

Model Pattern Library

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INotifyPropertyChanged

- ➡ Largely boilerplate code
- ➡ Required in a lot of places
- ➡ Easy to mess up
- ➡ Clutters the codebase
- ➡ Is an infrastructure concern

```
public class Person : INotifyPropertyChanged
{
    private string firstName;
    private string lastName;

    public event PropertyChangedEventHandler PropertyChanged;

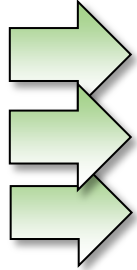
    protected virtual void OnPropertyChanged(string propertyName)
    {
        if ( this.PropertyChanged != null )
        {
            this.PropertyChanged( this,
                new PropertyChangedEventArgs(propertyName) );
        }
    }

    public string FirstName
    {
        get { return this.firstName; }
        set
        {
            if ( this.firstName != value )
            {
                this.firstName = value;
                this.OnPropertyChanged("FirstName");
                this.OnPropertyChanged("FullName");
            }
        }
    }

    public string LastName
    {
        get { return this.lastName; }
        set
        {
            if ( this.lastName != value )
            {
                this.lastName = value;
                this.OnPropertyChanged("LastName");
                this.OnPropertyChanged("FullName");
            }
        }
    }

    public string FullName
    {
        get { return this.FirstName + " " + this.LastName; }
    }
}
```

NotifyPropertyChanged Aspect



Implements all logic required

Class level aspect

Can be multicast

```
[NotifyPropertyChanged]
public class Person
{
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    public string LastName { get; set; }

    public string FullName
    {
        get { return this.FirstName + " " + this.LastName; }
    }
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INotifyPropertyChanged Approaches

Without AOP

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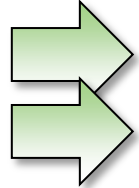
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    {
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    }
}
```

With PostSharp

```
[NotifyPropertyChanged]
public class Person
{
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    public string LastName { get; set; }

    public string FullName
    {
        get { return this.FirstName + " " + this.LastName; }
    }
}
```

Contracts



Operate like .NET code contracts

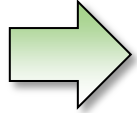
Validating parameters, fields and properties

```
0 references
public string Name { get; set; }

private bool ...
0 references
public void Up
{
  ...
}
```

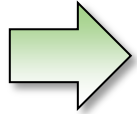
- Require a non-null and non-whitespace value
- Add architecture constraint...
- Add another aspect...

Contract Behavior



Throws an exception

- ❑ ArgumentException
- ❑ ArgumentOutOfRangeException
- ❑ ArgumentNullException



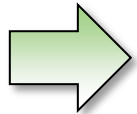
Can be applied to

- ❑ Properties
- ❑ Fields
- ❑ Parameters

```
[Required]  
0 references  
public string Name { get; set; }
```

```
[NotNull]  
private Address _address;
```

```
0 references  
public void UpdateAddress([Required]string line1, string line2)
```



Much like OnEntry of OnMethodBoundaryAspect, but faster

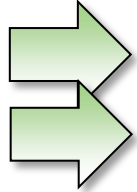
Ready-Made Contracts

- **GreaterThan**
- **LessThan**
- **NotEmpty**
- **NotNull**
- **Positive**
- **Range**
- **RegularExpression**
- **Required**
- **StrictlyGreaterThan**
- **StrictlyPositive**
- **StringLength**
- **CreditCard**
- **EmailAddress**
- **EnumDataType**
- **Phone**
- **Url**

Custom Contracts

- ➡ **Implement `ILocationValidationAspect<T>`**
- ➡ **As many types of `T` as necessary**
- ➡ **No type conversion of the value**
- ➡ **Can require a lot of implementations of `ILocationValidationAspect<T>`**
 - `int, int?, long, long?, decimal, decimal?, etc...`

Contract Inheritance



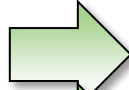

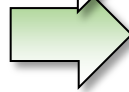
Inherited if applied on interfaces, abstract or virtual methods

Only applicable on method parameters

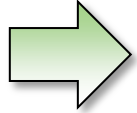
```
interface IFoo
{
    void Bar( [Required] string fooBar );
}

class Foo : IFoo
{
    public void Bar( string fooBar )
    {
        // PostSharp will inject the [Required] contract at the top of this method body.
    }
}
```

Contract Limitations

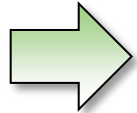
-  Do not support type conversions
-  Cannot validate return values or output arguments
-  Are an opt-in feature

Summary



NotifyPropertyChangedAspect

- Less code
- Faster to implement



Contracts

- Out of the box
- Extensible