

# Creating the List and Detail Pages



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# Overview



**Creating a repository**

**Adding the category overview**

**Creating the category detail page**

**Working with a more complex model**



# Creating a Repository





**We “can” use the `DbContext` from our controllers...**

**... but it’s often a better idea to separate logic  
into different classes.**

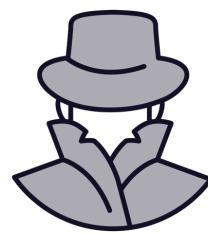
**Repositories can be used to contain the EF  
Core logic.**



# Introducing a Repository



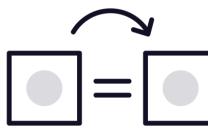
**Mediates between domain and data access**



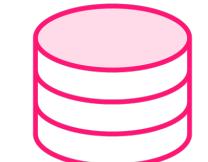
**Hides logic to retrieve or store data in one place**



**Improves the separation of concerns**



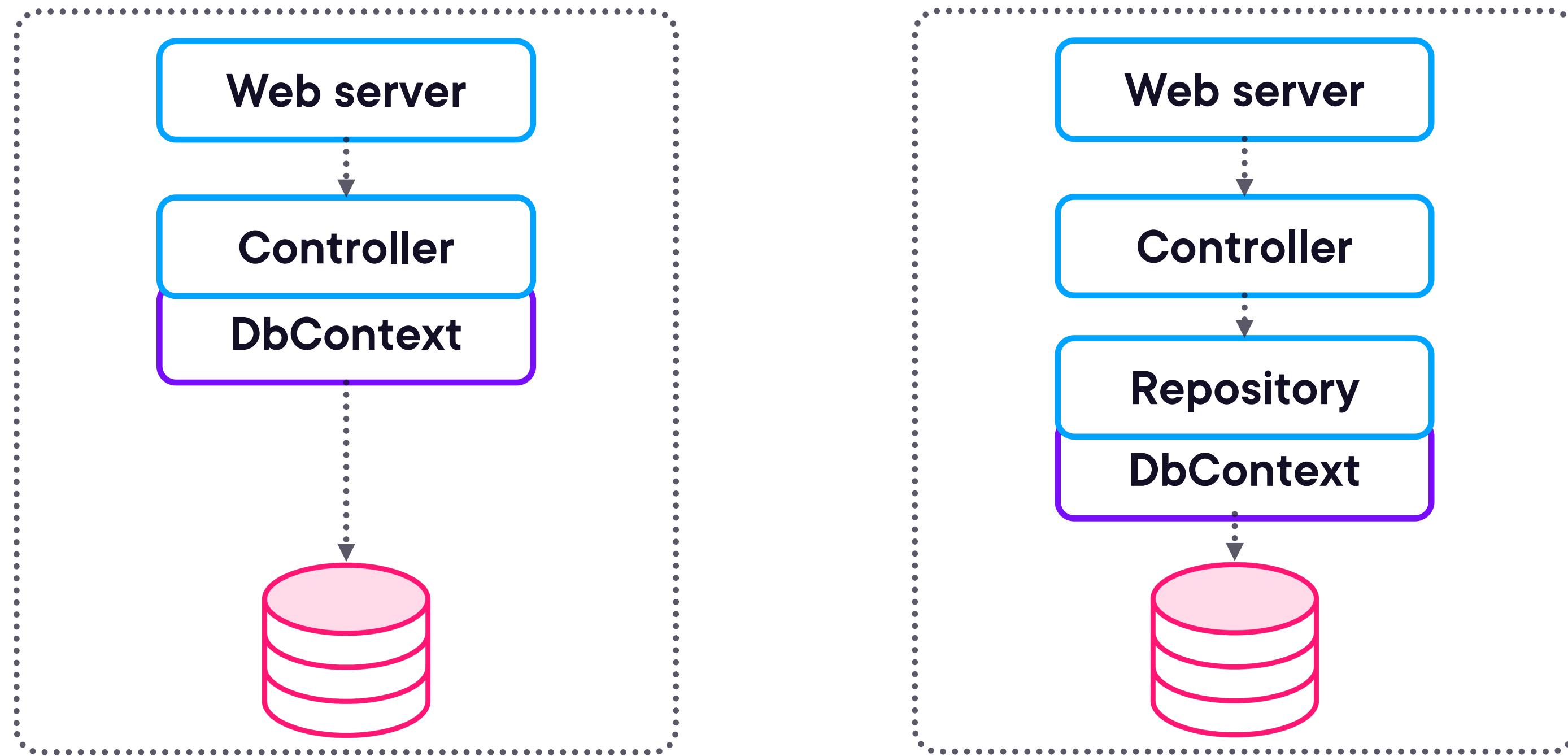
**Reduces code duplication**



**Uses (and wraps) the database context**



# Adding a Repository



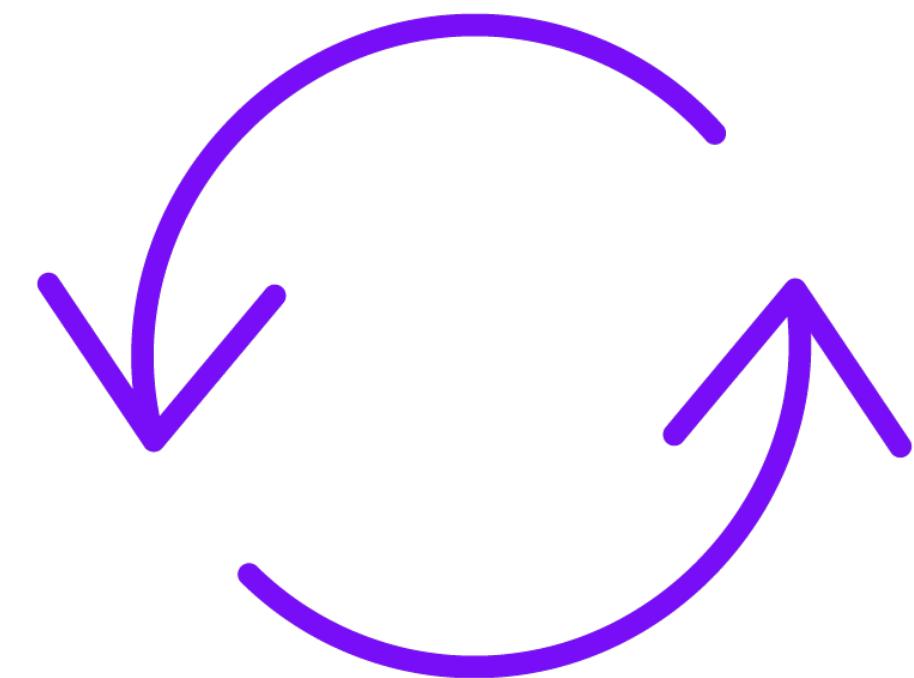
# Adding the CategoryRepository

```
public class CategoryRepository : ICategoryRepository
{
    private readonly BethanysPieShopDbContext _bethanysPieShopDbContext;

    public CategoryRepository(BethanysPieShopDbContext bethanysPieShopDbContext)
    {
        _bethanysPieShopDbContext = bethanysPieShopDbContext;
    }

    public async Task<IEnumerable<Category>> GetAllCategoriesAsync()
    {
        ...
    }
}
```





## Using asynchronous code

- Synchronous calls will block while waiting for completion
- Available threads on server are limited
- Asynchronous calls won't block and increases number of concurrent calls



```
public async Task<IEnumerable<Category>> GetAllCategoriesAsync()
{
    return
        await _bethanysPieShopDbContext.Categories.OrderBy(c => c.CategoryId)
            .ToListAsync();
}
```

## Using an Async Call on the Database Context

**Only when we call `ToListAsync()` will a database call get executed: deferred execution**



```
.Where(p => p.Id == categoryId)
```

◀ Perform a filter

```
.Single()
```

◀ Get single instance

```
.Any()
```

◀ Check if there is a return value

```
.OrderBy()
```

◀ Order items



## Demo

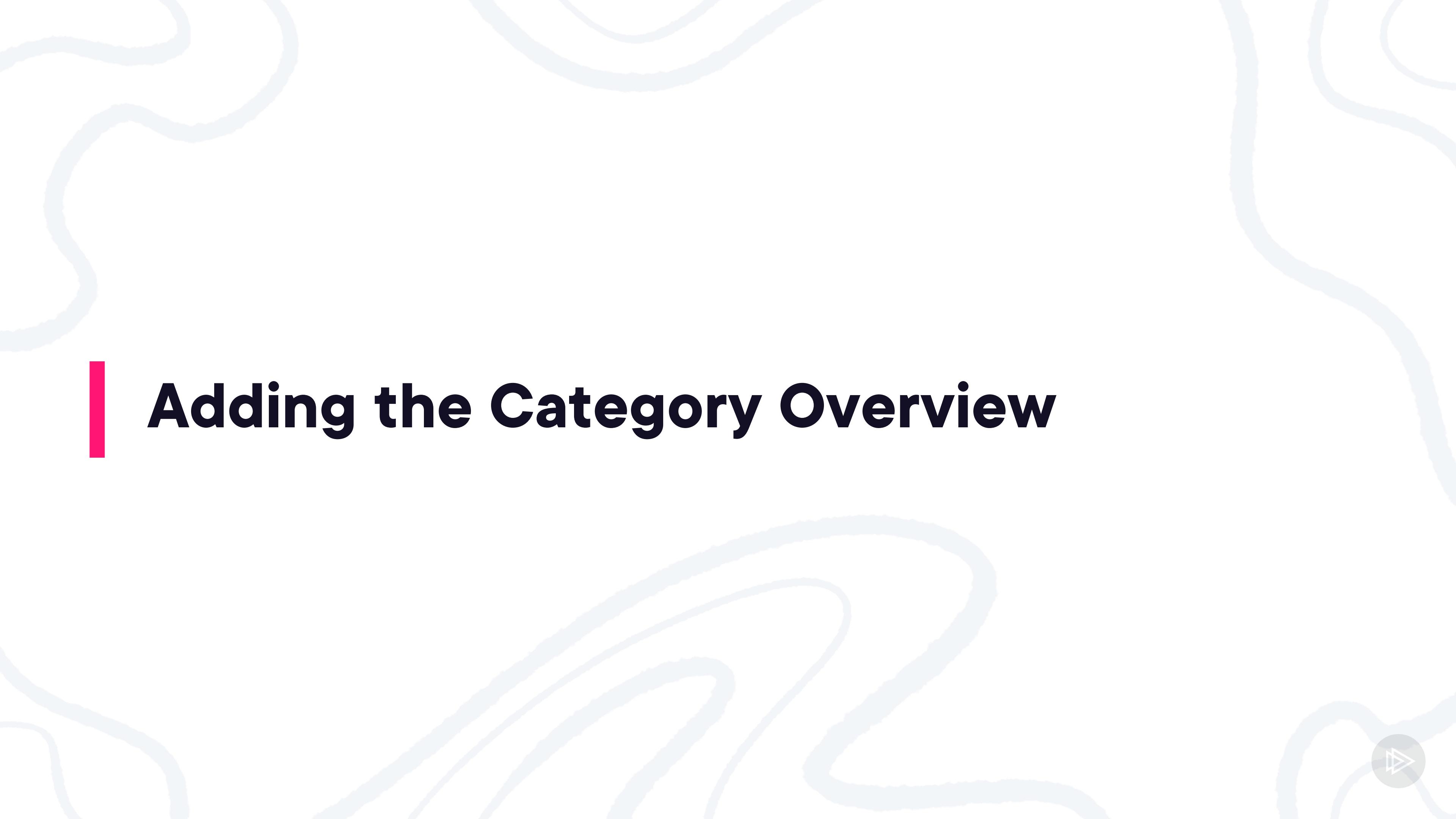


**Creating the repository class**

**Adding an interface**

**Registering in the Services collection**





# Adding the Category Overview

## Demo



**Adding the CategoryController**

**Introducing a view model class**

**Creating the view**



# Creating the Category Detail Page



# The Detail Page

**BETHANY'S**  
PIE SHOP

PIES ▾ CATEGORIES ▾ ORDERS

## Details for category Fruit pies

CategoryId	1	
Name	Fruit pies	
Description		
Date added	18/06/2023	
Pies	Pie name	Price
	Pecan Pie	21,95
	Apple Pie	12,95
	Cherry Pie	15,95
	Peach Pie	15,95
	Rhubarb Pie	15,95
	Strawberry Pie	15,95



# Loading Related Data

Eager loading

Explicit loading

Lazy loading



```
public async Task<Category?> GetCategoryByIdAsync(int id)
{
    return await
        _bethanysPieShopDbContext.Categories.Include(p =>p.Pies)
            .FirstOrDefaultAsync(c => c.CategoryId == id);
}
```

## Using Eager Loading

**Include()**

**Can be used multiple times**

**Can cause a lot of data to be loaded!**



```
public async Task<Category?> GetCategoryByIdAsync(int id)
{
    return await
        _bethanysPieShopDbContext.Categories.Include(p => p.Pies)
        .ThenInclude(p =>p.Ingredients)
        .FirstOrDefaultAsync(c => c.CategoryId == id);
}
```

## Using ThenInclude()



```
public async Task<Category?>? GetCategoryByIdAsync(int categoryId)
{
    var category = _bethanysPieShopDbContext.Categories
        .Single(b => b.CategoryId == categoryId);

    _bethanysPieShopDbContext.Entry(category)
        .Collection(b => b.Pies)
        .Load();
}
```

## Using Explicit Loading



# Using Raw SQL Queries

```
await _bethanysPieShopDbContext.Categories  
    .FromSqlInterpolated($"Select * from dbo.Categories")  
    .Where(c => c.Name.StartsWith("F"))  
    .ToListAsync();
```



# Demo



## Adding the Category Detail page



# Demo



**Exploring the Pie Overview and Detail pages**





# Working with a More Complex Model

# The Model Classes We'll Use



# Demo



**Adding the order overview**

**Creating the order detail page**



# Summary



**Repositories add better separation of concerns**

**EF Core relies heavily on LINQ**

**Loading related data can be done in several ways**



**Up Next:**

# **Working with New Items**

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