

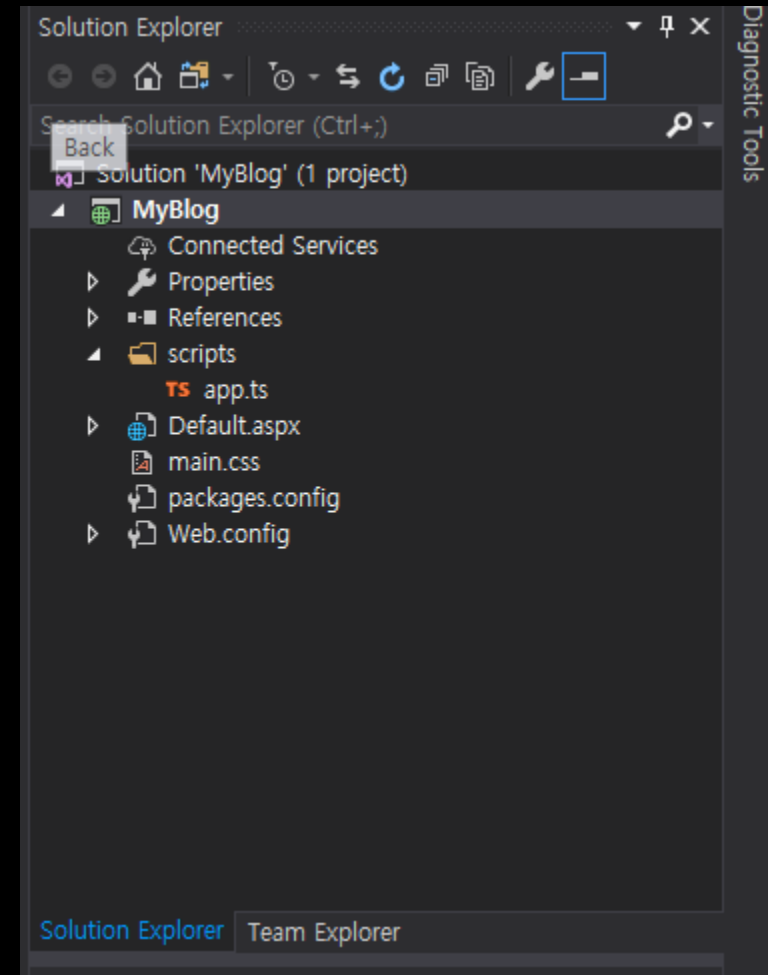
# Creating the Article-Fetching System in Typescript

- Adding the CSS needed for the site
- Creating a Document Helper to assist in DOM element creation
- Creating a frontend Article Manager
- Adding an interface for the Article Info

# main.css

```
html,body {
  font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
  background-color:black;
  color: #444;
  font-size: 14pt;
}
a, a:visited {
  text-decoration: none;
  color: #ff6600;
}
.banner {
  font-family: 'Trebuchet MS', 'Lucida Sans Unicode', 'Lucida Grande', 'Lucida Sans', Arial, sans-serif;
  font-size: 40pt;
  width: 100%;
  clear: both;
  text-align:center;
  font-weight:bold;
  border-bottom:1px solid #888;
}
```

```
.article {  
  border-bottom: 1px solid #888;  
  margin: 20px auto;  
  min-width:400px;  
  clear: both;  
}  
  
.article-title {  
  font-weight:bold;  
  font-family: 'Trebuchet MS', 'Lucida Sans Unicode', 'Lucida  
Grande', 'Lucida Sans', Arial, sans-serif;  
  color:white;  
}  
  
.article-content {  
  font-family: Georgia, 'Times New Roman', Times, serif;  
}
```



# documentHelper.ts

```
module Blog {  
    /**  
     * A utility class to assist with the creation of document elements.  
     **/  
    export class DocumentHelper {  
        /**  
         * Creates an article entry using the provided info. Returns an element.  
         * @param articleInfo The article info to create the entry from.  
         **/  
        public static createArticleEntry(articleInfo: IArticleInfo): HTMLDivElement {  
            let wrapper = DocumentHelper.createDiv("article");  
            wrapper.id = "article_" + articleInfo.id;  
  
            let header = DocumentHelper.createHeader(2, articleInfo.Title, "article-title");  
            wrapper.appendChild(header);  
  
            let content = DocumentHelper.createDiv("article-content");  
            content.innerHTML = articleInfo.Content;  
            wrapper.appendChild(content);  
  
            return wrapper;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```

/**
 * Creates a div element.
 * @param className Optional class name to be applied to created div
 */
private static createDiv(className?: string): HTMLDivElement {
    let element = document.createElement("div") as HTMLDivElement;
    if (className) {
        element.className = className;
    }
    return element;
}

/**
 * Creates a header element with the specified level (i.e. h1,h2,)
 * @param level The level of element to create [1-6]
 * @param text The text to add to the element.
 * @param className Optional class name to be applied to create element.
 */
private static createHeader(level: number, text: string, className?: string) {
    let element = document.createElement("h" + level) as HTMLHeadingElement
    element.innerHTML = text;
    if (className) {
        element.className = className;
    }
    return element;
}
}
}

```

# IArticleInfo.ts

```
module Blog {  
    /**  
     * Represents an article in the system.  
     */  
    export interface IArticleInfo {  
        /** The article identifier. */  
        Id: number;  
  
        /** The article title. */  
        Title: string;  
  
        /** The content of the article. */  
        Content: string;  
    }  
}
```

# ArticleManager.ts

```
module Blog {  
    /**  
     * Manages the retrieval of articles in the system.  
     */  
    export class ArticleManager {  
        private _articleContainer: HTMLDivElement;  
        private _lastLoadedArticleId: number;  
  
        /**  
         * Creates a new article manager.  
         * @param elementId The identifier of the HTML element to insert into  
         */  
        public constructor(elementId: string) {  
            this._articleContainer = document.getElementById(elementId) as HTMLDivElement;  
            if (this._articleContainer === undefined) {  
                throw new Error("Unable to find element named: " + elementId)  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
/**
 * Called when an article request has loaded.
 * @param request The request object.
 */
private onArticleLoaded(request: XMLHttpRequest) {
    if (request.readyState === XMLHttpRequest.DONE) {
        let responseText = request.responseText.trim();
        if (responseText === "") {
            throw new Error("Error parsing response.");
        }
        // Parse the JSON response.
        let articleInfo: IArticleInfo = JSON.parse(responseText) as IArticleInfo;
        //Set the last post loaded marker.
        this._lastLoadedArticleId = articleInfo.Id;
        //Create the post elements and add it to the page.
        let articleElement = DocumentHelper.createArticleEntry(articleInfo);
        if (articleElement !== undefined) {
            this._articleContainer.appendChild(articleElement);
        }
    }
}
```



```

/** * Called when there is an error loading an article.
 * @param request The request object. */
private onArticleLoadError(request: XMLHttpRequest): void {
    console.warn("Error loading post: " + request.status + " - " + request.statusText);
}
/**Called when the article request is aborted.
 * @param request The request object. */
private onArticleLoadAborted(request: XMLHttpRequest): void {
    console.warn("Article load aborted.");
}
/** Loads the next article in the system.*/
public loadNextArticle(): void {
    let request = new XMLHttpRequest();
    request.addEventListener("readystatechange", this.onArticleLoaded.bind(this,request));
    request.addEventListener("error", this.onArticleLoadError.bind(this,request));
    request.addEventListener("abort", this.onArticleLoadAborted.bind(this,request));
    let url = "GetNextArticle.aspx";
    if (this._lastLoadedArticleId !== undefined) {
        url += "?lastArticleId=" + this._lastLoadedArticleId;
    }
    request.open("GET", url, true);
    request.send(null);
}
}
}
}

```

app.ts

```
//The article manager.  
var articleManager: Blog.ArticleManager;  
  
//Entry point  
window.addEventListener("load", function () {  
    articleManager = new Blog.ArticleManager("articles");  
    articleManager.loadNextArticle();  
});
```

