



**.NET Developer Toolkit**

# USER SECRETS



# What we'll cover

- Why User Secrets?
- Configuration in .NET
- Implementing User Secrets



# Ingredients

- .NET 6 SDK (free)
- VS Code (free)

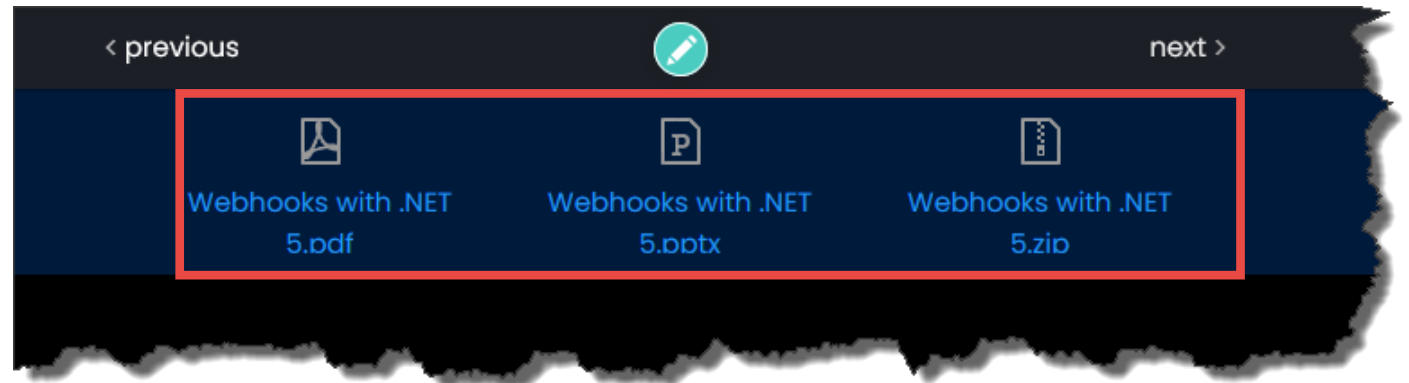
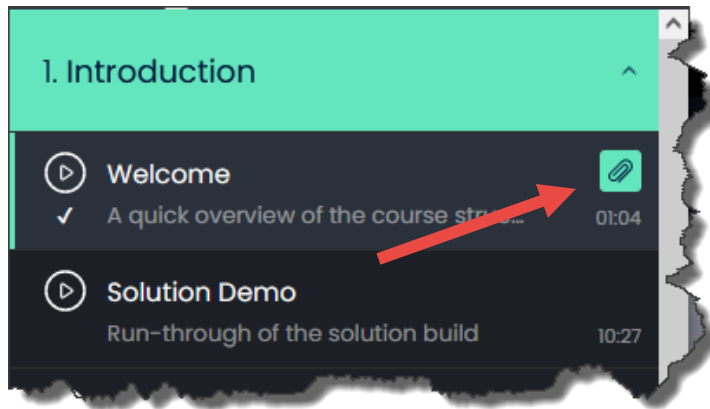


# Prerequisites

- Dependency Injection [Optional]





# Course Downloads



# **Why User Secrets?**


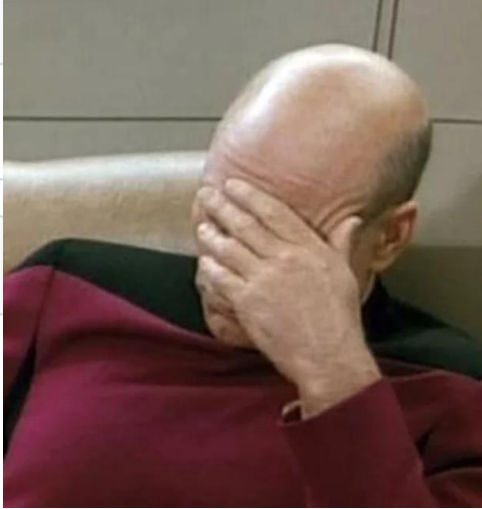
# We (should) all have secrets...

 **binarythistle** add models and dbcontext

 1 contributor

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1 {
2   "Logging": {
3     "LogLevel": {
4       "Default": "Information",
5       "Microsoft": "Warning",
6       "Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime": "Information"
7     }
8   },
9   "ConnectionStrings":
10  {
11    "CommandGQLConnection": "Server=localhost,1433;Database=CommandsDB;User Id=sa;Password=pa55w0rd!"
12  }
13 }
```



Server=localhost,1433;Database=CommandsDB;User Id=sa;Password=pa55w0rd!





# For “real” projects this is not a good idea...

- Sensitive information should not be *exposed*.
- *Separated* it from the code
- Accessed through a *controlled means* no matter the environment:
  - Production
  - Test
  - Staging
  - Development



# Secrets in Development

- Environment Variables
  - Avoids the use of config files
  - Still stored in plain text
  - Should be scoped to the user or app (not the “machine”)
- User Secrets (Secret Manager)
  - Secrets are managed, (how they are stored is transparent to the user)
  - Scoped to the Project or Projects
  - Stored as config files (in plain text)
  - Stored on the local machine using the users profile folder



# Configuration in .NET

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- Configuration performed using 1 or more *configuration providers*
- These provides read key-values pairs from *configuration sources*
- Most .NET projects have a (default) configuration set up
  - Console apps do not so you'd have to manually configure
- Configuration sources have a default order of precedence
  - This can be configured though



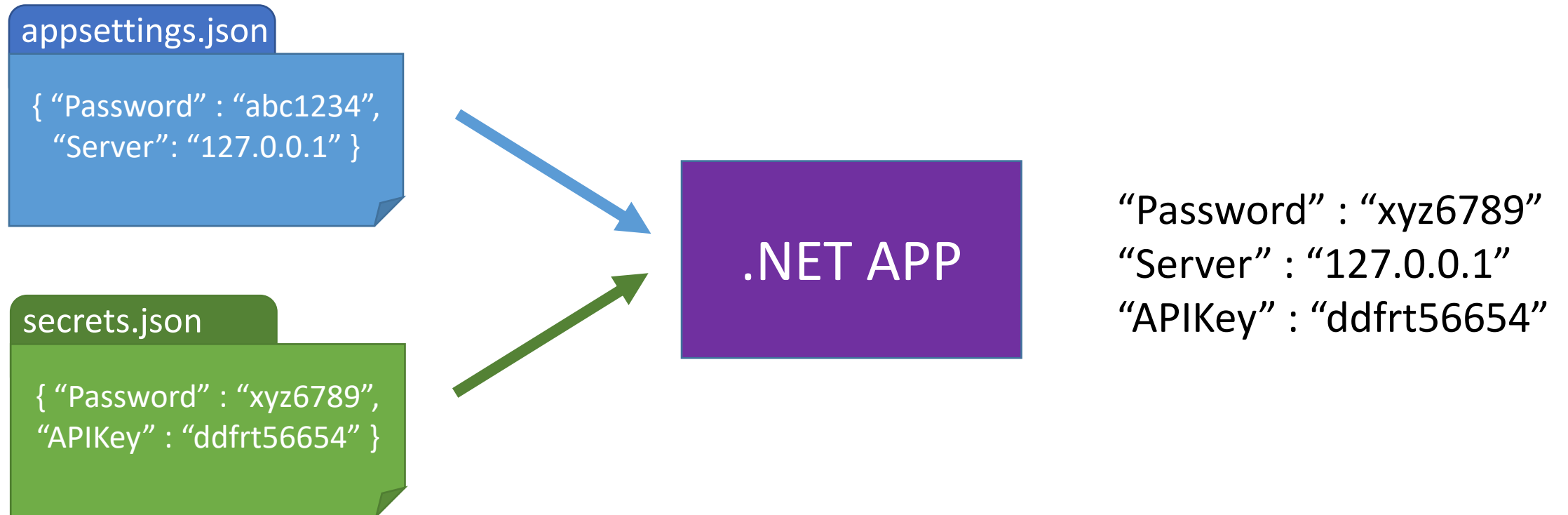
# Default Hierarchy

Order of Read*	Configuration Source	Configuration Provider
1	appsettings.json	File Configuration Provider
2	appsettings.<Environment>.json	File Configuration Provider
3	User Secrets ( <i>only in Development</i> )	App Secrets (Secret Manager)
4	Environment Variables	Environment Variables
5	Command Line	Command-line configuration provider

\* If the same key exists in a later source, it will over-write the previous one: last loaded key wins.



# Example





**Let's Code!**