Appendix A
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A virtual directory is an alias that is typically configured in IIS which maps to a physical directory on a local or remote server. The directory name then becomes part of the application's URL, and users can request the URL from a browser to access content in the physical directory, such as a Web page or a list of additional directories and files. You can specify a different name for the virtual directory than the physical directory. In this exercise, you will configure a virtual directory in IIS to point to your HOTT_AngJS directory.

1. Open the Start menu.

2. Right-click on Computer and choose Manage from the menu.

3. In the corresponding window, select Services and Applications.

4. Choose Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager.

5. When IIS is displayed, click the Content View tab at the bottom of the window.

6. Open the Sites folder that is displayed.

7. Right-click the Default Web Site and choose Add Virtual Directory.

8. In the dialog that appears, enter HOTT_AngJS as the Alias and browse to the C:\HOTT_AngJS directory. Click OK to close.

9. You should now see a listing of the files and folders in the HOTT_AngJS directory. Test one of the pages by right-clicking a file and choosing Browse.

Notice the URL in the address bar. It should resemble localhost/HOTT_AngJS/*path_to_file*. Try entering that URL in another browser.