

# Build an EF and ASP.NET Core 3.0 App HOL

## Lab 5

This lab walks you through creating the Data Initializer. Prior to starting this lab, you must have completed Lab 4.

**NOTE:** Copy the Lab5/Assets/Initialization folder into the SpyStore.Hol.Dal project.

### Step 1: Update the Store Data Initializer

The `SampleData.cs` file (copied over from the Assets folder) provides sample data to load for testing/debugging. The `SampleDataInitializer.cs` file clears the database and reloads it.

- 1) Add a method to drop and create the database and a method to reseed the identity columns for all tables:  
**NOTE:** The `EnsureCreated` method builds the database from the entity model, but doesn't execute any migrations and blocks future migrations. The `Migrate` method creates the database (if needed) and runs all migrations for a `DbContext`.

```
public static void DropAndCreateDatabase(StoreContext context)
{
    context.Database.EnsureDeleted();
    context.Database.Migrate();
}
internal static void ResetIdentity(StoreContext context)
{
    var tables = new[] { "Categories", "Customers", "OrderDetails", "Orders", "Products",
                        "ShoppingCartRecords" };
    foreach (var itm in tables)
    {
        var rawSqlString = $"DBCC CHECKIDENT (\"Store.{itm}\", RESEED, 0);";
        context.Database.ExecuteSqlRaw(rawSqlString);
    }
}
```

- 2) The `ClearData` method clears all of the data then resets the identity seeds to -1.

```
public static void ClearData(StoreContext context)
{
    context.Database.ExecuteSqlRaw("Delete from Store.Categories");
    context.Database.ExecuteSqlRaw("Delete from Store.Customers");
    ResetIdentity(context);
}
```

- 3) The `SeedData` method loads the data from the `SampleData` class. (Left out of this doc for brevity)
- 4) The entry point method is `InitializeData`. First execute the `Migrate` method of the `DatabaseFacade` to make sure all migrations have been executed. Then call `ClearData` to reset the database, and then `SeedData` to load it with test data:

```
public static void InitializeData(StoreContext context)
{
    context.Database.Migrate();
    ClearData(context);
    SeedData(context);
}
```

## Summary

This lab created data initializer, completing the data access layer.

## Next steps

In the next part of this tutorial series, you will start working with ASP.NET Core.