# Exploring ASP.NET Core, Part 3 of 6: Tools and Projects

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that students have some programming background, and at least minimal experience with classic ASP.NET, C#, and Visual Studio. As with any such course, the more experience you bring to the course, the more you' Il get out of it. This course moves quickly through a broad range of programming topics, and is focused on using the .NET Framework with C#. The course also assumed that you are well familiar with how to use the version of Windows that you are running. For example, the course might say simply &Idquo; open a browser" without explaining how to do that. You should also be able to navigate the folder hierarchy using Windows Explorer.

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Course description: Learn how to build a project from common .NET Core project templates and what tools are needed to do so. In addition to discovering how to build a full application, explore the state of .NET Core and determine if it's the best tool to meet your current needs.

## Course outline:

#### **Visual Studio Tooling**

- Introduction
- Demo: New ASP.NET Core Project
- · Demo: Console Application
- Core Files
- Demo: Using the .NET Framework
- Demo: Project.json and Program.cs
- · Demo: Web.config
- Demo: Packages
- Demo: A Caveat about Project.json
- Summary
- **Project Structure**
- · Introduction
- · Demo: New Project
- Demo: App Preview
- Demo: www.root
- Demo: JSON Flles
- · Demo: web.config
- · Demo: Startup.cs
- Summary

# State of .NET Core

- Introduction
- Why .NET Core?
- The State of NET Core
- Summary

# Should I Use .NET Core Today?

- Introduction
- Should I Use .NET Core Today?
- Compelling Reasons to Use .NET Core

- Reasons to NOT Use .NET Core Today
- When to Stay with the Full .NET Framework
- Summary

