

## Introduction to ASP.NET Core MVC Framework

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# What is MVC?

- ▶ The MVC stands for Model View and Controller. It is an architectural software design pattern which is basically used to develop interactive applications. An interactive application is an application where there is user interaction involved and based on the user interaction some event handling occurred.
- ▶ The most important point that you need to remember is, it is not only used for developing web-based applications but also we can use this MVC design pattern to develop the Desktop or mobile-based application.
- ▶ The MVC (Model-View-Controller) design pattern was introduced in the 1970s which divides an application into 3 major components. They are Model, View, and Controller. The main objective of the MVC design pattern is the separation of concerns. It means the **domain model** and **business logic** are separated from the **user interface (i.e. view)**. As a result, maintaining and testing the application becomes simpler and easier.

# How MVC Design Pattern Works?

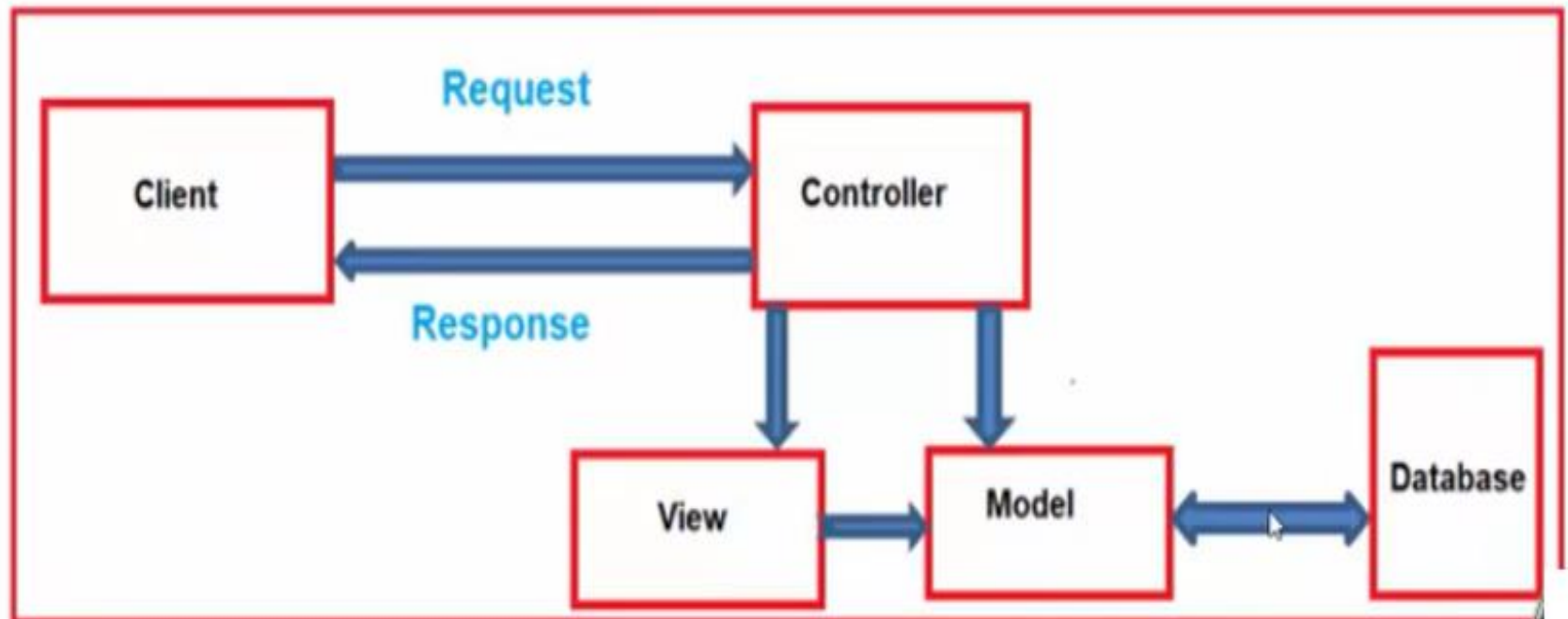
- ▶ Let us see an example to understand how the MVC pattern works in asp.net core MVC application.
- ▶ For example, we want to design an application, where we need to display the student details in a web page as shown below.

Student ID:	2
Name:	James
Gender:	Male
Branch:	CSE
Section:	A2

- ▶ So, when we issue a request something like "<http://techieasad.com/student/details/2>" from a web browser then the following things are happening in order to handle the request.



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# Where MVC is used in the real-time three-layer application?

- ▶ In general, a real-time application may consist of the following layers
  - ▶ **Presentation Layer:** This layer is responsible for interacting with the user.
  - ▶ **Business Layer:** This layer is responsible for implementing the core business logic of the application.
  - ▶ **Data Access Layer:** This layer is responsible for interacting with the database to perform the CRUD operations.
- ▶ The MVC design pattern is basically used to implement the Presentation Layer of the application. Please have a look at the following diagram



# What is ASP.NET Core MVC?

- ▶ The **ASP.NET Core MVC** is a **lightweight, open-source, highly testable presentation framework** that is used for building web apps and Web APIs using the Model-View-Controller design pattern.
- ▶ The ASP.NET Core MVC Framework provides us with a patterns-based way to develop dynamic websites and web apps with a clean separation of concerns. This **ASP.NET Core MVC** framework provides us the full control over the mark-up. It also supports for Test-Driven Development and also uses the latest web standards.

Visual Studio interface showing the code for `Startup.cs` in the `AspDotnetCore_Project1` project. The code defines two methods: `ConfigureServices` and `Configure`.

```
13 {
14     // This method gets called by the runtime. Use this method to add services to the container.
15     // For more information on how to configure your application, visit https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?Li
16     public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
17     {
18         //create mvc project add this services first
19         services.AddMvc();
20     }
21
22     // This method gets called by the runtime. Use this method to configure the HTTP request pipeline.
23     public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IHostingEnvironment env)
24     {
25         if (env.IsDevelopment())
26         {
27             app.UseDeveloperExceptionPage();
28         }
29         //Add Default root to configure the Index page from Home Controller
30         app.UseMvcWithDefaultRoute();
31         //app.Run(async (context) =>
32         //{
33             // await context.Response.WriteAsync("Hello World!");
34         //});
35     }
36 }
37 }
```

The right sidebar shows the Output window with the following content:

```
project1,
Configuration:
Debug Any CPU
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1>AspDotnetCore_P
project1 -> C:
\Users\Lenovo
\Desktop
\Asp.net_core
\Examples
\AspDotnetCore_
Project1\bin
\Debug
\netcoreapp2.1
\AspDotnetCore_
Project1.dll
===== Build:
1 succeeded, 0
failed, 0 up-
to-date, 0
skipped
=====
```

The bottom status bar indicates "Build succeeded". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 09:57 on 18-01-2021.



# How to Configure asp.net mvc page.

- `public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)`
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- `}`



- Create a Home Controller and create index page.

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio IDE with the following components:

- Code Editor:** Shows the `HomeController.cs` file with the following code:

```
1 using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
2 using System;
3 using System.Collections.Generic;
4 using System.Linq;
5 using System.Threading.Tasks;
6
7 namespace AspDotnetCore_Project1.Controllers
8 {
9     public class HomeController : Controller
10     {
11         public string Index()
12         {
13             return "This is Index Page";
14         }
15     }
16 }
```
- Output Window:** Displays the command `t1, Configuration: Debug Any CPU` and the build output: `Build: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped`.
- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure for `AspDotnetCore_Project1`, including `Controllers` and `HomeController.cs`.
- Build Status:** A message at the bottom left indicates `Build succeeded`.

Thanks