Assignment 8 – Queues  
COS318 – FA2017

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Turn in all files using Moodle

All peasants seem to do is work. Never a break even when they deserve it. I guess they should have thought about that when they decided to become peasants! In assignment eight, you will be helping the peasants complete their chores. Those chores will be coming from an AWS queue. Here’s the good part: You also get to be the peasant overseer. Someone’s got to make sure that Kuzcotopia gets built! (unless of course the Emperor has a change of heart…then we should build something else)

The finished version of the assignment will contain two projects. One for creating work, and one for completing that work.

1. **(30 Points)** **Controller (Queue the work)**
   1. Create a WebApi controller that accepts a WorkCount int in a JSON object. The controller should send this int into a service which queues messages.
   2. Create a service that queues JSON messages. Those messages will indicate what type of work needs to be performed. The JSON messages should have three keys, “type”, “message”, and “data”. Randomly choose a type each time you queue a message. The three types are:
      1. Carry: Some peasants need to carry the supplies to the builders. The “message” for this type should be a string of what they are carrying. (use whatever you want for the things they are carrying). The “data” key will be null.
      2. Build: These peasants have the supplies. They need to put stuff together. The “message” for this type should be what they are building. (use whatever you want for the things they are building). The “data” key indicates how many steps there are in the project. It should be a random integer between 1 and 5.
      3. Survey: This is the easiest job. These peasants just need to make sure the job is done to high standards. The “message” key should be some positive comment about how the other peasants are doing. The “data” key will be a random integer between 500 and 1000.
2. **(10 Points) Html/Javascript**
   1. Create a simple html page that sends an int to your controller from step 1. Display errors and successes as normal.
3. **(40 Points) Console application (Do the work)**
   1. Create a console application that reads from the queue from step 1.
   2. Depending on the “type” of message received from the queue, a different action should be taken.
      1. Carry: The peasant is carrying something! Write the “message” to the console.
      2. Build: Building often takes several steps to complete. If the “data” parameter is a positive number, send another queue message with the “type” equal to “Build”, but with a “data” parameter of one less than the current message. Then write to the console with how many steps are left to complete (the “data” parameter). If the “data” parameter is zero, the building is all done. Write to the console saying that the building is complete.
      3. Survey: It takes a little time to make sure the peasant did the job correctly. Use Task.Delay() to wait a number of milliseconds equal to the “data” of the message. Write to the console before and after the delay to indicate the surveying is happening.
   3. The console application should not exit unless the user forcibly closes it.
4. **(20 Points)** Code style, formatting, completeness, and quality.
   1. AWS accounts are free for the first one million requests. Create your own account and use your own queue.

The Rules

1. Why does she even have that lever?
2. All rules are cumulative, so all past rules also apply to this assignment.

Stretch Levels

If you already have a lot of experience with queues, or if you just squeaker squeak squeaken, try to complete these stretch levels for extra credit. If you try for the stretch levels, make sure to type it in the comments on Moodle so I don’t miss it.

**Kuzco Level**

Add some CSS to your page to make it look nicer. Background colors, font colors, or anything that looks good.

**Kronk Level**

Deleting messages out of a queue is almost always successful. Because of that, it is fine to not “await” calls to delete messages of queues. Change your code so it no longer waits for messages to be deleted before it moves on.

**Bucky the Squirrel Level**

You will need to complete the Kronk level first. Even though we aren’t waiting for messages to be deleted in bronze level, we still want to record if a queue message fails to be deleted. Use ContinueWith on your delete message task and log a message to the console. Your ContinueWith method should only execute if the delete task fails.

**Pacha Level**

If an exception is thrown in your “Do the work” application, then the application would stop processing queue messages. Modify your code that if there is any exception, it is logged to the console, but it doesn’t stop your application from processing queue messages.