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🔍 Explanation of `volatile` keyword in .NET

In multi-threaded applications, ensuring that the latest value of a field is accessed by all threads can be challenging. The `volatile` keyword in .NET helps manage this by guaranteeing that all reads and writes to a field happen directly from the main memory, bypassing CPU caches.

Here's a clean, practical example:

```
public class VolatileExample
{
 // Volatile field ensures real-time updates across threads
 private volatile int _counter = 0;

 public void IncrementCounter()
 {
 _counter++; // Incrementing the shared counter
 }

 public int GetCounter()
 {
 return _counter; // Always returns the latest value
 }
}
```

In this simple example:
- IncrementCounter() increments the value of `_counter`, and `volatile` ensures that changes are visible to all threads.
- GetCounter() always returns the latest value of `_counter` from the main memory, ensuring consistency across threads.

Using `volatile` ensures that the most recent value of a variable is always visible to all threads, avoiding stale data due to caching.

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