ASP.net REST API

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Introduction

Target Framework: net5.0

Entry Point: Program.cs (as in all .net apps)

Startup.cs

Startup.cs will be the class invoked by the Program.cs Host initiator

- Configuration property gets passed in the constructor (used for env files and more)
- Configure Services method is used to register SERVICES used throughout the API
- Configure method is used to manage the request handling pipeline configuration(MIDDLEWARE).

/Controllers

/Controllers/ folder is for classes that handles the ROUTES that the API exposes

appsettings.json

In the folder /Properties/ you can create multiple appsettings files for settings such as the log level.

Example:

appsettings.DEVELOPMENT.json

appsettings.PRODUCTION.json

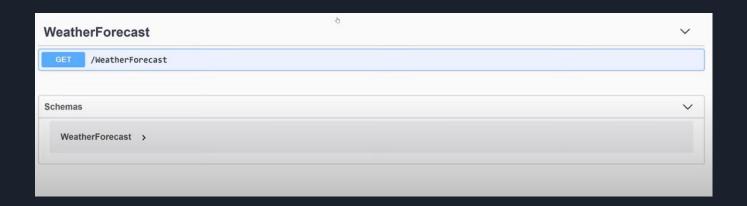
appsettings.TESTING.json

launchSettings.json

Server configuration such as application URL, port numbers, IIS configuration

Swagger

Swagger is an open API specification application that makes your life a lot easier in testing the API.



Entities - Models

Lets see an example of a Model class inside a /Model/ Folder with usage of RecordTypes, and init accessor instead of set (c# 9, net5.0)

```
using System;

namespace Catalog.Entities
{
    public record Item
    {
        public Guid Id { get; init; }
        public string Name { get; init; }
        public decimal Price { get; init; }
        public DateTimeOffset CreatedDate {get; init; }
}
```

Repositories

The repository layer isolates Business layer from the Data Access Layer. The Repository contains Data Mapper entity. This entity can be used as a model entity for providing schema of the data for performing CRUD operations, by using the CRUD operations defined in the repository.

```
namespace Catalog.Repositories
        public Item GetItem (Guid id)
```

Example controller class

The following class binds with the ItemRepository and the ItemEntity

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using Catalog.Entities;
using Catalog.Repositories;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;

namespace Catalog.Controllers
{
    [ApiController]
    [Route("items")]
    public class ItemsController : ControllerBase
    {
        private readonly InMemItemsRepository repository;

        public ItemsController()
        {
            repository = new InMemItemsRepository();
        }
}
```

```
public IEnumerable<Item> GetItems()
   var items = repository.GetItems();
```

Dependency Injection

Up untill now our code generates a new list of Items every time the Repository class is being called. To avoid that we will inject the repository class in the controller class constructor.

```
public ItemsController()
{
    repository = new ItemsRepository();
}
public ItemsController(repository)
{
    this.repository = repository;
}
```

Implementation of injection

We will be using the IServiceProvider for this

- 1. Extract interface for ItemRepository class
- 2. Create interface class and paste the extracted interface
- 3. Make sure repository implements the interface
- 4. Change repository variable (in controller) from ItemRepository type to the interface type.
- 5. Receive repository in Controller constructor paremeters
- 6. Startup.cs -> ConfigureServices -> services.addSingleton<ItemsInterface, ItemsRepository>();

DTO - data transfer object

DTOs help to further decouple presentation from the service layer and the domain model. When DTOs are used, the presentation layer and the service layer share data contracts rather than classes. Eventually hiding our models from the outside world.

```
using System;

namespace Catalog.Dtos
{
    public record ItemDto
    {
        public Guid Id { get; init; }
            public string Name { get; init; }
            public decimal Price { get; init; }
            public DateTimeOffset CreatedDate { get; init; }
    }
}
```

DTO - Extensions.cs

We will create a new root file Extensions.cs which will extend the definitions of our types.

MUST be static!

```
using Catalog.Dtos;
using Catalog.Entities;
namespace Catalog
    public static class Extensions
        public static ItemDto AsDto(this Item item)
            return new ItemDto
                Name = item.Name,
                Price = item.Price,
                CreatedDate = item.CreatedDate
```

DTO - final

No we can actually do the following in the controller getItem method

```
var items = repository.GetItems().Select(item=> item.AsDto());
return items;
```

And in the getItem(id) method

```
var item = repository.GetItem(id);

    if (item is null)
    {
        return NotFound();
    }

    return item.AsDto();
```

Post requests

First we will update our interface for the Repository

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using Catalog.Entities;

namespace Catalog.Repositories
{
    public interface IItemsRepository
    {
        Item GetItem(Guid id);
        IEnumerable < Item > GetItems();
        void CreateItem(Item item);
    }
}
```

Post request

The next step is to implement the create function in the Repository class

```
public void CreateItem(Item item)
{
    items.Add(item);
}
```

Post request - DTO

Lets create a CreateItemDTO class that will contain only the variables for the Item model that we need the user to POST. GUID and DATE will be generated from the service.

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
namespace Catalog.Dtos
{
    public record CreateItemDto
    {
        [Required]
        public string Name { get; init; }

        [Required]
        [Range(1, 1000)]
        public decimal Price { get; init; }
}
```

Post request

The last step is to update our Controller, note that we will return a location header.

```
// POST /items
        [HttpPost]
        public ActionResult<ItemDto> CreateItem(CreateItemDto itemDto)
            Item item = new()
                Id = Guid.NewGuid(),
                Price = itemDto.Price,
                CreatedDate = DateTimeOffset.UtcNow
            repository.CreateItem(item);
            return CreatedAtAction(nameof(GetItem), new { id = item.Id }, item.AsDto());
```

PUT request - updating items

Add the method in the Interface and implement it in the repository

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using Catalog.Entities;

namespace Catalog.Repositories
{
    public interface IItemsRepository
    {
        Item GetItem(Guid id);
        IEnumerable<Item> GetItems();
        void CreateItem(Item item);
        void UpdateItem(Item item);
    }
}
```

```
public void UpdateItem(Item item)
{
   var index = items.FindIndex(existingItem => existingItem.Id == item.Id);
   items[index] = item;
}
```

PUT - DTO

Let's create the DTO for the UPDATE method

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;

namespace Catalog.Dtos
{
    public record UpdateItemDto
    {
        [Required]
        public string Name { get; init; }

        [Required]
        [Range(1, 1000)]
        public decimal Price { get; init; }
}
```

PUT - update controller class

Finally we will update the CONTROLLER

```
// PUT /items/{id}
        public ActionResult UpdateItem(Guid id, UpdateItemDto itemDto)
            var existingItem = repository.GetItem(id);
            if (existingItem is null)
                return NotFound();
            Item updatedItem = existingItem with
                Price = itemDto.Price
            repository.UpdateItem(updatedItem);
            return NoContent();
```

DELETE

Let's implement the DELETE request. Update the interface and the repository

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using Catalog.Entities;

namespace Catalog.Repositories
{
    public interface IItemsRepository
    {
        Item GetItem(Guid id);
        IEnumerable<Item> GetItems();
        void CreateItem(Item item);
        void UpdateItem(Item item);
        void DeleteItem(Guid id);
    }
}
```

DELETE

We will not need a new DTO for this request so let's just update the controller

```
// DELETE /items/{id}
    [HttpDelete("{id}")]
    public ActionResult DeleteItem(Guid id)
    {
        var existingItem = repository.GetItem(id);
        if (existingItem is null)
        {
            return NotFound();
        }
        repository.DeleteItem(id);
        return NoContent();
}
```

DATA Persistence

We will be using the following tools to migrate our current in Memory Repository to a persistence repository.

- Postman (for testing)
- MongoDB

Initializing the new Repository

Let's create the new repository

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using Catalog. Entities;
using MongoDB.Bson;
using MongoDB.Driver;
namespace Catalog.Repositories
    public class MongoDbItemsRepository : IItemsRepository
        private const string databaseName = "catalog";
        private const string collectionName = "items";
        private readonly IMongoCollection <Item> itemsCollection;
        private readonly FilterDefinitionBuilder <Item> filterBuilder = Builders<Item>.Filter;
        public MongoDbItemsRepository (IMongoClient mongoClient)
            IMongoDatabase database = mongoClient.GetDatabase(databaseName);
            itemsCollection = database.GetCollection<Item>(collectionName);
```

Installing mongodb library

dotnet add package MongoDB.Driver

you can see that it has been added in the Catalog file

Repository functions

Let's implement the functions that our interface defines

```
public void CreateItem(Item item)
    public void DeleteItem(Guid id)
        var filter = filterBuilder.Eq(item => item.Id, id);
    public Item GetItem(Guid id)
        var filter = filterBuilder.Eq(item => item.Id, id);
    public IEnumerable<Item> GetItems()
         return itemsCollection.Find(new BsonDocument()).ToList();
    public void UpdateItem(Item item)
        var filter = filterBuilder.Eq(existingItem => existingItem.Id, item.Id);
         itemsCollection.ReplaceOne(filter, item);
```

Configure AppSettings.json

```
"Logging": {
    "LogLevel": {
        "Default": "Information",
        "Microsoft": "Warning",
        "Microsoft.Hosting.Lifetime": "Information"
     }
},
"AllowedHosts": "*",
"MongoDbSettings": {
    "Host": "localhost",
    "Port": "27017"
}
```

Creating /Settings/ directory

Create a folder called /settings/ and inside we will create the file MongoDbSettings.cs

Register mongo service

Open up Startup.cs and inside ConfigureServices method add the new service and edit the old ItemsRepository Service, also configure GUID and DATE serialization

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
          BsonSerializer.RegisterSerializer(new GuidSerializer(BsonType.String));
         BsonSerializer.RegisterSerializer(new DateTimeOffsetSerializer(BsonType.String));
            services.AddSingleton < IMongoClient > (serviceProvider =>
                var settings = Configuration.GetSection(nameof( MongoDbSettings)).Get<MongoDbSettings>();
                return new MongoClient(settings.ConnectionString);
            services.AddSingleton<IItemsRepository, MongoDbItemsRepository>();
            services. AddControllers ();
            services.AddSwaggerGen (c =>
                c.SwaggerDoc("v1", new OpenApiInfo { Title = "Catalog", Version = "v1" });
```