Implementing an API in ASP.NET Web API

Module 6: Web API 2

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Agenda

Web API 2

- What is Web API 2
- Upgrading to Web API 2
- Attribute Routing
- CORS in Verison 2
- IHttpActionResult

ASP.NET Web API 2

Maturation of the Web API Stack

- Coincides with MVC5 release
- Supported on VS2012 and VS2013
- Requires NET 4.5 (used to be 4.0)
- Introduces several new features

Converting a Project to Web API 2

Attribute Routing Basics

Attribute Routing Parameters

Improving Attribute Routing

Attribute Routing Constraints

Attribute Routing Names

Advanced Routing

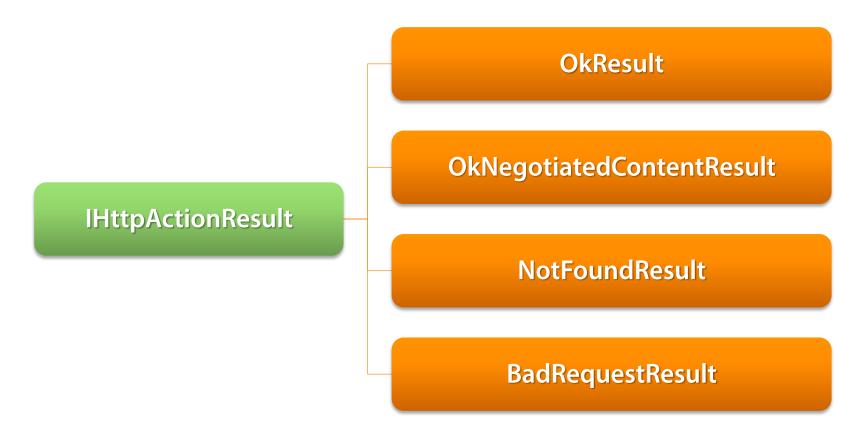
Cross-Origin Resource Sharing Support

IHttpActionResult

- Standard Way of Constructing Common Results
 - Common Replacement for HttpResponseMessage
 - Factory Pattern

```
public interface IHttpActionResult
{
   Task<HttpResponseMessage>
    ExecuteAsync(CancellationToken cancellationToken);
}
```

IHttpActionResult



IHttpActionResult

ApiController

- Ok()
- Ok<T>(T)
- BadRequest()
- NotFound()
- Etc.

IHttp Action Result

Summary

Web API 2

- The Framework is maturing nicely!
- Using Attribute Routes is simple and easy
- But Attribute Routes are treated differently
- The new CORS support simplifies what is becoming a major use-case
- IHttpActionResult can make your code more readable and testable
- Building Your Own IHttpActionResults can help solve common problems