

## News and Article Management

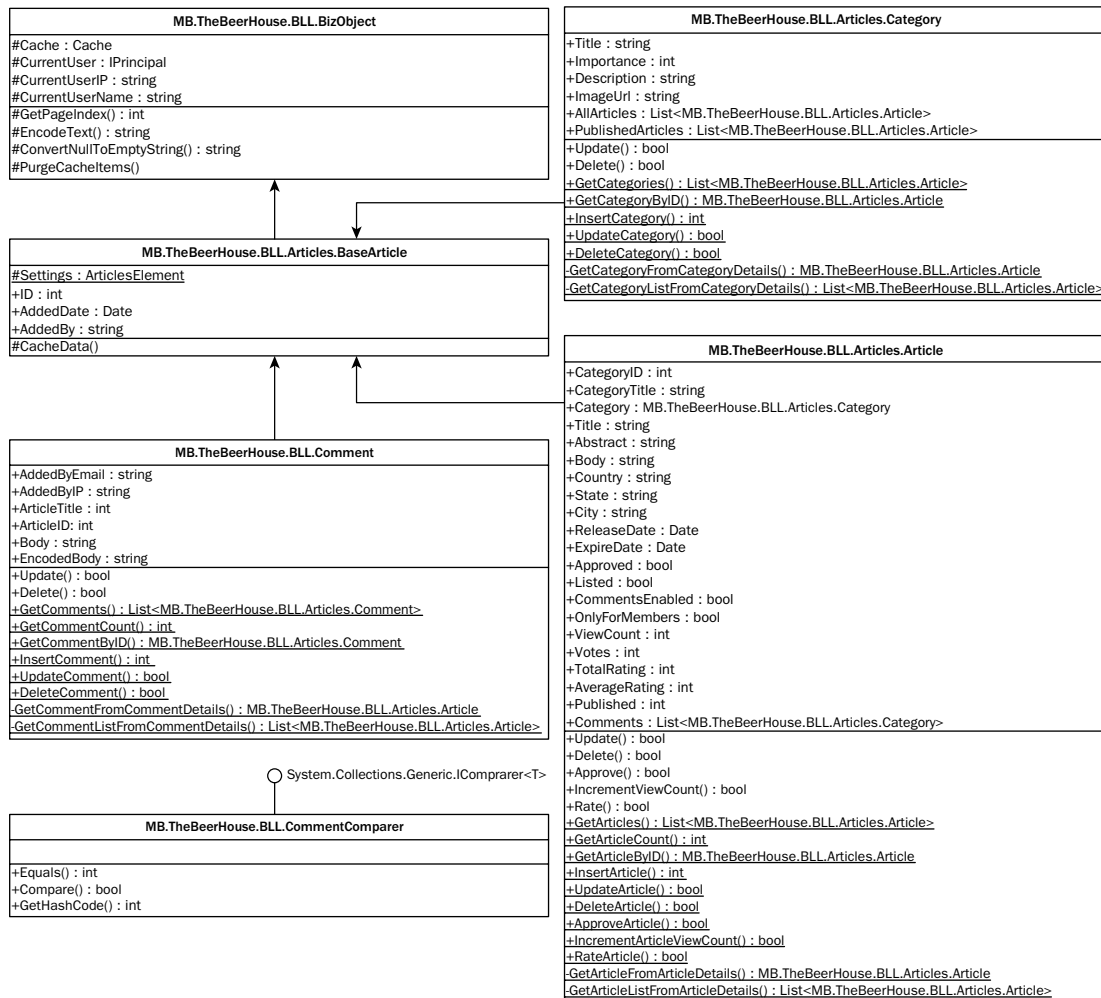


Figure 5-3

The `Article`, `Category`, and `Comment` classes have a series of instance public properties that fully describe a single element. They also have some instance methods, such as `Delete` and `Update`, which work with the instance properties representing the current object. Additionally, there are a number of static methods to retrieve a list of instances, create new records, update or delete existing records, etc. Since these are static methods, they cannot access any instance properties, and therefore all their data must be passed to them as parameters. One important aspect of the `Getxxx` methods is that they use `List<T>` as the return type, where `T` is article, category, or comment. This list type belongs to the `System.Collections.Generic.List` class, which is a new *generic* collection provided in C# 2.0. This provides a strongly typed and specialized version of a collection class. Therefore, when you declare

```
List<Article> articles = new List<Article>();
```