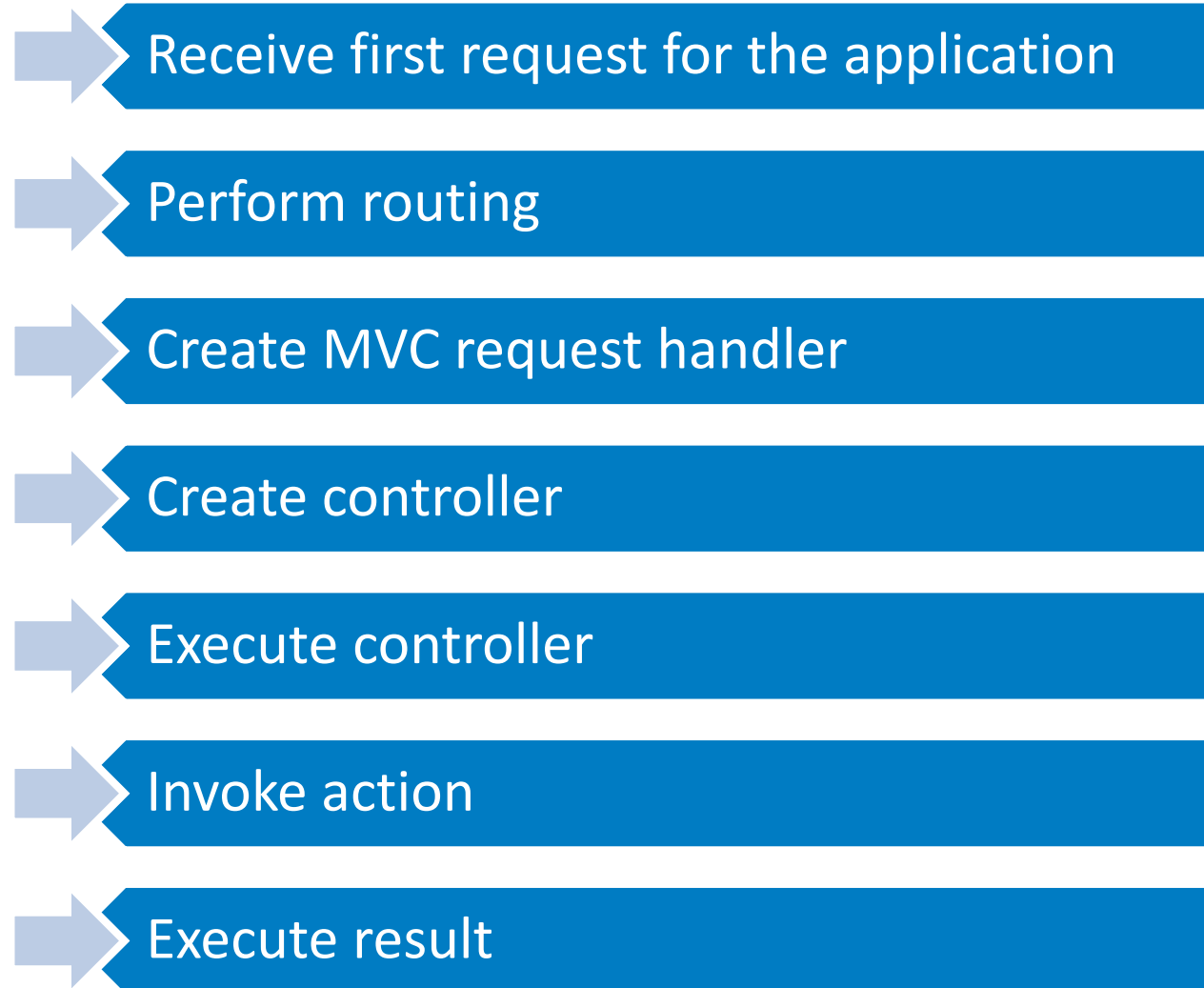
- MVC is a pattern for developing applications such that each part has a responsibility that is different from another
- Model: The data of your application
- Views: The template files your application will use to dynamically generate HTML responses.
- Controllers: Classes that handle incoming URL requests to the application, retrieve model data, and then specify view templates that render a response back to the client

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Understanding Model View Controller



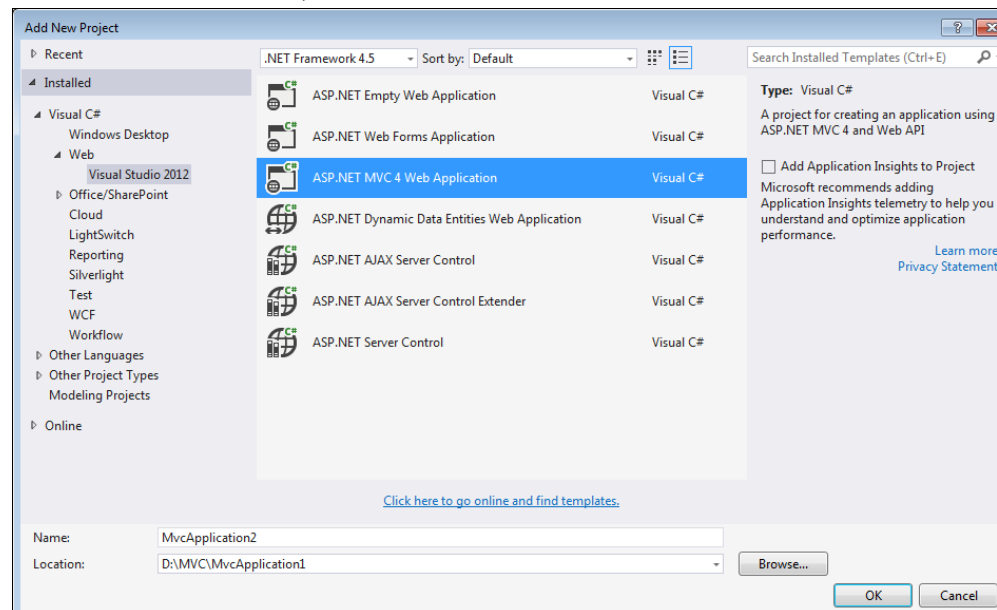
ASP.NET MVC Execution Process



<http://www.asp.net/mvc/overview/older-versions-1/overview/understanding-the-asp-net-mvc-execution-process>

Get Started

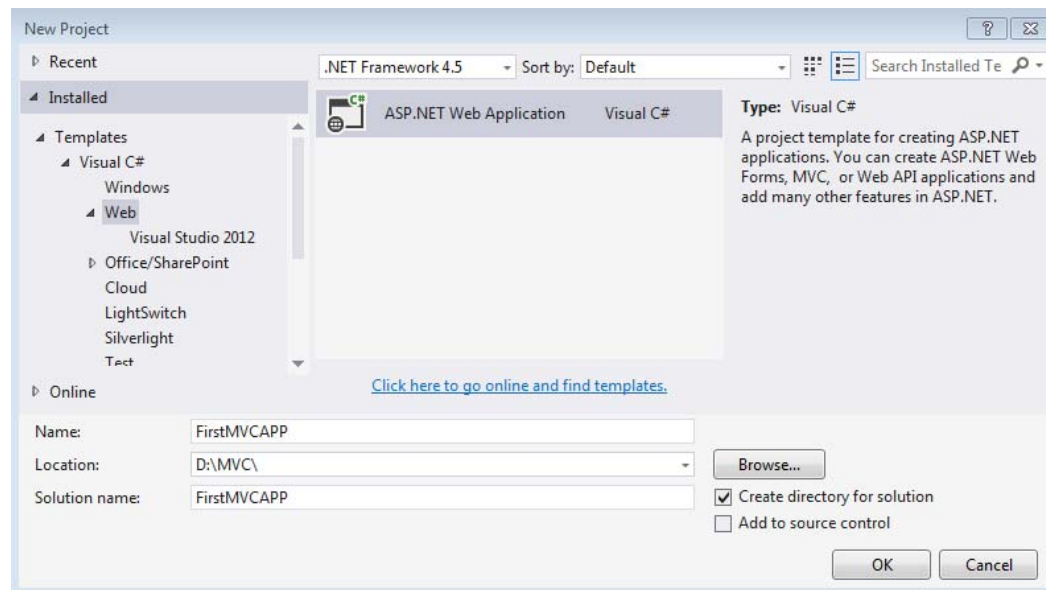
- MVC4
- Installing Visual Studio 2012 includes ASP.NET MVC 4
- Visual Studio 2010 SP1 includes MVC 4
- For Visual Studio 2010, install the standalone ASP.NET MVC 4



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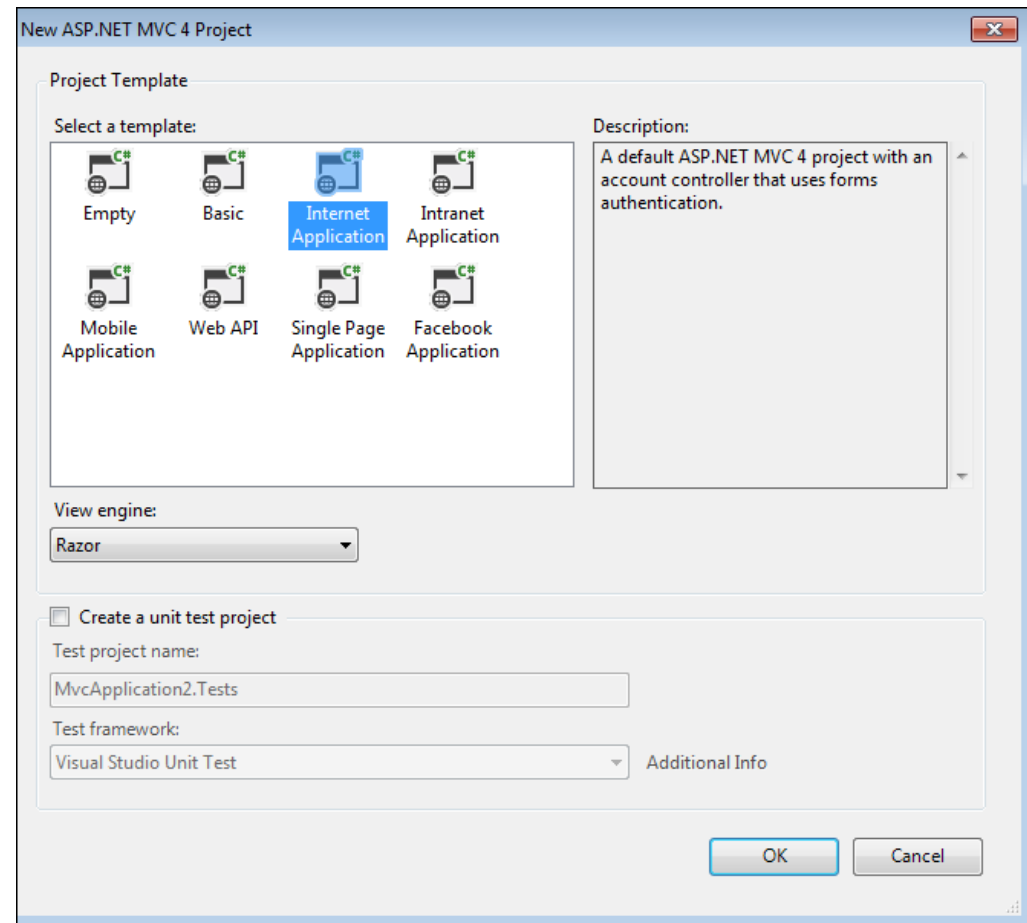
Get Started

- Installing MVC
 - Install ASP.NET MVC 5 support for Visual Studio 2012
 - Installing Visual Studio 2013 includes ASP.NET MVC5
- Creating First Application



Choosing an ASP.NET MVC 4 Project Template


- ASP.NET MVC 4 comes with six built-in Visual Studio templates:
- Empty
- Basic
- Intranet Application
- Intranet Application
- Mobile Application
- Web API.





Choosing an ASP.NET MVC5 Project Template


New ASP.NET Project - WebApplication10


Select a template:



Empty


Web Forms


MVC


Web API


Single Page Application



Azure Mobile Service


A project template for creating ASP.NET MVC applications. ASP.NET MVC allows you to build applications using the Model-View-Controller architecture. ASP.NET MVC includes many features that enable fast, test-driven development for creating applications that use the latest standards.

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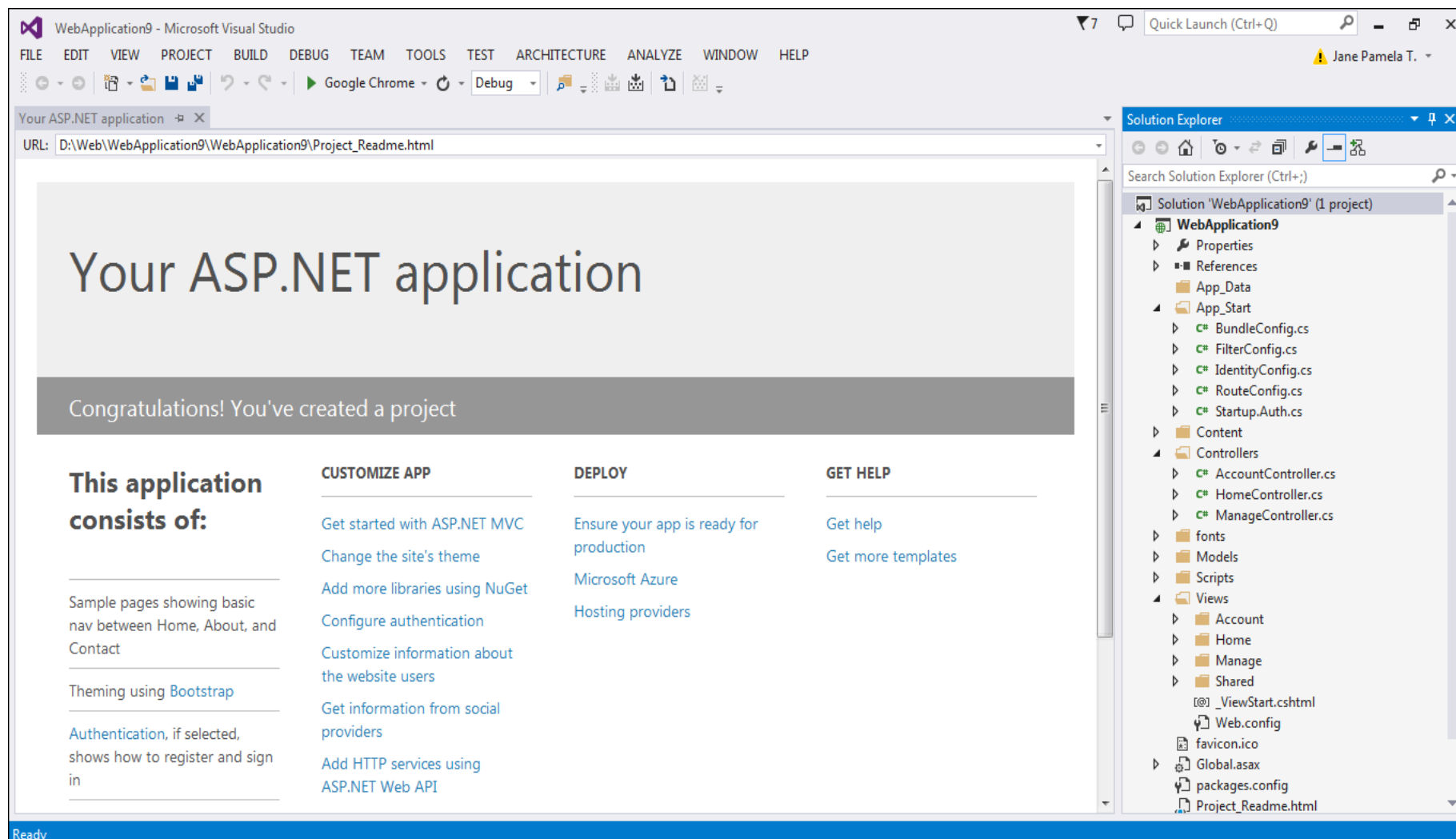
☐ Web Forms ☒ MVC ☐ Web API

☐ Add unit tests

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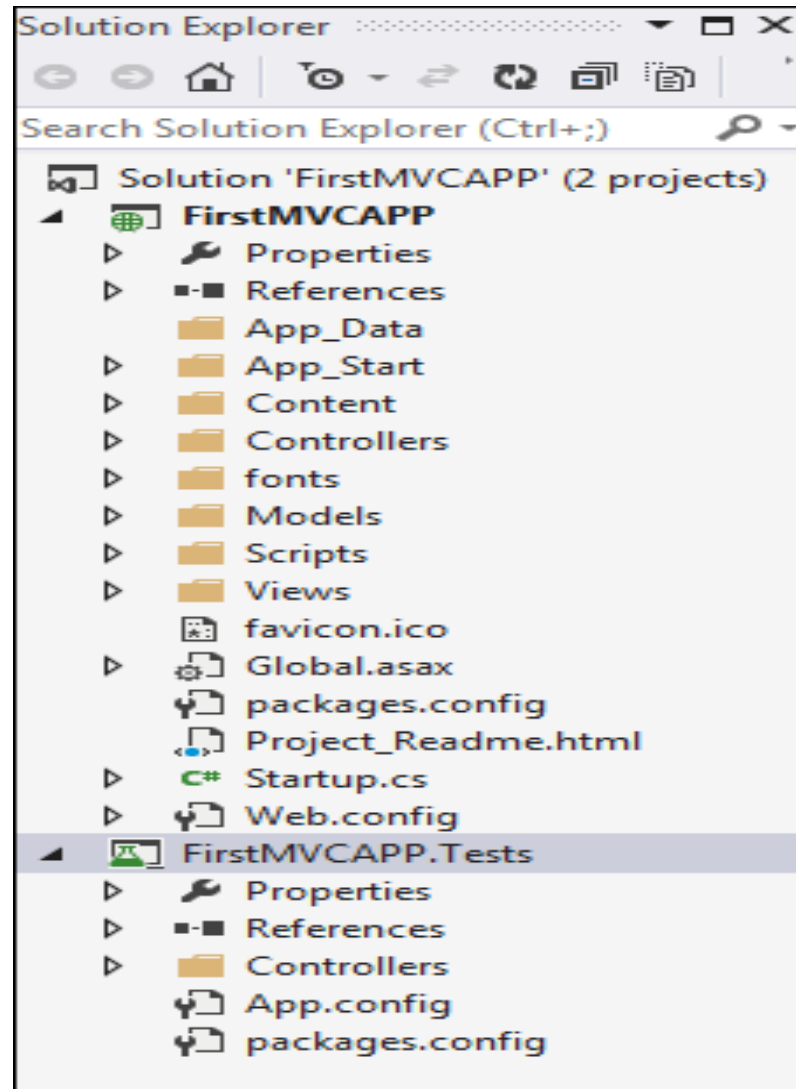
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ASP.NET Application



Understanding The MVC Project Structure

- MVC Project



Controllers

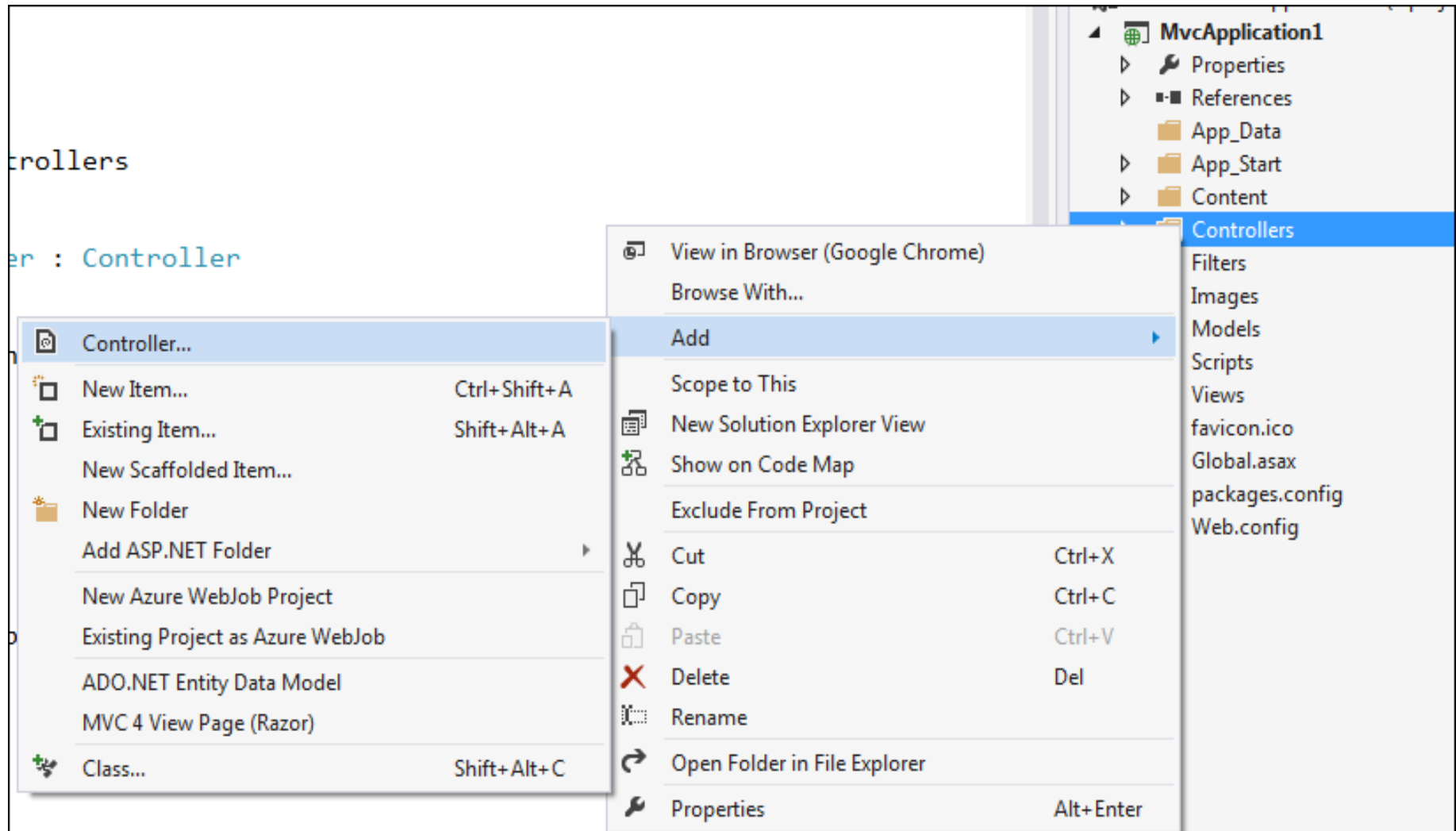


Controller

- Understanding Controllers
 - MVC controllers take the responsibility for responding to the requests
 - Each request is mapped to a particular controller.
- The controller provides three roles in the MVC application.
 - It selects what view should be displayed.
 - It allows clean separation between the view and the model by acting as an intermediary between the two.
 - It processes data before it is passed along.

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Creating a Controller



Writing Controller Action Methods

Writing a Controller action includes:

- Create public method
- Return a class that derives from ActionResult
- Add parameters to the method
- Insert code to perform the operation and return the result

Understanding Controller Actions

- A controller is a collection of controller actions.
- An action is a method on a controller that gets called when we enter a particular URL in your browser address bar
- A controller action
 - must be a public method of a controller class
 - cannot be overloaded.
 - cannot be a static method
 - cannot be an extension method.
 - cannot contain **ref** or **out** parameters

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Creating Controller Actions with default view

```
public class SampleController : Controller
{
    0 references
    public ActionResult Index()
    {
        ViewBag.Message = "Hello from the Index method";
        return View();
    }
}
```

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Passing data to Controller Actions

0 references

```
public string Hello(string id)
{
    return "<H1>Hello " + id + "</h1>";
}
```

0 references

```
public string Hello(string name)
{
    return "<H1>Hello " + name + "</h1>";
}
```

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Controller Actions

- Optional Parameter Feature in an Action Method

0 references

```
public ActionResult Search(string query = "all", int page = 1)
{
    // ...process request...
    return View();
}
```

[NonAction]

0 references

```
public string SomePublicMethod()
{
    return "Hello World";
}
```

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Controller and Action methods

URL	Action
http://localhost	Executes default method defined in the default Controller specified in RouteConfig.cs
http://localhost/Employee	Executes default method defined in the Employee Controller
http://localhost/Employee/GetAllEmployees	Executes GetAllEmployees method defined the EmployeeController
http://localhost/Employee/GetEmployee/123	Executes GetEmployee method defined the EmployeeController and provides 123 as ID parameter value
http://localhost/Employee/GetEmployeeByName?name=Dan	Executes GetEmployeeByName method defined the EmployeeController and passes name to the parameter value

Action Results



Action Results

- ViewResult
- PartialViewResult
- RedirectResult
- RedirectToRouteResult
- ContentResult
- JsonResult
- FileResult
- EmptyResult
- HttpNotFoundResult
- HttpUnauthorizedResult
- HttpStatusCodeResult

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Action Results

- **return View()**
 - generates HTML to be displayed
 - sends the HTML to the browser.

```
public ActionResult Index()
{
    ViewBag.Message = "Hello from the Index method";
    return View();
}
```

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Action Results

- **return RedirectToAction()**
 - redirects the specified action in place of rendering HTML.
 - Similar to `Response.Redirect()` in Asp.NET Web Form.

```
public ActionResult About()  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Your application description page.";   
    return RedirectToAction("Index", "Home");  
}
```

```
public ActionResult About(string name)  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Your application description page.";   
    return RedirectToAction("Index", "Home", new { UserName = name });  
}
```


Action Results

- **return RedirectToRoute()**
 - Looks up the specified route into the Route table which is defined in RouteConfig.cs
 - Redirect to that action or controller and action defined in that route.
 - Similar to RedirectToAction().

```
Reference  
public ActionResult About(string name)  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Your application description page.";  
    return RedirectToRoute("Default", new { controller="Home", action="Contact" });  
}
```

Action Results

- **return Redirect()**
 - Redirects the specified URL instead of rendering HTML.
 - Similar to `Response.Redirect()` in Asp.NET Web Form.

```
public ActionResult Hello(string name)
{
    if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(name))
        return Redirect("http://www.infosys.com");
    //return RedirectToAction("Index","Home");
    return Content( "<H1>Hello " + name + "</h1>");
}
```

Action Results

- Return Json()

```
1 reference  
public ActionResult About(string name)  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Your application description page.";   
    return Json(new{Message="Hello",name="Josh"}, JsonRequestBehavior.AllowGet) ;  
}
```

- Return File()

```
public ActionResult About(string name)  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Your application description page.";   
    return File(Server.MapPath("~/Content/site.css"),"text/css");  
}
```

Action Selectors

- ActionName
- ActionVerbs
 - HttpPost
 - HttpGet

```
[ActionName("Reachus")]  
1 reference  
public ActionResult Contact()  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Your contact page.";  
  
    return View();  
}
```

```
[HttpGet ]  
0 references  
public ActionResult Search()  
{  
    return Content("Search");  
}  
[HttpPost]  
0 references  
public ActionResult Search(string token)  
{  
    return Content("Search Post");  
}
```

Routing in ASP.NET MVC



Routing in Asp.Net MVC

- Is a pattern matching which detects the incoming request and find out what to do with that request.
- At runtime, Routing engine use the Route table for matching the incoming request's URL pattern
- We can register one or more URL patterns to the Route table at Application_Start event using RouteConfig.cs

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Routing in Asp.Net MVC

```
public class MvcApplication : System.Web.HttpApplication
{
    0 references
    protected void Application_Start()
    {
        AreaRegistration.RegisterAllAreas();
        FilterConfig.RegisterGlobalFilters(GlobalFilters.Filters);
        RouteConfig.RegisterRoutes(RouteTable.Routes);
        BundleConfig.RegisterBundles(BundleTable.Bundles);
    }
}
```

```
public class RouteConfig
{
    1 reference
    public static void RegisterRoutes(RouteCollection routes)
    {
        routes.IgnoreRoute("{resource}.axd/{*pathInfo}");

        routes.MapRoute(
            name: "Default",
            url: "{controller}/{action}/{id}",
            defaults: new { controller = "Home", action = "Index", id = UrlParameter.Optional }
        );
    }
}
```

Defining Routing Pattern

```

public static void RegisterRoutes(RouteCollection routes)
{
    routes.IgnoreRoute("{resource}.axd/{*pathInfo}");

    routes.MapRoute(
        name: "Reports",
        url: "Report/{year}/{month}",
        defaults: new
        {
            controller = "SalesData",
            action = "Reports",
            year = 0,
            month = 0
        }
    );
    routes.MapRoute(
        name: "Default",
        url: "{controller}/{action}",
        defaults: new { controller =
            id = UrlParameter.Optional
        }
    );
}

public class SalesDataController : Controller
{
    //
    // GET: /SalesData/
    0 references
    public ActionResult Reports(int year,int month)
    {
        ViewBag.Year = year;
        ViewBag.Month = month;
        return View();
    }
}

```


Working with Views



Adding Views

```
6 references
public class HomeController : Controller
{
    1 reference | 0/1 passing
    public ActionResult Index()
    {
        return View();
    }
}
```

Add View

View name:

Template:

Model class:

Data context class:

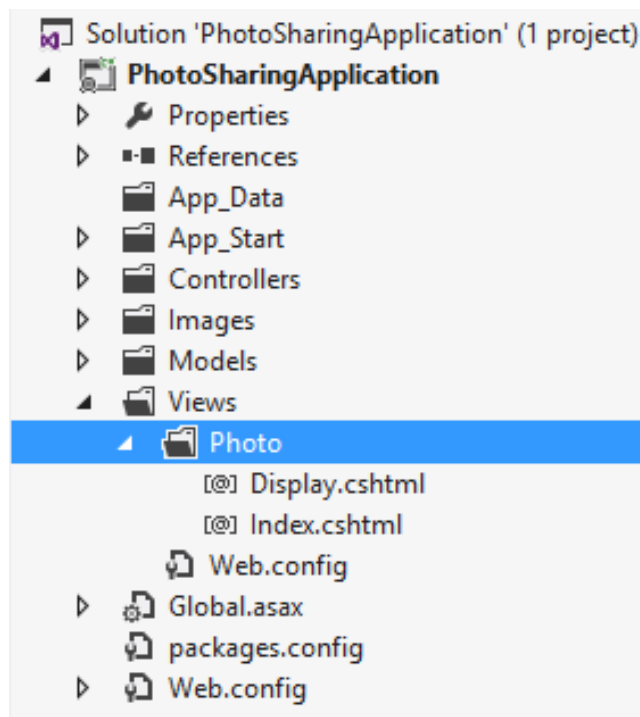
Options:

☐ Create as a partial view

☐ Reference script libraries

☒ Use a layout page:

(Leave empty if it is set in a Razor _viewstart file)



Razor Views

- Template(HTML) + Data(.NET Code)= output
- Creating a view

```
<div>  
    @Model.Name  
</div>  
<div>  
    @Model.City, @Model.Country  
</div>
```

Features of Razor Syntax

@* Razor examples *@

Price including Sale Tax: @Model.Price * 1.3

Price including Sale Tax: @(Model.Price * 1.1)

@if (Model.Count > 3){

@foreach(var item in Model) {

@item.Name

} }

Differentiating Server Side Code from HTML

- Razor identifies server-side code by looking for the @ symbol.
- In Razor syntax, the @ symbol has various uses. You can:
 - Use @ to identify server-side C# code
 - Use @@ to render an @ symbol in an HTML page.
 - Use @: to explicitly declare a line of text as content and not code.
 - Use <text> to explicitly declare several lines of text as content and not code.
- To render text without HTML encoding, you can use the **Html.Raw()** helper.

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Controller Action with specific view

0 references

```
public ActionResult Index()  
{  
    ViewBag.Message = "Hello from the Index method";  
    return View("MyView");  
}
```

0 references

```
public ViewResult Index()  
{  
    return View("~/Views/Other/Index.cshtml");  
}
```

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Receiving Data from an Action Method to a View

```
public ActionResult TimeIndex()  
{  
    DateTime date = DateTime.Now;  
    return View(date);  
}
```

```
TimeIndex.cshtml*  X HomeController.cs  
@model System.DateTime  
  
@{  
    ViewBag.Title = "TimeIndex";  
}  
  
<h2>TimeIndex</h2>  
The day is: @Model.DayOfWeek
```

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Understanding ViewModel

- ViewModel
 - A class which contains the fields which are represented in the strongly-typed view.
 - Is used to pass data from controller to strongly-typed view.
 - Contains fields that are represented in the view
 - Can have specific validation rules using data annotations or IDataErrorInfo
 - Can have multiple entities or objects from different data models or data source.
 - Put only those fields/data that to display on the view/page.
- View represents the properties of the ViewModel, so it is easy for rendering and maintenance. .

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STRONGLY TYPED VIEWS

```
public ActionResult Index()
{
    var model = from r in reviews
                 orderby r.Rating
                 select r;

    return View(model );
}
```

```
@model IEnumerable<FirstMVCAPP.Models.BlogReview>

@{
    ViewBag.Title = "Index";
}

<h2>Index</h2>

<p>
    @Html.ActionLink("Create New", "Create")
</p>
<table class="table">
    <tr>
        <th>
            @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.Owner)
        </th>
        <th>
            @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.Category)
        </th>
        <th>
            @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.Comments)
        </th>
        <th>
            @Html.DisplayNameFor(model => model.Rating)
        </th>
        <th></th>
    </tr>
```

ViewData

- Is a dictionary object
- Derived from ViewDataDictionary class
- Is a property of ControllerBase class.
- Is used to pass data from controller to corresponding view.
- It's life lies during the current request.
- Required typecasting for getting data.

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ViewBag

- Is a dynamic property.
- Is a wrapper around the ViewData
- Used to pass data from controller to corresponding view.
- Is a property of ControllerBase class.
- Life lies during the current request.
- It doesn't required typecasting for getting data.

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TempData

- is a dictionary object derived from TempDataDictionary class
- is a property of ControllerBase class
- is used to pass data from current request to subsequent request
- It's life is very short
- It's required typecasting for getting data
- It is used to store only one time messages

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Session

Session

- Is an object derived from HttpSessionState class
- Is a property of HttpContext class
- Is used to pass data within the ASP.NET MVC application
- Is valid for all requests by a user
- Is required typecasting for getting data

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Receiving Data from an Action Method to a View

```
public ActionResult Index()
{
    var featuredProduct = new Product {
        Name = "Special Muffin cake Assortment!",
        Description = "Delectable Strawberry and chocolate Muffins",
        CreationDate = DateTime.Today,
        ExpirationDate = DateTime.Today.AddDays(7),
        ImageName = "Muffin.jpg",
        Price = 7.99M,
        QtyOnHand = 12 };
    ViewData["FeaturedProduct"] = featuredProduct;
    ViewBag.Product = featuredProduct;
    TempData["FeaturedProduct"] = featuredProduct;
    return View();
}
```

Receiving Data from an Action Method to a View

```
@using WebApplication5.Models;  
@{  
    var viewDataProduct = ViewData["FeaturedProduct"] as Product;  
    var tempDataProduct = TempData["FeaturedProduct"] as Product;  
}  
  
<h4>@ViewBag.FeaturedProduct.Name</h4>  
<h3> @viewDataProduct.Name</h3>  
<h2>@tempDataProduct.Name</h2>
```

Understanding Views

- Views consists of
 - Views pages
 - Layout Pages
 - Html Helpers
 - Partial Views
- View engine has three main functional components.
 - View engine class
 - View class
 - Template parsing engine

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Layouts

- Layouts
 - used to maintain a consistent look and feel across multiple views
 - Layouts are like as Master Pages
- Section
 - a region of content within a layout.
 - expects one parameter which is the name of the section.

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Organization and Consistency

Layout methods

- `RenderBody()` -Renders anything in a view not in a section
 - To render child page/view.
 - only one `RenderBody` method.
- `RenderSection(name, required)` -Allow views to add specific sections
 - Scripts
 - Banners
 - Sidebars
- Use `@section` name to create section in view
 - Note the casing

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Rendering layouts

- Layout contains common CSS, jQuery files across the multiple Views and one or more placeholders for which Views provide content
- We can render the layout by the following ways
 - using _ViewStart file
 - Return Layout from ActionResult
 - Define Layout with in each view
 - Adding _ViewStart file in each of the directories

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Using _ViewStart file

```
@{  
    var current = HttpContext.Current.Request.RequestContext;  
    var controller = current.RouteData.Values["Controller"].ToString();  
    string layout = "";  
    if (controller == "Admin")  
    {  
        layout = "~/Views/Shared/_AdminLayout.cshtml";  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        layout = "~/Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml";  
    }  
    Layout = layout;  
}
```

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Layout

- Return Layout from ActionResult

```
0 references  
public ActionResult Index()  
{  
    RegisterModel model = new RegisterModel();  
    //TO DO:  
    return View("Index", "_AdminLayout", model);  
}
```

- Define Layout with in each view
- Adding _ViewStart file in each of the directories

```
@{  
    Layout = "~/Views/Shared/_AdminLayout.cshtml";  
}
```

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Render Body

```
<div class="container body-content">
  @RenderBody()
  <hr />
  <footer>
    <p>&copy; @DateTime.Now.Year - My ASP.NET Application</p>
  </footer>
</div>
```

Partial View

- Is like as user control in Web forms.
- To reduce code duplication.
- Reusable

Creating Partial Views

You can use partial views to render the same HTML content in different locations in your web application

- Creating and Naming Partial Views:
 - Create a partial view by using the **Add View** dialog
 - Name partial views with an underscore prefix to keep to convention
- Strongly-typed and dynamic partial views:
 - Create strongly-typed partial views if you are certain that the partial view will always display the same model class.
 - Create dynamic partial views if you are not sure if the partial view will always display the same model class.

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Using Partial Views

- Using HTML helpers, we can include partial views within other views in a web application:
 - To pass the same model object to a partial view from the parent view, use `Html.Partial()`
 - To pass a model object to a partial view, which is different from the parent view or of a different model class, use `Html.Action()`
- Use the `ViewBag` and `ViewData` collections to share data between the controller action, parent view, and partial view

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Html.RenderPartial

- Directly written to the HTTP response stream
- Returns void.
- Simple to use and no need to create any action.
- Useful when the displaying data in the partial view is already in the corresponding view model.
- Faster than Partial method since its result is directly written to the response stream

```
@{Html.RenderPartial("_Comments");}
```

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Html.Partial

- Renders as an HTML-encoded string.
- Result can be stored in a variable
- Simple to use
- No need to create any action.
- Partial method is useful when the displaying data in the partial view is already in the corresponding view model

`@Html.Partial("_Comments")`

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Partial View

- Returning Partial View using Html.Action

```
@Html.Action("GetProduct", "Welcome")
```

```
[ChildActionOnly]
```

0 references

```
public ActionResult GetProduct()  
{  
    return PartialView("_Partial");  
}
```

Using Helpers



Understanding HTML Helpers in ASP.NET MVC

- HTML helpers are to invoke on the Html property of a view.
- Inline HTML Helpers
- Built-In HTML Helpers
 - Standard HTML Helpers
 - Strongly Typed HTML Helpers
 - Templated HTML Helpers
- Custom HTML Helpers

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Inline Html Helpers

```

@helper ListingItems(string[] items)
{
    <ol>
        @foreach (string item in items)
        {
            <li>@item</li>
        }
    </ol>
}

<h3>Programming Languages:</h3>
@ListingItems(new string[] { "C++", "Java", "C#" })
<h3>Book List:</h3>
@ListingItems(new string[] { "Let us C++", "Let us Java", "Let us C#" })

```

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Standard Html Helpers

- Html is a property of the ViewPage Base class
 - Create links
 - Create inputs
 - Create forms

```
<li>@Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Home")</li>
```

```
@using (Html.BeginForm()) {  
    @Html.ValidationSummary(true)  
    <div class="editor-label">  
        @Html.LabelFor(model => model.FirstName)  
    </div>  
    <div class="editor-field">  
        @Html.EditorFor(model => model.FirstName)  
        @Html.ValidationMessageFor(model => model.FirstName)  
    </div>  
}
```

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Using Action Helpers

- **Html.ActionLink()**

```
@Html.ActionLink("Click here to view Item 1", "Display", new { id = 1 })
```



```
<a href="/Home/Display/1">Click here to view Item 1</a>
```

- **Url.Action()**

```

```



```

```

Html.RenderAction

- Directly written to the HTTP response stream
- Need to create a child action for the rendering the partial view
- Useful when the displaying data in the partial view is independent from corresponding view model
- Is the best choice when we want to cache
- Is faster than Action method

```
@{Html.RenderAction("Category","Home");}
```

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Html.Action

- Renders as an HtmlString .
- Result can be stored in a variable, since it returns string type value.
- Is useful when the displaying data in the partial view is independent from corresponding view model.
- Is also the best choice when you want to cache.

```
@{Html.Action("Category","Home");}
```

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Using Display Helpers

- **Html.DisplayNameFor()**

```
@Html.DisplayNameFor(model =>  
model.CreatedDate)
```



Created Date

- **Html.DisplayFor()**

```
@Html.DisplayFor(model =>  
model.CreatedDate)
```



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The Begin Form Helper

- `Html.BeginForm()`

```
@using (Html.BeginForm("Create", "Employee",  
    FormMethod.Post,  
    new { enctype = "multipart/form-data" }))  
{  
    @* Place input controls here *@  
}
```



```
<form action="/employee/Create"  
method="post" enctype="multipart/form-  
data">  
</form>
```

Using Editor Helpers

- `Html.LabelFor()`
- `Html.EditorFor()`

```
@Html.LabelFor(model => model.ContactMe)
```



```
<label for="ContactMe">  
  Contact Me  
</label>
```

```
@Html.EditorFor(model => model.ContactMe)
```



```
<input type="checkbox"  
  name="Description">
```

Using Validation Helpers

- `Html.ValidationSummary()`
- `Html.ValidationMessageFor()`

`@Html.ValidationSummary()`



```
<ul>  
  <li>Please enter your last name</li>  
  <li>Please enter a valid email address</li>  
</ul>
```

`@Html.ValidationMessageFor(model =>
model.Email)`



Please enter a valid email address

Custom Helper Methods

- We can create our own custom helper methods
 - by an extension method on the HtmlHelper class
 - by static methods with in a utility class

URL Helpers in MVC

- build URLs and return the URLs as strings

Types	example
Action	<code> @Url.Action("Browse", "Store", new { genre = "Jazz" }, null) </code>
Content	<code><script src="@Url.Content("~/Scripts/jquery-1.5.1.min.js")" type="text/javascript"></script></code>
RouteUrl	

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AJAX helpers in MVC

- Are used to create AJAX enabled elements which performs request asynchronously.
- Are extension methods of AjaxHelper class from System.Web.Mvc namespace.
- `@Ajax.ActionLink("Items List", "GetItems", new AjaxOptions {UpdateTargetId = "Items-container", HttpMethod = "GET" })`
- ASP.NET MVC supports unobtrusive Ajax which is based on jQuery

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Bundling and Minification



Performance Optimization with Bundling & Minification

- Bundling and Minification techniques reduce
 - The number of request to the server
 - The size of CSS and JavaScript library
 - Improves page loading time
- System.web.optimization class offers the bundling and minification techniques.
- Bundle
 - Is a logical group of files that is loaded with a single HTTP request.
 - Style bundle for CSS
 - Script bundle for java scripts

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Bundling

- Creating Style bundle

```
bundles.Add(new StyleBundle("~/Content/css").Include("~/Content/site.css"));
```

- Creating Script bundle

```
bundles.Add(new ScriptBundle("~/bundles/jquery").Include(
    "~/Scripts/jquery-{version}.js"));
```

- Creating Bundle using the "*" Wildcard Character

```
bundles.Add(new ScriptBundle("~/bundles/jqueryval").Include(
    "~/Scripts/jquery.unobtrusive*",
    "~/Scripts/jquery.validate*"));
```

- Registering Bundle

```
protected void Application_Start()
{
    BundleConfig.RegisterBundles(BundleTable.Bundles);
}
```

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Bundling

- Adding to Layout Page

```
@Styles.Render("~/Content/css")  
@Scripts.Render("~/bundles/modernizr")
```

- Enabling in debug mode

```
protected void Application_Start()  
{  
    BundleConfig.RegisterBundles(BundleTable.Bundles);  
    BundleTable.EnableOptimizations = true;  
}
```

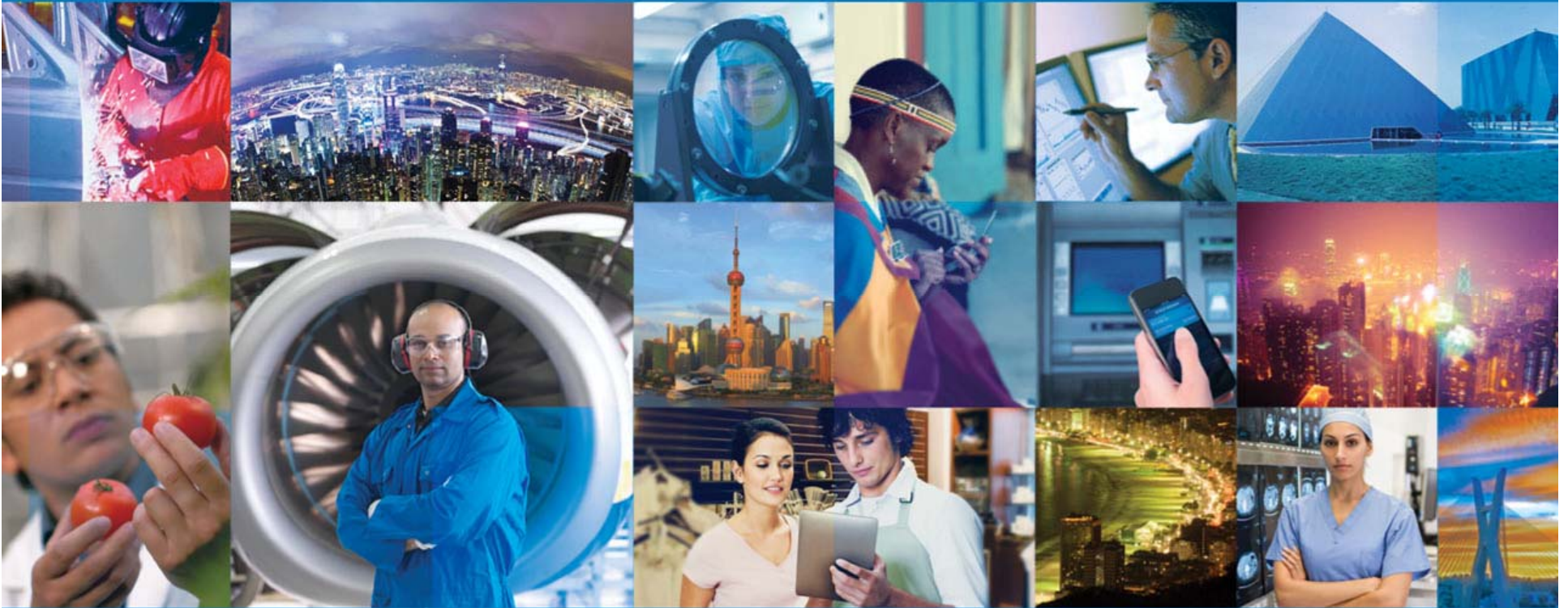
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Minification

- Technique for removing unnecessary characters (like white space, newline, tab) and comments
- From JavaScript and CSS files
- Reduces the size which cause improved load times of a webpage
- There are so many tools for minifying css and js files
- Tools example : JSMIn and YUI compressor

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MVC Areas



MVC Areas

- Allow us to organize models, views, and controllers into separate functional sections of the application, such as administration, billing, customer support, and so on
- This is very helpful in a large web application, where all the controllers, views, and models have a single set of folders and that become difficult to manage
- Each MVC area has its own folder structure which allow us to keep separate controllers, views, and models
- This also helps the multiple developers to work on the same web application without interfere to one another.

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Action Filters

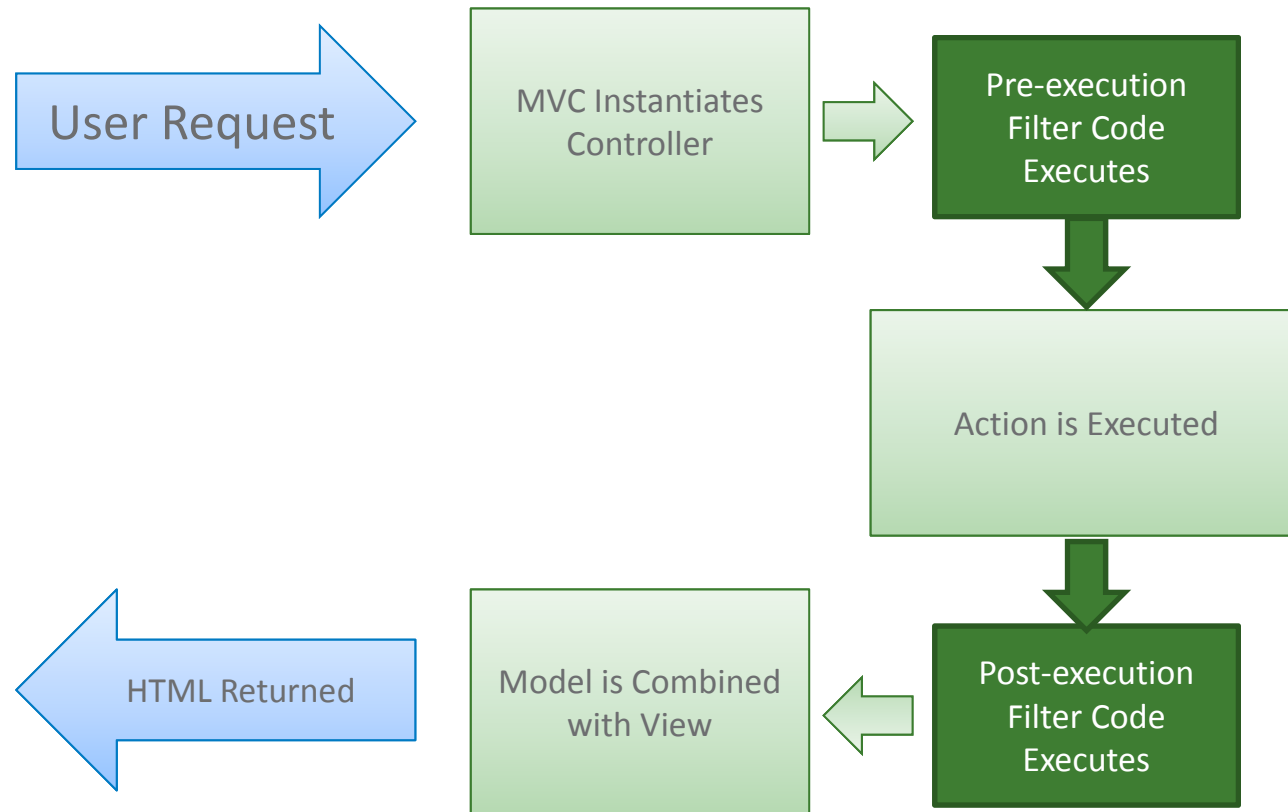


Action Filters

- Easy way to insert a piece of code or logic either before or after an action is executed.
- An action filter is an attribute
- Some of the common functionalities than can be implemented:
 - Custom Authentication
 - Custom Authorization(User based or Role based)
 - Error handling or logging
 - User Activity Logging
 - Data Compression
 - Data Caching

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Actions with Filters



Types of Filters and Execution Order

- Authentication filters
- Authorization filters
- Action filters
- Result filters
- Exception filters
- Output Cache
- ValidateAntiForgeryToken
- ValidateInput



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Configuring Filters

- **Global level**

```
protected void Application_Start()  
{  
    FilterConfig.RegisterGlobalFilters(GlobalFilters.Filters);  
}
```

- **Controller level**

```
[Authorize(Roles="Admin1")]  
public class AdminController : Controller  
{  
    //  
}
```

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Configuring Filters

- **Action level**

```
public class UserController : Controller
{
    [Authorize(Users="User_1,User_2")]
    public ActionResult LoginIndex(string provider)
    {
        // TODO:
        return View();
    }
}
```

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Authorization Attribute

- Used to restrict access to an action method
- Require Https
- Authorize
 - Users
 - Roles

The Base ActionFilterAttribute Class

- The following methods to override:
- OnActionExecuting – This method is called before a controller action is executed.
- OnActionExecuted – This method is called after a controller action is executed.
- OnResultExecuting – This method is called before a controller action result is executed.
- OnResultExecuted – This method is called after a controller action result is executed

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Output Cache Filter

```
public class DataController : Controller
{
    [OutputCache(Duration=10)]
    public string Index()
    {
        return DateTime.Now.ToString("T");
    }
}
```

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Exception Handling

- Built-in exception filter - `HandleError`
- `HandleError` Attribute can be used to handle at
 - Action Method level, Controller level and Global level
- Limitation of `HandleError`
 - No support to log the exceptions as it suppress the error once it is handled.
 - Only catch 500 Http error and doesn't catch other HTTP errors like 404,401 etc.
 - Doesn't catch the errors occurs in model.

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Handle Error Filter

```
public static void RegisterGlobalFilters(GlobalFilterCollection filters)
{
    filters.Add(new HandleErrorAttribute());
}
```

```
public ActionResult Search()
{
    throw new Exception("Something terrible has happened");
    return View();
}
```

```
<customErrors mode="On"/>
```

```
▲ Shared
  [@] _Layout.cshtml
  [@] _LoginPartial.cshtml
  [@] Error.cshtml
  Welcome
```

ValidateAntiForgeryToken

- Generates a hidden form field (anti-forgery token) that is validated when the form is submitted.
- Used to help protect your application against cross-site request forgery

```
[HttpPost]
[Authorize(Roles = "Admins")]
[ValidateAntiForgeryToken()]
public ActionResult Edit(ProductDetails productdetails)
{
    if (ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        db.Entry(productdetails).State = EntityState.Modified;
        db.SaveChanges();
        return RedirectToAction("Index");
    }
    return View(productdetails);
}
```

ValidateInput Filter

- Used to mark action methods whose input must be validated
- Filters when user sends HTML values to the controller
- ValidateInput(false) allows to send HTML values

```
[HttpPost]
[ValidateInput(true)]
0 references
public ActionResult GetTest(string name)
{
    return Content("Post Test Method");
}
```

Filter Overrides

- We can exclude
 - A specific action method from a controller filter
 - A controller from the global filter
- Filter override types
 - OverrideAuthenticationAttribute
 - OverrideAuthorizationAttribute
 - OverrideActionFiltersAttribute
 - OverrideResultAttribute
 - OverrideExceptionAttribute

Filter Overrides

```
[Authorize(Users = "SuperAdmin")]
6 references
public class HomeController : Controller
{
    1 reference
    public ActionResult Index()
    {
        ViewBag.Message = "Welcome to ASP.NET MVC!";
        return View();
    }
    [OverrideAuthorization]
    1 reference
    public ActionResult About()
    {
        return View();
    }
}
```

```
[Authorize(Users = "SuperAdmin")]
6 references
public class HomeController : Controller
{
    [OverrideAuthorization]
    [Authorize(Users = "Dan")]
    1 reference | 0/1 passing
    public ActionResult About()
    {
        return View();
    }
}
```


Working with Models

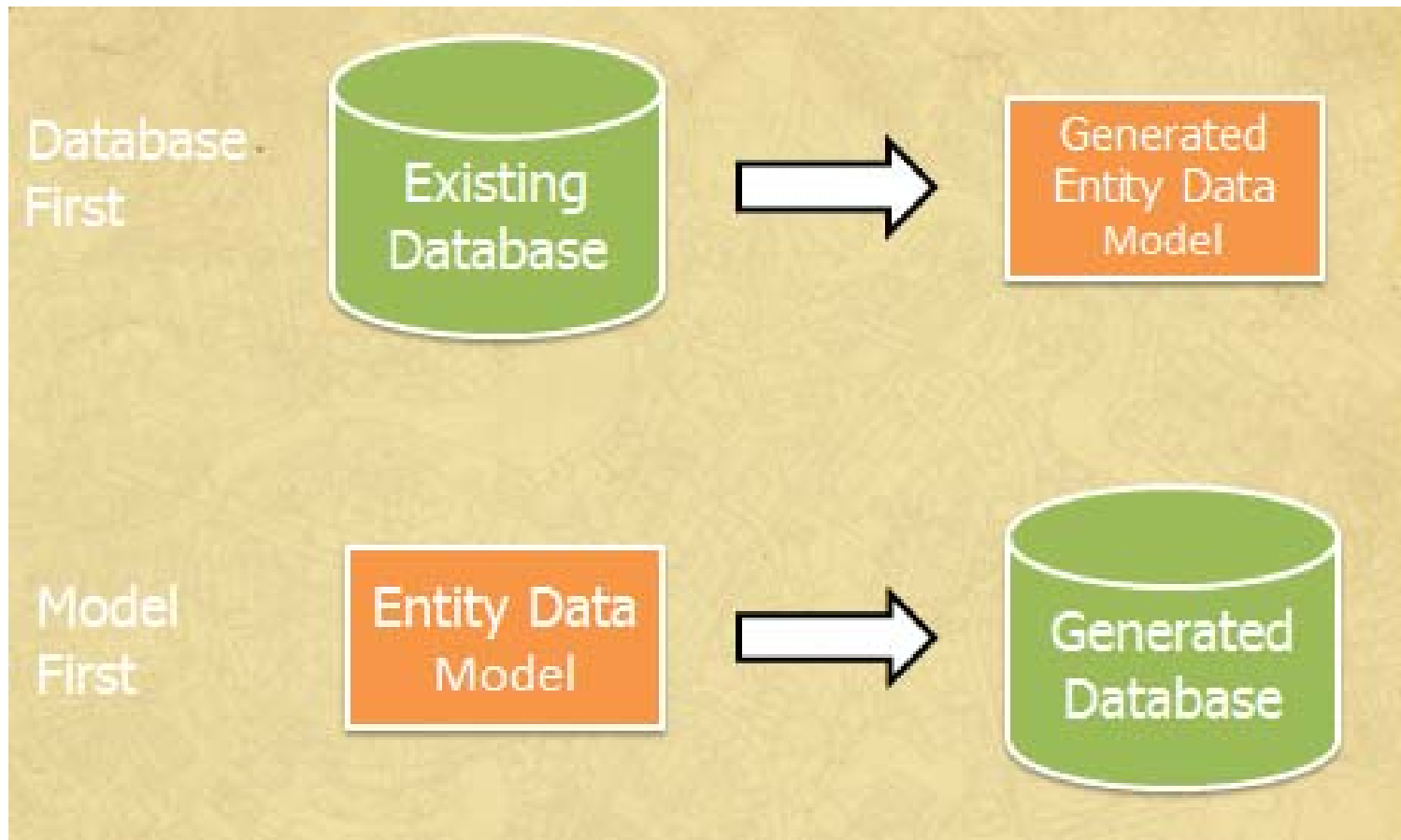


The Entity Framework

Types of Entity Framework Workflows

- Database First
- Model First
- Code First
- Access to relational database
- Using strongly typed LINQ queries

Model



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Working with Entity Framework

- Install Entity Framework

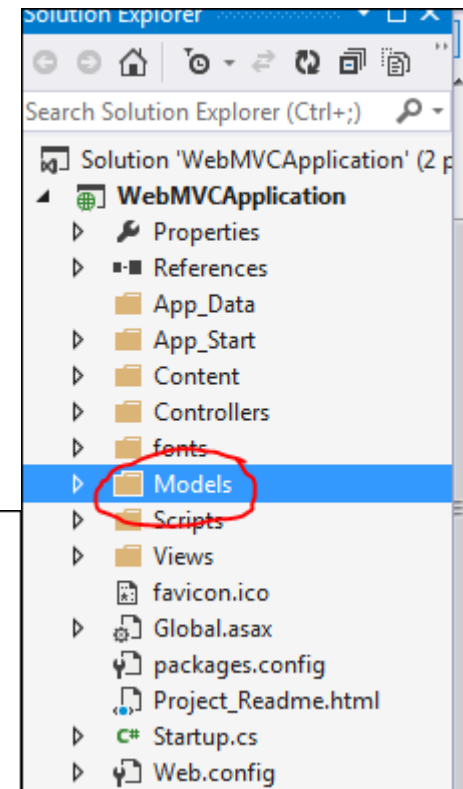
```
Install-Package EntityFramework
```

- Create the Data Model
- Create the Database Context
 - Specifying entity sets
- Set up EF to initialize the database with test data
- Set up EF to use a SQL Server
- Creating Controller and Views
- View the Database

What is a Model

- A Class
- MVC Model
 - Input controls
 - Display formatting
 - Validation

```
namespace WebMVCApplication.Models
{
    1 reference
    public class Album
    {
        0 references
        public int AlbumId { get; set; }
        0 references
        public string Title { get; set; }
        0 references
        public Artist Artist { get; set; }
    }
}
```



Developing Models



```

public class Photo
{
    public int PhotoID { get; set; }
    public string Title { get; set; }
    public byte[] PhotoFile { get; set; }
    public string Description { get; set; }
    public DateTime CreateDate { get; set; }
    public string Owner { get; set; }
    public virtual List<Comment> Comments { get;
set; }
}
  
```

Preparing Models

- Attributes
 - “Decorate” properties
- Available Attributes
 - DataTypeAttribute
 - DisplayAttribute
 - Validation
 - RequiredAttribute
 - StringLengthAttribute
 - RegularExpressionAttribute
 - CompareAttribute

Data Types

- Available Data Types
 - CreditCard
 - Currency
 - EmailAddress
 - Password
 - Url

Prompts

- Display Attribute
 - Name
 - Display prompt and header

DisplayFormat

- Uses a .NET format string
 - {0:C} Currency
 - {0:0.00}
 - Always use two decimal places
 - .42 displays as 0.42
 - 42 displays as 42.00
 - {0:d-m-yy}
 - Single digit day & month, two digit year
 - June 10th, 2014 displays as 10-6-14

Adding Validation

- Attributes
 - Required
 - StringLength
 - MinLength
 - MaxLength
 - RegularExpression
 - Range
- Error Message
 - {0} will use the display name Ex: "{0} must be provided"

Display and Edit Data Annotations

```
public class Photo
{
    // other properties excluded
    [DisplayName("Picture")]
    public byte[] PhotoFile { get; set; }

    [DataType(DataType.MultilineText)]
    public string Description { get; set; }

    [DataType(DataType.DateTime)]
    [DisplayName("Created Date")]
    [DisplayFormat(DataFormatString = "{0:dd/MM/yy}")]
    public DateTime CreatedDate { get; set; }
}
```

Validating User Input with Data Annotations

```
public class Person
{
    public int PersonID { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage="Please enter a name.")]
    public string Name { get; set; }

    [Range(0, 400)]
    public int Height { get; set; }

    [Required]
    [DataType(DataType.EmailAddress)]
    public string EmailAddress { get; set; }
}
```

Customize the Data Model by Using Attributes

- The StringLengthAttribute
 - [StringLength(50, ErrorMessage = "First name cannot be longer than 50 characters.")] To ensure the user don't enter more than 50 characters.
- The Column Attribute
 - using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations.Schema;
 - [Column("FirstName")]
public string FirstMidName { get; set; }

Working with Entity Framework

- Basic CRUD Functionality
 - Create
 - Edit / Delete
 - Detail
 - List
- Sorting
- Filtering
- Paging

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Students

[Create New](#)

Find by name:

Last Name	First Name	Enrollment Date	
Alexander	Carson	9/1/2011 12:00:00 AM	Edit Details Delete
Alonso	Meredith	9/1/2002 12:00:00 AM	Edit Details Delete
Anand	Arturo	9/1/2003 12:00:00 AM	Edit Details Delete

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Where Does Validation Occur?

- On the server
 - ModelState.IsValid property
- On the client
 - Requires jQuery unobtrusive validation

Server-side model validation

- Server side validations are required for ensuring that the received data is accurate and valid
- In MVC Razor, we can validate a model server side by two ways:
 - Explicit Model Validation
 - Model Validation with Data Annotations

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Adding Validation to the Model

- Adding validation to Model class
- Adding Client-Side Validation

```
<script src="/Scripts/MicrosoftAjax.js" type="text/javascript">  
</script>
```

```
    <script src="/Scripts/MicrosoftMvcValidation.js"  
    type="text/javascript"> </script>
```

```
    Html.EnableClientValidation();
```

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Client-Side Validation in MVC

- MVC supports unobtrusive client-side validation.
- Validation rules are
 - Defined using attributes added to the generated HTML elements.
 - Interpreted by the included JavaScript library
 - Uses the attribute values to configure the jQuery Validation library which does the actual validation work

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Razor Helpers



Razor helpers

- WebGrid helper
 - Automatically sets up an HTML table to display data
 - Supports different options for formatting
 - Supports paging through data
 - Supports sorting by clicking on column headings
- Chart Helper
 - can display data from arrays , from databases, or from files
- WebMail Helper
 - provides functions for sending email messages using SMTP

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Working with Images

- Using WebImage
 - provides functionality to manage images in a web page
 - lets flip and rotate images
 - Add a Watermark to an Image

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Creating Web Grid

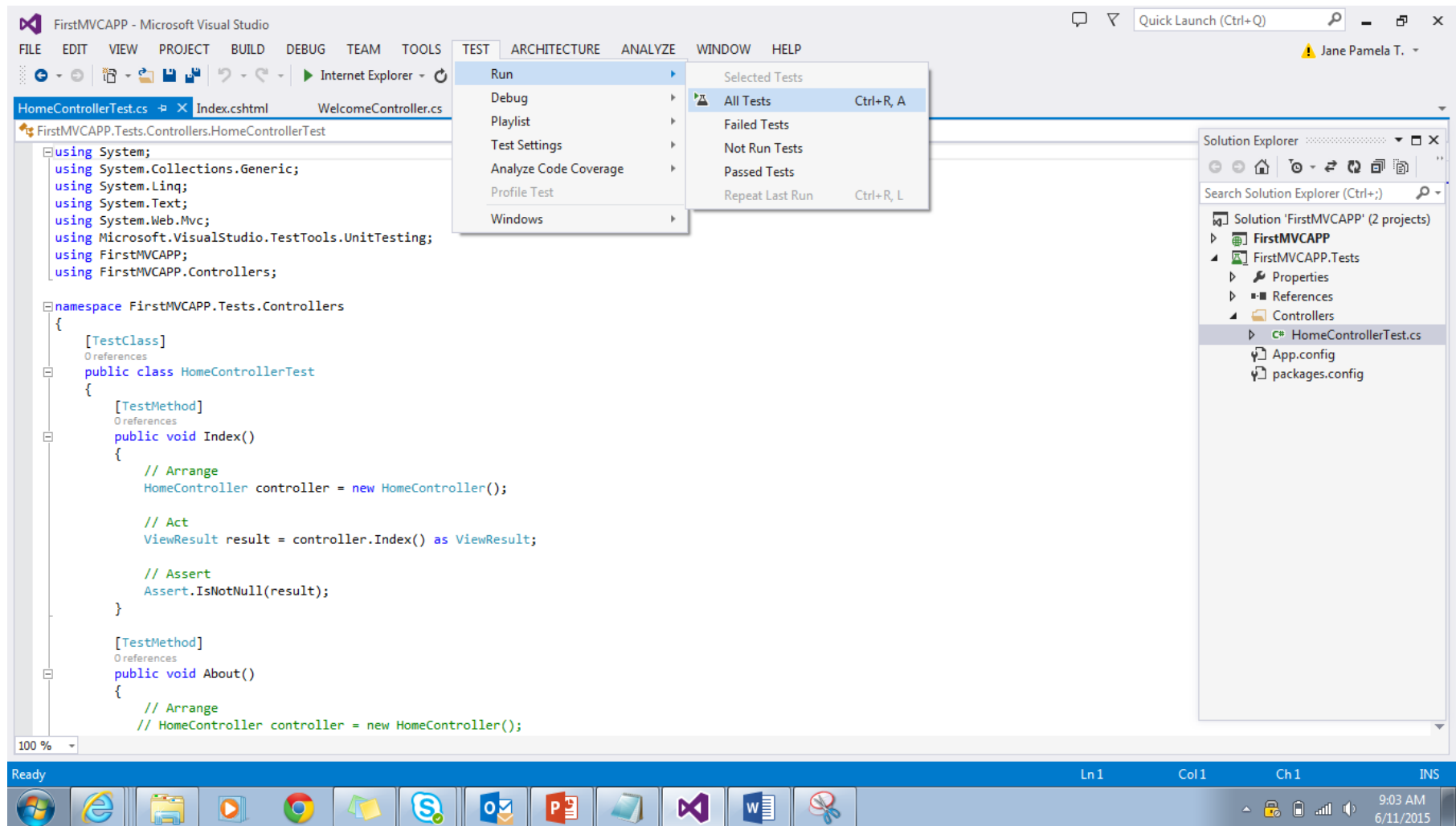
- Describe WebGrid to display data on a web page using an HTML table element.
- Renders tabular data in a very simple manner
- Supports for custom formatting of columns, paging, sorting, and asynchronous updates via AJAX
- Properties:
 - Source
 - DefaultSort, RowsPerPage, SelectedFieldName
 - CanPage, CanSort

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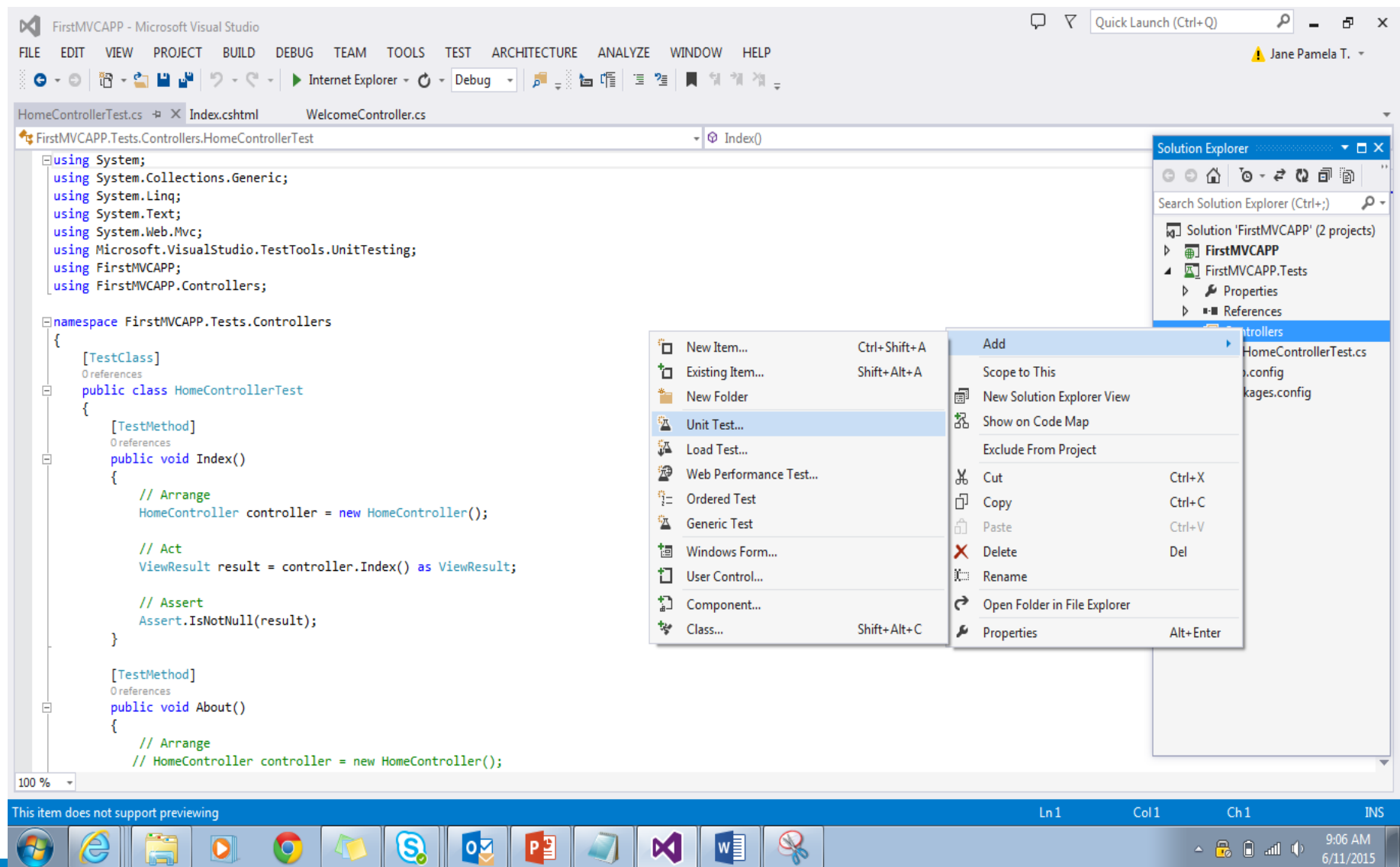
Unit Testing and Debugging



Testing and Debugging

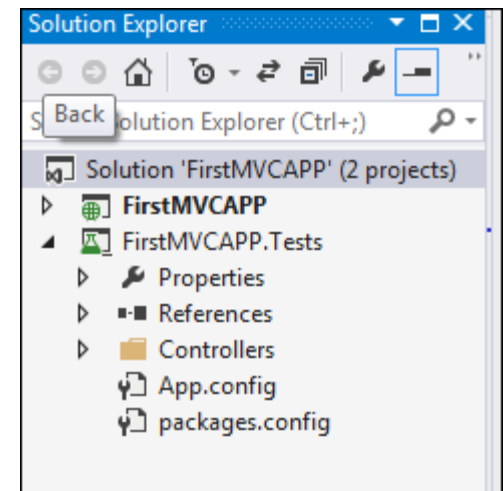


Unit Testing



Unit Tests for ASP.NET MVC Applications

- Creating the Controller under Test
- Testing the View returned by a Controller
- Testing the View Data returned by a Controller
- Testing the Action Result returned by a Controller



Best Practices



Best Practices

- Create a ViewModel for each view
- ViewModel should not contain presentation logic
- Decorate the action methods with appropriate verbs like Get or Post as applicable.
- Decorate the most used action methods with OutputCache attribute
- Try to keep away domain logic from controller. Controller should only be responsible for
 - Input validation and sanitization.
 - Get view related data from the model.
 - Return the appropriate view or redirect to another appropriate action method

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Summary

- We have discussed on
- Introduction to ASP.NET MVC Framework
- Working with Controller
- Introduction to Routing
- Creating Views
- Introduction to Razor Engine
- Working with helper classes
- Working with Action Filters
- Introduction to Model
- Introducing data validation in Model

Summary - Contd

- Deploying ASP.NET MVC applications
- Unit testing MVC applications
- Web Optimization

Thank You



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