

Umbraco on .NET Core Status

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Motivation & Project Goals

Why are this project so important

Motivation for moving to .NET Core

- .NET Framework end-of-life
- Cross platform support
- Performance improvements
- New tech

The Project Goals

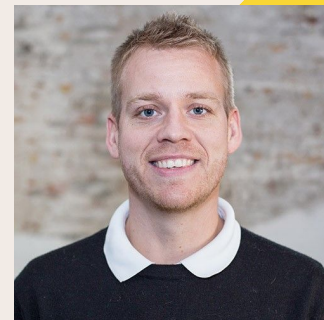
- Easy transition of customer projects
- Improved code quality
- Community involvement

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The Unicorn Team

- Helps other community members to contribute
- Helps HQ identify tasks that can be up-for-grabs
- Pick up coding tasks with tight deadline
- Pick up more advanced tasks



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ASP.NET Core

Is not that different after all

Biggest changes compared to ASP.NET

- Setup
 - Basically a self hosted program.
 - Pipeline is very flexible
- HttpContext
- Unified MVC + Web API
 - Everything is MVC
- Configuration
- Native Dependency Injection Container

What is almost the same

- **Controllers**
 - Need to inherit from another base controller
- **Views**
 - New options
 - @inject dependencies
 - Tag Helpers
 - View components

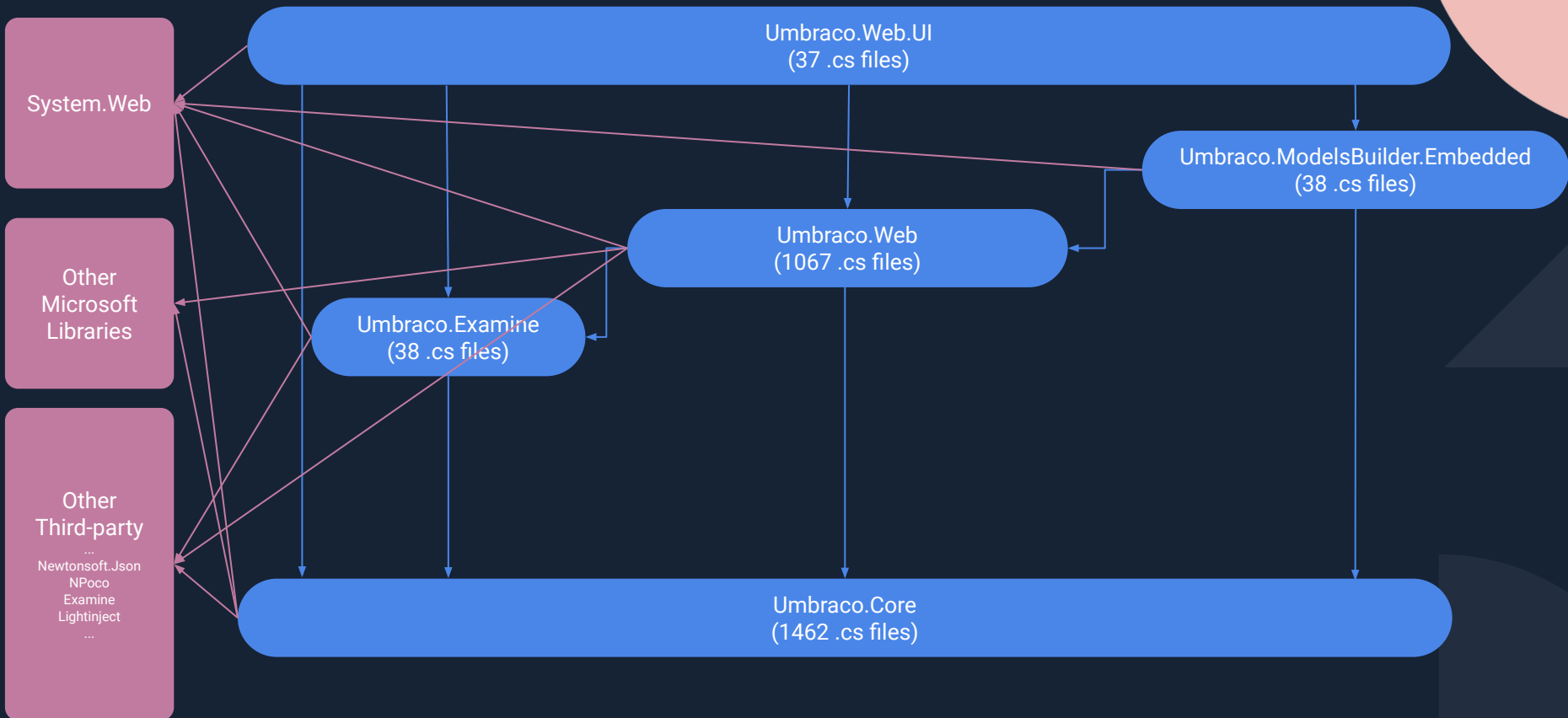
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What's Changed So Far

Evolution of the architecture

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Introduced new Core Assembly

- **Pure Umbraco business logic and abstractions**
 - No third-party frameworks
 - Models
 - Services
- **Half of the existing Umbraco.Core exists here**
- **General rule**
 - If there is no third party dependencies - The class belongs here

Introduced Infrastructure Assembly

- Third-party frameworks used
 - Repositories (NPoco)
 - Container (LightInject)
 - Logging (Serilog)
 - Search (Examine)
- The second half of Umbraco.Core exists here

Introduced SqlCe Assembly

- Cannot be compatible with .NET Standard
- Implements interfaces that exists in Umbraco.Core
 - Classes needs to be injected

Introduced Configuration Assembly

- Implements our configuration interfaces that exists in Umbraco.Core
- Uses System.Configuration for now
 - Plan to replace with ConfigurationBuilder pattern fra .NET Core

Moved web dependencies from Core to Web

- **Classes that use `System.Web` and logically belongs to Web is moved**

Moved non-web classes from Web to Infrastructure or Core

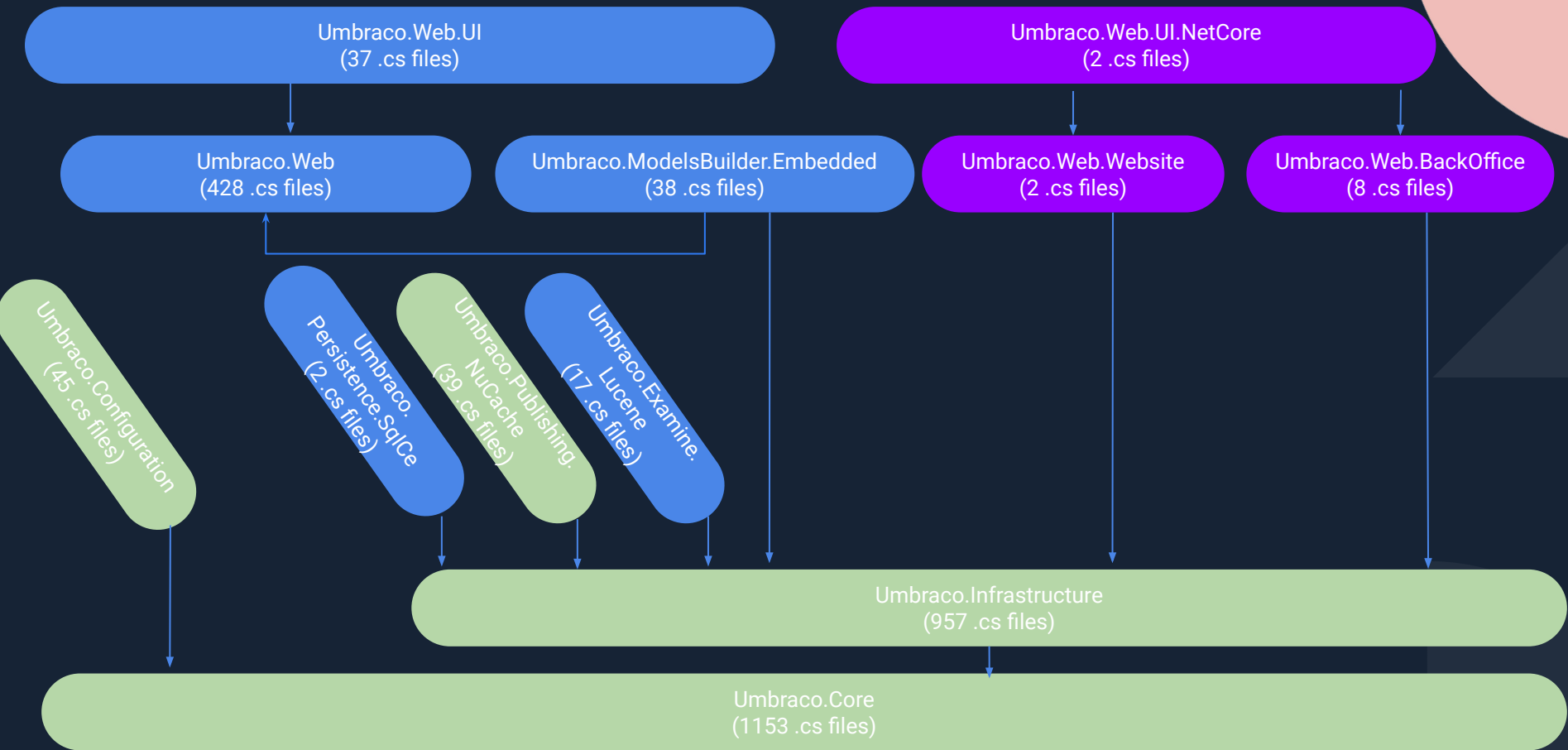
- **Classes that did not logically belongs to Web is moved to**
 - **Core**
 - **If no third-party frameworks is used**
 - **Infrastructure**
 - **If third-party frameworks is used**

Abstracted usage of HttpContext

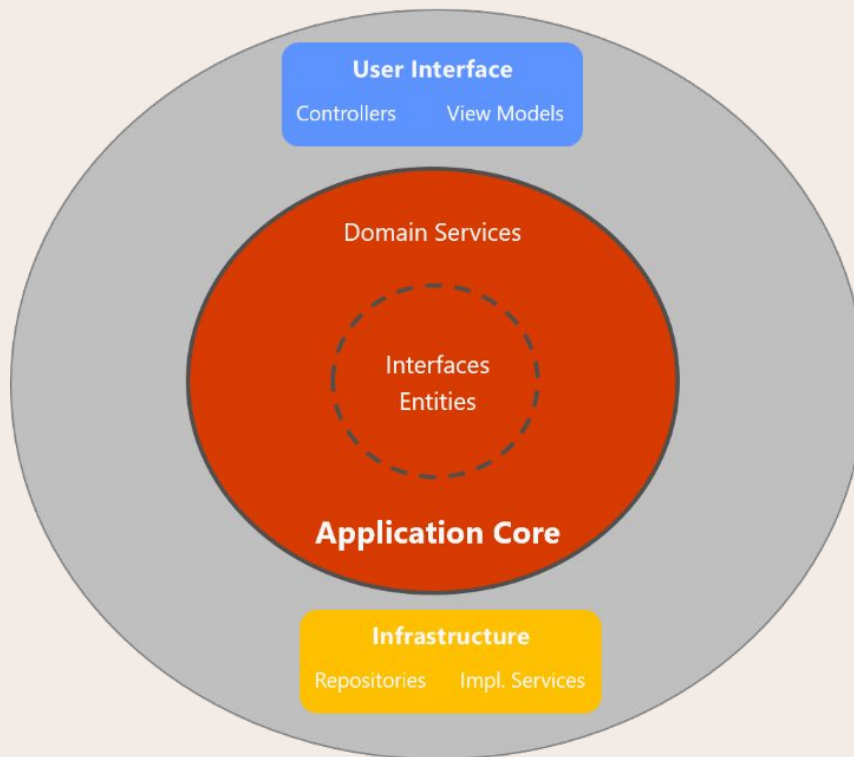
- **IRequestCache**
 - Instead of `HttpContext.Items`
- **ICookieManager**
 - Instead of `HttpContext.{Request/Response}.Cookies`
- **IUserAgentResolver**
 - Instead of `HttpContext.Request.UserHostAddress`
- ...

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Unicore Current Status



Clean Architecture Layers (Onion View)

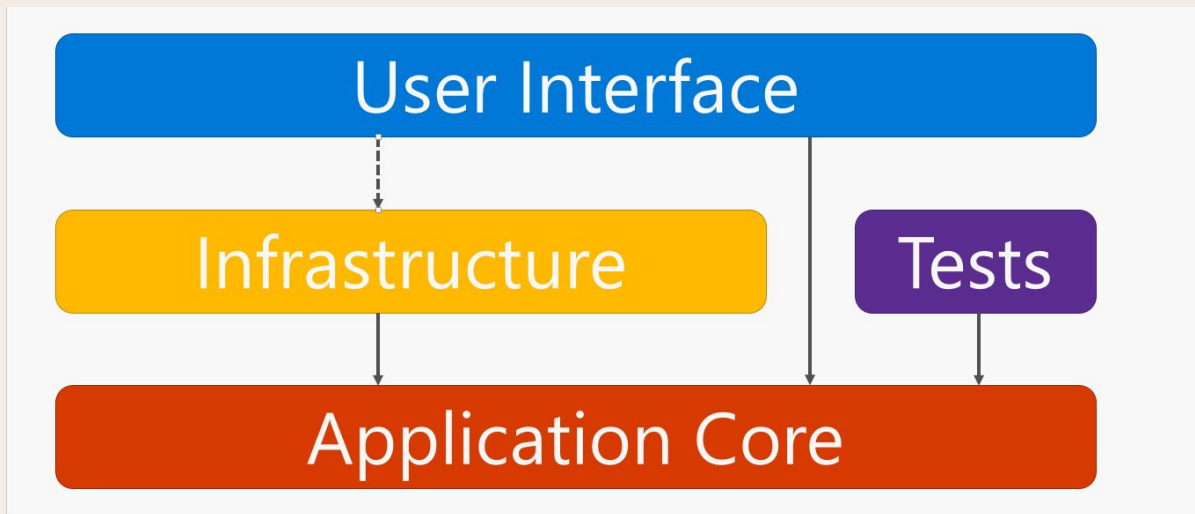


External Dependencies



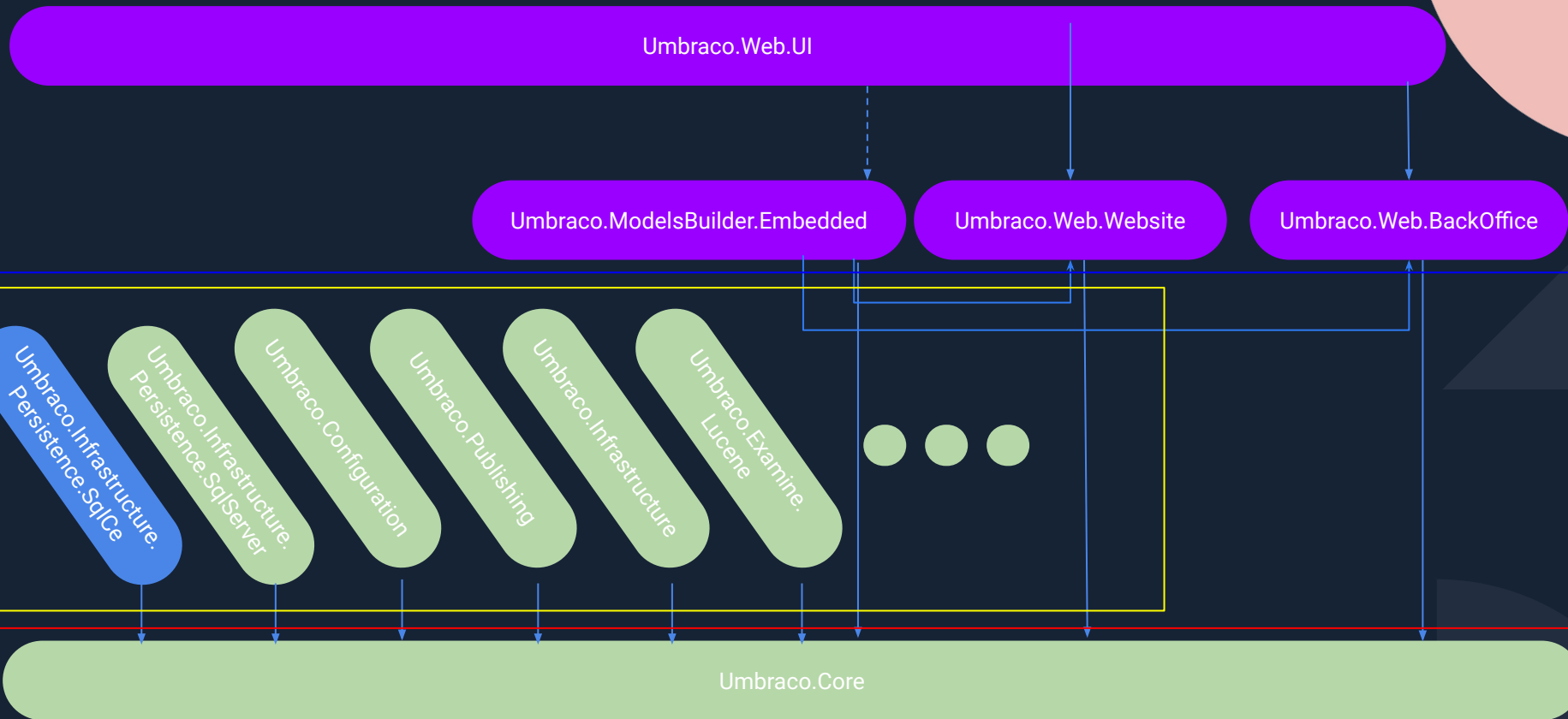
Clean Architecture Layers

- **Business logic independent of**
 - Frameworks
 - Database
 - Externals
 - UI
- **Testable business logic**



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Architecture End Goal



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Coding Challenges

And how we solve them

Circular Dependencies

- ModelsBuilder bundled as package
 - Runtime crash, on breaking changes
 - ModelsBuilder is now embedded correct into the codebase
- Between classes
 - Break vs inject lazy

Static classes with third-party dependencies

- HostingEnvironment \Rightarrow IHostingEnvironment
- IOHelper \Rightarrow IIOHelper
- UmbracoVersion \Rightarrow IUmbracoVersion
- TypeFinder \Rightarrow ITypeFinder
- ...

Logical CallContext not available in .NET Standard

- CallContext was used to keep state in nested scopes as fallback to HttpContext
- Replaced using `ConcurrentDictionary<string, AsyncLocal>`

System.Web known everywhere

- The ASP.NET part of System.Web is completely rewritten in ASP.NET Core
- Static HttpContext should be accessed using IHttpContextAccessor
- Static HostingEnvironment not available
- HttpModule
 - Need to be rewritten as Middleware in ASP.NET Core

IRegisteredObject

- Do not exist in .NET Standard
- For now we have our own interface and and implementation for Framework
- In .NET Core IHostApplicationLifetime exists that can be used for the same, but does not require an interface.

Marshal

- Used to provide extra exception information to some of the logged errors
- Do not exist in .NET Standard
 - Exists in .NET Core 3.1 and .NET Framework 4.8
- Implement specific Framework implementation for now

Imaging

- We have introduced an interface to generate Urls
 - Multiple implementations
 - ImageProcessor - .NET Framework
 - *ImageSharp* - .NET Standard
 - Others?

NuCache dependency not .NET Standard

- **BPlusTree**
 - Replaced with fork of the project, that is updated

Tightly coupled to dependencies

- Often in `if-else` or `switch-case` statements
 - `BulkInsertRecords` now use a `IBulkSqlInsertProvider`

WebForms

- **We still had some dependencies on WebForms**
 - **NoNodes.aspx**
 - **Rewritten to MVC**
 - **Macros**
 - **Need to clean up and abstract**

UmbracoContext + UrlProvider

- Known everywhere
 - Has dependency on HttpContext
 - Abstracted into `IUmbracoContext` and `IPublishedUrlProvider`

Models / DTOs using services or type collections

- Solved in different ways
 - Refactored to not use the service
 - Introduced factory
 - Deserialisation handled by custom `JsonConverters`
 - Moved properties to extension methods
 - Inject dependencies

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Breaking Changes

And what we do not change

Constructors

- Constructors are updated to inject their dependencies
 - If you use the DI container you shouldn't care

New Abstractions and factories

- ~~new MenuItemCollection()~~ ⇒ `IMenuItemCollectionFactory.Create()`
- ~~UmbracoContext~~ ⇒ `IUmbracoContext`
- ~~IHelper~~ ⇒ `IIOHelper`
- ~~HostingEnvironment~~ ⇒ `IHostingEnvironment`
- ...
- Get these using the DI Container

Configuration

- Don't use ConfigurationManager directly
- Inject the config interface
- Change to ConfigurationBuilder leads to transformation changes.
- JSON as default

What do we not expect to break

- The database schema
 - The Umbraco 8 database can be used
- The AngularJS code
 - Users/Members will have small changes
- The backoffice API
- Views
 - The old structure of views can be reused.
 - You will most likely need to inject dependencies

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Community Involvement

Outcome of team visit in January

- **Imaging**
 - 4 up-for-grabs tasks
- **Install process / NuGet**
 - RFC
- **Publishing / NuCache**
 - PR solving most of issue
- **Members & Users**
 - Rock Solid Knowledge take charge of this sub-project

How to contribute

- **Currently**
 - **Code:** Look for label `project/net-core` on GitHub
 - **Look for RFCs** - your comments are valuable
- **Future**
 - **Look for documentation** that is changed, and send PR with updates
 - **Try out the alphas/betas/rcs**

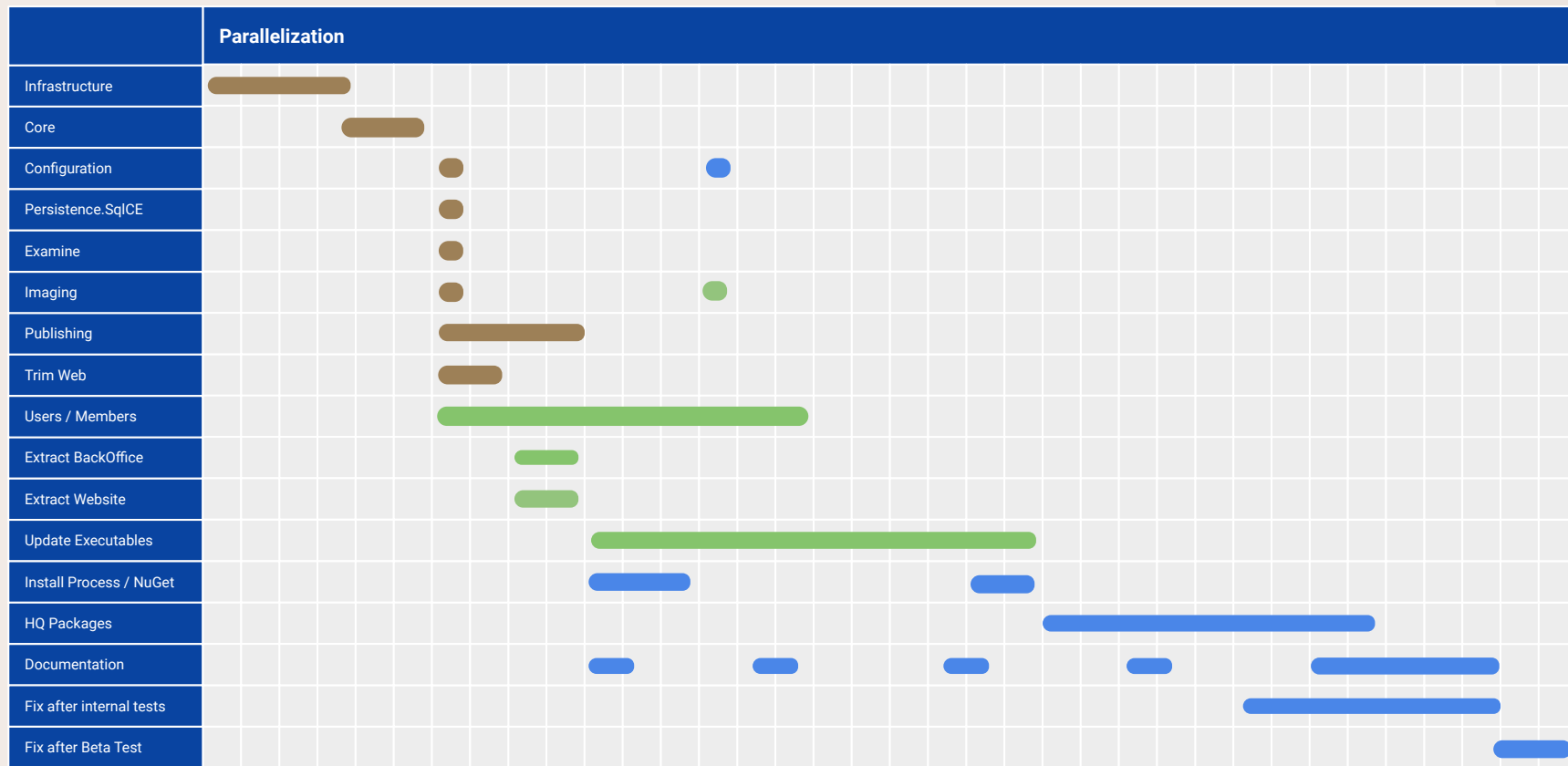
Tasks already closed by community

- **Inject tasks**
 - A lot of different tasks that replaced usages of `Current.*` with injection
- **Configuration**
 - New configurations types
- **Imaging**
 - Abstracting url generation

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▲ Done



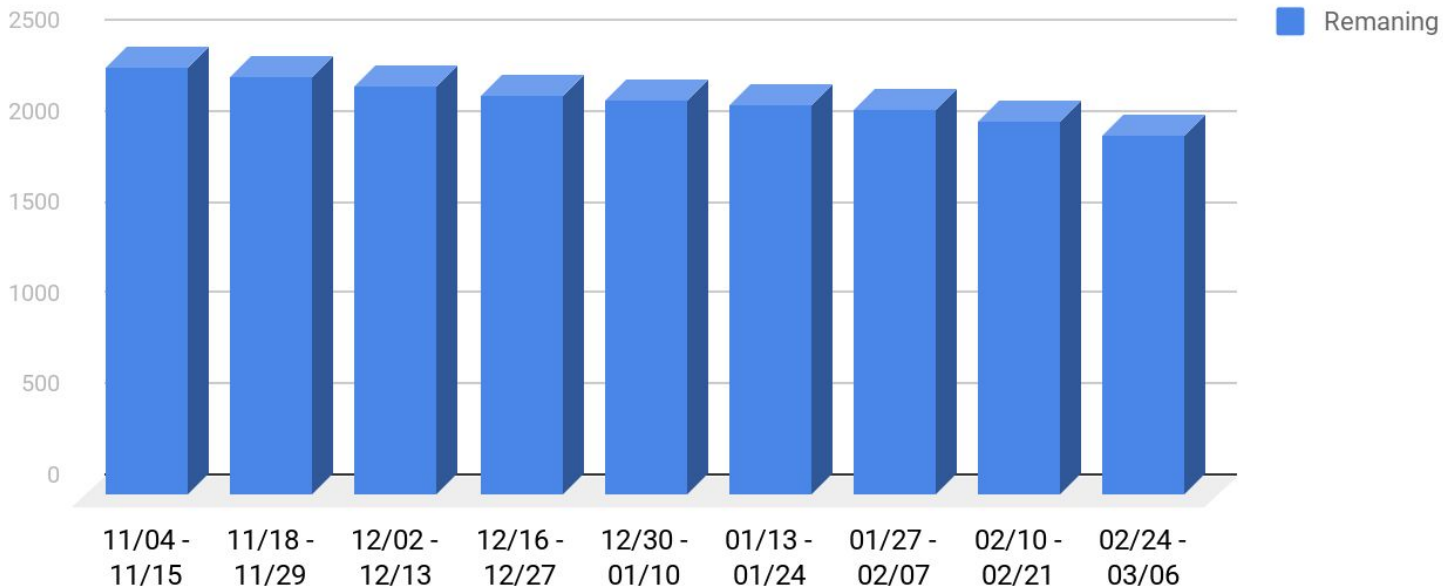
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▲ Not started

Burndown - Start Estimate 2354

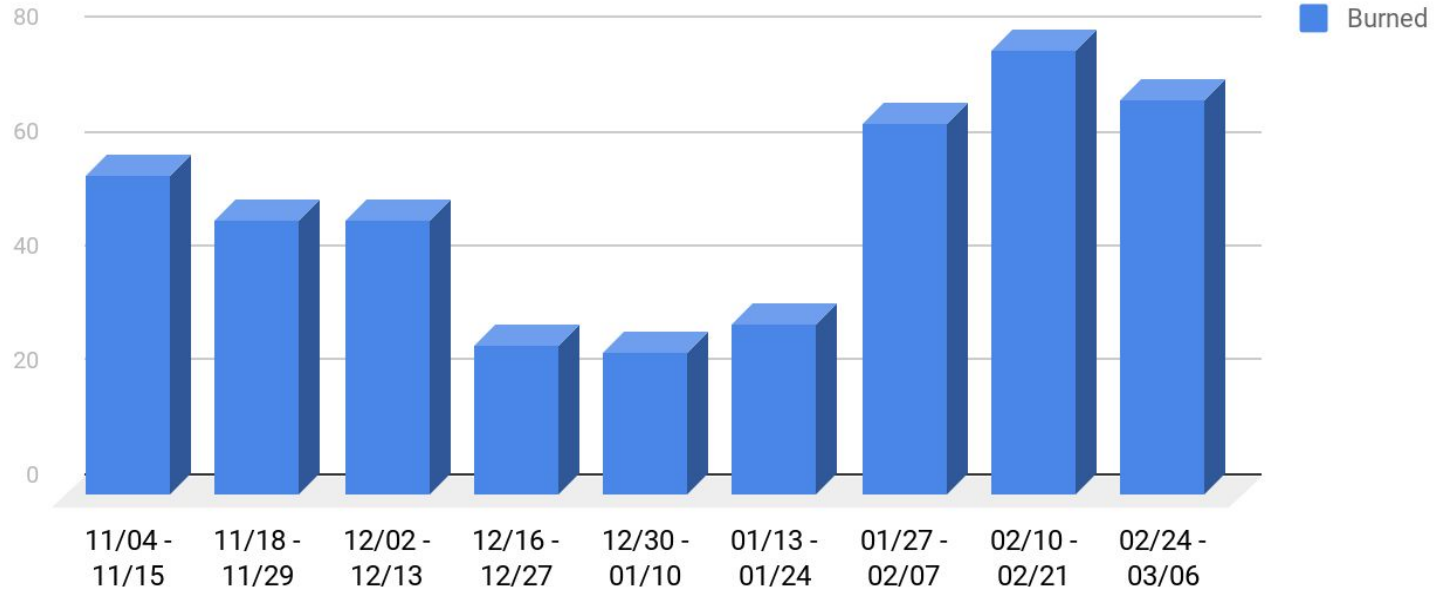
Burndown



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Velocity

Story points burned pr sprint



Triangular Estimation

- All estimates are made using Triangular Estimation
 - *B* - Best case
 - *M* - Most likely
 - *W* - Worst case
 - Estimate = $(B+4M+W) / 6$
- By the end of the day, all estimates are just guesses

Largest estimates

- Documentation
 - 240
- Users / Members
 - 220
- Executable - Website
 - 220
- Buffer for fix of issues found in Beta and RC
 - 220
- HQ Packages
 - 216
- Buffer merge/reimplement v8 features
 - 160
- NuGet / Install process
 - 120
- Publishing
 - 120
- Executable - BackOffice
 - 100

Current activities

- Macros cleaned up and abstracted
- Starting the Backoffice executable
- NoNodes.aspx reimplemented in MVC

Next activities

- Executable Backoffice in .NET Core
- Imaging handled by ImageSharp
- Abstracting runtime minification and bundling

Definitions

- Milestone 1 (T-1300)
 - We have something running on .NET Core (3.1 LTS)
 - Not feature complete
 - Missing either website or backoffice functionality
 - Expect lots of undocumented breaking changes
 - Missing members
 - Missing NuGet/dotnet new template
- Milestone 2 (T-550)
 - We expect the CMS to be complete
 - Expect few documented breaking changes
 - Package development is expected to begin
- Milestone 3 (T-250)
 - HQ packages available
 - Starter kits
 - Forms
 - Deploy

Availability - Best Guess (Disclaimer)

- Milestone 1
 - H2 2020
- Milestone 2
 - H2 2020
- Milestone 3
 - H1 2021



Thank You