

Design notes

- * Each class library has its own individual tests written.
- * Testing is much easier as there is no tight coupling between the components.
- * Able to have real or mock up data shown to the user by using a factory method. New IStores can be returned easily by implementing the IStore interface.
- * Ability to test front end and backup components independently.
- * Ability to switch between front end frameworks easily if MVC is no longer required for example as Domain. ViewModel, Domain. Model and DataAccessLayer components are not dependent on the MVC framework.
- * Consistent behaviour between front end and back end since all queries go through the ViewModel.
- * Small files and few dependencies means the solution builds faster.
- * Data transfer objects are used between the layers to provide flexibility if the model changes between components.
- * Front end can be built as soon as a common interface is defined between the ViewModel and Controller.
- * Using the idea of CQS in the ViewModel where results are returned by running queries which are idempotent.
- * Domain. Model is set to have internal only access modifier for better encapsulation.

Technology used

- * Entity framework (Used by DatabaseStore) in DataAccess class library.
- * Microsoft MVC (VehiclesController and View).
- * Bootstrap (as part of MVC solution).
- * Microsoft Unit Testing Framework.
- * SQL Server (Local instance with integrated Windows authentication running required for DatabaseStore).

Patterns

- * MVVM variant (The View is implemented using Microsoft MVC rather than building a separate view component)
- * Factory (DataBaseLayer component)
- * Adapter (Using DTOs to convert between component layers)