

ASP.NET CORE

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"Before Travel"

- **ASP**: Active Server Pages.
 - Microsoft's server side script engine for dynamically generated web pages
- .NET: a software framework to create, run and deploy desktop apps and server based apps
- ASP.NET: the extension of the ASP which is part of the .NET framework that simplifies the structure and creation of web apps

INTRODUCTION

ASP.NET Core is a cross-platform, high-performance, open-source framework for building modern, cloud-enabled, Internet-connected apps.

- Build web apps and services, IoT apps, mobile backends
- Can use favorite tools on Windows, macOS, Linux
- Deploy to the cloud
- Run on .NET Core



1. Why choose ASP.NET Core?

- A unified story for building web UI and web APIs.
- Architected for testability.
- Razor Pages: make page-focused scenarios easier and more productive.
- Blazor: make it possible to use C# in the browser alongside JavaScript.
 Ability to develop and run on Windows, macOS, and Linux.
- Open-source and community-focused.
- Support for hosting Remote Procedure Call (RPC) services using gRPC.
- A cloud-ready, environment-based configuration system.
- A lightweight, high-performance, and modular HTTP request pipeline.
- Ability to host on the following: Kestrel, IIS, HTTP.sys, Nginx, Apache, Docker
- Side-by-side versioning.
- Tooling that simplifies modern web development.

2. ASP.NET 4.x vs ASP.NET Core?

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	PLATFORM	UI	VERSIONS PER Machine	IDE	PERFORMANCE	RUNTIME
ASP.NET CORE	Windows, macOS, Linux	Razor Pages, MVC, Web API, SignalR	Multiple	VS, VS Code	Faster	.net core runtime
ASP.NET 4.X	Windows	Web Forms, SignalR, MVC, Web API, Web Hooks, Web Pages	single	VS	Good	.net framework runtime
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3. .NET Framework vs .NET Core for server apps

When .NET Core?

- Cross-platform
- **2.** Microservices
- **3.** Docker container
- 4. High performance and scalable system
- **5.** Side-by-side .net versions per application

When .NET Framework?

- **I.** .NET framework
- 2. 3rd party libraries not available for .NET Core
- **3.** .NET technologies not available for .NET Core
- 4. Platform that doesn't support .NET Core

02 FUNDAMENTALS

- Startup class
- Dependency injection (services)
- Middleware
- Host
- Servers: Kestrel or HTTP.sys
- Environments: dev, stage, prod
- Logging: Console, Debug, Event Source, Event Log
- Routing
- Making http requests
- Static files

1) STARTUP CLASS

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- L Configure the app's services (ConfigureServices)
- Create request processing pipeline (Configure)

SERVICE?

Reusable component that provides app functionality

```
public class Startup
    public Startup(IConfiguration configuration)
        Configuration = configuration;
    public IConfiguration Configuration { get; }
   public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
        services.AddRazorPages();
   public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IWebHostEnvironment env
        if (env.IsDevelopment())
            app.UseDeveloperExceptionPage();
        else
            app.UseExceptionHandler("/Error");
            app.UseHsts();
        app.UseHttpsRedirection();
        app.UseStaticFiles();
        app.UseRouting();
        app.UseAuthorization();
```

app.UseEndpoints(endpoints =>

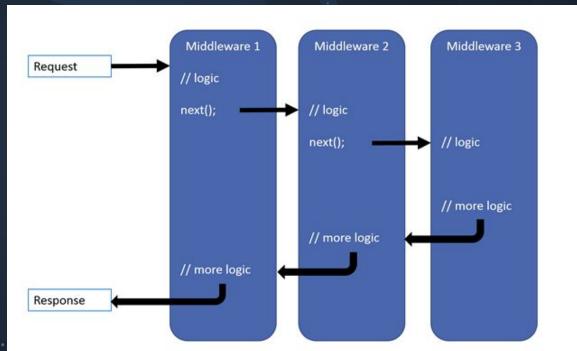
endpoints.MapRazorPages();

2) MIDDLEWARE

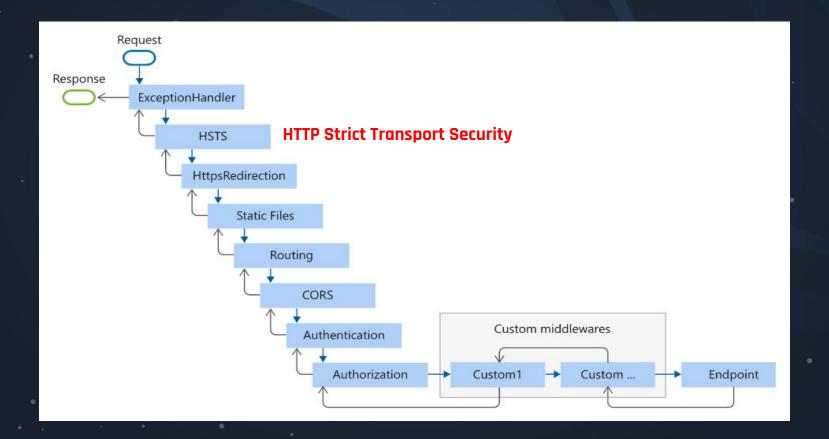


WHAT IS IT?

Software that handles requests and responses



MIDDLEWARE ORDER



3) HOST

WHAT IS IT?

Responsible for app startup and lifetime management

```
using (var host = WebHost.StartWith("http://localhost:8080", app =>
    app.Use(next =>
    {
        return async context =>
        {
            await context.Response.WriteAsync("Hello World!");
        };
      })))
{
      Console.WriteLine("Use Ctrl-C to shut down the host...");
      host.WaitForShutdown();
}
```

4) ROUTING

Matches incoming http requests to endpoints and is based on top of middleware.

HOW TO DEFINE:

- MapGet
- **2.** MapPost
- 3. MapPut
- **4.** MapDelete

```
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IWebHostEnvironment env)
    if (env.IsDevelopment())
        app.UseDeveloperExceptionPage();
    app.UseRouting();
    app.UseEndpoints(endpoints =>
       endpoints.MapGet("/", async context =>
            await context.Response.WriteAsync("Hello World!");
       });
   });
```

ENDPOINT

Endpoint is a functionality

```
app.UseEndpoints(endpoints =>
{
    endpoints.MapGet("/hello/{name:alpha}", async context =>
    {
       var name = context.Request.RouteValues["name"];
       await context.Response.WriteAsync($"Hello {name}!");
    });
});
```

This Route Template Matches:

- I. `/hello/Ryan`
- **2.** Any url begins with `/hello/`

:alpha means only accept alphabetic characters

ROUTE CONSTRAINT

- int
- bool
- Datetime
- Decimal
- Double
- Float
- ...

Check stage

Set to use routing

Set authentication & authorization

Define body

```
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app, IWebHostEnvironment env)
   if (env.IsDevelopment())
        app.UseDeveloperExceptionPage();
    // Matches request to an endpoint.
   app.UseRouting();
   // Endpoint aware middleware.
   // Middleware can use metadata from the matched endpoint.
   app.UseAuthentication();
   app.UseAuthorization();
   // Execute the matched endpoint.
   app.UseEndpoints(endpoints =>
       // Configure the Health Check endpoint and require an authorized user.
        endpoints.MapHealthChecks("/healthz").RequireAuthorization();
        // Configure another endpoint, no authorization requirements.
        endpoints.MapGet("/", async context =>
            await context.Response.WriteAsync("Hello World!");
       });
```

5) HTTP REQUEST

Create request using

IHttpClientFactory

Create request
Create client
call
Process response

```
public class NamedClientModel : PageModel
    private readonly IHttpClientFactory clientFactory;
    public IEnumerable<GitHubPullRequest> PullRequests { get; private set; }
    public bool GetPullRequestsError { get; private set; }
    public bool HasPullRequests => PullRequests.Any();
    public NamedClientModel(IHttpClientFactory clientFactory)
        clientFactory = clientFactory;
    public async Task OnGet()
        var request = new HttpRequestMessage(HttpMethod.Get,
            "repos/aspnet/AspNetCore.Docs/pulls");
        var client = clientFactory.CreateClient("github");
        var response = await client.SendAsync(request);
        if (response.IsSuccessStatusCode)
           using var responseStream = await response.Content.ReadAsStreamAsync();
           PullRequests = await JsonSerializer.DeserializeAsync
                    <IEnumerable<GitHubPullRequest>>(responseStream);
        else
           GetPullRequestsError = true;
           PullRequests = Array.Empty<GitHubPullRequest>();
```

6) STATIC FILES (Html, Css, Images, JavaScript)

Serve static files

Static file authorization

Enable directory browsing

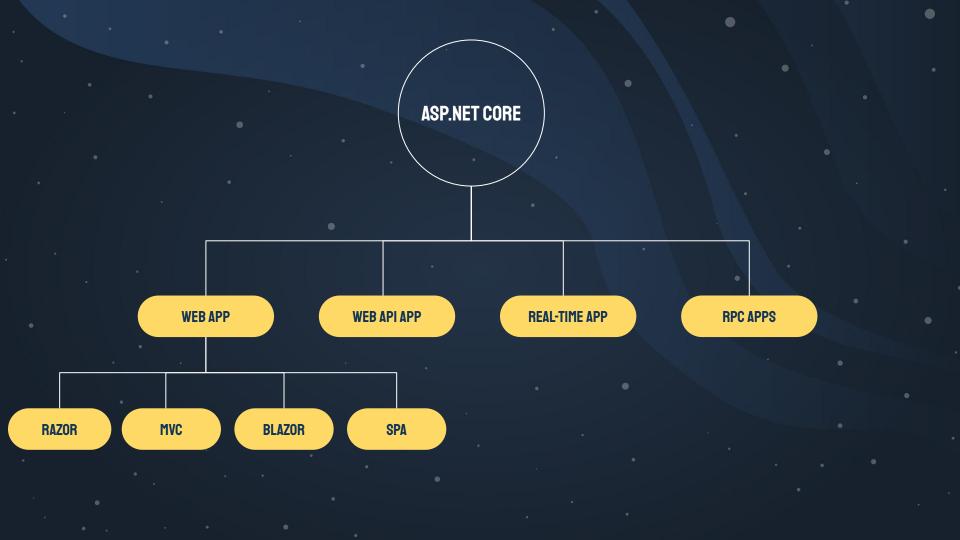
```
public void Configure(IApplicationBuilder app)
{
    app.UseStaticFiles();
}
```

```
public void ConfigureServices(IServiceCollection services)
{
    services.AddDirectoryBrowser();
}
```

O3 APPS PROVIDED BY .NET CORE

ASP.NET Core provides several different types of apps:

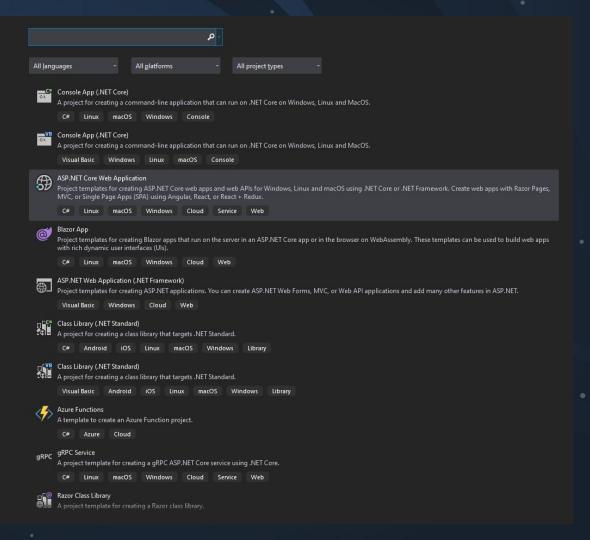
- Web apps
- Web api apps
- Real-time apps
- Remote procedure call apps



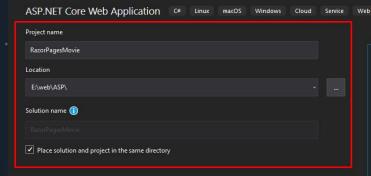
Create a new project

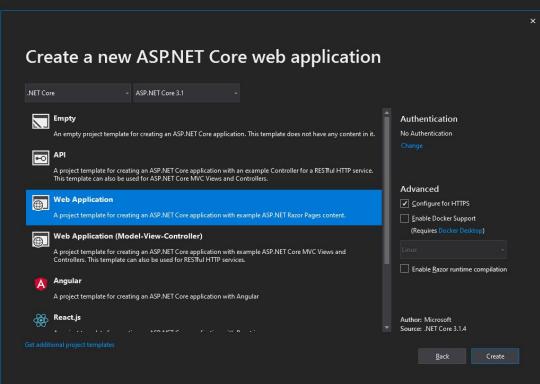
Recent project templates

A list of your recently accessed templates will be displayed here.



Configure your new project

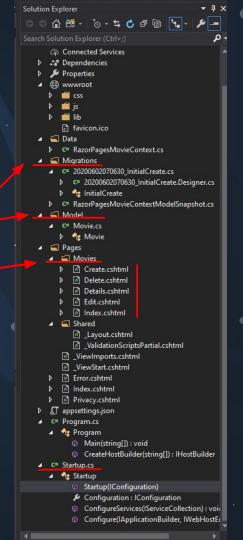




I) WEB APPS (Razor pages, MVC, Blazor, SPA)

- Razor Pages can make coding page-focused scenarios easier and more productive than using controllers and views.

- Adding a data model
- Scaffold the model (CRUD)
- Initial migration (Add-Migration InitialCreate)
- Update the db with initial migration (Update-database)



- ASP.NET Core MVC framework is a lightweight, open source, highly testable presentation framework optimized for use with ASP.NET Core.

```
routes.MapRoute(name: "Default", template: "{controller=Home}/{action=Index}/{id?}");
```

Routing

```
[Route("api/[controller]")]
public class ProductsController : Controller
{
    [HttpGet("{id}")]
    public IActionResult GetProduct(int id)
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

Model binding

converts client request data (form values, route data, query string parameters, HTTP headers) into objects that the controller can handle

Model validation

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
public class LoginViewModel
{
       [Required]
       [EmailAddress]
       public string Email { get; set; }

       [Required]
       [DataType(DataType.Password)]
       public string Password { get; set; }

       [Display(Name = "Remember me?")]
       public bool RememberMe { get; set; }
}
```

```
public async Task<IActionResult> Login(LoginViewModel model, string returnUrl = null)
{
    if (ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        // work with the model
    }
        // At this point, something failed, redisplay form
        return View(model);
}
```

Dependency Injection

Filter

```
[Authorize]
public class AccountController : Controller
```

- ASP.NET Core Blazor is a framework for building interactive client-side web UI.

It enables to:

- Create rich interactive UIs using C# instead of JavaScript
- Share server-side and client-side app logic written in .NET
- Render the UI as HTML and CSS for wide browser support, including mobile browsers
- Integrate with modern hosting platforms, such as Docker

Advantages of using .NET for client-side web development:

- Write code in C# instead of JavaScript
- Leverage the existing .NET ecosystem of .NET libraries
- Share app logic across server and client
- Benefit from .NET's performance, reliability, and security
- Stay productive with Visual Studio on Windows, Linux, and macOS
- Build on a common set of languages, frameworks, and tools that are stable, feature-rich, and easy to use

Component

Data binding

```
razor

<h1 style="font-style:@headingFontStyle">@headingText</h1>
@code {
    private string headingFontStyle = "italic";
    private string headingText = "Put on your new Blazor!";
}
```

@using BlazorApp.Components

...

<BlazorApp.Components.MyCoolComponent />

```
<input value="@CurrentValue"
    @onchange="@((ChangeEventArgs __e) => CurrentValue =
        __e.Value.ToString())" />
@code {
    private string CurrentValue { get; set; }
}
```

Event handling

```
razor

<input type="checkbox" class="form-check-input" @onchange="CheckChanged" />
@code {
    private void CheckChanged()
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

OnInitialized: when the component is initialized after getting params

SetParameters: Before params are set

OnParametersSet: After params are set

OnAfterRender: After component render

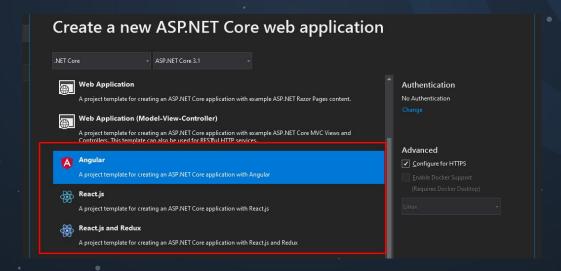
ShouldRender: Force refresh

Lifecycle

- Single Page Apps (Angular, React, React with Redux)

JavaScript Services: to make ASP.NET Core as developers' preferred server side platform for building SPAs.

- Microsoft.AspNetCore.NodeServices (NodeServices)
- Microsoft.AspNetCore.SpaServices (SpaServices)



- Session and State management

State management approaches:

- Cookies : Http Cookies
- Session state: Http Cookies and Server-side app code (store user data)
- TempData : Http Cookies or session state
- Query strings : Http Query strings
- Hidden fields: Http form fields
- HttpContext.Items : Server-side app code
- Cache: Server-side app code

2) WEB API APPS (RESTful services by C#)

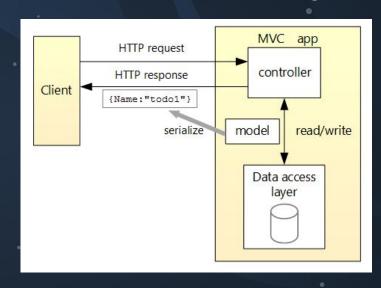
- ASP.NET Core supports creating RESTful services, also known as web APIs, using C#.

Steps to create Web API with ASP.NET Core:

- Create a Web API project
- Add a model class and a database context
- Scaffold a controller with CRUD methods
- Configure routing, URL paths, and return values

Web API additional features:

- Working with MongoDB
- Documentation using Swagger/OpenAPI (Swashbuckle.Asp.NetCore)



3) REAL-TIME APPS

- ASP.NET Core SignalR?

open-source library that simplifies adding real-time web functionality to apps.

Real-time web functionality enables server-side code to push content to clients instantly.

When to use SignalR:

- High frequency updates from the server
- Dashboards and monitoring apps
- Collaborative apps
- Apps with notifications

Features of ASP.NET Core SignalR:

- Handles connection management automatically
- Sends messages to all connected clients simultaneously. For example, a chat room
- Sends messages to specific clients or groups of clients
- Scales to handle increasing traffic

- Transports & Hubs

Transport methods between server and client:

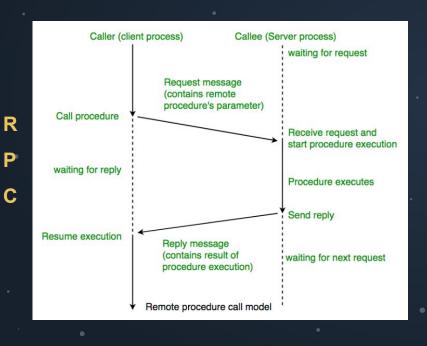
- WebSockets
- Server-Sent Events
- Long Polling
- Scales to handle increasing traffic

SignalR uses hubs to communicate between servers and clients.

Hub: a high-level pipeline that allows a client and server to call methods on each other.

4) REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL APPS

- gRPC: high-performance Remote Procedure Call (RPC) framework.



Main benefits of gRPC:

- Modern, high-performance, lightweight RPC framework
- Contract-first API development, using Protocol Buffers by default, allowing for language agnostic implementations
- Tooling available for many languages to generate strongly-typed servers and clients
- Supports client, server, and bi-directional streaming calls
- Reduced network usage with Protobuf binary serialization

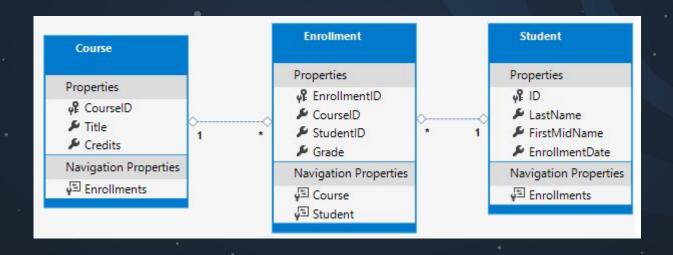
04 MAIN FEATURES

ASP.NET Core also provides other main features:

- Data access
- Host & deploy
- Security and Identity

I) DATA ACCESS

- EF Core(Entity Framework Core): lightweight, extensible, open source and cross-platform version of the popular Entity Framework data access technology.



2) HOST AND DEPLOY

General steps:

- Deploy the published app to a folder on the hosting server
- Set up a process manager that starts the app when requests arrive and restarts the app after it crashes or the server reboots

Linux: Nginx, Apache

Windows: IIS, Windows Service

• For configuration of a reverse proxy, set up a reverse proxy to forward requests to the app

Reverse proxy: a special type of proxy server that hides the target server to the client.

How to publish to Azure app service:

- With Visual Studio
- With the CLI
- Visual Studio and Git
- Continuous integration and deployment with Azure pipelines

3) SECURITY AND IDENTITY

Identity methods:

- Built-in identity providers
- Third-party identity services: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn

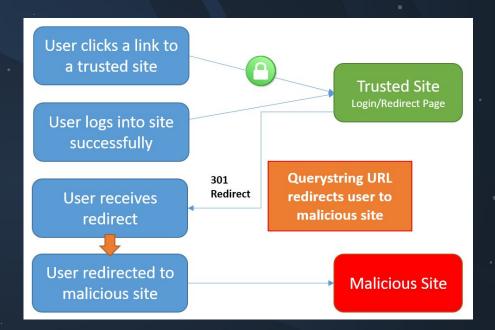
- Authentication & Authorization

authentication: a process in which a user provides credentials that are then compared to those stored in an operating system, database, app or resource

authorization: actions the user can perform to which objects inside that space (server, database, or app)

- Security issues: •

- Cross-Site Request Forgery (XSRF/CSRF)
- open redirection attacks in ASP.NET Core
- cross-Site Scripting (XSS) in ASP.NET Core



Open redirection attack

Thank you!