Building Entity Classes

Object-Oriented Programming Fundamentals in C#

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Identified Classes

Customer

- Name
- Email address
- Home address
- Work address
- Validate()
- Retrieve()
- Save()

Product

- Product name
- Description
- Current price
- Validate()
- Retrieve()
- Save()

Order

- Customer
- Order date
- Shipping address
- Validate()
- Retrieve()
- Save()
- Submit()

Order Item

- Product
- Quantity
- Purchase price
- Validate()
- Retrieve()
- Save()

Application Structure

- Every application has a basic structure
- Common structure today: layered
- Structure is implemented in Visual Studio as:
 - Application -> Solution
 - Layer -> Project

Layering the Application

User Interface

- Forms or pages displayed to the user
- Logic to control the user interface elements

Business Logic Logic to perform the business operations

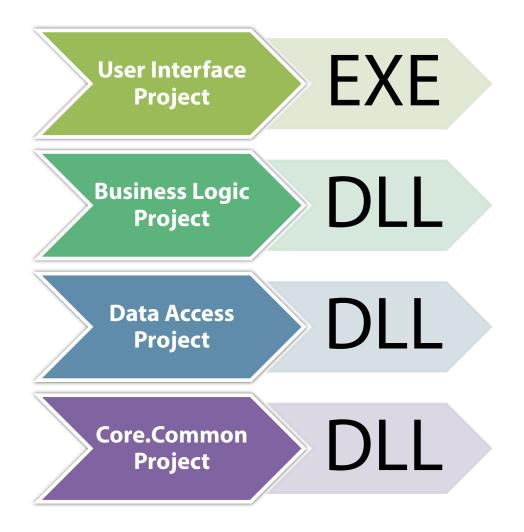
Data Access

- Logic to retrieve data from the database
- Logic to save data to the database

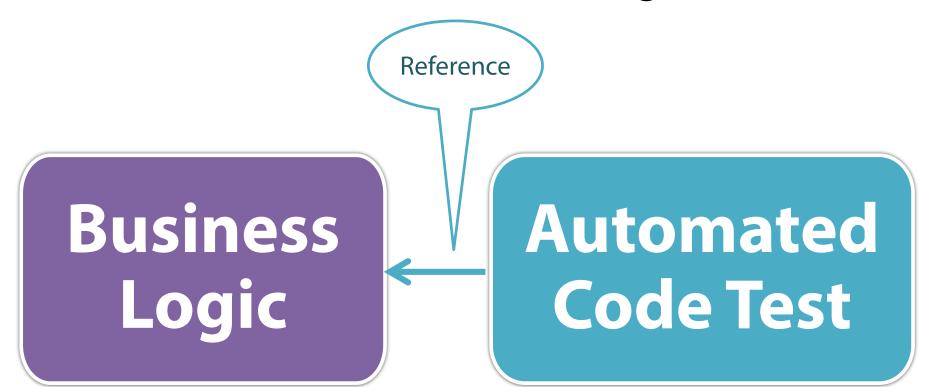
Common

Common code

Visual Studio Solution



Automated Code Testing



Creating a New Object

```
Customer customer = new Customer();
```

```
var customer = new Customer();
```

Accessing Properties

```
public class Customer
                                                     private string _lastName;
                                                     public string LastName
var customer = new Customer();
                                                         get
                                                            // Any code here
                                                            return _lastName;
                                                         set
customer. LastName = "Baggins";
                                                            // Any code here
                                                            _lastName = value;
customer. Fi rstName = "Bilbo";
                                                     public string FirstName { get; set; }
                                                     public string EmailAddress { get; set; }
                                                     public int CustomerId { get; private set; }
                                                     public string FullName
                                                        get
var actual = customer. Full Name:
                                                            string fullName = LastName;
                                                            if (!string.IsNullorwhiteSpace(FirstName))
                                                                if (!string.IsNullorWhiteSpace(fullName))
                                                                   fullName += ", ";
                                                                fullName += FirstName:
                                                            return fullName;
```

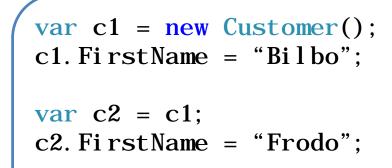
Objects are Reference Types

```
int i 1;
i 1 = 42;
int i 2 = i 1;
i 2 = 2;
```

What is i1?

i 1

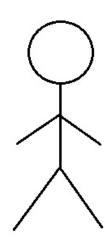
i 2



What is c1.FirstName?

c1

c2



Static Modifier

Declares a member that belongs to the class itself

```
public static int InstanceCount { get; set; }
```

- Accessed using the class name
 - Not an object variable

```
Customer. InstanceCount += 1;
```

Summary

Layering the Application

- User Interface Business Logic Data Access
- Common

Building the Business Logic Layer

- Application => Visual Studio Solution
- Layer Component => Visual Studio Project

Building a Class

- Class defines a type
- Access Modifier

Defining Properties

- Backing Field C# Property
- Auto-Implemented Properties
- Visual Studio Snippets

Testing the Class

- Separate Test Project
- Set a Reference
- Arrange Act Assert

Summary

Creating an object from a class

```
Customer customer = new Customer();
```

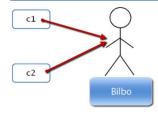
The var keyword

```
var customer = new Customer();
```

Setting and getting data using the C# properties

```
customer. LastName = "Baggins";
```

Objects are Reference Types



The static modifier

```
public static int InstanceCount { get; set; }
Customer. InstanceCount += 1;
```