Web Applications

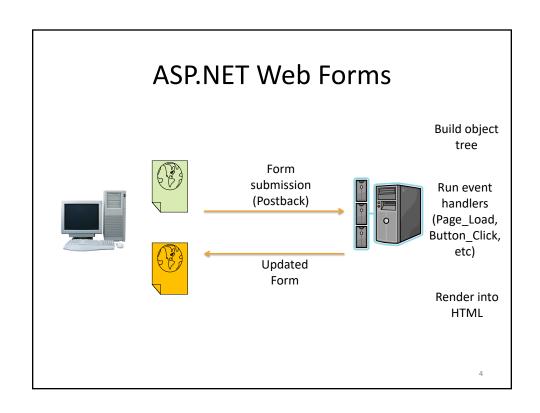
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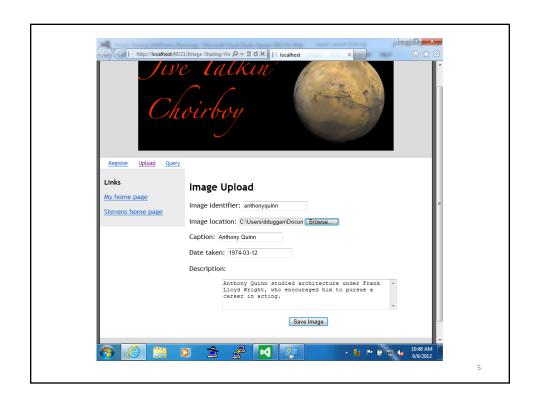
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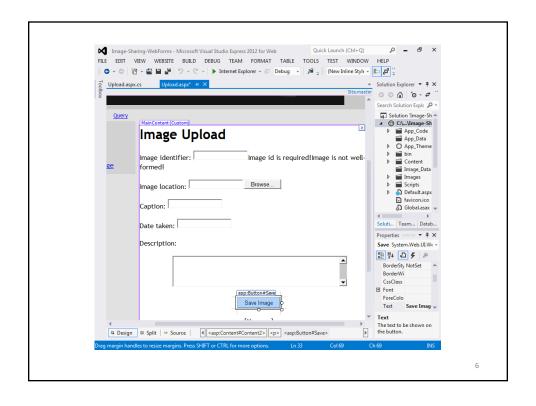
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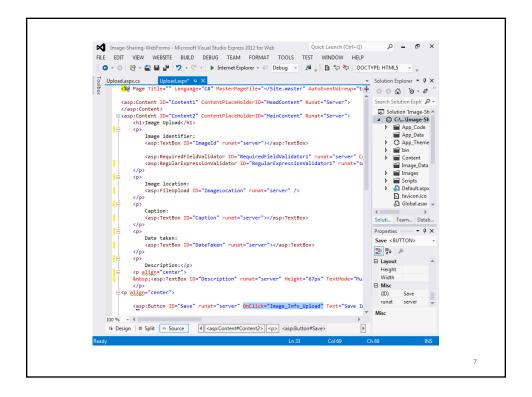
ASP.NET Web Forms

- Web interaction as GUI interaction
- Stateful GUI
- Event handlers
- Problem: Web is stateless
- Web forms: virtual GUI state









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Image Upload Image identifier: Rendered HTML Image location: Date taken: Image location: <input type="file"</pre> Save Image name="ctl00\$MainContent\$ImageLocation" id="MainContent_ImageLocation" /> Caption: <input type="text" name="ctl00\$MainContent\$Caption"</pre> id="MainContent_Caption" /> <input type="submit" name="ctl00\$MainContent\$Save"</pre> value="Save Image" onclick= "javascript:WebForm_DoPostBackWithOptions(...)" id="MainContent_Save" /> 10

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Code Behind

Viewstate in Postback Form

ASP.NET Web Forms Summary

- Pattern: Page controller
- Similar to GUI programming
 - Wysiwyg editor
 - Event handling
 - Postbacks
- Problems
 - Unit testing
 - Event handler interactions
 - Viewstate
 - Control over rendered HTML

ASP.NET MVC

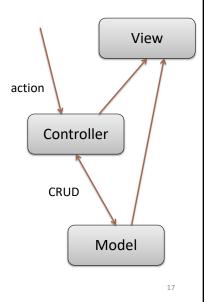
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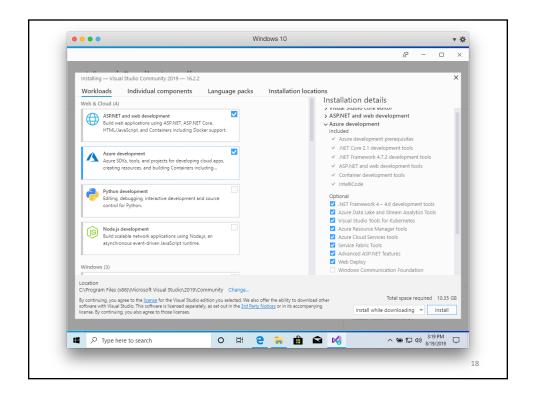
ASP.NET MVC

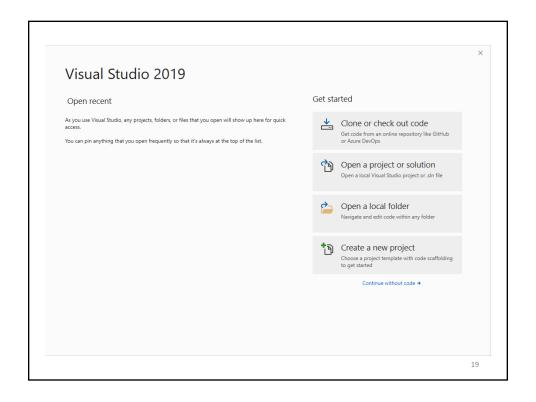
- Model-View-Controller
- Motivation: Separation of Concerns
- Benefits over Web Forms
 - Program control of app behavior
 - Test-driven development (TDD)
 - Routing
- Disadvantages
 - Relative (app) complexity

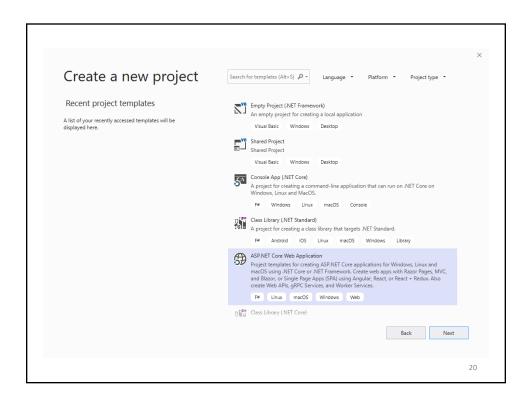
Model-View-Controller

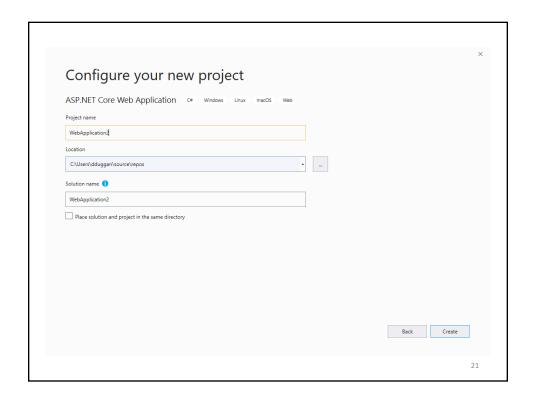
- Controller: business logic
- Model: application state
 - Database
- View: presentation logic
 - HTTP response

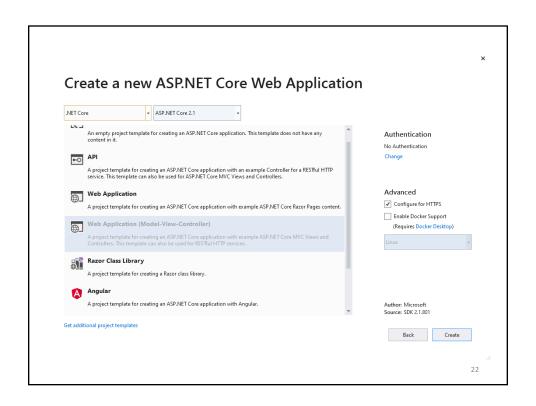


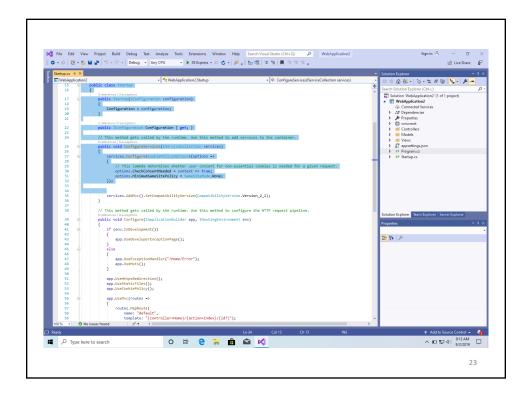






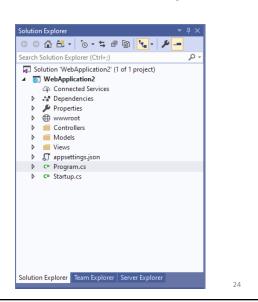


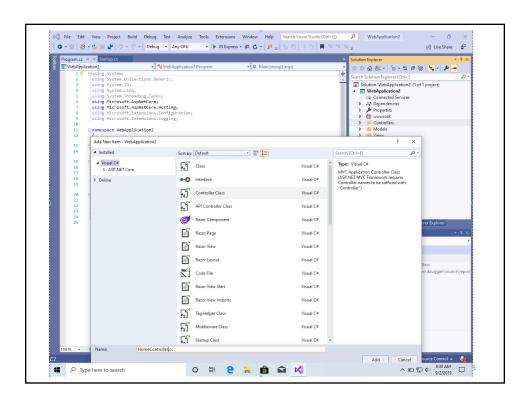




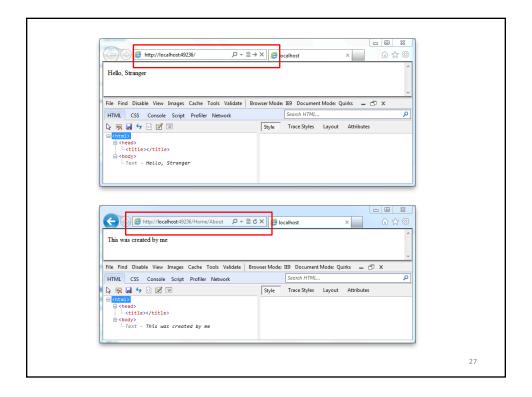
Structure of a Core MVC Project

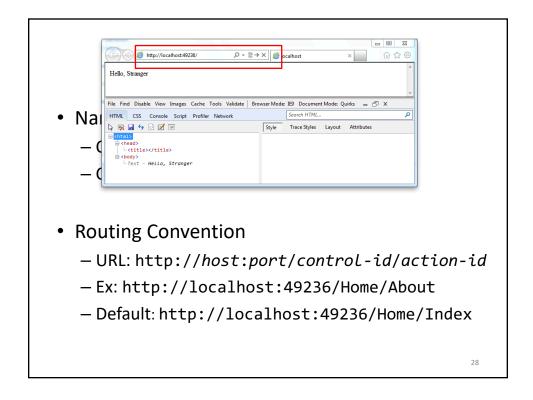
- wwwroot
- appsettings.json
- Program.cs
- Startup.cs
- Controllers
- Models
- Views





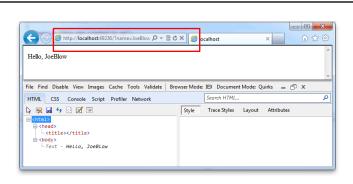
```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public String Index()
        {
            return "Hello, Stranger";
        }
        public String About()
        {
            return "This was created by me.";
        }
    }
}
```





```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public String Index(String name="Stranger")
        {
            return "Hello, "+name;
        }
        public String About()
        {
            return "This was created by me.";
        }
    }
}
```

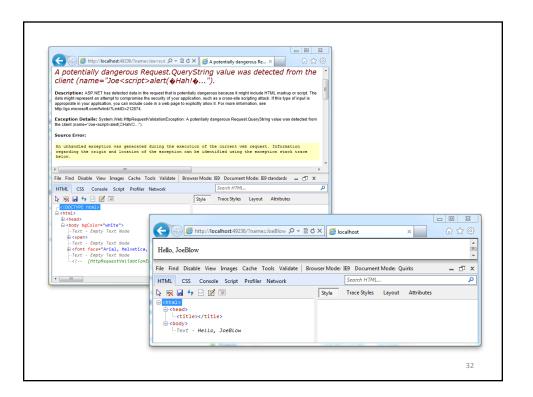
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Danger, Will Robinson!

http://localhost:49236/?name=Joe<script>alert("Hah!");</script>

```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public String Index(String name="Stranger")
        {
            return HttpUtility.HtmlEncode("Hello, "+name);
        }
        public String About()
        {
            return HttpUtility.HtmlEncode("...");
        }
    }
}
```



VIEWS

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Presentation Logic

- Programmatic definition
 - e.g. HttpUtility.HtmlEncode()
- Declarative: ASPX markup (view.aspx)
 - -XML
 - Designed for Web Forms
- Combined: Razor (view.cshtml)
 - Not XML
 - Integrated with C#

```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public String Index()
        {
            return "Hello, Stranger";
        }
        public String About()
        {
            return "This was created by me.";
        }
    }
}
```

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Views for Results

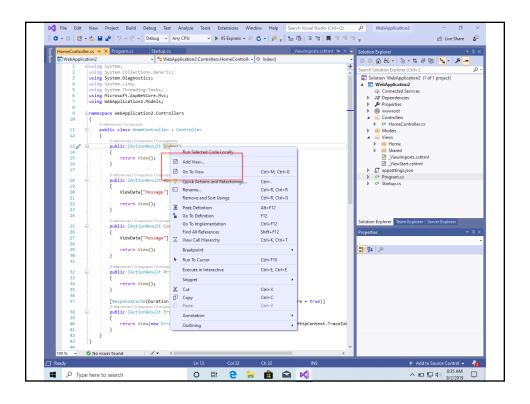
```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public ActionResult Index()
        {
            return View();
        }
        public ActionResult About()
        {
            return View();
        }
    }
}
```

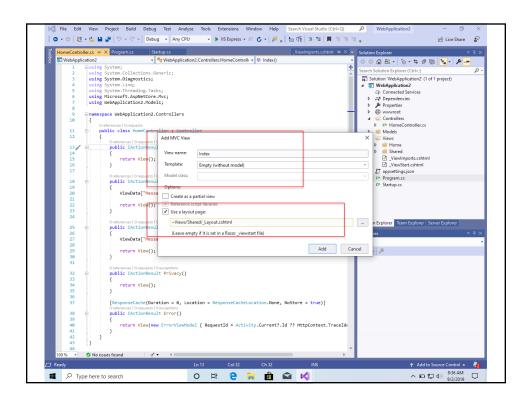
ViewData

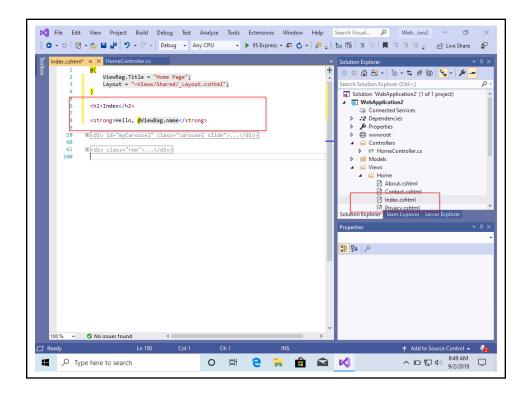
```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public ActionResult Index(String name="Stranger")
        {
            ViewData["name"] = name;
            return View();
        }
        public ActionResult About()
        {
            return View();
        }
    }
}
```

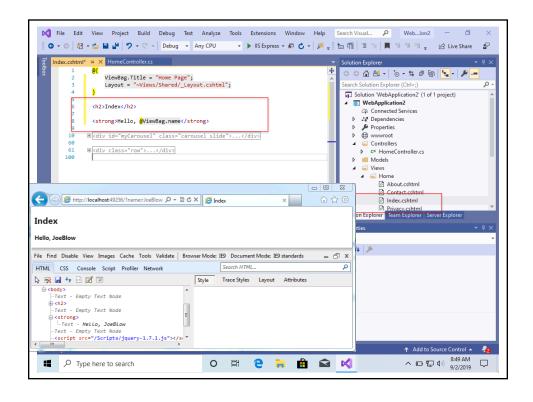
ViewBag

```
namespace HelloWorld.Controllers
{
    public class HomeController : Controller
    {
        public ActionResult Index(String name="Stranger")
        {
            ViewBag.name = name;
            return View();
        }
        public ActionResult About()
        {
            return View();
        }
    }
}
```









Naming Views

• Default view
 public ActionResult Index(..
 {
 ViewBag.name = name;
 return View();

Named view return View("Index2");

return View("~/Views/Example/Index.shtml");

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Connected Services

About.cshtml
 Contact.cshtml
 Index.cshtml
 Privacy.cshtml

Privacy.cshtml
Pishared
ViewImports.cshtml
ViewStart.cshtml
Tappsettings.json
C* Program.cs
C* Startup.cs

VIEWS AND MODELS

Image Model

• Model for photographic image

```
public class Image {
   public String Id { get; set; };
   public int TagId { get; set; };
   public String Caption { get; set; };
   public String Description { get; set; };
   public Date DateTaken { get; set; };
   public String UserId { get; set; };
}
                                          45
```

Dynamically Typed Views

```
Controller Action
  public ActionResult Index(...)
     List<Image> images;
     ViewBag.images = images;
     return View();
View
  IEnumerable<Image> images =
         ViewBag.images as IEnumerable<Image>;
  foreach (Image img in images)
    @img.Caption
```

Statically Typed Views

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RAZOR

Razor

- Presentation language for ASP.NET MVC
- HTML Markup
 - Delimited by tags
- C# code fragments
 - Delimited by '@'

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Code in Presentation

• Web Forms View

```
<title> <%: Page.Title %> </title>
```

Razor

```
<title> @ViewBag.Title </title>
```

Code in Presentation

• Web Forms View

```
<title> <%: Page.Title %> </title>
```

Razor

```
@{
    var title = ViewBag.Title;
}
<title> @title </title>
```

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Code in Presentation

Shifting between code and literal

```
@{
    IEnumerable<Image> images =
        ViewBag.images as IEnumerable<Image>;
    foreach (Image img in images)
                @img.Caption

}
```

Code in Presentation

• Shifting between code and literal

```
@foreach (Image img in
    (ViewBag.images as IEnumerable<Image>))
    <1i>>
       @img.Caption
```

Edge Cases

```
@{ String root = "MyApp"; }
<span> @root.Models </span>
Output: Error (root.Models undefined)
<span> @(root).Models </span>
Output: MyApp.Models
@@foobar evaluates to "@foobar"
```

HTML Encoding

```
@{ var mesg =
    "<script>alert('Hah!');</script>"
}
<span> @mesg </span>
outputs

<span> &lt;script&gt;...&gt; </span>
• HtmlString versus String
• Html.Raw(model.Message)
```

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Mixing code and text

Comments

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LAYOUTS

Layouts

- Purpose: Templates for views
 - Main body
 - Sections
- · Consistent look-and-feel
 - ADA
- Maintenance

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Layout

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title> @ViewBag.Title </title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1> @ViewBag.Title </h1>
    <div id="main">
        @RenderBody()
      </div>
</body>
```

Instance

```
@{
   Layout = "~/Views/Shared/Layout.cshtml";
   ViewBag.Title = "The Index!";
}
 This is the main content!
```

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Response Document

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title> The Index! </title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1> The Index! </h1>
    <div id="main">
        This is the main content!
    </div>
</body>
```

Layout

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title> @ViewBag.Title </title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1> @ViewBag.Title </h1>
    <div id="foo">@RenderSection("Foobar")</div>
    <div id="main">@RenderBody()</div>
</body>
```

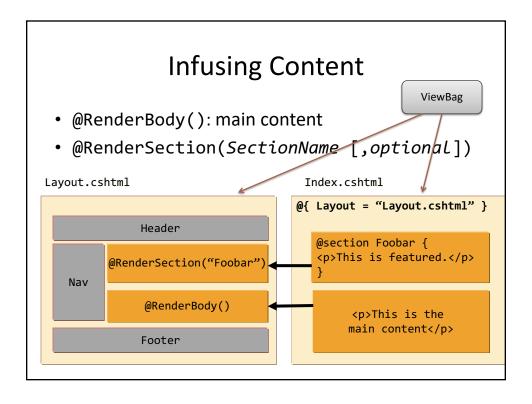
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Instance

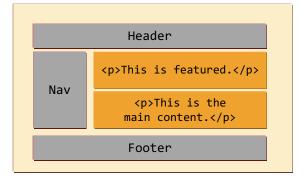
```
@{
    Layout = "~/Views/Shared/Layout.cshtml";
    ViewBag.Title = "The Index!";
}
@section Foobar {
    This is featured.
}
This is the main content!
```

Response Document

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title> The Index! </title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1> The Index! </h1>
    <div ...>This is featured.
<div id="main">
        This is the main content!
</div>
</div>
</body>
```



Result of Infusion



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Default Content

```
<footer>
@if (IsSectionDefined("Footer")) {
   RenderSection("Footer");
} else {
   <span>
    This is the default footer.
   </span>
}
</footer >
```

ViewStart

- Default layout in ~/Views/_ViewStart.cshtml: @{ Layout = "~/Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml"; }
- Override default layout for all views
- Consolidate common custom settings

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PARTIAL VIEWS

Partial View

Partial View

FORMS

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HTML Form

- Collect user data for submission to server
 <form action="http://www.bing.com/search"
 - method="GET">
 <input type="text" name="q"/>
 <input type="submit" value="Search!"/>
 - </form>
- Request URL:

http://www.bing.com/search?q=search-str

HTML Form

- GET method: Result can be cached
- POST method: May cause state change in server

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HTML Form

 Define view for search form (in /Home/Views/Index.cshtml):

• Problem: hard-coded routing logic

HTML Form

• Define search view with HTML helpers:

• HTML helpers encapsulate routing logic

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HTML Helpers

- Automatic HTML Encoding
 - Protection against XSS
- Close to the metal
 - Unlike Web Forms controls
- Html: property of every view
 - Type System.Web.Mvc.HtmlHelper<model-type>

<e ActionLink
id AntiForgeryToken

CheckBox
CheckBoxFor<>

- Namespace System.Web.Mvc.Html
- Override by removing NS from Views/Web.config

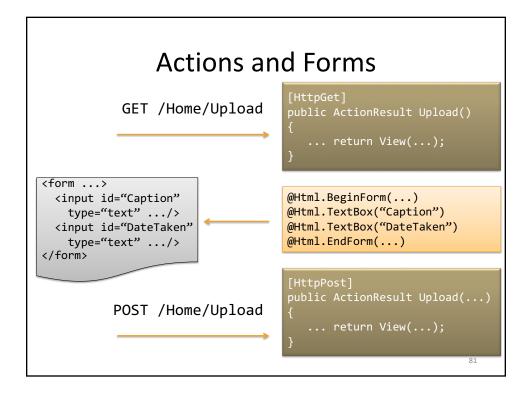
HTML Form

· Add attributes:

• may produce:

```
<form action="/Home/Search" method="get"
    target="_blank"> ... </form>
```

HTML Form



Consuming Form Input

• Use Request property from the context:

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Upload () {
   Image data = new Image();
   data.Id = Request.Form["Id"];
   data.Caption = Request.Form["Caption"];
}
                                              82
```

Consuming Form Input

• Use FormCollection:

Consuming Form Input

• Use named parameters (preferred!):

Consuming Form Input

• Use a model (preferred!):

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Upload (Image image) {
   // Save the data to a file
   RedirectToAction("Query",
                    new {id=image.Id})
}
```

Consuming Form Input

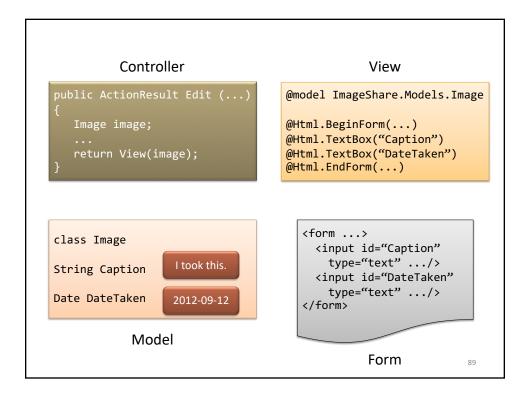
• Use a model (preferred!):

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Upload (Image image) {
   if (ModelState.IsValid()) {
      // Save the data to a file
      RedirectToAction("Query",
                       new {id=image.Id})
   } else {
      return View(image);
}
```

MODELS IN VIEWS

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Models in Views



TextBox Helper

• View code:

```
@Html.TextBox("Caption", Model.Caption)
```

• HTML output:

TextBox Helper

• View code:

```
@Html.TextBox("Caption")
```

• HTML output:

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TextArea Helper

• View code:

• HTML output:

Label Helper

• View code:

```
@Html.Label("TagId")
@Html.TextBox("TagId")
```

• HTML output:

```
<label for="TagId">Tag</label>
<input id="TagId" type="text" .../>
```

- Purpose:
 - Attach info
 - Transfer focus

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HTML HELPERS AND MODEL STATE

Image Model

• Model for photographic image

```
public class Image {
   public String Id { get; set; };
   public String Caption { get; set; };
   public String Description { get; set; };
   public Date DateTaken { get; set; };
   public String UserId { get; set; };
}
```

```
Controller
                                                   View
public ActionResult Edit (...)
                                     @model ImageShare.Models.Image
                                     @Html.BeginForm(...)
                                     @Html.TextBox("Caption")
                                     @Html.TextBox("DateTaken")
   return View(image);
                                     @Html.EndForm(...)
                                        <form ...>
class Image
                                          <input id="Caption"</pre>
                                            type="text" .../>
                   I took this.
String Caption
                                          <input id="DateTaken"</pre>
                                            type="text" .../>
Date DateTaken
                   2012-09-12
                                        </form>
            Model
                                                   Form
```

Helpers and ViewBag

Helpers and ViewBag

Helpers and Model

Helpers and Model

Validation

Validation

Validation

ModelState

• Used for state of input validation

A caption is required!

- Helpers get field values from ModelState
 - Display current values for editing
 - Otherwise from ViewData, ViewBag
- Preserves validation errors
- Preserves bad input for editor

EXPLICITLY TYPED HELPERS

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TextBox Helper

• View code:

```
@Html.TextBox("Caption")
```

• HTML output:

Templated Helper

• View code:

```
@Html.EditorFor(m ⇒ m.Caption)
```

• HTML output:

Templated Helper

• View code:

```
@Html.EditorFor(m ⇒ m.Description)
```

• HTML output:

Explicitly Typed Form

OTHER HELPERS

Other Input Helpers

- Html.Hidden, Html.HiddenFor
- Html.Password, Html.PasswordFor
- Html.RadioButton, Html.RadioButtonFor
- Html.CheckBox, Html.CheckBoxFor

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Rendering Helpers

• Html.ActionLink

• Html.RouteLink

@Html.RouteLink (link-text, route)

URL Helpers

Content

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URL Helpers

- Action
- RouteUrl

Other HTML Helpers

```
    Partial view as a string
        Html.Partial( view-name
        [, model]
        [, view-data] )
```

 Partial view to response output stream Html.RenderPartial(...)

```
@{Html.RenderPartial("ImageData");}
@Html.Partial("ImageData")
```

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Action HTML Helper

- Html.Partial: insert external partial view
- Html.Action: call external action

```
public class MyController {
    public ActionResult Index() {
        return View();
    }
    [ChildActionOnly]
    public ActionResult Menu() {
        var menu = GetMenuFromSomewhere();
        return PartialView( menu);
    }
}
```

Action HTML Helper

· View for Menu

```
[ChildActionOnly]
public ActionResult Menu() {
  var menu = GetMenuFromSomewhere();
  return PartialView( menu);
}
@model Menu
<l
@foreach (var item in Model.MenuItem) {
  @item  } 
}
```

Action HTML Helper

View for Index:

```
public ActionResult Index() {
   return View();
<html>
   <head> <title> ... </title> </head>
   <body>
      @Html.Action("Menu")
      <h1>Welcome to the Index View</h1>
   </body>
</html>
```

Summary

- ASP.NET MVC
 - Powerful abstractions for Web applications
 - Strong typing possible
 - Still "close to the metal"
- Next: Models
 - Entity Framework
 - LINQ