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ASP.NET Core Basics



ASP.NET Core

Save Data to Database

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Welcome

Please enter your Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

OK

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Example

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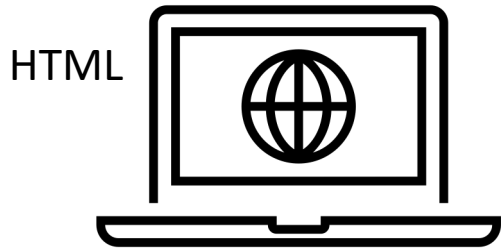
ASP.NET Core

- ASP.NET Core is an open-source web framework, created by Microsoft, for building web applications and web services
- You create ASP.NET Core Web Applications using Visual Studio and the C# Programming language
- ASP.NET Resources:

<https://www.halvorsen.blog/documents/programming/web/aspnet>

Web Fundamentals

Client-side



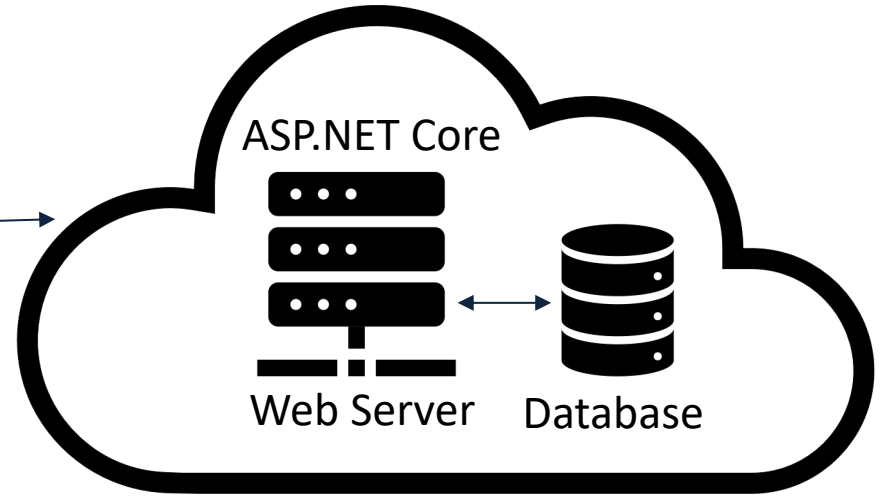
Local Computer
with Web Browser

A pure HTML File is sent to
your local Web Browser

Request URL

Get Web Page

Server-side



The Cloud/Internet

Server-side Code (C#) is executed on the Server

Web Fundamentals

HTML

CSS

JavaScript

**Server-side
Framework**

Client-side

HTML is the standard markup language for creating Web pages

CSS is the language we use to style an HTML document. CSS describes how HTML elements should be displayed.

JavaScript is the programming language of the Web. JavaScript is probably the most used programming language in the world.

ASP.NET Core (C#), PHP or similar



SQL Server

SQL Server

- SQL Server Express
 - Free version of SQL Server that has all we need for the exercises in this Tutorial
- SQL Server Express consist of 2 parts (separate installation packages):
 - SQL Server Express
 - SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) – This software can be used to create Databases, create Tables, Insert/Retrieve or Modify Data, etc.
- SQL Server Express Installation:
<https://youtu.be/hhhggAlUYo8>

Create Database

Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise Manager

Quick Launch (Ctrl+Q)

File Edit View Debug Tools Window Help

Object Explorer

Connect +

New Database

Select a page

General Options Filegroups

Database name: PERSONDB

Owner: <default>

Use full-text indexing

Database files:

| Logical Name | File Type | Filegroup | Initial Size (MB) | Autogrowth / Maxsize |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| PERSONDB | ROWS... | PRIMARY | 8 | By 64 MB, Unlimited |
| PERSONDB... | LOG | Not Applicable | 8 | By 64 MB, Unlimited |

Connection

Server: XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS

Connection: sa

[View connection properties](#)

Progress

Ready

Add Remove

OK Cancel

Database Table

```
CREATE TABLE PERSON
(
  PersonId int NOT NULL IDENTITY (1,1),
  FirstName varchar(50) NOT NULL,
  LastName varchar(50) NOT NULL
)
GO
```

Create Table

The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio interface. The title bar indicates the current session is 'SQLQuery1.sql - XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS.PERSONDB (sa (53))* - Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Project, Debug, Tools, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and execution. The Object Explorer on the left shows the server hierarchy for 'XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS (SQL Server 13.0.1742 - ...)', with the 'PERSONDB' database expanded to show a new table named 'dbo.PERSON'. The main query editor window contains the following SQL code:

```
CREATE TABLE PERSON
(
    PersonId int NOT NULL IDENTITY (1,1),
    FirstName varchar(50) NOT NULL,
    LastName varchar(50) NOT NULL
)
GO
```

Below the query editor, the Messages pane shows the output: 'Command(s) completed successfully.' The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Query executed successfully.' and provides session details: 'XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS (13.0 RTM) | sa (53) | PERSONDB | 00:00:00 | 0 rows'.



Code Example

Code Examples

Note!

- The examples provided can be considered as a “proof of concept”
- The sample code is very simplified for clarity and doesn't necessarily represent best practices.

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NuGet

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio interface with the NuGet Package Manager window open. The main window shows the 'Browse' tab for the 'SaveDataDatabase' project. The search term 'SQL' is entered, and a list of packages is shown. The package 'Microsoft.Data.SqlClient' is highlighted with a red box. The right pane shows the details for this package, including the version '3.0.1' and a description: 'Provides the data provider for SQL Server. These classes provide access to...'. The bottom pane shows an error list with two errors: 'The type or namespace name 'Data' does not exist in the namespace 'Microsoft'' and 'The type or namespace name 'SqlConnection' could not be found'. The Solution Explorer on the right shows the project structure, including 'Index.cshtml' and 'IndexModel'.

NuGet Package Manager: SaveDataDatabase

Package source: nuget.org

Search: SQL

Include prerelease

| Package Name | Author | Downloads | Version |
|--|-----------|------------|---------------|
| SQLitePCLRaw.core | Eric Sink | 61.1M | v2.0.7 |
| Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer | Microsoft | 1 | v5.0.11 |
| System.Data.SqlClient | Microsoft | 264M | v4.8.3 |
| Microsoft.Data.SqlClient | Microsoft | 99M | v3.0.1 |
| SQLitePCLRaw.bundle_green | Eric Sink | 32.1M | v2.0.7 |
| runtime.native.System.Data.SqlClient.sni | Microsoft | 209 | v4.7.0 |
| SQLitePCLRaw.lib.e_sqlite3 | Eric Sink | 28.3M | v2.0.7 |
| SQLitePCLRaw.bundle_e_sqlite3 | Eric Sink | 26.9M | v2.0.7 |
| SQLitePCLRaw.provider.dynamic_cdecl | Eric Sink | 27M | v2.0.7 |

Microsoft.Data.SqlClient by Microsoft, 99M downloads v3.0.1
Provides the data provider for SQL Server. These classes provide access to...

Description
Provides the data provider for SQL Server. These classes provide access to versions of SQL Server and encapsulate database-specific protocols, including tabular data stream (TDS)

Commonly Used Types:
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlException
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlParameter
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlDataReader
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlCommand
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlTransaction
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlParameterCollection
Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SqlClientFactory

When using NuGet 3.x this package requires at least version 3.4.

Version: 3.0.1
Author(s): Microsoft
License: MIT
Date published: Friday, September 24, 2021

Error List

| File | Description | Project | Line | Supp... |
|-------|---|--------------------------|------|---------|
| CS025 | The type or namespace name 'Data' does not exist in the namespace 'Microsoft' (are you missing an assembly reference?) | SaveData... Index.csh... | 2 | Active |
| CS024 | The type or namespace name 'SqlConnection' could not be found (are you missing a using directive or an assembly reference?) | SaveData... Index.csh... | 25 | Active |


```
@page
@model IndexModel
@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Home page";
}
```

```
<div>
```

```
<h1>Welcome</h1>
```

```
<p>Please enter your Name:</p>
```

```
<form name="NameForm" id="NameForm" method="post">
```

```
    First Name:
```

```
    <br />
```

```
    <input name="FirstName" type="text" class="form-control input-lg" autofocus required />
```

```
    <br />
```

```
    Last Name:
```

```
    <br />
```

```
    <input name="LastName" type="text" class="form-control input-lg" required />
```

```
    <br />
```

```
    <input id="SaveButton" type="submit" value="Save" class="btn btn-info" />
```

```
</form>
```

```
</div>
```

Index.cshtml.cs

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;  
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
```

```
namespace SaveDataDatabase.Pages
```

```
{  
    public class IndexModel : PageModel  
    {  
        public void OnGet()  
        {  
  
        }  
  
        public void OnPost()  
        {  
            string firstName = Request.Form["FirstName"];  
            string lastName = Request.Form["LastName"];  
  
            string connectionString = "Data Source=XXX;Initial Catalog=PERSONDB;Integrated Security=True";  
  
            string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO PERSON (FirstName, LastName)  
                               VALUES (" + "'" + firstName + "'" + "," + "'" + lastName + "'" + ")";  
  
            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);  
  
            con.Open();  
            SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);  
            sc.ExecuteNonQuery();  
            con.Close();  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Create Method

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Welcome

Please enter your Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

OK

Index.cshtml.cs

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;  
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
```

```
namespace SaveDataDatabase.Pages
```

```
{  
    public class IndexModel : PageModel  
    {  
        public void OnGet()  
        {  
        }  
        public void OnPost()  
        {  
            string firstName = Request.Form["FirstName"];  
            string lastName = Request.Form["LastName"];  
  
            SaveData(firstName, lastName);  
        }  
  
        void SaveData(string firstName, string lastName)  
        {  
            string connectionString = "Data Source=XXX;Initial Catalog=PERSONDB;Integrated Security=True";  
  
            string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO PERSON (FirstName, LastName)  
                VALUES (" + "'" + firstName + "'" + "," + "'" + lastName + "'" + ")";  
  
            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);  
            con.Open();  
            SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);  
            sc.ExecuteNonQuery();  
            con.Close();  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Create Class

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Please enter your Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

OK

Person.cs

```
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SaveDataDatabase.Models
{
    public class Person
    {
        public void SaveData(string firstName, string lastName)
        {
            string connectionString = "Data Source=XXX;Initial Catalog=PERSONDB;
                                     Integrated Security=True";

            string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO PERSON (FirstName, LastName)
                              VALUES (" + "'" + firstName + "'" + "," + "'" + lastName + "'" + ")";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);

            con.Open();
            SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
            sc.ExecuteNonQuery();
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```



```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;
```

```
using SaveDataDatabase.Models;
```

```
namespace SaveDataDatabase.Pages
```

```
{
```

```
    public class IndexModel : PageModel
```

```
    {
```

```
        public void OnGet()
```

```
        {
```

```
        }
```

```
        public void OnPost()
```

```
        {
```

```
            string firstName = Request.Form["FirstName"];
```

```
            string lastName = Request.Form["LastName"];
```

```
            Person person = new Person();
```

```
            person.SaveData(firstName, lastName);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```



Create Stored Procedure

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Welcome

Please enter your Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

OK

Stored Procedure

```
CREATE TABLE PERSON
(
  PersonId int NOT NULL IDENTITY (1,1),
  FirstName varchar(50) NOT NULL,
  LastName varchar(50) NOT NULL
)
GO
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE SavePerson
```

```
@FirstName varchar(50),
@LastName varchar(50)
```

```
AS
```

```
INSERT INTO PERSON (FirstName, LastName)
VALUES (@FirstName, @LastName)
```

```
GO
```

Input Parameters

```
graph TD
    A[Input Parameters] --> B[CREATE PROCEDURE SavePerson @FirstName varchar(50), @LastName varchar(50)]
    B --> C[INSERT INTO PERSON (FirstName, LastName) VALUES (@FirstName, @LastName)]
```

SQL Query that inserts
FirstName and LastName
into the PERSON table

Stored Procedure

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```
CREATE PROCEDURE SavePerson
@FirstName varchar(50),
@LastName varchar(50)

AS

INSERT INTO PERSON (FirstName, LastName) VALUES (@FirstName, @LastName)

GO
```

Below the query editor, the Messages pane shows the execution result: 'Command(s) completed successfully.' The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Query executed successfully.' and provides session details: 'XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS (13.0 RTM) | sa (53) | PERSONDB | 00:00:00 | 0 rows'.

Test the Stored Procedure

SQLQuery2.sql - XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS.PERSONDB (sa (55))* - Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio

```
exec SavePerson 'Elvis', 'Presley'
```

Object Explorer: PERSONDB

- Database Diagrams
- Tables
- System Tables
- FileTables
- dbo.PERSON
- Views
- Synonyms
- Programmability
 - Stored Procedures
 - System Stored Procedures
 - dbo.SavePerson
 - Functions
 - Database Triggers
 - Assemblies
 - Types
 - Rules
 - Defaults
 - Sequences
- Service Broker
- Storage
- Security

Messages: (1 row(s) affected)

Query executed successfully.

SQLQuery3.sql - XPS15HPH\SQLEXPRESS.PERSONDB (sa (56))* - Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio

```
select * from PERSON
```

Object Explorer: PERSONDB

- System Databases
- BOOKAPP
- BOOKS
- CHART
- MEASUREMENTDB
- OPPTAK
- PERSONDB
- Database Diagrams
- Tables

Results:

| | PersonId | FirstName | LastName |
|---|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | Hans-Petter | Halvorsen |
| 2 | 2 | Per | Hansen |
| 3 | 3 | Trend | Petterson |
| 4 | 4 | Elvis | Presley |

Person.cs

```
using System.Data;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
```

```
namespace SaveDataDatabase.Models
```

```
{
    public class Person
    {
        public void SaveData(string firstName, string lastName)
        {
            string connectionString = "Data Source=XXX;Initial Catalog=PERSONDB;
                                     Integrated Security=True";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();

            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SavePerson", con);
            cmd.CommandType = CommandType.StoredProcedure;

            cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@FirstName", firstName));
            cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@LastName", lastName));

            cmd.ExecuteNonQuery();
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```



Try .. Catch..

Use Try ... Catch

- When executing C# code, different errors may occur
- When an error occurs, C# will normally stop and generate an error message.
- Typically, we just want to show an Error Message to the user without stopping the application
- Then we can use Try ... Catch

Try ... Catch

```
try
{
    // Put your ordinary Code here
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    // Code for Handling Errors
}
```

Example

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Welcome

Please enter your Name:

First Name:

Last Name:

Save

Something went wrong. Please try again.

Person.cs

```
using System.Data;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SaveDataDatabase.Models
{
    public class Person
    {
        public string SaveData(string firstName, string lastName)
        {
            string connectionString = "Data Source=XXX;Initial Catalog=PERSONDB;Integrated Security=True";
            string errorMessage = null;

            try
            {
                SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
                con.Open();

                SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SavePerson", con);
                cmd.CommandType = CommandType.StoredProcedure;

                cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@FirstName", firstName));
                cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@LastName", lastName));

                cmd.ExecuteNonQuery();
                con.Close();

                errorMessage = null;
                return errorMessage;
            }
            catch
            {
                return errorMessage = "Something went wrong. Please try again.";
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Index.cshtml.cs

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;
using SaveDataDatabase.Models;

namespace SaveDataDatabase.Pages
{
    public class IndexModel : PageModel
    {
        public string errorMessage;

        public void OnGet()
        {

        }

        public void OnPost()
        {
            string firstName = Request.Form["FirstName"];
            string lastName = Request.Form["LastName"];

            Person person = new Person();

            errorMessage = person.SaveData(firstName, lastName);
        }
    }
}
```

Index.cshtml

```
@page
@model IndexModel
@{
    ViewData["Title"] = "Home page";
}

<div>
    <h1>Welcome</h1>
    <p>Please enter your Name:</p>

    <form name="NameForm" id="NameForm" method="post">

        First Name:
        <br />
        <input name="FirstName" type="text" class="form-control input-lg" autofocus required />
        <br />

        Last Name:
        <br />
        <input name="LastName" type="text" class="form-control input-lg" required />
        <br />

        <input id="SaveButton" type="submit" value="Save" class="btn btn-info" />

    </form>

    <p>
        @Model.errorMessage
    </p>
</div>
```



appSettings.json

appSettings.json

- appSettings.json is a Configuration File used in ASP.NET Core
- Here you can, e.g., put the Connection String for your Database
- In that way you don't need to hardcode this inside your C# code
- I have shown this in other ASP.NET Core Videos

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