Dependency Injection Best Practices: Scoped vs Singleton vs Transient!

Choosing the right DI lifetime is crucial for performance & stability in .NET apps.

Let's break it down:

Transient - New Instance Every Time

- ♦ Use Case: Lightweight, stateless services.
- ♦ Example: Repository, Email sender, Logging.
- ◆ Too many instances = increased memory usage if used excessively.

Scoped – One Instance Per Request

- ♦ Use Case: Services tied to an HTTP request.
- ♦ Example: Database context (EF Core), Business logic services.
- ♦ Don't inject Scoped services into Singleton services! It may cause unexpected issues.

Singleton - One Instance for the App's Lifetime

- ♦ Use Case: Heavy, shared resources that shouldn't be re-created.
- ◆ Example: Caching, Configuration, Logging, Static Data.
- ♦ Memory leaks if holding unnecessary state. Avoid injecting Scoped/Transient services here

Avoid Service Lifetime Mismatches

Good: Singleton -> Uses other Singletons

Bad: Singleton -> Uses Scoped/Transient (may cause unintended behavior)



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Note: you can use IServiceProvider to create a scope that can be used to create scoped service inside a Singleton class