**Xamarin Forms App Tutorial**

**Xamarin App:** [**GitHub - tshego3/EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp: Xamarin Forms App - Employee Management, consuming RESTful API with OAuth.**](https://github.com/tshego3/EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp)

**API:** [**GitHub - tshego3/EmployeeManagementAPI: ASP.NET - Employee Management API with OAuth.**](https://github.com/tshego3/EmployeeManagementAPI)

**YouTube:** [**https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpbcUe4chE78YvgIMtmgNEmRGyGJcsQdF**](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpbcUe4chE78YvgIMtmgNEmRGyGJcsQdF)

Create a new Mobile App.



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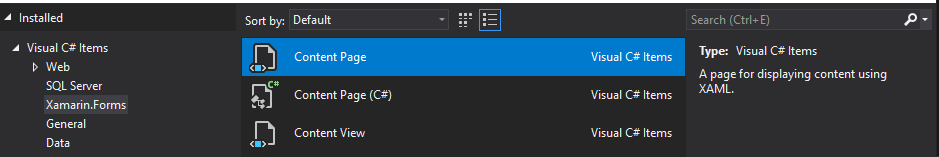
1. Add a new folder “ViewModels” and a class “RegisterViewModel”.



Add the following code in the “RegisterViewModel” Class.

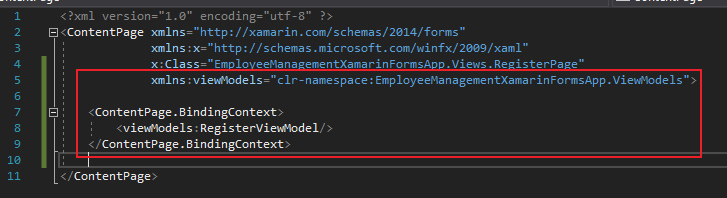


2. Add a new folder “Views” and a Forms Blank Content Page Xaml “RegisterPage”.

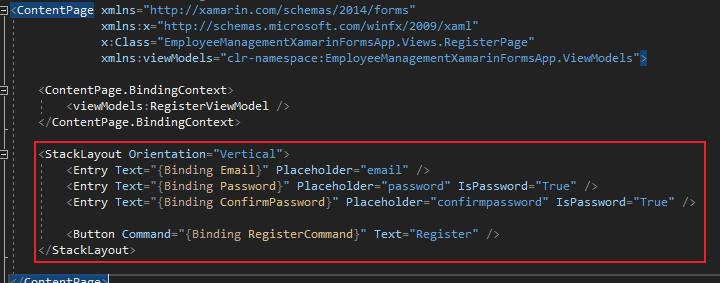




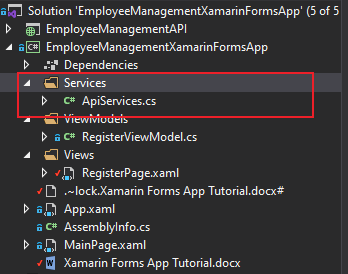
Add the following line in the Content Page, so we can do data binding.



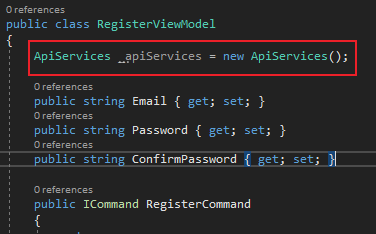
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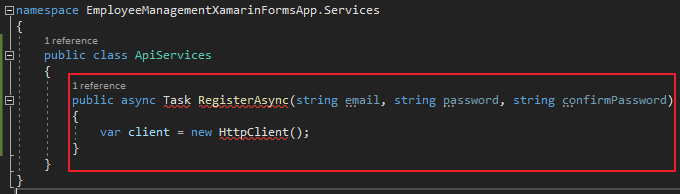
3. Add a new folder “Services” and a Class “ApiServices”.



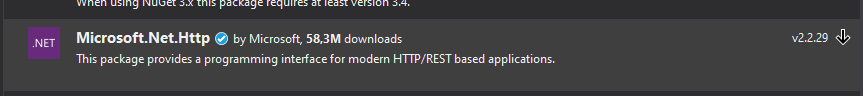
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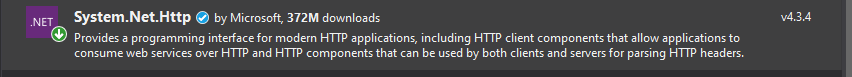
Add the code in the “ApiServices” Class.



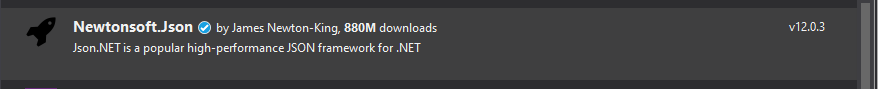
Afterwards install the Microsoft.Net.Http or System.Net.Http and Newtonsoft.JSON NuGet Packages in the “EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp” (as well for Android, iOS & UWP projects)via the NuGet Package Manager.



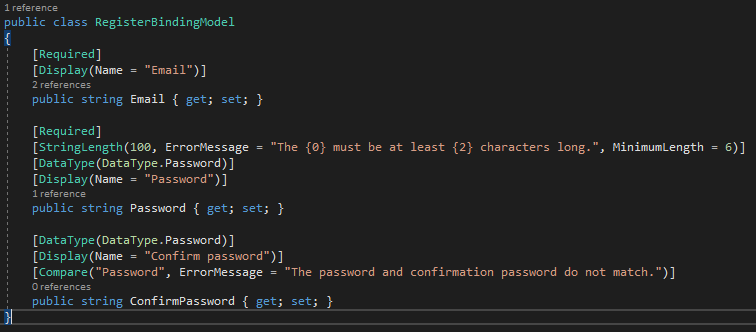
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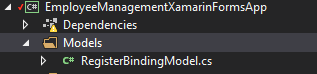
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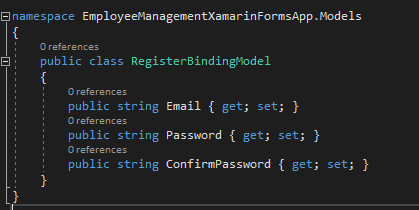
Open the “AccountBindingModels” Class in the Web API (EmployeeManagementAPI) Solution and copy the “RegisterBindingModel” in the class.



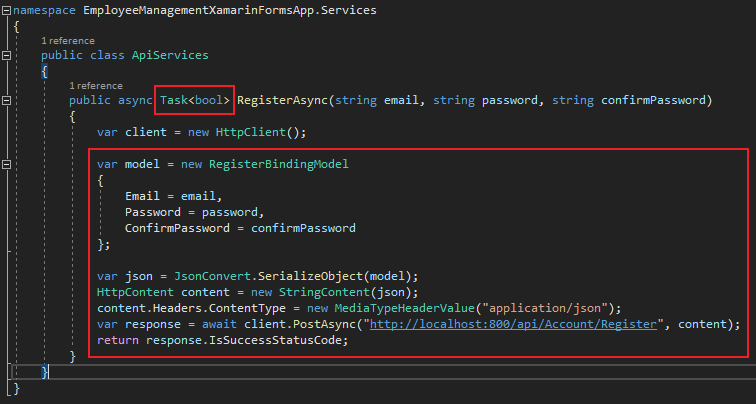
Add a new folder “Models” and a Class “RegisterBindingModel”.



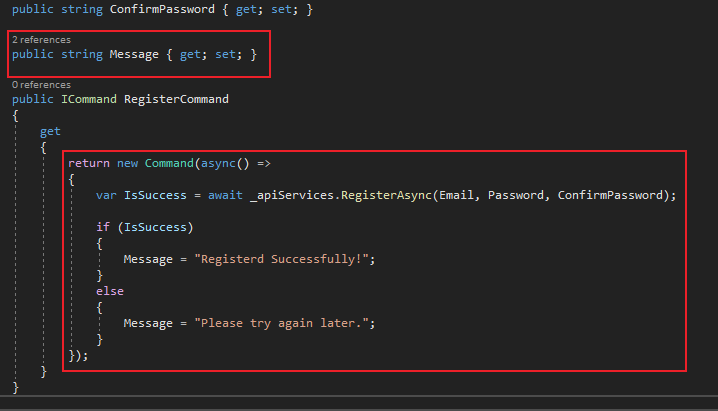
Add the code copied from the “RegisterBindingModel” Class found in the Web API, with the following alterations.



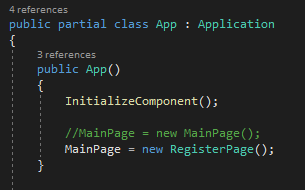
Add the following code in the “ApiServices” Class and alterations on the async Task.



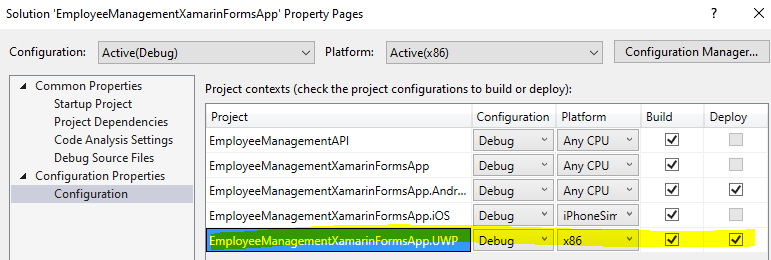
Add the following code in the “RegisterViewModel” Class.



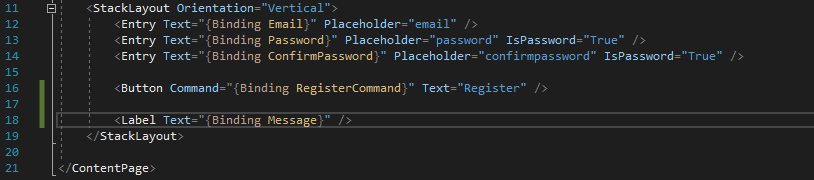
Alter the code in the “App.xaml.cs” Class, so that the app starts up in the Register Page.



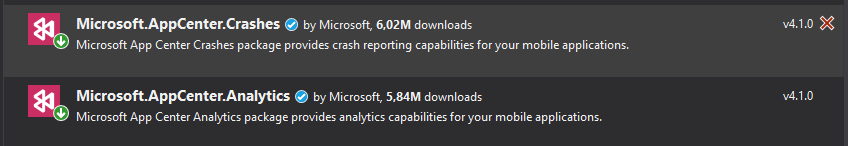
4. Confirm that UWP is deployed by right-clicking the project solution and click “Set Startup Projects...”

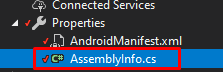


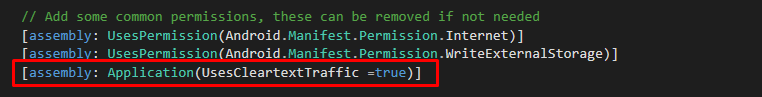
Added the following lable in the “RegisterPage” Content Page and test the app.



Afterwards install the Microsoft.AppCenter.Crashes and Microsoft.AppCenter.Analytics NuGet Packages in the “EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp” (as well for Android, iOS & UWP projects) via the NuGet Package Manager.



Afterwards Enable “Clear Text by going into the Android Project, then click on properties.  


Click on “AssemblyInfo” Class, then add the following code.  
 

**Enable long file names on Win 10 Pro:**

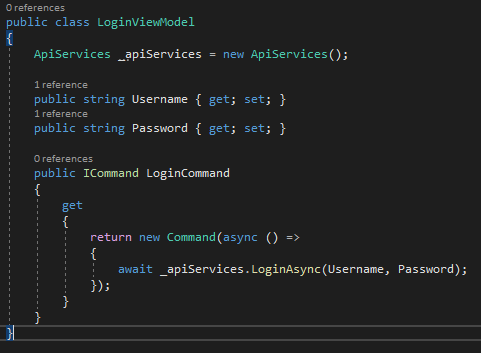
Search for “Local Group Policy Editor” and open it. Under Local Computer Policy/Computer Configuration/Administrative Templates/System/Filesystem/. Double click on “Enabling Win32 long paths” and set it enabled.

**Login Page**

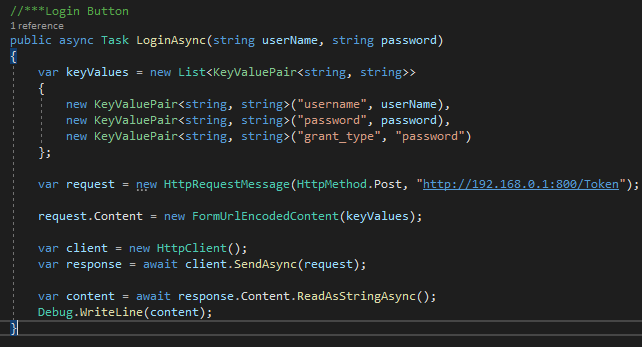
5. Add a new Class “LoginViewModel” in the “ViewModels” folder.



And add the following code in the “LoginViewModel” Class.



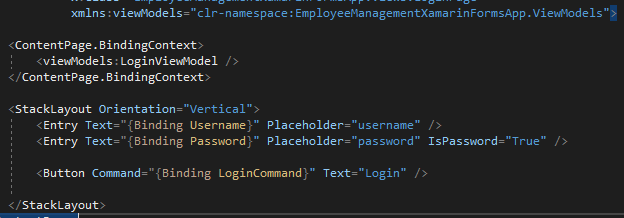
Add the following code in the “ApiServices” Class.



Add a new Forms Blank Content Page Xaml “LoginPage” in the “Views” folder.



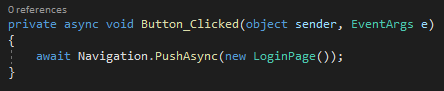
Add the following code in the “LoginPage” Content Page.



Add the following code in the “RegisterPage” Content Page, which allows a user to either register or login when the application starts up.



And the code in the “RegisterPage.xaml.cs” Content Page Class.



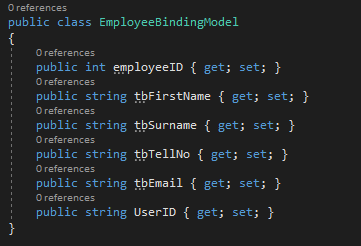
Update the code in the “App.xaml.cs” Class and test the app.



6. Add a new Class “EmployeeBindingModel” in the “Models” folder.



And the following code.



Add a new Class “EmployeesViewModel” in the “ViewModels” folder.



And add the following code in the “EmployeesViewModel” Class.

public class EmployeesViewModel : INotifyPropertyChanged

{

ApiServices \_apiServices = new ApiServices();

public string AccessToken { get; set; }

public List<EmployeeBindingModel> Employees

{

get { return Employees; }

set

{

Employees = value;

OnPropertyChanged();

}

}

public ICommand GetEmployeesCommand

{

get

{

return new Command(async () =>

{

Employees = await \_apiServices.GetEmployeesAsync(AccessToken);

});

}

}

public event PropertyChangedEventHandler PropertyChanged;

protected virtual void OnPropertyChanged([CallerMemberName] string propertyName = null)

{

PropertyChanged?.Invoke(this, new PropertyChangedEventArgs(propertyName));

}

}

Add the following code in the “ApiServices” Class.

//\*\*\*Loads All Employees

public async Task<List<EmployeeBindingModel>> GetEmployeesAsync(string accessToken)

{

var client = new HttpClient();

client.DefaultRequestHeaders.Authorization = new AuthenticationHeaderValue("Bearer", accessToken);

var json = await client.GetStringAsync("http://192.168.137.247:800/api/Employees");

var employees = JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<List<EmployeeBindingModel>>(json);

return employees;

}

Add a new Forms Blank Content Page Xaml “EmployeesPage” in the “Views” folder.



Add the following code in the “EmployeesPage” Content Page.

xmlns:viewModels="clr-namespace:EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp.ViewModels">

<ContentPage.BindingContext>

<viewModels:EmployeesViewModel />

</ContentPage.BindingContext>

<StackLayout Orientation="Vertical">

<ListView ItemsSource="{Binding EmployeeBindingModel}" HasUnevenRows="True">

<ListView.ItemTemplate>

<DataTemplate>

<ViewCell>

<StackLayout>

<Label Text="{Binding tbFirstName}"/>

<Label Text="{Binding tbSurname}"/>

<Label Text="{Binding tbTellNo}"/>

<Label Text="{Binding tbEmail}"/>

</StackLayout>

</ViewCell>

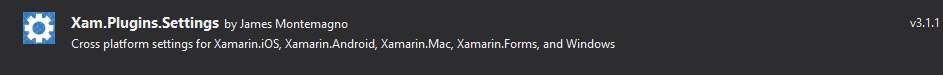
</DataTemplate>

</ListView.ItemTemplate>

</ListView>

</StackLayout>

Afterwards install the “Xam.Plugins.Settings” NuGet Package in the “EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp” (as well for Android, iOS & UWP projects) via the NuGet Package Manager.



Add a new folder “Helpers” and in that folder, add a Class “Settings”.



Then add this code into the “Settings” Class (the original code is found on the Xam.Plugins.Settings readme.txt file).

using Plugin.Settings;

using Plugin.Settings.Abstractions;

namespace EmployeeManagementXamarinFormsApp.Helpers  
{

public static class Settings

{

private static ISettings AppSettings

{

get

{

return CrossSettings.Current;

}

}

public static string Username

{

get

{

return AppSettings.GetValueOrDefault("Username", "");

}

set

{

AppSettings.AddOrUpdateValue("Username", value);

}

}

public static string Password

{

get

{

return AppSettings.GetValueOrDefault("Password", "");

}

set

{

AppSettings.AddOrUpdateValue("Password", value);

}

}

}

}

public static string AccessToken

{

get

{

return AppSettings.GetValueOrDefault("AccessToken", "");

}

set

{

AppSettings.AddOrUpdateValue("AccessToken", value);

}

}

Add the following code in the “RegisterViewModel” Class.

public ICommand RegisterCommand

{

get

{

return new Command(async() =>

{

var IsSuccess = await \_apiServices.RegisterAsync(Email, Password, ConfirmPassword);

Settings.Username = Email;

Settings.Password = Password;

if (IsSuccess)

{

Message = "Registerd Successfully!";

}

else

{

Message = "Please try again later.";

}

});

}

}

Add the following code in the “LoginViewModel” Class.

public LoginViewModel()

{

Username = Settings.Username;

Password = Settings.Password;

}

Update the code in the “ApiServices” Class.

//\*\*\*Login Button

public async Task<string> LoginAsync(string userName, string password)

{

var keyValues = new List<KeyValuePair<string, string>>

{

new KeyValuePair<string, string>("username", userName),

new KeyValuePair<string, string>("password", password),

new KeyValuePair<string, string>("grant\_type", "password")

};

var request = new HttpRequestMessage(HttpMethod.Post, "http://192.168.137.247:800/Token");

request.Content = new FormUrlEncodedContent(keyValues);

var client = new HttpClient();

var response = await client.SendAsync(request);

//var content = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();

//Debug.WriteLine(content);

var jwt = await response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync();

JObject jwtDynamic = JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<dynamic>(jwt);

var accessToken = jwtDynamic.Value<string>("access\_token");

Debug.WriteLine(jwt);

return accessToken;

}

Update the following code in the “LoginViewModel” Class.

public ICommand LoginCommand

{

get

{

return new Command(async () =>

{

var accesstoken = await \_apiServices.LoginAsync(Username, Password);

Settings.AccessToken = accesstoken;

});

}

}

Comment and add the following code in the “EmployeesViewModel” Class.

//public string AccessToken { get; set; }

public List<EmployeeBindingModel> Employees

{

get { return Employees; }

set

{

Employees = value;

OnPropertyChanged();

}

}

public ICommand GetEmployeesCommand

{

get

{

return new Command(async () =>

{

//Employees = await \_apiServices.GetEmployeesAsync(AccessToken);

var accesstoken = Settings.AccessToken;

Employees = await \_apiServices.GetEmployeesAsync(accesstoken);

});

}

}

Update and add the following code in the “App.xaml.cs” Class.

public App()

{

InitializeComponent();

//MainPage = new MainPage();

//MainPage = new NavigationPage(new RegisterPage());

SetMainPage();

}

private void SetMainPage()

{

if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(Settings.AccessToken))

{

MainPage = new NavigationPage(new EmployeesPage());

}

else if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(Settings.Username) && string.IsNullOrEmpty(Settings.Password))

{

MainPage = new NavigationPage(new LoginPage());

}

else

{

MainPage = new NavigationPage(new RegisterPage());

}

}

Added the following code in the “EmployeesPage” Content Page for testing.

<StackLayout Orientation="Vertical">

<Button Command="{Binding GetEmployeesCommand}" Text="Get All Employees" />

<ListView ItemsSource="{Binding EmployeeBindingModel}" HasUnevenRows="True">