
You Already know C# 3.0

It's simpler syntax for techniques you
already know and use

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Agenda(s)

- Door Number 1
 - Questions?
 - Answers
 - Investigation
- Caveats:
 - About C# / .NET
 - I may say “I don’t know”
 - I may say “let’s find out”
- Door Number 2
 - Start with an Orcas Application
 - Remove C# 3.0 features (back port to 2.0)
 - Understand differences
 - Compare

Finding Process Statistics

```
var processes = (from process in
    System.Diagnostics.Process.GetProcesses()
    where (process.Threads.Count > 1)
    orderby process.BasePriority descending,
    process.PeakWorkingSet64 descending
    select new
    {
        Name = process.ProcessName,
        Priority = process.BasePriority,
        MaxMemory = process.PeakWorkingSet64
    }
).Take(25);
```

- Search all processes
- Must have active threads
- Sort by priority
- Sort by memory
- Grab a few fields
- Only 25 records

Remove query keywords

```
var processes =  
    System.Diagnostics.Process.GetProcesses().  
    Where(process => process.Threads.Count > 1).  
    OrderByDescending(  
        process => process.PeakWorkingSet64).  
    OrderByDescending(  
        process => process.BasePriority).  
    Select(process => new  
    {  
        Name = process.ProcessName,  
        Priority = process.BasePriority,  
        MaxMemory = process.PeakWorkingSet64  
    })  
.Take(25);
```

- Lost Clarity
 - Order By in wrong order to get the right order
- More Verbose
 - All those .'s

Removing 'var' in N steps

- Create the named class for results
 - C# 3.0 version: implicit properties
 - C# 2.0 version: More typing
 - It's all grunt work
 - No real thought, or design
- Change the Query
 - Return the new named type

Storage Class 3.0 version

```
public class ProcessStatistics
{
    public string Name
    {
        get;
        set;
    }
    public string Priority
    {
        get;
        set;
    }
    public long MaxMemory
    {
        get;
        set;
    }
}
```

- Implicit Properties
- Compiler Generations
 - Backing field
 - Get, Set, body

Storage Class 2.0 version

```
public class ProcessStatistics
{
    private readonly string name;
    public string Name
    {
        get { return name; }
    }
    private readonly int priority;
    public int Priority
    {
        get { return priority; }
    }
    private readonly long maxMemory;
    public long MaxMemory
    {
        get { return maxMemory; }
    }

    public ProcessStatistics(string Name, int Priority, long
    MaxMemory)
    {
        name = Name;
        priority = Priority;
        maxMemory = MaxMemory;
    }
}
```

- Much more typing
- No new features
- More maintenance
- Decreased Productivity

Removing Var from Query

```
IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics> processes =  
    Process.GetProcesses().  
    Where(process =>  
        process.Threads.Count > 1).  
    OrderByDescending(  
        process => process.PeakWorkingSet64).  
    OrderByDescending(process =>  
        process.BasePriority).  
    Select(process => new ProcessStatistics(  
        process.ProcessName,  
        process.BasePriority,  
        process.PeakWorkingSet64  
    )).Take(25);
```

- Select Changes
- Explicit construction
- Property names are lost
 - At least here

Removing Extension Methods V1

```
IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics> processes =  
    Enumerable.Take(  
        Enumerable.Select(  
            Enumerable.OrderByDescending(  
                Enumerable.OrderByDescending(  
                    Enumerable.Where(  
                        Process.GetProcesses(),  
                        process => process.Threads.Count > 1),  
                        process => process.PeakWorkingSet64),  
                        process => process.BasePriority),  
                        process => new ProcessStatistics(  
                            process.ProcessName,  
                            process.BasePriority,  
                            process.PeakWorkingSet64)), 25);
```

- Call Order is reversed
 - Take,
 - Select,
 - Orderby,
 - Where
- Params read from inward out

Removing Extension Methods V2

```
IEnumerable<System.Diagnostics.Process>  
  whereResult = Enumerable.Where(  
    Process.GetProcesses(),  
    process => process.Threads.Count > 1);
```

```
IEnumerable<System.Diagnostics.Process>  
  secondaryOrder =  
    Enumerable.OrderByDescending(  
      whereResult,  
      process => process.PeakWorkingSet64);
```

```
IEnumerable<System.Diagnostics.Process>  
  primaryOrder =  
    Enumerable.OrderByDescending(  
      secondaryOrder,  
      process => process.BasePriority);
```

```
IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics>  
  stats =  
    Enumerable.Select(  
      primaryOrder,  
      process => new  
        ProcessStatistics(  
          process.ProcessName,  
          process.BasePriority,  
          process.PeakWorkingSet64));
```

```
IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics>  
  processes =  
    Enumerable.Take(  
      stats,  
      25);
```

Critique

- Imperative Programming
 1. Find matching processes
 2. Create Secondary Order
 3. Create Primary Order
 4. Select Output Type
 5. Filter by Top 25
- How, not What

Lambda = Anonymous Delegate

```
IEnumerable<Process> whereResult =  
    Enumerable.Where(Process.GetProcesses(),  
        delegate(Process process)  
        {  
            return process.Threads.Count > 1;  
        }  
    );  
// etc.  
IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics> stats =  
    Enumerable.Select(primaryOrder,  
        delegate(Process process)  
        {  
            return new ProcessStatistics(  
                process.ProcessName,  
                process.BasePriority,  
                process.PeakWorkingSet64);  
        }  
    );
```

- More Verbose syntax
- Full body of method defined
- Same Result

A Final Comparison

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    {
        Name = process.ProcessName,
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    }
).Take(25);
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```
public class ProcessStatistics
{
    private readonly string name;
    public string Name
    {
        get { return name; }
    }
    private readonly int priority;
    public int Priority
    {
        get { return priority; }
    }
    private readonly long maxMemory;
    public long MaxMemory
    {
        get { return maxMemory; }
    }
    public ProcessStatistics(string Name, int Priority, long MaxMemory)
    {
        name = Name;
        priority = Priority;
        maxMemory = MaxMemory;
    }
}

IEnumerable<System.Diagnostics.Process> whereResult =
    Enumerable.Where(
        System.Diagnostics.Process.GetProcesses(),
        delegate(System.Diagnostics.Process process)
        {
            return process.Threads.Count > 1;
        }
    );

IEnumerable<System.Diagnostics.Process> secondaryOrder =
    Enumerable.OrderByDescending(
        whereResult,
        delegate(System.Diagnostics.Process process)
        {
            return process.PeakWorkingSet64;
        }
    );

IEnumerable<System.Diagnostics.Process> primaryOrder =
    Enumerable.OrderByDescending(
        secondaryOrder,
        delegate(System.Diagnostics.Process process)
        {
            return process.BasePriority;
        }
    );

IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics> stats =
    Enumerable.Select(
        primaryOrder,
        delegate(System.Diagnostics.Process process)
        {
            return new ProcessStatistics(
                process.ProcessName,
                process.BasePriority,
                process.PeakWorkingSet64);
        }
    );

IEnumerable<ProcessStatistics> processes =
    Enumerable.Take(
        stats,
        25);
```

Comparison

- C# 3.0 Advantages
 - Focuses on What code does
 - Declarative
 - More concise, yet more readable
 - Easier to Maintain, more productivity
 - More Powerful
- Caveats:
 - More Power = More Danger

Where you can Learn More

- C# Zone: <http://csharp.net>
- Orcas Beta: search = “Orcas Beta 1”
- C# Feeds:
 - <http://csharpfeeds.com/Default.aspx>
- My blog (shameless plug)

Questions

