

.NET Programming

Chapter 2: ASP.NET Core MVC

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Released: 2002.

Support Platform : Only run in **Windows OS**.

Mục đích: Develop desktop application (Windows Forms, WPF), web applications (ASP.NET), web services (WCF), and develop the application for the Enterprise.

Source Code: Closed source.



Released: 2016.

Support platforms: Multi-platform (Windows, macOS, Linux).

Purpose: Build modern web applications, microservices, cloud applications, and highly scalable services.

Source code: Open source, developed and maintained by a global community.





.NET Framework - .NET Core

	.NET Framework	.NET Core
Operating System	Windows only	Cross-platform: Windows, macOS, Linux
Source code	Close Source	Open-source, community contributions
Performance	Lower than .NET Core	High performance due to optimization and lightweight design
Architecture	Monolithic: Integrates many features into a large application	Modular: Uses NuGet packages, includes only necessary components
Dependency Injection	Supported through external libraries like Unity or Ninject	Built-in, powerful DI system
Middleware Pipeline	Limited customization of the request processing pipeline	Flexible middleware pipeline, easy to customize
Container Support	Little support, not optimized for containerization	Optimized for containers, easy to deploy on Docker and Kubernetes
Configuration	Uses complex Web.config file	Simpler configuration through appsettings.json file and flexible code configuration
Security	Integrated with Windows security features like Active Directory	Provides modern security features like OAuth, JWT, easy to integrate with external security services
Framework Support	Limited, heavily dependent on .NET Framework	Good support for many frameworks and new technologies like Blazor, gRPC
Updates and Support	Slow updates, mainly focused on maintaining legacy applications	Frequent updates, receives new features quickly
Cloud Deployment	Not optimized for cloud	Optimized for cloud deployment

ASP.NET is a robust web application development framework created by Microsoft. It empowers developers to build dynamic web applications, web services, and APIs using programming languages such as C# or VB.NET. ASP.NET supports various development models, enabling the creation of efficient, secure, and maintainable web applications.

Release: Launched in 2002 as part of the .NET Framework.

Supported platforms: Runs only on the Windows operating system.

Architecture: Built on the .NET Framework with models such as Web Forms, MVC (from ASP.NET MVC 1.0 onwards), and Web API.

Release: Launched in 2016 as part of .NET Core, later becoming part of the .NET platform from .NET 5 onwards.

Supported platforms: Cross-platform (Windows, macOS, Linux).

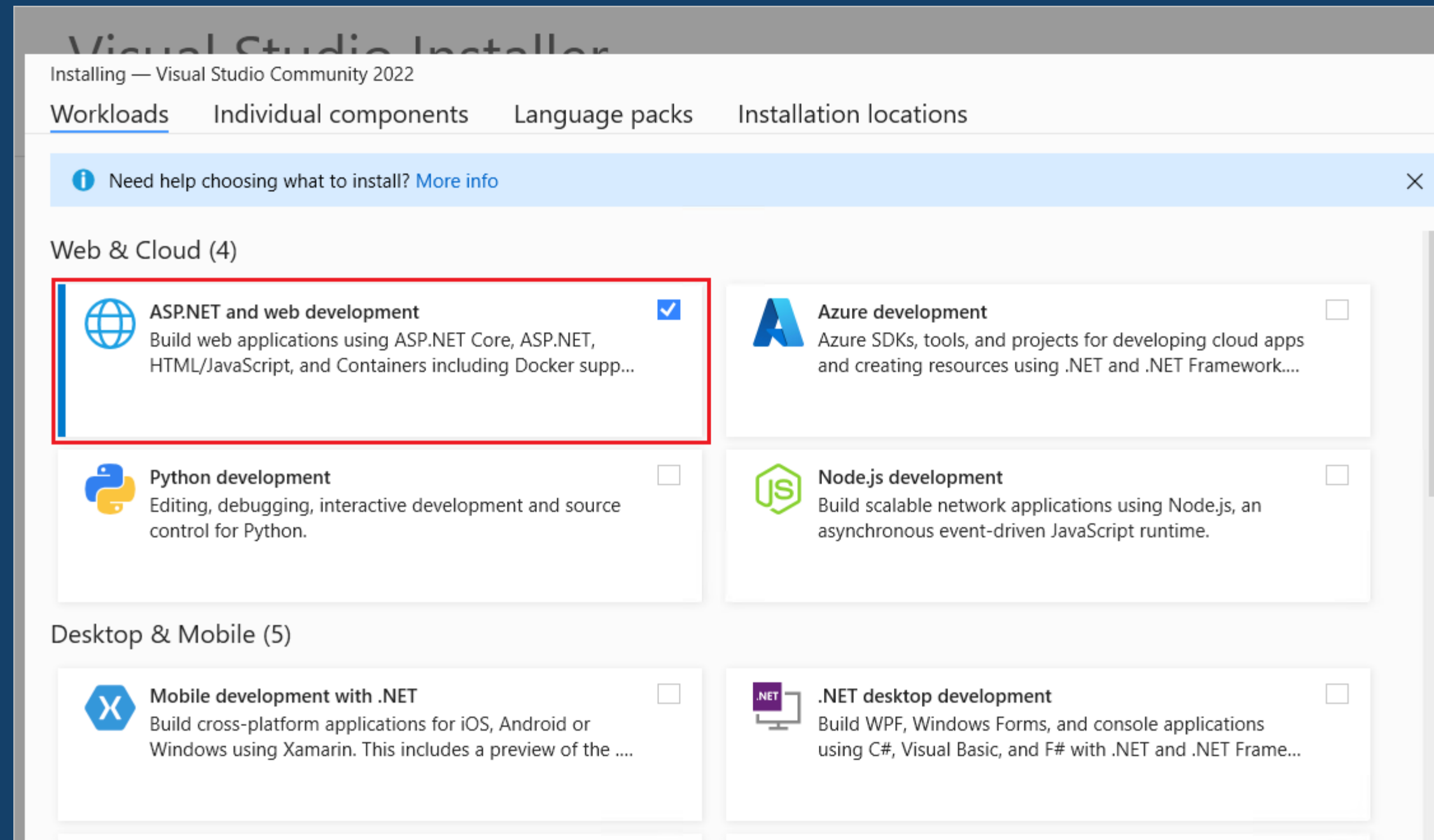
Architecture: Modular, lightweight, and performance-optimized design, supporting models such as MVC, Razor Pages, Blazor, and Web API.

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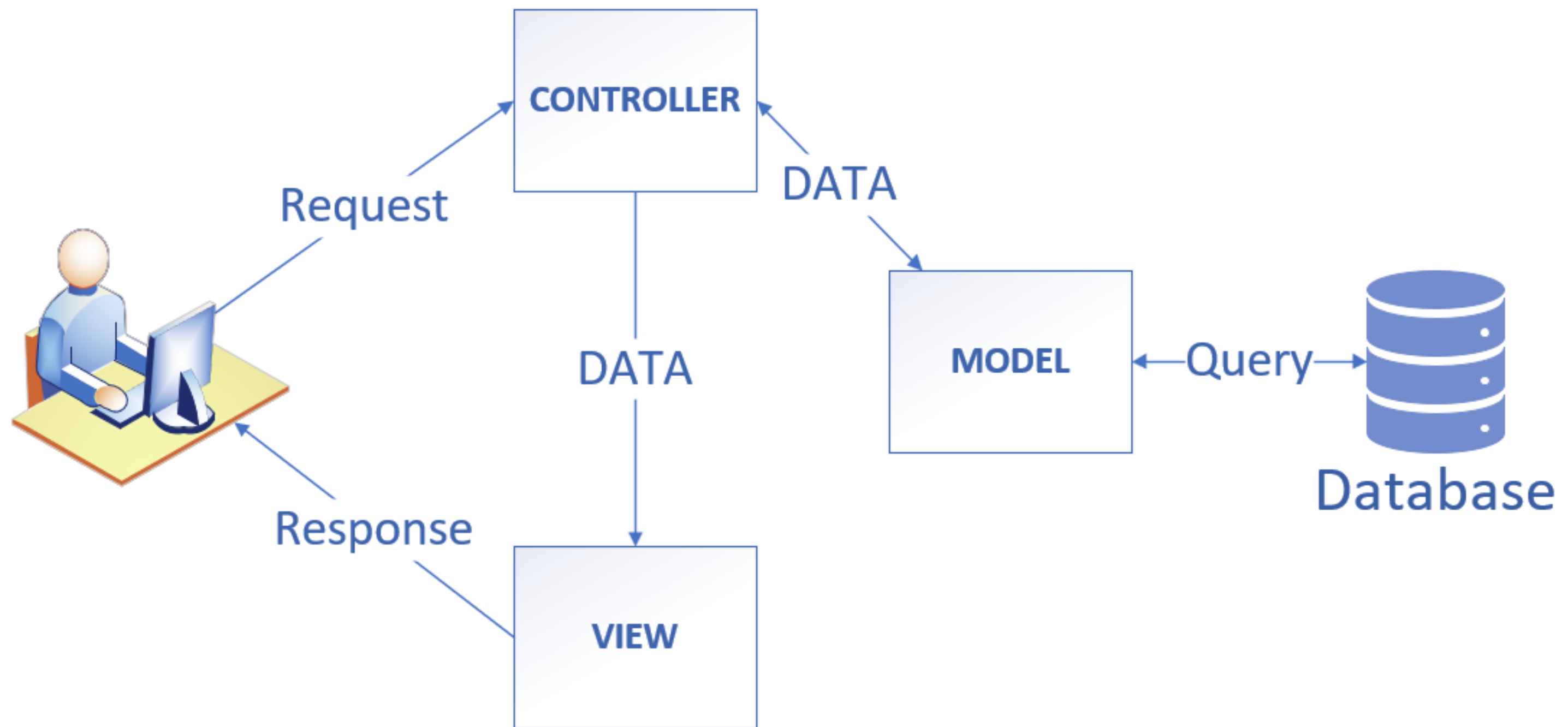
Get started with ASP.NET Core

App type	Scenario	Tutorial
Web app	New server-side web UI development	Get started with Razor Pages
Web app	Maintaining an MVC app	Get started with MVC
Web app	Client-side web UI development	Get started with Blazor ↗
Web API	RESTful HTTP services	Create a web API [†]
Remote Procedure Call app	Contract-first services using Protocol Buffers	Get started with a gRPC service
Real-time app	Bidirectional communication between servers and connected clients	Get started with SignalR

Prerequisites: .NET Core 8.0



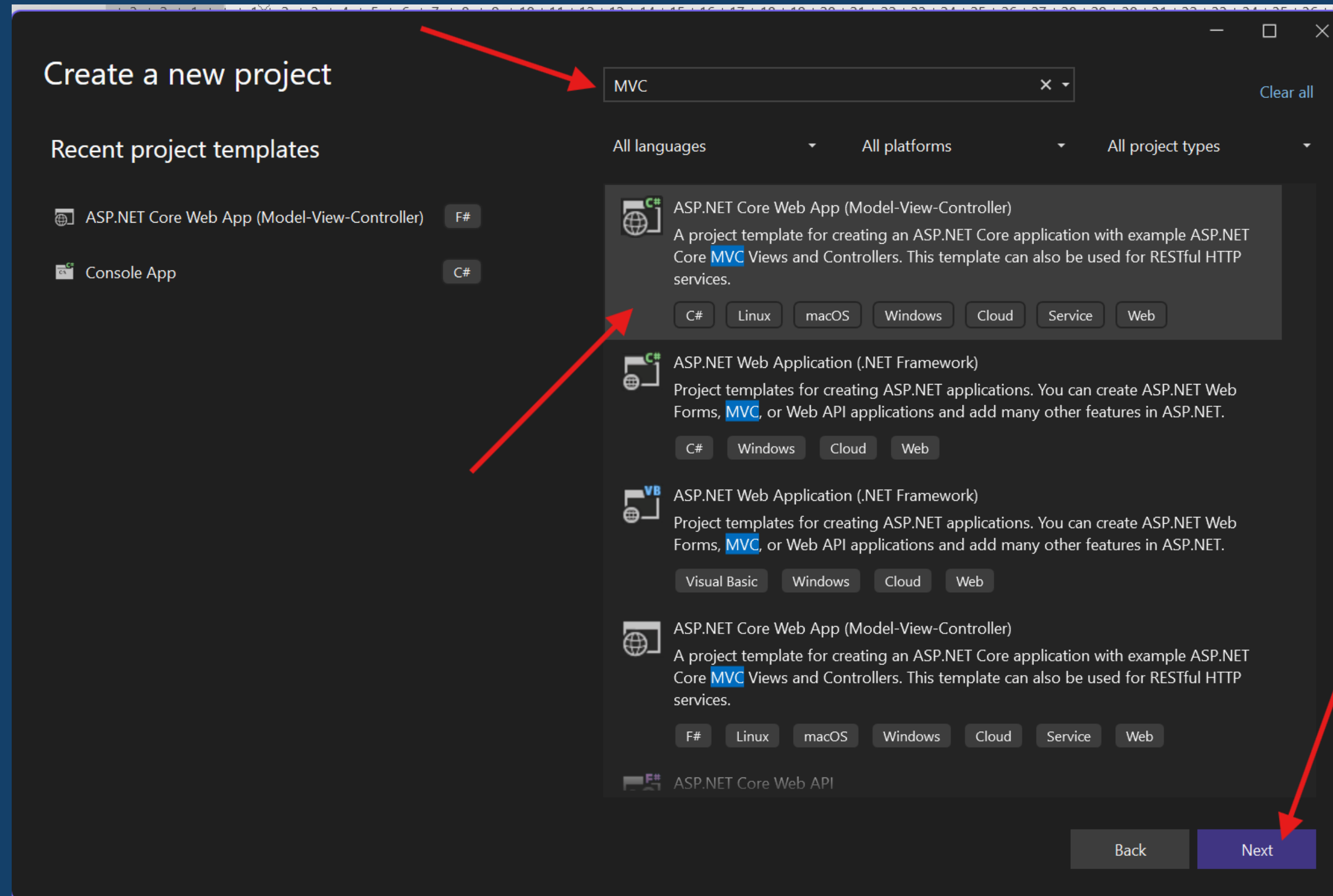
MVC Architecture:



Create a web app:

- Start Visual Studio and select **Create a new project**.
- In the **Create a new project** dialog, select **ASP.NET Core Web App (Model-View-Controller)** > **Next**.
- In the **Configure your new project** dialog:
 - Enter LibraryManagement for Project name. It's important to name the project LibraryManagement. Capitalization needs to match each namespace when code is copied.
 - The Location for the project can be set to anywhere.
- Select Next.
- In the Additional information dialog:
 - Select **.NET 8.0 (Long Term Support)**.
 - Verify that Do not use top-level statements is unchecked.
- Select Create.

Create a web app:



Create a web app:

Configure your new project

ASP.NET Core Web App (Model-View-Controller) C# Linux macOS Windows Cloud Service Web

Project name

LibraryManagement

Location

C:\Users\NXC\Desktop\EIU\CSE 443 - DotNet Programming\Examples\

Solution name ⓘ

LibraryManagement

☐ Place solution and project in the same directory

Project will be created in "C:\Users\NXC\Desktop\EIU\CSE 443 - DotNet Programming\Examples\LibraryManagement\LibraryManagement\"

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Create a web app:

Additional information

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Framework ⓘ
[.NET 8.0 (Long Term Support)]

Authentication type ⓘ
[None]

☒ Configure for HTTPS ⓘ

☒ Enable container support ⓘ

Container OS ⓘ
[Linux]

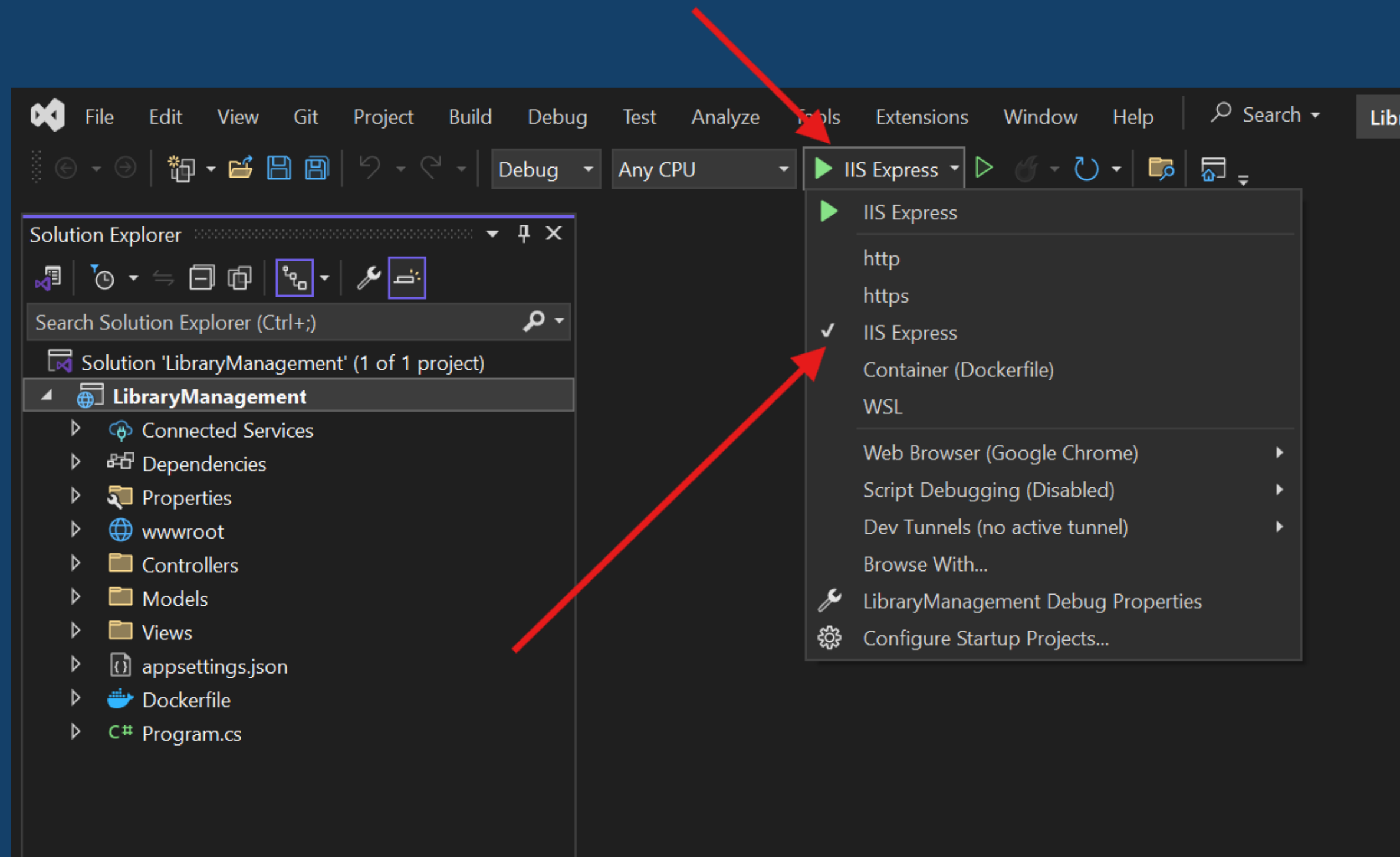
Container build type ⓘ
[Dockerfile]

☐ Do not use top-level statements ⓘ

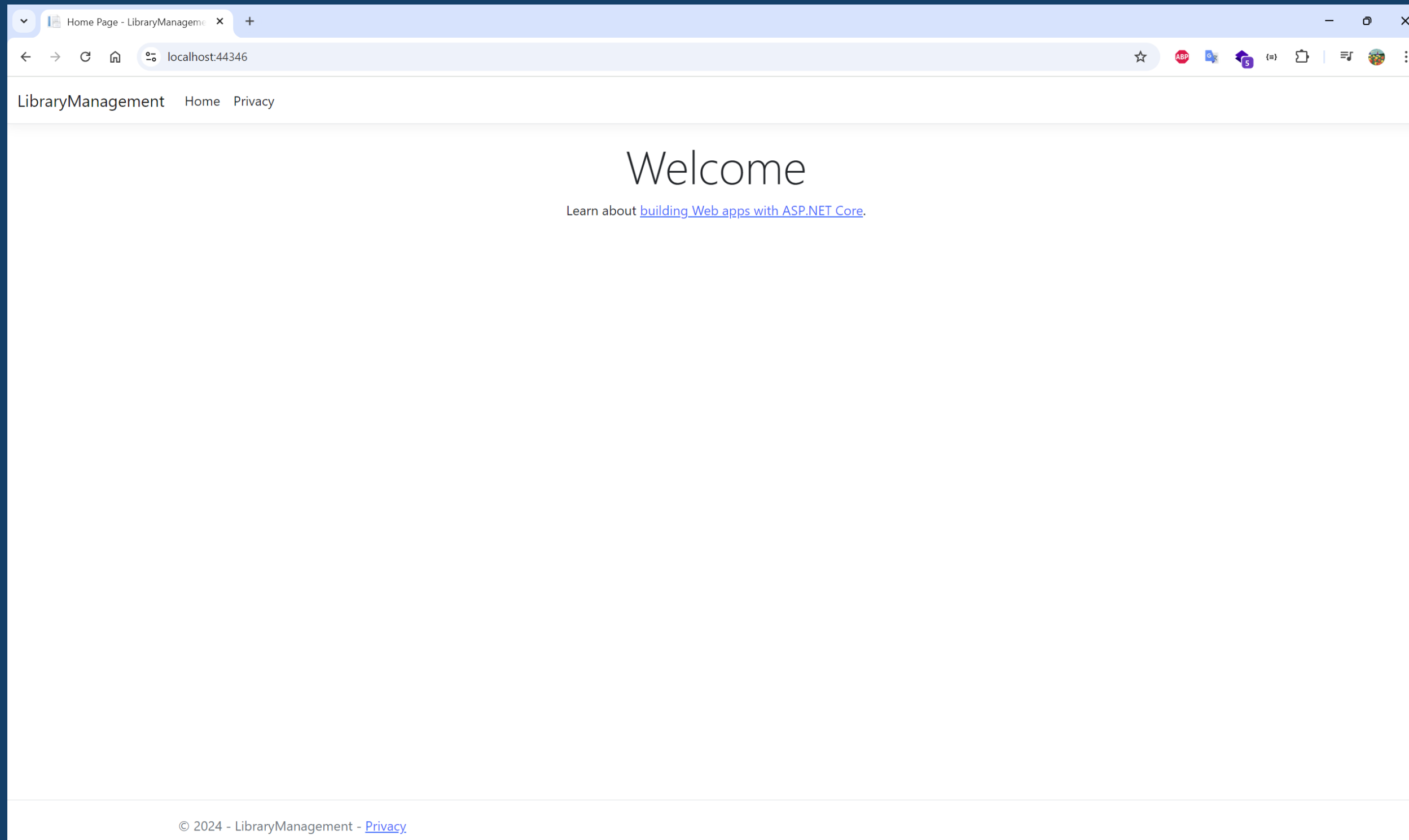
☐ Enlist in .NET Aspire orchestration ⓘ

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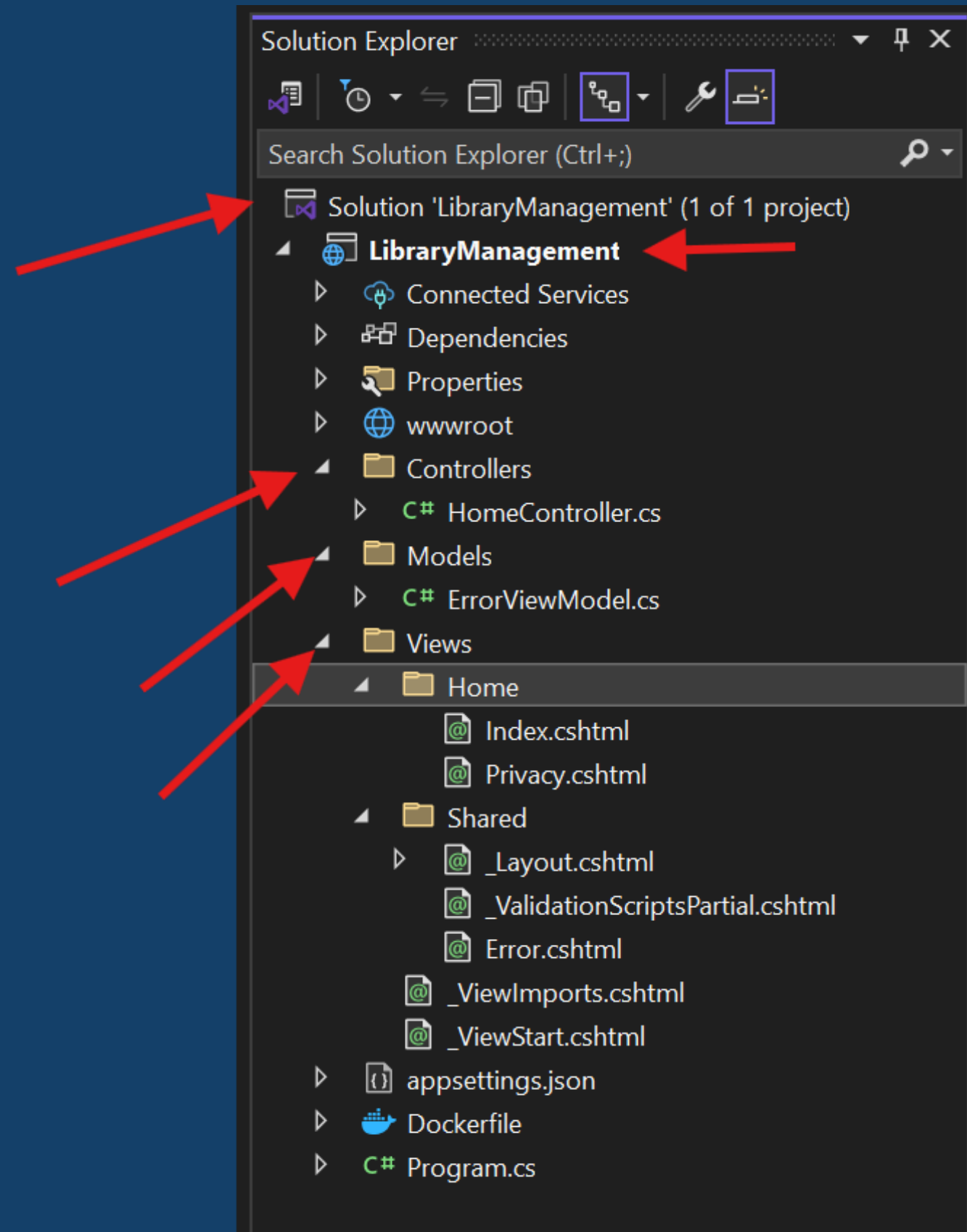
Run the app



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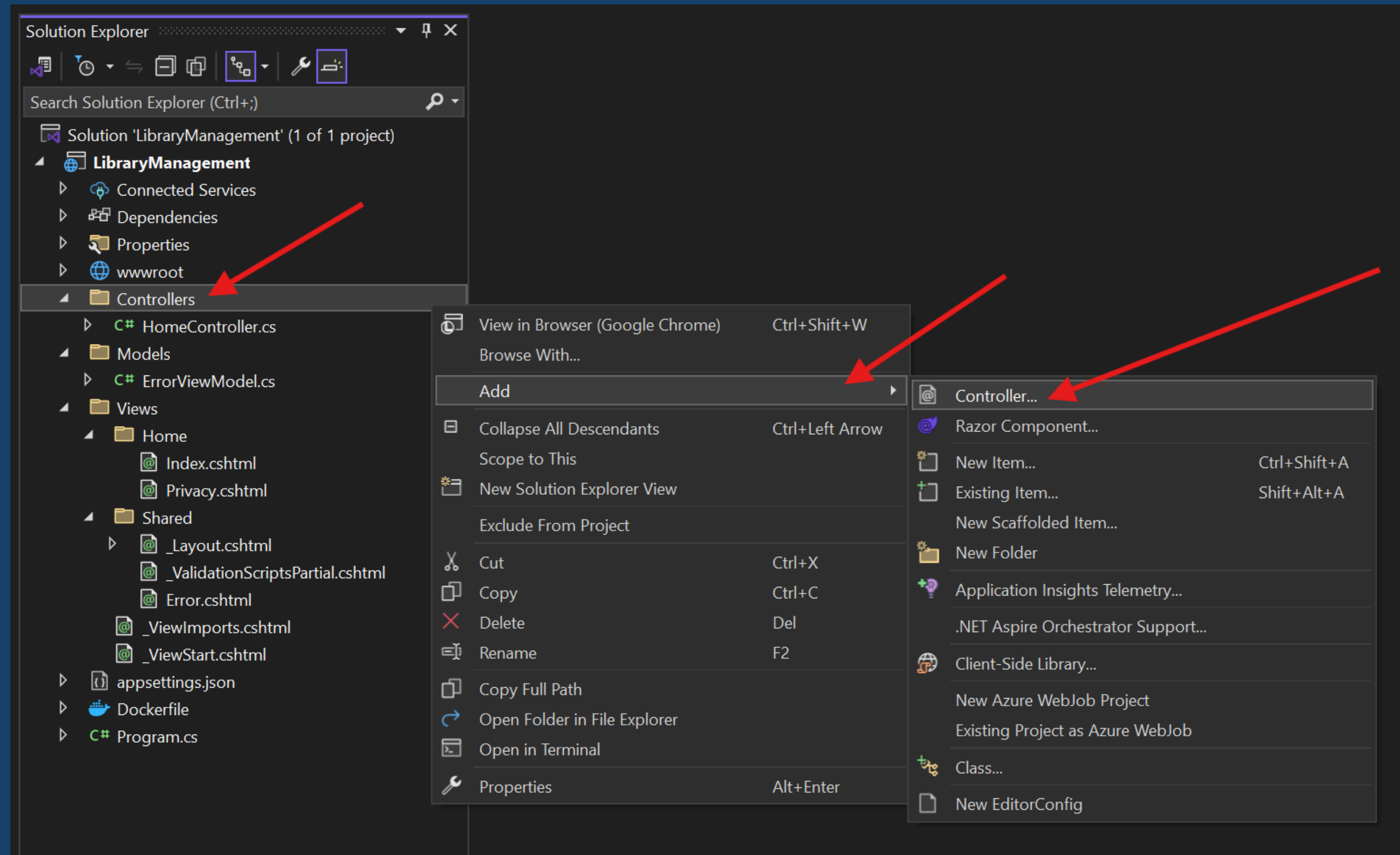


Controller

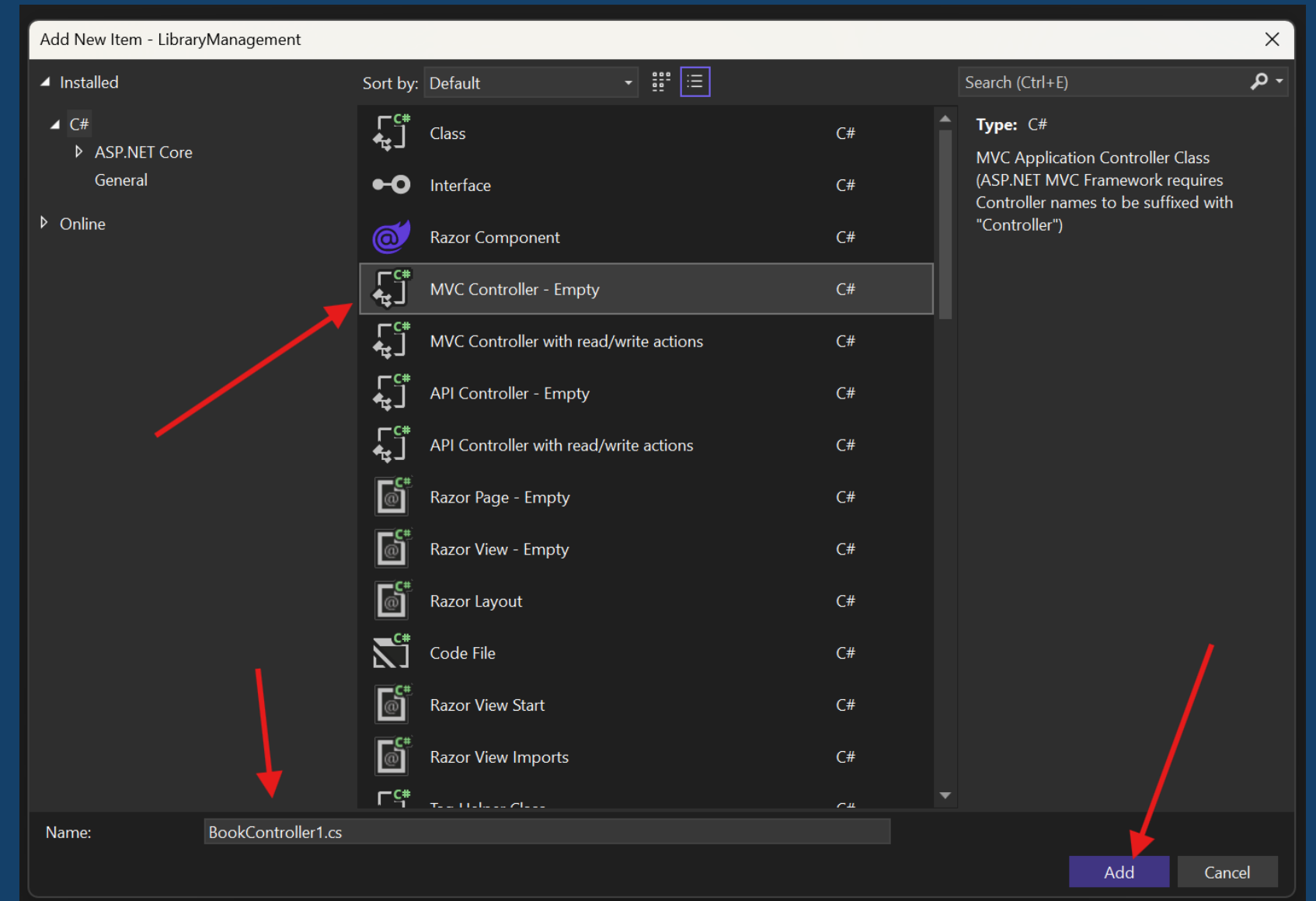
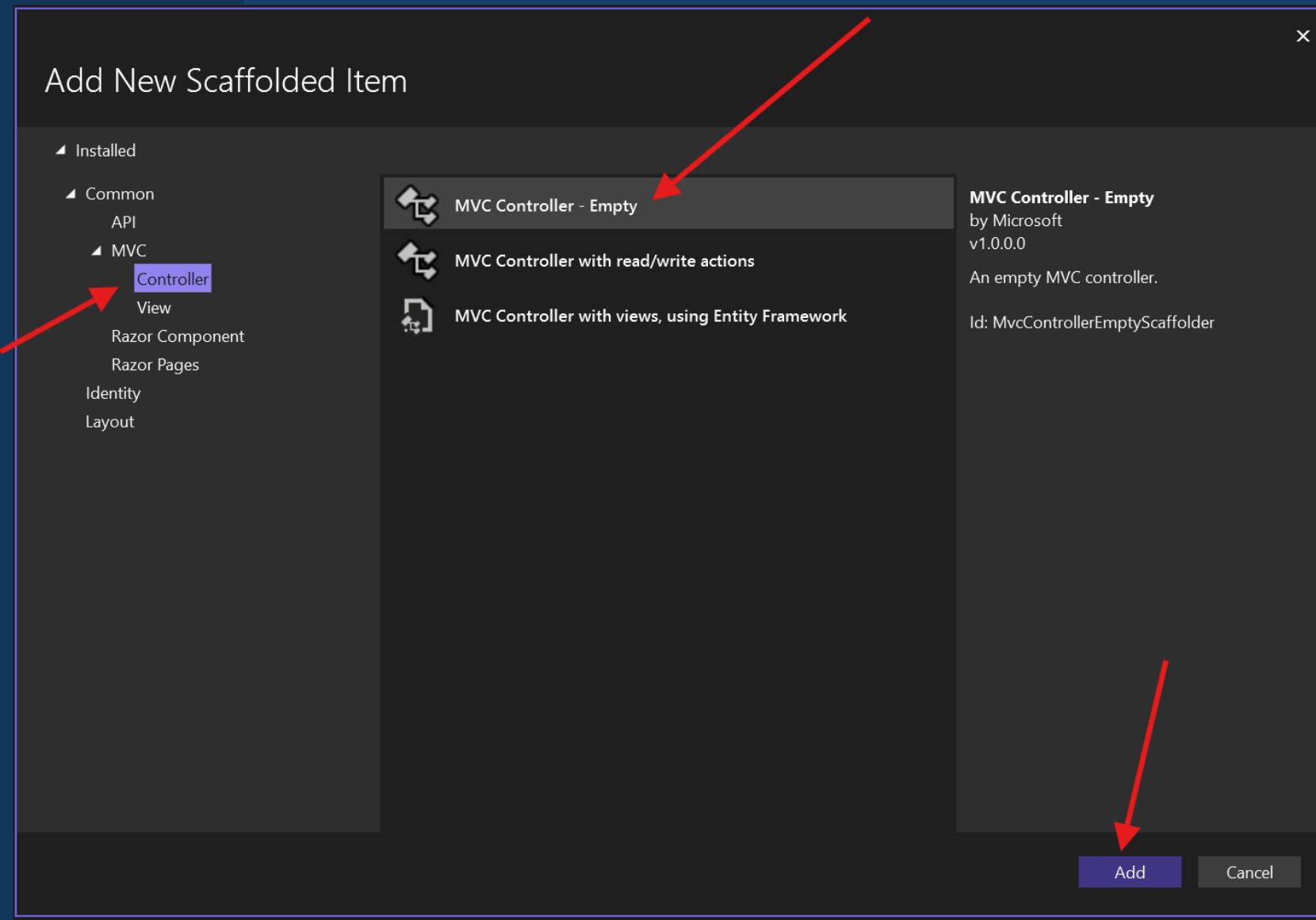
- Handles user input and interactions.
- Processes requests, retrieves model data, and selects the appropriate view for response.
- Example: Handles URL requests like => localhost:44346/Home/Privacy.



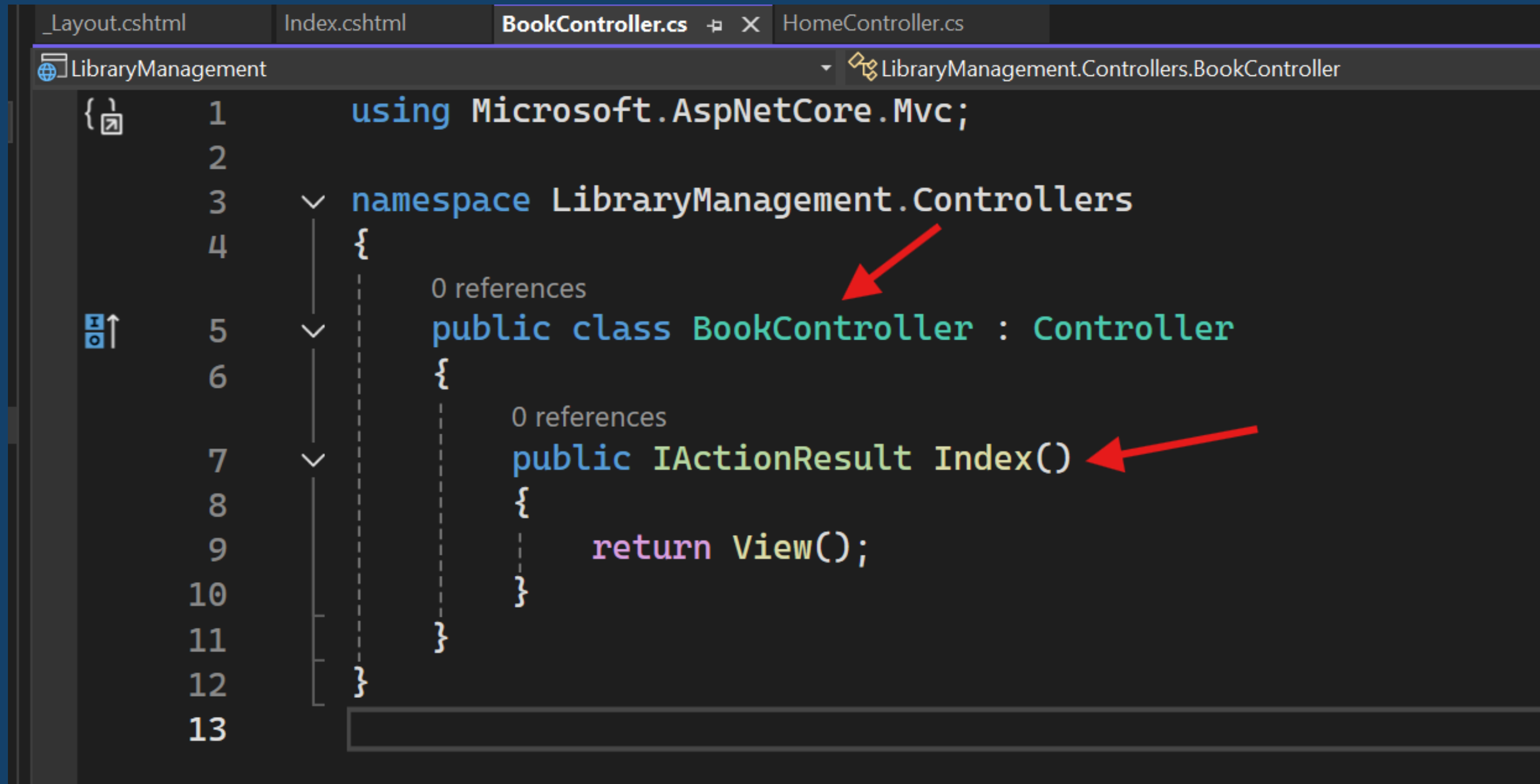
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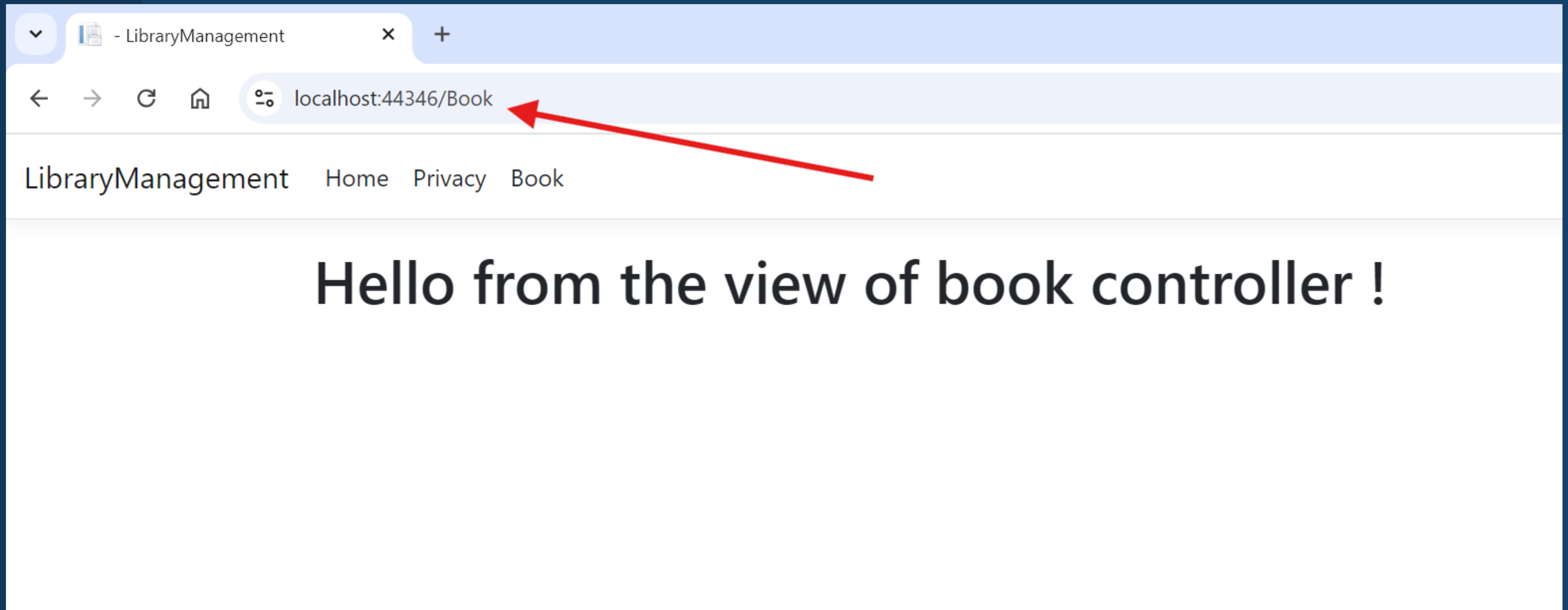


Controller – Index method



```
1 using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
2
3 namespace LibraryManagement.Controllers
4 {
5     public class BookController : Controller
6     {
7         public IActionResult Index()
8         {
9             return View();
10        }
11    }
12 }
13
```

Controller – view from controller



Controller – HTTP Endpoint

Every public method in a controller is callable as an HTTP endpoint

An HTTP endpoint:

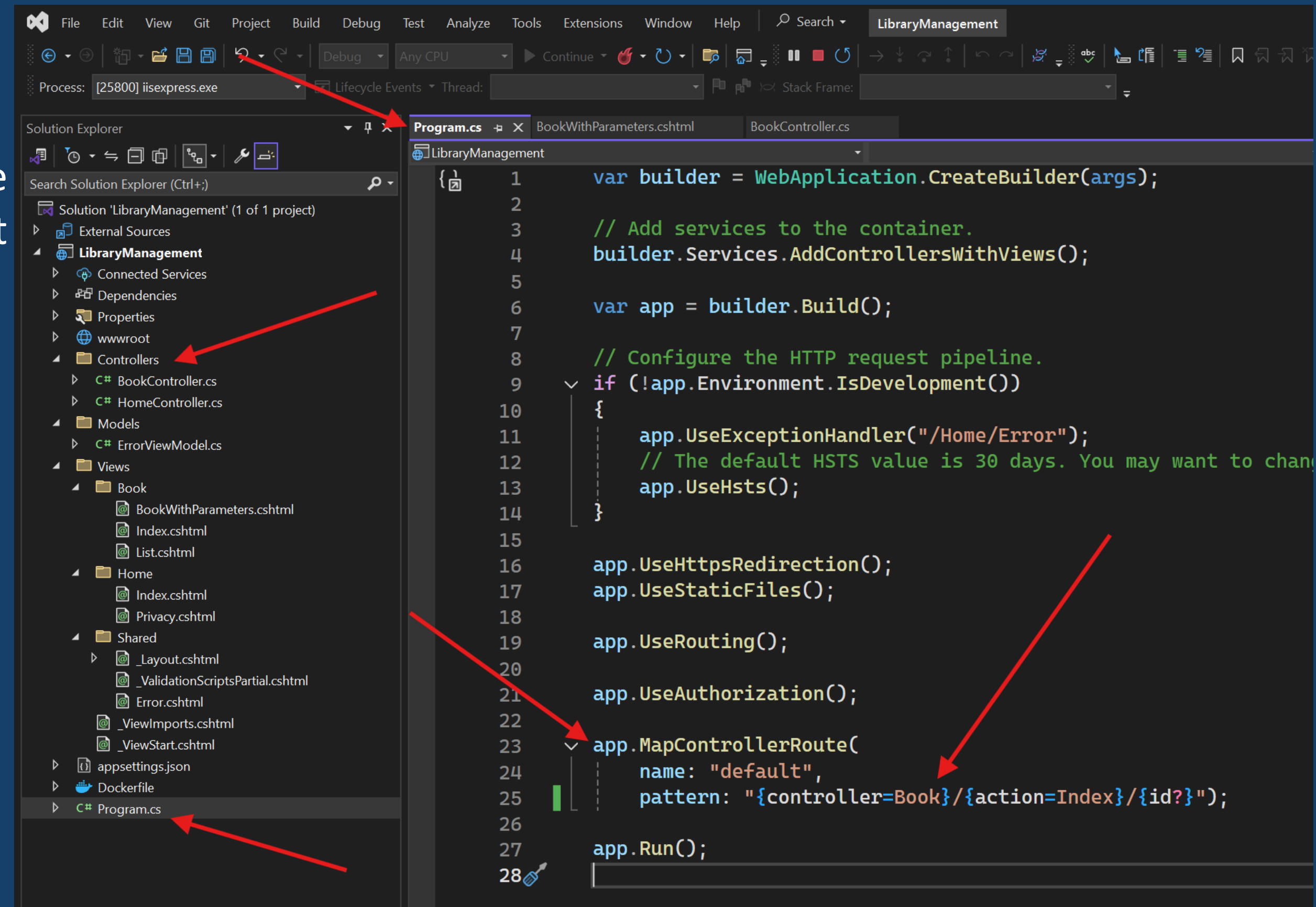
Is a targetable URL in the web application, such as `https://localhost:44346/Book`.

Combines:

- The protocol used: HTTPS.
- The network location of the web server, including the TCP port: `localhost:44346`.
- The target URI: `HelloWorld`.

Controller – Default Endpoint

Every time a user accesses the website domain, the default path will be set in Program.cs



```

1  var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
2
3  // Add services to the container.
4  builder.Services.AddControllersWithViews();
5
6  var app = builder.Build();
7
8  // Configure the HTTP request pipeline.
9  if (!app.Environment.IsDevelopment())
10 {
11     app.UseExceptionHandler("/Home/Error");
12     // The default HSTS value is 30 days. You may want to change this for production.
13     app.UseHsts();
14 }
15
16 app.UseHttpsRedirection();
17 app.UseStaticFiles();
18
19 app.UseRouting();
20
21 app.UseAuthorization();
22
23 app.MapControllerRoute(
24     name: "default",
25     pattern: "{controller=Book}/{action=Index}/{id?}");
26
27 app.Run();
28
    
```

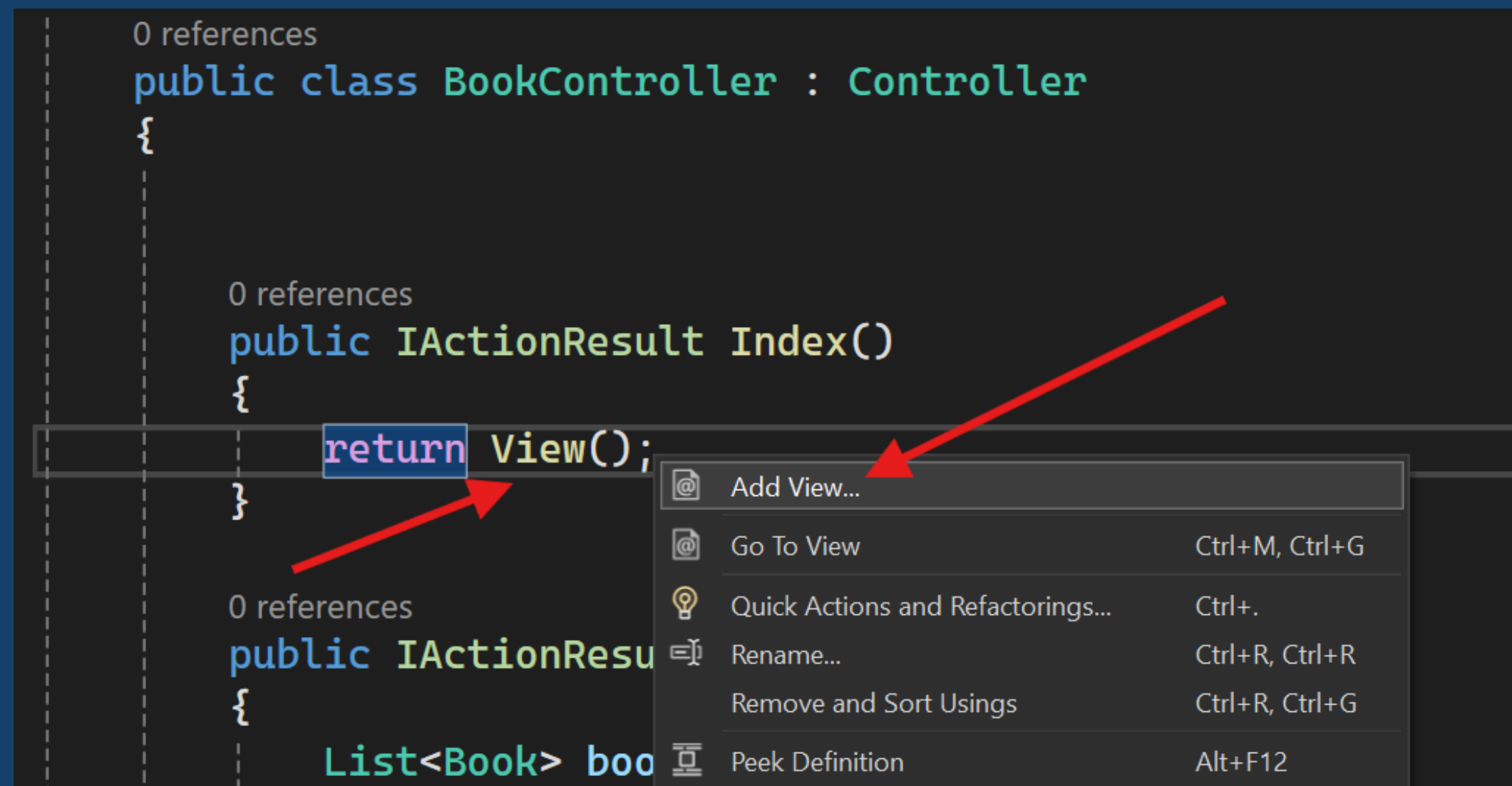


View

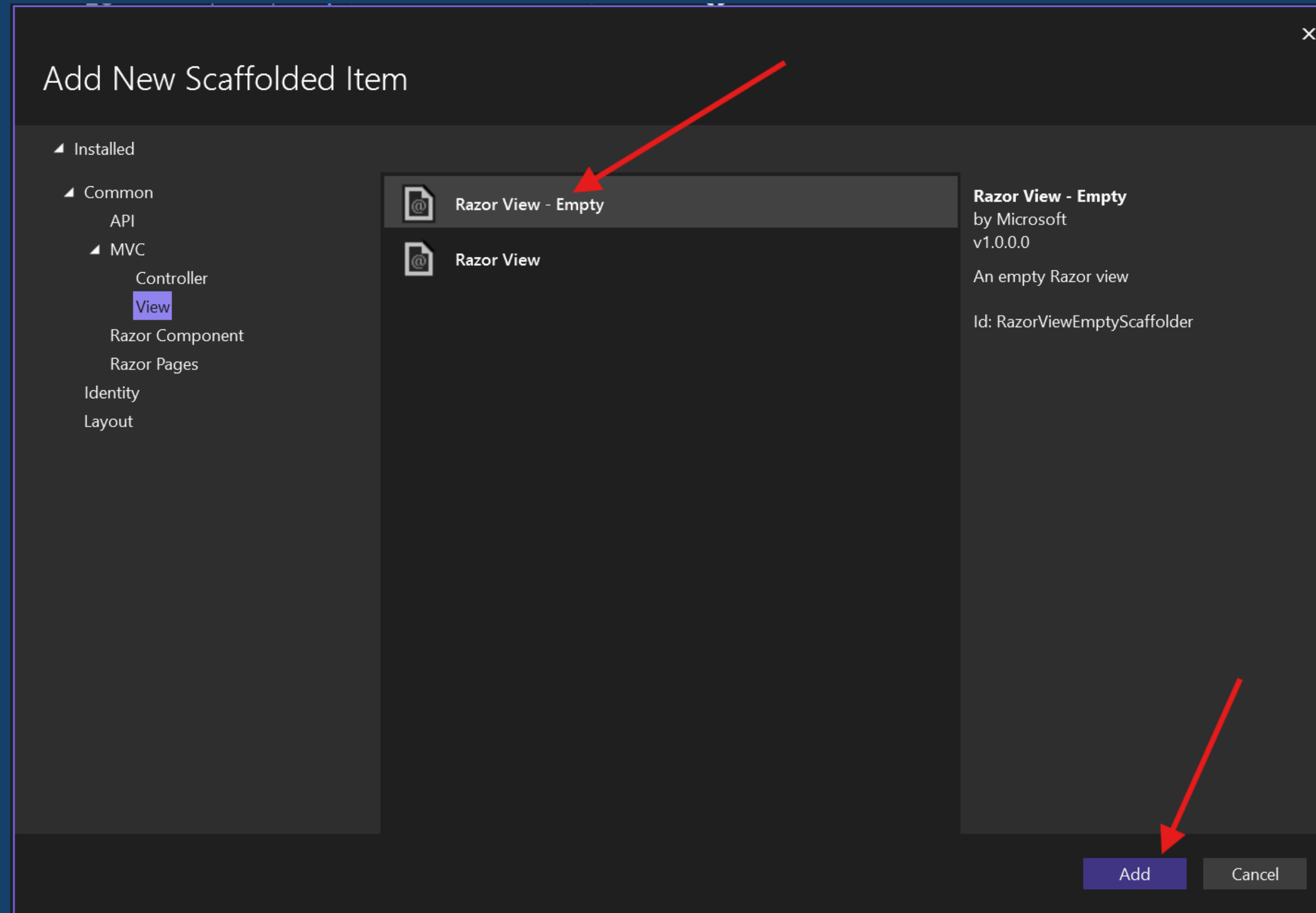
View - add a view to an ASP.NET Core MVC app

View templates are created using Razor. Razor-based view templates:

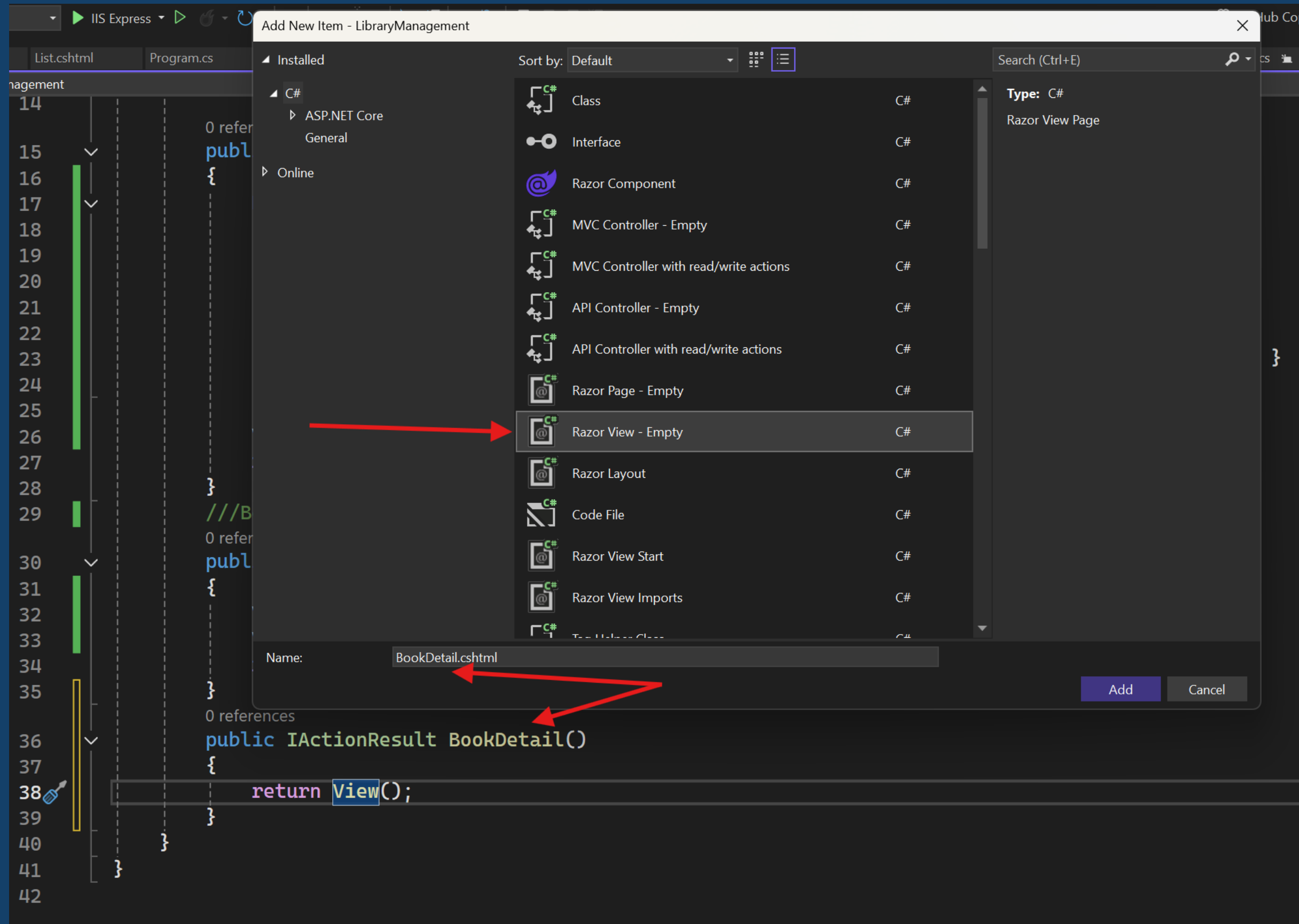
- Have a .cshtml file extension.
- Provide an elegant way to create HTML output with C#.



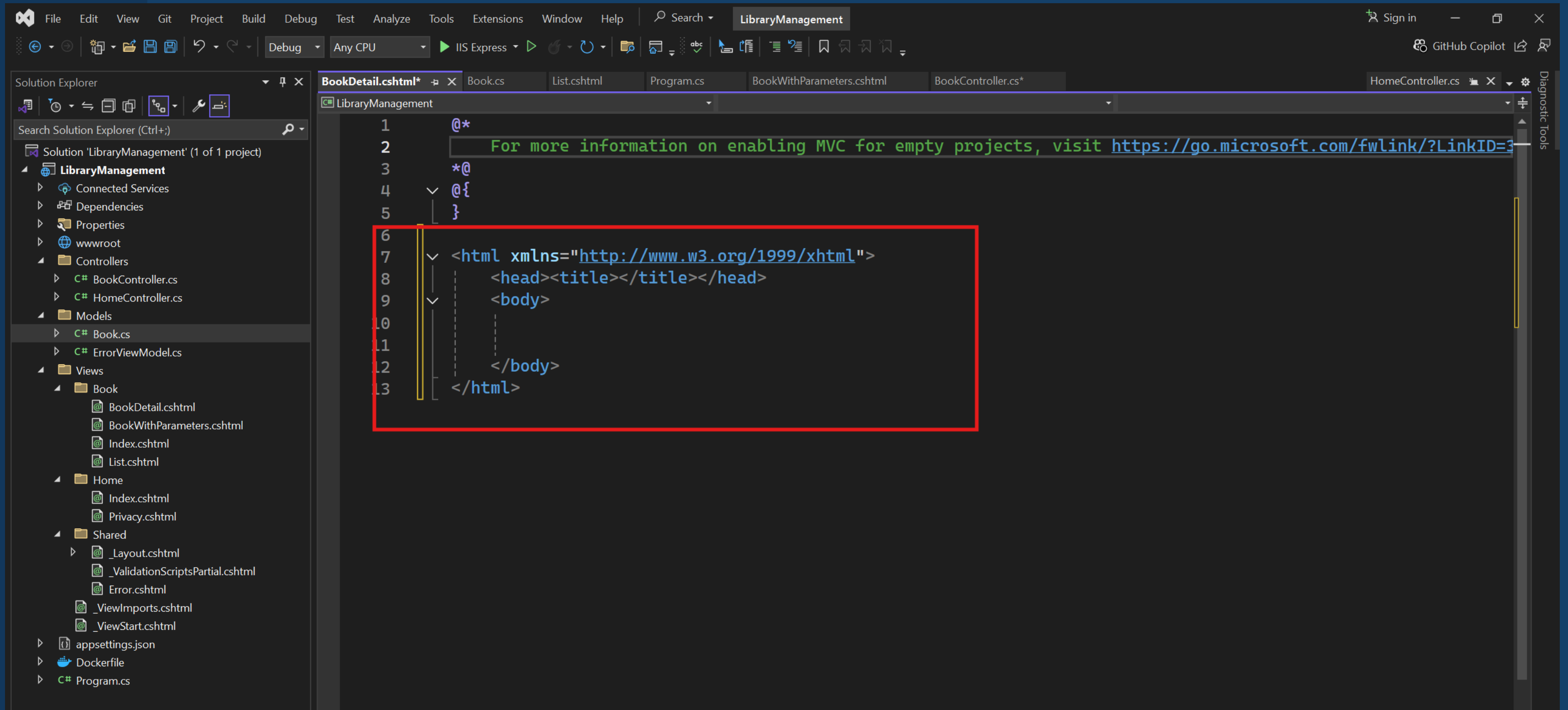
View - add a view to an ASP.NET Core MVC app



View - add a view to an ASP.NET Core MVC app



View – The Razor view after create success



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with the 'LibraryManagement' project open. The Solution Explorer on the left displays the project structure, including the 'Views' folder and the 'Book' sub-folder. The 'BookDetail.cshtml' file is selected in the Solution Explorer and is open in the main editor. The code in the editor is as follows:

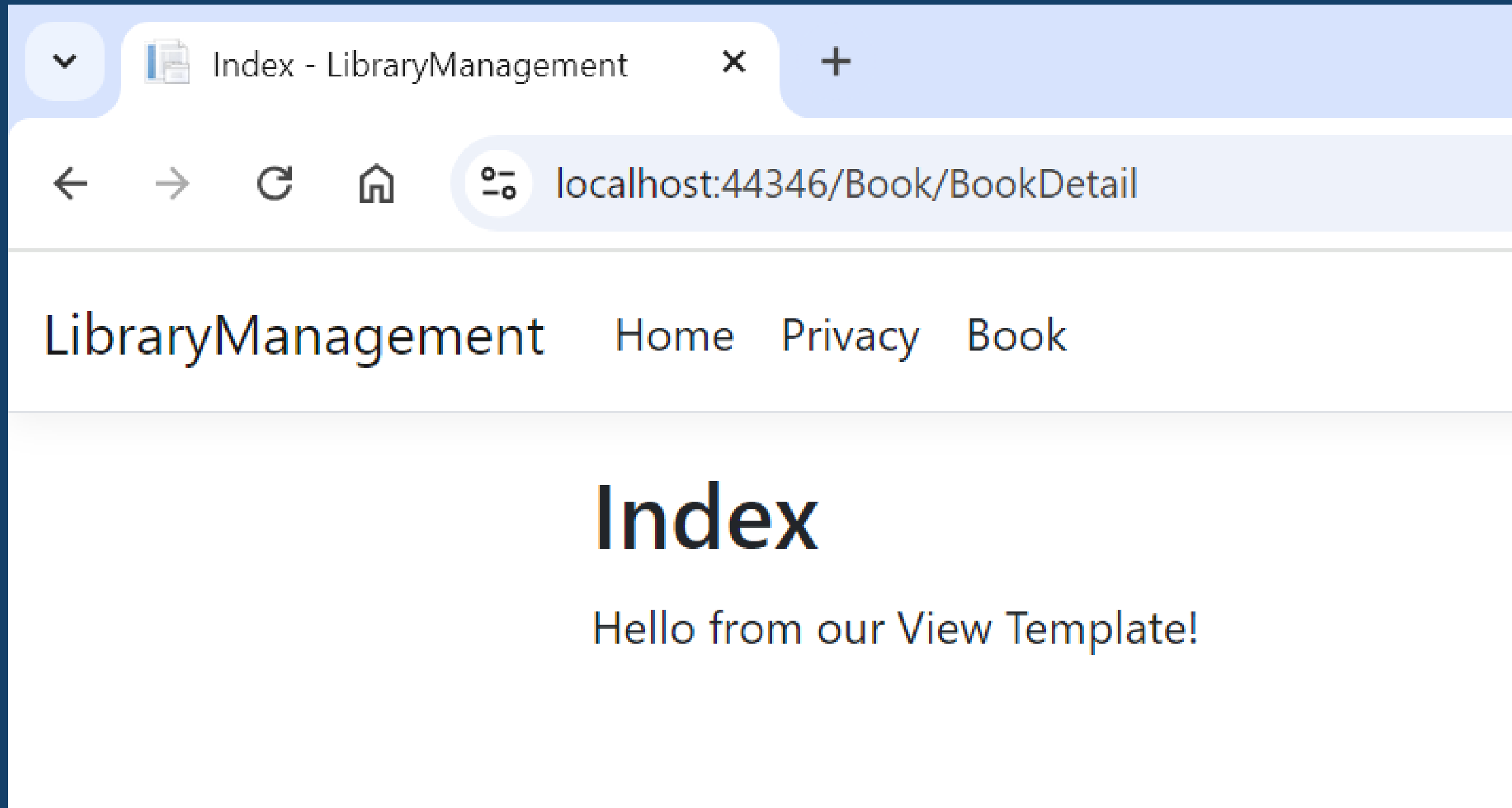
```

1  @*
2  For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects, visit https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=398449
3  *@
4  @{
5  }
6
7  <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
8      <head><title></title></head>
9      <body>
10
11
12      </body>
13  </html>

```

View – Show in the website

Navigate to `https://localhost:{PORT}/{Controller}`: // check the path in your project



View – Change views and layout pages

Select the menu links LibraryManagement, Home, and Privacy. Each page shows the same menu layout. The menu layout is implemented in the Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml file.

Open the Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml file.

Layout templates allow:

- Specifying the HTML container layout of a site in one place.**
- Applying the HTML container layout across multiple pages in the site.**

View – Change views and layout pages

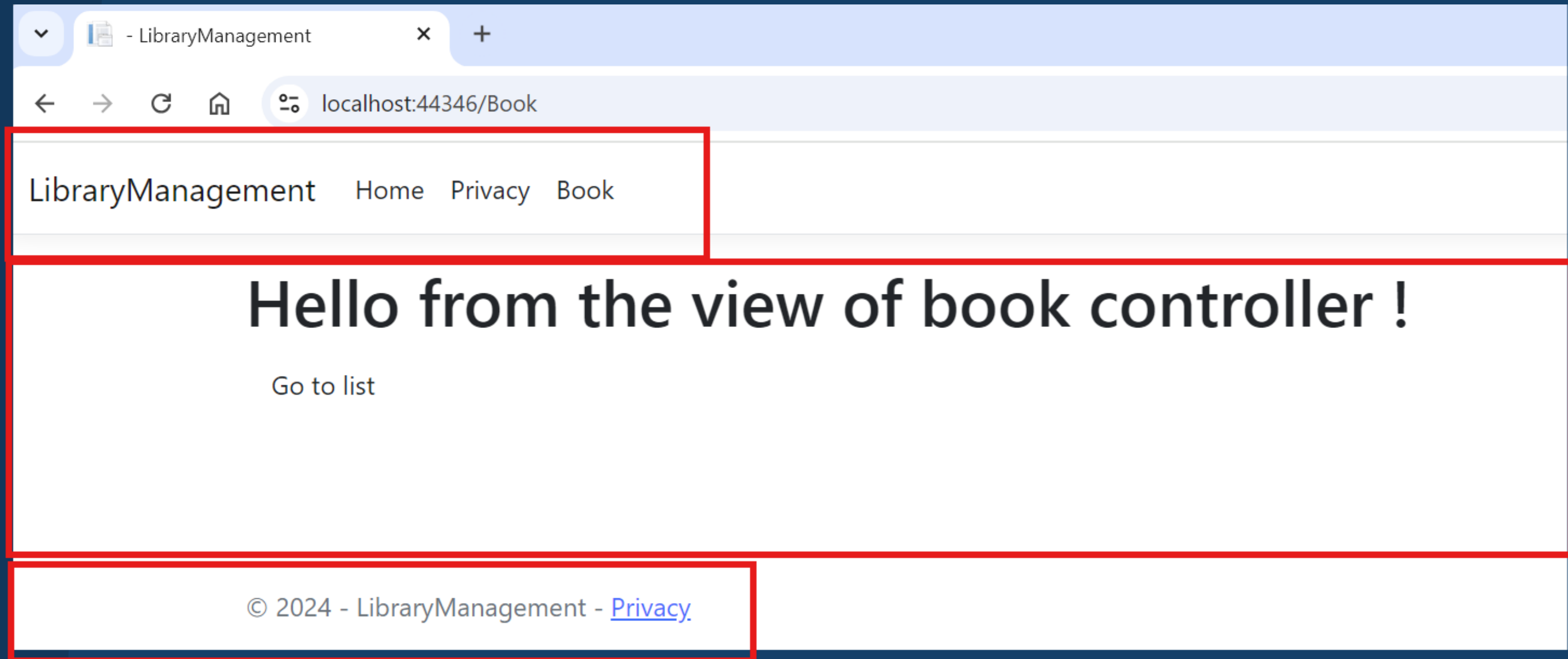
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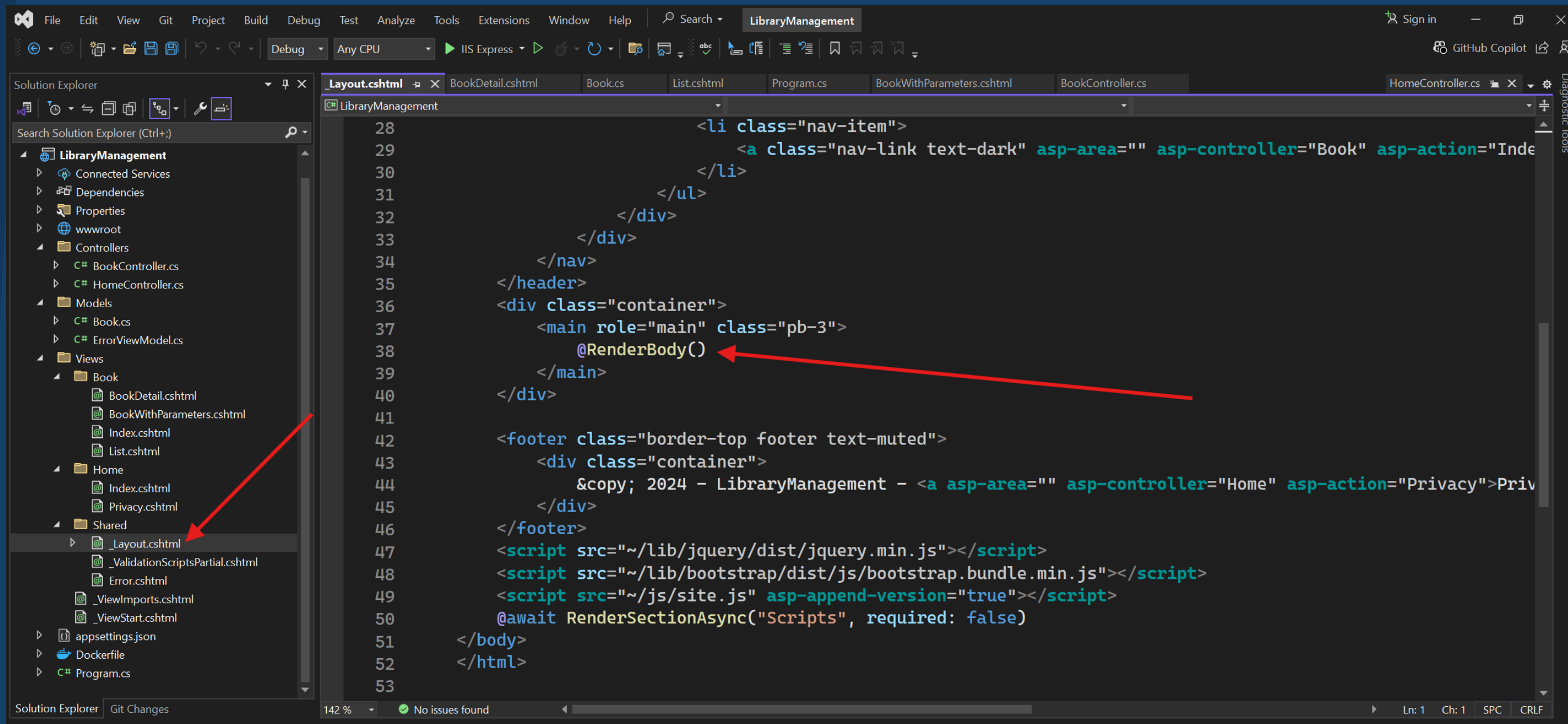
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View – Change views and layout pages

RenderBody is a placeholder where all the view-specific pages you create show up, wrapped in the layout page. For example, if you select the Privacy link, the Views/Home/Privacy.cshtml view is rendered inside the RenderBody method.



```

28         <li class="nav-item">
29             <a class="nav-link text-dark" asp-area="" asp-controller="Book" asp-action="Index">Index</a>
30         </li>
31     </ul>
32 </div>
33 </div>
34 </nav>
35 </header>
36 <div class="container">
37     <main role="main" class="pb-3">
38         @RenderBody()
39     </main>
40 </div>
41
42 <footer class="border-top footer text-muted">
43     <div class="container">
44         &copy; 2024 - LibraryManagement - <a asp-area="" asp-controller="Home" asp-action="Privacy">Privacy</a>
45     </div>
46 </footer>
47 <script src="~/lib/jquery/dist/jquery.min.js"></script>
48 <script src="~/lib/bootstrap/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"></script>
49 <script src="~/js/site.js" asp-append-version="true"></script>
50 @await RenderSectionAsync("Scripts", required: false)
51 </body>
52 </html>
53


```


View – Default layout

The Views/_ViewStart.cshtml file brings in the Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml file to each view.

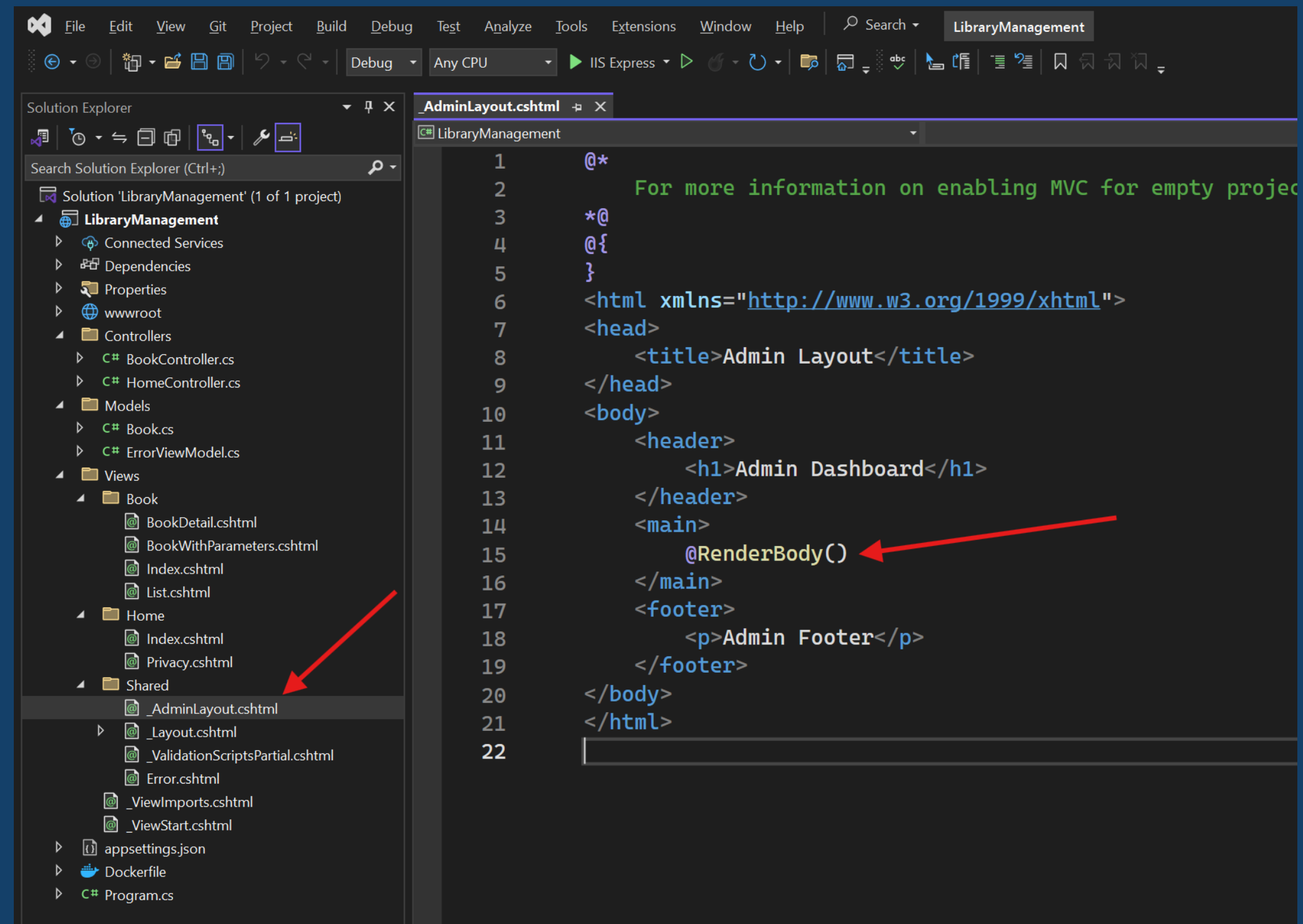
The Layout property can be used to set a different layout view, or set it to null so no layout file will be used.

```
@{  
    Layout = "_Layout";  
}
```



View – Change the layout for each view

- First, create a new layout in the “shared” folder.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with the 'LibraryManagement' project open. In the Solution Explorer on the left, the 'Shared' folder under 'Views' is selected, and a new file '_AdminLayout.cshtml' has been created. A red arrow points to this file. The main editor window displays the code for '_AdminLayout.cshtml'.

```

1  @*
2      For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects, visit
3      https://aka.ms/aspnetcore-mvc
4  *@
5  @{
6      <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
7      <head>
8          <title>Admin Layout</title>
9      </head>
10     <body>
11         <header>
12             <h1>Admin Dashboard</h1>
13         </header>
14         <main>
15             @RenderBody()
16         </main>
17         <footer>
18             <p>Admin Footer</p>
19         </footer>
20     </body>
21 </html>
22
  
```

A red arrow points to the `@RenderBody()` line in the code, indicating where the content of the view is rendered.

View – Change the layout for each view

- Add a layout for each view. If a view doesn't have a layout set, the default layout will be applied.

```
LibraryManagement
1      @*
2          For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects, visit
3          https://aka.ms/aspnetcore.mvc.empty
4      *@
5      @{
6          Layout = "_AdminLayout";
7      }
9      @{
10         ViewData["Title"] = "Index";
11     }
12
13
14     <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
15         <head><title></title></head>
16         <body>
17
18             <h2>Index</h2>
19
20             <p>Hello from our View Template!</p>
21         </body>
22     </html>
```

View – Passing Data from the Controller to the View

- Controller actions are invoked in response to an incoming URL request. A controller class is where the code is written that handles the incoming browser requests. The controller retrieves data from a data source and decides what type of response to send back to the browser. View templates can be used from a controller to generate and format an HTML response to the browser.
- Controllers are responsible for providing the data required in order for a view template to render a response.

- View templates should not:
- Do business logic

Interact with a database directly.

- A view template should work only with the data that's provided to it by the controller. Maintaining this "separation of concerns" helps keep the code:
- Clean.
- Testable.
- Maintainable.

View – Passing Data from the Controller to the View

- ViewData and ViewBag have a same way to use that. Both of it use to pass the data from controller to the view.

Feature	ViewBag	ViewData
Data Type	dynamic (dynamic type)	Dictionary<string, object>
Syntax	Easier to use, no key required	Requires string key
Type Casting	No need for type casting	Requires type casting when retrieving values
IntelliSense	Not supported	Supported
Performance	Slightly slower due to reflection	Faster due to no reflection

View – Passing Data from the Controller to the View

- Prepare data in controller

0 references

```
public IActionResult List()
{
    List<Book> bookList = new List<Book>
    {
        new Book { NameBook = "The Pragmatic Programmer", Author = "Andrew Hunt" },
        new Book { NameBook = "Clean Code", Author = "Robert C. Martin" },
        new Book { NameBook = "Design Patterns", Author = "Erich Gamma" },
        new Book { NameBook = "Introduction to Algorithms", Author = "Thomas H. Cormen" },
        new Book { NameBook = "The Art of Computer Programming", Author = "Donald E. Knuth" }
    };

    ViewBag.Books = bookList;
    return View();
}
```

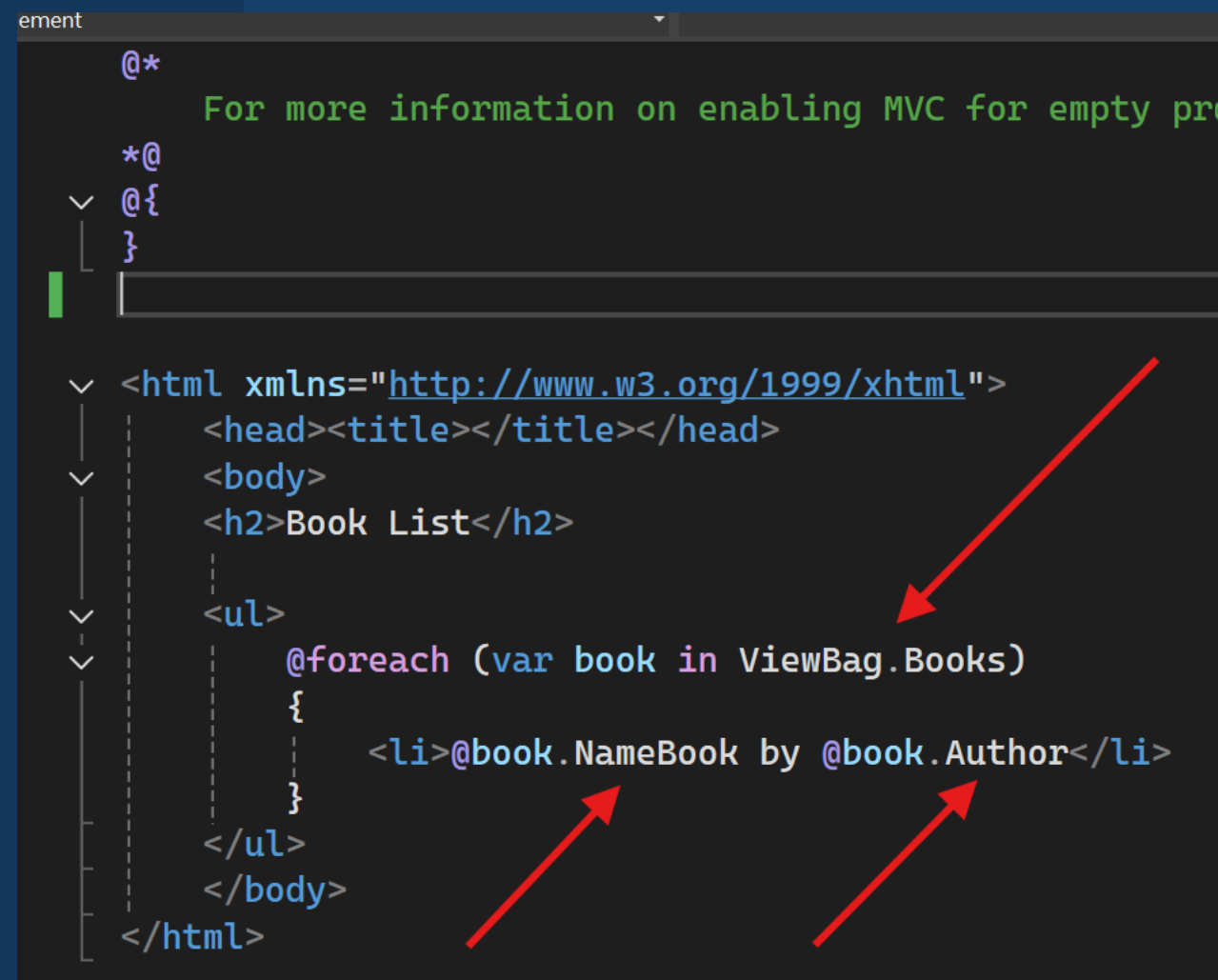
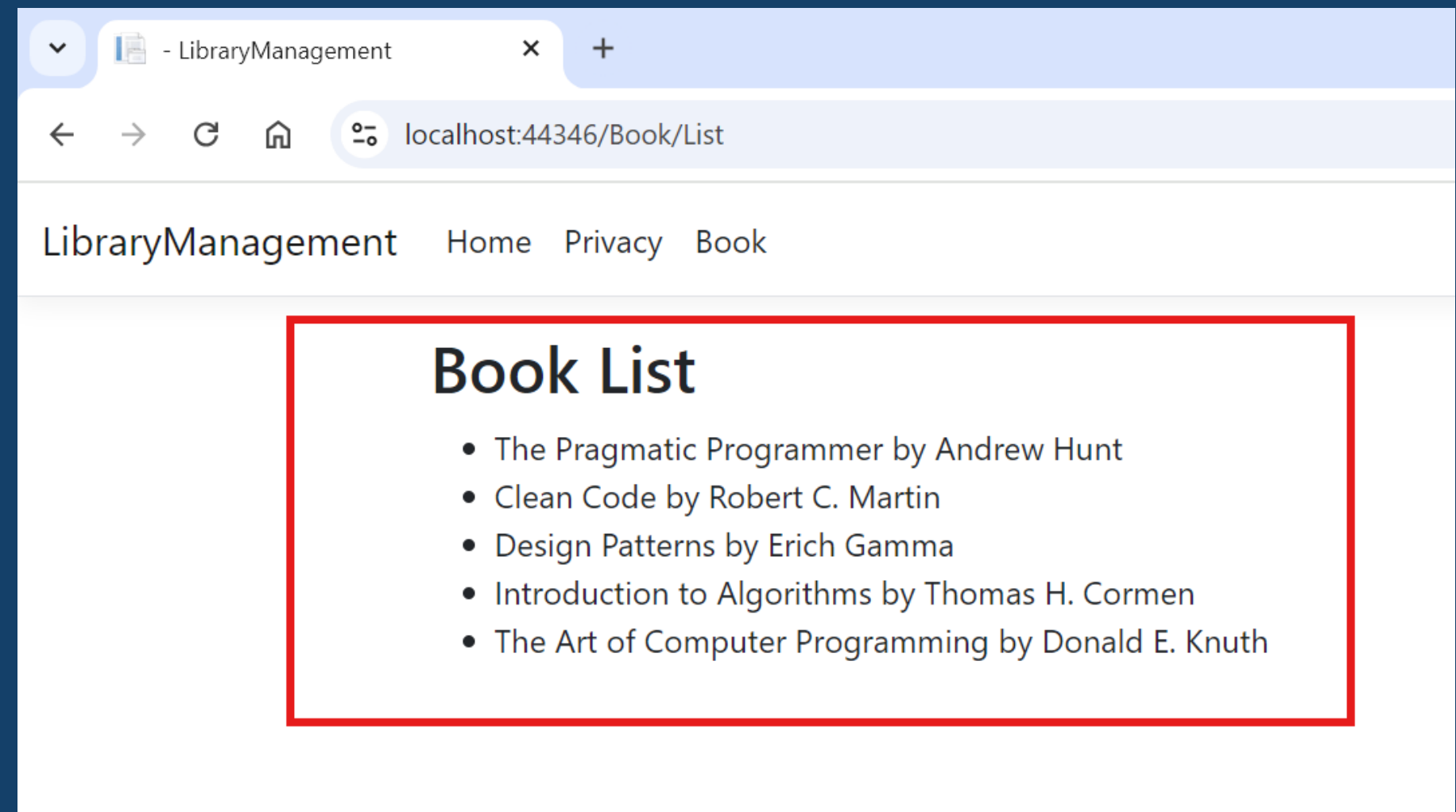

View – Passing Data from the Controller to the View

- Show the data get from controller to the view

```

@*
    For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects, visit
    https://learn.microsoft.com/aspnet/core/mvc/views/view-creation
*@
@{
}

<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head><title></title></head>
<body>
<h2>Book List</h2>
<ul>
    @foreach (var book in ViewBag.Books)
    {
        <li>@book.NameBook by @book.Author</li>
    }
</ul>
</body>
</html>
    
```

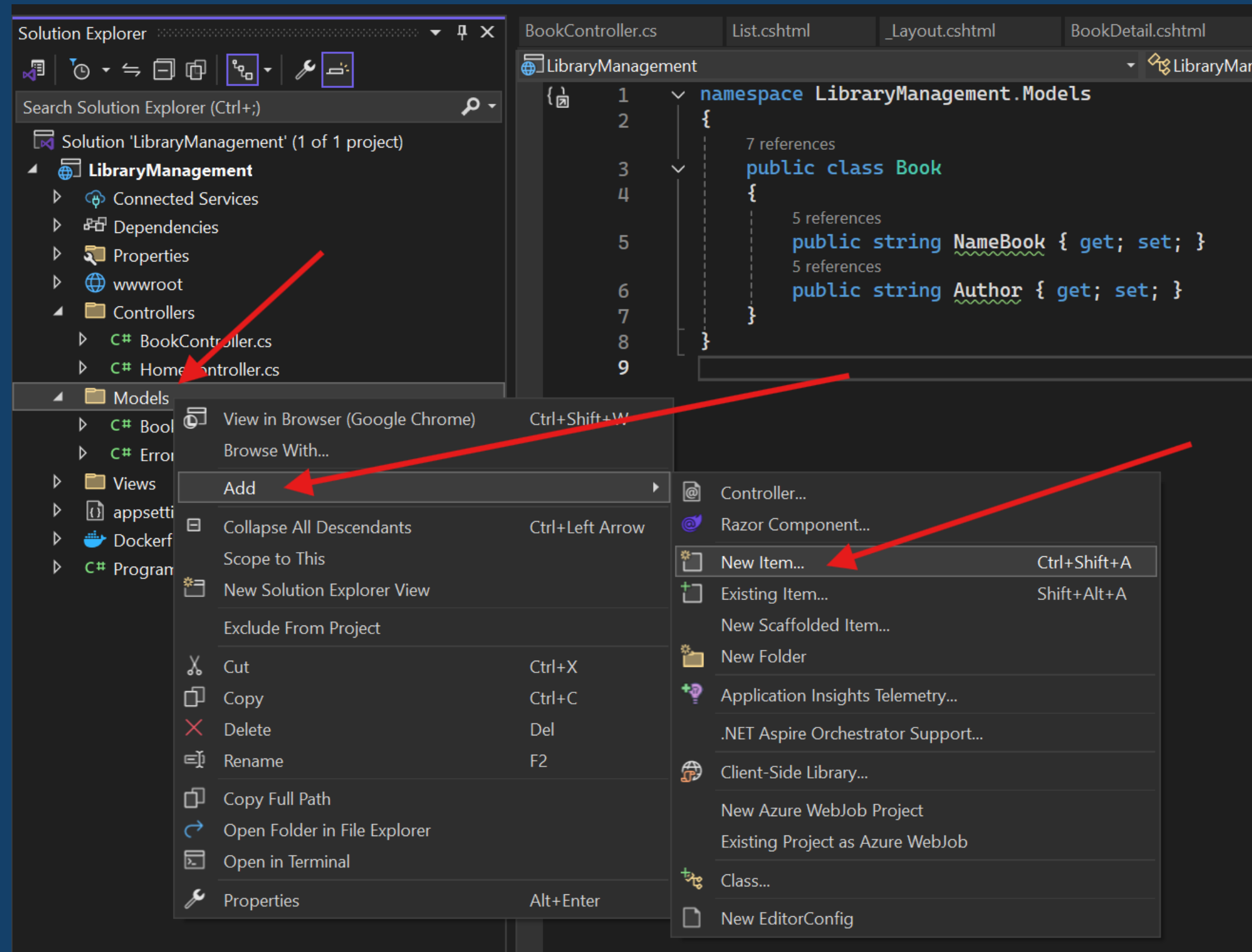
Model

Model

These model classes are used with Entity Framework Core (EF Core) to work with a database. EF Core is an object-relational mapping (ORM) framework that simplifies the data access code that you have to write.

The model classes created are known as POCO classes, from Plain Old CLR Objects. POCO classes don't have any dependency on EF Core. They only define the properties of the data to be stored in the database.

Model – Add a model to an ASP.NET Core MVC app

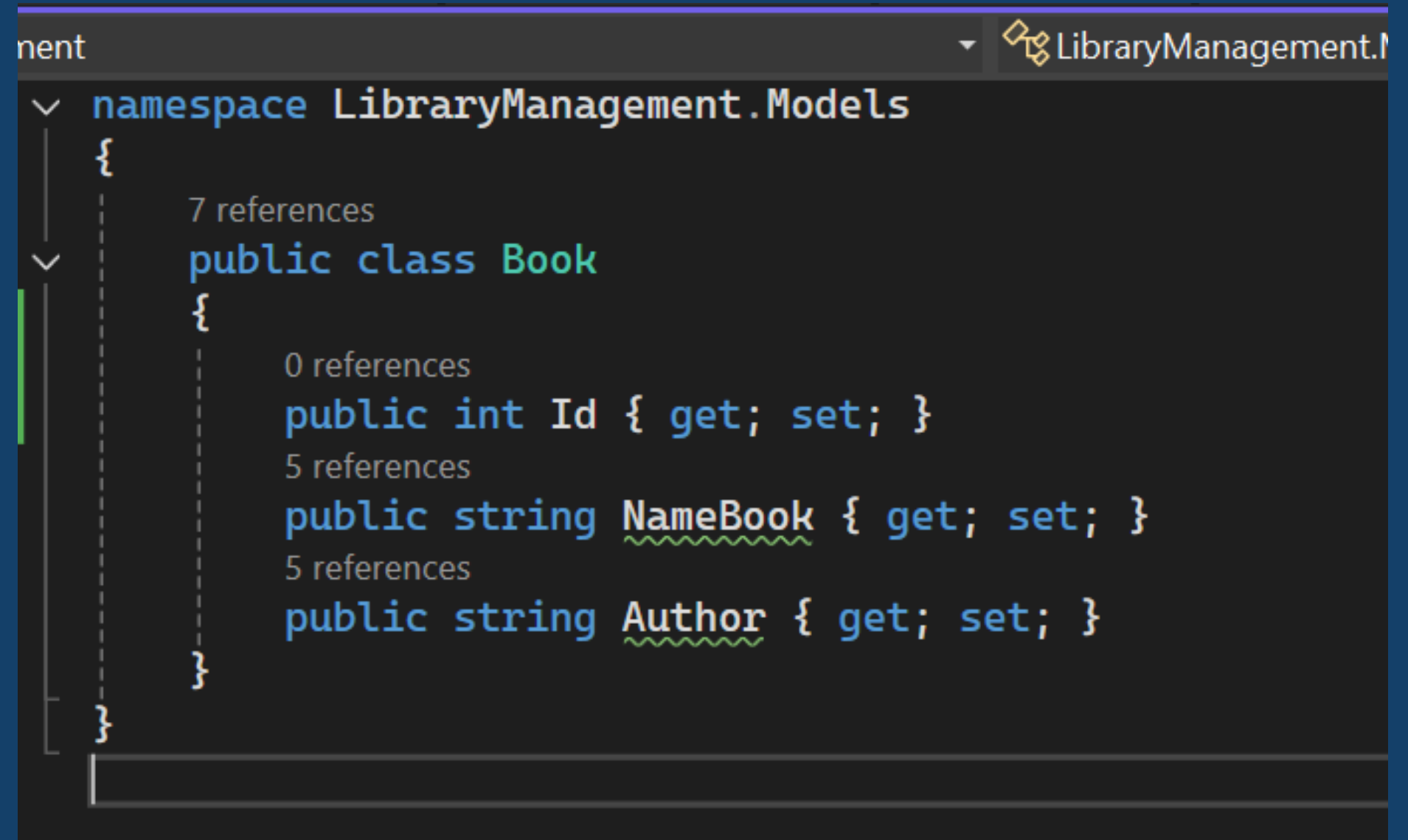


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The **Book** class contains an Id field, which is required by the database for the primary key.

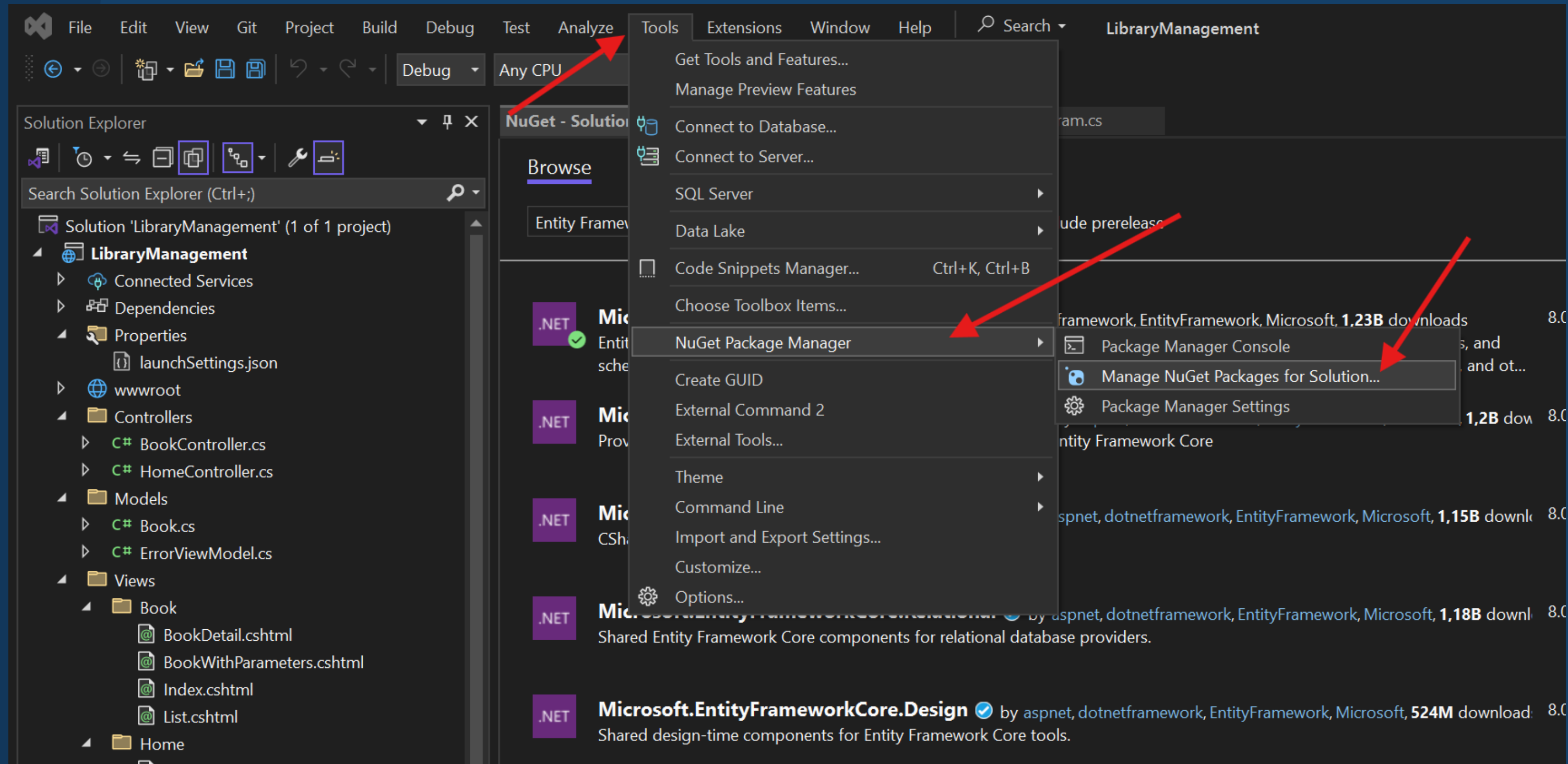
The DataType attribute on ReleaseDate specifies the type of the data (Date). With this attribute:

- The user isn't required to enter time information in the date field.
- Only the date is displayed, not time information.



```
namespace LibraryManagement.Models
{
    7 references
    public class Book
    {
        0 references
        public int Id { get; set; }
        5 references
        public string NameBook { get; set; }
        5 references
        public string Author { get; set; }
    }
}
```

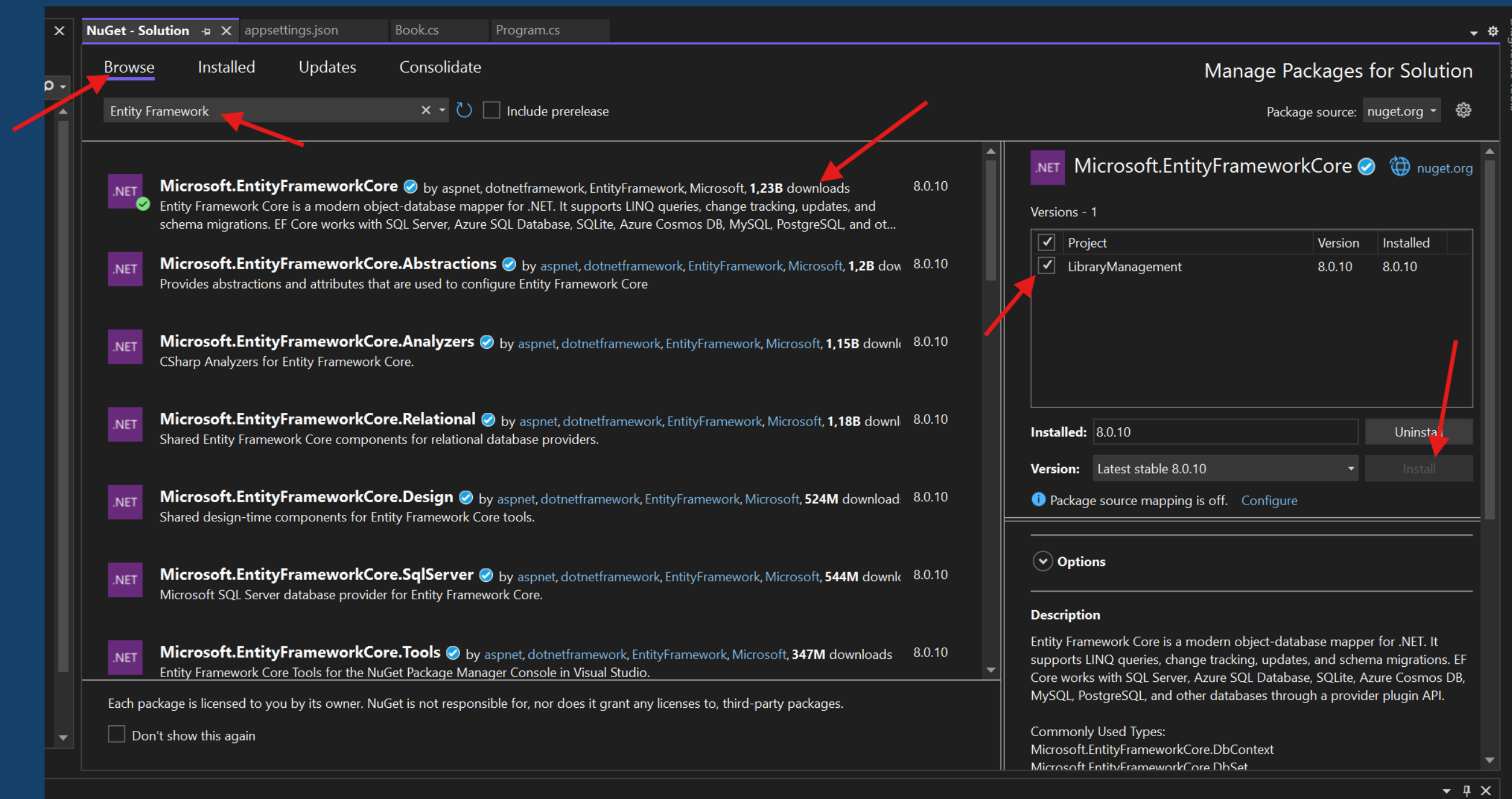
Model – Entity Framework



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Model – appsetting.json

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catalog=YourDatabaseNa

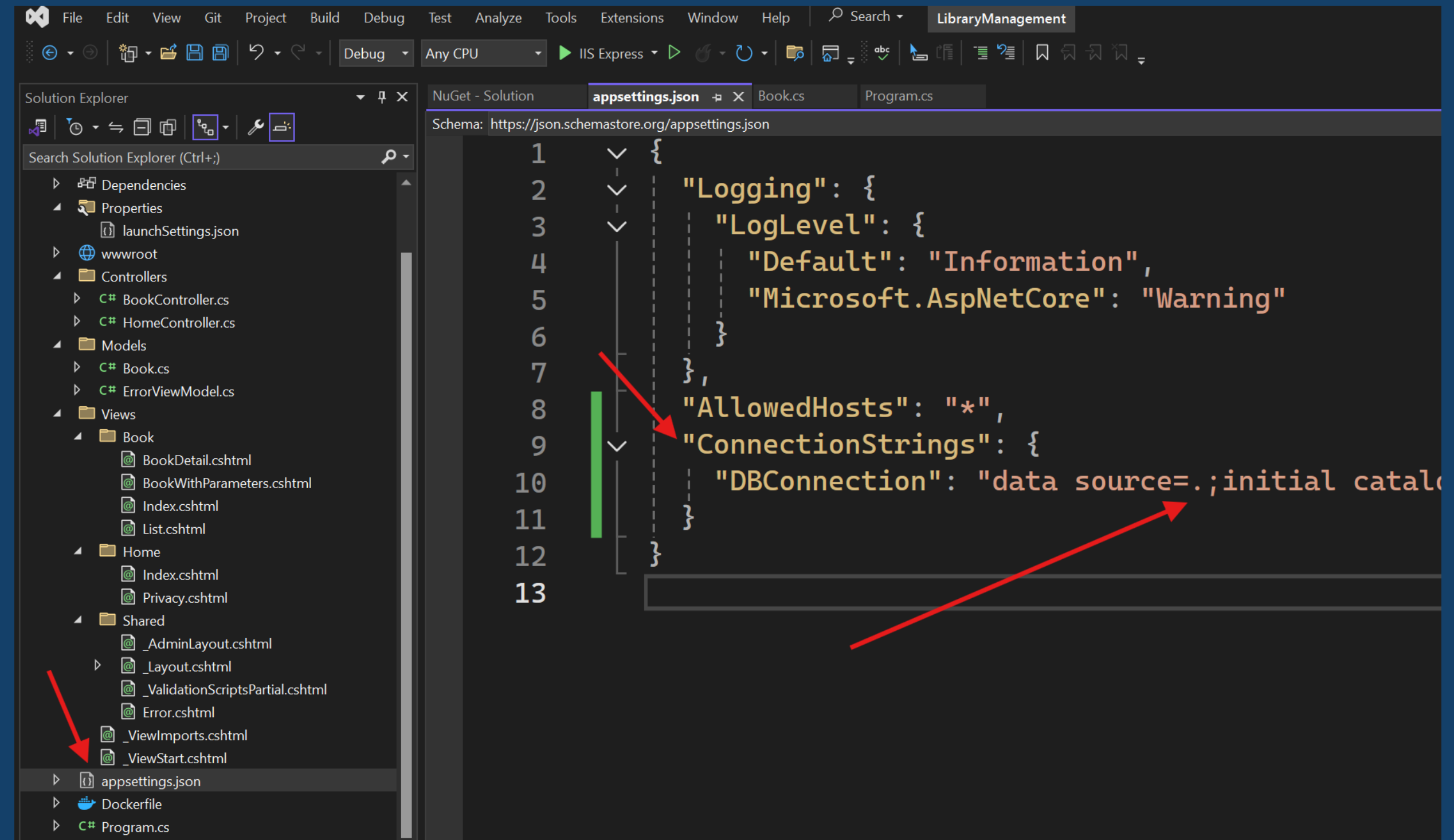
me;persist security

info=True;user

id=sa;password=123456;

MultipleActiveResultSets=

True;encrypt=false



```

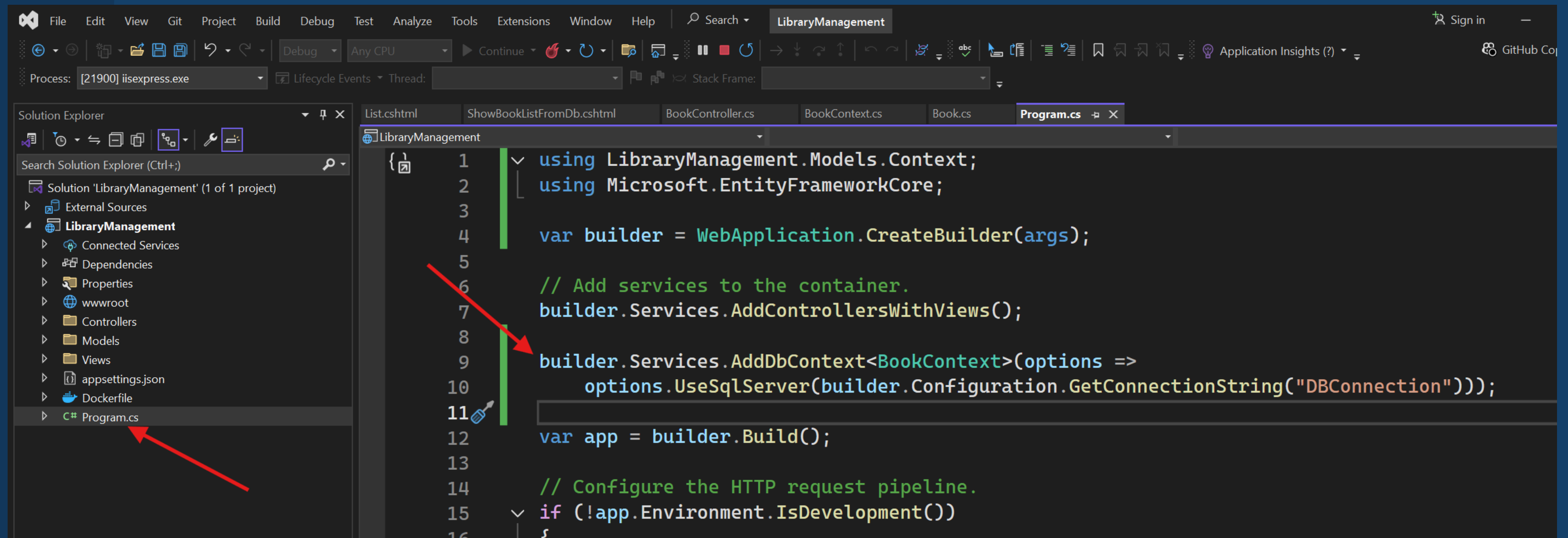
1  {
2      "Logging": {
3          "LogLevel": {
4              "Default": "Information",
5              "Microsoft.AspNetCore": "Warning"
6          }
7      },
8      "AllowedHosts": "*",
9      "ConnectionStrings": {
10         "DBConnection": "data source=.;initial catalog=YourDatabaseName;persist security info=True;user id=sa;password=123456;MultipleActiveResultSets=True;encrypt=false"
11     }
12 }
13

```


Model – Dependency injection

- ASP.NET Core is built with dependency injection (DI). Services, such as the database context, are registered with DI in Program.cs. These services are provided to components that require them via constructor parameters.
- In the Controllers/MoviesController.cs file, the constructor uses Dependency Injection to inject the MvcMovieContext database context into the controller. The database context is used in each of the CRUD methods in the controller.
- Scaffolding generated the following highlighted code in Program.cs:

Model – Dependency injection

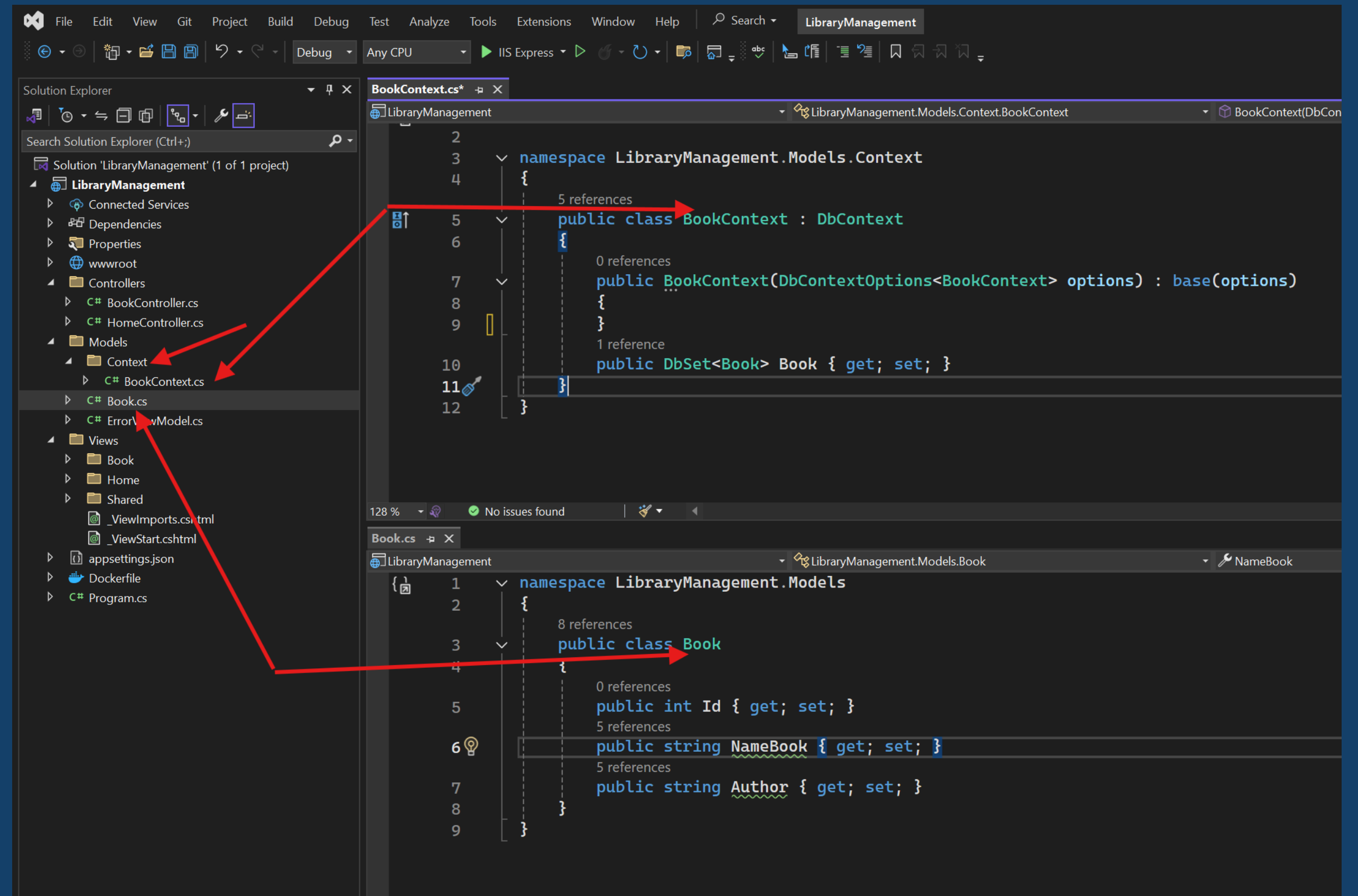


```

1  using LibraryManagement.Models.Context;
2  using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
3
4  var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
5
6  // Add services to the container.
7  builder.Services.AddControllersWithViews();
8
9  builder.Services.AddDbContext<BookContext>(options =>
10     options.UseSqlServer(builder.Configuration.GetConnectionString("DBConnection")));
11
12  var app = builder.Build();
13
14  // Configure the HTTP request pipeline.
15  if (!app.Environment.IsDevelopment())
16  {

```


Model – Dbcontext



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BookContext.cs

```

2
3 namespace LibraryManagement.Models.Context
4 {
5     public class BookContext : DbContext
6     {
7         public BookContext(DbContextOptions<BookContext> options) : base(options)
8         {
9         }
10        public DbSet<Book> Books { get; set; }
11    }
12

```

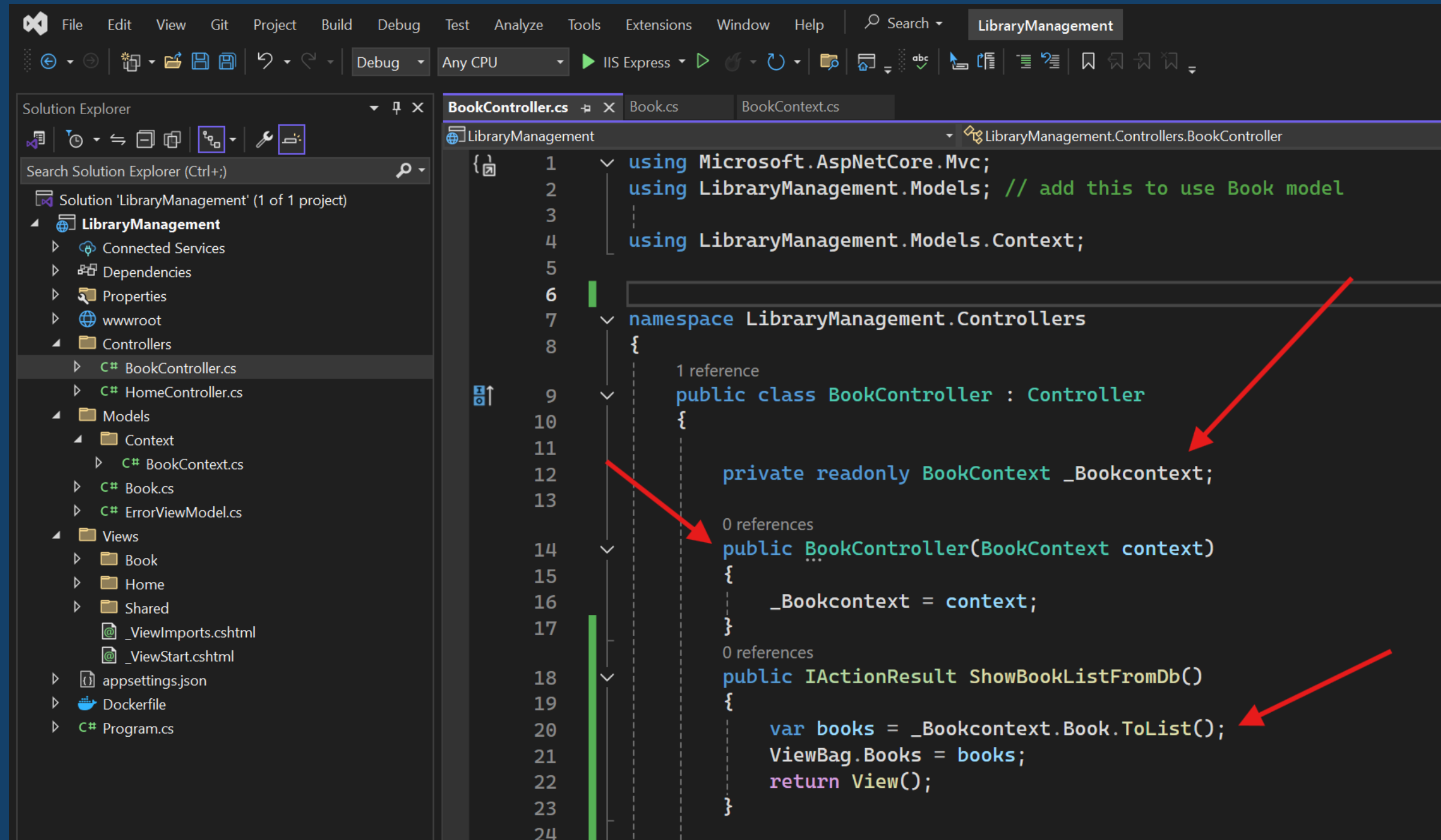
Book.cs

```

1 namespace LibraryManagement.Models
2 {
3     public class Book
4     {
5         public int Id { get; set; }
6         public string NameBook { get; set; }
7         public string Author { get; set; }
8     }
9

```

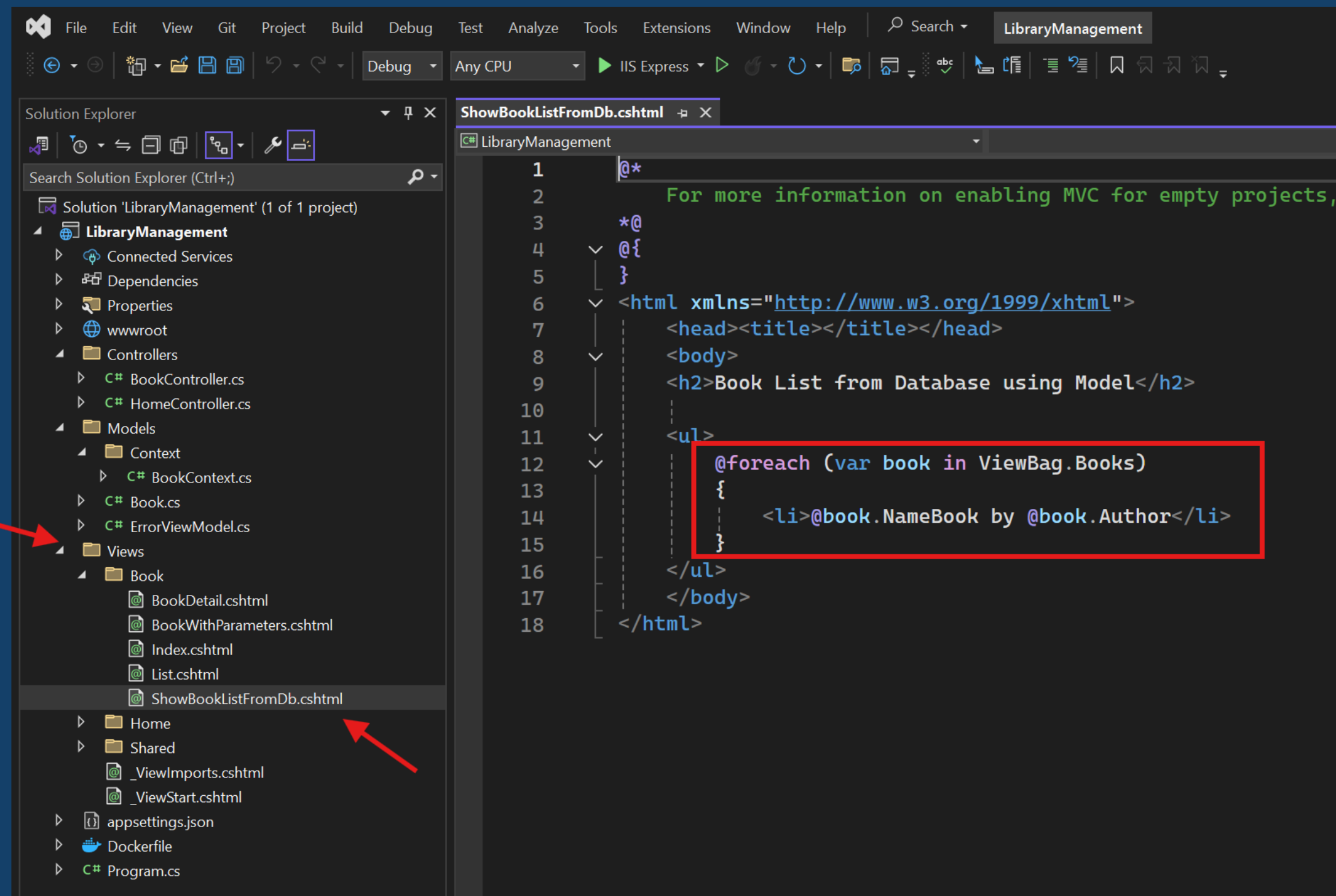
Model – Dependency injection in the controller



```

1  using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
2  using LibraryManagement.Models; // add this to use Book model
3
4  using LibraryManagement.Models.Context;
5
6
7  namespace LibraryManagement.Controllers
8  {
9      1 reference
10     public class BookController : Controller
11     {
12         private readonly BookContext _Bookcontext;
13
14         0 references
15         public BookController(BookContext context)
16         {
17             _Bookcontext = context;
18
19         0 references
20         public IActionResult ShowBookListFromDb()
21         {
22             var books = _Bookcontext.Book.ToList();
23             ViewBag.Books = books;
24             return View();
25         }
26     }
27 }
    
```

Model – Show in view



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