now please continue guide step by step (include which file, which folder and all details, include what for 'using', where to put the code, what to update or replace) to do the Challenge 5: - Create class library project - Create CategoryDto in class library - add reference class library project to API and .Net MVC - Use the CategoryDto from class library instead of creating separately in both API and .Net MVC

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To accomplish Challenge 5, we'll create a class library project, define a CategoryDto class in it, and then reference this class in both the API and MVC projects. Here's the step-by-step guide:

**Step 1: Create a Class Library Project**

1. **Open Terminal in Visual Studio Code**.
2. **Navigate to Solution Directory** (where your other projects are located).
3. Run the following command to create a new class library project:

bash

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dotnet new classlib -n SharedLibrary

1. **Confirm Folder Structure**: A new folder named SharedLibrary should be created in your solution directory with a SharedLibrary.csproj file inside.

**Step 2: Create CategoryDto in the Class Library**

1. **Open the SharedLibrary Project**:
   * Go to the SharedLibrary folder.
2. **Add a Models Folder**:
   * Create a new folder named Models in SharedLibrary to store your data transfer objects.
3. **Add the CategoryDto Class**:
   * Inside the Models folder, create a new C# file named CategoryDto.cs.
4. **Define the CategoryDto Class**:
   * Open CategoryDto.cs and add the following code:

csharp

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namespace SharedLibrary.Models

{

public class CategoryDto

{

public int Id { get; set; }

public string Name { get; set; }

public string Description { get; set; }

}

}

**Step 3: Add Reference to SharedLibrary in API and MVC Projects**

1. **Add Project Reference to the API Project**:
   * In the terminal, navigate to the API project’s folder.
   * Run the following command to add a reference to SharedLibrary:

bash

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dotnet add reference ../SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

1. **Add Project Reference to the MVC Project**:
   * Navigate to the MVC project’s folder.
   * Run the same command to add a reference to SharedLibrary:

bash

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dotnet add reference ../SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

1. **Restore Dependencies**:
   * Run dotnet restore in the solution directory to ensure all dependencies are installed and projects are linked.

**Step 4: Update API Project to Use CategoryDto**

1. **Open CategoryController in the API Project** (typically under Controllers).
2. Update the using directive to include SharedLibrary.Models:

csharp

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using SharedLibrary.Models;

1. **Update Endpoint to Return CategoryDto**:
   * Modify your controller’s action methods to return CategoryDto objects instead of any previous Category model.

Example:

csharp

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[HttpGet]

public IEnumerable<CategoryDto> GetCategories()

{

return new List<CategoryDto>

{

new CategoryDto { Id = 1, Name = "Category1", Description = "Description1" },

new CategoryDto { Id = 2, Name = "Category2", Description = "Description2" }

};

}

**Step 5: Update MVC Project to Use CategoryDto**

1. **Open CategoryService in the MVC Project**.
2. Update the using directive at the top to include SharedLibrary.Models:

csharp

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using SharedLibrary.Models;

1. **Modify Service Method to Use CategoryDto**:
   * Ensure that your GetCategoriesAsync method in CategoryService fetches CategoryDto objects from the API.

Example:

csharp

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public async Task<List<CategoryDto>> GetCategoriesAsync()

{

var response = await \_httpClient.GetAsync("api/categories");

if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode)

{

var jsonData = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();

return JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<CategoryDto>>(jsonData);

}

return new List<CategoryDto>();

}

1. **Update Index.cshtml View to Use CategoryDto**:
   * Open Index.cshtml in the Views/Category folder.
   * Update the model declaration at the top to use CategoryDto:

csharp

Sao chép mã

@model List<SharedLibrary.Models.CategoryDto>

* + Ensure the table in Index.cshtml reflects the CategoryDto properties.

**Step 6: Run and Verify Both Projects**

1. **Run the API Project** on its assigned port.
2. **Run the MVC Project** and navigate to the Category page.
3. The Category page should now retrieve and display category data from the API using CategoryDto from the shared library.

With these steps, both projects will utilize CategoryDto from the shared library, ensuring consistency across the solution. Let me know if any adjustments are needed!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

how to activate the Solution Directory when it is not visible?

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In Visual Studio Code, if the Solution Directory is not visible, you can make it appear by following these steps:

1. **Open the Command Palette**: Press Ctrl+Shift+P (Windows/Linux) or Cmd+Shift+P (Mac) to open the Command Palette.
2. **Use the OmniSharp: Select Project Command**:
   * Type "OmniSharp: Select Project" and choose it from the list.
   * This command allows you to specify the solution file (.sln) if it isn’t already opened.
3. **Manually Open the Solution File**:
   * Navigate to the folder containing your .sln file using the File Explorer.
   * Double-click or right-click on the .sln file and select **Open with Code** to open it as a workspace.
   * This should load the Solution Directory with all projects included in the solution.
4. **Restart OmniSharp** if the solution still doesn’t appear:
   * Sometimes, restarting OmniSharp can reload the workspace correctly. Use the Command Palette, type "OmniSharp: Restart OmniSharp", and select it.
5. **Enable Workspace View**:
   * Visual Studio Code may be in **Folder View** instead of **Workspace View**. If prompted to "Trust the Workspace," ensure you accept to load the workspace fully.

After doing this, the Solution Explorer should display the Solution Directory, showing your .sln file and all associated projects.

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**Bạn đã nói:**

the new Created SharedLibrary project does not have the .sln file, then I cannot open it in solution directory

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To include your new SharedLibrary project in the main solution directory so it appears in the solution (.sln) file, follow these steps:

1. **Navigate to Solution Directory**:
   * Open the main solution directory where your .sln file is located (the one that already includes your CategoryApi and CategoryProject).
2. **Add SharedLibrary to the Solution**:
   * Open a terminal in Visual Studio Code or a command prompt in the solution directory.
   * Run the following command to add the SharedLibrary project to the existing solution:

bash

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dotnet sln add path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

Replace path/to/SharedLibrary with the actual path to your SharedLibrary project.

1. **Verify the Addition**:
   * Open the .sln file in Visual Studio Code to confirm that the SharedLibrary project is listed along with CategoryApi and CategoryProject.
2. **Reference SharedLibrary in Other Projects**:
   * In both CategoryApi and CategoryProject, add a project reference to SharedLibrary:

bash

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dotnet add path/to/CategoryApi/CategoryApi.csproj reference path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

dotnet add path/to/CategoryProject/CategoryProject.csproj reference path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

Now, SharedLibrary should appear in the Solution Explorer with the other projects in your main .sln file. You can then use the CategoryDto class within both CategoryApi and CategoryProject by adding using statements as necessary.

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**Bạn đã nói:**

only CategoryApi and CategoryProject projects have .csproj and .sln files, the root folder does not have these file, therefore I cannot follow the steps to create .sln file and create other files in the solution directory for SharedLibrary project

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Since you don’t have a root .sln file for your entire solution, we can create one at the root level to manage all three projects (CategoryApi, CategoryProject, and SharedLibrary). Here’s how:

1. **Create a Root Solution File**:
   * In your terminal, navigate to the root folder where you want the main .sln file to be located.
   * Run the following command to create a new solution file in the root directory:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet new sln -n MainSolution

This will create a MainSolution.sln file in the root directory.

1. **Add Existing Projects to the Solution**:
   * With the new .sln file created, add your existing projects (CategoryApi, CategoryProject, and SharedLibrary) to it. Run the following commands:

bash

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dotnet sln MainSolution.sln add path/to/CategoryApi/CategoryApi.csproj

dotnet sln MainSolution.sln add path/to/CategoryProject/CategoryProject.csproj

dotnet sln MainSolution.sln add path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

Replace path/to/... with the relative paths to each project.

1. **Verify in Visual Studio Code**:
   * Now, when you open MainSolution.sln in Visual Studio Code, you should see all three projects within the Solution Explorer.
2. **Reference SharedLibrary in Other Projects**:
   * Finally, add SharedLibrary as a project reference in both CategoryApi and CategoryProject by running:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet add path/to/CategoryApi/CategoryApi.csproj reference path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

dotnet add path/to/CategoryProject/CategoryProject.csproj reference path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

With this setup, MainSolution.sln will act as a unified solution for all three projects. You’ll be able to build, run, and manage dependencies across all projects from this single solution file.

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**Bạn đã nói:**

facing error: C:\Program Files\dotnet\sdk\8.0.403\NuGet.targets(1260,5): error MSB4006: There is a circular dependency in the targe t dependency graph involving target "\_GenerateRestoreProjectPathWalk". [C:\Data-cKhanh\.NET\Challenges\Challenge05\Sh aredLibrary\SharedLibrary.csproj]

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The circular dependency error you’re seeing often happens when there are unintended circular references between projects. Here are some troubleshooting steps to resolve it:

1. **Check Project References**:
   * Open the .csproj files of each project (CategoryApi, CategoryProject, and SharedLibrary) and ensure there are no mutual or circular references.
   * SharedLibrary should **not** reference either CategoryApi or CategoryProject. Only CategoryApi and CategoryProject should reference SharedLibrary.
2. **Remove and Re-add References**:
   * First, remove any existing reference to SharedLibrary from CategoryApi and CategoryProject by editing their .csproj files, removing any <ProjectReference> entries related to SharedLibrary.
   * Then, add back the reference to SharedLibrary only in CategoryApi and CategoryProject by running:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet add path/to/CategoryApi/CategoryApi.csproj reference path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

dotnet add path/to/CategoryProject/CategoryProject.csproj reference path/to/SharedLibrary/SharedLibrary.csproj

1. **Restore Packages**:
   * Run a package restore to ensure all dependencies are correctly pulled:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet restore MainSolution.sln

1. **Build the Solution**:
   * Try building the entire solution:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet build MainSolution.sln

If you still encounter issues, you might need to recheck any indirect dependencies within the .csproj files, ensuring there are no package references that could cause circular dependencies. Let me know how this goes!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

1 warning: C:\Data-cKhanh\.NET\Challenges\Challenge05\CategoryProject\Services\CategoryService.cs(27,24): warning CS8603: Possib le null reference return. [C:\Data-cKhanh\.NET\Challenges\Challenge05\CategoryProject\CategoryProject.csproj]

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This warning means that the compiler is detecting a potential "null" value being returned in CategoryService.cs. This is common when you have a method that returns an object or collection, but the method might not explicitly handle cases where data isn't found or doesn't exist, thus risking a null return.

To resolve this warning, you can handle nulls explicitly to ensure that the method always returns a non-null value. Here’s a step-by-step guide to update the code and eliminate this warning:

1. **Locate the Method with Warning**: In CategoryService.cs, find the method at line 27 (or close to it) where the warning occurs. Look for a return statement that might return a nullable object.
2. **Add Null Handling**: Update the code to return an empty list if the data is null. This is useful if your method is returning a List<CategoryDto> and you want to avoid returning null.

Here’s an example:

csharp

Sao chép mã

public async Task<List<CategoryDto>> GetCategoriesAsync()

{

var categories = await \_httpClient.GetFromJsonAsync<List<CategoryDto>>("api/categories");

return categories ?? new List<CategoryDto>(); // Returns an empty list if categories is null

}

1. **Suppress Nullable Warning if Necessary**: If you're certain null values won’t occur or are handled elsewhere, and you want to suppress the warning, you can use the null-forgiving operator (!):

csharp

Sao chép mã

return categories!;

However, this should be done only if you’re confident null won’t be an issue, as it bypasses the null safety check.

1. **Rebuild the Project**: After making this change, rebuild the project to check if the warning has been resolved:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet build

Let me know if this clears the warning!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

here is my CategoryService.cs: using System.Collections.Generic; using System.Net.Http; using System.Net.Http.Json; using System.Threading.Tasks; using CategoryProject.Models; using SharedLibrary.Models; using Newtonsoft.Json; namespace CategoryProject.Services { public class CategoryService { private readonly HttpClient \_httpClient; public CategoryService(HttpClient httpClient) { \_httpClient = httpClient; \_httpClient.BaseAddress = new System.Uri("http://localhost:5225/"); } public async Task<List<CategoryDto>> GetCategoriesAsync() { var response = await \_httpClient.GetAsync("api/categories"); if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode) { var jsonData = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync(); return JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<CategoryDto>>(jsonData); } return new List<CategoryDto>()!; } } }

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Thank you for sharing your CategoryService.cs. In the GetCategoriesAsync method, the warning appears because the method might return null if JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<CategoryDto>>(jsonData) returns null, even though you’re returning an empty list afterward.

Here's an updated version of GetCategoriesAsync that addresses this:

1. **Explicitly Handle Possible Null from Deserialization**: Ensure the method always returns a non-null list, even if deserialization fails or returns null.

csharp

Sao chép mã

public async Task<List<CategoryDto>> GetCategoriesAsync()

{

var response = await \_httpClient.GetAsync("api/categories");

if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode)

{

var jsonData = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();

var categories = JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<CategoryDto>>(jsonData);

return categories ?? new List<CategoryDto>(); // Return an empty list if deserialization returns null

}

return new List<CategoryDto>(); // Return an empty list if response is unsuccessful

}

**Explanation of Changes**

* **Null-Coalescing Operator (??)**: After deserialization, categories ?? new List<CategoryDto>() ensures that if categories is null, an empty list will be returned.
* **Default Return**: If the HTTP request fails, it will still return an empty list instead of a nullable type.

**Rebuild the Project**

After making this change, rebuild your project:

bash

Sao chép mã

dotnet build

This should clear the nullable warning by guaranteeing that GetCategoriesAsync will never return null. Let me know if this resolves the warning!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

no error now, thank you!

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You're welcome! Glad to hear everything is working smoothly now. If you have more questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out. Good luck with the rest of your project!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

however, the CategoryApi show data, but the CategoryProject show empty list

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It sounds like the CategoryService in CategoryProject might not be successfully retrieving data from the CategoryApi. Here are a few troubleshooting steps to ensure they are communicating correctly:

**1. Verify the API Endpoint URL**

Make sure the base URL in CategoryService points to the actual URL where your CategoryApi is running. Check that the line in CategoryService correctly specifies the API port:

csharp

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\_httpClient.BaseAddress = new System.Uri("http://localhost:5225/");

Double-check that http://localhost:5225/ matches the port your CategoryApi is running on. Adjust it if necessary.

**2. Confirm the Endpoint URL in the API**

Check that your CategoryApi project has the correct route for the endpoint:

* Ensure the CategoryApi is using the route api/categories, and this aligns with the path used in the GetCategoriesAsync method in CategoryService.

**3. Test the API Endpoint in a Browser or Postman**

Open a browser or a tool like Postman and make a GET request to http://localhost:5225/api/categories. Confirm that this endpoint returns a JSON array of categories. If it doesn’t, you may have an issue with the API itself.

**4. Add Logging to Debug the Service Call**

Add logging in the CategoryService to check if there’s an issue when the GetCategoriesAsync method calls the API:

1. Inject ILogger<CategoryService> into CategoryService.
2. Log the response to check if the data is received.

Update CategoryService as follows:

csharp

Sao chép mã

using Microsoft.Extensions.Logging;

public class CategoryService

{

private readonly HttpClient \_httpClient;

private readonly ILogger<CategoryService> \_logger;

public CategoryService(HttpClient httpClient, ILogger<CategoryService> logger)

{

\_httpClient = httpClient;

\_httpClient.BaseAddress = new System.Uri("http://localhost:5225/");

\_logger = logger;

}

public async Task<List<CategoryDto>> GetCategoriesAsync()

{

try

{

var response = await \_httpClient.GetAsync("api/categories");

if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode)

{

var jsonData = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();

\_logger.LogInformation("Data received: {jsonData}", jsonData); // Log response data

return JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<CategoryDto>>(jsonData) ?? new List<CategoryDto>();

}

else

{

\_logger.LogError("Failed to retrieve data: {StatusCode}", response.StatusCode);

}

}

catch (Exception ex)

{

\_logger.LogError(ex, "An error occurred while fetching categories.");

}

return new List<CategoryDto>();

}

}

**5. Run Both Projects Simultaneously**

Ensure both CategoryApi and CategoryProject are running simultaneously, as CategoryProject depends on CategoryApi for data. If you need guidance on running multiple projects, please let me know.

After these adjustments, check the console or output logs for any errors or messages to diagnose further. Let me know how it goes!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

fail: CategoryProject.Services.CategoryService[0] Failed to retrieve data: NotFound

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The NotFound status suggests that the CategoryProject app couldn’t find the api/categories endpoint on the CategoryApi server. This typically means one of the following:

1. **Incorrect Endpoint Route**: The endpoint route in the CategoryApi might not match "api/categories" as expected.
2. **Mismatch in Port or Base URL**: The CategoryApi might be running on a different port than http://localhost:5225/, or the path might not include /api/categories.

Let’s verify and fix this.

**Steps to Diagnose and Resolve**

**1. Check Route Configuration in CategoryApi**

Ensure that CategoryApi has a route defined for "api/categories".

Open the CategoryController in CategoryApi and confirm it has the following structure:

csharp

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[Route("api/[controller]")]

[ApiController]

public class CategoryController : ControllerBase

{

// Action methods here

}

In this setup, [Route("api/[controller]")] should make the controller accessible at http://localhost:PORT/api/categories.

**2. Confirm the Endpoint URL**

If the endpoint isn’t structured this way, update it to match the route api/categories, or adjust the path in GetCategoriesAsync to match the actual API route.

**3. Verify CategoryApi Port**

To confirm the CategoryApi port:

* Run CategoryApi and check the console output for a line showing which port it is listening on.
* Adjust CategoryService's \_httpClient.BaseAddress if necessary to reflect the actual port.

**4. Test api/categories Manually**

Once you confirm the correct route and port:

* Access http://localhost:PORT/api/categories in a browser or tool like Postman.
* This should return the expected JSON data.

**5. Update CategoryService if Needed**

If the correct URL is http://localhost:PORT/api/categories, update \_httpClient.BaseAddress in CategoryService accordingly:

csharp

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\_httpClient.BaseAddress = new System.Uri("http://localhost:PORT/");

After confirming these settings, run both projects again. This should resolve the NotFound error if the route and port now match correctly. Let me know if the list now appears!

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**Bạn đã nói:**

http://localhost:PORT/api/categories not return data, only http://localhost:PORT/categories returns data in JSON format

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To correct this in your CategoryService, update the endpoint in GetCategoriesAsync to match the correct path for retrieving data. Here’s how to do it:

1. **Open CategoryService.cs** in your CategoryProject.
2. In the GetCategoriesAsync method, replace the existing endpoint "api/categories" with "categories".

Your updated GetCategoriesAsync method should look like this:

csharp

Sao chép mã

public async Task<List<CategoryDto>> GetCategoriesAsync()

{

var response = await \_httpClient.GetAsync("categories");

if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode)

{

var jsonData = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();

return JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<CategoryDto>>(jsonData);

}

return new List<CategoryDto>()!;

}

1. Save the file and run both projects again. This change should now retrieve the data correctly from the API and display it in CategoryProject.

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**Bạn đã nói:**

it's ok now, thanks