

ORM and Entity Framework

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Object Relational Mapping (ORM) – Why?

- Convert wrong data type is often happen in ADO.NET that's reason ORM is invented to resolve this problem and others
- Simplified development because it automates object-to-table and table-to-object conversion, resulting in lower development and maintenance costs

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Agenda

- Object Relational Mapping (ORM)
- What is Entity Framework?
- Entity Framework Architecture
- Create First Entity Data Model (EDM)
- Querying with EDM
- Data Manipulation with DBContext
- Q&A

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Object Relational Mapping (ORM) – Why?

- Less code compared to embedded SQL and handwritten stored procedures
- Transparent object caching in the application tier, improving system performance
- An optimized solution making an application faster and easier to maintain

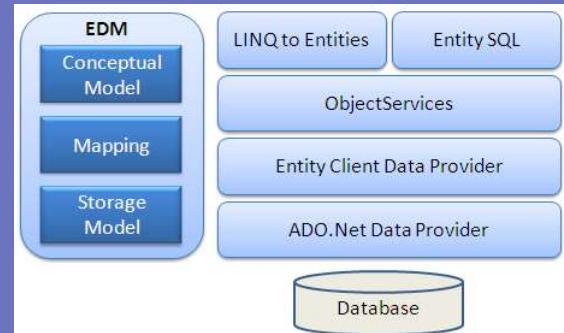
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What is Entity Framework (EF)?

- EF is an implementation of ORM in .Net
- **EF Features**
 - Provides mechanism for accessing and storing the data to database
 - Provides services as change tracking, lazy loading, query translation...etc

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Entity Framework Architecture



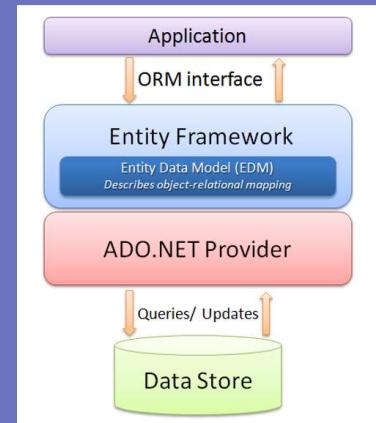
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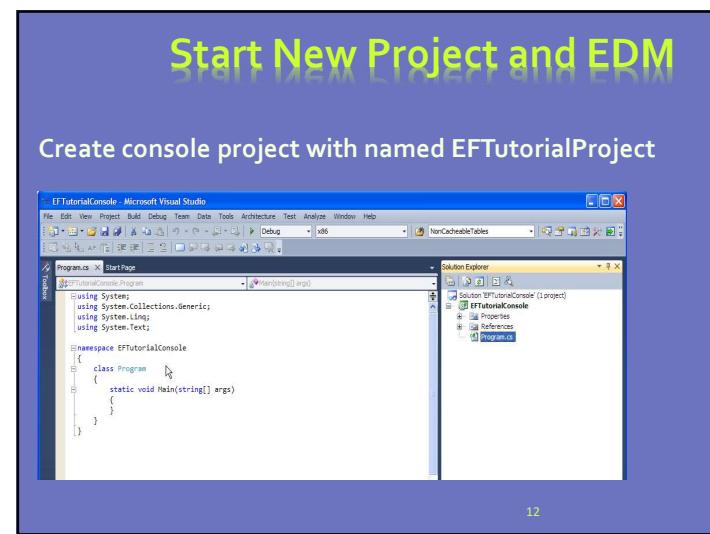
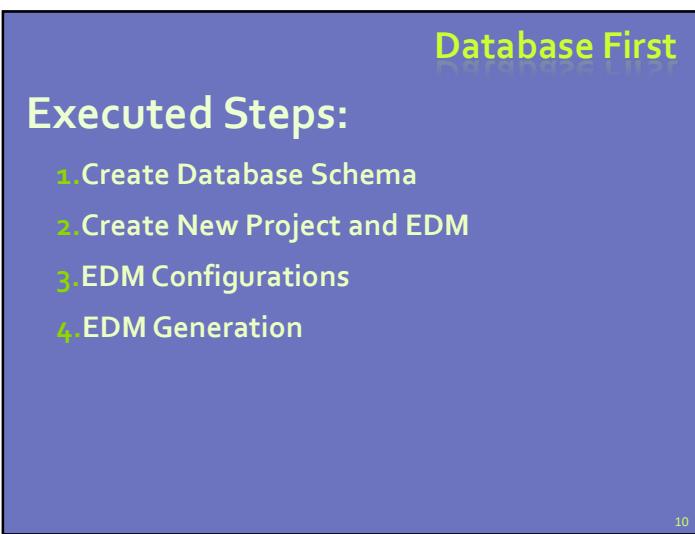
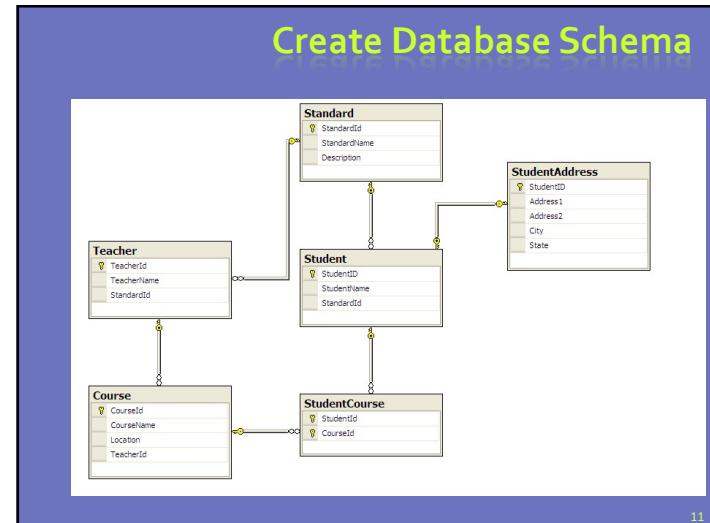
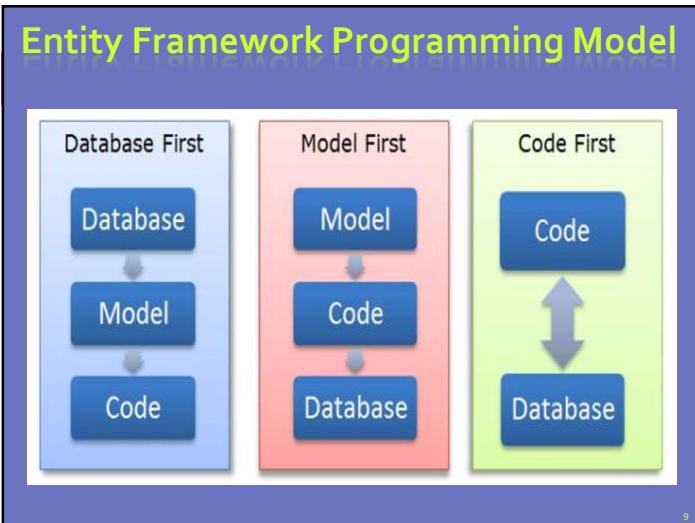
- Using LINQ to Entities for CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete)
- Improves maintainable and extendable for application
 - Separate database design and domain class design
- Multiple database support such as SQL server, Oracle...etc

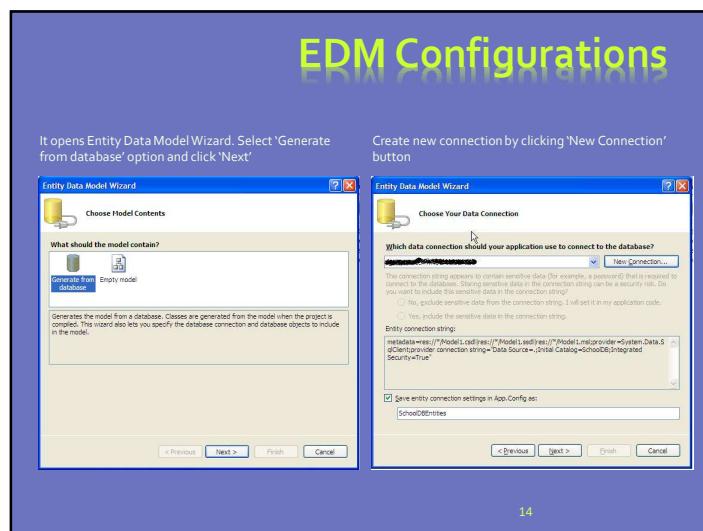
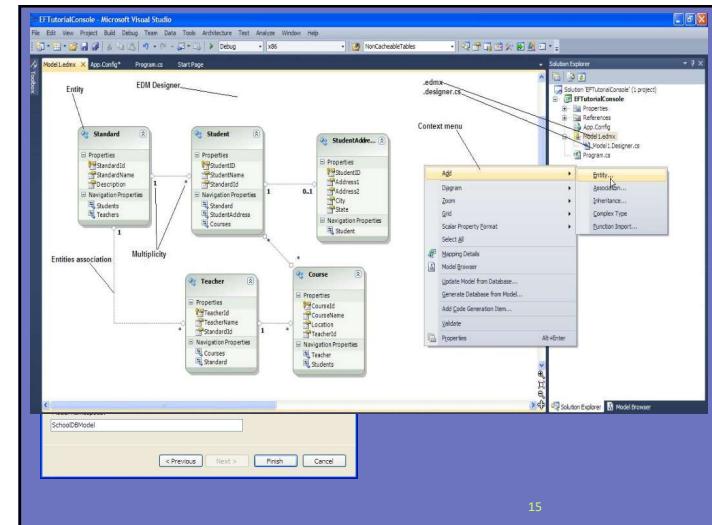
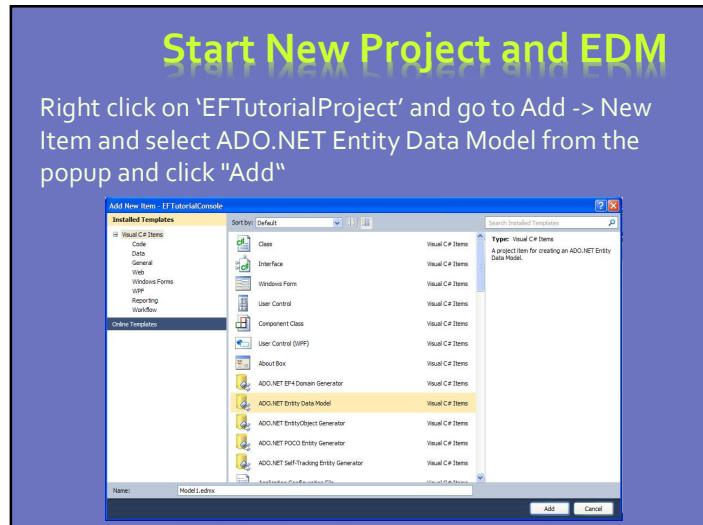
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Entity Framework Architecture

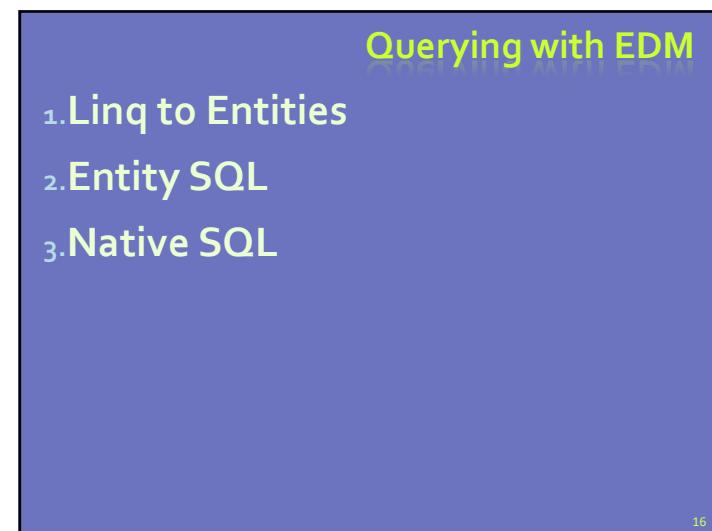


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Querying with EDM LINQ to Entities

```
//Querying with LINQ to Entities
using (var objCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    var schoolCourse = from cs in objCtx.Courses
                        where cs.CourseName == "Course1"
                        select cs;
    Course mathCourse = schoolCourse.FirstOrDefault<Course>();
    IList<Course> courseList = schoolCourse.ToList<Course>();

    string courseName = mathCourse.CourseName;
}
```

- ◆ Output:
 - mathCourse variable is an instance of Course object
 - courseList variable is an instance of list of Course object

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Querying with EDM Native SQL

```
//Querying with native sql
using (var objCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    //Inserting Student using ExecuteStoreCommand
    int InsertedRows = objCtx.ExecuteStoreCommand("Insert into
    Student(StudentName,StandardId) values('StudentName1',1)");

    //Fetching student using ExecuteStoreQuery
    var student = objCtx.ExecuteStoreQuery<Student>("Select *
    from Student where StudentName = 'StudentName1'", null).ToList();
}
```

- ◆ Output:
 - student variable is an instance of list of Student object

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Querying with EDM Entity SQL

```
//Querying with Object Services and Entity SQL
using (var objCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    string sqlString = "SELECT VALUE cs FROM SchoolDBEntities.Courses
                        AS cs WHERE cs.CourseName == 'Maths'";
    ObjectQuery<Course> course = objCtx.CreateQuery<Course>(sqlString);
    Course coursename1 = course.FirstOrDefault<Course>();
}
```

- ◆ Output:
 - coursename1 variable is an instance of Course object

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Querying with EDM Notes

- ◆ Entity SQL and Native SQL are not recommend to use, because it will hard for maintaining or database changing in the future

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Data Manipulation with Linq to Entity

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Add One-to-Many Relationship Entity Graph using DBContext

1 Entity Data Model

2 Code

```
//Create new standard
var standard = new Standard();
standard.StandardName = "Standard1";

//create three new teachers
var teacher1 = new Teacher();
teacher1.TeacherName = "New Teacher1";

var teacher2 = new Teacher();
teacher2.TeacherName = "New Teacher2";

var teacher3 = new Teacher();
teacher3.TeacherName = "New Teacher3";

//add teachers for new standard
standard.Teachers.Add(teacher1);
standard.Teachers.Add(teacher2);
standard.Teachers.Add(teacher3);

using (var dbCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    //add standard entity into standards entitySet
    dbCtx.Standards.Add(standard);
    //Save whole entity graph to the database
    dbCtx.SaveChanges();
}
```

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If you trace database query then you can see following four queries executed when you call SaveChanges method.

First inserts query for Standard table:

```
exec sp_executesql N'insert [dbo].[Standard]([StandardName], [Description])
values (@0, @1)
select [StandardId]
from [dbo].[Standard]
where @@ROWCOUNT > 0 and [StandardId] = scope_identity()',N'@0 varchar(50),@1 int'
@0='Standard1',@1=0
```

Three insert query for Teacher table:

```
exec sp_executesql N'insert [dbo].[Teacher]( [TeacherName], [StandardId])
values (@0, @1)
select [TeacherId]
from [dbo].[Teacher]
where @@ROWCOUNT > 0 and [TeacherId] = scope_identity()',N'@0 varchar(50),
@1 int,@0='New Teacher1',@1=204

exec sp_executesql N'insert [dbo].[Teacher]( [TeacherName], [StandardId])
values (@0, @1)
select [TeacherId]
from [dbo].[Teacher]
where @@ROWCOUNT > 0 and [TeacherId] = scope_identity()',N'@0 varchar(50),
@1 int,@0='New Teacher2',@1=204

exec sp_executesql N'insert [dbo].[Teacher]( [TeacherName], [StandardId])
values (@0, @1)
select [TeacherId]
from [dbo].[Teacher]
where @@ROWCOUNT > 0 and [TeacherId] = scope.identity()',N'@0 varchar(50),
@1 int,@0='New Teacher3',@1=204
```

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Add One-to-One Relationship Entity Graph using DBContext

1 Entity Data Model

2 Code

```
// Create new student entity object
var student = new Student();

// Assign student name
student.StudentName = "New Student1";

// Create new StudentAddress entity and assign it to student entity
student.StudentAddress = new StudentAddress() { Address1 = "Student1's Address",
Address2 = "Student1's Address2", City = "Student1's City",
State = "Student1's State" };

//create DBContext object
using (var dbCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    //Add student object into Student's EntitySet
    dbCtx.Students.Add(student);
    // call SaveChanges method to save student & StudentAddress into database
    dbCtx.SaveChanges();
}
```

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If you trace database query then you can see following two queries executed when you call SaveChanges method.

First it inserts into Student table:

```
exec sp_executesql N'insert [dbo].[Student]([StudentName], [StandardId])
values (@0, @1)
select [StudentID]
from [dbo].[Student]
where @@ROWCOUNT > 0 and [StudentID] = scope_identity()',N'@0 varchar(50),@1 int'
@0='New Student1',@1=0
```

Second query inserts into StudentAddress table:

```
exec sp_executesql N'insert [dbo].[StudentAddress]([StudentID], [Address1],
[Address2], [City], [State])
values (@0, @1, @2, @3, @4)
',N'@0 int,@1 varchar(50),@2 varchar(50),@3 varchar(50),@4 varchar(50)'
@0=271,@1='Student1's Address1',
@2='Student1's Address2',@3='Student1's City',
@4='Student1's State'
```

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Add Many-to-Many Relationship Entity Graph using DBContext

1 Database Schema

2 Entity Data Model

3 Code

```
//Create student entity
var student1 = new Student();
student1.StudentName = "New Student2";

//Create course entities
var course1 = new Course();
course1.CourseName = "New Course1";
course1.Location = "City1";

var course2 = new Course();
course2.CourseName = "New Course2";
course2.Location = "City2";

var course3 = new Course();
course3.CourseName = "New Course3";
course3.Location = "City1";

// add multiple courses for student entity
student1.Courses.Add(course1);
student1.Courses.Add(course2);
student1.Courses.Add(course3);

using (var dbCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    //Add student into DBContext
    dbCtx.Students.Add(student1);
    //call SaveChanges
    dbCtx.SaveChanges();
}
```

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Update Entity using DBContext

```

Student stud;
// Get student from DB
using (var ctx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    stud = ctx.Students.Where(s => s.StudentName == "New Student1").FirstOrDefault<Student>();

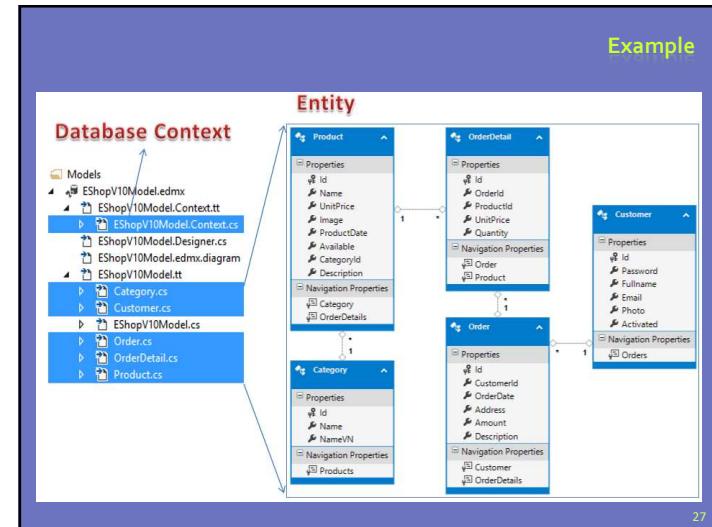
    // change student name in disconnected mode (out of DbContext scope)
    if (stud != null)
    {
        stud.StudentName = "Updated Student1";
    }

    //save modified entity using new DbContext
    using (var dbCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
    {
        //Mark entity as modified
        dbCtx.Entry(stud).State = System.Data.EntityState.Modified;
        dbCtx.SaveChanges();
    }
}

SaveChanges will send following update query to the database:
exec sp_executesql N'update [dbo].[Student]
set [StudentName] = @0, [StandardId] = @1
where ([StudentID] = @2)',N'@0 varchar(50),
@1 int,@2 int',@0='Updated Student1',@1=299,@2=267

```

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Delete Entity using DBContext

```

using (var dbCtx = new SchoolDBEntities())
{
    //if already loaded in existing DbContext then use Set().Remove(entity) to delete it.
    var newtchr = dbCtx.Teachers.Where(t => t.TeacherName == "New teacher4")
        .FirstOrDefault<Teacher>();
    dbCtx.Set(Teacher).Remove(newtchr);

    //Also, you can mark an entity as deleted
    //dbCtx.Entry(tchr).State = System.Data.EntityState.Deleted;

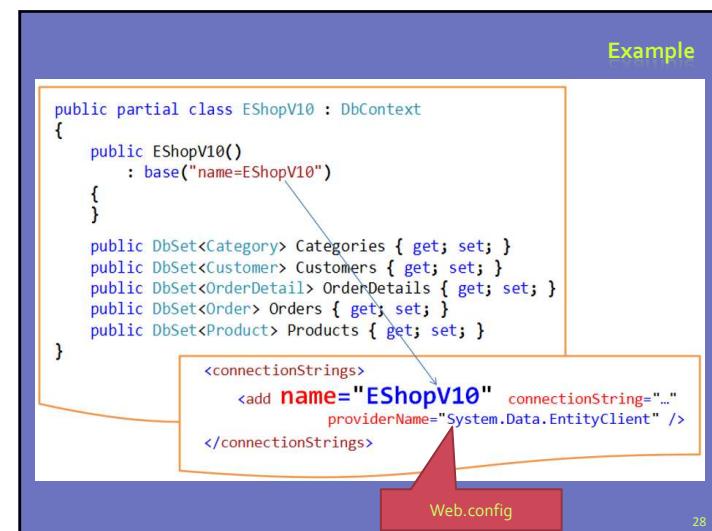
    //if not loaded in existing DbContext then use following.
    //dbCtx.Teachers.Remove(newtchr);

    dbCtx.SaveChanges();
}

Above code results in following delete query which deletes the row from Teacher table.
delete [dbo].[Teacher]
where ([TeacherId] = @0)',N'@0 int',@0=1

```

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Example

The diagram shows the `Category` class from the code. It has properties `Id`, `Name`, and `NameVN`. The `Products` navigation property is highlighted with a red dashed box. A callout points to the `Products` property in the code.

```

public partial class Category
{
    public Category()
    {
        this.Products = new HashSet<Product>();
    }

    public int Id { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public string NameVN { get; set; }

    public virtual ICollection<Product> Products { get; set; }
}

```

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Example

Create:

The diagram shows the `Create` action method in the controller and the corresponding view. The view contains fields for `Name` and `NameVN`, and a `Create` button. Arrows indicate the flow from the action method to the view.

```

// GET:/Category/Create
public ActionResult Create()
{
    return View();
}

// POST:/Category/Create
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult Create(Category model)
{
    // Thêm mới
    db.Categories.Add(model);
    db.SaveChanges();
    return RedirectToAction("Index");
}

```

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Example

The diagram illustrates the MVC architecture. The **Controller** layer shows the `CategoryController.cs` file. The **Model** layer shows the `Category` entity in the `EShopV10Model.edmx` database context. The **View** layer shows the `Create.cshtml`, `Edit.cshtml`, and `Index.cshtml` files. Arrows point from the controller to the view, and from the model to the view.

Id	Name	NameVN
1000	Watches	Đồng hồ đeo tay
1001	Laptops	Máy tính xách tay
1002	Cameras	Máy ảnh

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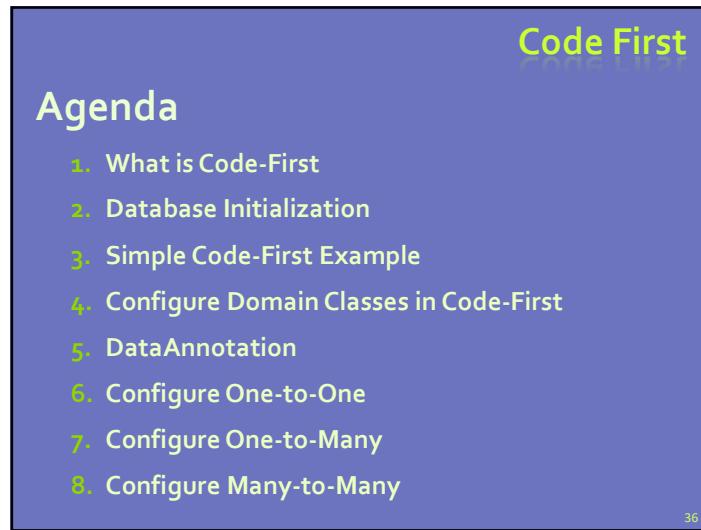
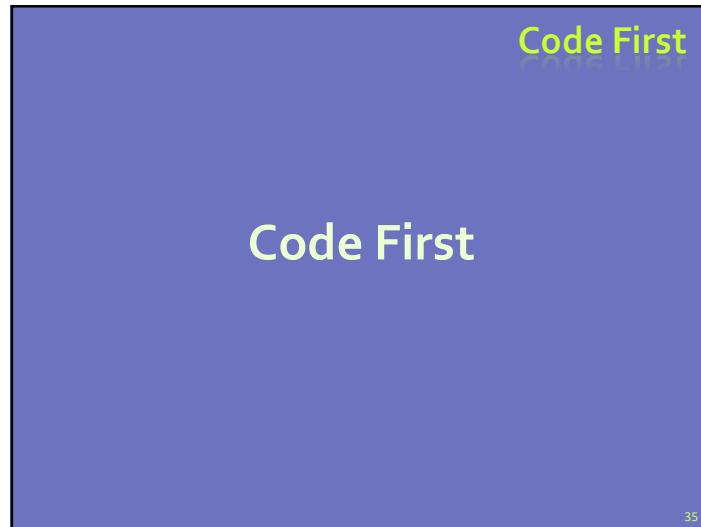
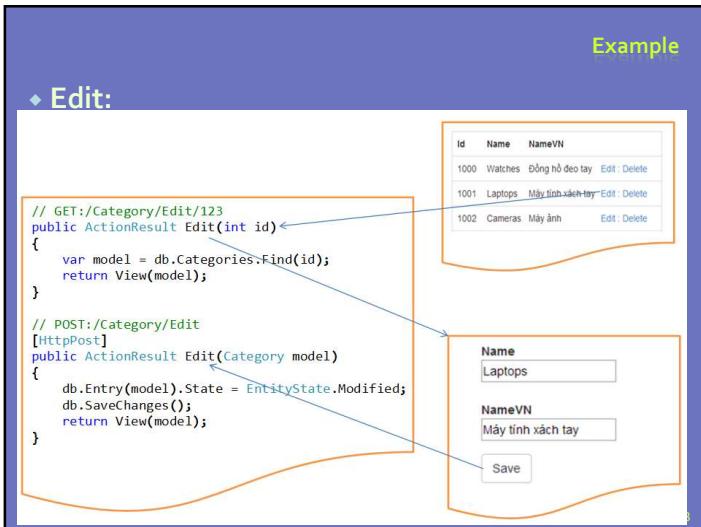
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List and Delete:

The diagram shows the `Index` and `Delete` action methods. The `Index` method lists categories, and the `Delete` method removes a category by ID. The view for `Index` shows a table of categories with edit and delete links. The view for `Delete` shows a confirmation message.

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What is Code-First

- Code First was introduced in Entity Framework 4.1 and mainly useful in Domain Driven Design
- Focus on the domain design and start creating classes as per your domain requirement rather than design your database First approach
- Code First APIs will create the database on the fly based on your entity classes and configuration

Code-First Approach

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Database Initialization

- Let's how database initialize in code-first application.
- Following figure shows database initialization workflow based on the parameter passed in base constructor of context class which is derived from DbContext

```

graph TD
    A[CodeFirst API Checks] --> B[Connection String passed in Contexts base constructor?]
    B -- No --> C[Database Name passed in Contexts base constructor?]
    C -- No --> D[Create database with the name matches to {Namespace}.{Context Class name} in local SQLExpress]
    C -- Yes --> E[Create database with the same name in local SQLExpress]
    B -- Yes --> F[Database Exists at the location mentioned in the connection string?]
    F -- Yes --> G[Use existing Database]
    F -- No --> E
  
```

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What is Code-First

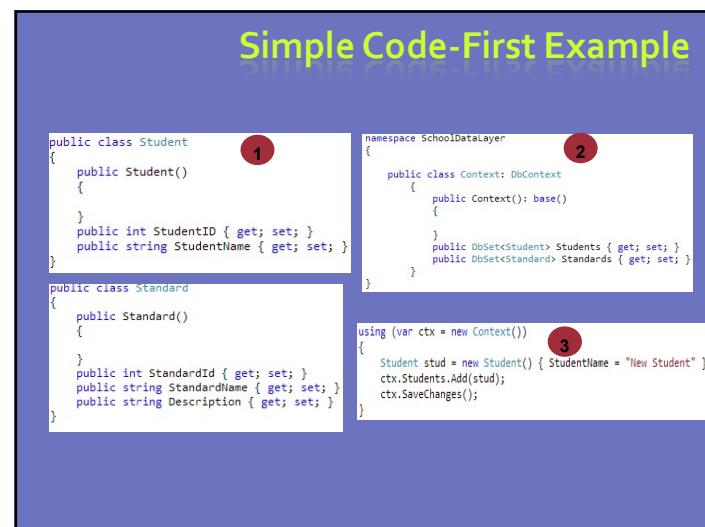
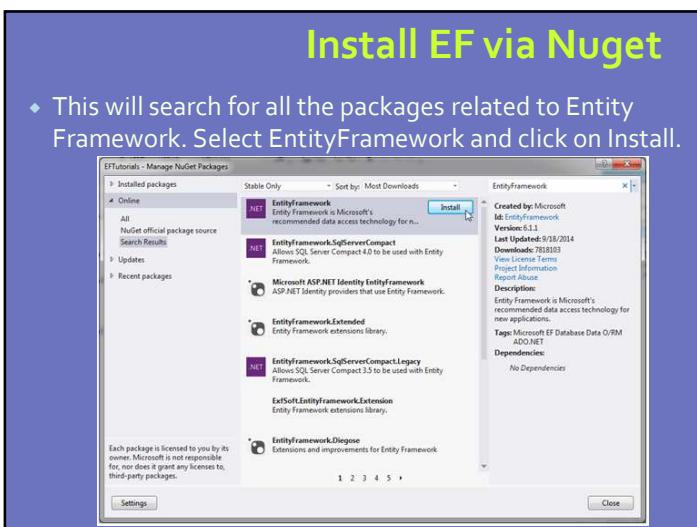
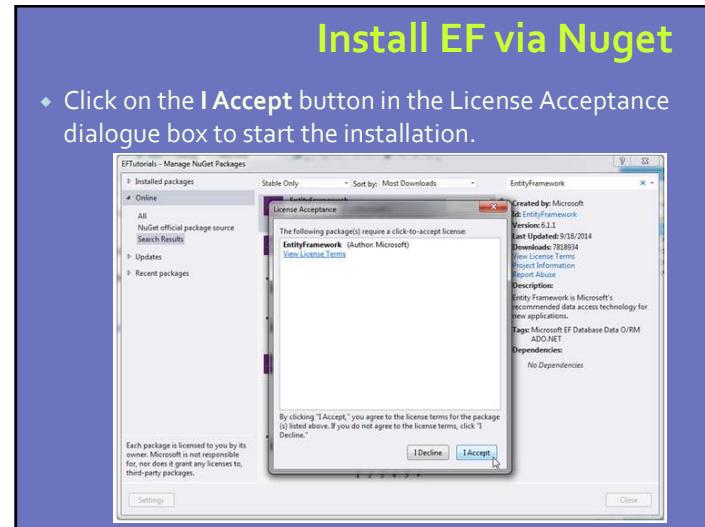
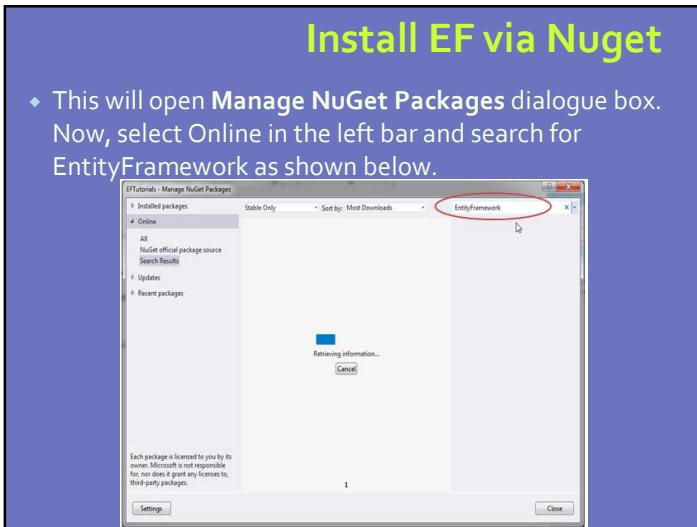
- So the basic workflow would be:
 - Write code-first application classes → Hit F5 to run the application → Code First API creates new database or map with existing database from application classes → Inserts default/test data into the database → Finally launch the application

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Install EF via Nuget

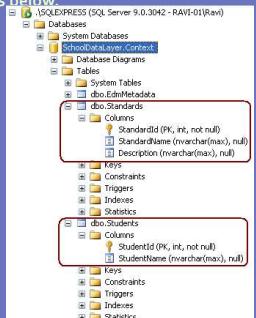
- First, create the console application. Right click on your project in the solution explorer and select Manage NuGet Packages.

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Simple Code-First Example

- Code-first API will also create two tables in the database, Students and Standards table based on Student and Standard class. Code First APIs creates PrimaryKey in the table if class has either "Id" or ClassName + "Id" property. For example, Student class has "StudentId" property so it will create StudentId as PK column. It will also create other columns with the same name and datatype as property names and datatype as below.



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DataAnnotation in Code-First Validation Attributes

Annotation Attribute	Description
Required	The Required annotation will force EF (and MVC) to ensure that property has data in it.
MinLength	MinLength annotation validates property whether it has minimum length of array or string.
MaxLength	MaxLength annotation maximum length of property which in-turn set maximum length of column in the database
StringLength	Specifies the minimum and maximum length of characters that are allowed in a data field.

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Configure Domain Classes in Code-First

Following is an example of DataAnnotation used in Student Class:

```
[Table("StudentInfo")]
public class Student
{
    public Student() { }

    [Key]
    public int SID { get; set; }

    [Column("Name", TypeName="ntext")]
    [MaxLength(20)]
    public string StudentName { get; set; }

    [NotMapped]
    public int? Age { get; set; }

    public int StdId { get; set; }

    [ForeignKey("StdId")]
    public virtual Standard Standard { get; set; }
}
```

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DataAnnotation in Code-First Database Schema related Attributes

Annotation Attribute	Description
Table	Specify name of the DB table which will be mapped with the class
Column	Specify column name and datatype which will be mapped with the property
Key	Mark property as EntityKey which will be mapped to PK of related table.
ComplexType	Mark the class as complex type in EF.
Timestamp	Mark the property as a non-nullables timestamp column in the database.
ForeignKey	Specify Foreign key property for Navigation property
NotMapped	Specify that property will not be mapped with database
ConcurrencyCheck	ConcurrencyCheck annotation allows you to flag one or more properties to be used for concurrency checking in the database when a user edits or deletes an entity.
DatabaseGenerated	DatabaseGenerated attribute specifies that property will be mapped to Computed column of the database table. So the property will be read-only property. It can also be used to map the property to identity column (auto incremental column).
InverseProperty	InverseProperty is useful when you have multiple relationship between two classes.

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Configure One-to-One Relationship

1 Configure one to zero or one relationship using DataAnnotation:

```
public class Student
{
    public Student() { }

    public int StudentId { get; set; }
    [Required]
    public string StudentName { get; set; }

    [Required]
    public virtual StudentAddress StudentAddress { get; set; }
}

public class StudentAddress
{
    [Key, ForeignKey("Student")]
    public int StudentId { get; set; }

    public string Address1 { get; set; }
    public string City { get; set; }
    public int Zipcode { get; set; }
    public string State { get; set; }
    public string Country { get; set; }

    public virtual Student Student { get; set; }
}
```

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Properties

[Rel] FK_StudentAddresses_Students_StudentID

(General)

Check Existing Data On Create: Yes

Tables And Columns Specific

- Foreign Key Base Table: StudentAddresses
- Foreign Key Column: StudentId
- Primary/Unique Key Base: Students
- Primary/Unique Key Column: StudentId

Database Designer

Enforce For Replication: Yes

Enforce Foreign Key Constraint: Yes

INSERT And UPDATE Specification

Identity

(Name): FK_StudentAddresses_Students

Description:

Configure One-to-Many Relationship

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```
public class Student
{
    public Student() { }

    public int StudentId { get; set; }
    [Required]
    public string StudentName { get; set; }

    public int StandardId { get; set; }

    public virtual Standard Standard { get; set; }
}

public class Standard
{
    public Standard()
    {
        Students = new List<Student>();
    }

    public int StandardId { get; set; }
    public string StandardName { get; set; }
    public string Description { get; set; }

    public virtual ICollection<Student> Students { get; set; }
}
```

2 SchoolDB-OneToOneRelationshipInCodeFirst

Configure Many-to-Many relationship

1

```
public class Student
{
    public Student() { }

    public int StudentId { get; set; }
    [Required]
    public string StudentName { get; set; }

    public int StandardId { get; set; }

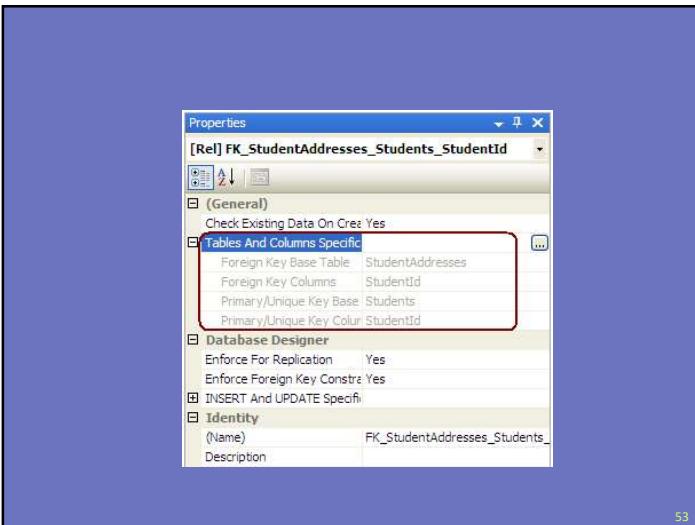
    public virtual ICollection<Course> Courses { get; set; }
}

public class Course
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    public Course()
    {
        this.Students = new HashSet<Student>();
    }

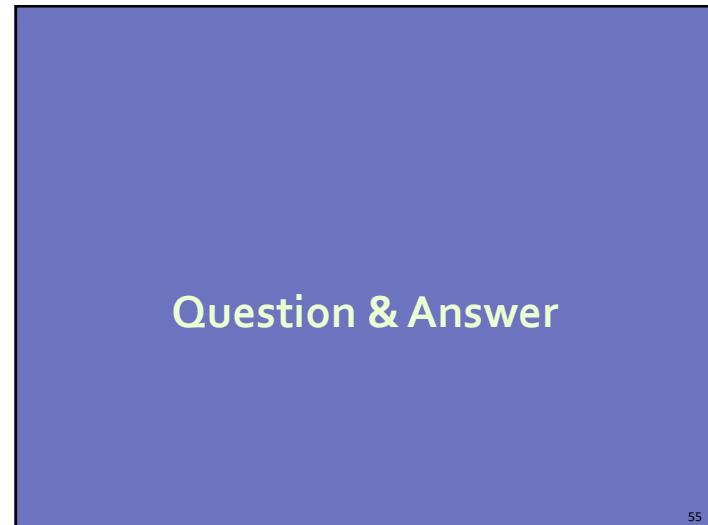
    public int CourseId { get; set; }
    public string CourseName { get; set; }

    public virtual ICollection<Student> Students { get; set; }
}
```

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