

"using" namespace equivalent in ASP.NET markup



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When I'm working with DataBound controls in ASP.NET 2.0 such as a Repeater, I know the fastest way to retrieve a property of a bound object (instead of using Reflection with the Eval() function) is to cast the DataItem object to the type it is and then use that object natively, like the following:



```
<%#(MyType)Container.DataItem).PropertyOfMyType%>
```



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The problem is, if this type is in a namespace (which is the case 99.99% of the time) then this single statement because a lot longer due to the fact that the ASP page has no concept of class scope so all of my types need to be fully qualified.

```
<%#  
((RootNamespace.SubNamespace1.SubNamespace2.SubNamespace3.MyType)Container.DataItem).Proper
```

Is there any kind of `using` directive or some equivalent I could place somewhere in an ASP.NET page so I don't need to use the full namespace every time?

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