



Unlock the power of .NET in the cloud: Journey into the future with .NET Aspire

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Agenda

- Introduction, setup prerequisites and installation steps
- Key concepts
- Inner-loop networking
- Service discovery
- Service defaults
- Deploy to Azure

Introduction, setup prerequisites and installation steps

- **Purpose:** Build observable, production-ready, distributed applications.
- **Delivery:** Via a collection of NuGet packages.
- **Focus:** Cloud-native, distributed applications using microservices architecture.
- **Target:** Enhances building and managing .NET cloud-native apps.



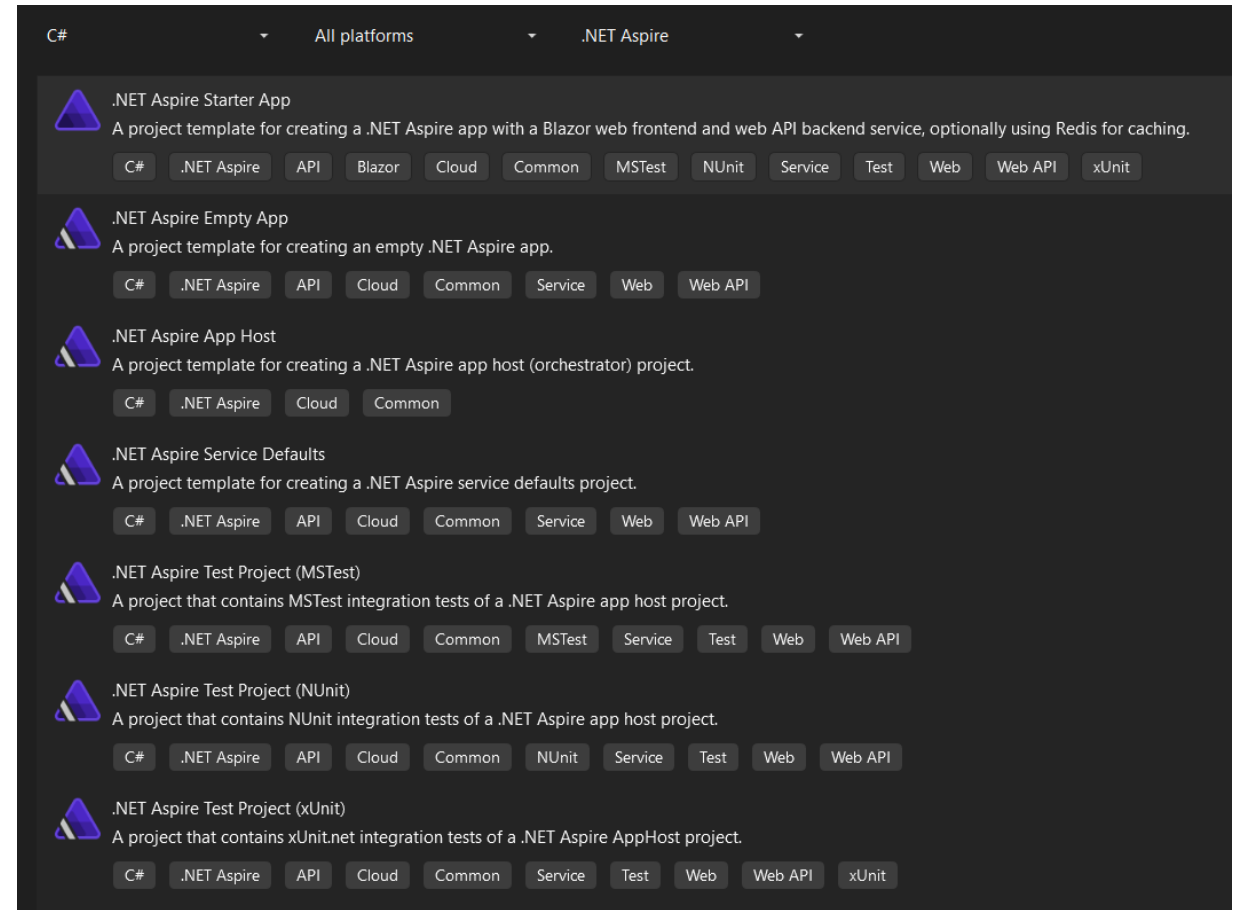
Introduction, setup prerequisites and installation steps

- **Local requirements:**

- .NET 8.0 or .NET 9.0
- Docker Desktop or Podman for container support
- IDE or code editor (e.g., Visual Studio 2022 version 17.9 or higher, Visual Studio Code, or JetBrains Rider with .NET Aspire plugin).
- Alternatively, you can develop .NET Aspire solutions using GitHub Codespaces or Dev Containers.

- **Install the .NET Aspire templates:**

- ``dotnet new install Aspire.ProjectTemplates``



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- **Creating projects:**

- List templates: ``dotnet new list aspire``
- Create a basic project: ``dotnet new aspire``
- Create a project with UI and API: ``dotnet new aspire-starter``

```
PS C:\Users\Orestis Meikopoulos\source\repos\CodeCreate.Template> dotnet new list aspire
These templates matched your input: 'aspire'
```

Template Name	Short Name	Language	Tags
.NET Aspire App Host	aspire-apphost	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Cloud
.NET Aspire Empty App	aspire	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Cloud/Web/Web API/API/Service
.NET Aspire Service Defaults	aspire-servicedefaults	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Cloud/Web/Web API/API/Service
.NET Aspire Starter App	aspire-starter	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Blazor/Web/Web API/API/Service/Cloud/Test/MSTest/NUnit/xUnit
.NET Aspire Test Project (MSTest)	aspire-mstest	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Cloud/Web/Web API/API/Service/Test/MSTest
.NET Aspire Test Project (NUnit)	aspire-nunit	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Cloud/Web/Web API/API/Service/Test/NUnit
.NET Aspire Test Project (xUnit)	aspire-xunit	[C#]	Common/.NET Aspire/Cloud/Web/Web API/API/Service/Test/xUnit

Key concepts - Terminology

- **App model:** A collection of interconnected resources making up your distributed application.
- **App host / Orchestrator project:** Orchestrates the app model, typically named with the *.AppHost suffix.
- **Resource:** Elements like projects, containers, executables, or services (e.g., databases, caches).
- **Integration:**
 - A NuGet package for the app host that models a resource.
 - A package that configures a client for use in a consuming app.
- **Reference:** Defines connections between resources as dependencies.

Key concepts - Defining the app model

- **Purpose:** Outline the resources in your app and their relationships.
- **Implementation:** Utilize `IDistributedApplicationBuilder` to configure resources and dependencies.
- **Example:** Use `AddProject` or `AddContainer` to include resources in your app model.

C#

```
// Create a new app model builder
var builder = DistributedApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

// TODO:
//   Add resources to the app model
//   Express dependencies between resources

builder.Build().Run();
```


Key concepts – App host project

- **Purpose:** Handles running all the projects that are part of the .NET Aspire application.
- **Example:** The current image describes an application with two projects and a Redis cache.

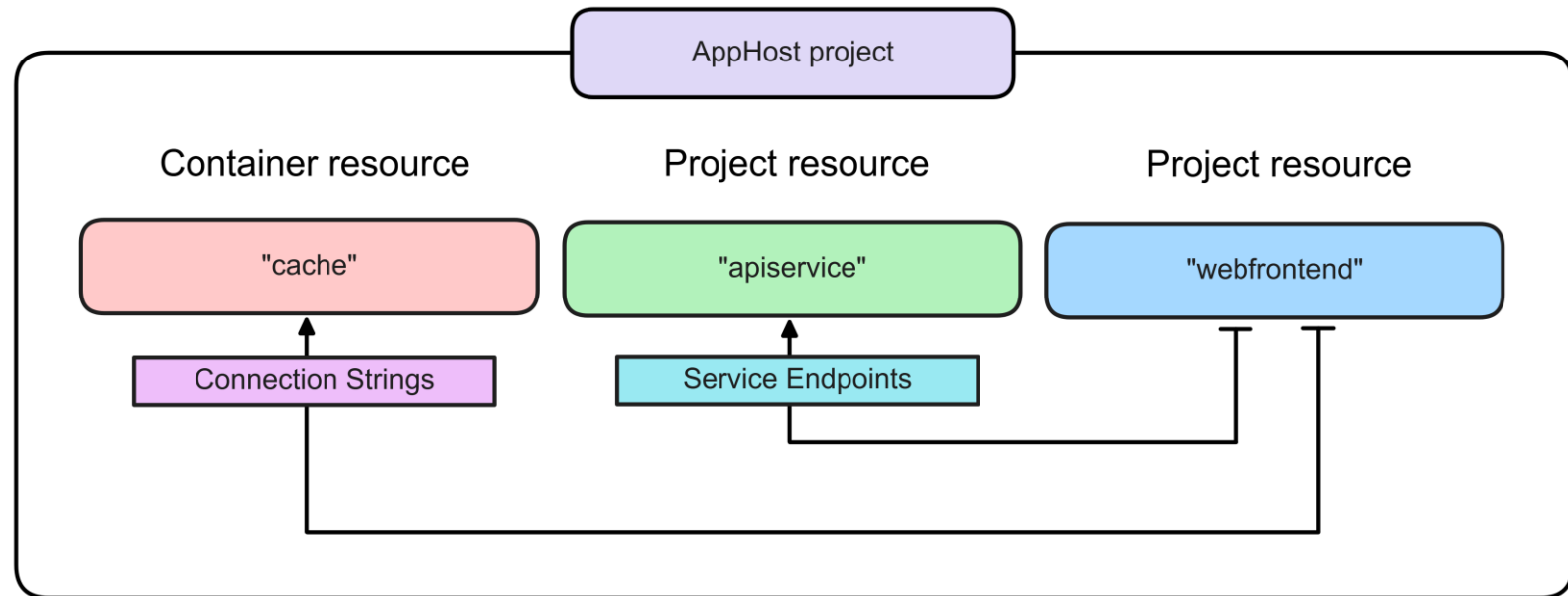
XML

```
<Project Sdk="Microsoft.NET.Sdk">

  <Sdk Name="Aspire.AppHost.Sdk" Version="9.1.0" />

  <PropertyGroup>
    <OutputType>Exe</OutputType>
    <TargetFramework>net9.0</TargetFramework>
    <IsAspireHost>true</IsAspireHost>
    <!-- Omitted for brevity -->
  </PropertyGroup>

</Project>
```



Key concepts – App host project

C#

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

var cache = builder.AddRedis("cache");

var apiservice = builder.AddProject<Projects.AspireApp_ApiService>("apiservice");

builder.AddProject<Projects.AspireApp_Web>("webfrontend")
    .WithExternalHttpEndpoints()
    .WithReference(cache)
    .WaitFor(cache)
    .WithReference(apiservice)
    .WaitFor(apiservice);

builder.Build().Run();
```

Key concepts – Resource types

- **Resource Management:** .NET Aspire apps are made up of a set of resources:
 - ``AddProject``: A .NET project, for example an ASP.NET Core web app. Project resources are .NET projects that are part of the app model.
 - ``AddContainer``: A container image, such as a Docker image.
 - ``AddExecutable``: An executable file, such as a Node.js app.
- **Example:** To add a project to the app model:
 - ``var aspireDemoApp = builder.AddProject<Projects.GlobalAzure_NetAspire_Server>("aspiredemoapp")``

C#

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

// Adds the project "apiservice" of type "Projects.AspireApp_ApiService".
var apiservice = builder.AddProject<Projects.AspireApp_ApiService>("apiservice")
    .WithReplicas(3);
```

Key concepts – Reference management

- **Define dependencies:**

- Use **WithReference** to establish dependencies among resources:
 - `ConnectionStrings__aspiredemosqlserver="localhost:1433"``

```
var customerDb = builder
    .AddSqlServer("aspiredemosqlserver");

builder
    .AddProject<Projects.GlobalAzure_NetAspire_Server>("aspiredemoapp")
    .WithReference(customerDb);
```

- **Connection strings and service discovery:**

- Inject environment variables for dependencies and service discovery:

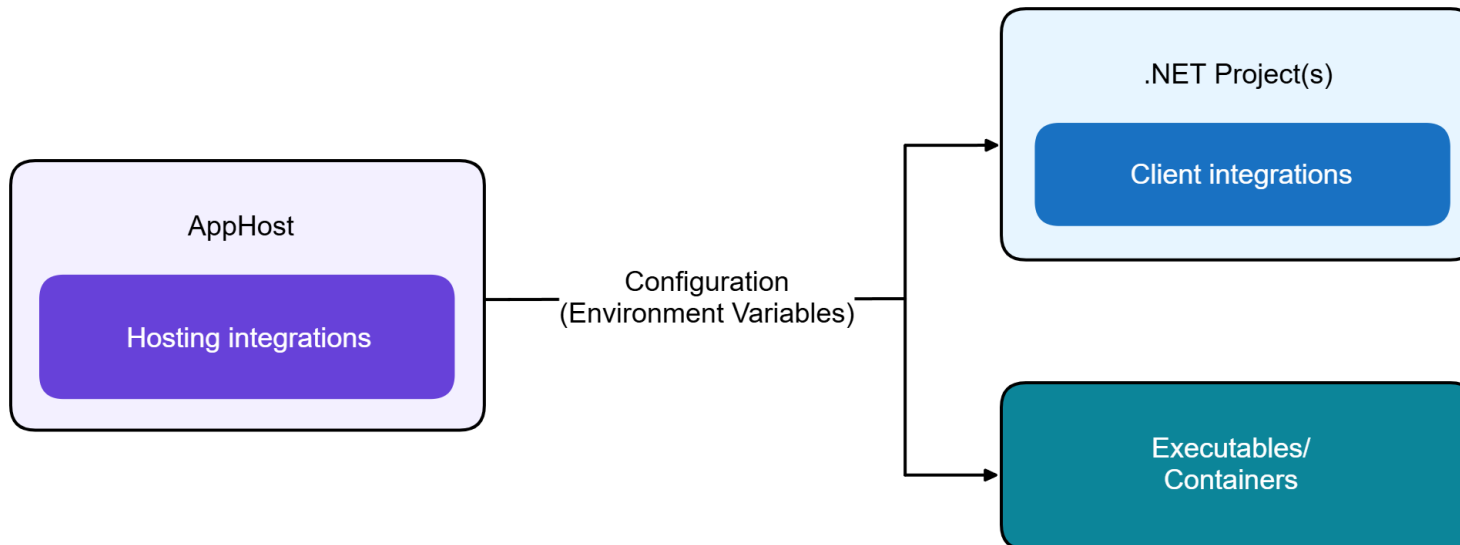
services__aspiredemoapi_http_0	http://localhost:5036
services__aspiredemoapi_https_0	https://localhost:7143

```
var aspireDemoApi = builder
    .AddProject<Projects.GlobalAzure_NetAspire_Api>("aspiredemoapi");

var aspireDemoApp = builder
    .AddProject<Projects.GlobalAzure_NetAspire_Server>("aspiredemoapp")
    .WithReference(aspireDemoApi)
    .WithExternalHttpEndpoints();
```

Key concepts – Integration

- **Purpose:** Enhance integration with services like Redis and PostgreSQL through curated NuGet packages.
- **Setup:** Automatically integrated features such as connection retries and timeouts to maintain functionality during failures.
- **Configuration:** Through JSON configuration files / directly via code.



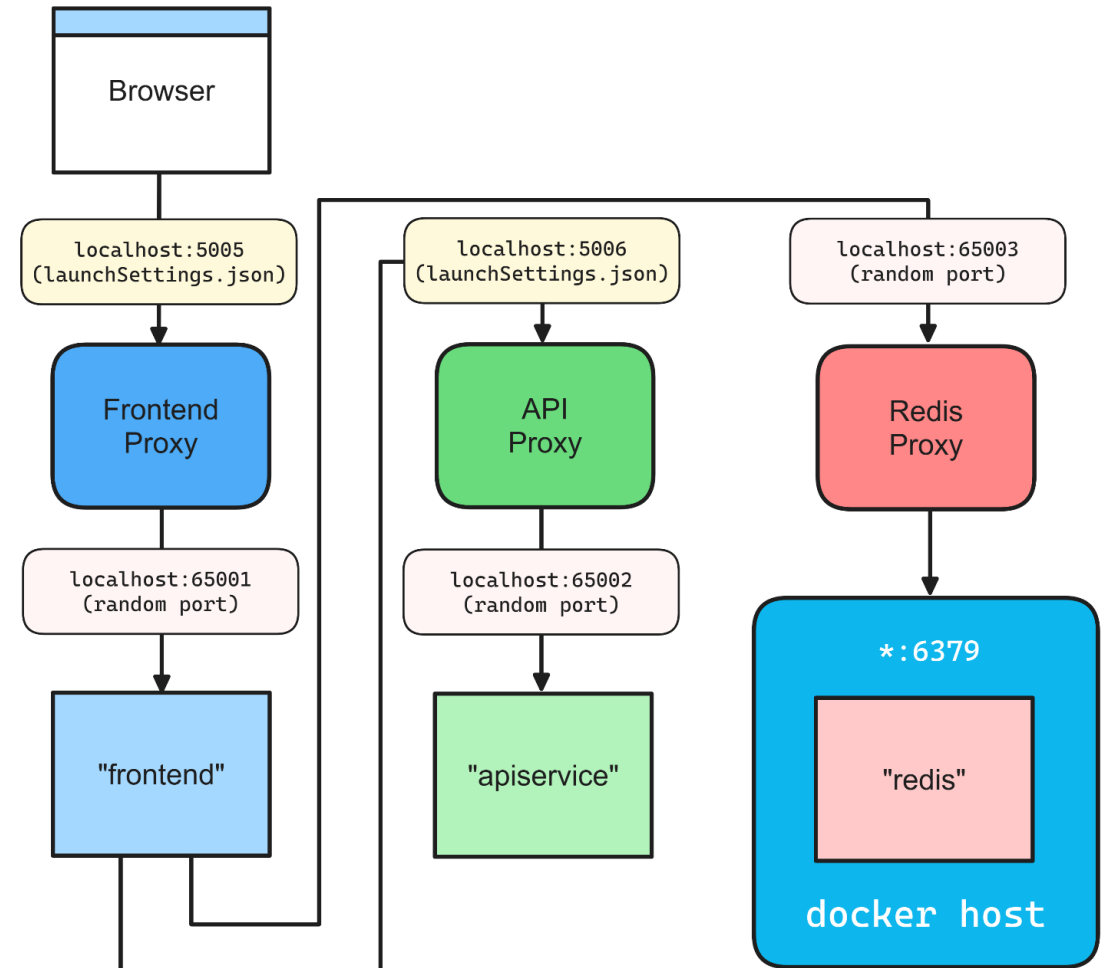
```
"Aspire": {  
  "Npgsql": {  
    "HealthChecks": false,  
    "Tracing": false  
  }  
}
```

Audience Question

Is .NET Aspire reminding you of some other technology?

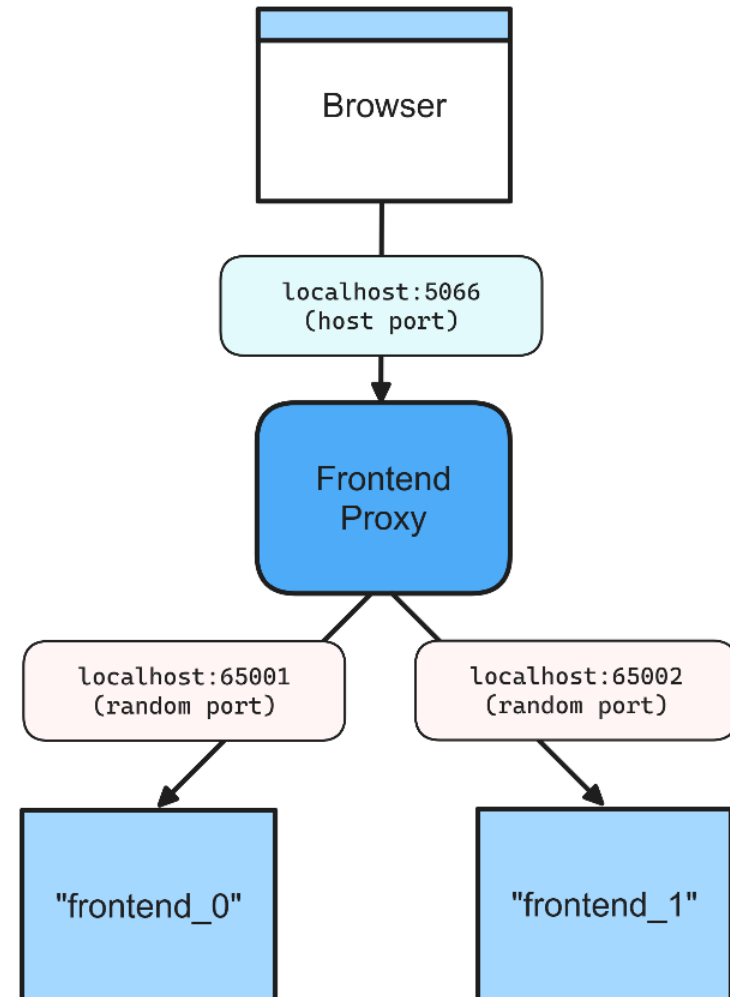
Inner-loop networking – Service bindings

- **Role:** Connect your app to external services required (databases, queues, APIs).
- **Types:**
 - Implicit: Automatically created from launch profiles.
 - Explicit: Manually created using WithEndpoint.
- **Proxy function:** Handles routing and load balancing, launched for each service binding.



Inner-loop networking – Service bindings

- **Configuration:** Host port is assigned to a proxy, which manages connections to services.
- **Example:** Using `AddProject` with `WithHttpEndpoint` and `WithReplicas`:
 - Creates multiple service replicas, each listening on a unique port.
 - Proxies route traffic to appropriate service replica based on the configuration.



Service discovery

- **Purpose:** Facilitate configuration of service discovery for development and testing environments.
- **Functionality:** Allows apps within the .NET Aspire framework to automatically discover and connect with each other.
- **Implementation:** Service discovery settings are provided to individual services within the application model based on their references.
- **Example:**

```
`var builder = DistributedApplication.CreateBuilder(args);  
var catalog = builder.AddProject<Projects.CatalogService>("catalog");  
var basket = builder.AddProject<Projects.BasketService>("basket");  
var frontend =  
builder.AddProject<Projects.MyFrontend>("frontend").WithReference(basket).WithReference(catalog)`
```

Service defaults

- **Purpose:** Manage extensive configurations for cloud-native applications across various environments.
- **Key methods:**
 - `ConfigureOpenTelemetry`: Sets up metrics and tracing.
 - `AddDefaultHealthChecks`: Incorporates default health check endpoints.
 - `AddServiceDiscovery`: Adds service discovery functionality.
 - `ConfigureHttpClientDefaults`: Sets up HttpClient defaults

```
2 references | Orestis Meikopoulos, 2 days ago | 1 author, 2 changes  
public static IHostApplicationBuilder AddServiceDefaults(this IHostApplicationBuilder builder)  
{  
    builder.ConfigureOpenTelemetry();  
  
    builder.AddDefaultHealthChecks();  
  
    builder.Services.AddServiceDiscovery();  
  
    builder.Services.ConfigureHttpClientDefaults(http =>  
    {  
        // Turn on resilience by default  
        http.AddStandardResilienceHandler();  
  
        // Turn on service discovery by default  
        http.AddServiceDiscovery();  
    });  
  
    return builder;  
}
```

Azure deployment





Thank you

- For the opportunity
- For participating
- For listening