

.NET Programming

Chapter 2: ASP.NET Core MVC

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.NET Framework

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

WHAT IS ASP.NET ?

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.

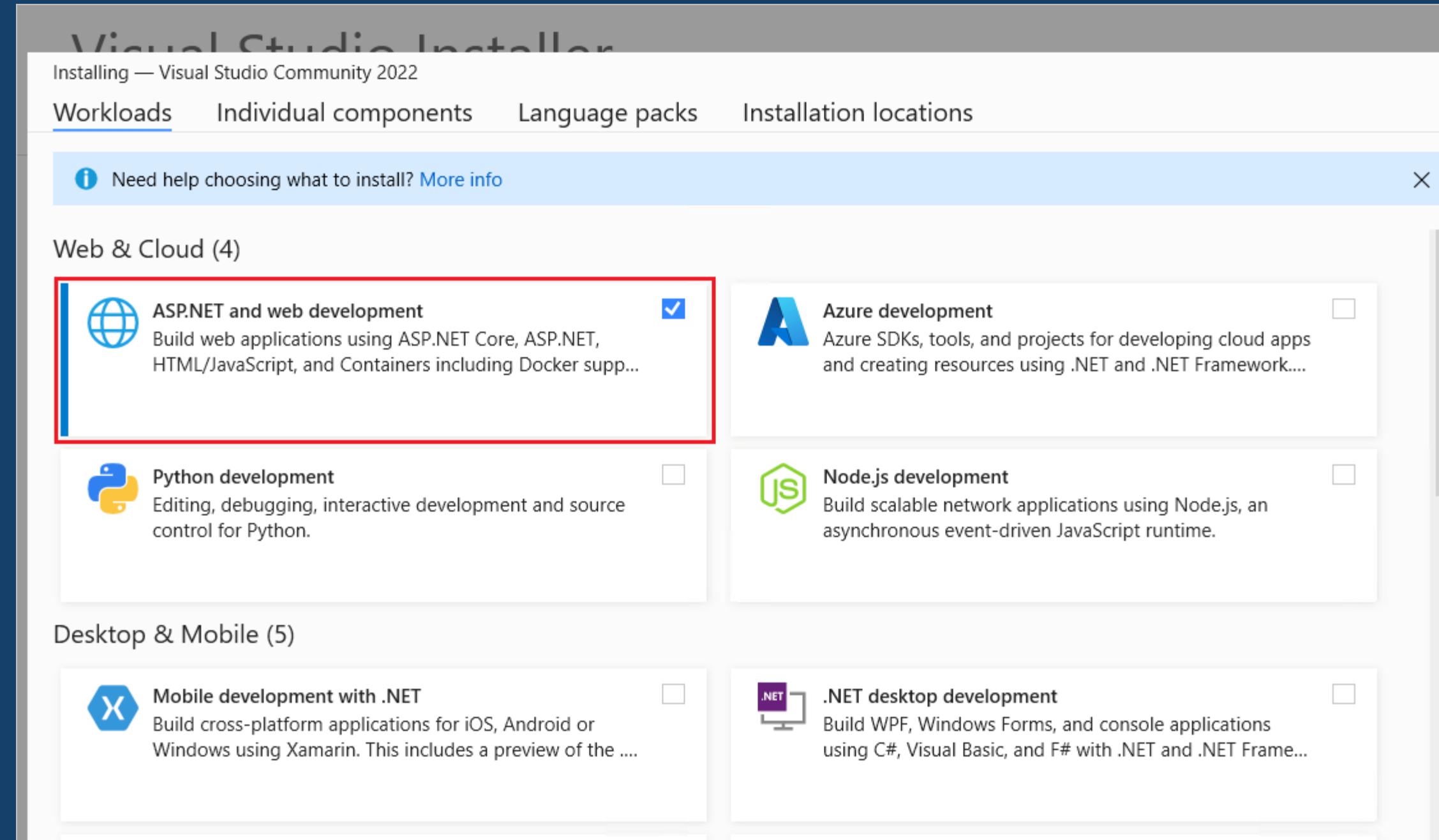
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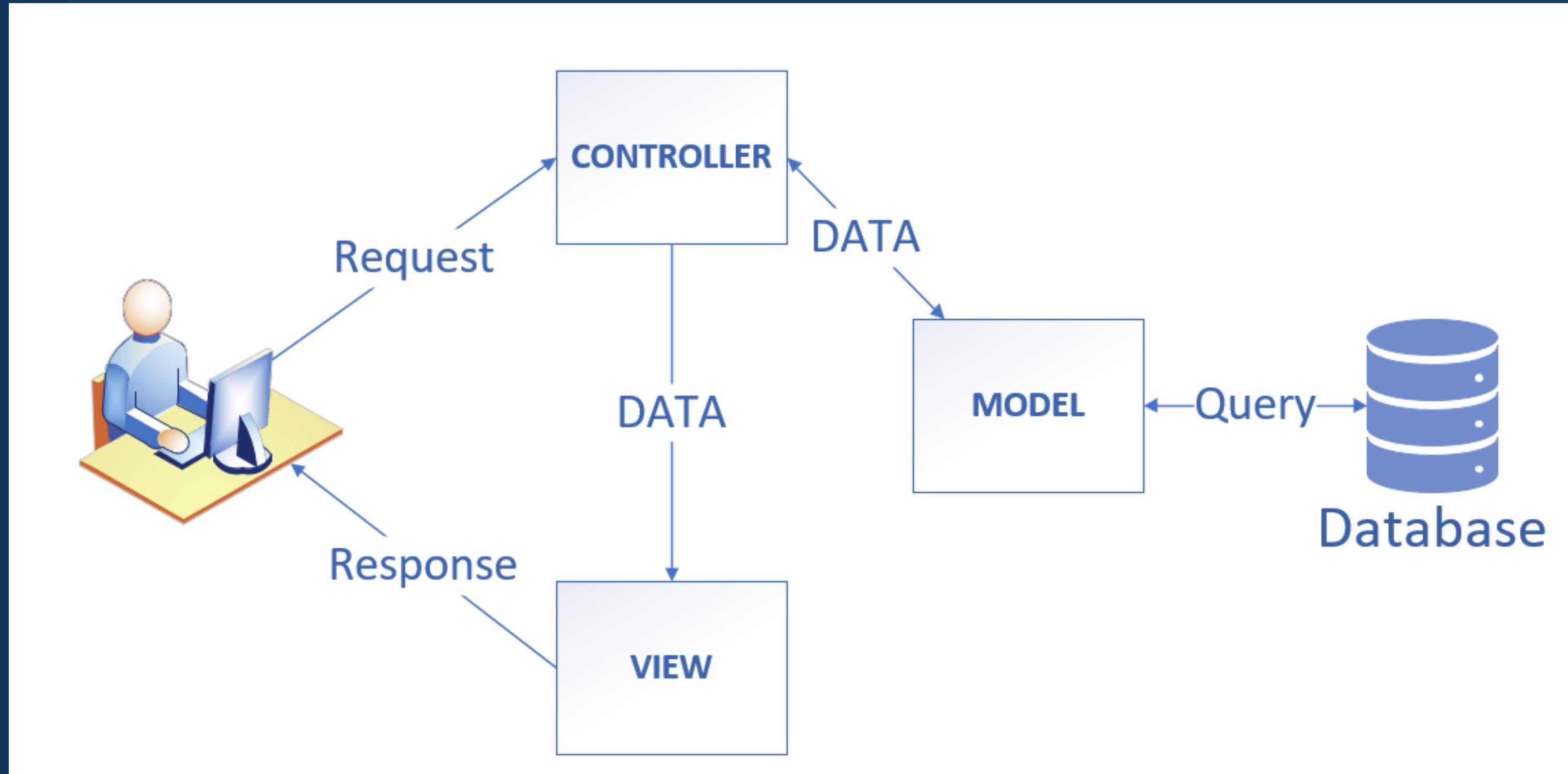
Get started with ASP.NET Core

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



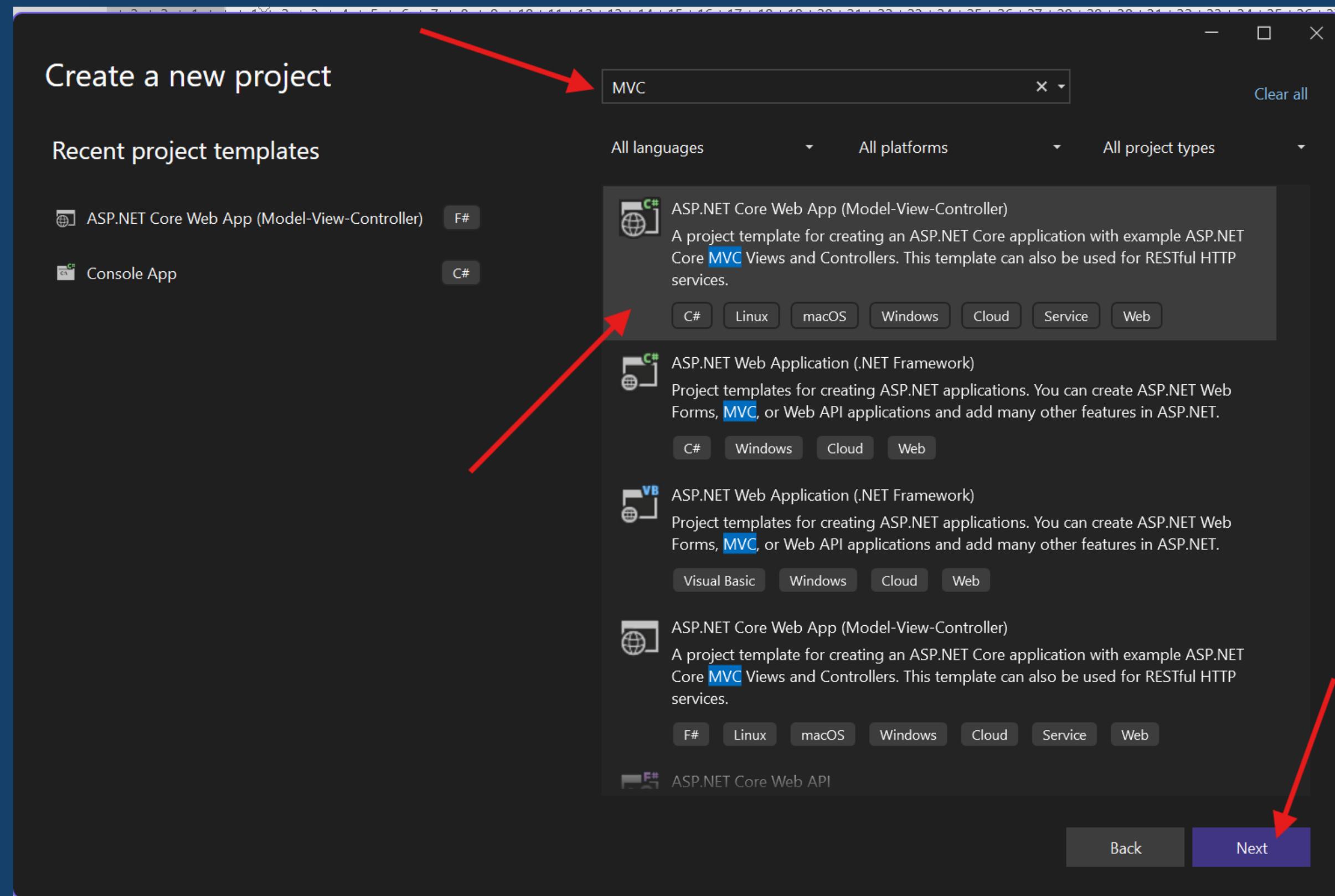
MVC Architecture:



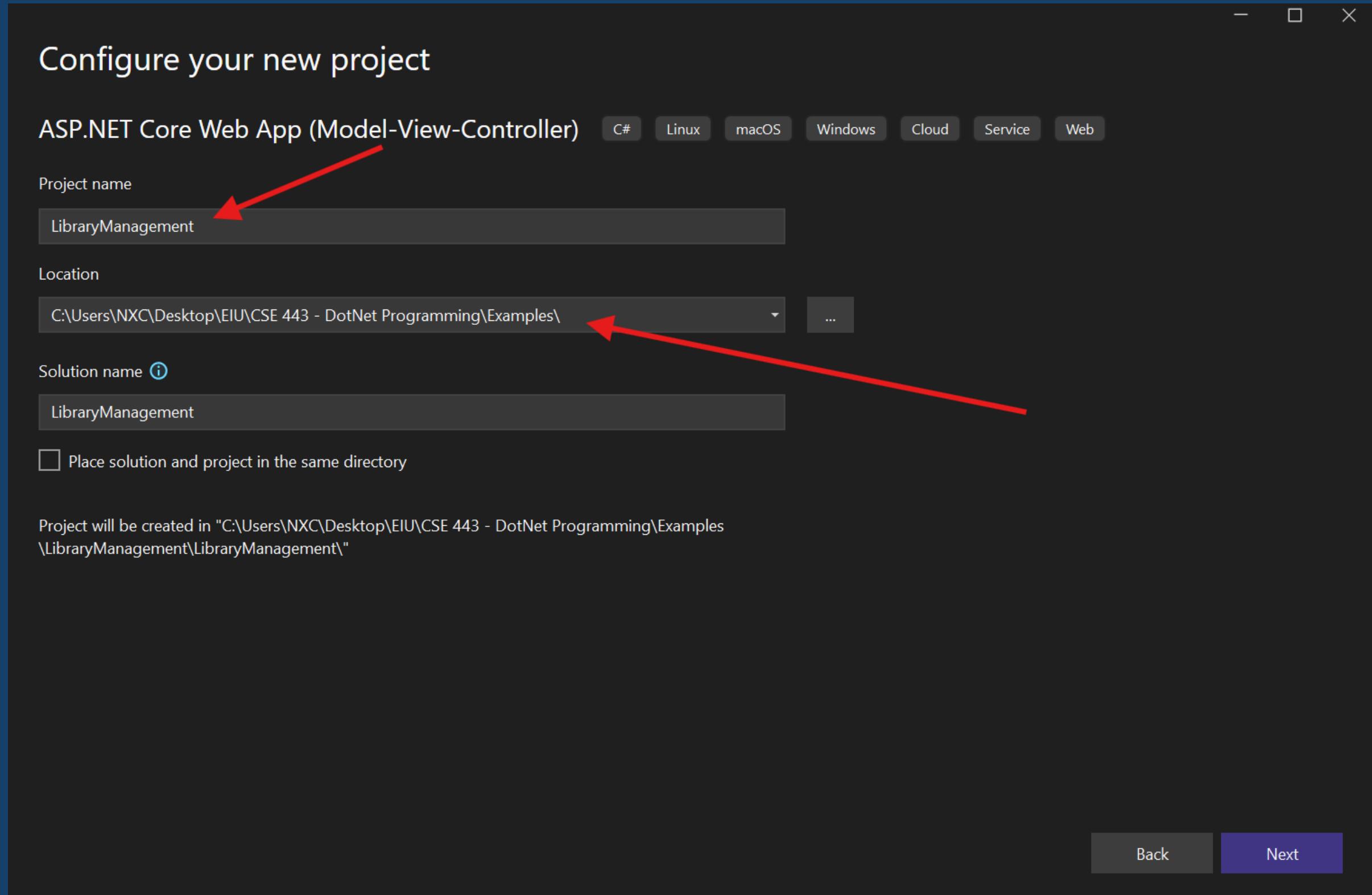
Create a web app:

- 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.

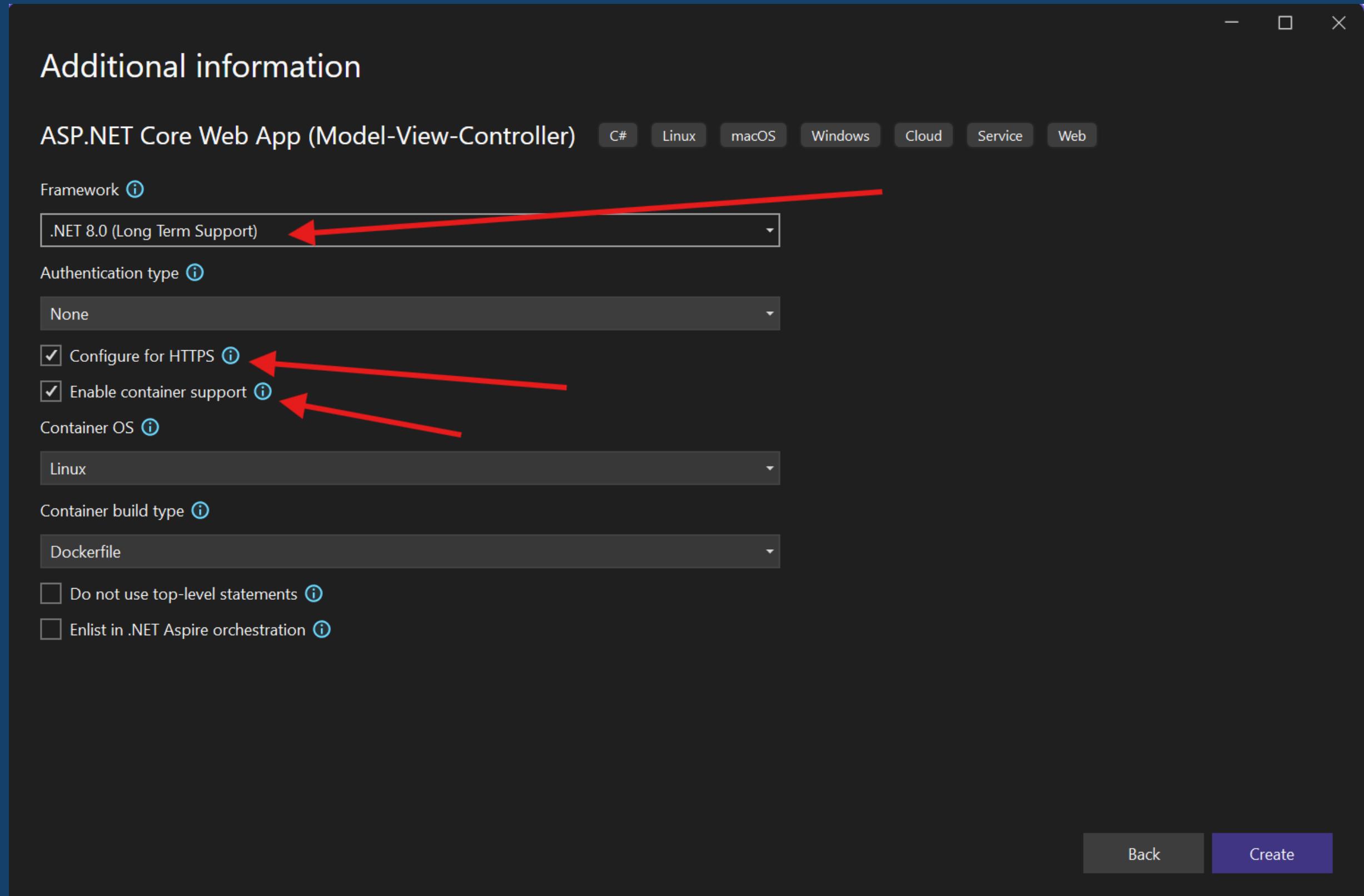
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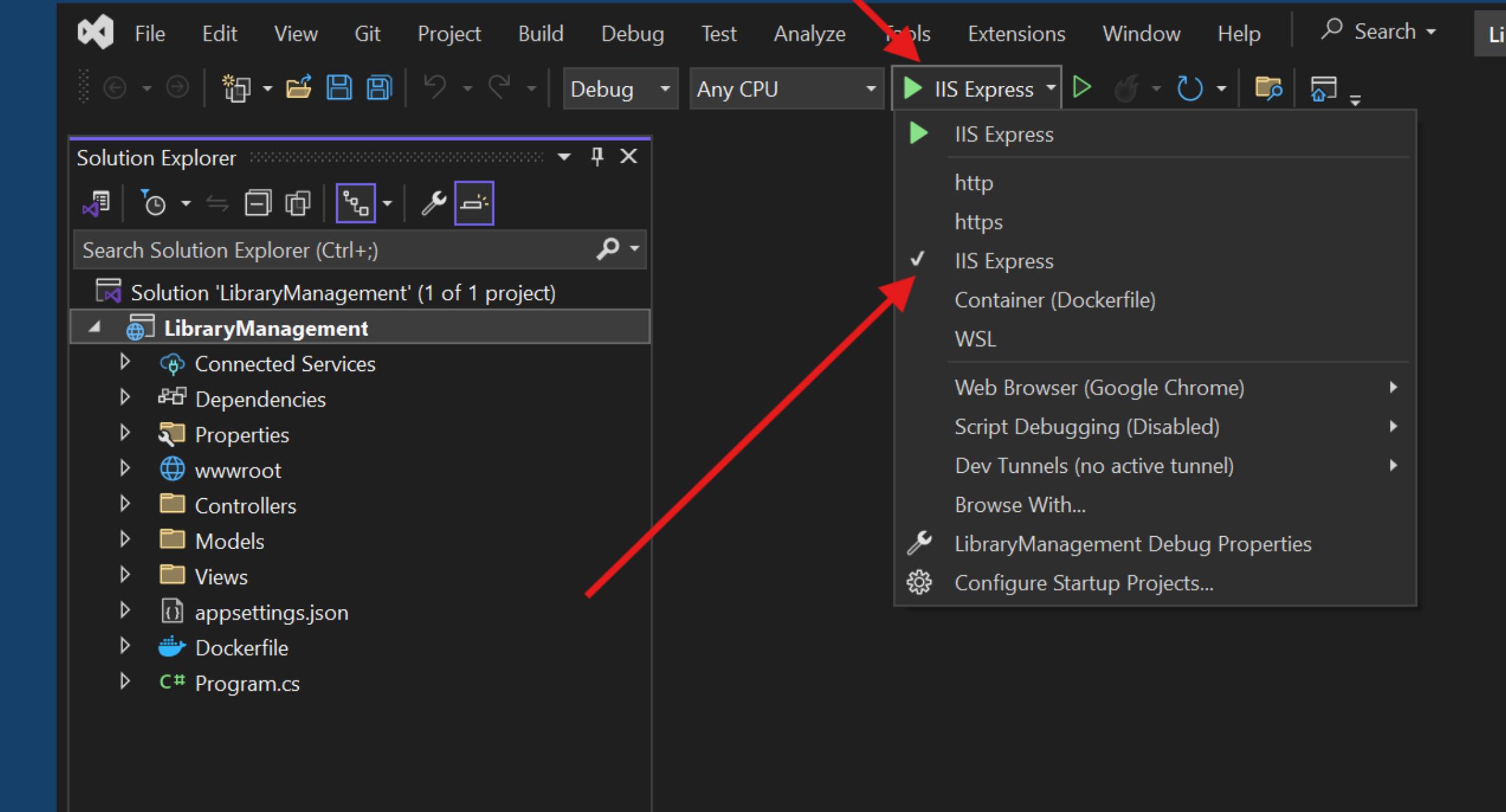
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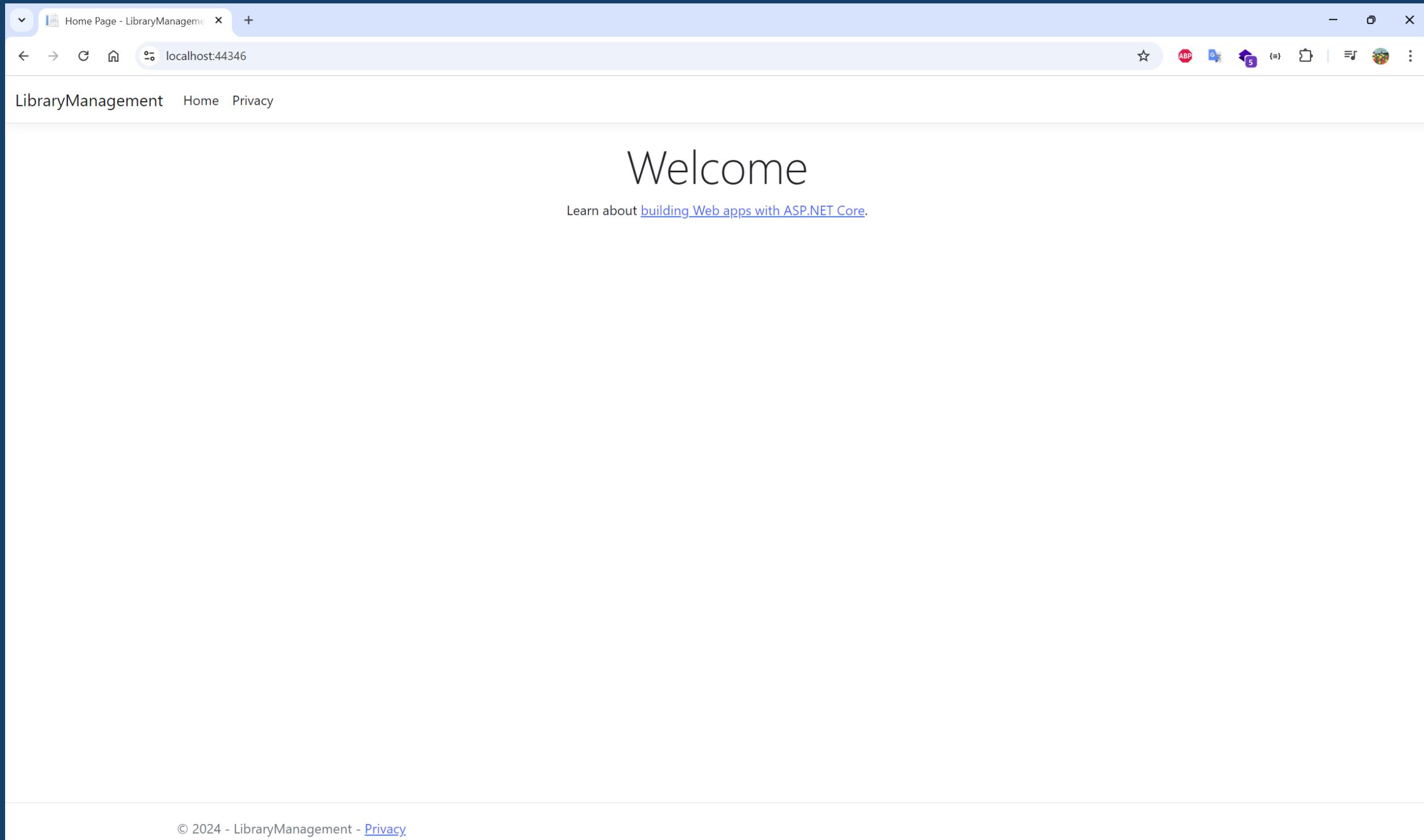
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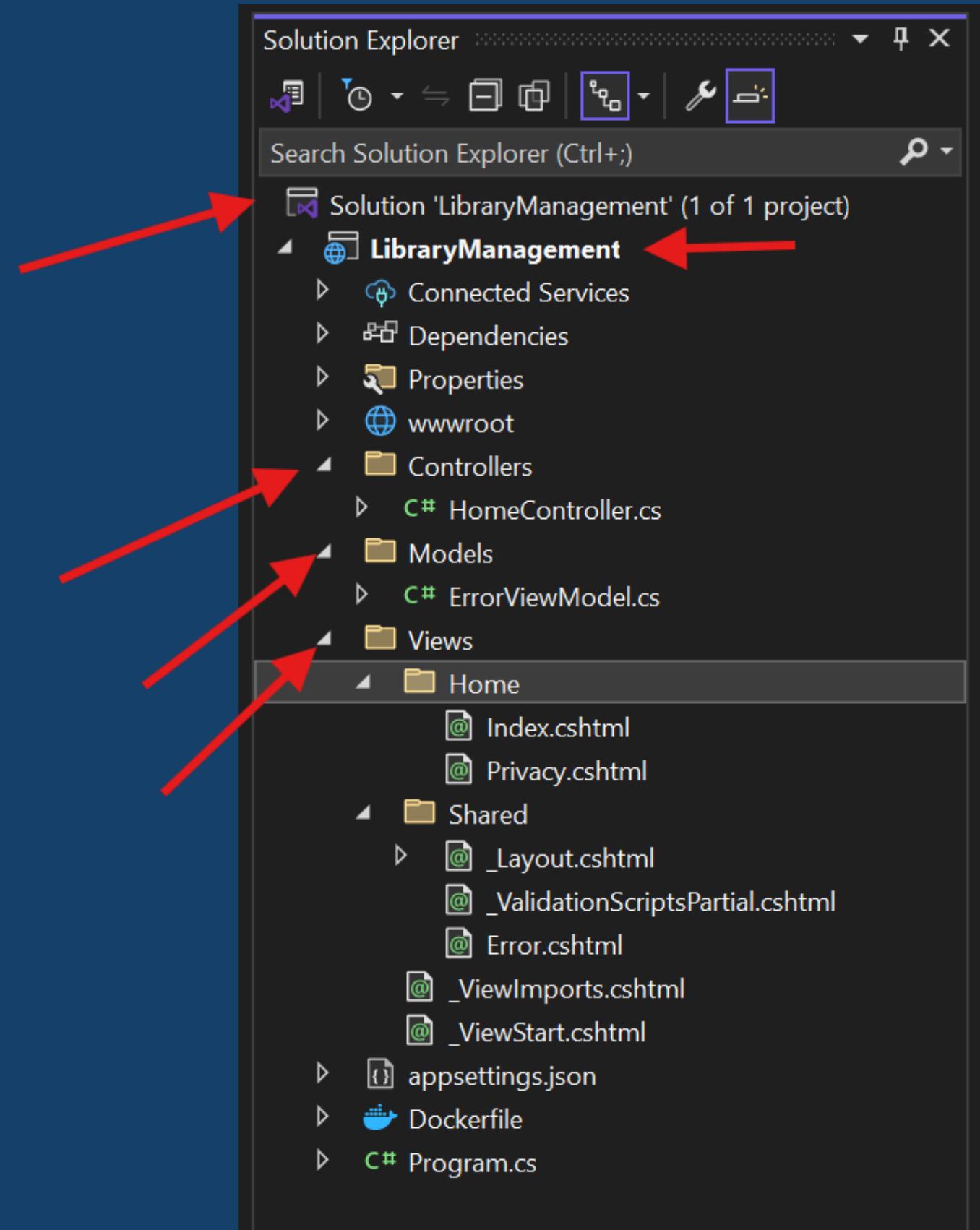
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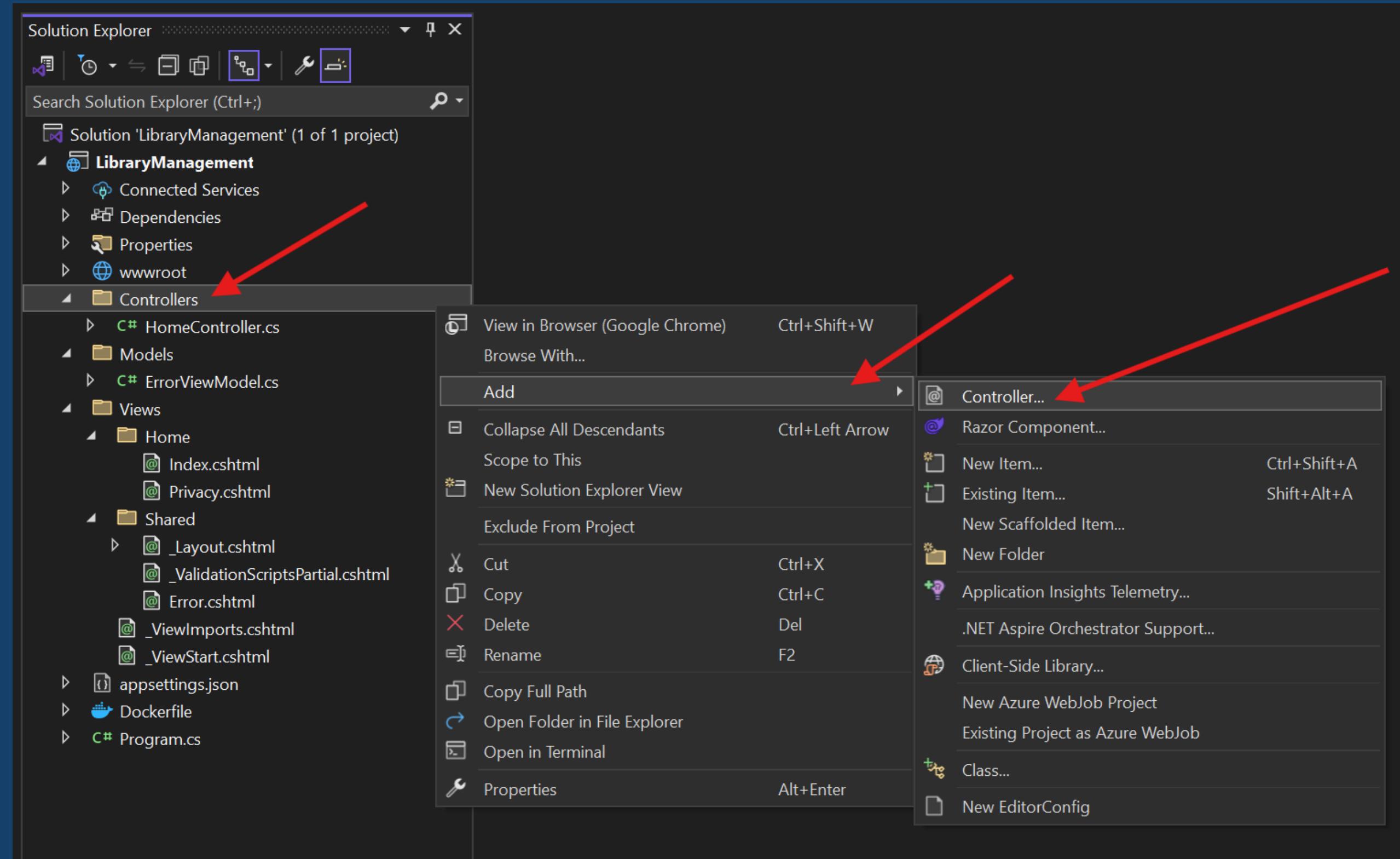


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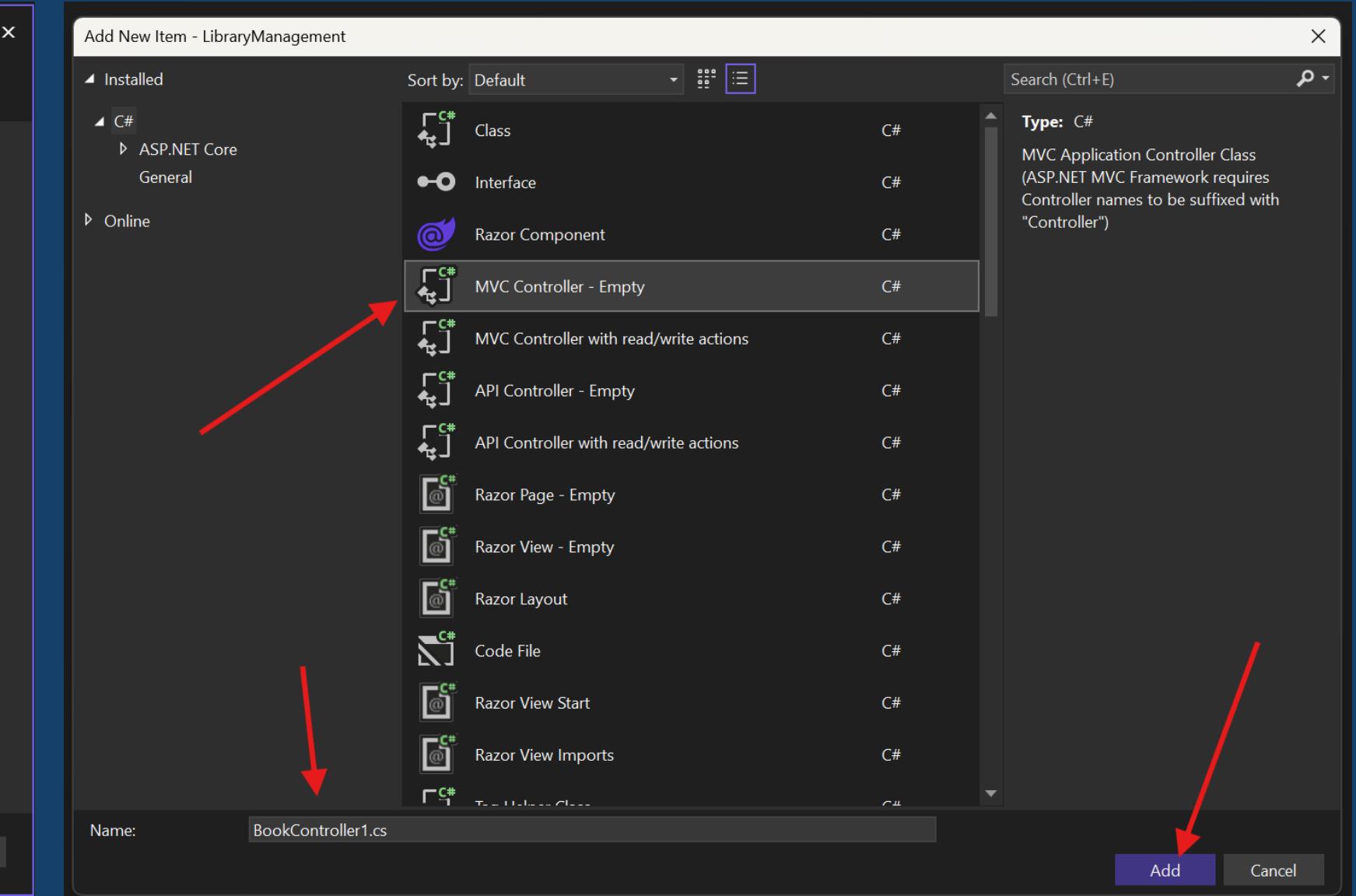
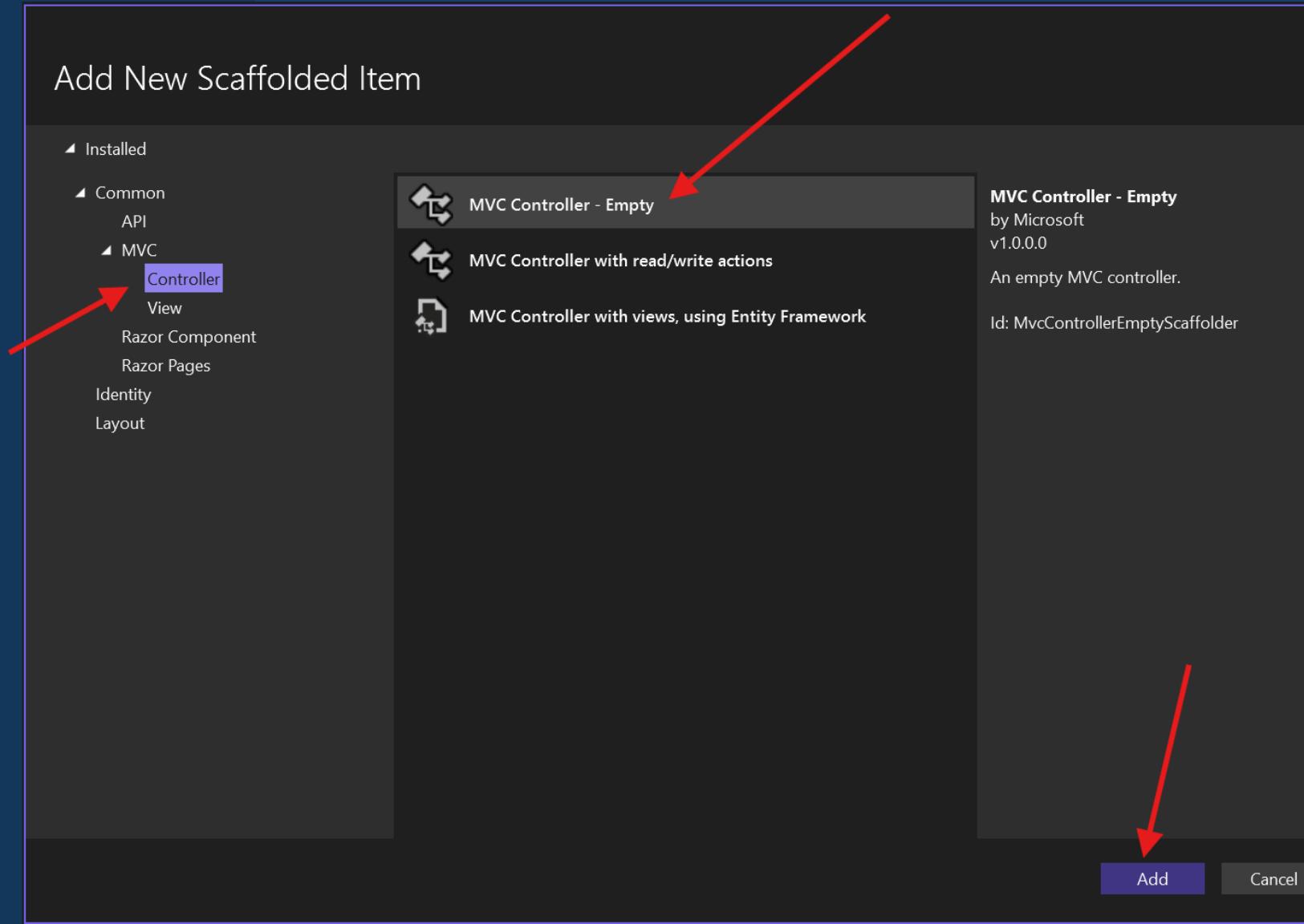
- Handles user input and interactions.
- Processes requests, retrieves model data, and selects the appropriate view for response.
- Example: Handles URL requests like => localhost:44346/Home/Privacy.



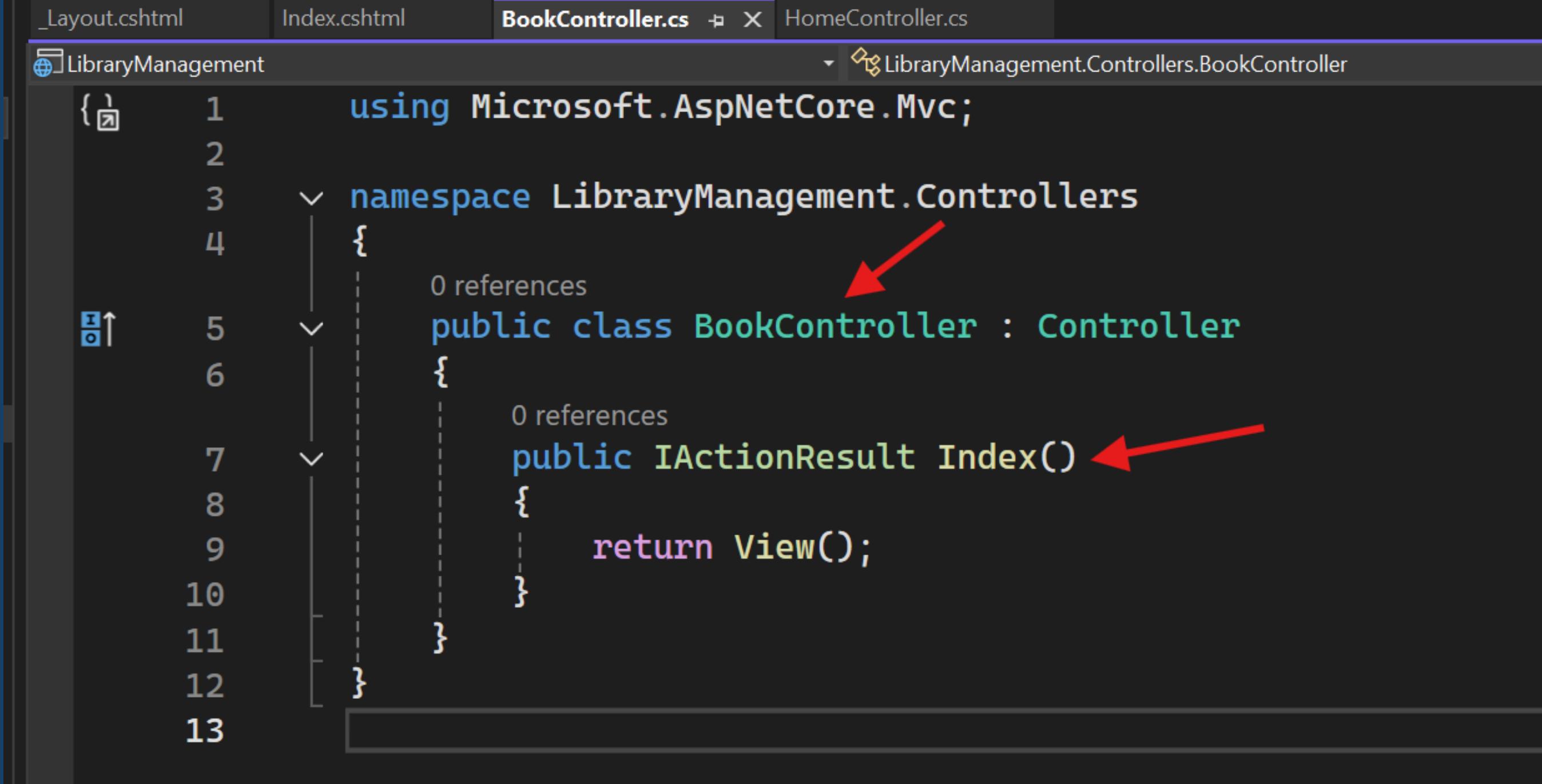
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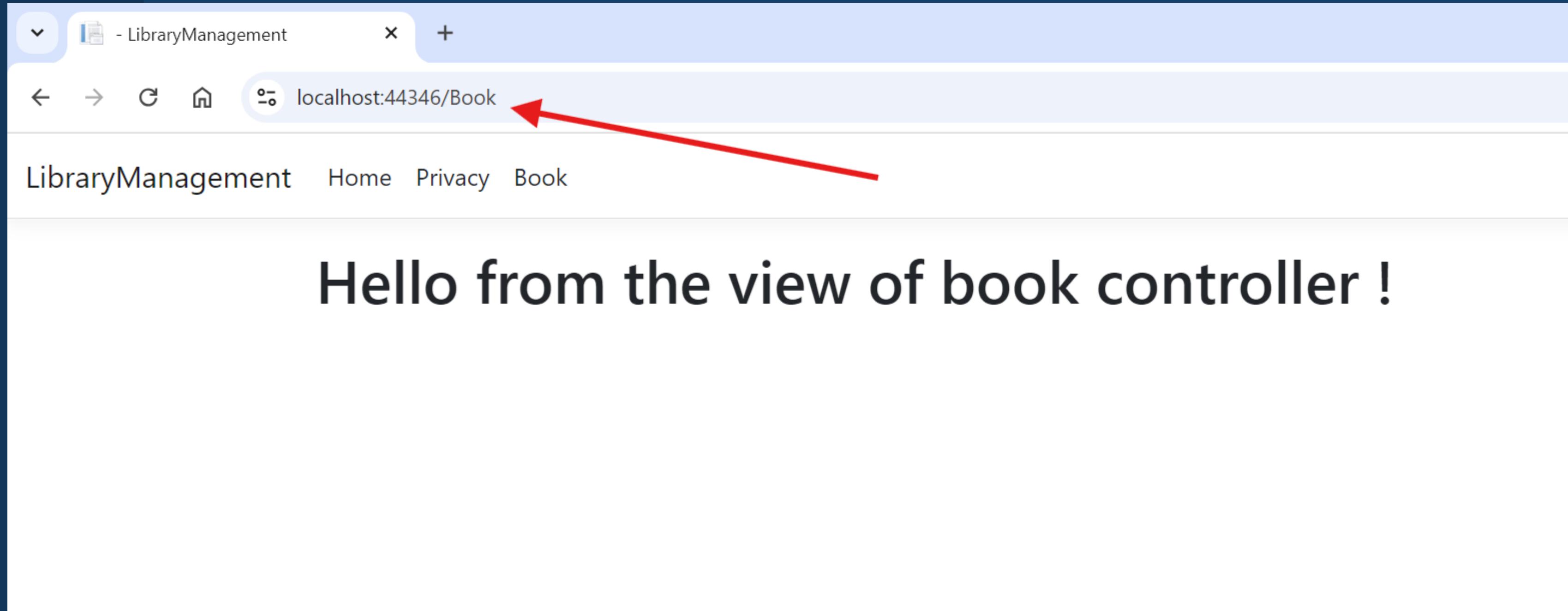
Controller – Index method



```
_Layout.cshtml Index.cshtml BookController.cs ✘ X HomeController.cs
LibraryManagement LibraryManagement.Controllers.BookController
{
    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    }
}
```

The screenshot shows the code editor with the tab 'BookController.cs' selected. The code defines a controller named 'BookController' that inherits from 'Controller'. It contains a single action method named 'Index()' which returns a view. Two red arrows point to the 'Index()' method, highlighting it.

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

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE interface. The Solution Explorer on the left displays the project structure for 'LibraryManagement'. The 'Controllers' folder is expanded, showing 'BookController.cs' and 'HomeController.cs'. The 'Program.cs' file is selected in the code editor on the right. Red arrows point from the 'Controllers' folder in the Solution Explorer to the 'app.MapControllerRoute' line in the code, and from the 'Program.cs' tab in the code editor to the same line.

```
var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

// Add services to the container.
builder.Services.AddControllersWithViews();

var app = builder.Build();

// Configure the HTTP request pipeline.
if (!app.Environment.IsDevelopment())
{
    app.UseExceptionHandler("/Home/Error");
    // The default HSTS value is 30 days. You may want to change this for production scenarios.
    app.UseHsts();

    app.UseHttpsRedirection();
    app.UseStaticFiles();

    app.UseRouting();

    app.UseAuthorization();

    app.MapControllerRoute(
        name: "default",
        pattern: "{controller=Book}/{action=Index}/{id?}");

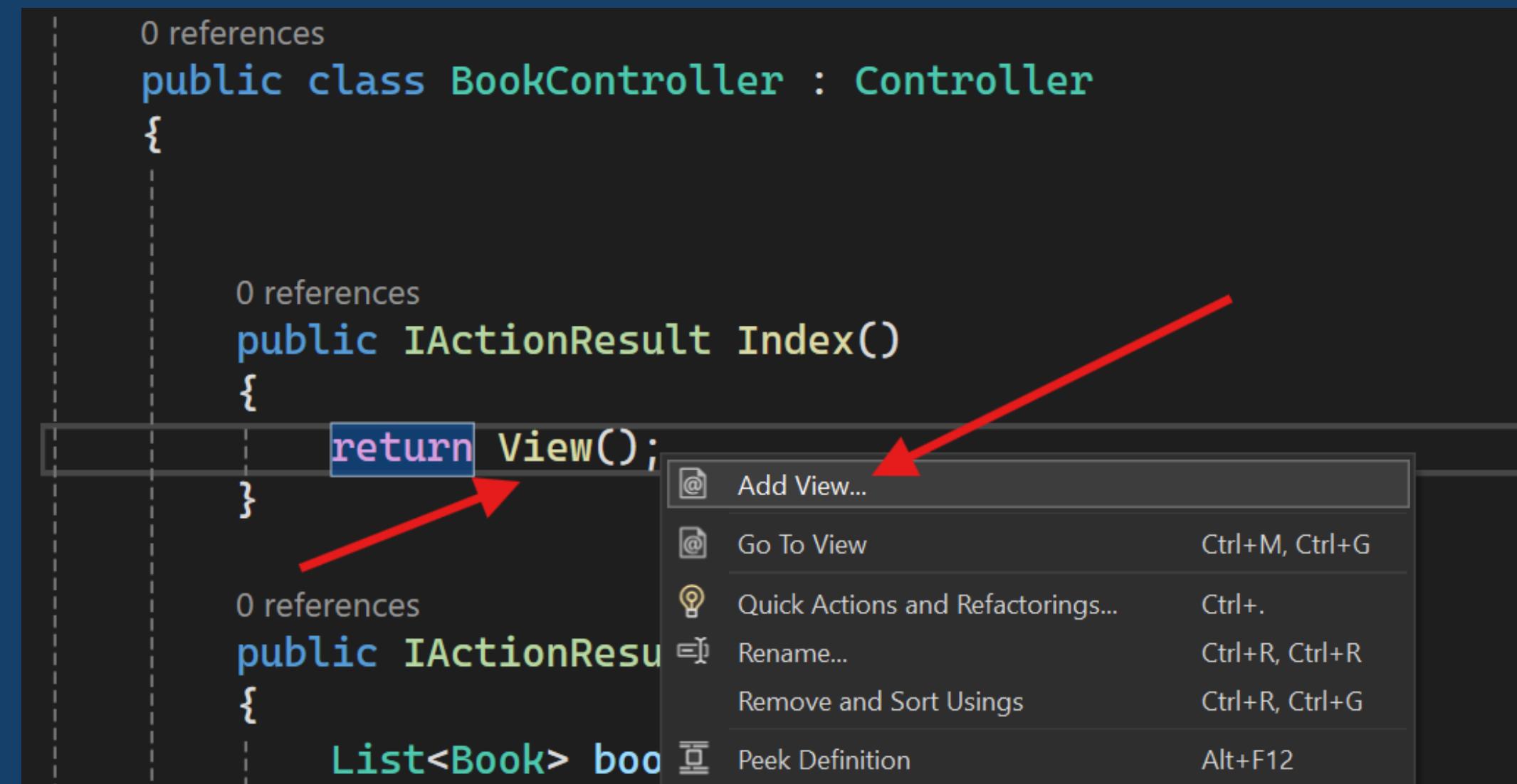
    app.Run();
}
```

View

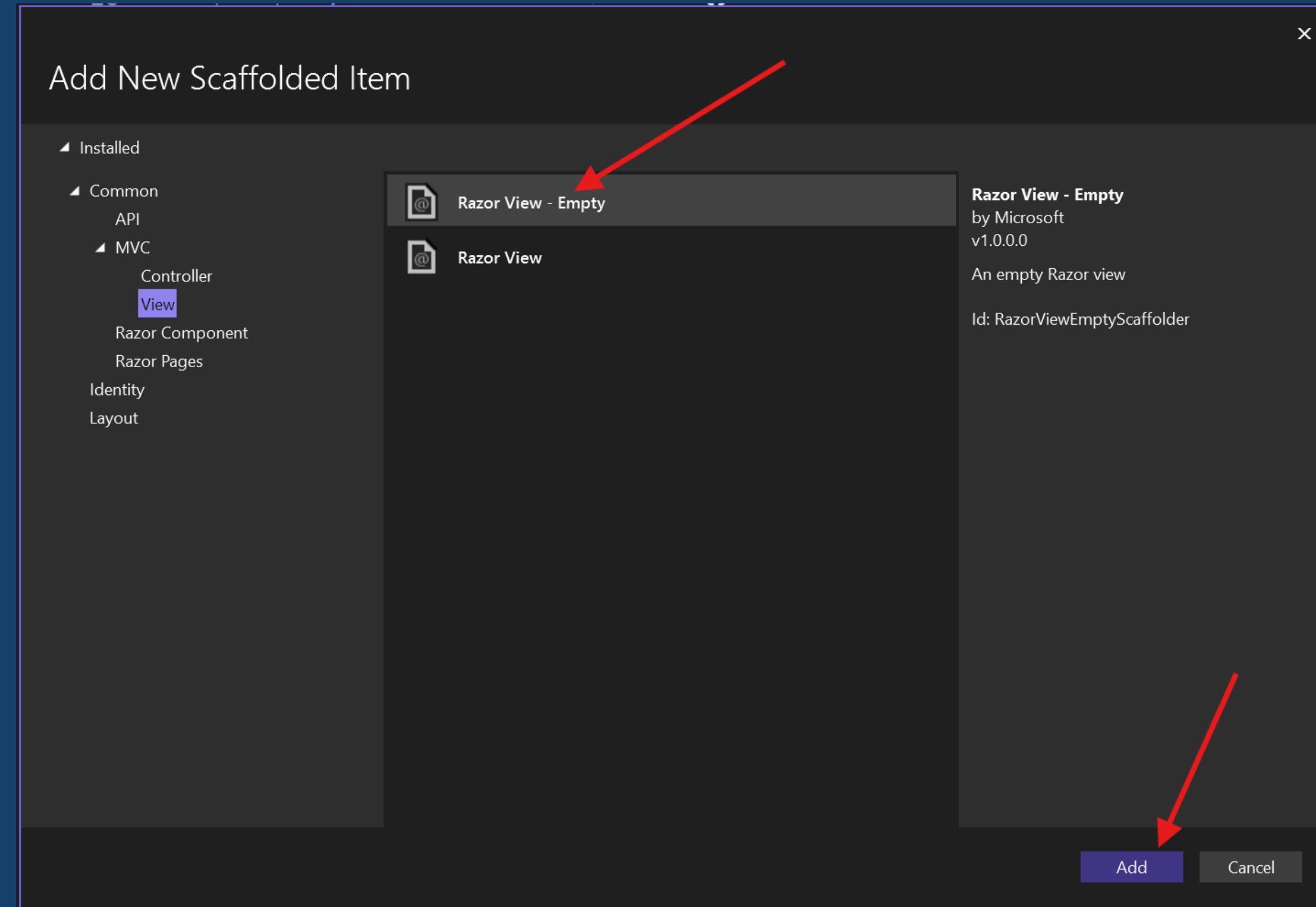
View - add a view to an ASP.NET Core MVC app

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

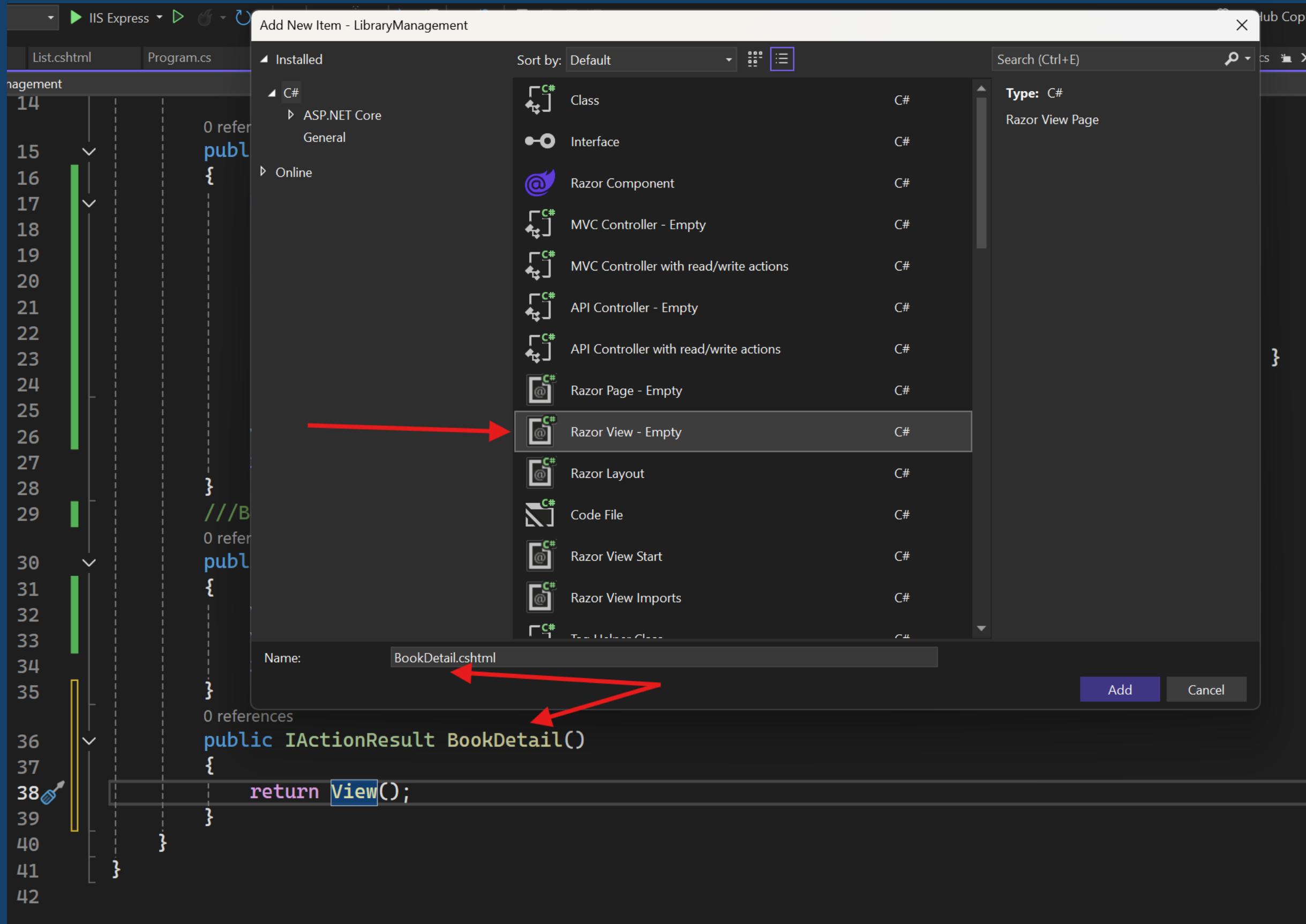
- Have a .cshtml file extension.
- Provide an elegant way to create HTML output with C#.



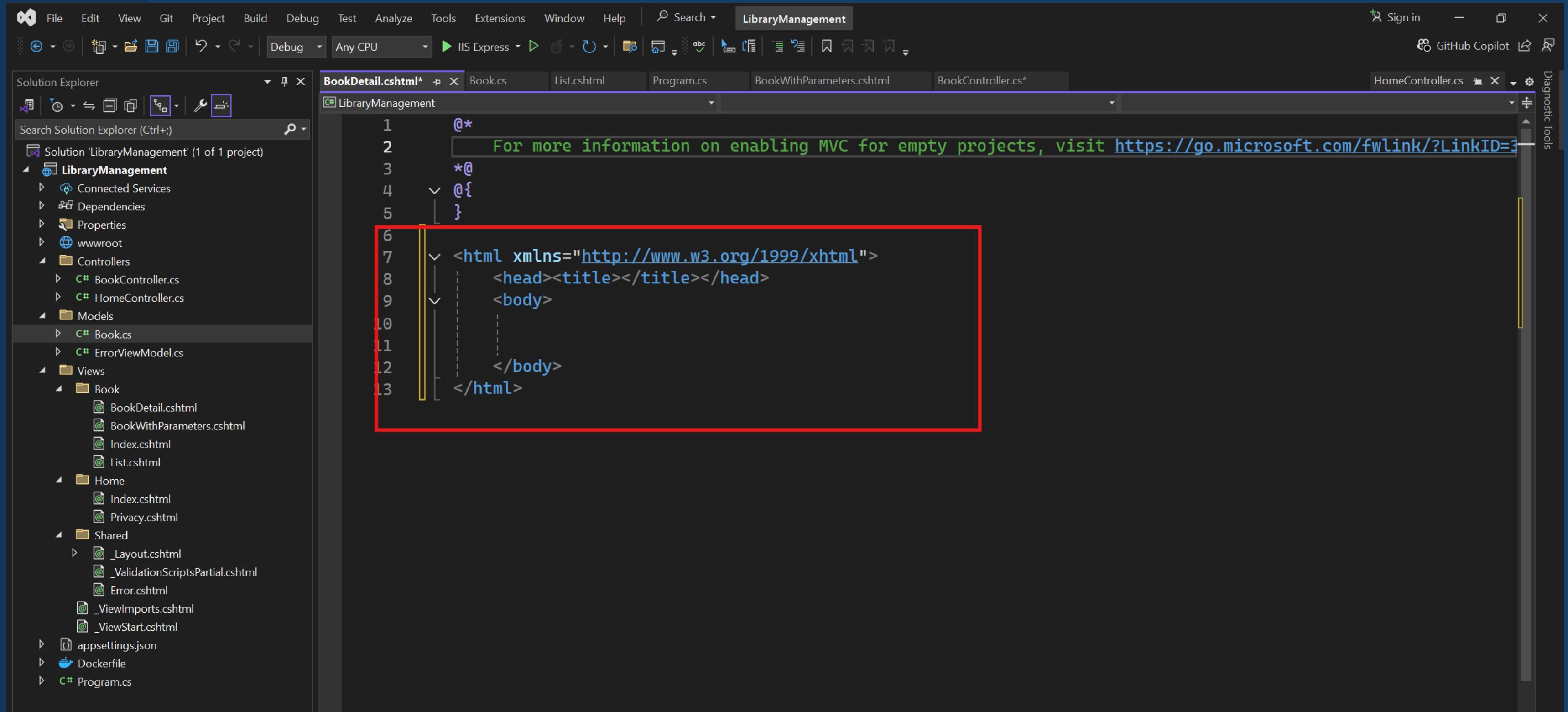
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View - add a view to an ASP.NET Core MVC app



View – The Razor view after create success



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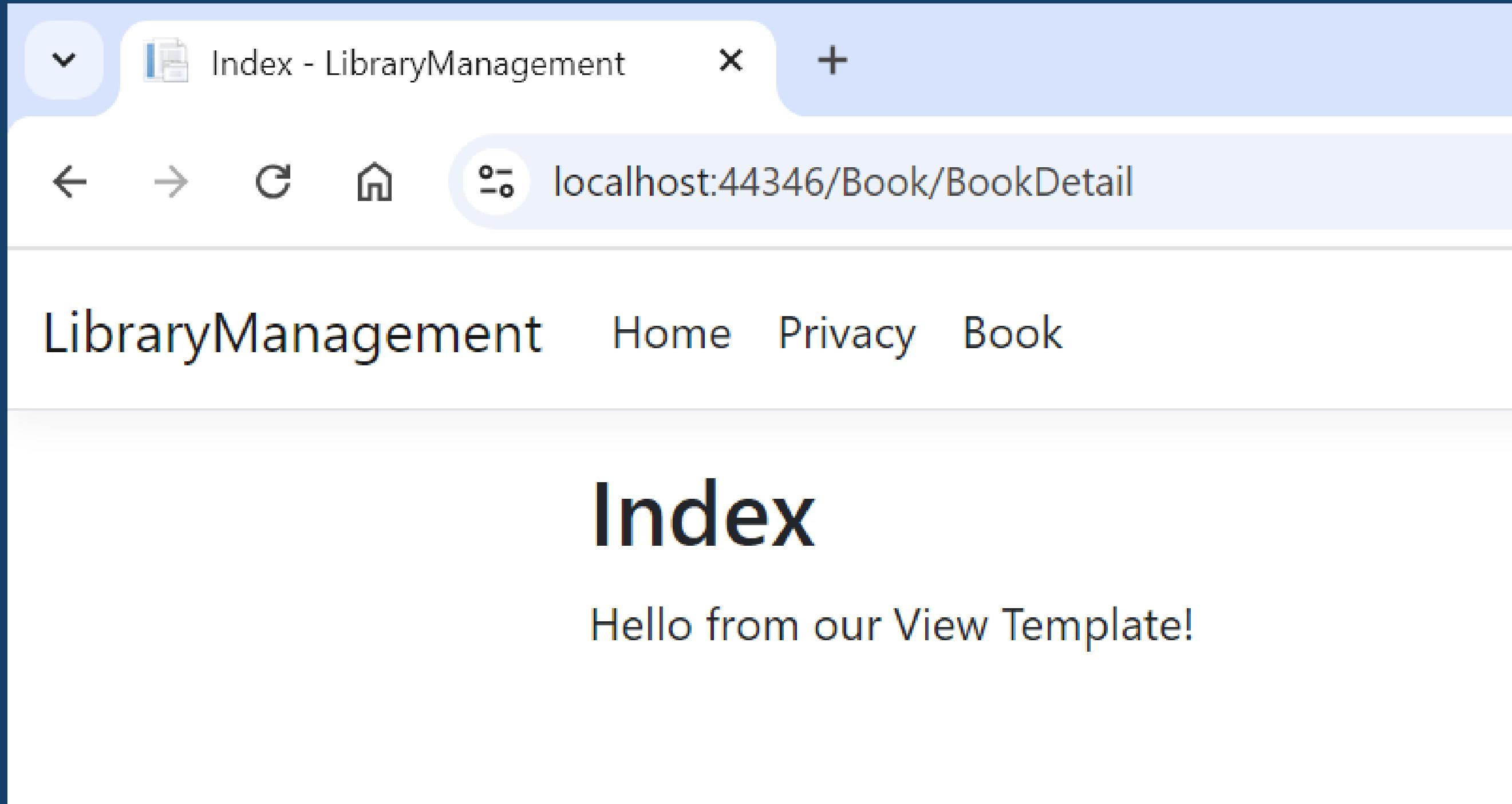
- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure for 'LibraryManagement'. It includes the 'LibraryManagement' folder containing Connected Services, Dependencies, Properties, wwwroot, Controllers (with BookController.cs and HomeController.cs), Models (with Book.cs and ErrorViewModel.cs), Views (with Book, Home, Shared, and other sub-folders), and appsettings.json, Dockerfile, and Program.cs files.
- Code Editor:** The active file is BookDetail.cshtml. The code is as follows:

```
1  @*
2      For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects, visit https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=397734
3  *@
4  @{
5      }
6  <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
7      <head><title></title></head>
8      <body>
9          </body>
10     </html>
```

A red rectangular box highlights the entire body of the HTML code (lines 6-10). A yellow vertical bar highlights the XML namespace declaration (line 6).

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

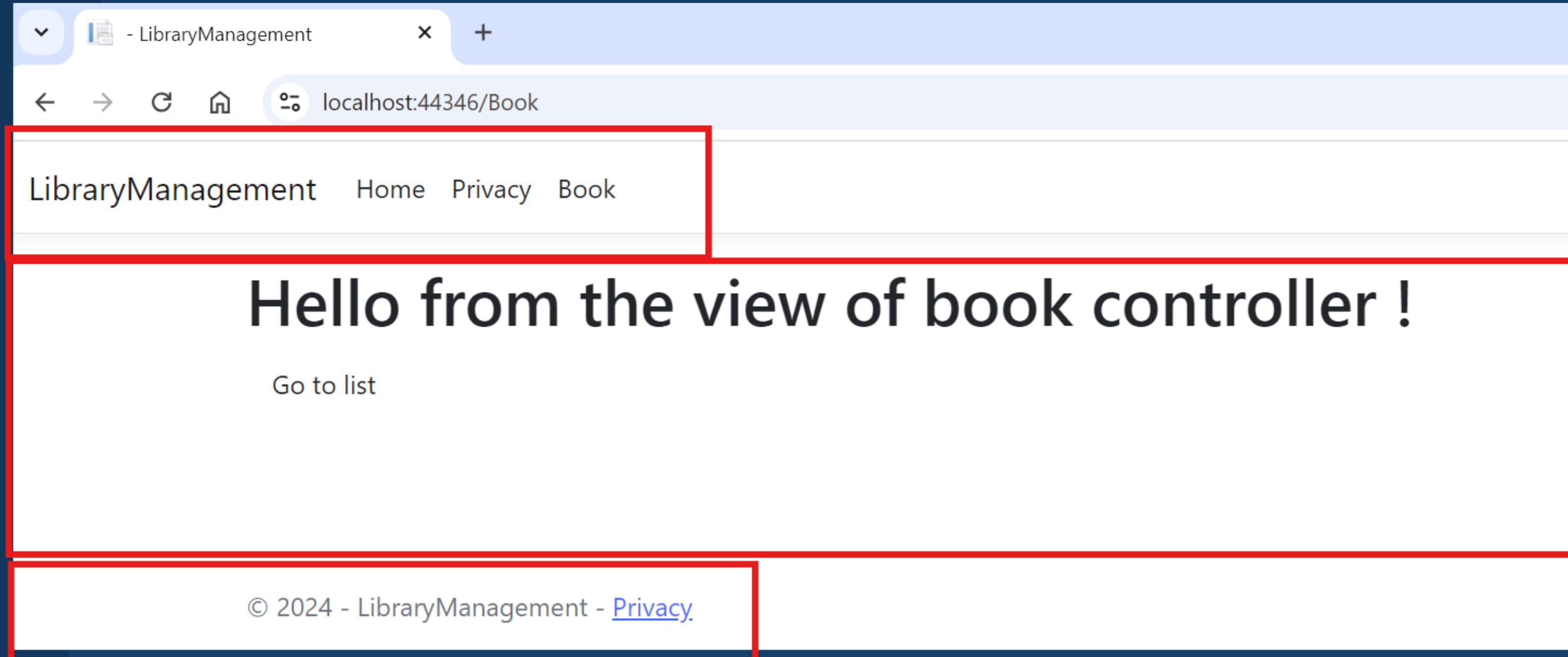
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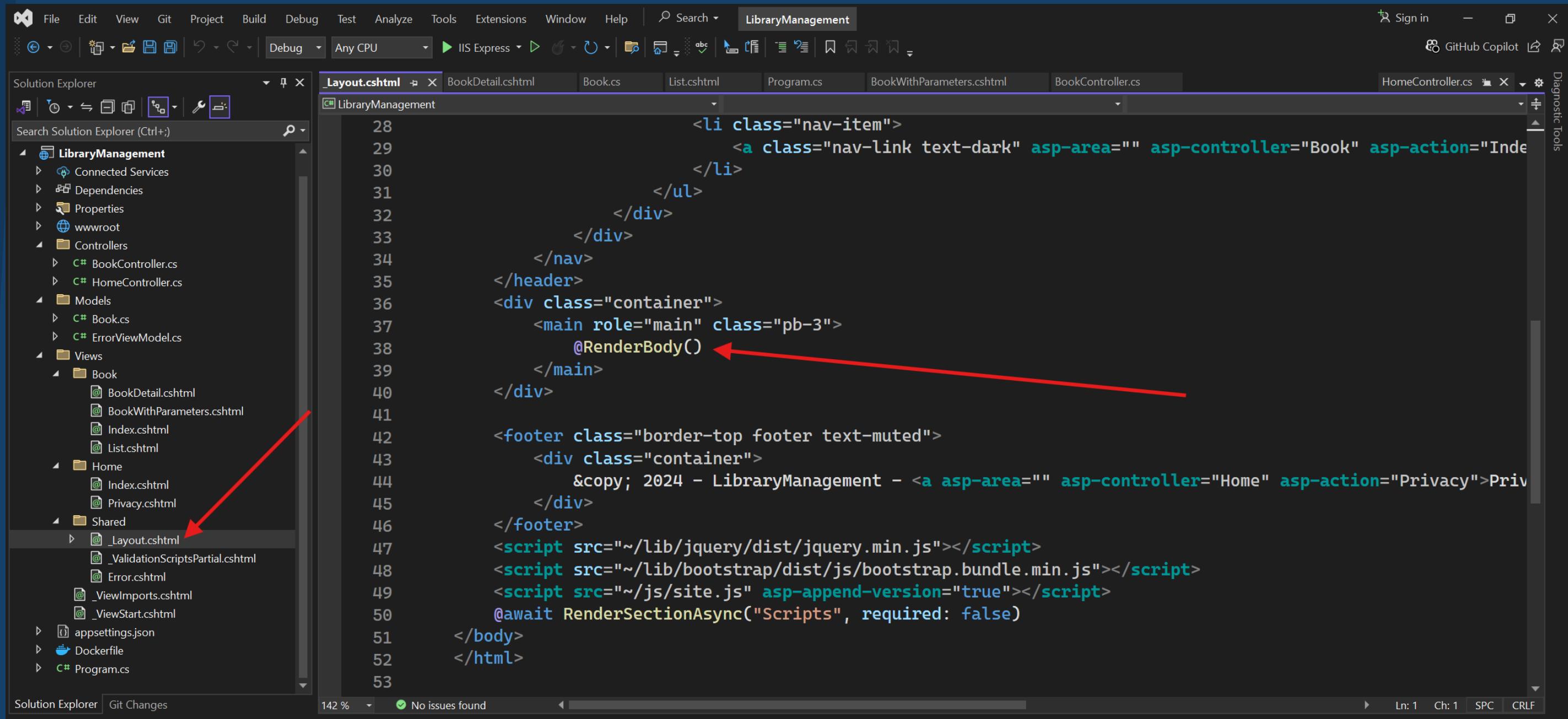
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RenderBody is a placeholder where all the view-specific pages you create show up, wrapped in the layout page. For example, if you select the Privacy link, the Views/Home/Privacy.cshtml view is rendered inside the RenderBody method.

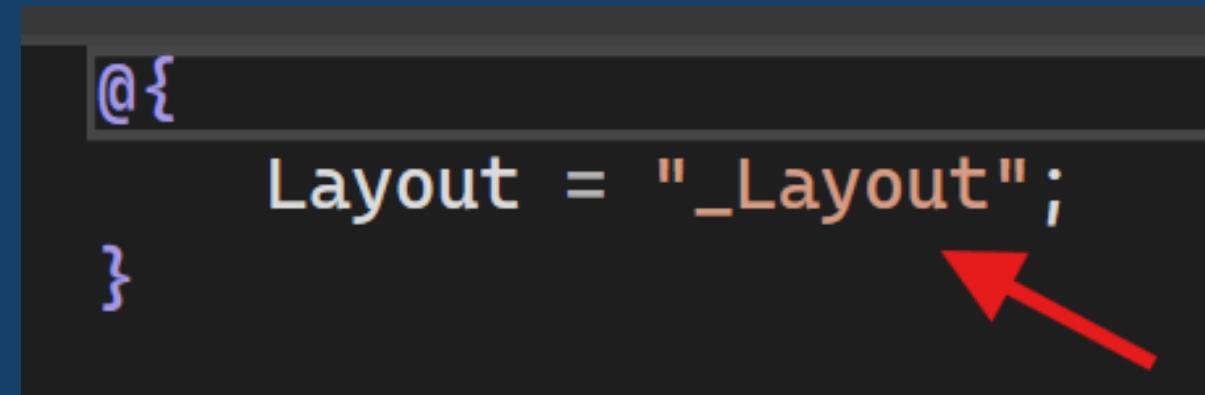


```
28             <li class="nav-item">
29                 <a class="nav-link text-dark" asp-area="" asp-controller="Book" asp-action="Index">
30                     Book
31                 </a>
32             </li>
33         </ul>
34     </div>
35 </header>
36 <div class="container">
37     <main 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>
```

View – Default layout

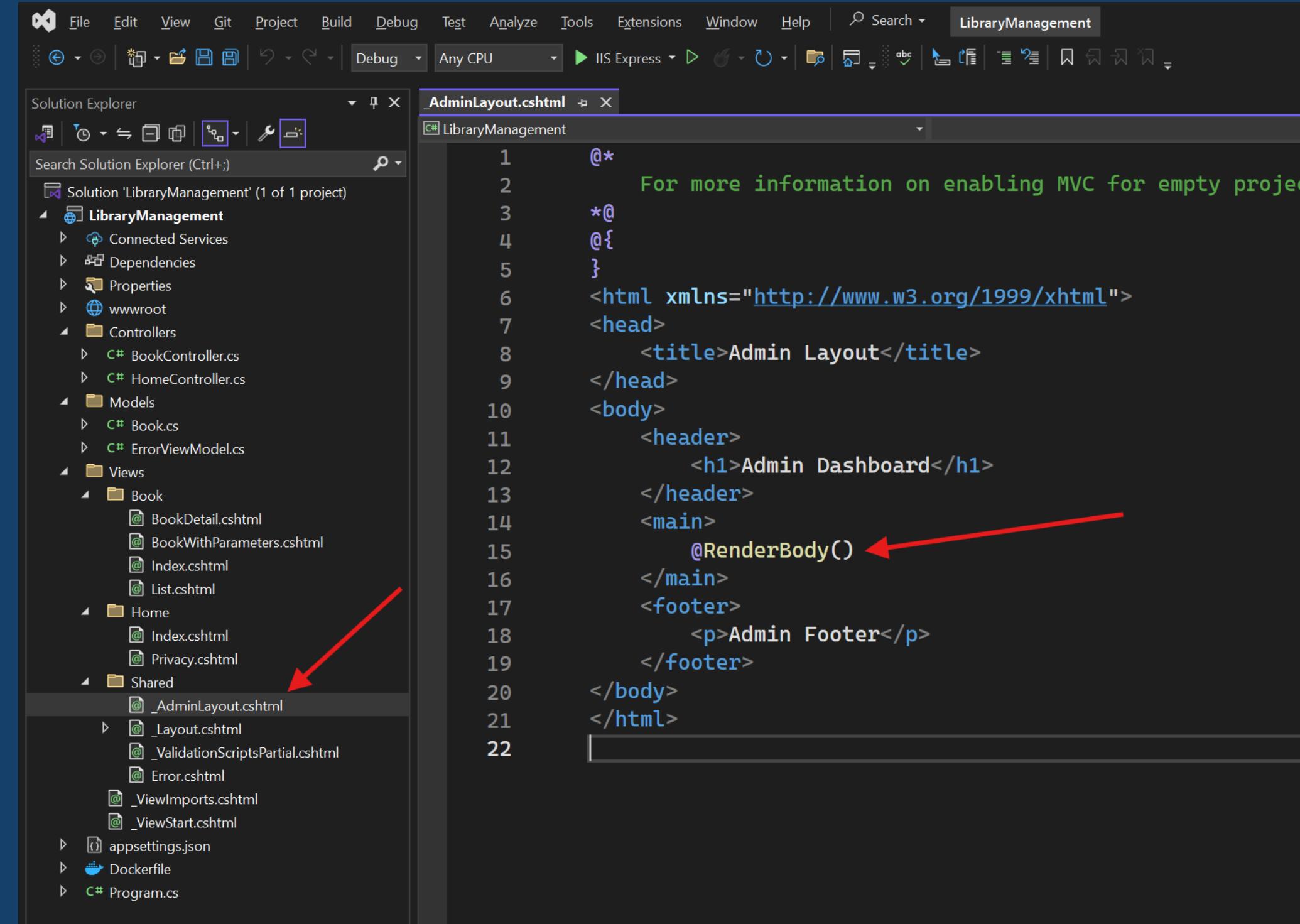
The Views/_ViewStart.cshtml file brings in the Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml file to each view.

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



View – Change the layout for each view

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



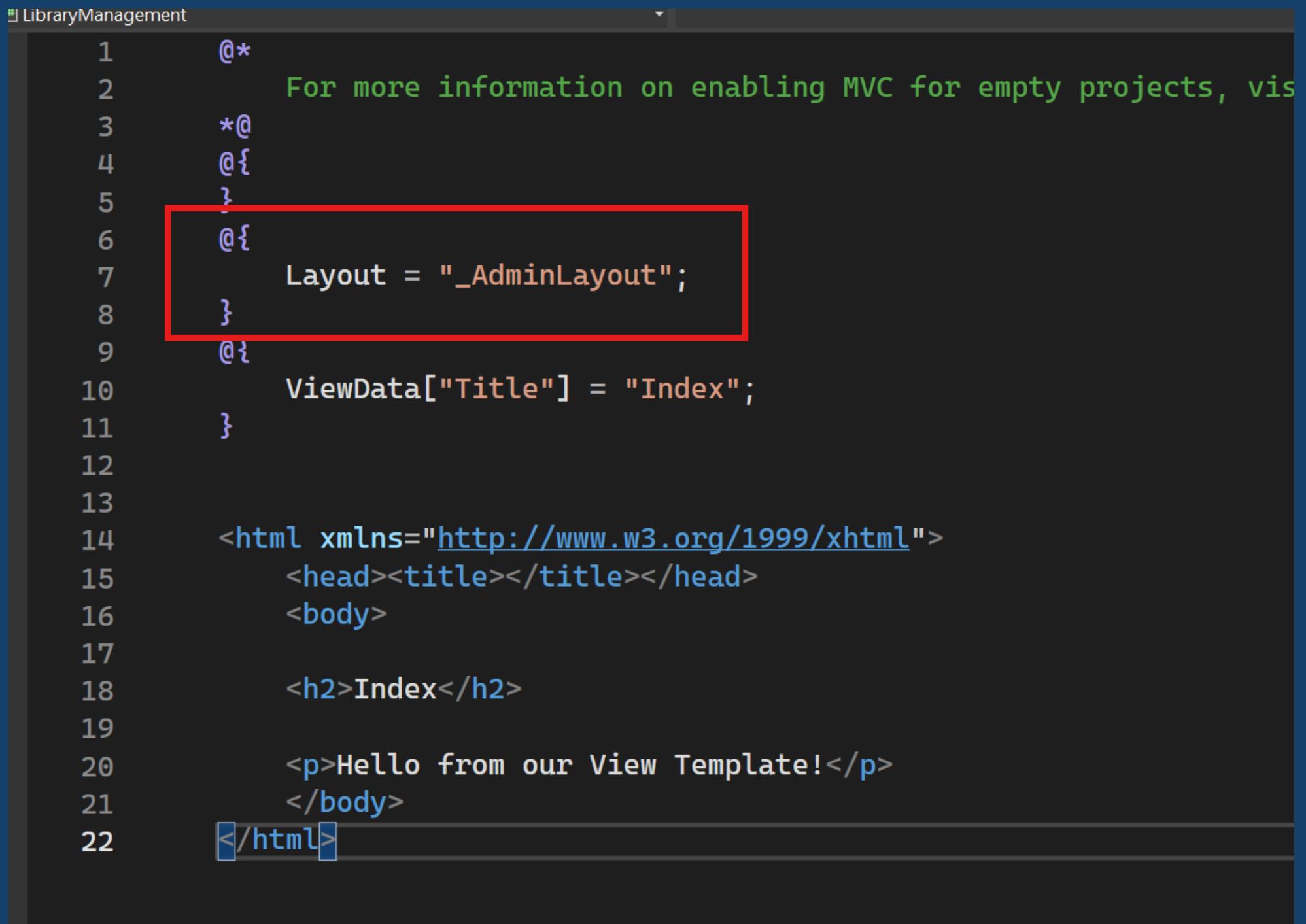
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```
1  @*
2      For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects...
3  *@
4  @{
5  }
6  <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
7  <head>
8      <title>Admin Layout</title>
9  </head>
10 <body>
11     <header>
12         <h1>Admin Dashboard</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()' method call in the main body section of the layout template.

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.



```
1  @*
2      For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects, vis
3  *@
4  @{
5  }
6  @{
7      Layout = "_AdminLayout";
8  }
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

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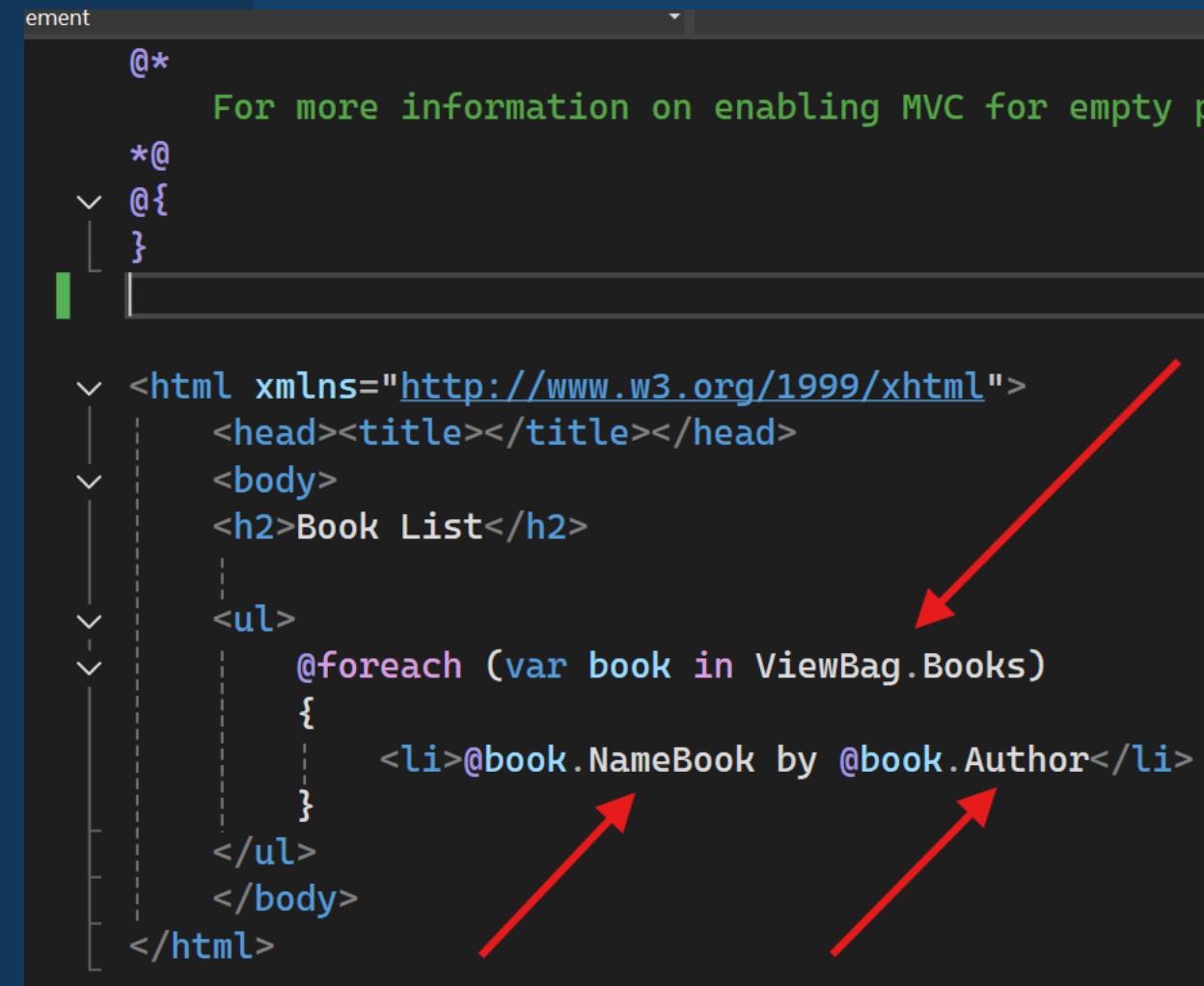
- Prepare data in controller

```
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();
}
```

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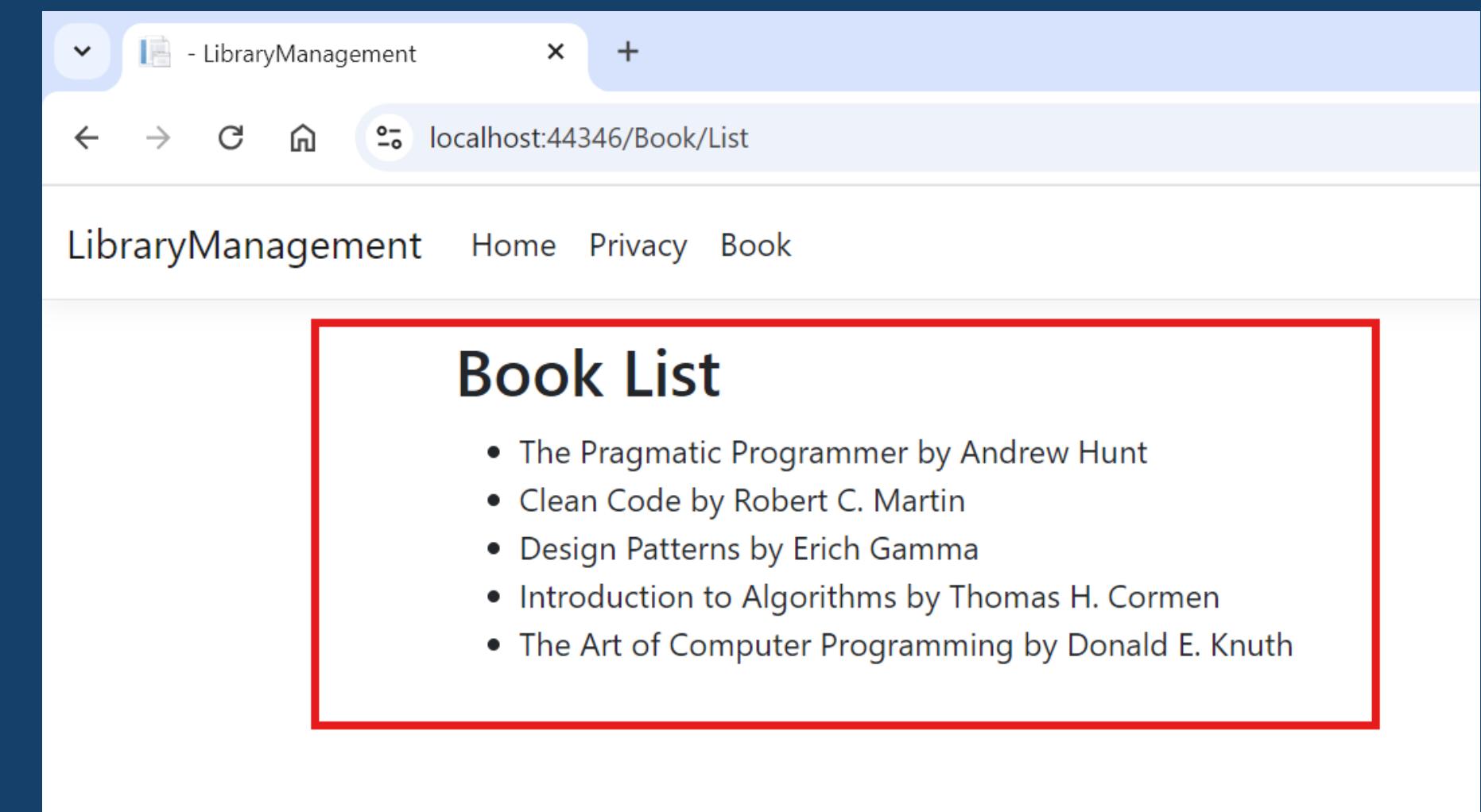
- Show the data get from controller to the view



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element
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    see http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=397704.
    
```

```
*@
@{
}

<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.Name Book by @book.Author</li>
            }
        </ul>
    </body>
</html>
```



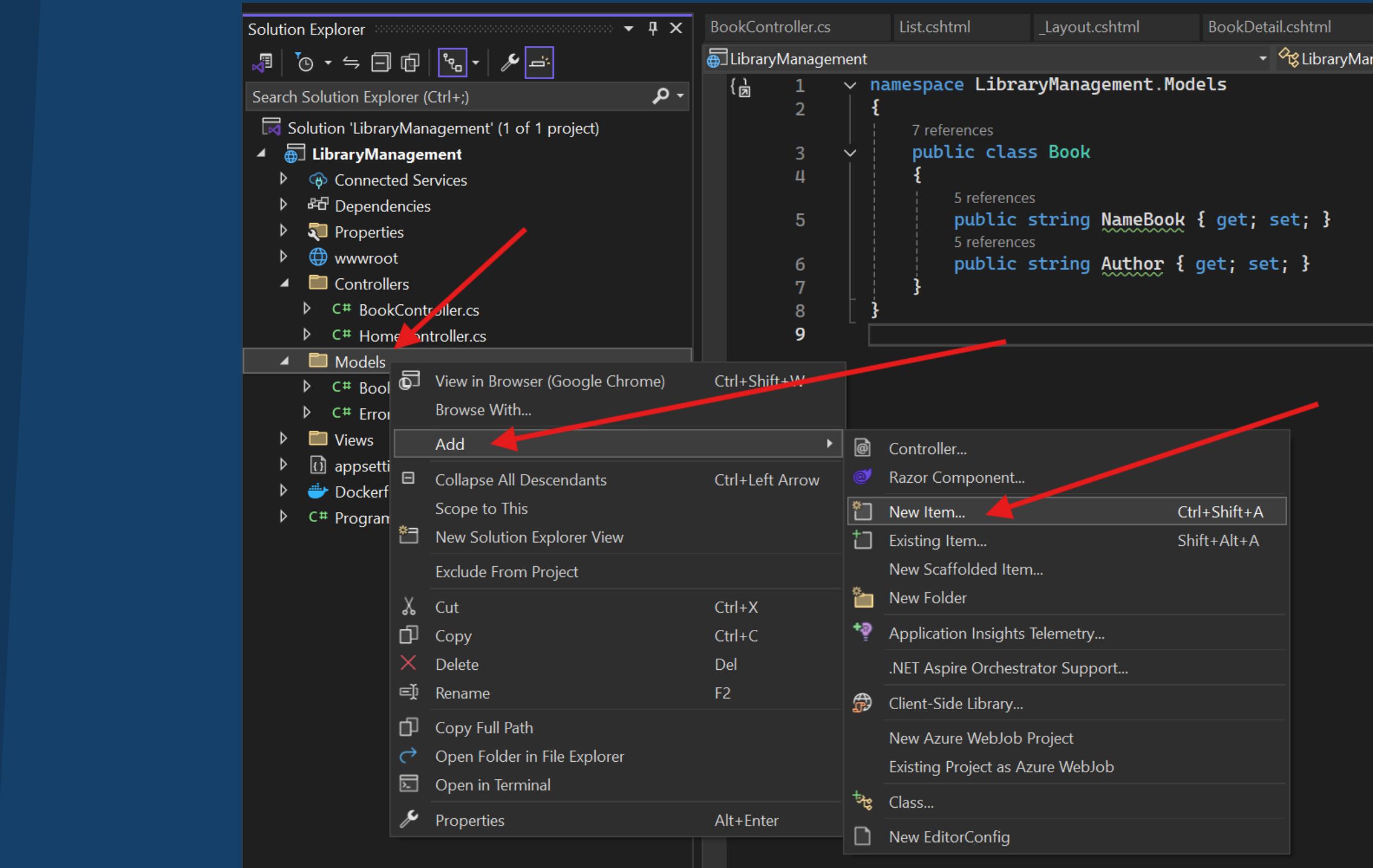
Model

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

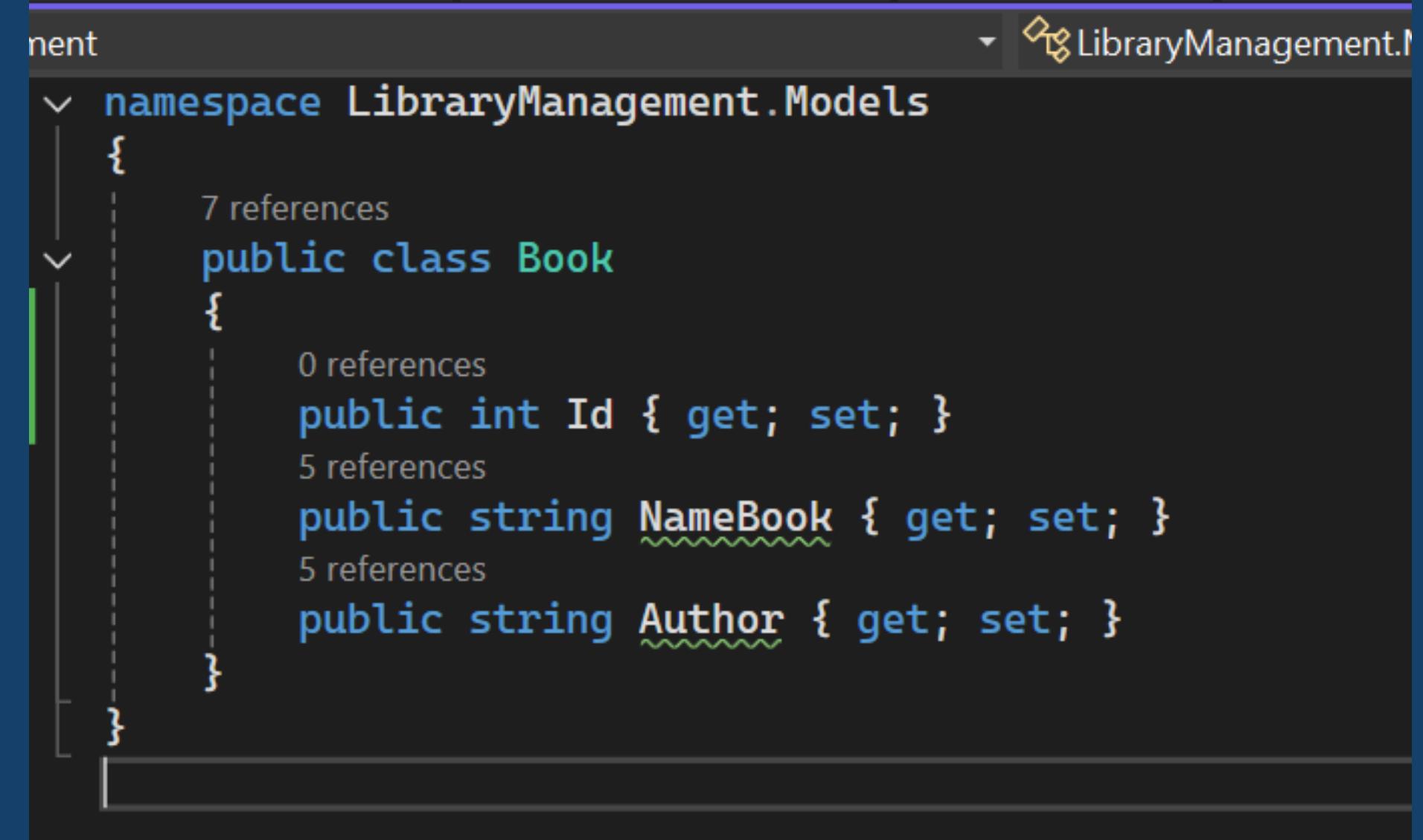


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The **Book** class contains an Id field, which is required by the database for the primary key.

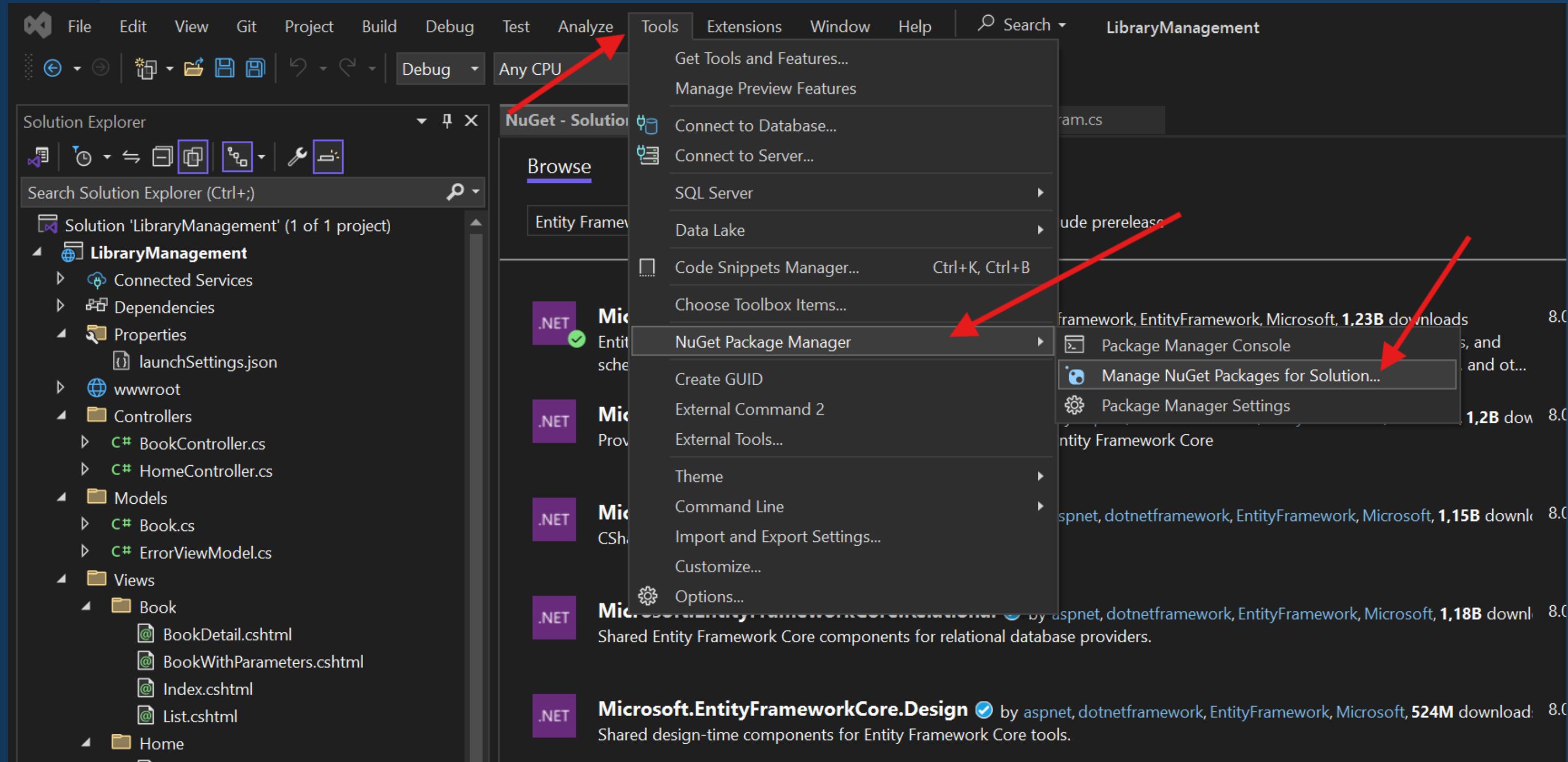
The DataType attribute on ReleaseDate specifies the type of the data (Date). With this attribute:

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



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

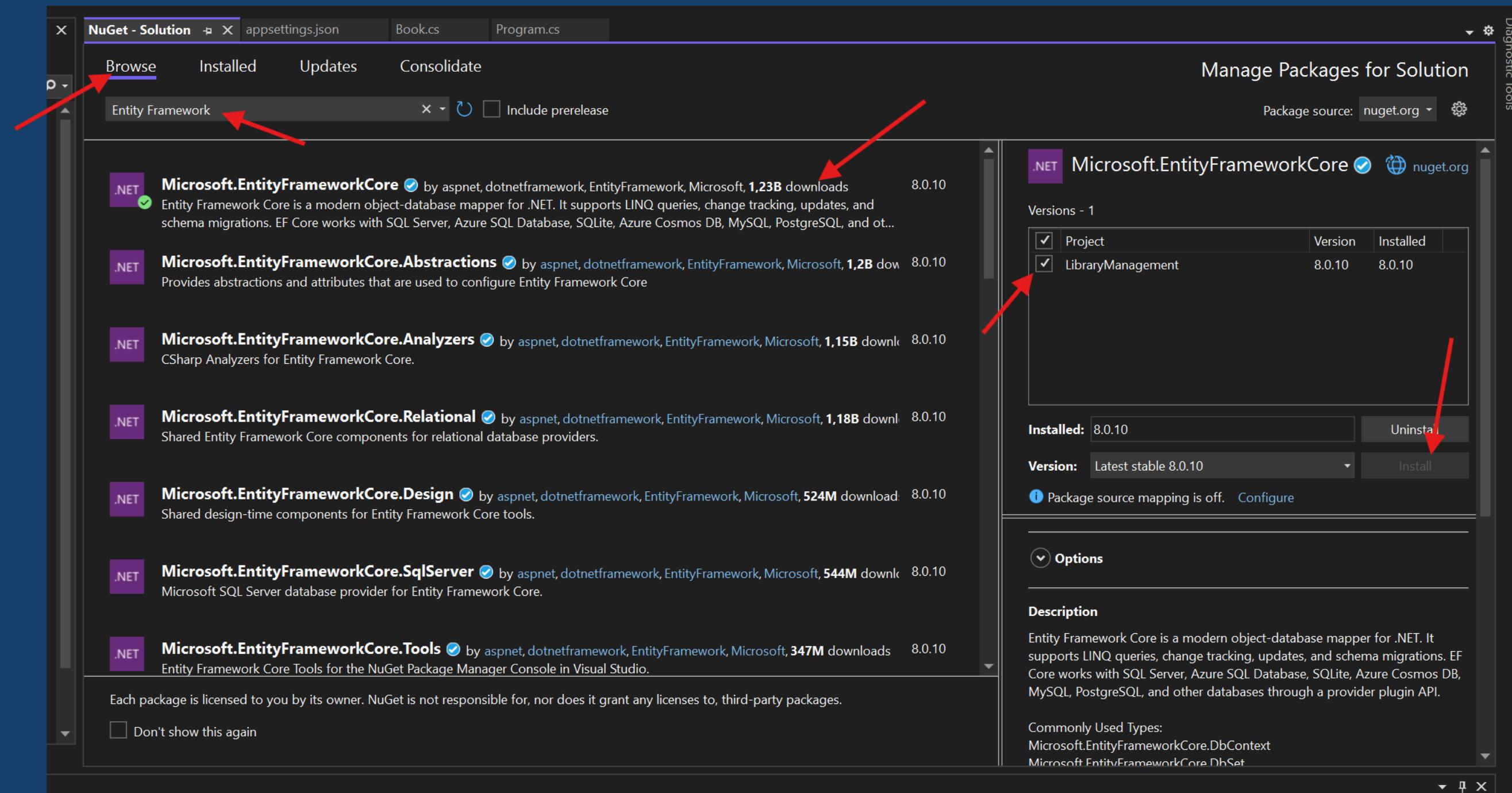
Model – Entity Framework



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Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer

Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore



Model – appsetting.json

```
data source=.;initial  
catalog=YourDatabaseNa  
me;persist security  
info=True;user  
id=sa;password=123456;  
MultipleActiveResultSets=  
True;encrypt=false
```

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE interface with the following details:

- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure with files like Dependencies, launchSettings.json, wwwroot, Controllers, Models, Views, and appsettings.json.
- JSON Editor:** Displays the `appsettings.json` file content. The schema is defined as `https://json.schemastore.org/appsettings.json`. The code is:

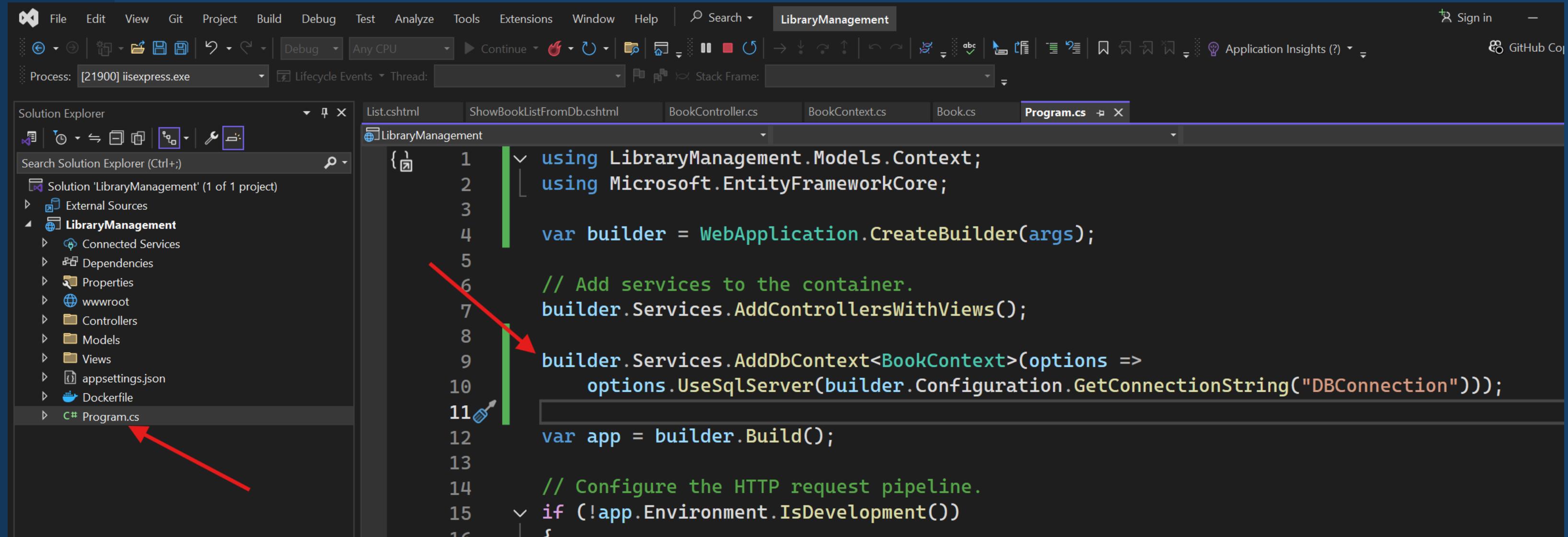
```
1  {  
2      "Logging": {  
3          "LogLevel": {  
4              "Default": "Information",  
5              "Microsoft.AspNetCore": "Warning"  
6          }  
7      },  
8      "AllowedHosts": "*"  
9  },  
10     "ConnectionStrings": {  
11         "DBConnection": "data source=.;initial catalog=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

A red arrow points from the bottom right towards the connection string value, and another red arrow points from the bottom left towards the `appsettings.json` file in the Solution Explorer.

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



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE interface with the following details:

- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure for "LibraryManagement". A red arrow points from the bottom left towards the "Program.cs" file in the Solution Explorer.
- Toolbars and Status Bar:** Standard Visual Studio toolbars and status bar are visible at the top.
- Code Editor:** The "Program.cs" file is open in the editor. The code implements dependency injection for a "BookContext" service:

```
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

```
namespace LibraryManagement.Models.Context
{
    public class BookContext : DbContext
    {
        public BookContext(DbContextOptions<BookContext> options) : base(options)
        {
        }

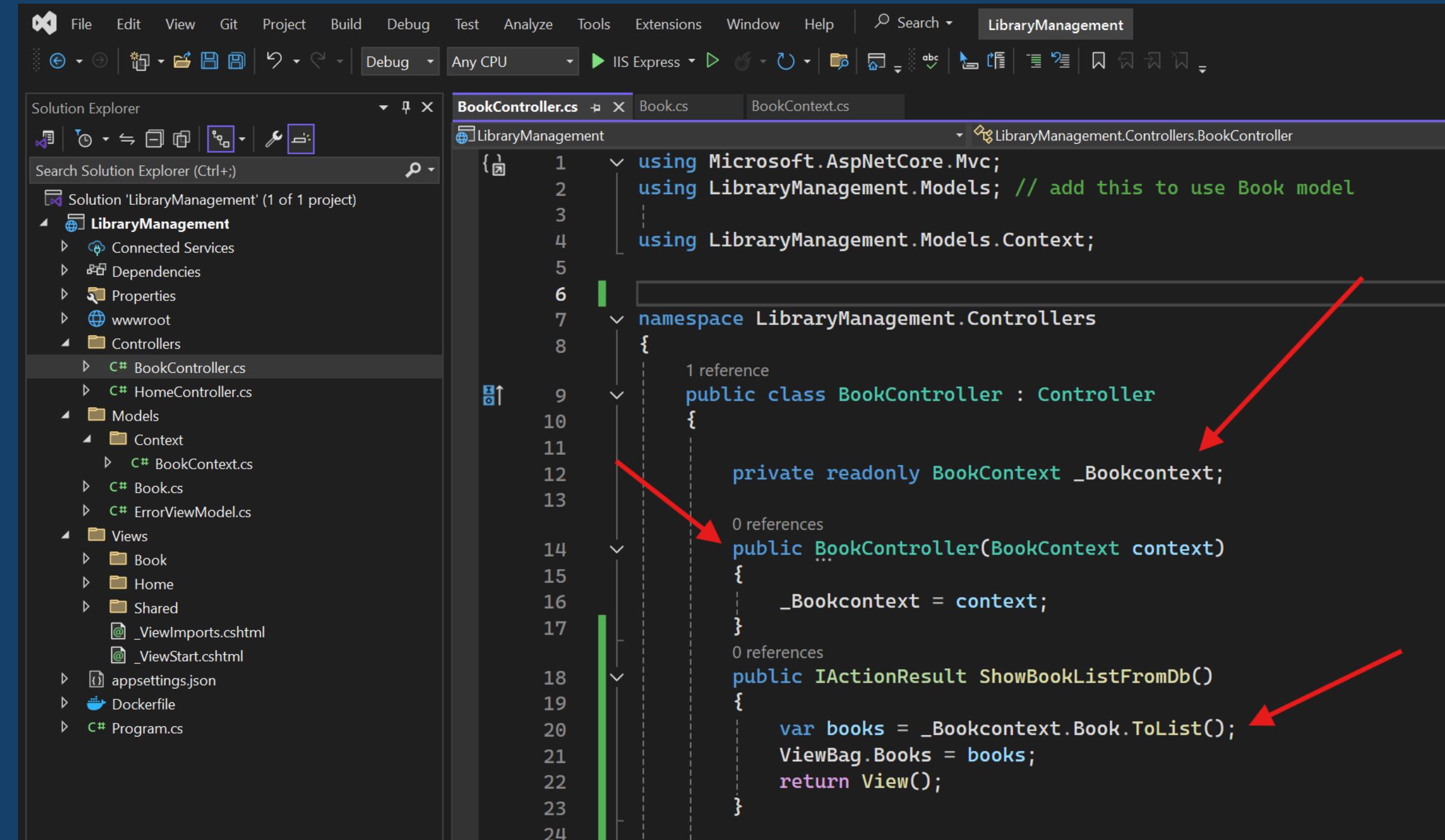
        public DbSet<Book> Book { get; set; }
    }
}
```

```
namespace LibraryManagement.Models
{
    public class Book
    {
        public int Id { get; set; }

        public string NameBook { get; set; }

        public string Author { get; set; }
    }
}
```

Model – Dependency injection in the controller



```
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appsettings.json
Dockerfile
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using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using LibraryManagement.Models; // add this to use Book model
using LibraryManagement.Models.Context;

namespace LibraryManagement.Controllers
{
    public class BookController : Controller
    {
        private readonly BookContext _Bookcontext;
        public BookController(BookContext context)
        {
            _Bookcontext = context;
        }
        public IActionResult ShowBookListFromDb()
        {
            var books = _Bookcontext.Book.ToList();
            ViewBag.Books = books;
            return View();
        }
    }
}
```

Model – Show in view

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE interface with the following details:

- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure for "LibraryManagement". It includes the following items:
 - LibraryManagement (Project)
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 - _ViewStart.cshtml
 - appsettings.json
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 - Program.cs
- Code Editor:** Displays the content of the "ShowBookListFromDb.cshtml" view file.

```
1  @*
2      For more information on enabling MVC for empty projects,
3      visit https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=397705.
4  *@
5  @{
6      }
7  <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
8      <head><title></title></head>
9      <body>
10         <h2>Book List from Database using Model</h2>
11         <ul>
12             @foreach (var book in ViewBag.Books)
13             {
14                 <li>@book.NameBook by @book.Author</li>
15             }
16         </ul>
17     </body>
18 </html>
```

A red box highlights the foreach loop: `@foreach (var book in ViewBag.Books){ ... }`. A red arrow points from the Solution Explorer's "ShowBookListFromDb.cshtml" item to the code editor.

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