Lab 1: Understanding ORM with a Retail Inventory System

1. What is ORM?

ORM (Object-Relational Mapping) is a technique that allows developers to interact with a relational database using object-oriented programming languages like C#. Instead of writing raw SQL queries, you can use objects to perform CRUD operations.

How ORM maps C# classes to DB tables:

- A C# class (e.g., *Product*) becomes a database table.
- Class properties (e.g., Name, Price) become columns in that table.
- EF Core handles the conversion between your C# objects and the SQL data behind the scenes.

2. Benefits of Using ORM

- Productivity: Write less boilerplate code.
- Maintainability: Centralize logic in your models.
- Abstraction: Avoid complex SQL; use LINQ instead.
- Portability: Easily switch databases.

3. EF Core vs EF Framework

Feature	EF Core	EF 6 (EF Framework)
Cross-platform	Yes	No
Performance	Better	Slower
Modular Architecture	Yes	Monolithic
.NET Compatibility	.NET Core, .NET 5+	.NET Framework only
Development Focus	Active Development	Maintenance Only
Reverse Engineering (Scaffold)	Yes	Yes
Lazy Loading	Yes (from EF Core 2.1+)	Yes
Designer/Visual Tools	Limited	Better support

4. EF Core 8.0 New Features

- JSON Column Mapping: Store complex objects directly in a single column.
- Compiled Models: Speeds up startup performance for large databases.
- Interceptors: Hook into database calls for logging or validation.
- Bulk Operations Improvements: More efficient insert/update/delete.

5. Project Setup

Create a .NET Console App:

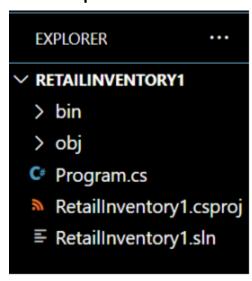
dotnet new console -n RetailInventory

Install EF Core Packages:

dotnet add package Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.SqlServer dotnet add package Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Design

This sets up EF Core in your project and prepares it to work with a SQL Server database.

After Setup:



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1. AppDbConntextlab2.cs

using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore; using RetailInventory.Models;

```
namespace RetailInventory
{
    public class AppDbContext : DbContext
    {
        public DbSet<Product> Products { get; set; }
        public DbSet<Category> Categories { get; set; }

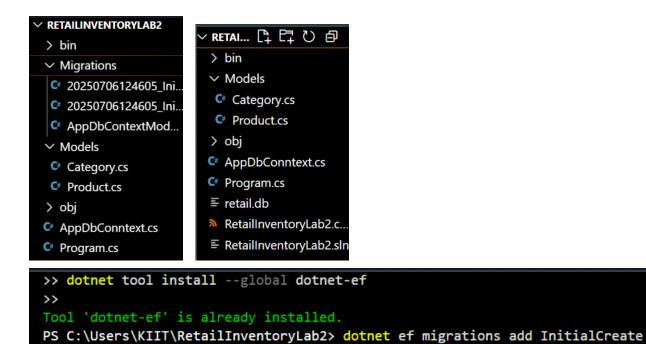
        protected override void OnConfiguring(DbContextOptionsBuilder optionsBuilder)
        {
            optionsBuilder.UseSqlite("Data Source=retail.db");
        }
```

```
}
  }
}
   2. Categorylab2.cs
       using System.Collections.Generic;
       namespace RetailInventory.Models
         public class Category
            public int Id { get; set; }
           public string Name { get; set; } = string.Empty;
            public List<Product> Products { get; set; } = new();
         }
      }
   3. Productlab2.cs
       namespace RetailInventory.Models
         public class Product
            public int Id { get; set; }
            public string Name { get; set; } = string.Empty;
            public decimal Price { get; set; }
            public int CategoryId { get; set; }
            public Category Category { get; set; } = null!;
         }
      }
   4. Programlab2.cs
using System;
using System.Ling;
using RetailInventory.Models;
namespace RetailInventory
  class Program
```

```
static void Main(string[] args)
       using var context = new AppDbContext();
       // Ensure database is created
       context.Database.EnsureCreated();
       // Add sample data if none exists
       if (!context.Categories.Any())
         var electronics = new Category { Name = "Electronics" };
         var groceries = new Category { Name = "Groceries" };
         context.Categories.AddRange(electronics, groceries);
         context.Products.Add(new Product { Name = "Laptop", Price = 60000,
Category = electronics });
         context.Products.Add(new Product { Name = "Smartphone", Price = 30000,
Category = electronics });
         context.Products.Add(new Product { Name = "Rice", Price = 50, Category =
groceries });
         context.SaveChanges();
       }
       // Fetch and print all products with categories
       var products = context.Products
         .Select(p => new { p.Name, p.Price, CategoryName = p.Category.Name })
         .ToList();
       Console.WriteLine("Products in RetailInventory:");
       foreach (var p in products)
         Console.WriteLine($"{p.Name} - ₹{p.Price} - Category: {p.CategoryName}");
    }
  }
```

```
PS C:\Users\KIIT\RetailInventory> dotnet run
>>
Products in RetailInventory:
Laptop - ₹60000.0 - Category: Electronics
Smartphone - ₹30000.0 - Category: Electronics
Rice - ₹50.0 - Category: Groceries
```

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```
PS C:\Users\KIIT\RetailInventoryLab2> dotnet ef database update
Build started...
Build succeeded.
```

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Build started...
Build succeeded.

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using RetailInventory.Models;
namespace RetailInventory
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   public class AppDbContext : DbContext
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  public class Product
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     public string Name { get; set; } = string.Empty;
     public decimal Price { get; set; }
     public int Categoryld { get; set; }
     public Category Category { get; set; } = null!;
  }
using System;
using System. Threading. Tasks;
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using RetailInventory.Models;
namespace RetailInventory
```

```
class Program
     static async Task Main(string[] args)
       using var context = new AppDbContext();
       // Optional: Only insert data if empty
       if (await context.Categories.CountAsync() == 0)
          var electronics = new Category { Name = "Electronics" };
          var groceries = new Category { Name = "Groceries" };
          await context. Categories. AddRangeAsync(electronics, groceries);
          var product1 = new Product { Name = "Laptop", Price = 75000, Category =
electronics };
          var product2 = new Product { Name = "Rice Bag", Price = 1200, Category =
groceries \;
          await context.Products.AddRangeAsync(product1, product2);
          await context.SaveChangesAsync();
          Console.WriteLine("Initial data inserted successfully.");
       }
       else
          Console.WriteLine("Data already exists. Skipping insertion.");
       }
       // Optional: Show products
       var products = context.Products.Include(p => p.Category);
       Console.WriteLine("\nProducts:");
       await foreach (var p in products.AsAsyncEnumerable())
       {
          Console.WriteLine($"{p.Name} - ₹{p.Price} - Category: {p.Category.Name}");
    }
  }
}
```

Lab 5

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using RetailInventory.Models;
namespace RetailInventory
  public class AppDbContext : DbContext
     public DbSet<Product> Products { get; set; }
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       optionsBuilder.UseSqlite("Data Source=retail.db");
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using System;
using System. Threading. Tasks;
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using RetailInventory.Models;
namespace RetailInventory
  class Program
    static async Task Main(string[] args)
       using var context = new AppDbContext();
       // Seed data if none exists
       if (!await context.Categories.AnyAsync())
         var electronics = new Category { Name = "Electronics" };
         var groceries = new Category { Name = "Groceries" };
         await context.Categories.AddRangeAsync(electronics, groceries);
         var product1 = new Product { Name = "Laptop", Price = 75000, Category =
electronics };
         var product2 = new Product { Name = "Rice Bag", Price = 1200, Category =
groceries };
         await context.Products.AddRangeAsync(product1, product2);
         await context.SaveChangesAsync();
         Console.WriteLine("Seeded initial data.");
       }
       // Now retrieve data
       var products = await context.Products.ToListAsync();
       Console.WriteLine("All Products:");
       foreach (var p in products)
         Console.WriteLine($"{p.Name} - ₹{p.Price}");
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```
Console.WriteLine();
       var product = await context.Products.FindAsync(1);
       Console.WriteLine($"Found product with ID=1: {product?.Name ?? "Not
found"}");
       Console.WriteLine();
       var expensive = await context.Products.FirstOrDefaultAsync(p => p.Price >
50000);
       Console.WriteLine($"First expensive product (>₹50000): {expensive?.Name ??
"None found"}");
     }
  }
  PS C:\Users\KIIT\RetailInventory> dotnet run
  Seeded initial data.
  All Products:
  Laptop - ₹75000
 Rice Bag - ₹1200
  Found product with ID=1: Laptop
 First expensive product (>₹50000): Laptop
```