

ASP.NET Core MVC Registration Form Setup

Step 1: Create a New MVC Project

Open the terminal and run the following command:

```
dotnet new mvc
```

Step 2: Create the Registration Model and View

2.1 Create Model

Create a model named `RegisterEntityModel.cs` under the `Models` folder with the following properties:

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;

namespace mvc_with_reg_login.Models
{
    public class RegisterEntityModel
    {
        public int Id { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "First Name is required.")]
        public string FirstName { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Last Name is required.")]
        public string LastName { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Email is required.")]
        [EmailAddress(ErrorMessage = "Invalid email address.")]
        public string Email { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Username is required.")]
        public string UserName { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Password is required.")]
        public string Password { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Confirm Password is required.")]
        [Compare("Password", ErrorMessage = "Passwords do not match.")]
        public string ConfirmPassword { get; set; }
    }
}
```

2.2 Create the Registration View

Under the `Views/Home` folder, create a new file named `Register.cshtml` and add the following form:

```
@model MvcWithRegLogin.Models.RegisterEntityModel

@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Register";
}

<h2>Register</h2>

<form asp-action="Register" method="post">
    <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="FirstName"></label>
        <input asp-for="FirstName" class="form-control" />
        <span asp-validation-for="FirstName" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="LastName"></label>
        <input asp-for="LastName" class="form-control" />
        <span asp-validation-for="LastName" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="Email"></label>
        <input asp-for="Email" class="form-control" />
        <span asp-validation-for="Email" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="UserName"></label>
        <input asp-for="UserName" class="form-control" />
        <span asp-validation-for="UserName" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="Password"></label>
        <input asp-for="Password" class="form-control" type="password" />
        <span asp-validation-for="Password" class="text-danger"></span>
    </div>

    <div class="form-group">
        <label asp-for="ConfirmPassword"></label>
        <input asp-for="ConfirmPassword" class="form-control"
type="password" />
        <span asp-validation-for="ConfirmPassword" class="text-
danger"></span>
    </div>

    <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Register</button>
</form>

@section Scripts {
    @{await Html.RenderPartialAsync("_ValidationScriptsPartial");}
}
```

Step 3: Add Navigation Menu and Controller Actions

3.1 Add NavBar Menu Item

Open `_Layout.cshtml` under `Views/Shared` and add the following inside the `<ul class="navbar-nav flex-grow-1 ms-auto">`:

```
<li class="nav-item">
  <a class="nav-link text-dark" asp-area="" asp-controller="Home" asp-
    action="Register">Register</a>
</li>
```

3.2 Add Controller Actions

Open `HomeController.cs` and add the following methods:

```
using mvc_with_reg_login.Models;

public class HomeController : Controller
{
    [HttpGet]
    public IActionResult Register()
    {
        return View();
    }

    [HttpPost]
    public IActionResult Register(RegisterEntityModel model)
    {
        if (ModelState.IsValid)
        {
            // Save the user to the database or perform any other action
            return RedirectToAction("Index");
        }
        return View(model);
    }
}
```

Step 4: Run the Application

In the terminal, run either of the following commands to see the registration form live:

```
dotnet watch run
```

or

```
dotnet run
```

Step 5: Install Required Packages

Install the following NuGet packages:

- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore
- Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer

You can install them via the Package Manager Console:

```
Install-Package Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore
Install-Package Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer
```

Or from the NuGet Package Manager UI.

Step 6: Add Connection Strings

Open `appsettings.json` and add the following connection strings:

```
{
  "ConnectionStrings": {
    "DefaultConnection": "data source=.\SQLEXPRESS; database=MyDatabase;
User ID=test01; Password=Test@123; TrustServerCertificate=True;",
    "DefaultConnection1": "data source=.\SQLEXPRESS; database=MyDatabase;
Integrated Security=True; TrustServerCertificate=True;"
  }
}
```

- **DefaultConnection:** for SQL Server authentication with username and password.
 - **DefaultConnection1:** for Windows Authentication (works if SQL Server is installed on the same system).
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Step 7: Create the Data Folder and ApplicationDbContext

Create a folder named `Data` under the project root (same level as `Controllers`).

Inside `Data`, create a new file named `AppDbContext.cs`:

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using mvc_with_reg_login.Models;

namespace mvc_with_reg_login.Data
{
    public class ApplicationDbContext : DbContext
    {
        public ApplicationDbContext(DbContextOptions<ApplicationDbContext> options) :
base(options)
        {
        }

        public DbSet<RegisterEntityModel> RegisterEntityModels { get; set;
} = null!;
        }
    }
}
```

Step 8: Register ApplicationDbContext in Program.cs

Open `Program.cs` and add the following code **above** `var app = builder.Build();`:

```
builder.Services.AddDbContext<ApplicationDbContext>(options =>

options.UseSqlServer(builder.Configuration.GetConnectionString("DefaultConn
ection")));
```

This line registers `ApplicationDbContext` with the connection string `DefaultConnection`.

Final Note

You have now created a basic registration page in ASP.NET Core MVC with form validations, database connectivity setup, and context configuration!