# **Udemy course: Ultimate ASP.NET pt. 8**

Value Added Features

#### #52: Add Logging

- logging especially important when you have multiple persons and anything is not working correctly
   and they would have to check your code
- example exception of a log file:
  - An unhandled exception has occured while executing the request.
  - System.InvalidOperationException: Unable to resolve service for type
     'HotelListing.API.Contracts.IAuthManager' while attempting to activate ...AccountController
  - if someone got a 500 error while logging in, it is not really an indication that an dependency injection error happened!
- what if people want to keep track what is actually happening?
  - is somebody attempting something?
  - and maybe that something has gone wrong?
  - to do log just anywhere in e.g. our controller, we can inject the logger.
- code:

- in the controller we just add ILogger<AccountController> and assign it to the class field
- e.g. in Register we can do some logging about Registration attempt
- we insert a try/catch block in our Register action
  - we also don't want to throw, instead we better return a Problem
  - like this:

```
return Problem(@"Something Went Wrong in
ThreadExceptionEventArgs " +
nameof(Register) +
"- User Registration attempt for
{apiUserDto.Email}", statusCode: 500);
```

- but to do it everywhere it gets a bit annoying
  - you log information,
  - more important to catch the errors, and also log the error
  - warning could be used for example when in a query and id e.g. country id is not found

```
_logger.LogWarning($"Record not found in {nameof(GetCountry)} with {id}.");
```

- actually instead of doing the logging in the controller, it could make sense to use logging in our repository code instead!
  - see code in Repository/AuthManager.cs
  - for ideas how logging could be done
- methods in logging
  - LogInformation
  - LogWarning
  - LogError
- general Notes:
  - vou don't want to collect data, which are too sensitive
  - if logging email adresses is too sensitive in your case, don't do that

#53: Global Error Handling

- we always want to catch the error that is causing some issue
  - also we looked into logging, etc.
- the more of that we implement
  - the harder it might be to maintain and read the code
  - e.g. if statements can complicate the code
- in this lesson: global exception handling
  - instead of catching all over the place, we just try/catch globally
- we want to also create our own exception, for our specific situation
  - with code in a new folder Exceptions
  - example:
    - we want to throw a "Not Found" exception
  - the code of our NotFoundException class, could be like:

```
namespace HotelListingAPI.VSCode.Exceptions

Oreferences
public class NotFoundException : ApplicationException
{
    Oreferences
public NotFoundException(string name, object key) : base($"{name} with id ({key}) was not found")
{
    }
}
```

- now to make it globally we have to look on our middleware in Program.cs
  - middleware: subapplication that is beeing run on the pipeline
  - like this are middlewares:

```
app.UseHttpsRedirection();
app.UseCors("AllowAll");
app.UseAuthentication();
app.UseAuthorization();
app.MapControllers();
app.Run();
```

- we create our own subapplication in this pipeline which will look for exceptions beeing thrown and it will automatically asset what kind of exception it is; and give an appropriate return value from the API
- in new folder Middleware, we create a new class ExceptionMiddleware
  - ctor with RequestDelegate:
    - ReguestDelegate: whenever a Request comes in, this object embodies that request
    - it is going to hijack this request while it is beeing processed
  - 1) first iteration of code:

• here in await next(context):

the InvokeAsync gets called; it has the context, which has all the information about the request; the potential response

- we are awaiting the result of the next operation relative to the request
- then we are watching to see, if we catch any Exception occurs

- no matter which type
- e.g. DB Null Exceptions
  - we have lots of Database operations happening
  - potential points of failure
  - we don't want to try/catch at every single place
- 2) second iteration

```
catch(Exception ex){
await HandleExceptionAsync(context, ex);
}
```

- now with the HandleExceptionAsync:
  - declaration about ContentType and StatusCode
  - as StatusCode we set the possibly worst error of InternalServerError
- we define a new ErrorDetails class
  - with string ErrorType and string ErrorMessage
  - ExceptionType and Message from Exception
- the HandleExceptionAsync method:

```
private Task HandleExceptionAsync(HttpContext context, Exception ex)
   context.Response.ContentType = "application/json";
   HttpStatusCode statusCode = HttpStatusCode.InternalServerError;
   var errorDetails = new ErrorDeatils
       ErrorType = "Failure",
       ErrorMessage = ex.Message,
   switch (ex)
        case NotFoundException notFoundException:
           statusCode = HttpStatusCode.NotFound;
           errorDetails.ErrorType = "Not Found";
       case BadRequestException badRequestException:
           statusCode = HttpStatusCode.BadRequest;
           errorDetails.ErrorType = "Bad Request";
   string response = JsonConvert.SerializeObject(errorDetails);
   context.Response.StatusCode = (int)statusCode;
   return context.Response.WriteAsync(response);
```

- the more custom exceptions you might have, if you had one for Bad Request, one for whatever: it should have a own switch case
- so the ExceptionMiddleware is going to intercept the request going
  - it has a global track around every single request
- Note:
  - $\circ~$  we return a nice JSON response in this method
  - that is also we have the ErrorDetails class for
  - this Middleware gives the possibility to standardize responses
- next we also add following line about the middelware in our Program.cs
  - method: app.UseMiddleware()

```
app.UseMiddleware<ExceptionMiddleware>();
```

• with this it is including our Middleware in the whole pipeline!

• finally we can use our custom exception types to make use of it:

```
if (country == null)
{
```

```
throw new NotFoundException(nameof(GetCountries), id);
}
```

- so now we don't have to worry about writing the same log message and if the log message changes we have to change it 20 times
- instead we just throw the exception and everything is happening kind of globally
  - if we want to change it, we just change it at one place in our ExceptionMiddleware
- Note also:
  - we can better make sure to getting appropriate error response for Bad Requests each time

#### #54: Implementing API Versioning

- important aspect of API development
  - especially APIs that are evolving over time
  - o breaking changes should come with a new version
  - o e.g. format of data changes, format of requests or data beeing returned
- in this case we should also document the changes to the customer (or follow developers)
- we install following packages for that documentation purposes:
  - Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Versioning
  - Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Versioning.ApiExplorer
  - \$ dotnet add package Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.Versioning
- we add the following lines to Program.cs to add the service to our Program.cs

```
builder.Services.AddApiVersioning(options =>
    options.AssumeDefaultVersionWhenUnspecified = true;
    options.DefaultApiVersion = new Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.ApiVersion(1, 0);
    options.ReportApiVersions = true;
    options.ApiVersionReader = ApiVersionReader.Combine(
        new QueryStringApiVersionReader("api-version"),
        new HeaderApiVersionReader("X-Version"),
        new MediaTypeApiVersionReader("ver")
builder.Services.AddApiVersioning(options =>
  options. Assume Default Version When Unspecified = true;
  options.DefaultApiVersion = new Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.ApiVersion(1, 0);
  options.ReportApiVersions = true;
  options.ApiVersionReader = ApiVersionReader.Combine(
     new QueryStringApiVersionReader("api-version"),
     new HeaderApiVersionReader("X-Version"),
     new MediaTypeApiVersionReader("ver")
  );
});
  • about the options:

    AssumeDefaultVersionWhenUnspecified

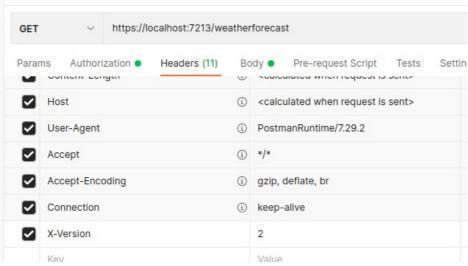
          set a default version, when no version is specified
          DefaultApiVersion: in above example the first number is the major version, and the second the
          subversion
```

below this, we add following code, to add an ApiExplorer:

```
builder.Services.AddVersionedApiExplorer(
    options =>
    {
        options.GroupNameFormat = "'v'VVV";
        options.SubstituteApiVersionInUrl = true;
    });
```

```
builder.Services.AddVersionedApiExplorer(
  options =>
  {
    options.GroupNameFormat = "'v'VVV";
    options.SubstituteApiVersionInUrl = true;
  });
```

- to document an API Version in our controller actions we can just add following tag above the specific action
  - [ApiVersion("1.0")]
  - or if we put it in the header it should be:
    - X-Version
- then we can do requests using the version with the querystring found in above lines (for us: apiversion)
- so test it
  - $\circ~$  we put API Version 2.0 above our Weatherforecast class
  - then in Postman we put the Headers with X-Version 2, like this:



- another versioning format can be accomplished with a change in the routes, e.g. we change the route of weatherforecast to:
  - [Route("[v{version:apiVersion}/[controller]")]
- it makes sense to use new classes for major version
  - you could copy the old controller and put V2 in the class name
  - we would have to use different routes also!
- in the tag of the versioning you can put a deprecated flag:
  - [ApiVersion("1.0", Deprecated = true)]
- of our old controller we also change the route to Countries controller:
  - from:

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- [Route("api/[controller]")]
- to
- [Route("api/v{version:apiVersion}/countries")]
- o if we don't change the route if it stays the same as the other, we get an error
  - with complains about ambigious versioning or similar
- we can test in Swagger
  - the try interface looks now like this:



- it will change a different request URL depending on version 1 or 2
- with version 1 it will show:
  - https://localhost:7213/api/v1/countries

## #55: Implementing Caching

- .net Core has Cache functionality built-in
- pro and cons for caching on a software level vs caching on a hardware level (or network level)
  - cons (software level)
    - will put more load on the server
    - the more it has to store, the more memory it will use; the more powerful your machine needs to be
  - hardware level pros
    - better when lots of people browsing a website
    - imagine everyone of them, keeps on badgering the database
    - that is when we would put in response caching to take pressure off
    - so quicker response
- changes to do:
  - add following lines in our Program.cs

```
builder.Services.AddResponseCaching(options =>
{
   options.MaximumBodySize = 1024;
   options.UseCaseSensitivePaths = true;
});
```

- we 1024 we are saying, cache should use up to 1024 KB of data
- if useCaseSensitivePaths is true:
  - URLs are case sensitive then
- below the Middleware part in Program.cs we have more to add:

```
app.UseResponseCaching();
```

```
app.Use(async (context, next) =>
{
  context.Response.GetTypedHeaders().CacheControl =
    new Microsoft.Net.Http.Headers.CacheControlHeaderValue()
    {
        Public = true,
            MaxAge = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(10)
        };
  context.Response.Headers[Microsoft.Net.Http.Headers.HeaderNames.Vary] =
        new string[] { "Accept-Encoding" };
    await next();
});
```

- Note:
  - we should add it after CORS!
  - o in this example we put in Middleware code directly in Program.cs
  - both ways are use just for demonstration
  - when we add Cache control to our response
    - there are certain header values
    - that are going to come back, so the receiver of the data known that it was coming from the cache as opposed to coming from fresh data
    - in the example cache data are kept just 10 seconds
    - you can change that timespan based on your APIs objectives and based on your needs
    - here we accept the header names to vary the cache response may vary in terms of the type
    - and we can Accept-Encoding
- so that's it about caching
  - quick way to introduce caching to your API
  - $\circ~$  this is more useful for data which is not changing much
    - then you can also expand the cache time
  - Note:
    - this was to show how Caching basically works
    - in the Real World, it is more complicated
    - e.g. with Pagination following after, there are issues with Caching > see: <a href="https://www.udemy.com/course/ultimate-aspnet-5-web-api-development-guide/learn/lecture/31214848#guestions/17387414">https://www.udemy.com/course/ultimate-aspnet-5-web-api-development-guide/learn/lecture/31214848#guestions/17387414</a>

## **#56: Implement Paging**

- Paging is very important in API development
  - especially when there are lots of data to look through
- start of by creating a new custom type
  - in Models
  - QueryParameters class
  - o just a class with PageSize, StartIndex,
  - o and PagedResult as another class
  - with TotalCount, PageNumer, Record number, the Pagination Items
- now we modify our GenericRepository to let it know there is a new expectation
  - we can also name it GetAllAsync but with QueryParameters as input
  - In our Interface we add:
    - Task<PagedResult<TResult>> GetAllAsync<TResult>(QueryParameters queryParameters);
  - in this part we introduce another Generic called TResult
- the implementation in Repository/GenericRepository.cs

```
public async Task<PagedResult<TResult>> GetAllAsync<TResult>(QueryParameters
queryParameters)
{
    var totalSize = await _context.Set<T>().CountAsync();
    var items = await _context.Set<T>()
        .Skip(queryParameters.StartIndex)
        .Take(queryParameters.PageSize)
        .ProjectTo<TResult>(_mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
        .ToListAsync();

return new PagedResult<TResult>
{
        Items = items,
        PageNumber = queryParameters.PageNumber,
        RecordNumber = queryParameters.PageSize,
        TotalCount = totalSize
    };
}
```

- we first get the totalSize or count of the database entity entries; on the Set we can just use CountAsync
- the items query is a bit tricky:
  - before we get to the list, we have to build up this query
  - see more on such query the other course on EntityFramework
- the **StartIndex** is about where the client states, that I start from
- PageSize: the number of items on one page

```
Note: we can do the mapping right here on the Query!
       • the advantage: no we have our Dto already,
       • the guery gets actually optimized to go over to SOL
       • the mapping is removing fields - since we don't need all data
       o so it is making the query a bit more efficient also, since it does not guery all data
       • for that we have to inject the Mapper to the constructor!
       • then we can use the .ProjetTo with the Mapper to convert the Generic TResult to what we need
            • this is still in the MappingConfiguration
  • so by the time it hits .ToListAsync():
       o it knows everything it needs to know
            knows which table
            how many records
            how many it should take
            how many columns
            and just then it executes the guery!
    of course you could implement Pagination a bit differently; e.g. there might be no need for
    PageNumber
    Challange:
       • try to make the methods in GenericRepository more Generic
       • they are generic because they facilicate any table at any time, but

    we can methods make return a Generic

  • now in the Countries Controller we can have a guery countries action like this:
   // GET: api/Countries/?StartIndex=0&pagesize=25&PageNumber=1 // -> how request has to look like
    [HttpGet]
    public async Task<ActionResult<PagedResult<GetCountryDto>>> GetPagedCountries([FromQuery]
QueryParameters queryParameters)
       var pagedCountriesResult = await countriesRepository.GetAllAsync<GetCountryDto>
(queryParameters);
       return Ok(pagedCountriesResult);
     }
       • so with the request: the guery parameters have to be given
            • in the class QueryParameters it is
  • and now there are some more refactoring possiblities:

    for that we also inject the mapper in CountriesRepository

  • and the Method for GetDetails we can modify from:
// this is old:
    public async Task<Country> GetDetails(int id)
       return await context.Countries.Include(q => q.Hotels)
         .FirstOrDefaultAsync(q => q.Id == id);
    }
// to new:
    public async Task<CountryDto> GetDetails(int id)
       var country = await context.Countries.Include(q => q.Hotels)
         .ProjectTo < Country Dto > ( mapper. Configuration Provider)
         .FirstOrDefaultAsync(q => q.Id == id);
       if (country == null)
         throw new NotFoundException(nameof(GetDetails), id);
       return country;
     }
    new refactoring in Countries Controller:
       • we change following:
    [HttpGet("{id}")]
    public async Task<ActionResult<CountryDto>> GetCountry(int id)
       // var country = await context.Countries.FindAsync(id);
       // now we need to also include the list of hotels!:
```

```
if (country == null)
       {
         // logger.LogWarning($"Record not found in {nameof(GetCountry)} with {id}.");
         //return NotFound():
         throw new NotFoundException(nameof(GetCountries), id);
       var record = mapper.Map<CountryDto>(country);
       return Ok(record);
     }
to:
     // GET: api/Countries/5
     [HttpGet("{id}")]
    public async Task<ActionResult<CountryDto>> GetCountry(int id)
       var country = await countriesRepository.GetDetails(id);
       return Ok(country);
     }
  • Note: we also might have to add GetDetails in our Interface still

    and need the injections in HotelsRepository

    we get now a error of Ambigious Match Exception:
       • this comes from equal routes
       • we forgot to modify the route of the GetPagedCountries!

    we just modify the GetAll Action route

          [HttpGet("GetAll")]
          public async Task<ActionResult<IEnumerable<CountryDto>>> GetCountries()
    Note:

    caching from previous lesson might influence the result -> it does not give the right results always

  • two possible challanges:
       • 1) implement the Generics in the GenericRepository
       • 2) implement the pagination in the Hotels controller
#57: Exploring OData
  • third party library
    can affix itself to an API and

    accomplish ordering, sorting, searching

    with minimal effort

    it happens at query string level

  • install package Microsoft.AspNetCore.OData
  • we add the following in our Program.cs
builder.Services.AddControllers().AddOData(options =>
  options.Select().Filter().OrderBy();
});
       o for example we can add it, just after the caching and after adding scoped services

    with the options we specify which options we want to enable; here we just use

            ■ Select, Filter and OrderBy
  • we experiment with CountriesV2Controller this time
       • to start place this annotation above your GetCountries() query:
          [EnableQuery]
  • in Testing with Swagger:

    we can append following to the query string, to only query the names:

            ?$select=name
```

var country = await countriesRepository.GetAsync(id);

to add shortname just put name, shortname

https://localhost:7213/api/v2/countries?\$select=name

• in my case the guery URL is like this:

- we can also filter for specific result using following query
  - ?<mark>\$filter</mark>=name eq 'Cuba'
  - would list all entries with Cuba as name
- if we want to order results:
  - sorderby
- so that is how you easily introduce filtering, ordering, sorting
- you can combine queries

#### #58: Project Architectural Changes

- we were able to built a fully functional API using the default architecture
- but as we increase the functionality as we increase number of controllers and assets that need to go into the API
  - it might get a bit cluster
- we might be better of splitting out this project, into a number of miniprojects or projectfolders for particular operations
- let's start with data related files
  - we move it to a own Subproject of type ClassLibrary
  - HotelListing.Data
    - the Model stuff, including migration files
- since I am making the steps in VS code, here is my steps:
  - \$ dotnet new classlib -o HotelListing.Data
  - \$ dotnet sln add HotelListing.Data
  - then for the version control we can move the desired files with git move
    - \$ git mv ./Data/\* HotelListing.Data
  - o next:
    - we should add the reference to this project in the old project
    - there is a Solution tab in VS code where it shows references
    - below references -> projects -> Add project references it should automatically insert the subproject
    - actually it mustn't be installed anymore, it seems to work with adding the missing package references in the csproj file
- another subproject we will have is
  - Core
  - 3rd party library stuff, stuff which is shared between projects, etc
- for me in Visual Studio Code:
  - o took much longer to get it running and every error taken out
  - kinda troublesome
- so to learn from this lesson:
  - have a good understanding of your architecture if possible already at the start
  - in case you have to refactor: know how to

## #59: Repository Refactor

- implement parts of the challange above
- more generic methods, to reduce some of the mapping
- many ways to accomplish things
  - sometimes there are good alternatives
  - or worse ones
  - some might be too complicated
  - let the context determine what to do
- the new refactored competely new actions suggested here:
  - Task<TResult> GetAsync<TResult>(int? id);
    - TResult represents the data type of the call GET,
    - the own TResult is also taken in
  - o Task<List<TResult>> GetAllAsync<TResult>();
    - similar to GetAsync above
  - Task<TResult> AddAsync<TSource, TResult>(TSource source);
    - this is a bit more tricky!
    - instead of sending T entity remember, we did:

# Task<T> AddAsync(T entity);

- the central entity, instead
- give me the T Source, because I want to have the DtoSource come into the respository
- then from the Dto we know which Type should be returned, so we also put TResult
- Task UpdateAsync<TSource>(int id, TSource source) where TSource : IBaseDto;

see the reference code on the repository.

```
sometimes the complexity vs. the perceived efficiency may leave our code not very readable

    vou want to strike the balance between both

       o important to avoid multiple equal code several times; so use Generics, when it makes sense
       • try to have all the Mappings just in one place
       • as example how it can be done, see the GenericsRepository, UpdateAsync Action:
    public async Task UpdateAsync<TSource (int id, TSource source) where TSource : IBaseDto
       if (id != source.Id)
       {
         throw new BadRequestException("Invalid Id used in request");
       var entity = await GetAsync(id);
       if(entity == null)
         throw new NotFoundException(typeof(T).Name, id);
        mapper.Map(source, entity);
        context.Update(entity);
       await context.SaveChangesAsync();
// with following baseDto:
namespace HotelListing.VSCode.Models
  public interface IBaseDto
    int Id { get; set; }

    DRY: Don't repeat yourself!

            whatever the source, map it over
            update the entity
            then do the update, and save changes

    next about some refactoring in CountriesRepository, GetDetails Method

    public async Task< CountryDto > GetDetails(int id)
       var country = await context.Countries.Include(q => q.Hotels)
          .ProjectTo<CountryDto>( mapper.ConfigurationProvider)
         .FirstOrDefaultAsync(q => q.Id == id);
       if (country == null)
       {
         throw new NotFoundException(nameof(GetDetails), id);
```

- here new the ProjectTo with Mapping
  - we had to inject the Mapper in the constructor
  - if it is null, we throw our custom exception; else we return the result

#### #60: Controller Refactor

}

return country;

{

}

- refactoring done in countries controller V1, and then the Hotels controller
  - we are retaining the version numbers, since
- the controller does not need to know how it is getting, what it is getting
  - it only needs to know, I am retrieving data and returning the data

- all the mapping and logic, we want to reduce in that controller
- our get country details, we can reduce from that:

from:

```
// GET: api/Countries/5
    [HttpGet("{id}")]
    public async Task<ActionResult<CountryDto>> GetCountry(int id)
       var country = await countriesRepository.GetAsync(id);
       if (country == null)
         throw new NotFoundException(nameof(GetCountries), id);
       var record = mapper.Map<CountryDto>(country);
       return Ok(record);
     }
to:
    // GET: api/Countries/5
    [HttpGet("{id}")]
    public async Task<ActionResult<CountryDto>> GetCountry(int id)
       var country = await countriesRepository.GetDetails(id);
       return Ok(country);
     }
```

- Note:
  - the new refactored code is much shorter, less lines
  - much easier, no more mapping, no more if statement required
- also other methods were refactored; like DeleteCountry also now shorter and easier; PostCountry we also delete one line of mapping
- also see how the PutCountry method is now shorter after refactoring
  - no more mapping and only on one place a CountriesRepository method is used; following: await countriesRepository.UpdateAsync(id, updateCountryDto);
- same style refactoring were prepared in the HotelController
  - no more mappings and use of the new methods, which are already implementing the mapping
- Note:
  - we implemented a new BaseDto before
  - our HotelDto and UpdateCountryDto now also inherits from IBaseDto
  - IBaseDto just has a Id property
- refactoring helps you
  - maintain your standards
  - not repeat yourself
  - and make your code more readable
  - $\circ\,$  if you have to compromise performance and readability, then you should consider which is more important

## #61: Add JWT Authetication to Swagger Doc

- we want to customize our Swagger, so that there is a better documentation of the Actions
  - we will be adding titles, and human readable information
- we also want to be able to test the JWT Authentication
  - even if it is not protected by the bearer token itself
  - o so we don't have to use Postman
- in our Program.cs there is the AddSwaggerGen() Method we have to expand that with options

```
Type = SecuritySchemeType.ApiKey,
     Scheme = "Bearer"
}
);
       • when we now restart our server, we see v1 next to the API Title (Hotel Listing API)
       • also there is a new Authorize button
       • Note: so far however it is not possible to authorize on Swagger yet, so far it is only documented on
         Swagger
  • to actually add the Bearer Login Functionality we add the following:
  options.AddSecurityRequirement(new OpenApiSecurityRequirement
  {
     {
       new OpenApiSecurityScheme
       {
         Reference = new OpenApiReference {
            Type = ReferenceType.SecurityScheme,
            Id = "Bearer"
         Scheme = "0auth2",
         Name = "Bearer",
         In = ParameterLocation.Header
```

- now after restarting our server and refresh Swagger page, we see locks on the right-hand side of each endpoint
- Note:

});

new List<string>()

- about the repository code: somewhere in my recent commits I broke the route of AccountController, so I didn't have the Login and Register actions in Swagger
- so the route was corrected back to [Route("api/[controller]")]
  - also I had to add [ApiController]
- so like this we are now able to login in Swagger, via the token result from the login action
- Note:
  - we can replace the hardcoded string "Bearer" with the magic string JwtBearerDerfaults.AuthenitcationScheme
  - to reduce risk of spelling errors