

LINQ and Entity Framework

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- To learn LINQ and Entity Framework as Data Access Technology
- To learn use of LINQ in Entity Framework

- Course Non Goals

- Learning ADO.NET



Pre-requisites

- C# 5.0
- ADO.NET 4.5
- XML
- SQL



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Intended Audience

- Software Developers, Engineers etc



Day Wise Schedule

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- Lesson 1: Introduction to LINQ and LINQ to Objects
- Lesson 2: Introduction to Entity Framework 6.0

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- Lesson 3: EDM Tool Enhancement
- Lesson 4: EF Runtime Features
- Lesson 5: Overview of LINQ to Entities



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LINQ and Entity Framework

Lesson 01: Introduction to LINQ
and LINQ to Objects

Lesson Objectives

- In this lesson we will cover the following
 - Overview of LINQ
 - LINQ Architecture and Components
 - Basic Query Operations with LINQ



Overview

- LINQ stands for Language Integrated Query
- It was introduced from .NET Framework 3.5 and continued as a part of .NET Framework 4.0 and 4.5
- It bridges the gap between the world of objects and the world of data
- It adds Query capabilities to the Programming Language
- LINQ enables you to query data from within the .NET Programming Language in the same way the SQL enables you to query data from a database.



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Traditionally, Developers used to write down code for accessing database object ADO.NET where they used to pass SQL query as string to the database which does not have a compile time due to which if the query is formed incorrectly it results in Runtime exception and abruptly putting a stop to Program execution flow.

To overcome this problem LINQ was introduced as a part of .NET framework 3.5 which allowed the developer to write query to handle data using programming language like C#.

With the introduction of **Language Integrated Query (LINQ)**, the developers now can:

- deal with data by using a consistent programmatic approach.
- perform data access with new data design surfaces.

LINQ aims to reduce the complexity for developers. It helps boost their productivity through a set of extensions to the C# and Visual Basic programming languages, as well as the Microsoft .NET Framework, which provides integrated querying for objects, databases, and XML data.

Using LINQ, developers are able to write queries natively in C# or Visual Basic without using specialized languages, such as Structured Query Language (SQL) and Xpath.

With Visual Studio, you can work with data in the way you want, namely:

- You can create entire collections of objects from a database backend, if required.
- You can interact with data as rows or columns – whatever makes sense to your application.

Language Integrated Query or “LINQ” dramatically changes the way we work with and program against data. By creating a common querying language in LINQ, the developer is free

to focus on things that matter most. LINQ provides the ease of use that you have come to expect with Visual Studio offering both “IntelliSense” and “Autocompletion” right in the IDE.

1.1: LINQ

Overview

- Traditionally , queries against data was a simple string without type checking at compile time and IntelliSense support , which used to result in runtime exceptions
- Unlike the traditional query LINQ query uses language construct and uses features like compile time check and IntelliSense

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LINQ provides native querying syntax in C# and VB.Net. This frees the developer from having to master independent data programmability technologies (for example: Xpath, Xquery, T/SQL). Instead, LINQ offers the developer a consistent way to query data.

The best part is that the LINQ code that you write is consistent. This is irrespective of whether the data store is one of the following:

- a SQL Server
- a data store contained in a ADO.NET DataSet
- an XML document
- an EDM that you create, or
- an object that you create in memory

1.1: LINQ

Overview

- Benefit of using LINQ is that one can:
 - work with data in a consistent way, regardless of the type of data
 - interact with data as objects
 - integrate better with programming languages
 - improve productivity through IntelliSense in Visual Studio

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1.1: LINQ Overview

- The design goals for LINQ are:
 - to integrate objects, relational data, and XML
 - to provide SQL and XQuery-like power in C# and VB
 - to provide Extensibility model for languages
 - to provide Extensibility model for multiple data sources
 - to provide Type safety
 - to provide Extensive IntelliSense support (enabled by strong-typing)
 - to provide Debugger support

LINQ- Design Goals:

Design goals for LINQ are:

- **To integrate objects, relational data, and XML**
 - To provide unified query syntax across data sources to avoid different languages for different data sources.
 - To provide Single model for crunching all types of data regardless of source or in-memory representation.
- **To provide SQL and XQuery-like power in C# and VB**
 - To integrate querying abilities right into the programming languages.
- **To provide Extensibility model for languages**
 - To enable implementation for other programming languages.
- **To provide Extensibility model for multiple data sources**
 - To be able to access other data sources than relational databases or XML documents.
 - To allow other frameworks to implement LINQ for their own needs.
- **To provide Type safety**
 - To provide “compile-time type checking” to avoid problems that were previously discovered only at run-time.
 - To enable the compiler to catch errors in your queries.

1.1: LINQ
Overview

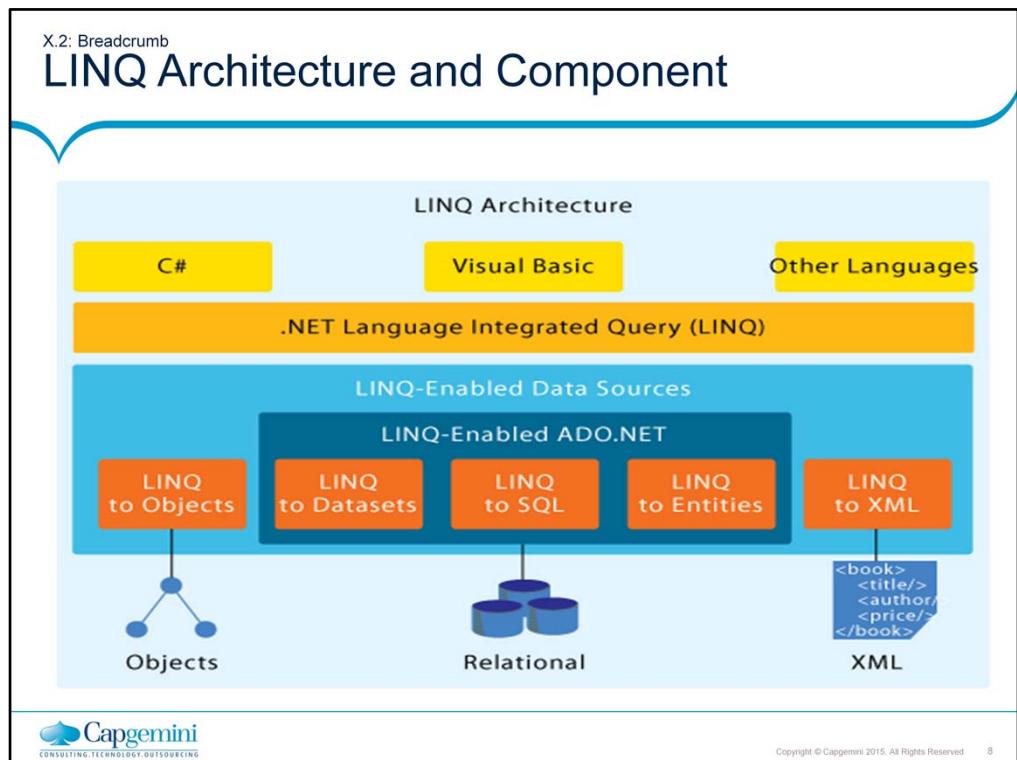
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Design Goals of LINQ (contd.):

- **To provide extensive IntelliSense support (enabled by strong-typing)**
 - To assist the developers when writing queries to improve productivity
 - To help the developers get up to speed with the new syntax. (The editor guides when writing queries.)
- **To provide Debugger support:**
 - To provide Debugger support that allows the developers to debug LINQ queries in a step by step fashion along with rich debugging information.
- The number one LINQ feature is the ability to deal with several data types and sources. LINQ ships with implementations that support querying against regular object collections, databases, entities, and XML sources. Since LINQ supports “rich extensibility”, the developers can easily integrate LINQ with other data sources and providers, as well.
- Another essential feature of LINQ is that it is “strongly-typed”. This means that:
 - You get compile-time checking for all queries, unlike contemporary SQL statements, where you typically find out only at run-time in case something is wrong. This implies that you will be able to check during development that your code is correct. The direct benefit is a reduction in the number of problems discovered late in production. Usually, bugs arise due to human factors. Strongly-typed queries allow early detection of typos, and mistakes done by the developer in charge of the keyboard.
 - You get IntelliSense within Visual Studio when writing LINQ queries. This makes typing faster. It also makes working easier - against both simple and complex collection and data source object models.



LINQ Architecture and Components:-

LINQ is currently integrated directly in the native syntax for C# 5.0 and VB 10 which are part of .Net Framework 4.5 and Visual Studio

The above diagram show the architecture of the LINQ and all the components of LINQ which are as follows

The top most layer consist of language extension which show all the languages which can use LINQ including C# , VB and other langugage which are the part of .Net Framework

The second layer consist of .NET LINQ which

The third layer consist of LINQ Enabled Data source which specifies different data source on which LINQ can be used . LINQ can be use with Objects, SQL, Dataset and XML.

LINQ comes in different flavors based on data source being used as follows

- i) LINQ to Objects
- ii) LINQ to ADO.Net which includes LINQ to Datasets, LINQ to SQL, LINQ to Entities
- iii) LINQ to XML

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LINQ Architecture and Components

- Different Flavors of LINQ
 - LINQ to Objects
 - LINQ to ADO.NET
 - LINQ to SQL
 - LINQ to Datasets
 - LINQ to Entities
 - LINQ to XML
 - Parallel LINQ(PLINQ)

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LINQ to Objects:

- SQL-like queries for any .NET collection (or anything that implements Ienumerable)
- The LINQ to Objects API supports queries over any .NET collection, such as arrays and generic lists.
- This API is defined in the System.Linq namespaces inside System.Core.dll
- LINQ to objects is enabled by including the System.Linq namespace.
- Manipulating collections of objects, which can be related to each other to form a hierarchy or a graph. From a certain point of view, LINQ to Objects is the default implementation used by a LINQ query.

LINQ to ADO.NET:

- Query enabled data access framework
- Allows to perform query operation on Sql, DataSet and Entities
- API is defined in System.Data.Linq namespace

LINQ to XML:

- Query enabled, smaller, faster XML DOM
- API is defined in System.XML.Linq namespace
- One important thing to remember is that querying syntax use in LINQ remains consistent regardless of the type of data you are working with

Basic Query Operations with LINQ

- LINQ Queries are written using the LINQ declarative query syntax.
- These queries uses a set of query keywords built into the .NET Framework that allows the developer to write SQL like commands in programming language.
- Commonly used Keywords are
 - from / in
 - where
 - orderby
 - select
 - groupby



Basic Query Operations with LINQ

- All LINQ query operations require the following three distinct actions:
 - Obtain the data source
 - Create the query
 - Execute the query



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Basic Operations in LINQ:

A query is an expression that retrieves data from a data source. Queries are usually expressed in a specialized query language. Different languages have been developed over time for the various types of data sources.

For example: SQL for relational databases and XQuery for XML.

Therefore developers have had to learn a new query language for each type of data source or data format that they must support. LINQ simplifies this situation. It offers a consistent model for working with data across various kinds of data sources and formats. In a LINQ query, you are always working with objects. You use the same basic coding patterns to query and transform data in XML documents, SQL databases, ADO.NET Datasets, .NET collections, and any other format for which a LINQ provider is available.

All LINQ query operations consist of three distinct actions:

1. Obtain the data source.
2. Create the query.
3. Execute the query.

Example

```
class IntrotoLINQ
{
    static void Main()
    {
        //1.Data Source
        int [] numbers = new int[7]{0,1,2,3,4,5,6};

        //2.Query Creation
        var numQuery= from num in numbers
                      where (num%2)==0
                      select num;

        //3.Query Execution
        foreach(int num in numQuery)
        {Console.WriteLine("{0,1}",num);}
    }
}
```



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Basic Query Operations with LINQ

- Syntax

```
from <range variable> in <collection>  
<filter, joining, grouping, aggregate operators etc.> <lambda expression>  
<select or groupBy operator> <formulate the result>
```

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In the above diagram we can see the syntax of a Basic LINQ Query

Every LINQ query begins with a from clause ends with a select query or group. In between can be use filtering , joining , grouping etc on the data.

Query looks similar to SQL and will provide intellisense support.

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Basic Query Operations with LINQ

- Code Snippet

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    int[] numbers = { 10, 22, 98, 76, 81, 99, 181, 71, 31 };

    var result = from number in numbers
                where number % 2 == 0
                select number;

}
```

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The Code Snippet in the Slide returns even number from the Integer array and stores them in variable name result

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Demo

- Demo of Implementing Simple LINQ Queries



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Demo of Simple LINQ Queries.

Basic Query Operators LINQ

- LINQ provide some standard query operator that can be used to query data
- Following is the categories of operator in LINQ
 - Filtering Operators
 - Projection Operators
 - Sorting Operators
 - Aggregation
 - Grouping Operators
 - Conversions



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Basic Query Operators

Filtering Operators

- i) Where :- Filter value based on a predicate function

Projection Operators

- i) Select :- The operator projects value on basis of a transform function

Sorting Operators

- i) OrderBy :- The operator sort values in an ascending order
- ii) OrderByDescending :- The operator sort values in a descending order
- iii) ThenBy:- Executes a secondary sorting in an ascending order
- iv) ThenByDescending :- Executes a secondary sorting in a descending order
- v) Reverse :- Performs a reversal of the order of the elements in a collection

Aggregation

- i) Average :- Average value of collection of value is calculated
- ii) Count :- Counts the number of entries
- iii) Max :- Find out the maximum value within a collection
- iv) Min :- Find out the Minimum value within a collection
- v) Sum :- Find out the sum of value within a collection

Filtering Operator

- Where Operator:-
 - It is filtering operator
 - It filters a sequence based on a predicate function



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The Where Operator:

Suppose that you have to list the names and cities of customers from Italy. To filter a set of items, you can use the Where operator, which is also called a “restriction operator” because it restricts a set of items.

Projection Operator

- Select operator:
 - It is a projection operator
 - It enumerates the source sequence, and yields the results of evaluating the selector function for each element

- SelectMany:
 - It is a projection operator
 - It performs a one-to-many element projection over a sequence



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Projection Operators:

Select:

- The Select operator performs a projection over a sequence.
- When the object returned by Select is enumerated, it enumerates the source sequence. Subsequently, it yields the results of evaluating the select or function for each element.
 - The first argument of the selector function represents the element to process.
 - The second argument, if present, represents the zero-based index of the element within the source sequence.

SelectMany:

The SelectMany operator performs a projection over a sequence. This operator is similar to Select because it allows us to define the elements that have to be picked up from a sequence. The difference is in the return type.

With the `IEnumerable<S>` type returned by the selector parameter of SelectMany, it is possible to concatenate many projection operations together. This can be done either on different sequences or starting from the result of a previous query.

Sorting Operator

■ OrderBy and OrderByDescending:

- The OrderBy and OrderByDescending operators order elements of a sequence according to a given key
- The OrderByDescending operator inverts the ordering.

■ ThenBy and ThenByDescending:

- These operators are useful for specifying additional ordering keys after the first one is specified either by the OrderBy or OrderByDescending operator
- ThenByDescending is similar to ThenBy. However, it inversely sorts the sequence

■ Reverse:

- This operator returns a new sequence having elements in a reverse ordering of the source sequence



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Sorting Operators:

OrderBy and OrderByDescending:

- Similar to the ORDER BY and ORDER BY DESC in SQL, the OrderBy and OrderByDescending operators order elements of a sequence according to a given key. The OrderByDescending operator inverts the ordering.

ThenBy and ThenByDescending:

- OrderBy allows us to specify only one ordering key. Hence we have to use either ThenBy or ThenByDescending to concatenate ordering-key values.

Reverse:

- This method simply returns a new sequence with elements in a reverse ordering of the source sequence.

Grouping Operators

- GroupBy:

- This operator groups the elements of a sequence.

```
int[] numbers = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 };

var query = numbers.ToLookup(i => i % 2);

foreach (IGrouping<int, int> group in query)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Key: {0}", group.Key);
    foreach (int number in group)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(number);
    }
}
```



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Grouping Operators:

Similar to the GROUP BY clause of SQL, the GroupBy operator groups elements of a sequence based on a given selector function.

Concatenation Operator

- Concat:

- This operator concatenates two sequences

```
int[] numbers = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 };
int[] moreNumbers = { 10, 11, 12, 13 };
var query = numbers.Concat(moreNumbers);
foreach(var item in query)
    Console.WriteLine(item);
```



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Concatenation Operators:

- This operator concatenates two sequences.
- The resulting `IEnumerable<T>` type is the concatenation of the first and second sequences specified as a parameter.

Set Operator

- **Distinct:**

- This operator eliminates duplicate elements from a sequence

- **Except:**

- This operator enumerates the first sequence, collecting all distinct elements. Subsequently, it enumerates the second sequence, thus removing elements contained in the first sequence

- **Intersect:**

- The operator enumerates the first sequence, collecting all distinct elements
 - It then enumerates the second sequence, yielding elements that occur in both sequences

- **Union:**

- The operator produces a set union of two sequences



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Set Operators:

Distinct:

- This operator is similar to the DISTINCT keyword used in SQL. It eliminates the duplicates from a sequence.
- When the code processes the query, it enumerates the element of the sequence, and stores into an `IEnumerable<T>` type. It is done for each element that has not been previously stored.
- The Distinct operator selects unique values from the sequence.

Except:

- This Operator Produces the set difference of two sequences by using the default equality comparer to compare values.

Intersect:

- This operator returns a sequence made by common elements of two different sequences.
- The Intersect Method is used to retrieve common elements in two sequences as shown below:

Union:

- This operator returns a new sequence formed by uniting the two different sequences.

Conversion Operators

- **AsEnumerable:**

- This operator returns its argument typed as `IEnumerable<T>`

- **OfType:**

- This operator filters the elements of a sequence based on a type

- **ToArray:**

- This operator creates an array from a sequence



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Conversion Operators:

AsEnumerable

- This operator produces a new `IEnumerable<T>` type composed of only the element of the specified type

OfType:

- The OfType Searches for the specified type T in the Sequence

ToArray:

- This operator returns an array composed of the elements of the source sequence.

Aggregate Operators

- Aggregate:

- The operator applies a function over a sequence

```
int[] numbers = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 };
var query = numbers.Aggregate((a, b) => a * b);
Console.WriteLine(query);
```

- Average:

- The operator computes the average of a sequence of numeric values Count & LongCount
 - It counts the number of elements in a sequence



Aggregate Operator (Contd..)

- Max:

- The operator finds the maximum value from a sequence of numeric values

- Min:

- The operator finds the minimum value from a sequence of numeric values

- Sum:

- The operator computes the sum of a sequence of numeric values



Element Operators

- First:
 - The operator returns the first element of a sequence
- FirstOrDefault:
 - The operator returns the first element of a sequence, or a default value if no element is found
- Last:
 - The operator returns the last element of a sequence
- LastOrDefault:
 - The operator returns the last element of a sequence, or a default value if no element is found



Element Operators (Contd..)

- **Single:**

- The operator returns the single element of a sequence. An exception is thrown if the source sequence contains no match or more than one match

- **SingleOrDefault:**

- The operator returns the single element of a sequence, or a default value if no element is found. The default value is for reference and nullable types



Element Operators (Contd..)

- **DefaultIfEmpty:**

- The operator supplies a default element for an empty sequence. It can be combined with a grouping join to produce a left outer join

- **ElementAt:**

- It returns the element at a given index in a sequence

- **ElementAtOrDefault:**

- The operator returns the element at a given index in a sequence, or a default value if the index is out of range



Example

- Example 1:

```
int[] numbers = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 };
var query = numbers.First();
Console.WriteLine("The first element in the sequence");
Console.WriteLine(query);
query = numbers.Last();
Console.WriteLine("The last element in the sequence");
Console.WriteLine(query);
Console.WriteLine("The first even element in the sequence");
query = numbers.First(n => n % 2 == 0);
Console.WriteLine(query);
Console.WriteLine("The last even element in the sequence");
query = numbers.Last(n => n % 2 == 0);
Console.WriteLine(query);
```



Example

- Example 2: FirstOrDefault and LastOrDefault

```
int[] numbers = {1, 3, 5, 7, 9};  
var query = numbers.FirstOrDefault(n => n % 2 == 0);  
Console.WriteLine("The first even element in the sequence");  
Console.WriteLine(query);  
Console.WriteLine("The last odd element in the sequence");  
query = numbers.LastOrDefault(n => n % 2 == 1);  
Console.WriteLine(query);
```



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- Using the FirstOrDefault/LastOrDefault methods we obtain the same results. However, when we use those methods, and a predicate does not find an element satisfying the specified condition, a default value is returned (thereby avoiding retrieval of an exception).
- In the above example , Since no even numbers are in the sequence, FirstOrDefault returns the zero default value. On the other hand, the LastOrDefault operator looks for the last odd number in the sequence, and finds the number 9.

Example

- Example 3: Single and SingleOrDefault

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};  
var query = numbers.Single(n => n > 8);  
Console.WriteLine(query);
```

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};  
var query = numbers.SingleOrDefault(n => n > 9);  
Console.WriteLine(query)
```



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- Using the Single method, if no element satisfies the predicate condition, an exception is thrown.
- Using the SingleOrDefault method, when no element satisfies the predicate function, either a null or zero value is returned.
- The difference between the null and zero value depends on the source type: null for reference types (i.e., strings) and zero for value types (i.e., integers).

Example

- Example 4: ElementAt and ElementAtOrDefault

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};  
var query = numbers.ElementAt(4);  
Console.WriteLine(query);
```

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};  
var query = numbers.ElementAtOrDefault(9);  
Console.WriteLine(query);
```



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Demo

- Demo of Implementing standard operator in LINQ



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Demo of Simple LINQ Queries.

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Summary

- In this lesson we have learnt the following topic
 - Overview of LINQ
 - LINQ Architecture and Components
 - Basic Query Operation using LINQ



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Review Question

- Which of the following version of .NET framework introduced LINQ?
 - .NET Framework 2.0
 - .NET Framework 3.5
 - .NET Framework 3.5 SP1
 - .NET Framework 3.0

- LINQ uses programming language syntax to define queries
 - True
 - False



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Review Question

■ LINQ stands for _____

- Language in Query
- Language Integrated Query
- Language Independent Query
- Language Include Query



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LINQ and Entity Framework

Lesson 02: Introduction to Entity
Framework 6.0

Lesson Objectives

- In this lesson we will cover the following
 - Need of Entity Framework
 - Entity Data Model
 - Working with Entities
 - EF Features
 - Back End Support



Need of Entity Framework

- Accessing data is one of the main activity almost every application must do
- The data for these application comes from different source i.e in memory data, XML Files, database ,text files etc.
- Developer need to write the code for accessing these data which is a very cumbersome task
- Developer need to write down .NET Classes which will be used access data from the database
- Writing these classes and mapping them to database makes the application complex and it's timing consuming as well
- To overcome these problem Entity Framework was introduced as part of .NET Framework 3.5 sp1



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Accessing is one of the main activity almost every application must do .

In .NET a developer use ADO. Net as a data access technology for accomplishing this task , for which they write down data access code with in the application .

Writing down these code and managing them is a lot difficult task. Developers uses DataReader and DataSet for accessing data usinf ADO.NET.

Yet, with all the improvements being made to ADO.NET, there was still a disconnect between the application and the back-end database.

Developer has to spend a lot time trying to keep up change being made to database including change in schema or adding a new stored procedure which could potentially break the application flow. Due which developer has to just focus on the data access code instead of the application logic .

To overcome all these problem Microsoft Introduced ADO.NET Entity Framework as a part of .Net Framework 3.5 SP1

X.1:Introduction to Entity Framework

Overview

- Entity Framework or EF in an ORM framework for ADO.NET
 - ORM “Object Relation Mapping” is a Programming technique for converting data between incompatible type system.
 - It Creates a virtual object database that can be used with in the programming language
- EF enables developer to work with relational data as a domain specific object .
- It Eliminates the need of most of the data access code usually which developer need to write.
- It works on top ADO.NET
- Latest Version of EF is Entity Framework 6

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Entity Framework Overview

Microsoft Introduced Entity Framework in .NET Framework 3.5 SP1 and continued it in the next releases of .NET.

The Latest version is Entity Framework 6.0 which has got a lot changes as compared to the previous version of Entity Framework

Entity Framework is an Object Relation Mapping Framework which allows a developer to map .NET classes to Database Tables in a Real time Application. It reduces the developer efforts for writing down the data access code. It work on top of ADO.NET for doing all the database related operations. So the developer doesn't need to write ADO.NET Access code in the application they have to create Entity Data Model which add all the database functionality to the application.

The Microsoft ADO.NET Entity Framework is an Object/Relational Mapping (ORM) framework that enables developers to work with relational data as domain-specific objects, eliminating the need for most of the data access plumbing code that developers usually need to write. Using the Entity Framework, developers issue queries using LINQ, then retrieve and manipulate data as strongly typed objects. The Entity Framework's ORM implementation provides services like change tracking, identity resolution, lazy loading, and query translation so that developers can focus on their application-specific business logic rather than the data access fundamentals.

X.1:Introduction to Entity Framework

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Entity Framework Overview (Contd..)

ORM is a tool for storing data from domain objects to relational database like MS SQL Server, in an automated way, without much programming. O/RM includes three main parts: Domain class objects, Relational database objects and Mapping information on how domain objects map to relational database objects (tables, views & storedprocedures). ORM allows us to keep our database design separate from our domain class design. This makes the application maintainable and extendable. It also automates standard CRUD operation (Create, Read, Update & Delete) so that the developer doesn't need to write it manually.

A typical ORM tool generates classes for the database interaction for your application

X.2: Breadcrumb

Overview

- History of Entity Framework

EF Version	Features
EF 3.5	Basic O/RM support with Database First approach
EF 4.0	POCO Support, Lazy loading, testability improvements, customizable code generation and the Model First approach.
EF 4.1	First to available in the NuGet, Simplified DbContext API over ObjectContext, Code First approach. EF 4.1.1 patch released with bug fixing of 4.1
EF 4.3	Code First Migrations feature that allows a database created by Code First to be incrementally changed as your Code First model evolves. EF 4.3.1 patch released with bug fixing of EF 4.3.
EF 5.0	Announced EF as Open Source. Introduced Enum support, table-valued functions, spatial data types, multiple-diagrams per model, coloring of shapes on the design surface and batch import of stored procedures, EF Power Tools and various performance improvements.
EF 6.0 Current Release	EF 6.0/6.1 is the latest release of Entity Framework. It includes many new features related to Code First & EF designer like asynchronous query & save, connection Resiliency, dependency resolution etc.

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The table describes the history of Entity Framework

The above table list all the version of Entity Framework with all the features provided by them with their release

- The first version of Entity Framework was limited, featuring basic ORM support and the ability to implement a single approach known as *Database First*.
- Version 4 brought us another approach to using Entity Framework: Model First, along with full Plain Old CLR Object (POCO) support and default lazy loading behavior. Soon after, the Entity Framework team released three smaller, or point releases
- Version 4.1 through 4.3, which represented yet another approach to using Entity Framework: Code First.
- Version 5 of Entity Framework coordinated with the release of the .NET 4.5 framework and Visual Studio 2012, delivering significant performance improvements along with support for enums, table value functions, spatial types, the batch import of stored procedures, and deep support with the ASP.NET MVC framework.
- Version 6 of the Entity Framework. Version 6 delivers asynchronous support for querying and updates, stored procedure support for updates in Code First, improved performance, and a long list of new features,

X.2: Breadcrumb

Overview

How we got here...

The diagram illustrates the progression of Entity Framework (EF) and Visual Studio versions. It features a horizontal timeline with vertical blue lines separating different stages. A large blue arrow points from left to right, indicating the flow of time. On the left, the first stage shows 'Visual Studio 2008 SP 1' with 'EF Version 1' (represented by a 'Getting Started' icon). The second stage shows 'Visual Studio 2010' with 'EF Version 4' (represented by a '4.0' icon). The third stage shows 'Visual Studio 2012' with 'EF 4.1 - 4.3' (represented by a screenshot of the EntityDataSource configuration), 'EF Version 5' (represented by a 'Ver 5' icon), and 'EF Version 6' (represented by a 'EF 6' icon). The fourth stage, at the end of the timeline, shows 'EF Version 6' again, represented by a screenshot of the EntityDataSource configuration.

Visual Studio 2008 SP 1
EF Version 1

Visual Studio 2010
EF Version 4

Visual Studio 2012
EF 4.1 - 4.3
EF Version 5
EF Version 6

EF Version 6

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Entity Framework 6

- Entity Framework 6 is the latest release of Entity Framework
- Entity Framework 6.0 has introduced many new exciting features for Database-First (designer) and Code-First approaches.
- It can download from Nuget Packager Manager in visual studio.
- It can be used in Visual Studio 2012 and higher version of Visual Studio .



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Entity Framework 6 is the latest release of Entity Framework providing a lot of new features a compared to the previous version. It is available as part of Visual Studio 2012 and higher version of Visual Studio .

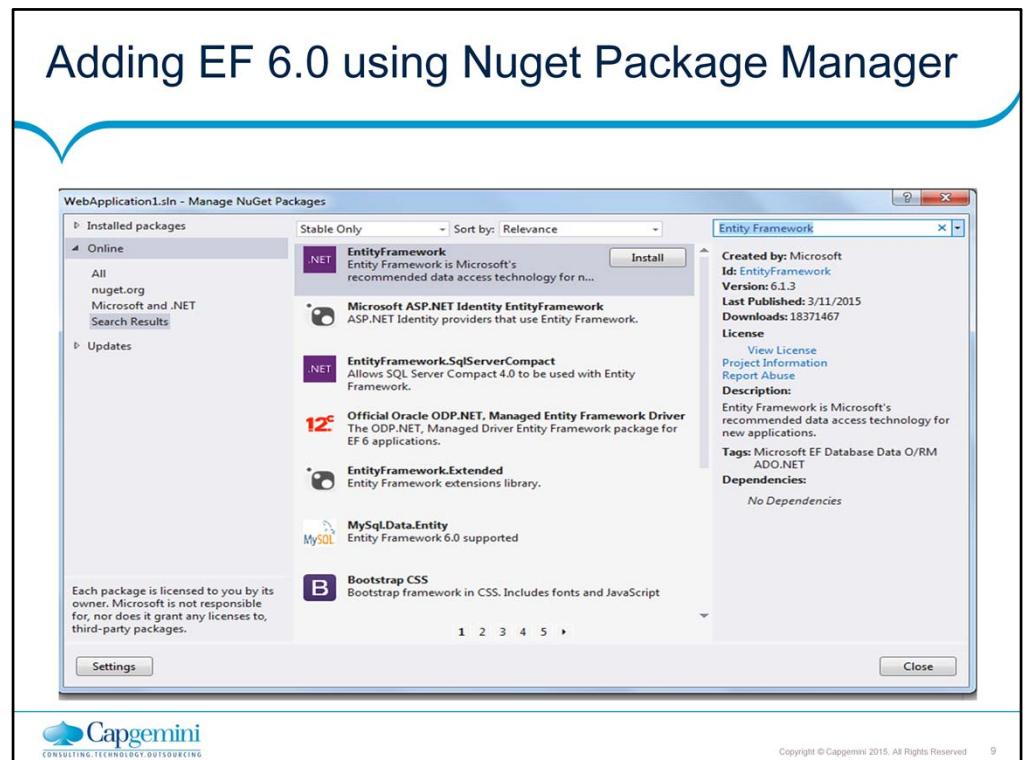
Entity Framework can be added to project using Nuget Package Manager Interface or Nuget Package Manager Console .

What is Nuget ?

NuGet is the package manager for the Microsoft development platform including .NET. The NuGet client tools provide the ability to produce and consume packages. The NuGet Gallery is the central package repository used by all package authors and consumers.

Nuget Package Manager :- Nuget Package Manager provides a dialog using which we search for a specific package and perform installation or uninstallation of packager

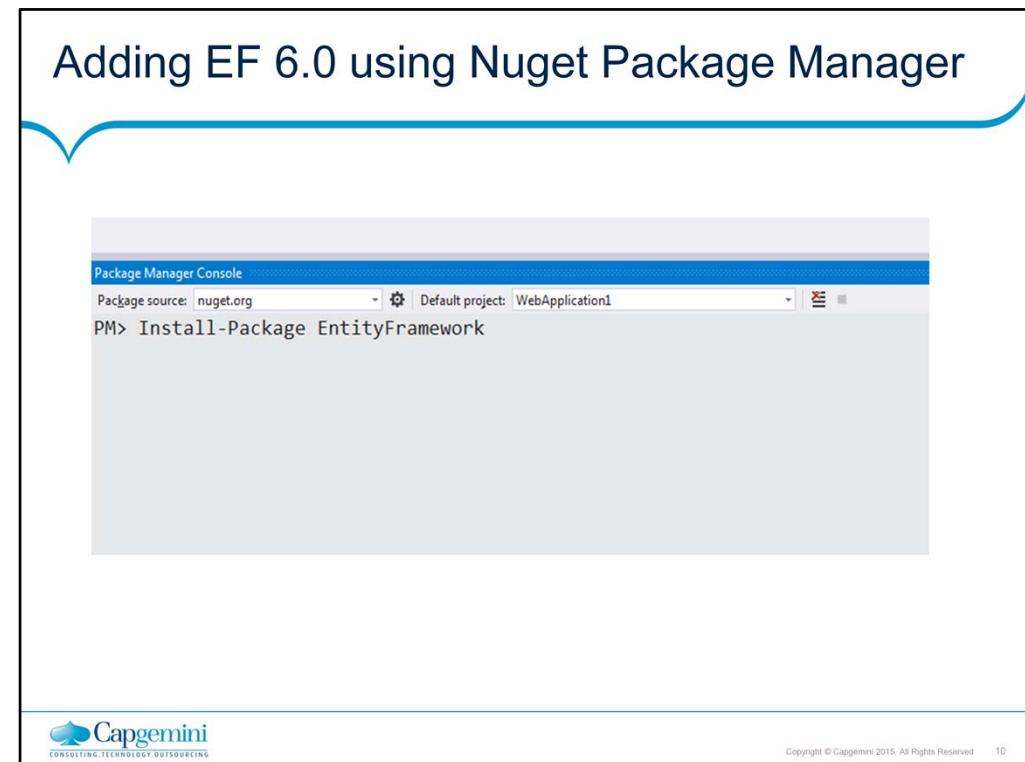
Nuget Package Manager Console :- It is command line tool to add and remove package to a project . It uses power shell command for accomplishing this task.



The above image show the dialog for adding the Entity Framework .

It can be accessed by using the following step :-

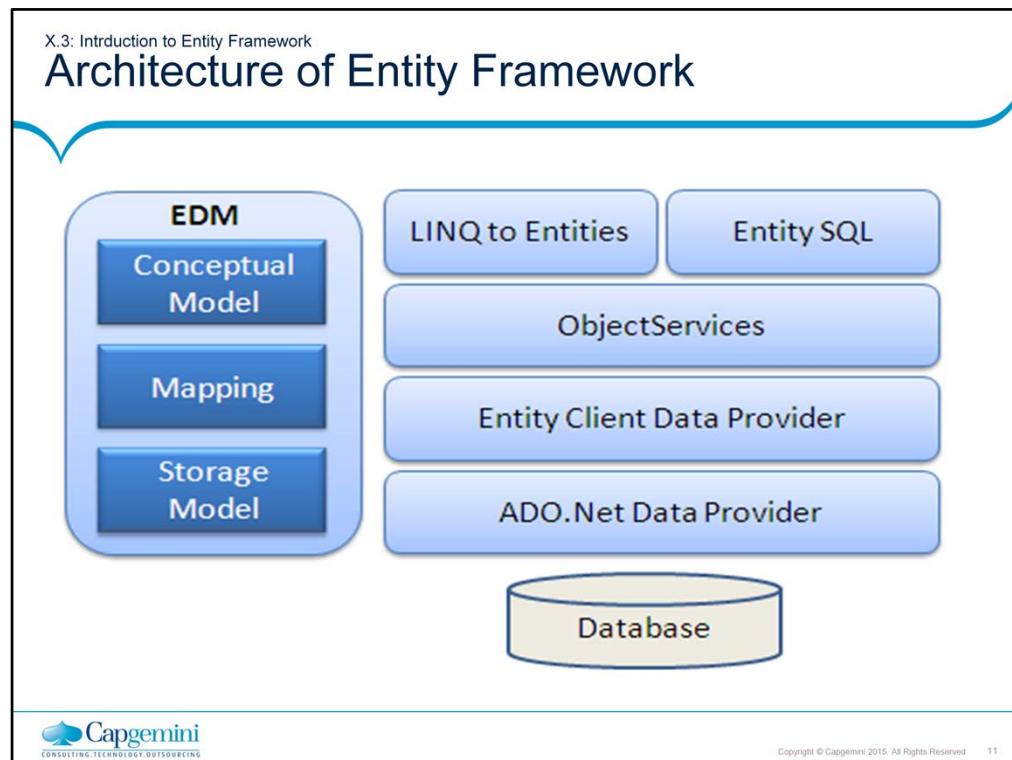
Tool → Nuget Package Manager → Manage Nuget Package for Solution



The above image show the command line tool for adding the Entity Framework .

It can be accessed by using the following step :-

Tool → Nuget Package Manager → Package Manager Console



The above diagram shows the architecture and components of Entity Framework.

Conceptual Model: The model classes and their relationships. This will be independent of the database table design.

Storage Model: Storage model is the database design model which includes tables, views, stored procedures and their relationships and keys.

Mapping: Mapping contains information about how the conceptual model is mapped to the storage model.

LINQ to Entities: returns entities which are defined in the conceptual model.

Entity SQL: a query language similar to LINQ, but a little more difficult.

Object Service: this provides the entry point for accessing data from a database.

Entity Client Data Provider: The main responsibility of this layer is to convert LINQ or Entity SQL queries into SQL queries understood by the underlying database.

ADO.NET Data Provider: This layer communicates with the database using standard ADO.NET.

X.X: Entity Data Model

Entity Data Model

- Entity Framework uses the Entity Data Model (EDM) to describe the application-specific object or a conceptual model against which the developer programs
- It is an conceptual model of data as you want to represent it in your code.
- It usually consist of .NET Classes that can be manipulated as any other object in code.
- EDM Consist of three main parts
 - Conceptual Model
 - Storage Model
 - Logical Model

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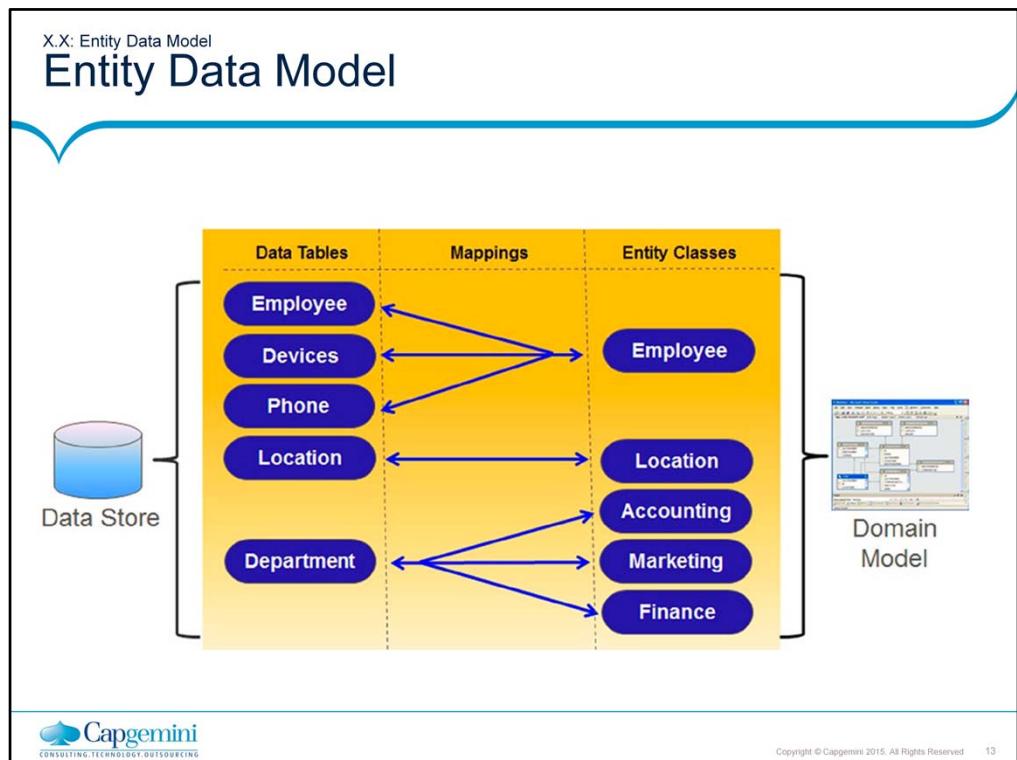
EDM:-

EDM is the foundation of the Entity Framework and is comprised of the three model i.e Conceptual Model, Storage Model, Logical Model. The EDM is the component that describes the overall structure of your business object

Conceptual Model :- The conceptual model contains the classes and their relationships. This will be independent from your database table design.

Storage Model :- Storage model is the database design model which includes tables, view, stored procedures and their relationship and keys.

Logical Model :- Logical Model consist of the information about how the conceptual model is mapped to storage model.



The above diagram shows an Entity Data Model

In the above diagram note how the database tables (on the left) do not directly map to the entity classes, which we code against (on the right). Instead, the mapping capabilities built into the Entity Data Model enable the developer to code against a set of entity classes that more closely resemble the problem domain, as opposed to a highly normalized database, designed for performance, scalability, and maintainability.

For example, note above how the Employees, Devices, and Phone numbers are physically stored in three different tables, which from a DBA perspective makes perfect sense. But the developer codes against a single Employee entity class that contains a collection of Devices and Phone Numbers. From a developer and project stakeholder perspective, an employee is a single object, which happens to contain phone numbers and devices. The developer is unaware, and does not care, that the DBA has normalized this employee object into three separate database tables. Once configured, the mapping between the single class and three database tables is abstracted away and handled by the Entity Framework.

Working With Entities

- A key term any Entity framework developer need to know is the term entity
- Entity are like objects eg:-
 - Entities have a known type
 - Entities have properties and these properties can hold scalar values
 - Entity properties can hold references to other entities
 - Each entity has a distinct identity
- Entities are extremely flexible
- Entities can have relationships between them



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Working With Entities

- Entities can be created using the following strategies
 - Code First
 - Database First
 - Model First

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Code First :- In the Code First approach, you avoid working with visual model designer (EDMX) completely. You write your POCO classes first and then create database from these POCO classes. Developers who follow the path of Domain-Driven Design (DDD) principles, prefer to begin by coding their domain classes first and then generating the database required to persist their data.

Database First :- In the Database First Approach ,you can use to existing database to entity data model and work on it.

Model First :- In the Model First approach, you create Entities, relationships, and inheritance hierarchies directly on the design surface of EDMX and then generate database from your model.So, in the Model First approach, add new ADO.NET Entity Data Model and select **Empty EF Designer model** in Entity Data Model Wizard.

X.X: Entity Data Model

Demo

- How to use Code First Model and Database First Model ?



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Demonstrate Code First and Database First Model

Steps for Creating EDM using Database First Model.

- **Project -> Add New Item...**
- Select **Data** from the left menu and then **ADO.NET Entity Data Model**
- Enter **BloggingModel** as the name and click **OK**
- This launches the **Entity Data Model Wizard**
- Select **Generate from Database** and click **Next**
- Select the connection to the database you created in the first section, enter **BloggingContext** as the name of the connection string and click **Next**
- Click the checkbox next to 'Tables' to import all tables and click 'Finish'

EF Features

- POCO Support
- Model First Support
- Deferred Loading of Related Objects
- Functions in LINQ to Entities queries
- Plurality Naming Support
- Complex Type Support
- Customized Object Layer Code Generation



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EF Features

Poco Support :- One of the more powerful new features of the Entity Framework is the ability to add and use your own custom data classes in conjunction with your data model. This is accomplished by using CLR objects, commonly known as "POCO" (Plain Old CLR Objects). The added benefit comes in the form of not needing to make additional modifications to the data classes. This is also called persistence-ignorance.

Model First Support :- It Allows the developer to create a conceptual model using the create database wizard. It creates the database based on the conceptual model specified.

Deferred Loading of Related Objects :- Deferred Loading also know as Lazy loading . It helps the query result to be shaped by composing queries that explicitly navigate the relationship via the navigation properties

LINQ to Entities :- Adds the Linq query capabilities .Using this you can access data from the entity using LINQ

Plurality Naming :- It Pluralize the name of entities while creating them . This adds a proper Naming Convention which helps developer to access using code.

Complex Type :- Complex types are like entities in that they consist of a scalar property or one or more complex type properties. Thus,complex types are non-scalar properties of entity types that enable scalar properties to be organized within entities.

Object Layer Code Generation :- Object Layer Code is generated by default .It allows developer to add text templates to a project . By using custom text template , the EDM will generate the object context and entity classes.

EF 6 Features for Database First

- Connection resiliency
- Asynchronous query and save
- Code-based configuration
- Database command logging
- Database command interception
- Dependency Resolution
- DbSet.AddRange/RemoveRange
- Better Transaction Support
- Pluggable pluralisation and singularization service
- Testability improvements
- Creating context with an open connection
- Improved performance and warm-up time



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EF 6 Features for Code-First

- Custom conventions
- Insert, update & delete stored procedures for entity CUD operation
- Index attribute (EF 6.1)
- Multiple context per database
- Nested entity types
- Custom migration operations
- Configurable migration history table



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Back End Support

- Entity Framework is database or data source independent
- It does not really care about the about the data store from which the data is being queried
- It uses following provider to support this feature
 - EntityClient Provider for the Entity Framework
 - .NET Framework Data Provider for SQL



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The great thing about the Entity Framework is that in essence it does not really care about the data store from which the data is being queried. Neither the type of database nor the schema itself is completely unknown to the Entity Framework, and they will have no impact on your model.

The Entity Framework ships with two providers:

- EntityClient Provider for the Entity Framework: Used by Entity Framework applications to access data described in the EDM. This provider uses the .NET Framework Data Provider for SQL Server (SqlClient) to access a SQL Server database.
- .NET Framework Data Provider for SQL Server (SqlClient) for the Entity Framework: Supports the Entity Framework for use with a SQL Server database.

As Being database or data source independent we can create custom providers to access other database like Oracle, MySql, PostgreSQL, DB2 etc

Summary

- In this lesson you have learnt about:
 - Entity Framework
 - Entity Data Model
 - Architecture of Entity Framework
 - Feature of Entity Framework



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Review Question

- Which of the following EDM consist of ?
 - Conceptual Model
 - Storage Model
 - Code Model
 - Logic Model

- Entity Framework works on top of ADO.NET?
 - True
 - False



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Review Question

- The _____ contains the classes and their relationships.
- Logic Model
- Storage Model
- Conceptual Model



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LINQ and Entity Framework

Lesson 03: EDM Tool
Enhancement

Lesson Objectives

- In this lesson we will cover the following
 - Model First Development
 - Pluralization
 - Complex Types



Overview : Model First Development

- Model First Development allows us to build up a model from the scratch
- Model first Development allow a developer to create a new Model using the Entity Framework Designer.
- This will generate a database schema from the model
- The Model is stored in an EDMX File(.edmx extension) and can be viewed and edited in the Entity Framework Designer
- The Classes that you interact in the application are automatically generated from the EDMX Files



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Model First Development allows to build up a Model from scratch . It allows you to create Entities, relationships, and inheritance hierarchies directly on the design surface of EDMX and then generate database from your model.

With the Entity Designer, we can define entities which are abstractions representing the objects in application domain. This is where we create a Entity Data Model (EDM) and is driven by an XML grammar from a model file extension of .EDMX

The Model First Approach was provided by Microsoft because it was one of the most often requested features by .Net Developers and System Designers. It is a more natural way to work compared to the **Database First** approach especially when designing the flow of data in the initial stages of a new project. Developers requested the flexibility of creating the conceptual model first instead of going through the burden of outlining the project logic and then trying to design a database which would accomodate for all the data and information storage within the project. Using the **Model First** approach a developer can start working with the model of the database and creating entities which make logical sense irrelevant of how they will actually be stored in the database in terms of tables.

From the model created, Visual Studio can then generate SQL statements referred to as *Data Definition Language (DDL)* which the developer can use to execute on MS SQL in order to create the Database schema based on the designed model.

As an example, we might create an Order entity that will represent instances of orders and their details such as who placed the order, on what date and so on. Then we might create related entities to hold additional information such as the items in the order and their cost and quantities. The modeling experience gives a natural way to build up a description of the data in application visually, playing around with it and changing it easily. The real power of this comes though when we want to turn the model into reality. That's because EF can take the EDM and generate two things from it, the Data Definition Language (DDL) to create a database as the model's concrete representation and data access code to manipulate it.

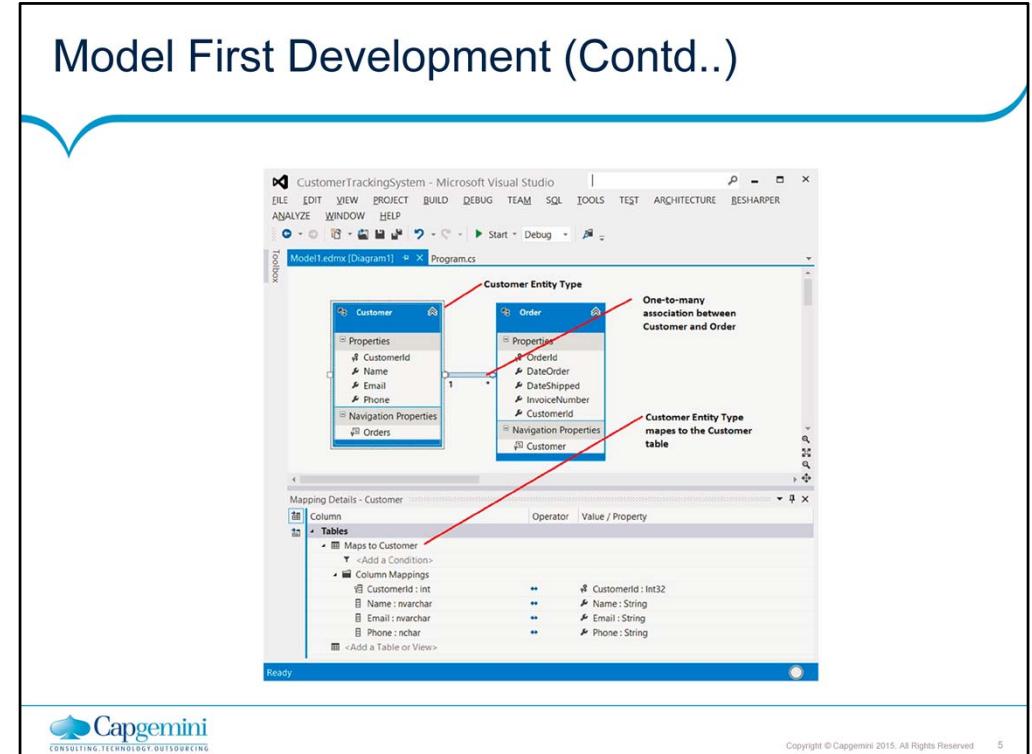
Overview : Model First Development(Contd..)



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The above image shows the EDMX designer in Visual Studio .

The Image two entities in the designer i.e Customer and Order .

It show all the fields of the Entities and the relationship between them .

X.1: Model First Development

Model First Development

- Benefits of Model First Development
 - Visual Designer can be used to create a database scheme
 - Model can be easily updated as there is change in the database
 - No loss of data

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Pluralization

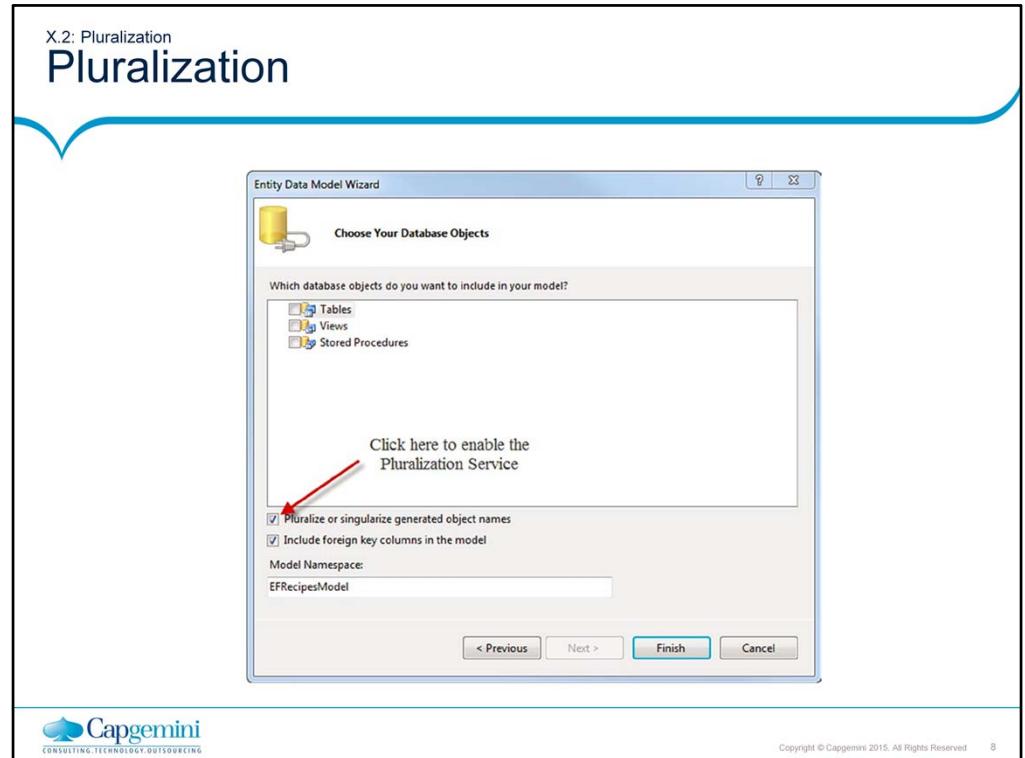
- Pluralization allows a developer to pluralize the name of Entities while create a Entity Data Model
- This allow the developer to differentiate between the Entity and the Entity Set
- This can be achieved while creating the model using the Model Designer by selecting a checkbox saying “Pluralize or Singularize generated object names”
- This can be also be done by code in Code First Approach

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Pluralization :-

Pluralization allow a developer to Pluralize the name of Entity to represent an Entity Set.



The above screenshot show how to enable Pluralization in Model First and Database First approach

X.X: Model First Development

Demo

- Demo of Implementing Model First Development approach in Console Application.



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X.3: Complex Types

Complex Types

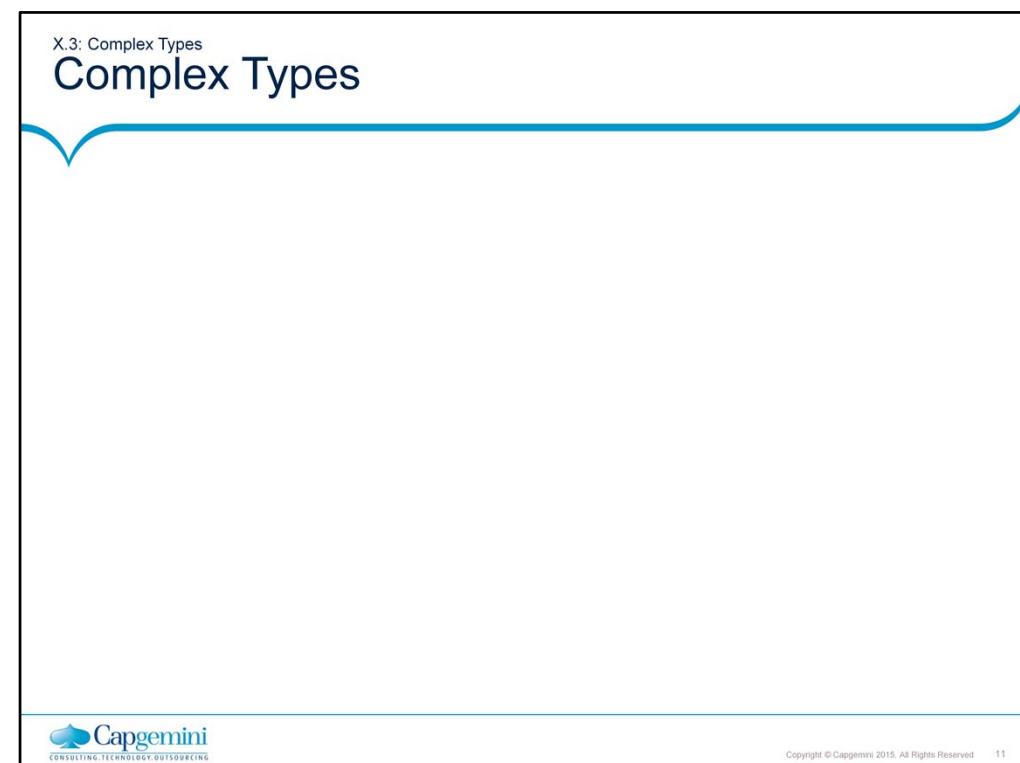
- Complex types provide handy mechanism for storing and encapsulating properties related to one or more entities
 - Eg:- You may have more than one entity that needs to store phone and email information
- Complex types can also be used to add additional structure to your entities.
- They are made of scalar properties as well as additional complex types
- They can be instantiated from outside the parent entity and still provide the ability to navigate to them through the related entity and entities.

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Complex Type:-

- Complex types are non-scalar properties of entity types that enable scalar properties to be organized within entities. Like entities, complex types consist of scalar properties or other complex type properties.
- Complex types allow you to group several properties into a single type for a property on an entity.
- A complex type can contain scalar properties or other complex types, but they cannot have navigation properties or entity collections.
- A complex type cannot be an entity key. Complex types are not tracked on their own in an object context.
- A property whose type is a complex type cannot be null. When you work with entities with complex type properties, you have to be mindful of this rule.
- Occasionally, when the value of a complex type property is unimportant for a particular operation, you may need to create a dummy value for the property so that it has some nonnull value.
- When you modify any field in complex type property, the property is marked as changed by Entity Framework, and an update statement will be generated that will update all of the fields of the complex type property.
- Complex type can also be with POCO (Plain Old CLR Objects).

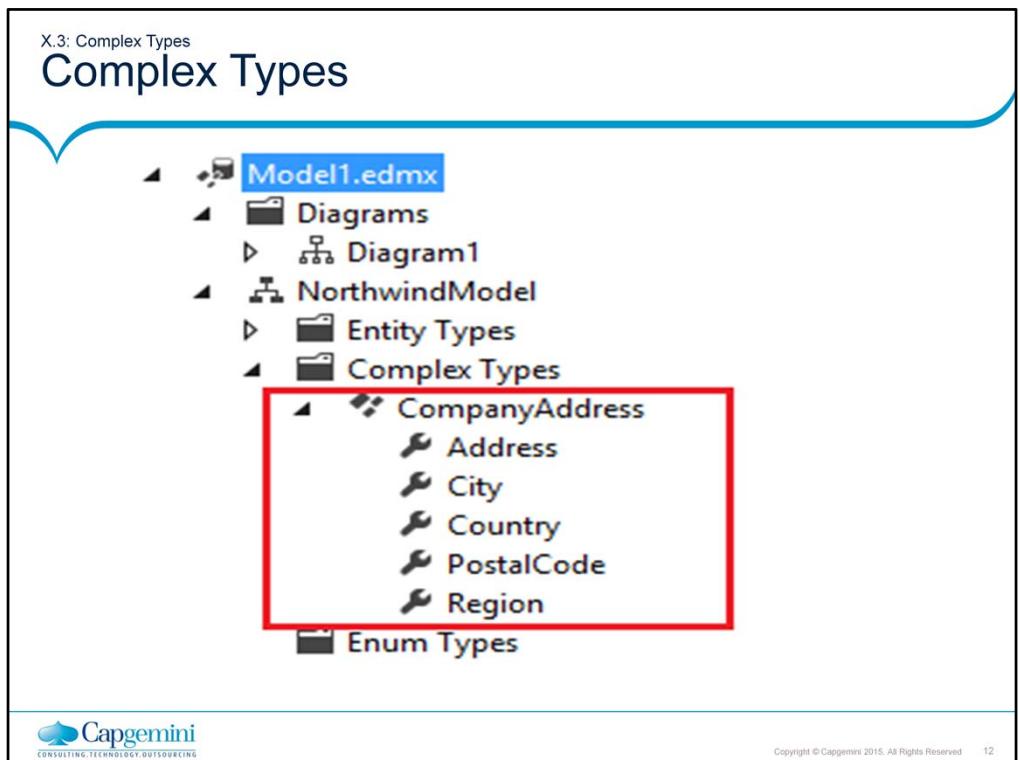


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Complex Type:-

When you work with objects that represent complex types, be aware of the following:

- Complex types do not have keys and therefore cannot exist independently. Complex types can only exist as properties of entity types or other complex types.
- Complex types cannot participate in associations and cannot contain navigation properties.
- Complex type properties cannot be **null**. An **InvalidOperationException** occurs when **DbContext.SaveChanges** is called and a null complex object is encountered. Scalar properties of complex objects can be **null**.
- Complex types cannot inherit from other complex types.
- You must define the complex type as a **class**.
- EF detects changes to members on a complex type object when **DbContext.DetectChanges** is called. Entity Framework calls **DetectChanges** automatically when the following members are called: **DbSet.Find**, **DbSet.Local**, **DbSet.Remove**, **DbSet.Add**, **DbSet.Attach**, **DbContext.SaveChanges**, **DbContext.GetValidationErrors**, **DbContext.Entry**, **DbContext.ChangeTracker.Entries**.



The above screenshot shows a complex type CompanyAddress as a part of Model .

As you can see it is consisting of other types which make up CompanyAddress

X.X: Complex Types

Demo

- Demo for Creating and Using Complex Type in Entity Framework



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Summary

- Summarize the topic in bullet points



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Review Question

- Which of the following allows the development of model from scratch using model designer?
 - Design First
 - Code First
 - Model First
 - Database First

- Complex type cannot be used to add additional structure to the model
 - True
 - False



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Review Question

- _____ allow a developer to create a new Model using the Entity Framework Designer.
 - Code First Development
 - Designer First Development
 - Model First Development



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LINQ and Entity Framework

Lesson 04: EF Runtime Features

Lesson Objectives

- In this lesson we will cover the following
 - POCO Support
 - Lazy or Deferred Loading
 - Foreign Keys



Overview:Poco Support

- POCO stand for “Plain Old CLR Objects”
- POCO allows a developer to add their own custom data classes along with data model
- It is used in the Code First Approach
- It provide all the features of Model First or Database First like
 - Lazy or Deferred Loading
 - Change Tracking
 - Complex Types
 - Foreign Key Association etc



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POCO Suport

- One of the more powerful new features of the Entity Framework is the ability to add and use your own custom data classes in conjunction with your data model.
- This is accomplished by using CLR objects, commonly known as “POCO” (Plain Old CLR Objects).
- The added benefit comes in the form of not needing to make additional modifications to the data classes.
- This is also called persistence-ignorance.
- The flexibility of extending these partial classes means more control over the core entity object functionality.
- This is a huge advantage as developers can now leverage and preserve valuable customizations and business logic, which they might not have been able to do previously.



The code-only approach simply requires that you create POCO classes that contain the same structure as the database schema you want to map to, such as the following Contact class

```
public class Contact
{
    public Contact() { }
    public int ContactID { get; set; }
    public bool NameStyle { get; set; }
    public string Title { get; set; }
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    public string MiddleName { get; set; }
    public string LastName { get; set; }
    public string Suffix { get; set; }
    public string EmailAddress { get; set; }
    public int EmailPromotion { get; set; }
    public string Phone { get; set; }
    public string PasswordHash { get; set; }
    public string PasswordSalt { get; set; }
    public Guid rowguid { get; set; }
    public DateTime ModifiedDate { get; set; }
    public ICollection<Employee> Employees { get; set; }
}
```

X.1: Breadcrumb

Lazy or Deferred Loading

- Lazy Loading simply means going back to database to get data related to data your current query has already returned
 - Eg:-
 - An example would be of customer /order scenario
 - You already have customers loaded but you want their order .So you go back to database to get orders for a particular customer
 - Lazy Loading means the this trip to database to get the sales information has happened automatically
 - POCO Supports Lazy Loading and it is easy to implement
 - To Implementing Lazy Loading following step needs to be followed
 - Set the DeferredLoadingEnabled property to true
 - Set the Property as virtual which need to be lazy loading



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Lazy Loading :-

Lazy loading is the process whereby an entity or collection of entities is automatically loaded from the database the first time that a property referring to the entity/entities is accessed. When using POCO entity types, lazy loading is achieved by creating instances of derived proxy types and then overriding virtual properties to add the loading hook.

An example of this would be a customer/orders scenario. You already have the customers loaded, but you want their orders. So now you go back to the database to get orders for a particular customer. Lazy loading means that this trip to the database to get the sales information has happened automatically.

To Implement Lazy Loading on POCO you have to follow the following steps

- 1) Set the DeferredLoadingEnabled property to true
Eg :- context.ContextOptions.LazyLoadingEnabled=true
- 2) Set the property as virtual which need to be lazy loading
Eg:-

```
public Guid rowguid { get; set; }  
public DateTime ModifiedDate { get; set; }  
public virtual Contact Contact { get; set; }  
public int ContactID { get; set; }
```

X.1: Breadcrumb

Lazy or Deferred Loading

- Benefits of Lazy Loading

- Minimizes start up time of the application.
- Application consumes less memory because of on-demand loading.
- Unnecessary database SQL execution is avoided.



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Demo

- Demo for Implementing POCO and Lazy Loading



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Foreign Key

- At Database level we have relationship to logically relate table with each other. so they can store related data
- To achieve this we have Foreign key relationship between the table of the database
- Similarly we can have logical relationship between the entities by using Foreign key
- At Code First level we can use Data Annotation for implementing the same
- In Model First and Database First it can be created in Model Designer

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Foreign Key :-

- A foreign key association, the foreign key is exposed as a property in the dependent entity.
- Exposing the foreign key allows many aspects of the association to be managed with the same code that manages the other property values.
- This is particularly helpful in disconnected scenarios
- Foreign key associations are the default in Entity Framework.
- For independent associations, the foreign keys are not exposed as properties.
- This makes the modeling at the conceptual layer somewhat cleaner because there is no noise introduced concerning the details of the association implementation.
- In the early versions of Entity Framework, only independent associations were supported.

X.2: Breadcrumb

Foreign Key



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Foreign key allow to logically relate entities in Entity Framework
Following code show an example of implementing Foreign Key relation ship in Code First Approach

```
using System;
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations.Schema;
public class Course
{
    [Key]
    public int CourseID { get; set; }
    public string CourseName { get; set; }
}

public class Student
{
    public int StudentID { get; set; }
    public string StudentName { get; set; }
    [ForeignKey("CourseID")]
    public Course CourseID { get; set; }
}
```

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Demo

- Demo for Implementing Foreign Keys



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Summary

- In this lesson we have learnt the following
 - Implementing POCO and Lazy Loading
 - Implementing Foreign Key



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Review Question

- Which of the following features are supported by Model First Approach
 - Syntax Check
 - Lazy Loading
 - POCO
 - Foreign Keys

- Lazy Loading allow you to load you load data at runtime
 - True
 - False



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Review Question

- _____ property need to set to true to enable lazy loading in the context
 - SetRuntimeLoading
 - LazyLoading
 - LazyLoadingEnable
 - LazyLoadEnable



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LINQ and Entity Framework

Lesson 05: Overview of LINQ to
Entities

Lesson Objectives

- In this lesson we will cover the following topic
 - Basic query operations with LINQ to Entities
 - Querying and Manipulating Entity Data Model



Overview

- LINQ to Entities provides LINQ support that enables developer to write queries against the Entity Framework Conceptual model
- Queries against the Entity Framework are represented by command tree queries which against the object context
- LINQ to Entities converts LINQ queries to command tree queries, executes the queries against the Entity Framework and returns the object that can be used by both the Entity Framework and LINQ



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LINQ to Entities :-

LINQ to Entities provides Language-Integrated Query (LINQ) support that enables developers to write queries against the Entity Framework conceptual model using Visual Basic or Visual C#.

Queries against the Entity Framework are represented by command tree queries, which execute against the object context.

LINQ to Entities converts Language-Integrated Queries (LINQ) queries to command tree queries, executes the queries against the Entity Framework, and returns objects that can be used by both the Entity Framework and LINQ.

X.1: Breadcrumb

Overview

- The following is the process for creating and executing a LINQ to Entities query
 - Construct an ObjectQuery instance from ObjectContext
 - Compose a LINQ to Entities query by using the ObjectQuery instance
 - Convert LINQ standard query operators and expression to command tree
 - Execute the query in command tree representation against the data source. Any exceptions thrown on the data source during execution are passed directly up to the client
 - Return query results back to the client

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ObjectContext :- Provides facilities for querying and working with entity data as objects.

ObjectQuery

[IQueryable](#)

X.2: Breadcrumb

Basic Query Operations

- LINQ to Entities enables you to define LINQ queries on the entities that are returned by an object query.
- In a typical scenario, an application defines an object query to retrieve data from the persistent data store into a collection of entities in memory, and then it uses LINQ to Entities to query the entities without requiring additional roundtrips to the database.
- We can perform basic operation like projection, filtering ,ordering and aggregation on the Entities



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Basic Query Operation- Projection

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    IQueryable<Product> productsQuery = from product in context.Products
                                             select product;

    Console.WriteLine("Product Names:");
    foreach (var prod in productsQuery)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(prod.Name);
    }
}
```



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The slide shows a simple query using LINQ to Entities. It shows use of select

The above query returns name of all the products from the Product table

Basic Query Operation- Filtering

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    var onlineOrders =
        from order in context.SalesOrderHeaders
        where order.OnlineOrderFlag == true
        select new
        {
            SalesOrderID = order.SalesOrderID,
            OrderDate = order.OrderDate,
            SalesOrderNumber = order.SalesOrderNumber
        };

    foreach (var onlineOrder in onlineOrders)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Order ID: {0} Order date: {1:d} Order number: {2}",
            onlineOrder.SalesOrderID,
            onlineOrder.OrderDate,
            onlineOrder.SalesOrderNumber);
    }
}
```



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The slide show example of Filtering of data using LINQ to Entities. In this example we are using Where for filtering

The query will returns all the order which was placed online

Basic Query Operation- Ordering

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    IQueryable<Contact> sortedNames =
        from n in context.Contacts
        orderby n.LastName
        select n;

    Console.WriteLine("The sorted list of last names:");
    foreach (Contact n in sortedNames)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(n.LastName);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of OrderBy.

The query will return a list of contacts ordered by last name.

Basic Query Operation- Ordering

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    IQueryable<Decimal> sortedPrices =
        from p in context.Products
        orderby p.ListPrice descending
        select p.ListPrice;

    Console.WriteLine("The list price from highest to lowest:");
    foreach (Decimal price in sortedPrices)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(price);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of OrderByDescending.

The query will return sorted price list of the product from highest to lowest.

Basic Query Operation- Aggregate

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    ObjectSet<Product> products = context.Products;

    var query = from product in products
                group product by product.Style into g
                select new
                {
                    Style = g.Key,
                    AverageListPrice =
                        g.Average(product => product.ListPrice)
                };

    foreach (var product in query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Product style: {0} Average list price: {1}",
            product.Style, product.AverageListPrice);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of Average Aggregate function.

The query returns the average list price of the products of each style.

Basic Query Operation- Aggregate

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    ObjectSet<Contact> contacts = context.Contacts;

    //Can't find field SalesOrderContact
    var query =
        from contact in contacts
        select new
        {
            CustomerID = contact.ContactID,
            OrderCount = contact.SalesOrderHeaders.Count()
        };

    foreach (var contact in query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("CustomerID = {0} \t OrderCount = {1}",
            contact.CustomerID,
            contact.OrderCount);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of Count Aggregate function.

The query return a list of contact IDs and how many orders each has.

Basic Query Operation- Aggregate

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    ObjectSet<SalesOrderHeader> orders = context.SalesOrderHeaders;

    var query =
        from order in orders
        group order by order.Contact.ContactID into g
        select new
        {
            Category = g.Key,
            maxTotalDue =
                g.Max(order => order.TotalDue)
        };

    foreach (var order in query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("ContactID = {0} \t Maximum TotalDue = {1}",
            order.Category, order.maxTotalDue);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of Max Aggregate function.

The query return the largest total due for each contact ID.

Basic Query Operation- Aggregate

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    ObjectSet<SalesOrderHeader> orders = context.SalesOrderHeaders;

    var query =
        from order in orders
        group order by order.Contact.ContactID into g
        select new
        {
            Category = g.Key,
            smallestTotalDue =
                g.Min(order => order.TotalDue)
        };

    foreach (var order in query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("ContactID = {0} \t Minimum TotalDue = {1}",
            order.Category, order.smallestTotalDue);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of Min Aggregate function.

The query returns the smallest total due for each contact ID.

Basic Query Operation- Aggregate

```
using (AdventureWorksEntities context = new AdventureWorksEntities())
{
    ObjectSet<SalesOrderHeader> orders = context.SalesOrderHeaders;

    var query =
        from order in orders
        group order by order.Contact.ContactID into g
        select new
        {
            Category = g.Key,
            TotalDue = g.Sum(order => order.TotalDue)
        };

    foreach (var order in query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("ContactID = {0} \t TotalDue sum = {1}",
            order.Category, order.TotalDue);
    }
}
```



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The above example shows use of Sum Aggregate function.

The query returns the total due for each contact ID.

X.X: Basic Query Operations

Demo

- Implementing Basic query operations in LINQ to Entities



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X.3: Query and Manipulating Entity Data Model

Query and Manipulating Entity Data Model

- The `ObjectContext` class provides methods that enable you to insert and delete entities in the cache of entities held in memory by the object context object.
- You can also locate existing entities and modify their property values in memory.
- To save entity changes to the persistent data store, you must invoke the `SaveChanges` method on the `ObjectContext` object and handle any concurrency errors that might occur.

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Query and Manipulating Entity Data Model

To insert an entity into an object context:

1. Create an entity and set its properties
2. Invoke the `Add` method on the `ObjectContext` object

To update an existing entity in an object context:

1. Locate the entity in the object context
2. Modify property values on the entity

To delete an existing entity in an object context:

1. Locate the entity in the object context
2. Invoke the `Remove` method on the `ObjectContext` object

To save the object context changes to the data store:

1. Invoke the `SaveChanges` method on the `ObjectContext` object
2. Handle concurrency exceptions

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Demo

- Implementing Data Manipulation using LINQ to Entities



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Best Practices for LINQ

- Best practices for LINQ query performance
 - Turn Object Tracking off
 - Turn Optimistic Concurrency off
 - Use Compiled queries judiciously
 - Using Data Context
 - Retrieve selective data
 - Analyze queries



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Best Practices of LINQ query performance

Turn Object Tracking off :-

You should turn ObjectTrackingEnabled property off if you don't need it. Note that if you don't need to change data but just read it, it is always advisable to turn this property off so as to turn off the unnecessary identity management of objects. The ObjectTrackingEnabled property is set to true by default. This implies that LINQ to SQL would keep track of every change that you make to your data so that it can remember those changes when you need to persist those changes to the underlying database at a later point in time. This will help boost the application's performance to a considerable extent. The following code snippet illustrates how you can turn this property off (set it to false):

```
using (IDGDataContext dataContext = new IDGDataContext())
{
    dataContext.ObjectTrackingEnabled = false;
    //Usual code
}
```

Turn Optimistic Concurrency off :-

Concurrency handling enables you to detect and resolve conflicts that arise out of concurrent requests to the same resource. Note that there are two types of concurrency - Optimistic and Pessimistic and LINQ follows an optimistic concurrency model by default. You should turn optimistic concurrency off unless it is needed. Note that UpdateCheck is set to Always which implies LINQ to SQL will check the property value, i.e., the value contained in that property against the value stored in the column of the database table that is mapped to that property. You should avoid using optimistic concurrency if not needed. You can use the UpdateCheck property to turn off optimistic concurrency. The following code snippet illustrates how you can set this property in the attribute of your entity class:

```
[Column(Storage="_Address", DbType="NText",
UpdateCheck=UpdateCheck.Never)]
```

Best Practices for LINQ (contd...)



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Use Compiled queries judiciously :-

You can take advantage of Compiled Query to boost query performance in your application. But, remember that compiled query could be costly when used for the first time. So, do ensure you use compiled queries only in situations where you need them, i.e., when you need a query to be used repeatedly.

At the time when a query is to be executed by the LINQ engine, LINQ to SQL translates the LINQ queries to SQL -- this is repeated every time the query is to be executed. This involves traversing the expression tree recursively again and hence it is a performance overhead. No worries at all - you have the CompiledQuery class for the rescue

You can leverage CompiledQuery to eliminate this performance overhead for queries that need to be executed again and again. A word of caution though: Use CompiledQuery judiciously and only when it is needed.

Using Data Context :-

You should not dump all the database objects into one single DataContext. The DataContext should represent one unit of work. This approach if followed would reduce the identity management and object tracking overhead involved. Also, you should only attach the objects to your data context those have been changed since the time they were read into the memory.

Best Practices for LINQ (contd...)



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Retrieve selective data :-

You should retrieve only the data that is needed and avoid retrieving all of the data. To achieve this, you can take advantage of the Take and Skip methods. You can also filter the data to be retrieved using DataLoadOptions.AssociateWith so that only the required data is returned. The following code snippet illustrates how DataLoadOptions.AssociateWith can be used.

```
using (IDGDataContext dataContext = new IDGDataContext())
{
    DataLoadOptions dataLoadOptions = new DataLoadOptions();
    dataLoadOptions.AssociateWith<Customer>(customer =>
        customer.Address.Where<Address>(address => address.PinCode == 500016));
    dataContext.LoadOptions = dataLoadOptions;
}
```

Analyze queries :-

You should always analyze your LINQ queries and take a monitor the generated SQL. You can set the Log property of the data context to see the generated SQL.

```
using (IDGDataContext dataContext = new IDGDataContext())
{
    dataContext.Log = Console.Out;
}
```

This will help you to understand how your LINQ query has been translated to SQL and any additional columns or extra data that is retrieved when the SQL query is eventually executed.

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Summary

- In this lesson you have learnt about:
 - Basic query operation using LINQ to Entities
 - Data Manipulation Using LINQ to Entities



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Review Question

- Which of the following allows to access Entities using declarative query syntax?
 - LINQ to Array
 - LINQ to SQL
 - LINQ to DataSet
 - LINQ to Entities
- ObjectContext Represents a typed query against a conceptual model in a given object context.
 - True
 - False
- Question 3: Fill in the Blanks



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Review Question

- _____ method allow to save change to database
 - SafeChanges()
 - SaveChanges()
 - AcceptChnage()
 - ImplementChnages()



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Getting Started

Overview

This lab book is a guided tour for learning HTML version x.x. It comprises solved examples and 'To Do' assignments. Follow the steps provided in the solved examples and work out the 'To Do' assignments given.

Setup Checklist for HTML

Here is what is expected on your machine in order for the lab to work.

Minimum System Requirements

- Intel Core i3 or higher
- Microsoft Windows 7.
- Memory: 1GB of RAM (2GB or more recommended)
- Internet Explorer 10.0 or higher
- Google Chrome
- Connectivity to Sql Server
- LocalDB

Please ensure that the following is done:

- Visual Studio 2012 or above.
- .Net Framework 4.5 or above.

Instructions

- For all coding standards refer Appendix A. All lab assignments should refer coding standards.
- Create a directory by your name in drive <drive>. In this directory, create a subdirectory html_assgn. For each lab exercise create a directory as lab <lab number>.
- Download all files required to complete assignments from:
<http://pace.patni.com/TechRS/download.asp?course=Internet+HTML>
- You may also look up the on-line help provided in the MSDN library.

Learning More (Bibliography if applicable)

- <http://msdn.microsoft.com>
- <http://www.asp.net/entity-framework>
- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-in/data/ef.aspx>
- Entity Framework 6 Recepies by Apress publication

Problem Statement/ Case Study (If applicable)

Give the case study used for this lab book here. If applicable.

Lab 1. LINQ Basics

Goals	Understand the process of Implementing LINQ to a Collection Learn to use LINQ Learn to use LINQ Operators
Time	60 minutes

- 1) Create a console application and add class named Employee with following field.

Employee Class

EmployeeID (Integer)
FirstName (String)
LastName (String)
Title (String)
DOB (Date)
DOJ (Date)
City (String)

- 2) Create a Generic List Collection empList and populate it with the following records.

EmployeeID	FirstName	LastName	Title	DOB	DOJ	City
1001	Malcolm	Daruwalla	Manager	16/11/1984	8/6/2011	Mumbai
1002	Asdin	Dhalla	AsstManager	20/08/1984	7/7/2012	Mumbai
1003	Madhavi	Oza	Consultant	14/11/1987	12/4/2015	Pune
1004	Saba	Shaikh	SE	3/6/1990	2/2/2016	Pune
1005	Nazia	Shaikh	SE	8/3/1991	2/2/2016	Mumbai
1006	Amit	Pathak	Consultant	7/11/1989	8/8/2014	Chennai
1007	Vijay	Natralian	Consultant	2/12/1989	1/6/2015	Mumbai
1008	Rahul	Dubey	Associate	11/11/1993	6/11/2014	Chennai
1009	Suresh	Mistry	Associate	12/8/1992	3/12/2014	Chennai
1010	Sumit	Shah	Manager	12/4/1991	2/1/2016	Pune

- 3) Now once the collection created write down and execute the LINQ queries for collection as follows

- i) Display detail of all the employee
- ii) Display details of all the employee whose location is not Mumbai
- iii) Display details of all the employee whose title is AsstManager
- iv) Display details of all the employee whose Last Name start with S
- v) Display a list of all the employee who have joined before 1/1/2015

- vi) Display a list of all the employee whose date of birth is after 1/1/1990
- vii) Display a list of all the employee whose designation is Consultant and Associate
- viii) Display total number of employees
- ix) Display total number of employees belonging to “Chennai”
- x) Display highest employee id from the list
- xi) Display total number of employee who have joined after 1/1/2015
- xii) Display total number of employee whose designation is not “Associate”
- xiii) Display total number of employee based on City
- xiv) Display total number of employee based on city and title
- xv) Display total number of employee who is youngest in the list

Lab 2. Creating Entity Data Model

Goals	At the end of this lab session you will be able to:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the need for frames in web pages. • Create and work with frames. • Manage large content with frame
Time	30 Minutes

Part 1:-

Using Code-First approach

Solution:-

Create a Console application and name the application as **CodeFirstConsoleApp**

After the project is created Now we have to add the Entity framework Library to Project .For that we will Nuget Package Manager Dialog

To Open Nuget Package Manager Dialog we need to follow the following step

Tools → Nuget Package Manager → Manage Nuget Package for the Solution

In the dialog box for Nuget Package Manager select entity framework and click on install this will install EntityFramework to the project

After installing the EntityFramework to the project we can see that EntityFrame dll file has been added to the References folder in Solution Explorer

Now as we have added the EntityFramework dll to the project now we have to add the Entity and Context to the project.

To add a entity class In the Solution Explorer right click on the project name than Add → Class and name the class as Product.cs

Once the class has been created add the following code to the class

After adding the class now we have to add a Context Class to the project .Context class will allow to perform database operation like add ,delete etc.

Context Class will always inherit from DbContext class available in System.Data.Entity namespace

After adding the context class add the following code to the class

In the Program.cs class file add the following code

When the above code is executed it will create the database and table based on the Entity and the above record into the table

After executing the application we will get the following output

Now we will check database which is created for that open Sql Server Management Studio and connect to the default instance. In the object explorer you can see the database and table being created

Part 2:-

Using Database First Approach

Solution:-

Open Sql Server Management Studio and Create a database name MusicStore and add aTable named Album with the following fields

Album
AlbumID
Name
Genre
Year
Price

Add some dummy record into the table.

Now create a console application name DatabaseFirstConsoleApp and add the entityframework as done in the previous example

Once the project is created and entity framework library is added. Now we have an Entity data Model to the project.

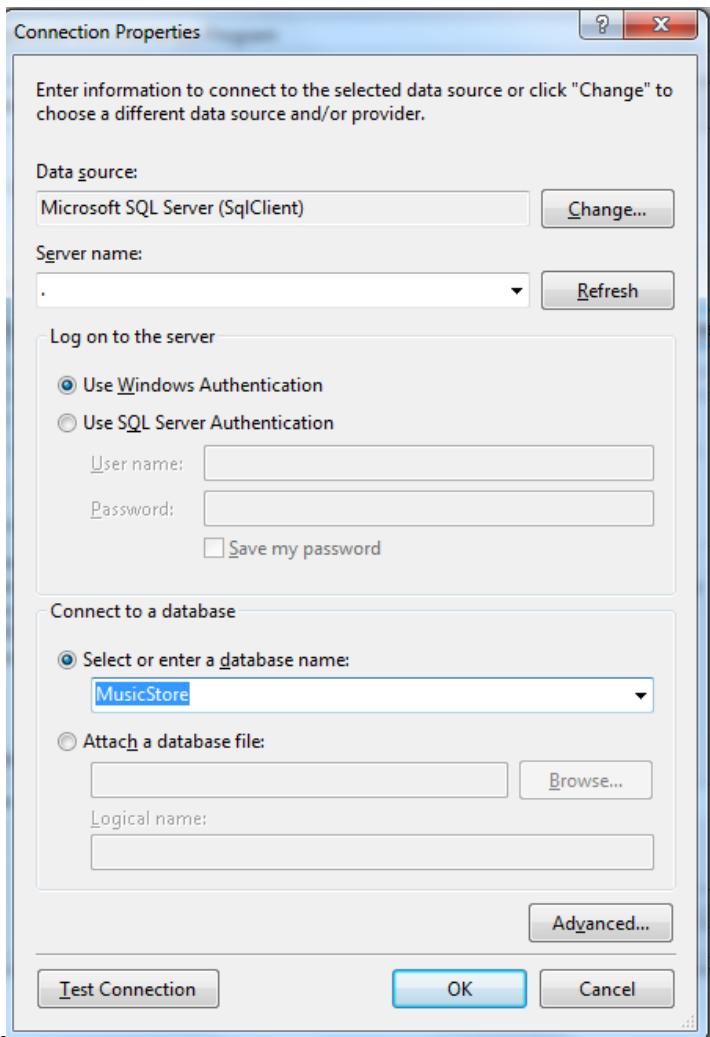
To add an Entity data Model to the Project in the solution explorer right click on the project Add → New Item. Under the New Item dialog box select Ado.Net Entity Data Model and give name as MusicStoreModel and click on Add

As we add the Entity Data model to the project. Entity Data model wizard popup in which we have different option for initializing the entity data model

In that dialog box **select EF Designer from database** and click on Next

Now on the next window we have select database for Model creation so now click on New Connection button in Choose Your Data Connection

In the Connection properties dialog box provide the Database server name and select the database you want to use. Click on Test Connection to test the connection and then click on



OK

Once the connection test is passed then click on OK

Now we can see the new connection string which we have created and a option to save the connection string in App.config or web.config file

Now Click on Next and Choose your Database Object and Settings option will be prompted .

In that we have select all the database object which we need to add to our Model.

We have select the Album table as we have only one table in the database

Now click on Finish this will add the EDM to the project and create all the required code.

In the above image we can see the model name MusicStoreModel.edmx containing Album Entity and the highlighted region show files generated for MusicStoreModel.edmx

Now as the model is created we can write code to interact with database and perform read/write operations.

To display details of the Albums write down the following code in Program.cs File
Output:-

To add an Album into the database table write the following code in Program.cs File

Output:-

Lab 3. Creating Entity Data Model Using Model First Approach.

Goals	Understand the process of Creating Entity Data Model using Model First Approach and Creating Complex Type Learn to use of Model First Approach to create database tables
Time	60 Minutes

Model First Approach :-

Model First allows you to create a new model using the Entity Framework Designer and then generate a database schema from the model. The model is stored in an EDMX file and can be viewed and edited in the Entity Framework Designer.

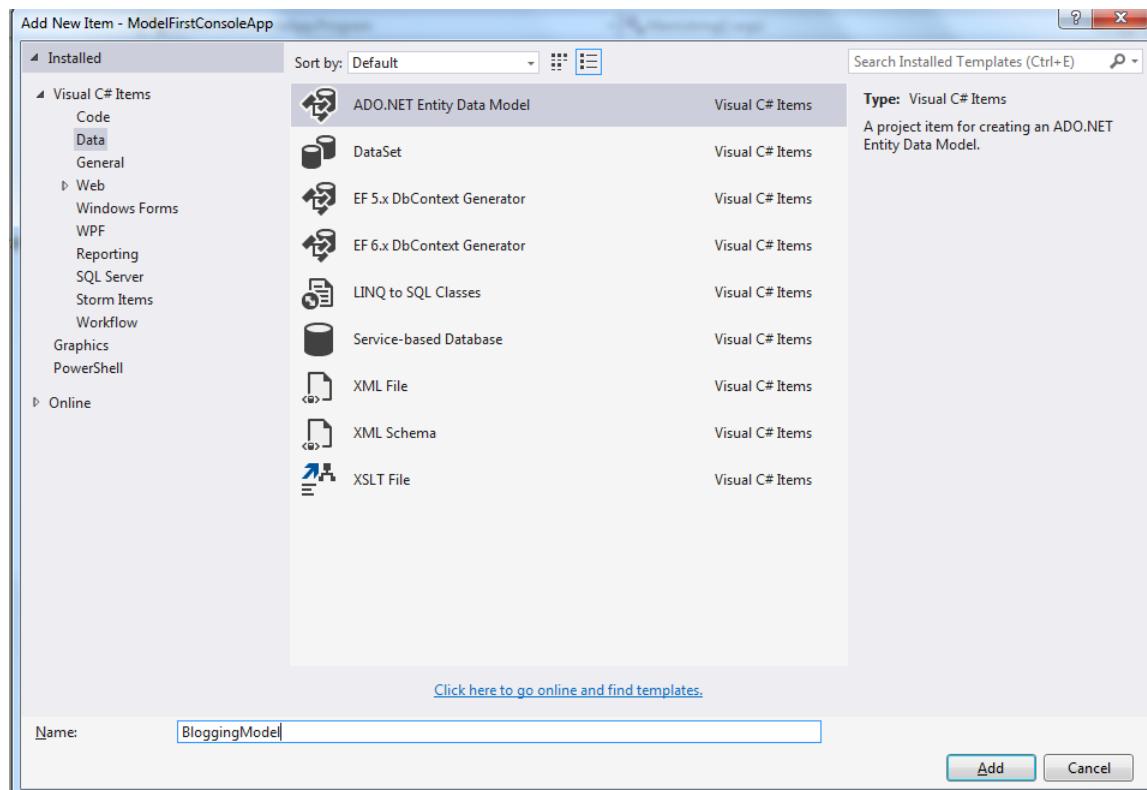
Solution:-

Open Visual Studio and create a console application named ModelFirstConsoleApp. After creating the project add Entityframework to the project using Nuget Package Manager

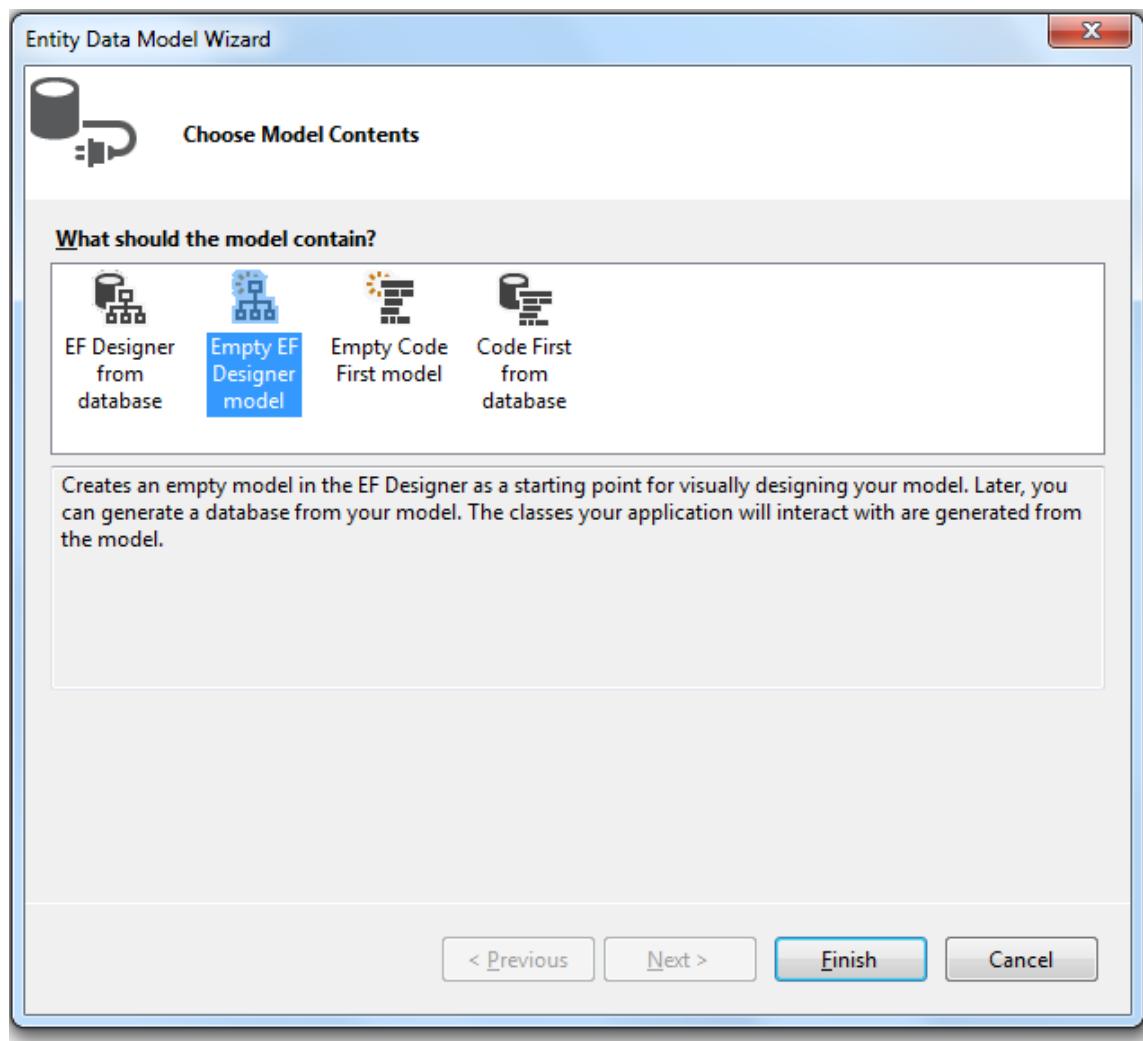
After creating the project and adding Entityframework to the project .Now we have a add a model to the project..

For adding a model to the project Right Click on the Project in Solution Explorer
→Add→New Item

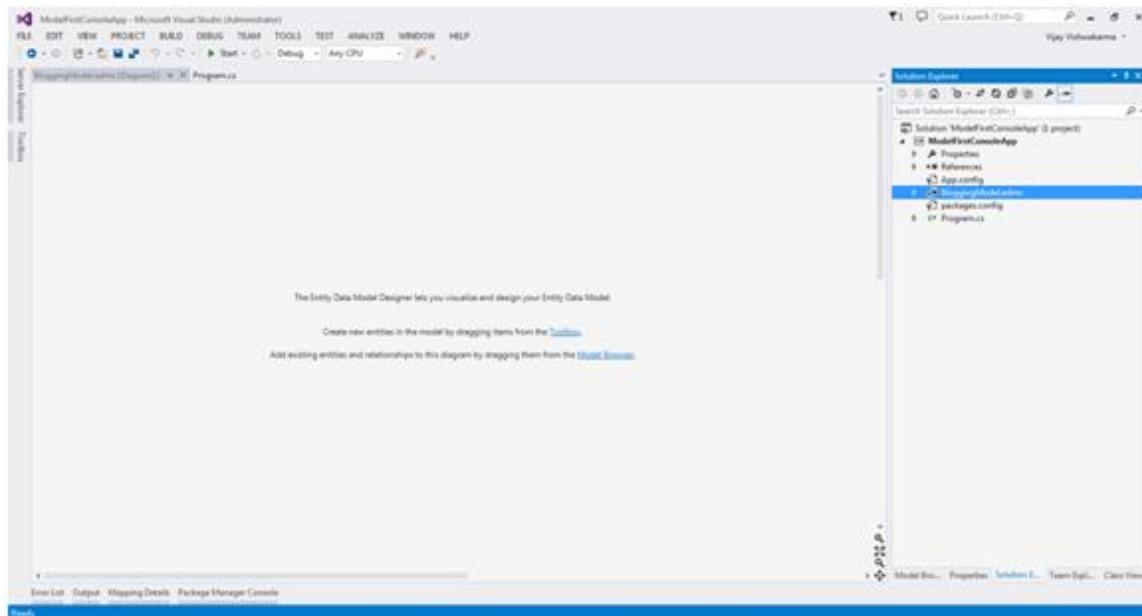
Now in the add new item dialog box select ADO.Net Entity Data Model and named it as BloggingModel and click on ADD



In the Entity Data Model Wizard select Empty EF Designer Model and click on Finish .

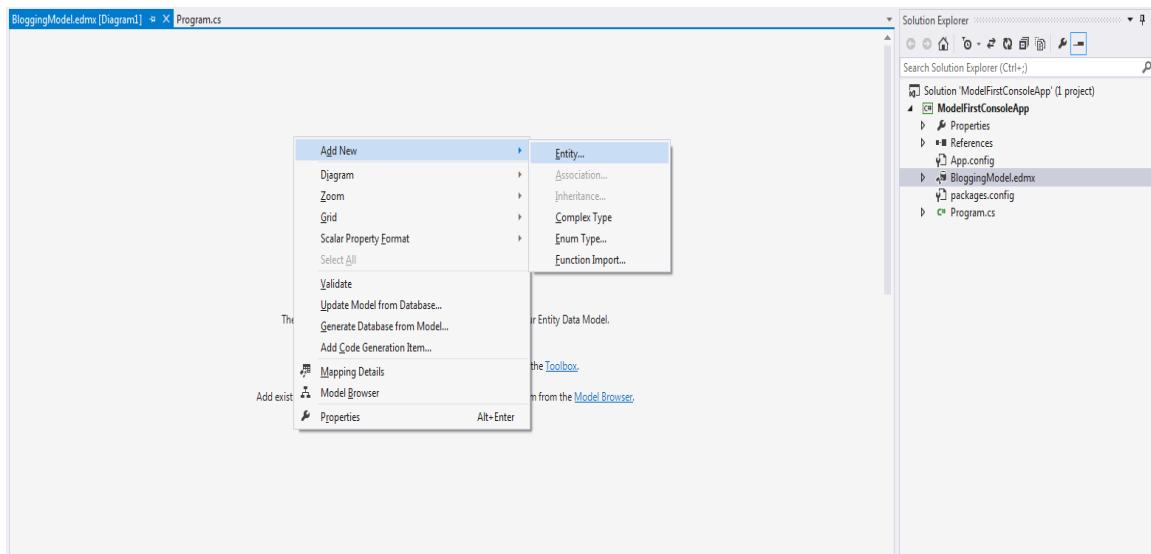


This will open up an empty EDMX on which we create Model from Scratch



Now we have to add entity in this model and create a database form it.

To add a Entity , Right click on the open edmx file and select Add New → Entity



After you select you will be prompted with the following Dialog for creating a new entity

The Dialog Display information like

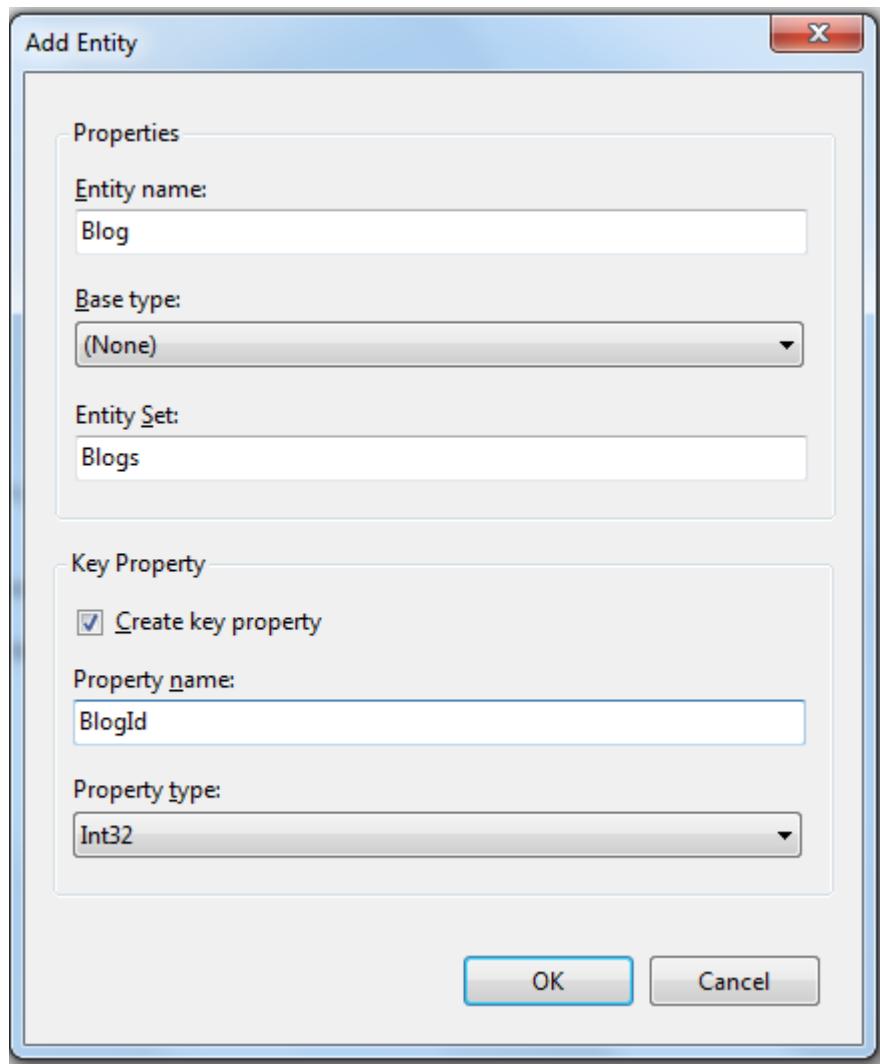
Entity Name :- This will the name of Entity

Base Type :- Shows the base type of the entity

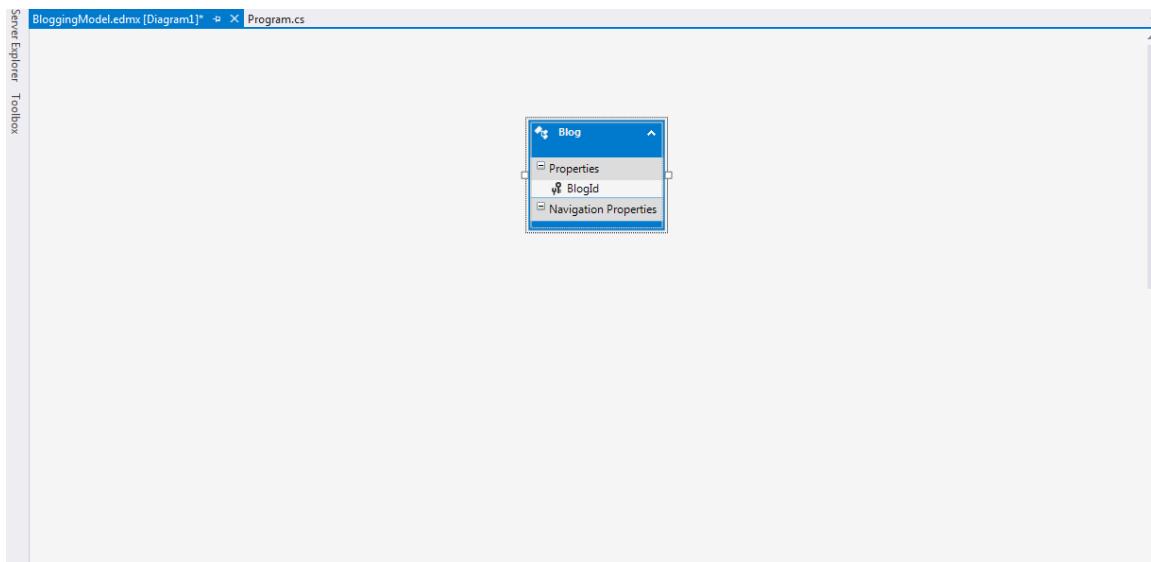
EntitySet :- Show the name of the Entity Set

It also show the option for creating Key Property where we have to specify Key Property Name and its Data Type

For our example we will Name the entity as Blog and Entity Set as Blogs .Entity Set is automatically Pluralize as we add the name of the Entity. and change Key Property from Id to BlogId

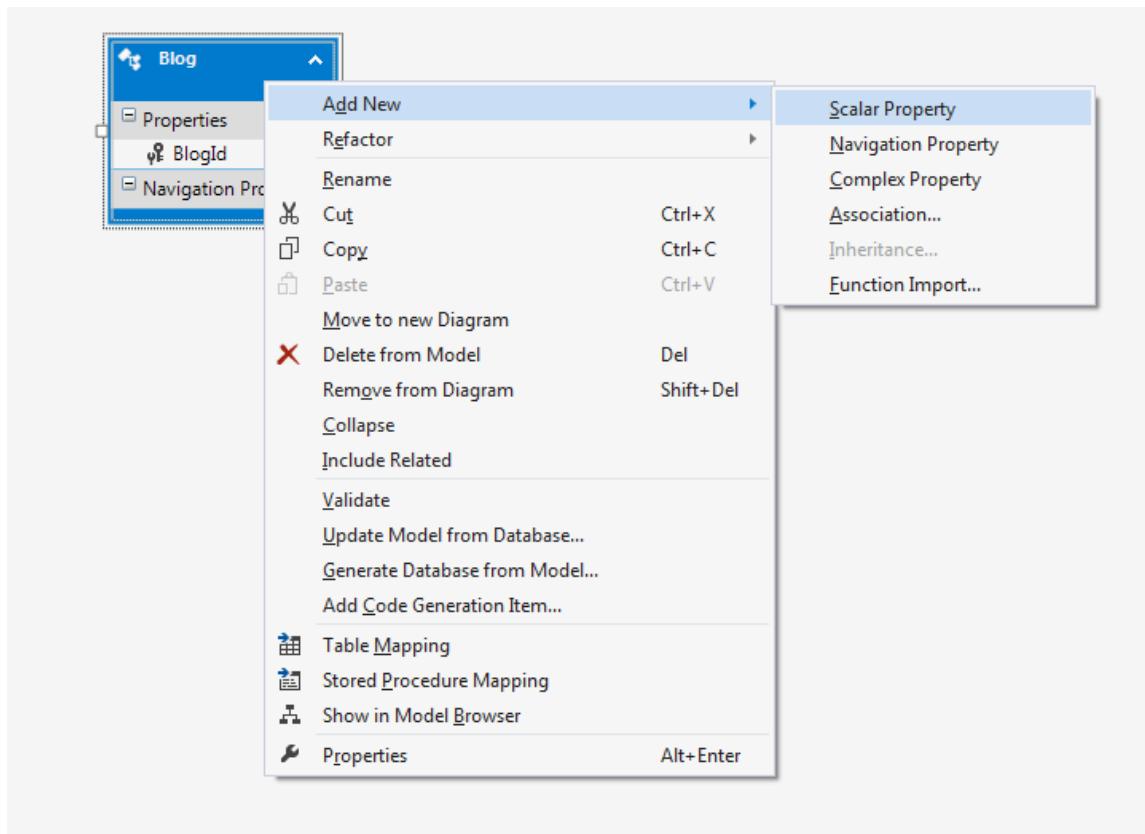


After changing all the details click on OK .This will add the entity to EDMX designer

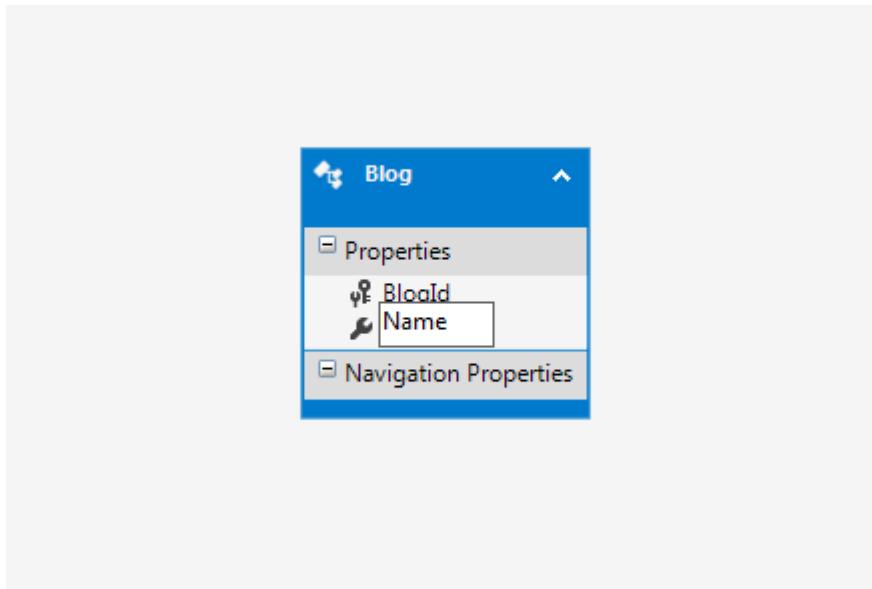


Now we have add Field to this entity for storing other information of Blog.

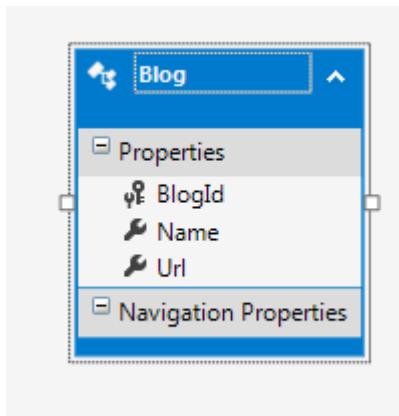
To add a Field or property to the Entity right on the Entity and select Add New → Scalar Property



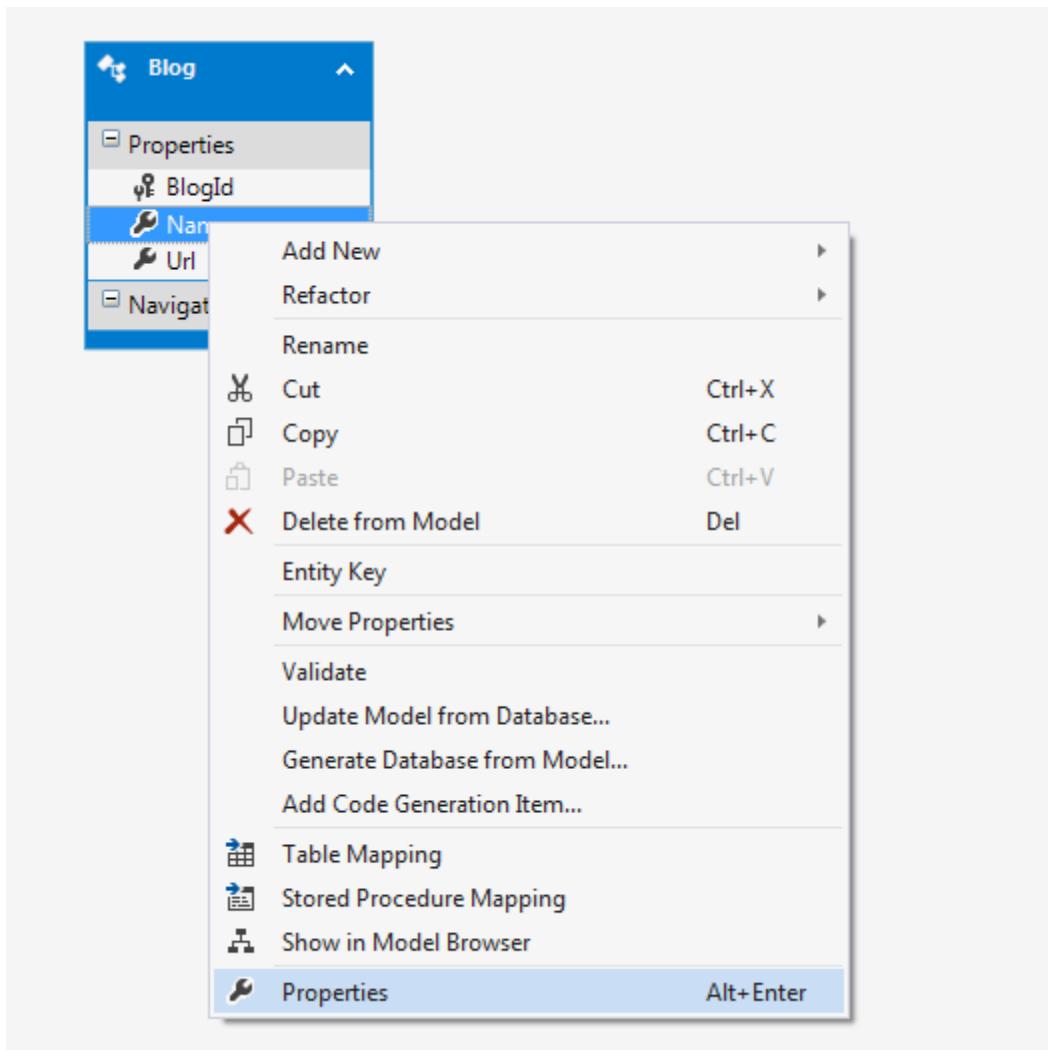
After selecting the Scalar Property , name it as Name

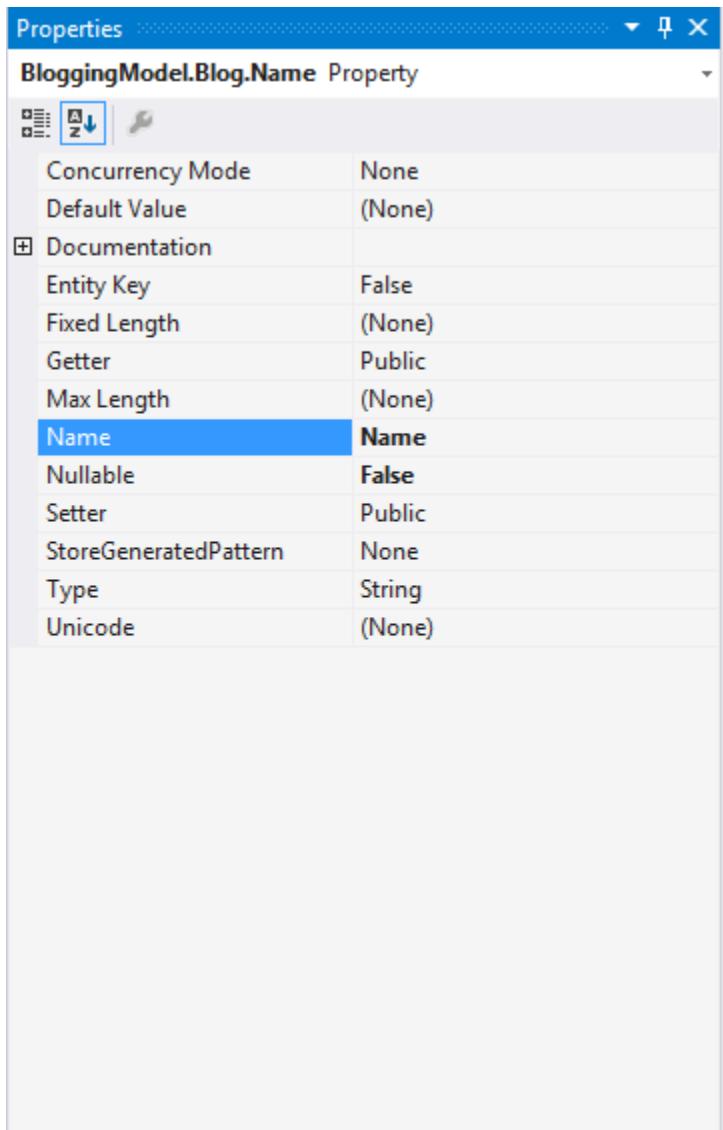


Similarly add another property named URL to the Entity. After adding the URL property the Entity Will look as follows



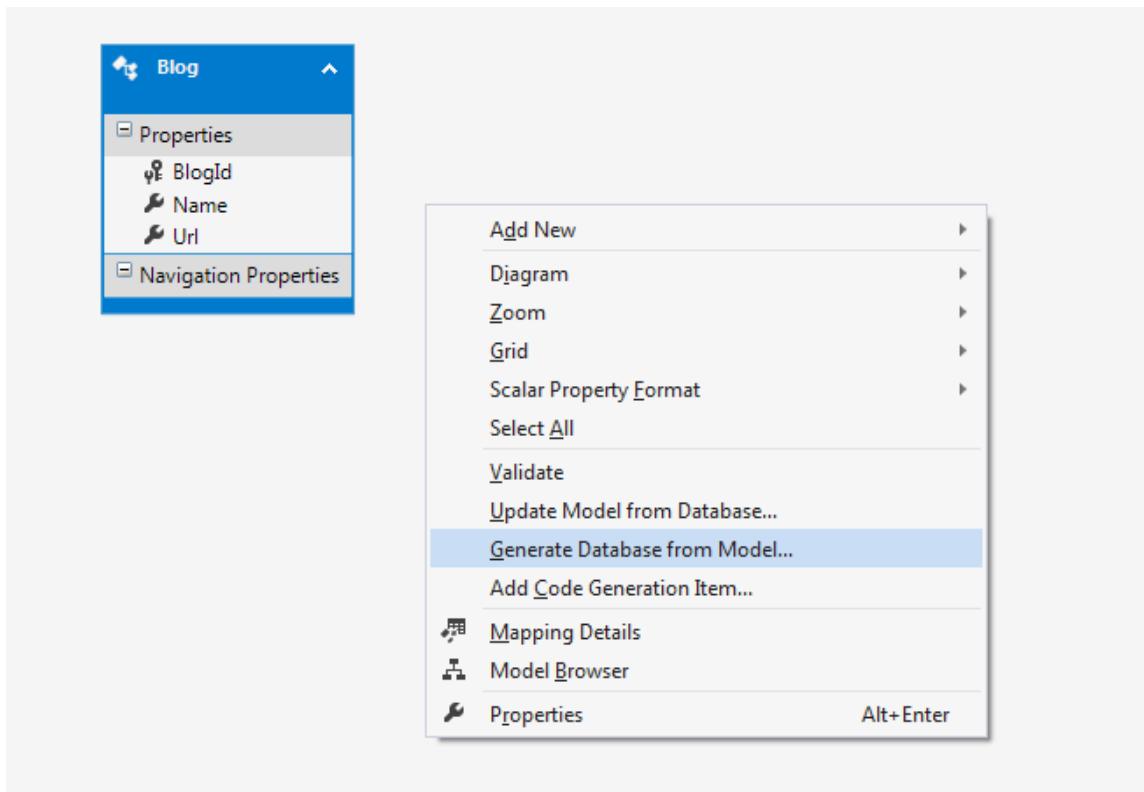
We can view the properties of each Property add the Entity by just right clicking and selecting the properties option





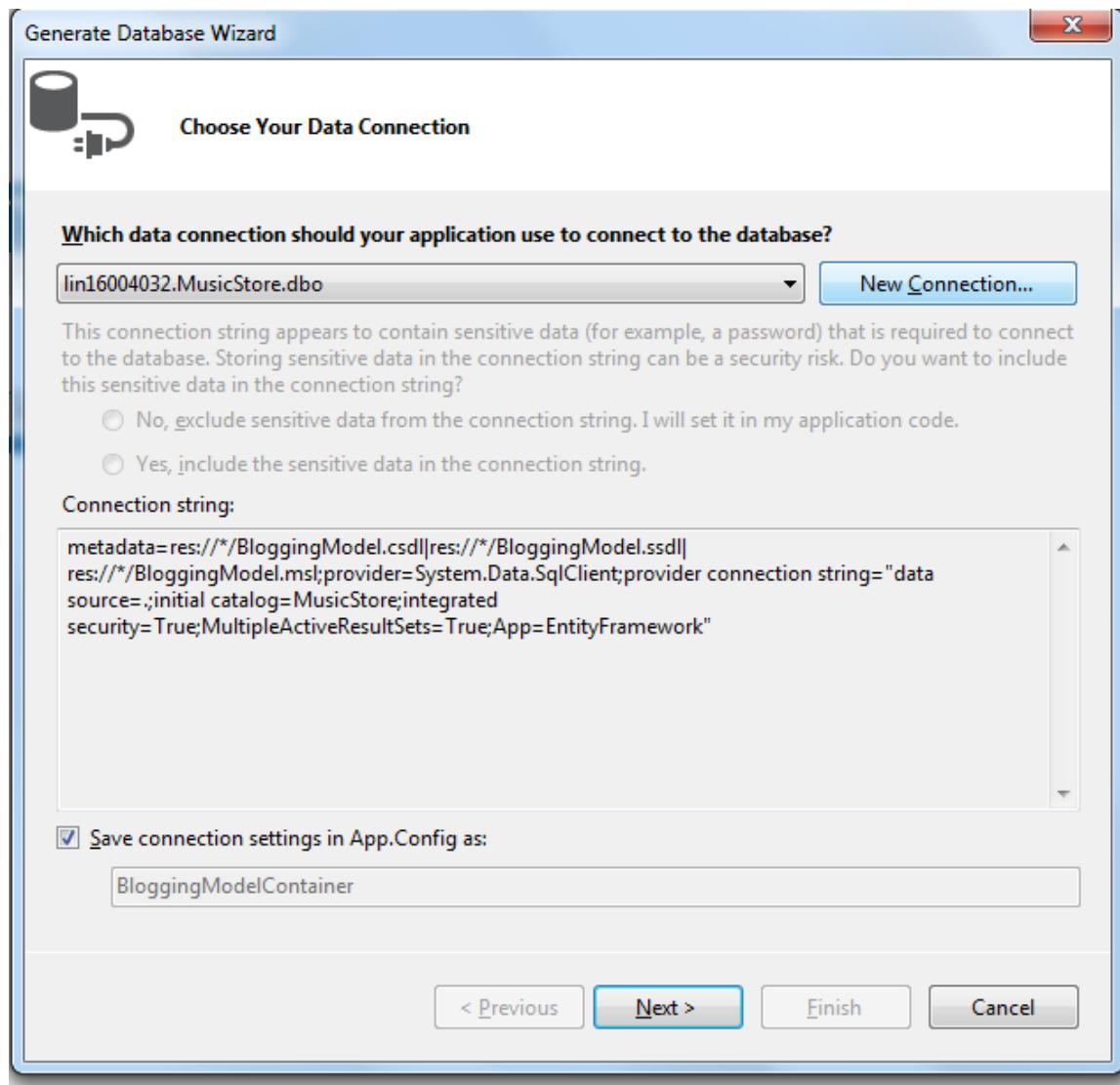
We can see above the properties show a lot of detail about the Name scalar property add to the entity .

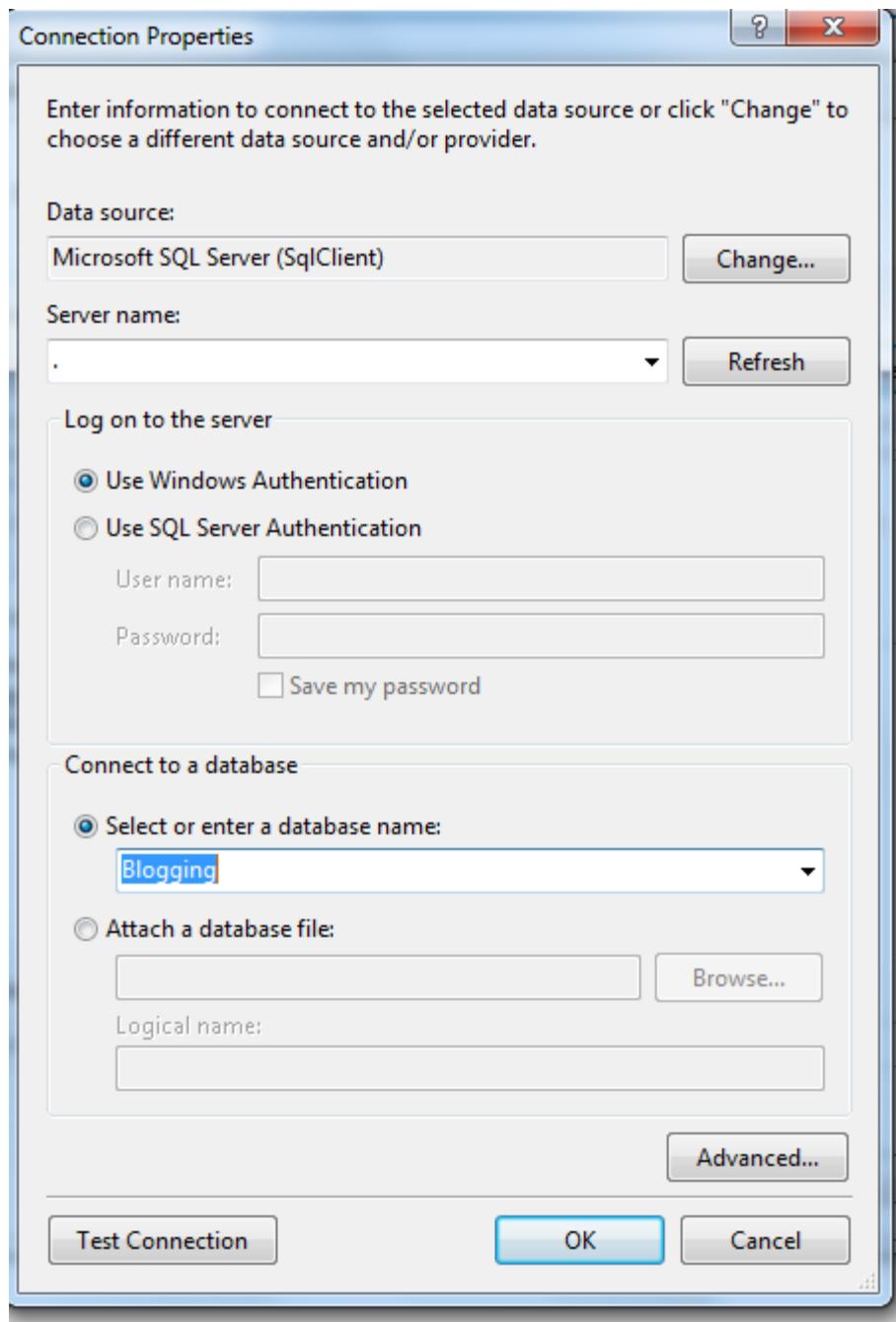
Once the Entity has been created , now we have to create Database from the Model . To create the database from the model right click on the EDMX designer and select Generate Database from Model

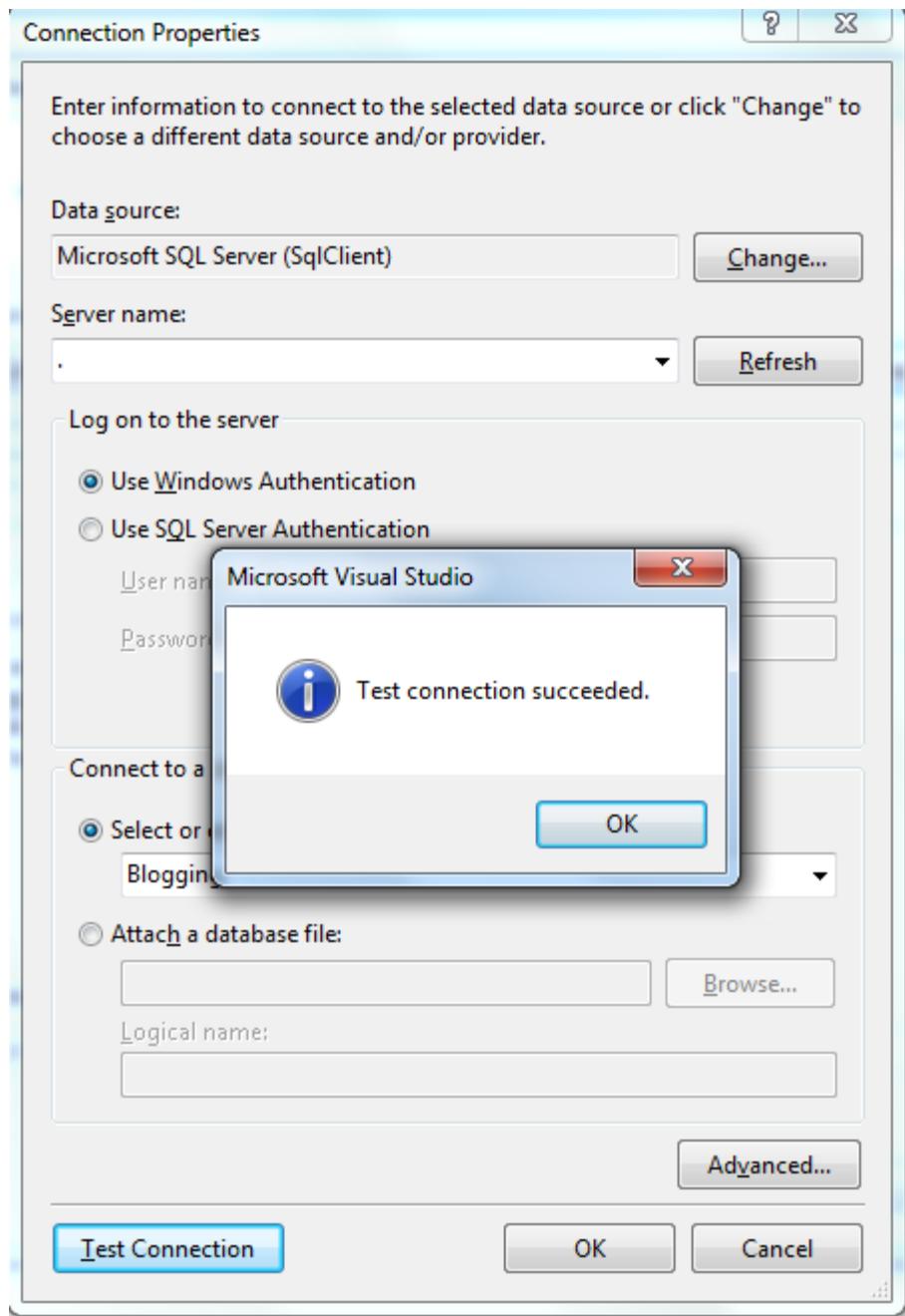


After you click on the Generate Database from Model , Generate Database Wizard will be prompted .

In the Generate Database Wizard click on the New Connection to create a new connection .

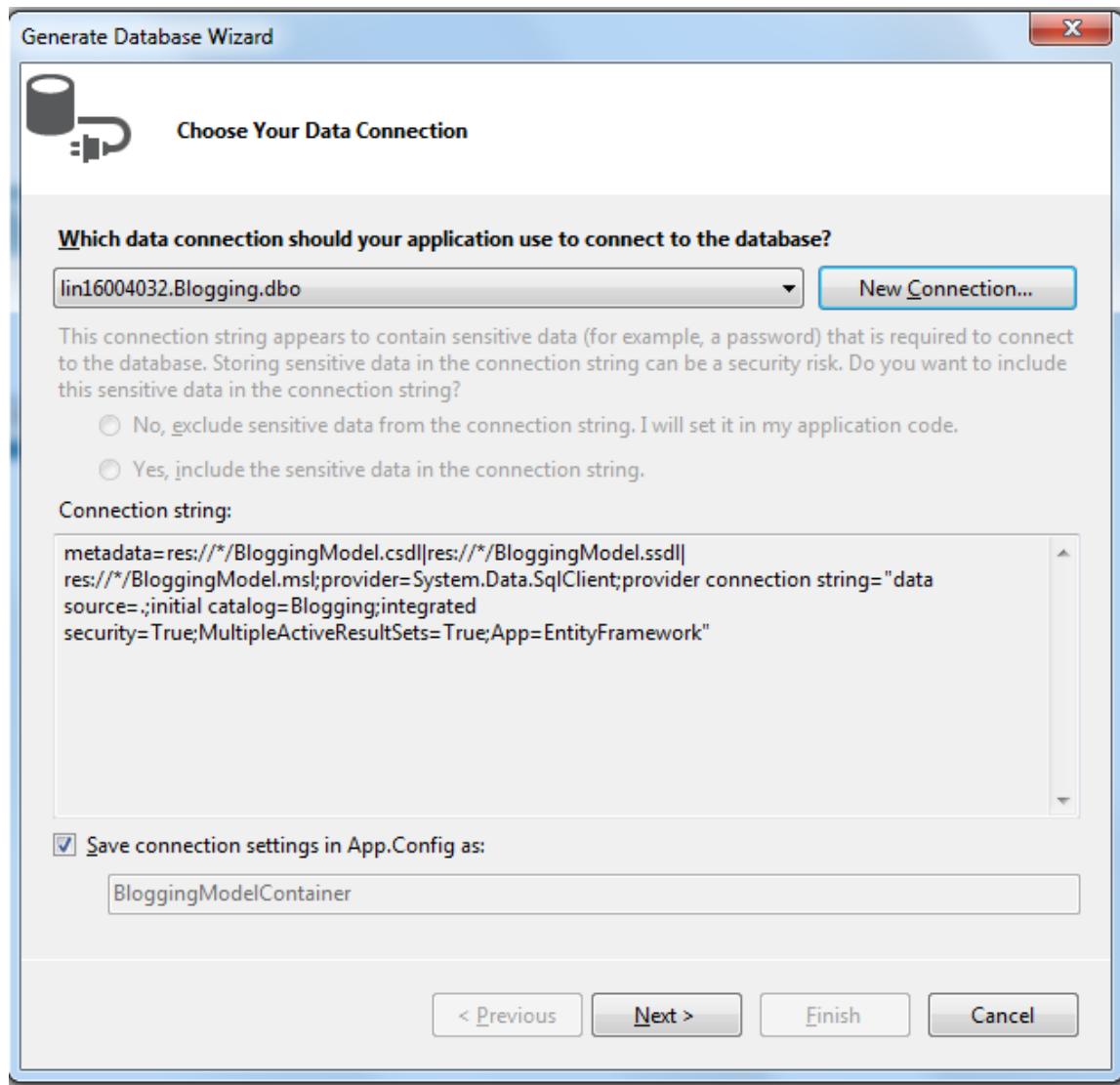




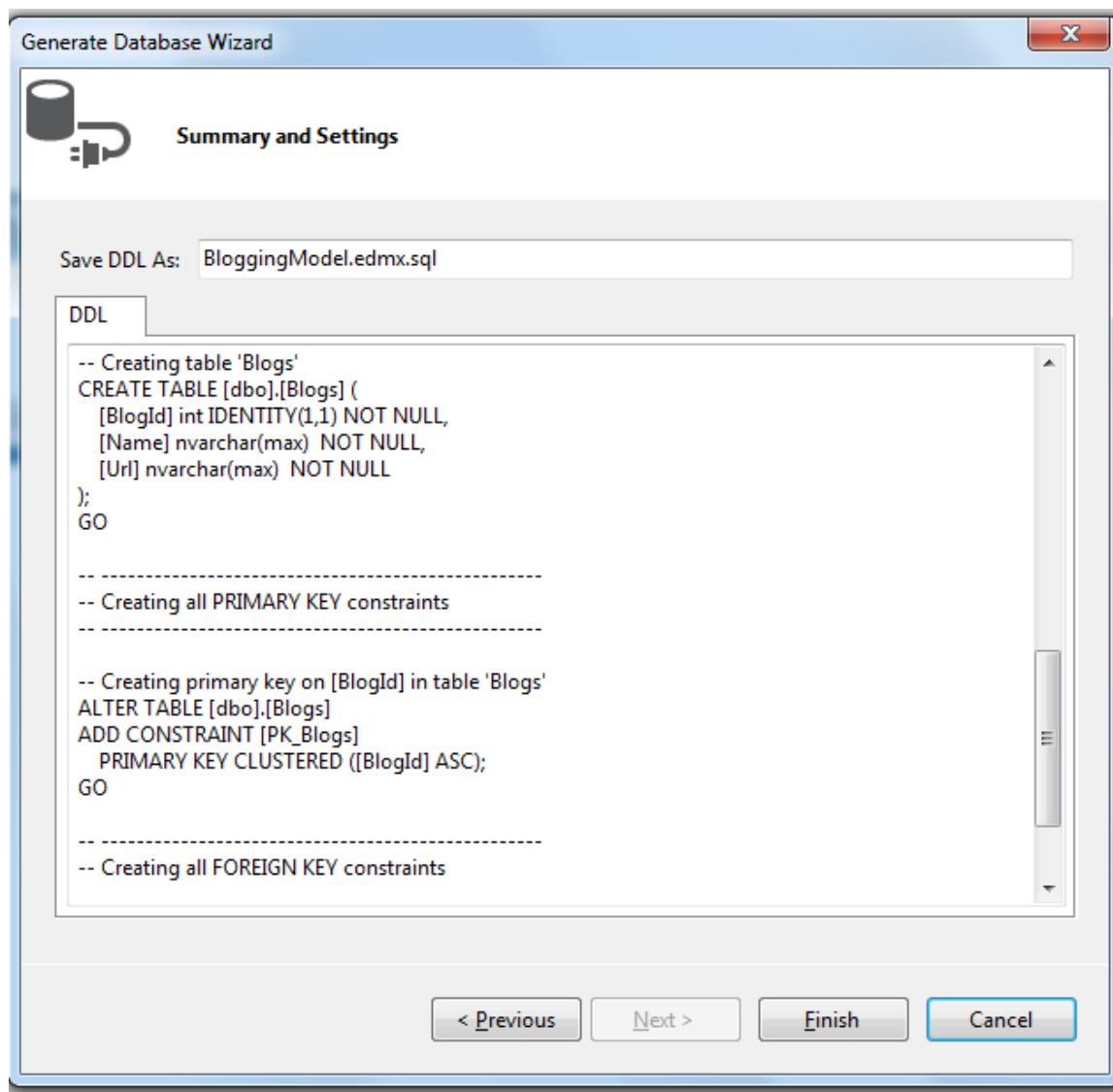


After testing the connection click on OK .

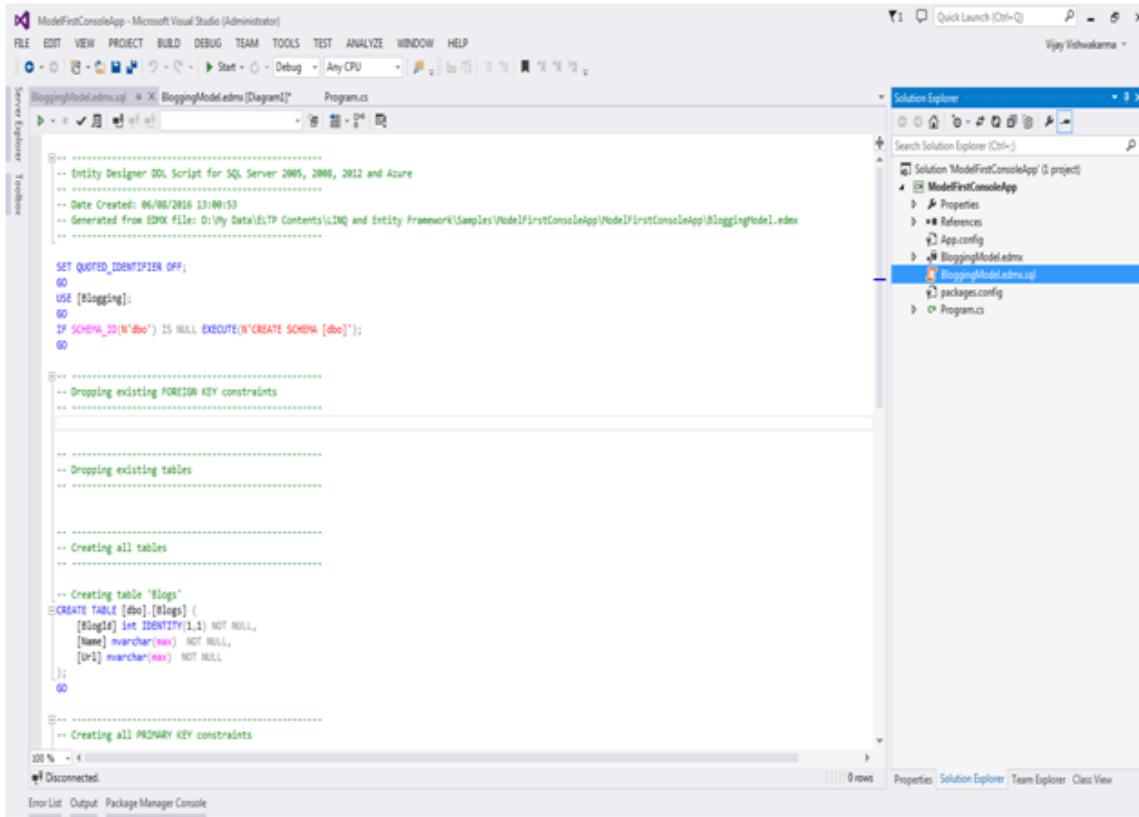
Now we have a new connection in the Generate Database Wizard



Now click on Next , DDL query for generating the Database and table will be auto generated.



Now click on finish , a file named BloggingModel.edmx.sql will be created which will contain sql shown in the dialog for creating the database.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio interface. The title bar reads "ModelFirstConsoleApp - Microsoft Visual Studio (Administrator)". The main window displays a SQL script titled "BloggingModel.edmx.sql". The script contains DDL (Data Definition Language) code for creating a database schema. It includes comments indicating it's for Entity Designer, was created on 06/08/2016 at 13:00:53, and was generated from an EDMX file. The code creates a schema named 'dbo', drops existing foreign key constraints, drops existing tables, creates all tables (including the 'Blogs' table), and creates all primary key constraints. The Solution Explorer on the right shows the project structure with files like ModelFirstConsoleApp.csproj, Properties, References, App.config, BloggingModel.edmx, BloggingModel.edmx.sql, packages.config, and Program.cs. The "BloggingModel.edmx.sql" file is selected. The status bar at the bottom shows "100 % 4 Disconnected".

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-- Entity Designer DDL Script for SQL Server 2005, 2008, 2012 and Azure
-- Date Created: 06/08/2016 13:00:53
-- Generated from EDMX File: D:\Vijay\DATA\ELTP\Contents\LINQ and Entity Framework\Samples\ModelFirstConsoleApp\ModelFirstConsoleApp\BloggingModel.edmx
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SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER OFF;
GO
USE [Blogging];
GO
IF SCHEMA_ID(N'dbo') IS NULL EXECUTE(N'CREATE SCHEMA [dbo]');
GO

-- Dropping existing FOREIGN KEY constraints
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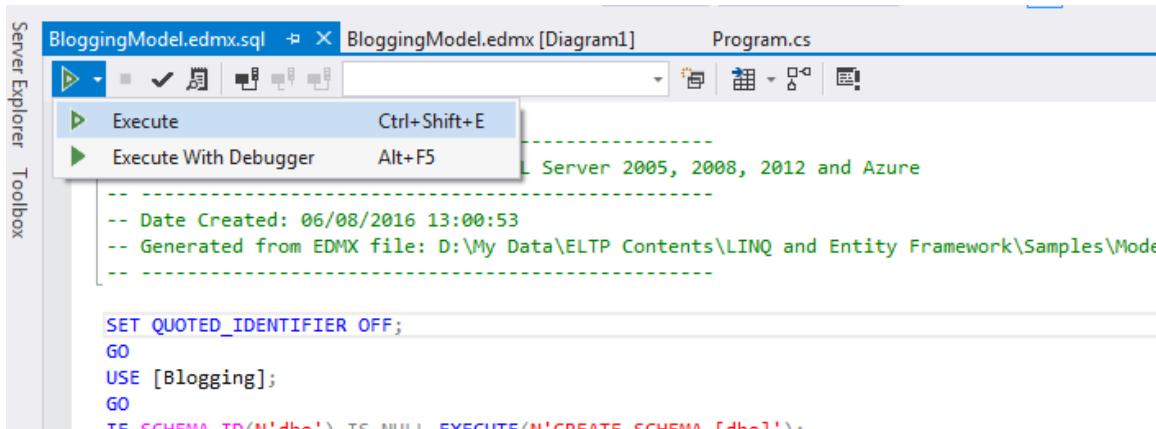
-- Dropping existing tables
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-- Creating all tables
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-- Creating table 'Blogs'
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[Blogs] (
    [BlogId] int IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL,
    [Name] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL,
    [Url] nvarchar(max) NOT NULL
);
GO

-- Creating all PRIMARY KEY constraints
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Now In the BloggingModel.edx.sql file select Execute and click on it



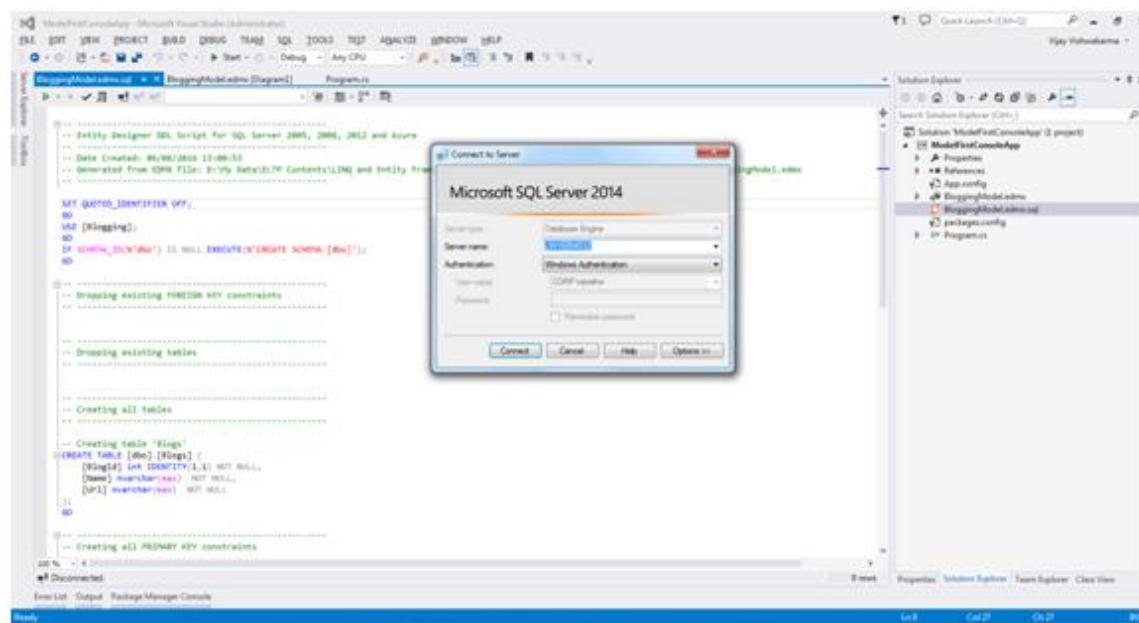
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Execute Ctrl+Shift+E
Execute With Debugger Alt+F5
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SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER OFF;
GO
USE [Blogging];
GO
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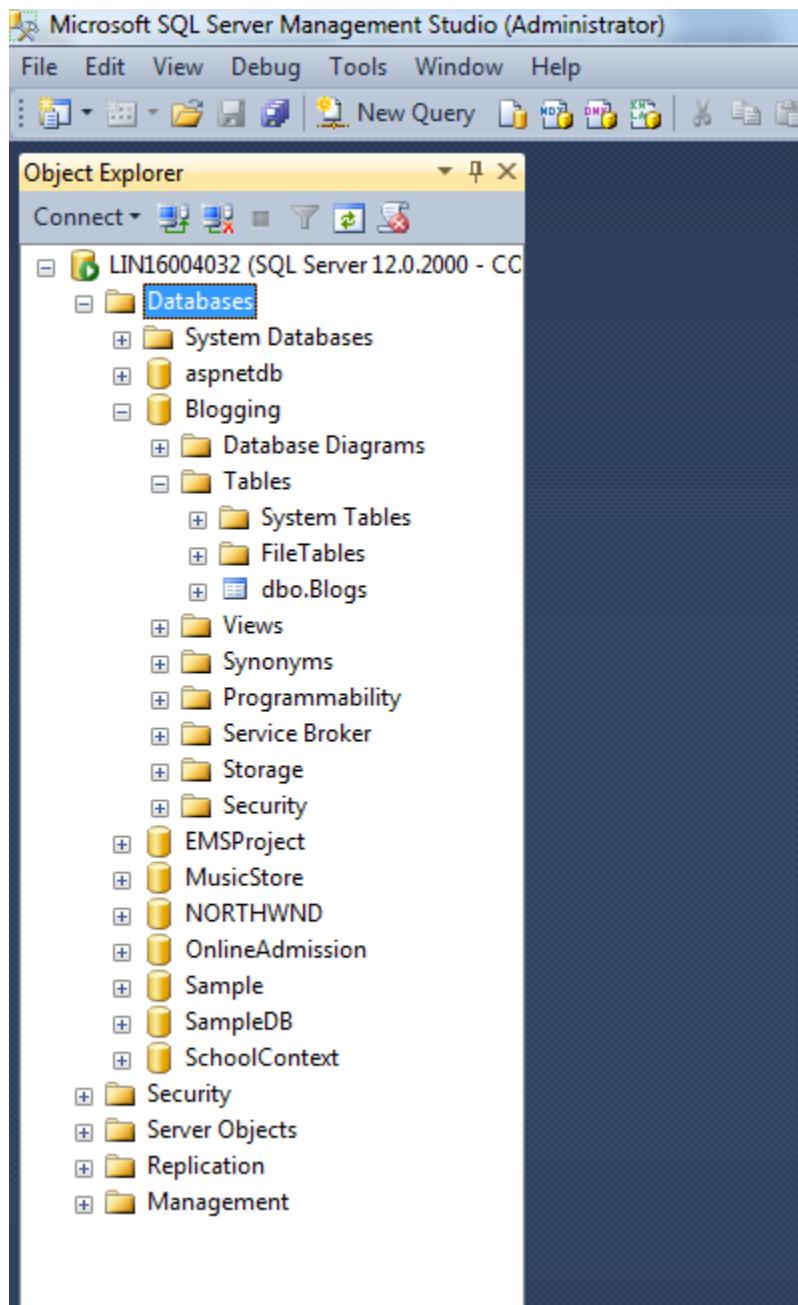
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This will execute the query against the connected database instance if not connected you will be prompted to connect to sql server instance.



Click on connect and query will executed

Now in the Sql Server Management Studio we can see the table which has been created



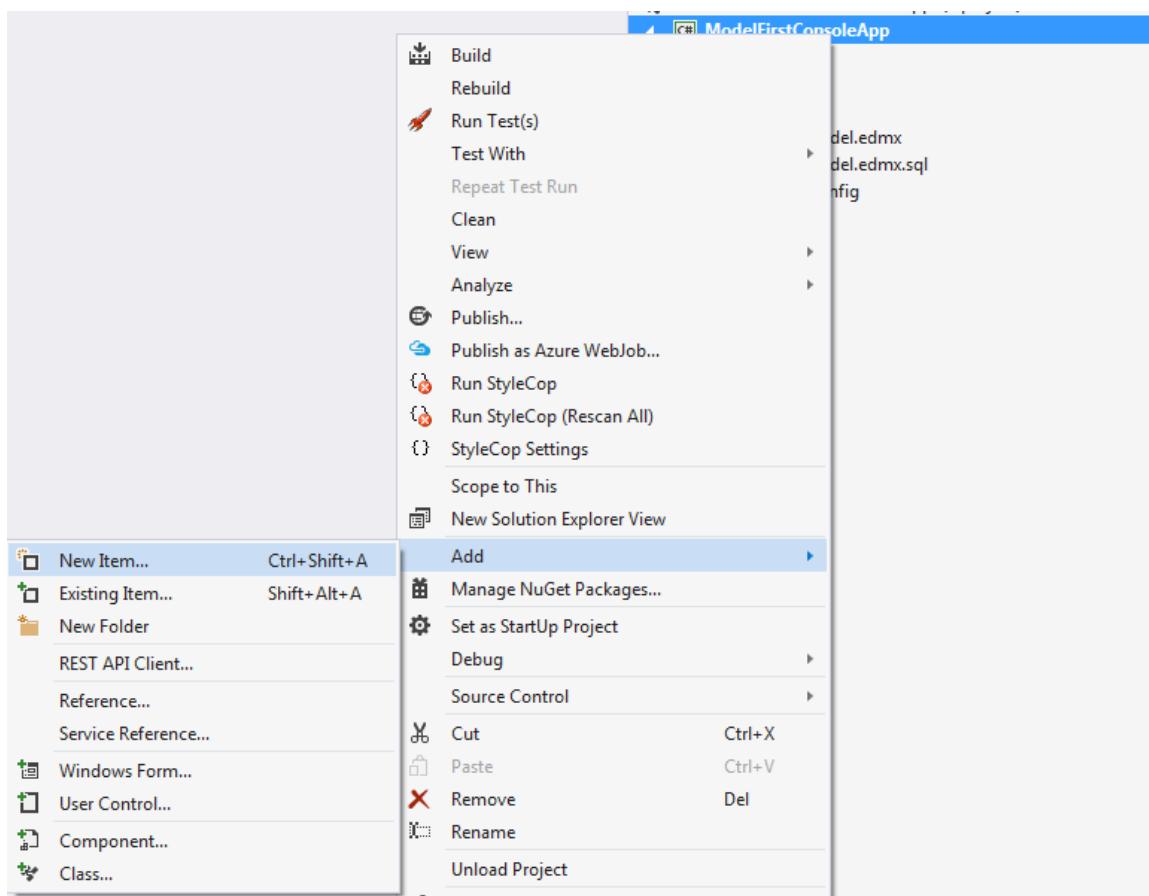
Complex Type:-

Complex types are non-scalar properties of entity types that enable scalar properties to be organized within entities. Like entities, complex types consist of scalar properties or other complex type properties.

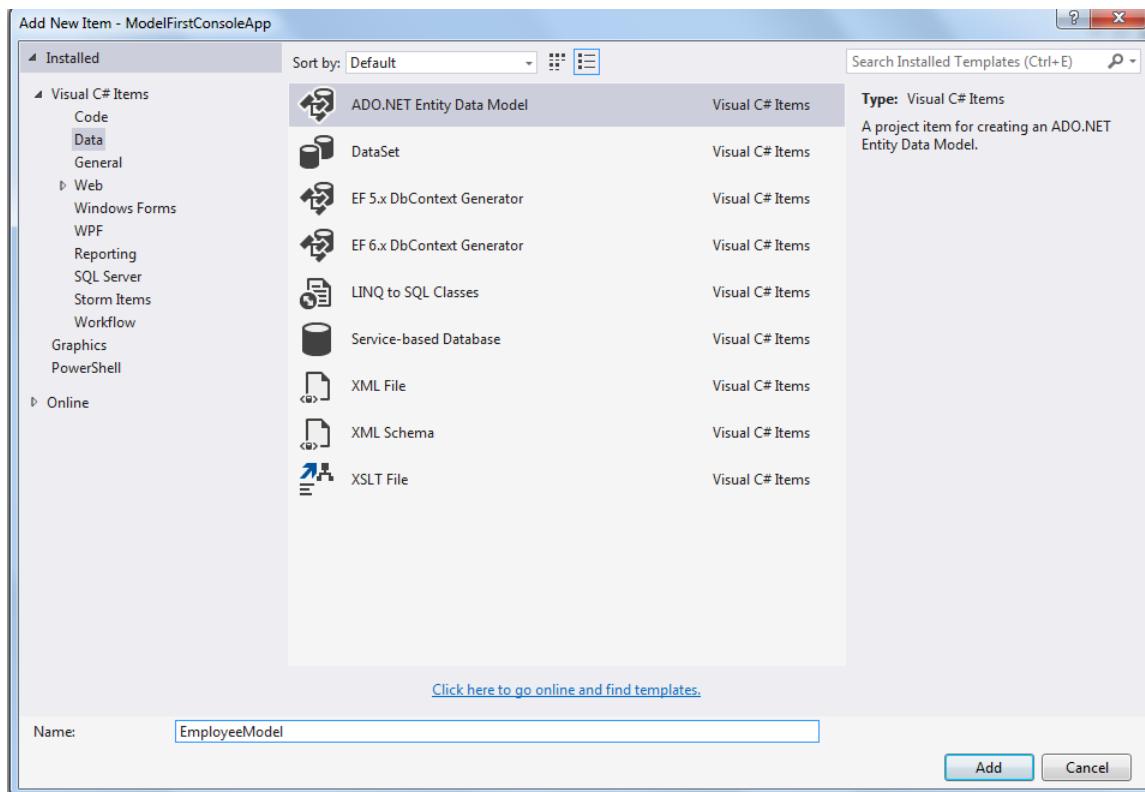
Solution:-

Creating a Complex Type using EF Designer.

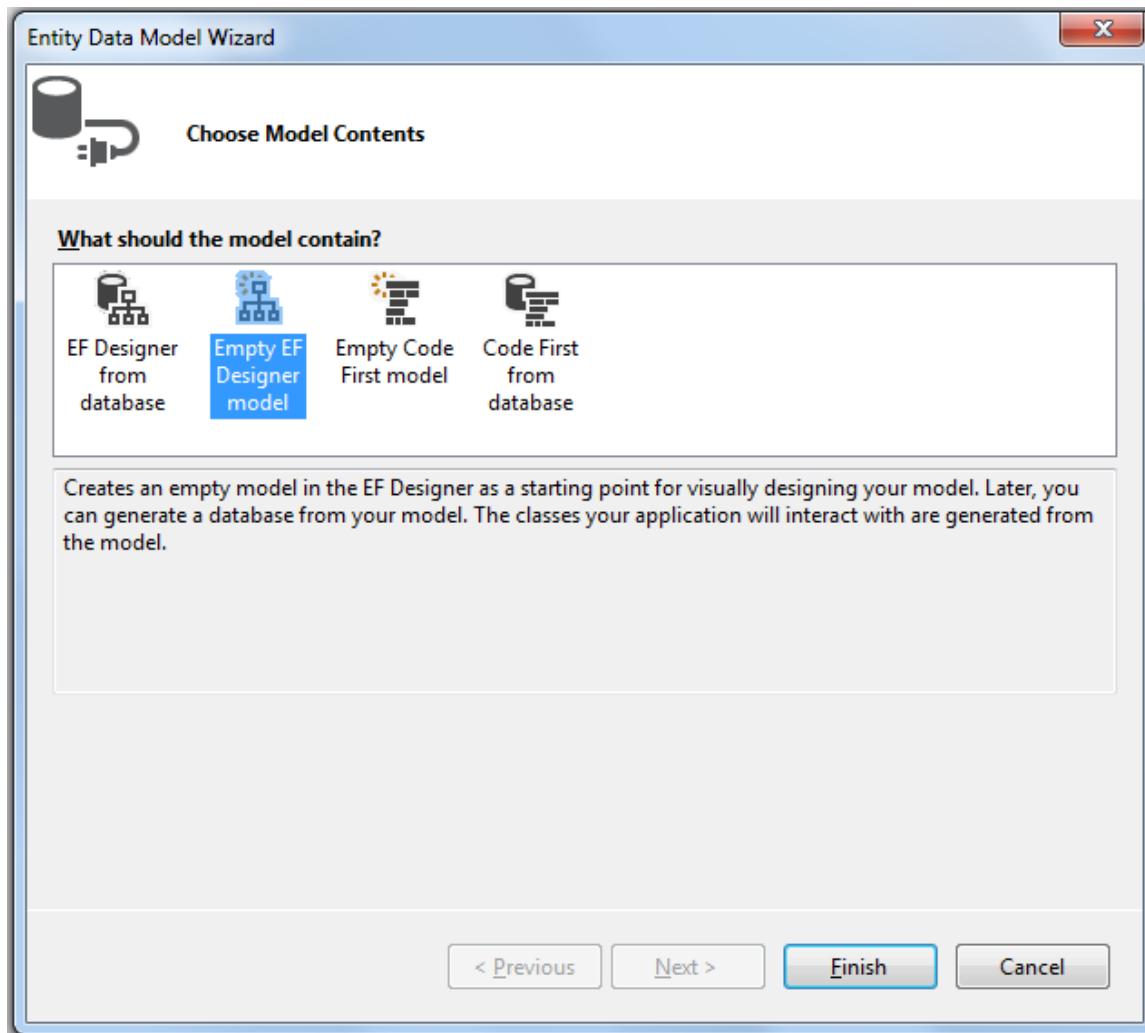
In the ModelFirstConsoleApp Example, Right click on the project in solution explorer then click on Add→New Item



In the Add New Item Dialog select ADO.Net Entity Data Model and Name it as EmployeeModel and click on Add



In the Entity Data Model Wizard Select Empty EF Designer Model and click on Finish.



Now after adding the EmployeeModel.edmx file , In the Model Browser windows right click on the Complex Types folder of EmployeeModel and Click on Add new Complex Type and Name it as AddressType

Now after creating the type Now we have to add Scalar property to it .

For Adding scalar property to the complex type right click on the complex type then Add→Scalar Property →Select data type of the property and then named the property as StreetName.

Now Similarly Three More property to the Complex Type as follows

- 1) Locality
- 2) City
- 3) Pincode

Now we will add a Entity to the Designer. Right click on the designer click on Add New → Entity and name the entity as Employee

Now in the Entity add a Scalar property named as Name and DOB

Now to Add the Complex type to the Entity right click on the entity and click on Add New →Complex Property and name the property as Address

As we have only one Complex Type in the Model so the newly added comple property in the Entity is Model to that complex type

Now we have to generate database from the model for that Right click on the designer and click on the Generate Database from Model.

In this we will use the connection that we have created for Blogging database.

Click on Finish this will create a Sql file named as EmployeeModel.edmx.sql which we will execute against database for creating database and tables .

Now click on the Execute button to execute the sql query against the database.

Connect to database

Now to view the table open Sql Server Management Studio and in the Object Explorer expand blogging database and then expand table tab to view the newly created table.

Lab 4. Basic Query Operations using LINQ to Entities

Goals	Understand the process of performing LINQ queries on Entity Models Learn to use of LINQ to Entities Learn to Manipulate Data
Time	60 Minutes

Solution:-

Open Visual studio and create a new console application named as LINQEFCConsoleApp and the Entity Framework Library using the Nuget Package Manager to the application.

Now we have to create a Entity Data Model from an existing database.

Right click on the project in the solution explorer and select Add→ New Item

In the new Item Dialog Box select ADO.Net Entity Data Model and name it as Training Model

In the Entity Data Model Wizard select EF Designer from database and click on Next and configure the datasource.

Now Click on New Connection in the Choose Your Data source option

In the connection properties windows Provide the sql server name , authentication type and database name click on Test Connection to test the connection .

Click on OK

Now click on next to select the database objects which will be part of Entity Data Model.

Tick the Staff_Master and Student_Master Table and click on Finish this will add the entities to the model.

Now we have to write LINQ query against the model for reading the data.

Write Linq queries for the following.

- 1) To display staff details write the following query
- 2) To display list of employee whose salary is more than 30000
Perform the following query by yourself
- 3) Display the list of student where city is not null
- 4) Display the list of student which includes Student name, department and date of birth
- 5) Display count of total student belonging to Bangalore
- 6) Display list of employees whose salary is more than the average salary of the employee.

Data Manipulation:-

Now we will CRUD operation on the model that we have create . we will use Student_Master Entity.

To ADD a record to the student master entity write the following code

Output :-

To Update a Record Add the following code

Output :-

To Delete a Record Add the following code

Output:-

To-Do Assignments

1) Create a Console application to perform CRUD operation . You have to perform following step.

- a. Create a table named Employee which will have the following fields
 - i. ID
 - ii. Name
 - iii. DOB
 - iv. DOJ
 - v. Designation
 - vi. Salary
- b. Add a Entity Data Model to project which will include above mentioned Entity.
- c. Using LINQ to Entities write the following functionality and execute them
 - i. Add a Employee details
 - ii. Updating a Employee details
 - iii. Searching for an Employee based on It ID
 - iv. Deleteing an employee.