



Controllers

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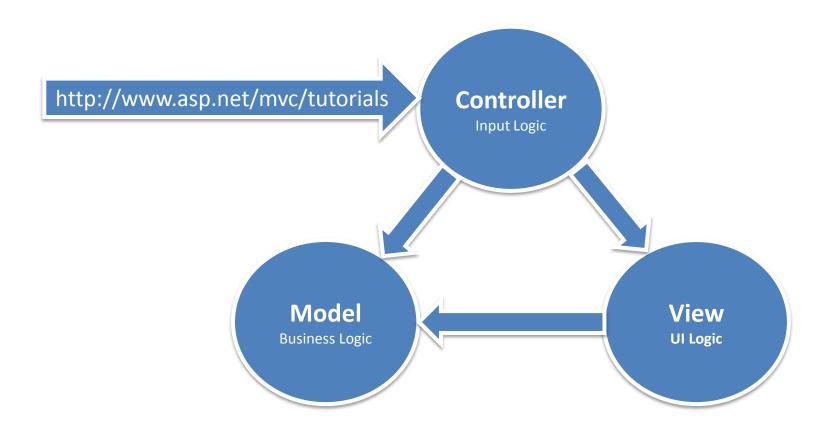
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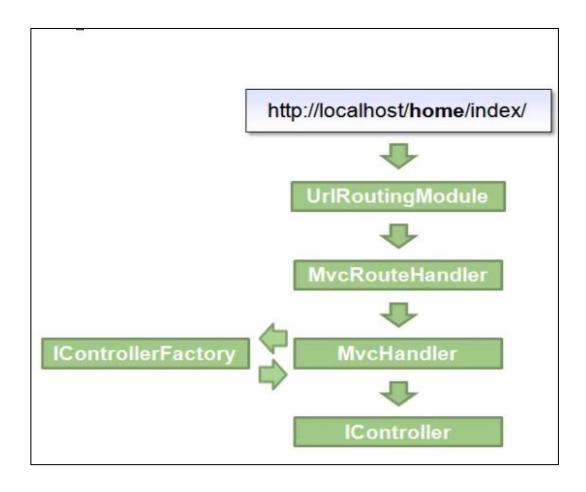


MVC – A Design Pattern...





MVC Request Processing



Read more <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.



What is Controller

- Accepts requests from client
- Calls appropriate action methods
- Decides which model to pass
- Decides which view to call
- Inherits Controller: ControllerBase: IController

```
public class HomeController : Controller
{
    public ActionResult Index()
    {
        return View();
    }
}
```



How Controllers Are Found

- Default Controller Factory finds controllers
- Looks in all referenced assemblies
- Looks in all namespaces
- Type name ends with "Controller"
- Type implements IController
- Creates controllers instance default constructor is must



Controller Actions

- Actions are methods in a controller class.
 - Call by entering a URL
 - Call by clicking a link
 - · Call by submitting a form
- An action method
 - Must be public
 - Can't Overload
 - Can not be Static
- Action Parameters
 - Can be primitive types such as int
 - Can be complex types such as object

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ASP.NET Routing

- Get route info from URL
- Reads Route Table
- First match wins
- Creates a data structure
- Passes it to MVC framework





Action Results

Action Result	Helper Method	Description
ViewResult	View	Renders a view as a Web page.
PartialViewResult	PartialView	Renders a partial view, which defines a section of a view that can be rendered inside another view.
RedirectResult	Redirect	Redirects to another action method by using its URL.
RedirectToRouteResult	RedirectToAction RedirectToRoute	Redirects to another action method.
ContentResult	Content	Returns a user-defined content type.
JsonResult	Json	Returns a serialized JSON object.
JavaScriptResult	JavaScript	Returns a script that can be executed on the client.
FileResult	File	Returns binary output to write to the response.
EmptyResult	(None)	Represents a return value that is used if the action method must return a null result (void).





Action Selectors

- Action Name
 - Create an alias for action method
 - Routing considers alias instead of method name
- Accept Verbs
 - Used to mark methods for specific HTTP request
 - Maps action methods to HTTP methods

```
[ActionName("MyDetails")]
[AcceptVerbs(HttpVerbs.Get)]
public ViewResult Details(int id)
{
    ViewData["id"] = id;
    return View();
}
```





Action Filters

- Can be applied on
 - Action Methods
 - Controller Class
 - Global filters applied to entire application
- Filters are basically attributes
 - Authorize
 - HandleError
 - OutputCache
 - ChildActionOnly
 - ValidateAntiForgeryToken





Summary

- MVC Request Processing
- Controller Actions
- Routing
- Action Results
- Action Selectors
- Action Filters



Bibliography, Important Links

http://www.asp.net/mvc



Any Questions?







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Thank you!