

Code and slides

Clone the following repo from GitHub:

https://github.com/nickverschueren/devcruise-2019



.NET Core "Hello World!"

Step 1: Start with a simple console application

- Create an empty folder on disk called "DevCruise"
- Start VisualStudio Code in the folder
- (Optional) Initialize a GIT repository
 - Don't forget to add an appropriate .gitignore file
- Open a new terminal window
- Confirm the .NET Core version.
- Generate the .NET Core Console application
 - > dotnet new console

Step 1: Start with a simple console application

```
using System;
namespace DevCruise
    class Program
        static void Main(string[] args)
            Console.WriteLine("Hello World!");
```

Step 1: A very clean and simple "csproj" build script



Running the .NET Core "Hello World!" app

Step 2: Run it!

- Start debugging
 - Debug Start Debugging (F5)
 - Select .NET Core
 - launch.json is generated automatically
 - Hit F5 again
 - In Debug Console you should see:
 - > Hello World!

Step 2: What else happened?

- VS Code generated (.vscode folder):
 - launch.json
 - tasks.json
- MSBuild generated:
 - "assets", Debug and Nuget stuff file in "obj" folder
 - "bin" folder with out build output



.NET Core Webserver "Hello World!"

Step 3: Make the console app into a webserver!

Change DevCruise.csproj file

Run dotnet restore in the terminal window

Add usings to Program.cs:

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Builder;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Hosting;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Http;
using Microsoft.Extensions.Hosting;
```

Step 3: Make the console app into a webserver!

Change Main()

```
static void Main(string[] args)
    var hostBuilder = Host.CreateDefaultBuilder(args);
    hostBuilder.ConfigureWebHostDefaults(webBuilder => {
            webBuilder.Configure(app => {
                app.Run(context =>
                    context.Response.WriteAsync("Hello World!"));
            });
        });
    var host = hostBuilder.Build();
    host.Run();
```

Step 3: Make the console app into a webserver!

- Start Debug
 - Delete launch.json and tasks.json from .vscode folder
 - > Hit F5, select .NET Core
 - A new launch.json and tasks.json are generated
- Look for the hosting location in the Terminal window
- A browser should open at given URL e.g. http://localhost:5000
- You should see:

Hello World!



Cleanup Program.cs

Step 4: Create Startup class

Add a new file named Startup.cs

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Builder;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Http;
using Microsoft.Extensions.DependencyInjection;
namespace DevCruise
    class Startup
        public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
        public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app)
            app.Run(context => context.Response.WriteAsync("Hello World!"));
```

Step 4: Refactor Program.cs

Change Main()

Start Debug (F5)



Serving Static Files

Step 5: Serve static files

- Change Program.cs
 - Add the following where they should go:
 - > using System.IO;
 - > var webRoot = Path.Combine(Environment.CurrentDirectory, "wwwroot");
 - > webBuilder.UseWebRoot(webRoot);
- Change Startup.cs
 - Comment out app.Run(...)
 - Add app.UseStaticFiles();
- Create a new sub-folder called wwwroot
 - Add an index.html file of you choice
- Hit F5!

Step 5: Serve static files

- Got a 404? What went wrong?
 - ASP.NET Core will honor default files out-of-the-box!
- Try explicitly requesting /index.html
- To resolve the problem add app.UseDefaultFiles();
 - Observe: the order in the Configure method is important!
 - Try reordering UseStaticFiles and UseDefaultFiles

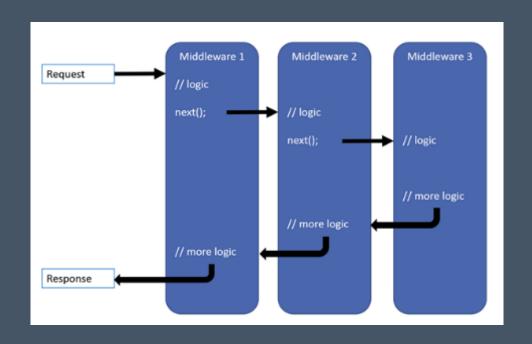


The ASP.NET Core Pipeline

A little bit of theory...

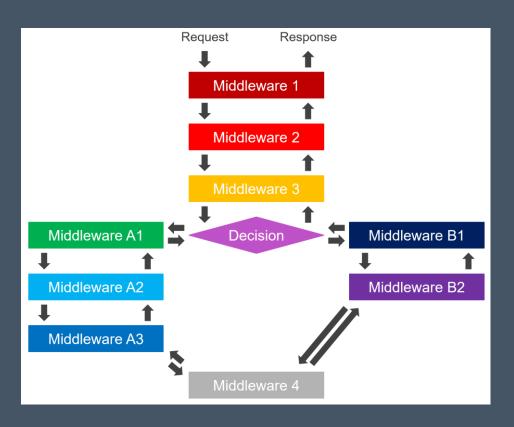
ASP.NET Core Pipeline

- The pipeline consists of chained components called "Middlewares"
- Each middleware gets a delegate to the next middleware in the chain
- The request context gets passed down the chain until handled
- The chain then rolls back up to the first middleware



ASP.NET Core Pipeline

- Pipelines do not have to be straight all the time, they can
 - Branch
 - Merge
 - Terminate
- Example: the "Map" and "MapWhen" middlewares for handling some requests differently
 - "/admin" requires authentication
 - "/" does not require authentication



ASP.NET Core Pipeline

Typical usage of middleware:

- Add to dependency injection
 - services.AddMiddleware(configurationDelegate);

```
services.AddResponseCompression(o =>
    o.Providers.Add<GzipCompressionProvider>());
```

- Add to the pipeline in the right order
 - app.UseMiddleware();
 app.UseResponseCompression();
- Question: Does this middleware come first or last in the pipeline?

ASP.NET Core Dependency Injection

- Dependencies are configured in the ConfigureServices method
 - Services can be registered:
 - > using interfaces, concrete classes and factory methods
 - with lifetimes: Transient (default), Scoped (per request, kind of) and Singleton
 - Services can be resolved:
 - > Constructor injection
 - Parameter injection (in certain cases!)
 - Using IServiceProvider injected (not recommended)
 - No property injection
 - The default implementation can be easily replaced by Autofac, Ninject, ...



Building an API

Adding API functionality to the pipeline

 Add the required dependency: this will automatically resolve all controllers later on services.AddControllers();

Add routing to enable resolving actions based on routes

```
app.UseRouting();
```

Add endpoints for our actions

```
app.UseEndpoints(builder => builder.MapControllers());
```

Remember to add output compression

Anatomy of an API Controller

- ApiController attribute
- Route attribute
- ControllerBase inheritance (Optional)
- Http Verb attributes
- public methods that return IActionResult
- Result helper methods: Ok, CreatedAt, BadRequest, Conflict, ...

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
namespace DevCruise
    [ApiController]
    [Route("/api/room")]
    public class RoomController : ControllerBase
        [HttpGet]
        public IActionResult GetRooms()
            return Ok(new [] {"Fes", "Rabat",
                "Nador"});
```

Adding the API Controller

- Add new folder named "Controllers"
- Add new file named "RoomController.cs"
- Copy code from previous slide to RoomController file.
- Start debugging and browse to /api/room



Adding a data store

Describing a data store

- Add a persistence provider
 - Open a terminal window
 - Type: dotnet add package Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqLite
- In the Model folder add a new file called DevCruiseDbContext.cs

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;

namespace DevCruise.Model
{
   public class DevCruiseDbContext : DbContext
   {
      public DevCruiseDbContext(DbContextOptions<DevCruiseDbContext> options) : base(options)
      {
            if (Database.EnsureCreated()) Initialize();
      }
   }
}
```

Describing a data store

Add the DevCruiseDbContext to dependency injection

```
services.AddDbContext<DevCruiseDbContext>(o =>
   o.UseSqlite("Data Source=App_Data/DevCruiseDb.sqlite;"));
```

- > The string is the relative location for the database file.
- The DbContext is now ready to hold data and to be injected where we need it

Creating a model

Refactor the RoomController

- Add a new folder called Model
- Add a new file called Room.cs

- Change the GetAll method to return Enum.GetNames(typeof(Room))
- Remember to add using

```
namespace DevCruise.Model
{
    public enum Room
    {
        Fes = 1,
        Rabat = 2,
        Nador = 3
    }
}
```

Creating a model

Add 2 more files to the Model folder: Speaker.cs and Session.cs

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
namespace DevCruise.Model
    public class Speaker
        [Kev]
        public int Id { get; set; }
        [Required, MaxLength(250)]
        public string Email { get; set; }
        [Required, MaxLength(50)]
        public string FirstName { get; set; }
        [Required, MaxLength(100)]
        public string LastName { get; set; }
        [MaxLength(2000)]
        public string Bio { get; set; }
```

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
namespace DevCruise.Model
    public class Session
        [Kev]
        public int Id { get; set; }
        [Required, MaxLength(10)]
        public string Code { get; set; }
        [Required, MaxLength(100)]
        public string Title { get; set; }
        [Required, MaxLength(2000)]
        public string Description { get; set; }
```

Adding the entities to the DbContext

Add 2 properties to the DbContext

```
public DbSet<Session> Sessions { get; set; }
public DbSet<Speaker> Speakers { get; set; }
```

- > These properties will be generated into tables by the framework
- Add an override to the DbContext

```
protected override void OnModelCreating(ModelBuilder modelBuilder)
{
   var session = modelBuilder.Entity<Session>();
   session.HasIndex(s => s.Code).IsUnique();
   var speaker = modelBuilder.Entity<Speaker>();
   speaker.HasIndex(s => s.Email).IsUnique();
}
```

> This will add unique indexes on the fields Code and Email, our business keys

Initializing the data

Change the constructor of DevCruiseDbContext and make it a partial class

Copy over the DevCruiseDbContext.Initializer.cs file from the Model in the "After" project

Show me the Data!

- Add a SpeakerController
- Debug the result!
- Now create the SessionController on your own

```
using DevCruise.Model;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using System.Linq;
namespace DevCruise.Controllers
    [ApiController]
    [Route("/api/speaker")]
    public class SpeakerController: ControllerBase
        private DevCruiseDbContext dbContext;
        public SpeakerController(DevCruiseDbContext dbContext)
            _dbContext = dbContext;
        [HttpGet]
        public IActionResult GetSpeakers()
            return Ok( dbContext.Speakers.ToList());
```

Adding methods with parameters

Add a new GET method to the SessionController for a single session

```
[HttpGet("{code}")]
public IActionResult GetSession(string code)
   var session = _dbContext.Sessions.SingleOrDefault(
        s => s.Code == code);
   if(session == null)
        return NotFound();
   return Ok(session);
```



Step 8

Documenting the API with Swagger

Adding the GET methods for single entities

- Add SwashBuckle using Nuget
 - In the terminal window run dotnet add package Swashbuckle.AspNetCore --version 5.0.0-rc2
- Add the generation of the Swagger document and Swagger UI

- These middlewares need to execute BEFORE the Routing middleware
- > The "v1.0" string in the generation translates to "/v1.0/" in the UI middleware

Try out SwaggerUI

- Debug the app
- Browse to /swagger
- Also try /swagger/v1.0/swagger.json

If you want you can change launch.json to always show SwaggerUl for now on

```
"serverReadyAction": {
    "action": "openExternally",
    "pattern": "^\\s*Now listening on:\\s+https?://\\S+",
    "uriFormat": "http://localhost:5000/swagger"
},
```

Our work is not finished!

• We need to annotate the possible responses our methods can produce, e.g.:

- The typeof() function allows us to pass a class type as a Type parameter
- > StatusCodes is a class in the namespace Microsoft.AspNetCore.Http
- If our method can return more than one possible response, we add one attribute per type, e.g. Status200OK and Status404NotFound
- All methods should be annotated correctly to produce an accurate Swagger document
- Note that all models used are now also shown in the Schemas section of Swagger UI

Other annotations

- A lot of other annotations can be done to enhance the experience of the end-user of the documentation
 - Tags can be added to sort calls (by controller is the default)
 - Security requirements, e.g. scopes
 - Descriptions on parameters
 - Descriptions on the model
 - Include existing XML documentation in the Swagger document
 - ...
- The necessary attributes live in the Swashbuckle.AspNetCore.Annotations Nugetpackage



Step 9

Async all the way!

Async – Await Pattern

Async methods should ALWAYS return a Task or Task<T>

```
public async Task<IActionResult> GetSpeakers()
{
    var speakers = await _dbContext.Speakers.ToListAsync();
    return Ok(speakers);
}
```

- The async keyword tells the runtime to initialize an async state machine
- The await keyword tells the runtime to wait for a result and unwrap the Task
- More than one Task can be awaited in a single method, also in parallel using Task.WhenAll()
- The classes Task and Task<T> live in the System. Threading. Tasks namespace

Async – Await Pattern

- Common practice is to suffix async methods with "Async"
- The actual value returned inside an async method IS NOT a Task
 - > The return value gets wrapped in a Task by the runtime
- The await keyword can be used in-line in a statement
 - Braces can be used to indicate what is actually awaited
- Lambda's and anonymous methods can also be async/await
- Interfaces do not use the async keyword, but do use a Task as return value
- To implement a function that returns a Task without async and await (e.g. when mocking), use Task.FromResult() or Task.CompletedTask
 - > This is expensive, don't overuse

EntityFramework Core and Async

- EntityFramework Core provides Async methods for almost all operations
- The necessary extension methods live in the Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore namespace
- Examples:
 - ToListAsync()
 - ToArrayAsync()
 - SingleOrDefaultAsync()
 - ToDictionaryAsync()
 - CountAsync()
 - SumAsync()

Exercise

• Let's make this entire API async!



Step 10

Using ViewModels

Introducing ViewModels

- Entities are annotated for persistence
 - More of different validations may be required for the API
- Simpler models may be required for lists
- Complex structures can be reduced down in the API
- We may want to protect some fields from changing e.g. the database ID

Introducing ViewModels

- Create a new folder called ViewModels underneath the Controllers folder.
- Create a class called Session in the ViewModels
 - > Other attributed to try:

```
EmailAddress, StringLength, Compare, CreditCard, MinLength, Range, Phone, ...
```

Create another class called SessionDetail

```
namespace DevCruise.Controllers.ViewModels
{
    public class Session
    {
        public string Code { get; set; }
        public string Title { get; set; }
    }
}
```

Mapping ViewModels to Models

- In the Terminal window run:
 - > dotnet add package Automapper
- Add a folder underneath Controllers called MappingProfiles
- Add a new class called SessionMapping

```
using AutoMapper;
namespace DevCruise.Controllers.MappingProfiles
{
    public class SessionMapping : Profile
    {
        public SessionMapping()
        {
            CreateMap<Model.Session, ViewModels.Session>();
            CreateMap<Model.Session, ViewModels.SessionDetail>();
        }
    }
}
```

Mapping ViewModels to Models

Add Automapper to dependency injection

```
services.AddSingleton<IConfigurationProvider>(s =>
   new MapperConfiguration(c => c.AddMaps(typeof(Startup))));
services.AddScoped(s => s.GetService<IConfigurationProvider>().CreateMapper(s.GetService));
```

- Add an IMapper parameter to the controller and a read-only member field to keep it in
- Use the Map<T>() function of the IMapper to convert the entities to viewmodels

```
return Ok(_mapper.Map<ViewModels.SessionDetail[]>(sessions));
return Ok(_mapper.Map<ViewModels.SessionDetail>(session));
```

- Remember to also change the ProducesResponseType attributes to the viewmodels!
- Try it out!

Can we improve on the mapping?

We are mapping the results of the database query, so we are querying fields we don't use

```
SELECT "s"."Id", "s"."Code", "s"."Description", "s"."Title" FROM "Sessions" AS "s"
```

We can prevent this by using the ProjectTo<T>() extension method

```
var sessions = await _dbContext.Sessions
    .ProjectTo<ViewModels.Session>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
    .ToListAsync();
return Ok(sessions);
```

```
SELECT "dtoSession"."Code", "dtoSession"."Title"
FROM "Sessions" AS "dtoSession"
```



Step 11

Completing the CRUD methods

DbContext as a Unit-of-Work

- The DbContext tracks changes to entities for as long as it exists
 - All entities queried through the DbContext will be tracked automatically
 - > Entities created outside of the DbContext can be added to it for tracking
- The DbContext can persist all changes in a single transaction using SaveChangesAsync()
- The default behavior of the dependency injection system will give you a single DbContext instance per request
- The DbContext will thus automatically function as a Unit-of-Work, ideal for simple use cases

Adding a POST method

In the SessionController add the following

```
[HttpPost]
[ProducesResponseType(typeof(ViewModels.SessionDetail[]), StatusCodes.Status201Created)]
[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status400BadRequest)]
[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status409Conflict)]
public async Task<IActionResult> CreateSession([FromBody] ViewModels.SessionDetail newSession)
   var duplicateCodeExists = await dbContext.Sessions.AnyAsync(s => s.Code == newSession.Code);
    if (duplicateCodeExists)
       return this. Problem (Status Codes. Status 409 Conflict, name of (new Session. Code),
            $"Session with code {newSession.Code} already exists");
   var session = mapper.Map<Session>(newSession);
   await dbContext.AddAsync(session);
    await dbContext.SaveChangesAsync();
   return CreatedAtAction(nameof(GetSession), new { code = session.Code },
       mapper.Map<ViewModels.SessionDetail>(session));
```

Oops! What is this.Problem()?

- We will add a small extension method to make returning problems easier
 - The source code can be found in the "After" folder under Controllers/Extensions/ProblemDetailsExtensions.cs
- To use it we add a using statement for the DevCruise.Controllers.Extensions
 namespace
- This extension method will format our problems to conform to IETF RFC 7807
 - https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7807

Adding a PUT method

In the SessionController add the following

```
[HttpPut("{code}")]
[ProducesResponseType(typeof(ViewModels.SessionDetail), StatusCodes.Status2000K)]
[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status400BadRequest)]
[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status404NotFound)]
public async Task<IActionResult> UpdateSession(string code,
    [FromBody] ViewModels.SessionDetail updatedSession)
   var session = await dbContext.Sessions.SingleOrDefaultAsync(s => s.Code == code);
   if (session == null)
       return this.Problem(StatusCodes.Status404NotFound, nameof(code),
          $"Session with code {code} not found");
   mapper.Map(updatedSession, session);
    await dbContext.SaveChangesAsync();
   return Ok( mapper.Map<ViewModels.SessionDetail>(session));
```

Wait a minute, we still need to prevent duplicate codes!

 The unique index on the database will take care of that, but to present a nicer error to the caller we can add the following before the first _mapper.Map()

Remember we now also have to indicate that a 409 response is possible

[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status409Conflict)]

Finally add the DELETE method

In the SessionController add the following

```
[HttpDelete("{code}")]
[ProducesResponseType(typeof(ViewModels.SessionDetail), StatusCodes.Status2000K)]
[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status404NotFound)]
[ProducesResponseType(StatusCodes.Status409Conflict)]
public async Task<IActionResult> DeleteSession(string code)
   var session = await dbContext.Sessions.SingleOrDefaultAsync(s => s.Code == code);
   if (session == null)
       return this.Problem(StatusCodes.Status404NotFound, nameof(code),
           $"Session with code {code} not found");
    dbContext.Sessions.Remove(session);
   await dbContext.SaveChangesAsync();
   return Ok( mapper.Map<ViewModels.SessionDetail>(session));
```

Is that it?

- Not quite, if we run now and POST a new session we will get:
 AutoMapper.AutoMapperMappingException: Missing type map configuration or unsupported mapping
- We still have to add the reverse mapping to our mapping profile

```
CreateMap<ViewModels.SessionDetail, Model.Session>();
```

- But basically that's it!
- Now try doing the same for the Speaker entity yourself



Step 12

Authentication and Authorization

Adding JWT Bearer Token Authentication

- Add the Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authentication.JwtBearer Nuget package
- Add the authentication to dependency injection (Azure AD in this case)

```
services.AddAuthentication(JwtBearerDefaults.AuthenticationScheme).AddJwtBearer(o =>
{
    o.Authority =
        "https://login.microsoftonline.com/0b53d2c1-bc55-4ab3-a161-927d289257f2/v2.0";
    o.Audience = "4be39034-c55a-4ab3-bd3a-38fa0664bb53";
});
```

Add the authentication middleware to the pipeline

```
app.UseAuthentication();
```

The order is very important here: add after Routing and before Endpoints

But wait, everything still works and I didn't authenticate!

 True, we have stated that we would accept authentication by AAD if offered, but we have not set up security barriers to our API yet.

- For this we use the second part: Authorization
 - > With Authorization we will declare policies that will block unauthorized users

Add Authorization policies

First we add a new folder called Security and a class called Scopes

```
namespace DevCruise.Security
    public static class Scopes
        public const string ReadAccess = "readAccess";
        public const string WriteAccess = "writeAccess";
        public const string AadScopePrefix = "api://devCruiseApi/";
        public const string AadReadAccess = AadScopePrefix + ReadAccess;
        public const string AadWriteAccess = AadScopePrefix + WriteAccess;
        public const string ScopeClaimType = "http://schemas.microsoft.com/identity/claims/scope";
        public static bool HasScope(this ClaimsPrincipal user, string scopeName)
            => user.FindFirst(Scopes.ScopeClaimType)?.Value.Split(' ')
                .Contains(scopeName) ?? false;
```

Add Authorization policies

Add the policies to dependency injection

```
services.AddAuthorization(o =>
{
    o.AddPolicy(Scopes.ReadAccess, builder => builder.RequireAssertion(context =>
        context.User.HasScope(Scopes.ReadAccess)));
    o.AddPolicy(Scopes.WriteAccess, builder => builder.RequireAssertion(context =>
        context.User.HasScope(Scopes.WriteAccess)));
});
```

Add the authorization middleware

```
app.UseAuthorization();
```

- Now we apply the policy where we want using the Authorize attribute
 - The attribute can be applied to the controller and overridden on any method

```
[Authorize(Scopes.ReadAccess)]
```

Authentication now works!

- Great, any method we try now returns a 401!
 - → ... but now our Swagger UI is useless ☺
- We still have to
 - > tell Swagger about our authentication requirements
 - > and tell Swagger UI where to get it's tokens
 - → ... easy ©

Adding scope requirements to Swagger

- For this we use an IOperationFilter
 - Copy over the SecurityRequirementsOperationFilter class from the "After" folder
- We then add the new filter to the SwaggerGen registration from earlier

```
services.AddSwaggerGen(c =>
{
    c.SwaggerDoc("v1.0", new OpenApiInfo { Title =
        "DevCruise API Documentation", Version = "1.0" });
    c.OperationFilter<SecurityRequirementsOperationFilter>();
});
```

Adding scope requirements to Swagger

 Last we add the full declaration of our security to the Swagger document so clients know what the need to do to authenticate

```
c.AddSecurityDefinition("oauth2", new OpenApiSecurityScheme
    Type = SecuritySchemeType.OAuth2,
    Flows = new OpenApiOAuthFlows
        Implicit = new OpenApiOAuthFlow
            AuthorizationUrl = new Uri(
  "https://login.microsoftonline.com/0b53d2c1-bc55-4ab3-a161-927d289257f2/oauth2/v2.0/authorize"),
            Scopes = new Dictionary<string, string>
                { Scopes.AadReadAccess, "Access read operations" },
                { Scopes.AadWriteAccess, "Access write operations" }
```

Just one last piece missing

- The Swagger document is now complete
 - There is a securitySchemes element at the bottom
 - Every method has a security element
 - > Every method declares 401 and 403 results
- Now Swagger UI needs to know it's ClientID for Azure AD to authenticate

```
app.UseSwaggerUI(c =>
{
    c.SwaggerEndpoint("/swagger/v1.0/swagger.json", "DevCruise API v1.0");
    c.OAuthClientId("4be39034-c55a-4ab3-bd3a-38fa0664bb53");
});
```

See you this afternoon at 18:55!

Want to know what all of this stuff means?

"That's all Folks!"

Resources

Docs

- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/getting-started/?view=aspnetcore-3.0
- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/fundamentals/?view=aspnetcore-3.0
- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/web-api/?view=aspnetcore-3.0
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