

Module 2.1: "Repository" (with Entity Framework)

Agenda

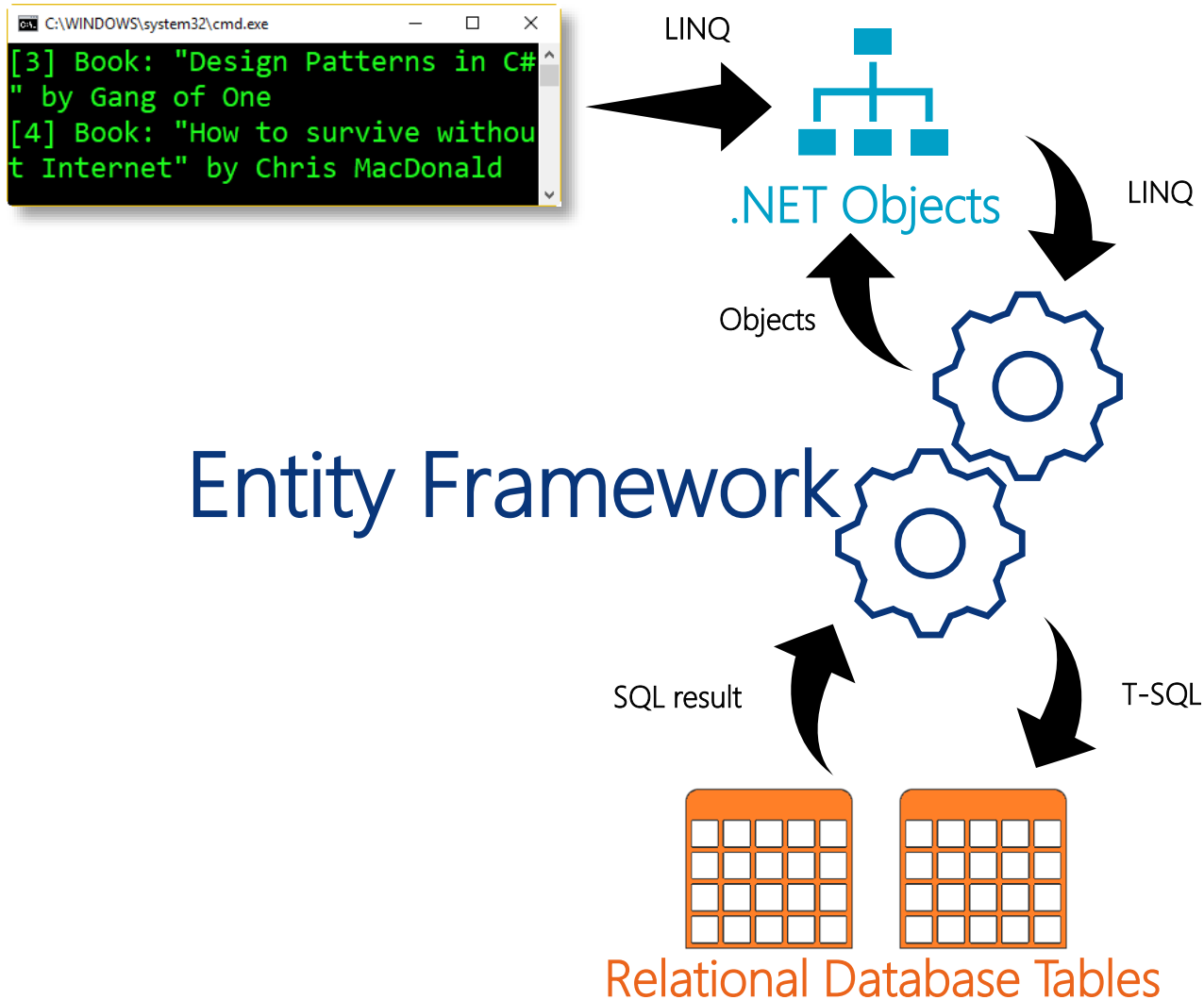
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Introductory Example: Products and Data Access

```
public class Product
{
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public string Manufacturer { get; set; }
    public Category? Category { get; set; }
}
```

```
using (ProductsContext context = new ProductsContext())
{
    var query = context.Products.Where(p => p.Category == Category.Book);
    foreach (var product in query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(product);
    }
}
```

Background: Entity Framework



Challenges

- ▶ How do we separate
 - Business logic
 - Data access logic?
- ▶ How can we make the business logic testable?
- ▶ What if we decide to employ another data source?

Pattern: Repository

- ▶ *Mediates between the domain and data mapping layers using a collection-like interface for accessing domain objects*
- ▶ Outline
 - Separate the actual data source from business logic code
 - Avoid repetition of queries code
 - Ensure testability and maintainability of data-driven code
- ▶ Origin:
 - Martin Fowler (2003)
 - Eric Evans (2004)

1. "Simple" Repository

- ▶ Implement a specialized repository for each business object or entity
- ▶ Disregard any methods not used..! (YAGNI)

```
interface IProductRepository
{
    Product GetById( int id );
    IEnumerable<Product> GetAll();
    IEnumerable<Product> GetForCategory( Category? category );
    //void Add( Product product );
    //void Remove( Product product );
}
```

- ▶ Can implement interface for other data sources, e.g. unit tests
- ▶ But... Isn't most stuff of this not generic to every repository?

Background: **IQueryable<T>**

- ▶ Remember the **Expression** class?

```
public interface IQueryable : IEnumerable
{
    Type ElementType { get; }
    Expression Expression { get; }
    IQueryProvider Provider { get; }
}
```

```
public interface IQueryable<out T>
    : IEnumerable<T>, IEnumerable, IQueryable
{
}
```

- ▶ **IQueryable<T>** represents an AST for an **IEnumerable<T>**

2. Repository returning **IQueryable<T>**

- ▶ Incredibly flexible and elegant
- ▶ Can efficiently be further queried...!

```
interface IProductRepository
{
    Product GetById( int id );
    IQueryable<Product> GetAll();
    IQueryable<Product> Find( Expression<Func<Product, bool>> filter );
    void Add( Product product );
    void Remove( Product product );
}
```

- ▶ In-memory implementations can use **AsQueryable()** extension
- ▶ Beware: Data access (and logic) might drift into business logic

3. Generic Repository Interface

- ▶ We reuse as much as possible, but leak no **IQueryable<T>**
- ▶ Ensures a high degree of consistency and reusability

```
interface IRepository<TEntity> where TEntity : class
{
    TEntity GetById( int id );
    IEnumerable<TEntity> GetAll();
    IEnumerable<TEntity> Find( Expression<Func<TEntity,bool>> filter );
    void Add( TEntity entity );
    void AddRange( IEnumerable<TEntity> entities );
    void Remove( TEntity entity );
    void RemoveRange( IEnumerable<TEntity> entities );
}
```

- ▶ **IProductRepository** can add **Product**-specific methods

4 .Generic Repository Implementation

- ▶ **IRepository<TEntity>** can be implemented generically for EF-contexts

```
class Repository<TEntity> : IRepository<TEntity> where TEntity : class
{
    protected DbContext Context { get; }

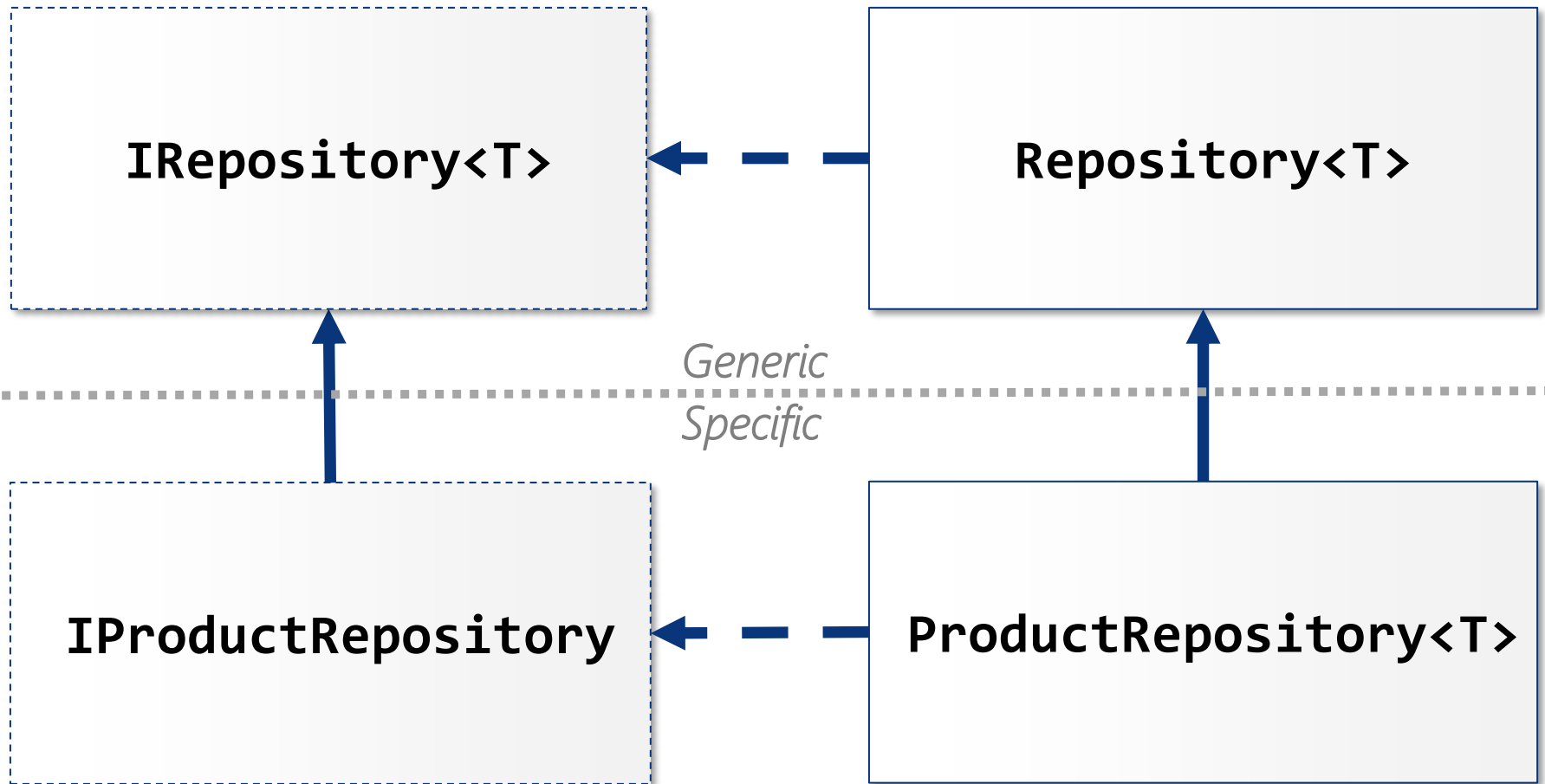
    public Repository( DbContext context ) { Context = context; }

    public TEntity GetById( int id )
        => Context.Set<TEntity>().Single(p => p.Id == id);

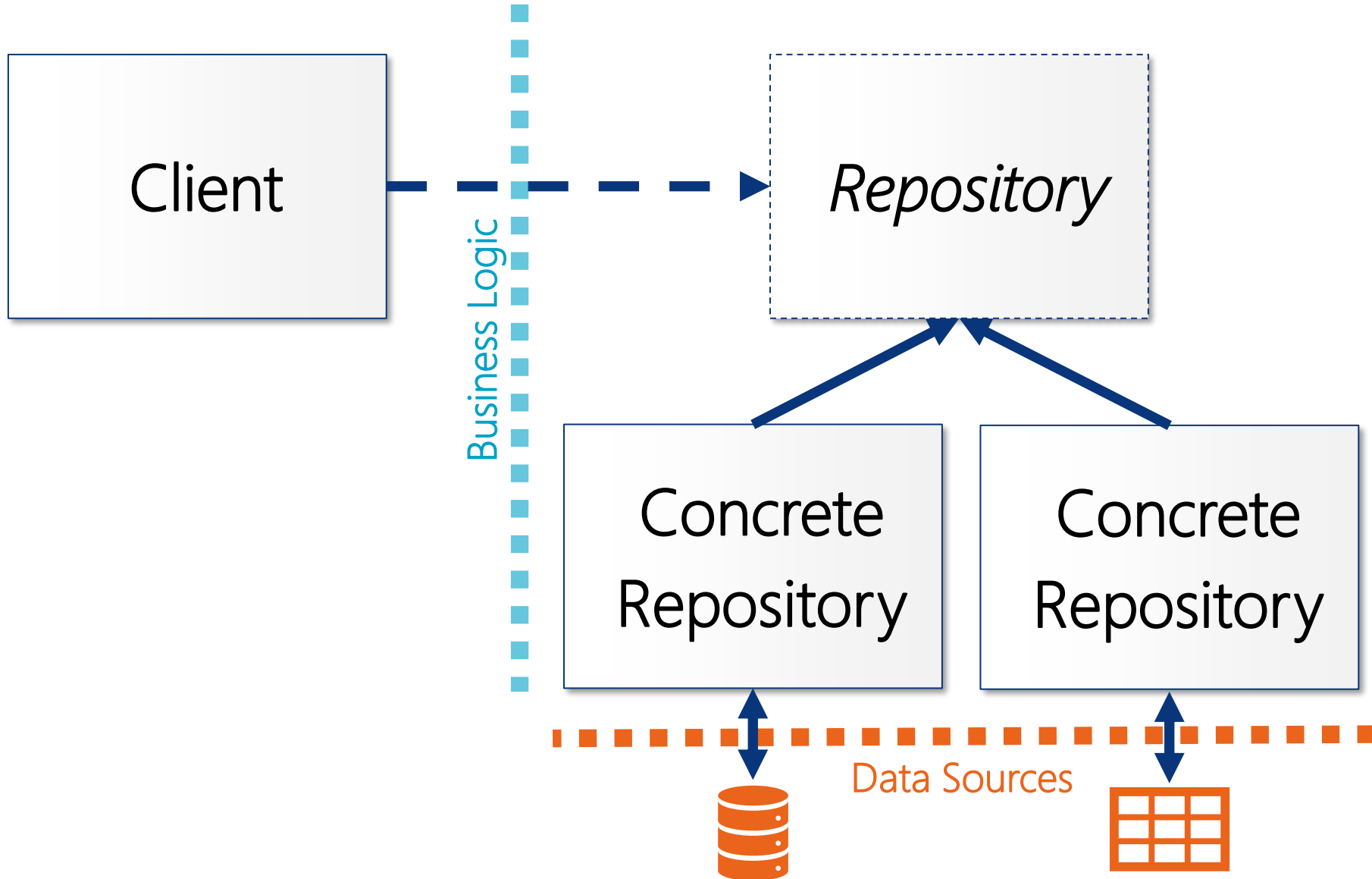
    public IEnumerable<TEntity> Find( Expression<Func<TEntity,bool>> f )
        => Context.Set<TEntity>().Where(f);

    ...
}
```

Generic vs. Specific Implementation



Overview of Repository Pattern



Overview of Repository Pattern

- ▶ Client
 - Queries and updates data through the Repository Interface
 - Only knows the general Repository interface
- ▶ Repository
 - Interface or base class exposing data access logic in a collection-styled persistence-independent description
- ▶ Concrete Repository
 - Concrete repository class implementing Repository interface
 - Implements persistence-dependent data access code for a specific concrete data source

Related: Unit of Work

- ▶ Unit of Work pattern for more complex situations
- ▶ Widely misunderstood implementations
 - Collection-like vs. Persistence-specific
 - Mixes Repository and Unit of Work
- ▶ Controversy
 - Repository should not have **Save()** – Unit of Work has!
 - Repository should not have **Update()** – Not collection-like!



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