

In Entity Framework Core, you can perform **bulk deletes** in two main ways:

- **Using EF Core 7+ built-in** `ExecuteDelete` / `ExecuteDeleteAsync` (no extra packages needed).
- **Using third-party libraries** like [EFCore.BulkExtensions](#) or [Z.EntityFramework.Extensions](#) for older EF Core versions or advanced scenarios.

1 EF Core 7+ Built-in Bulk Delete

This is the most efficient and recommended way if you are on EF Core 7 or later.

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using System;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

public class MyDbContext : DbContext
{
    public DbSet<User> Users { get; set; }
}

public class User
{
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public string Name { get; set; }
}

class Program
{
```

```
static async Task Main()
{
    using var context = new MyDbContext();

    // Example: Delete all inactive users in one SQL statement
    int deletedCount = await context.Users
        .Where(u => !u.IsActive)
        .ExecuteDeleteAsync();

    Console.WriteLine($"{deletedCount} users deleted.");
}
```

✓ Advantages:

- Executes a single DELETE SQL statement directly in the database.
- No entity tracking or loading into memory.
- Very fast for large datasets.

2 EFCore.BulkExtensions (For EF Core 3–6 or advanced needs)

If you are on EF Core < 7 or need more control, you can use **EFCore.BulkExtensions**.

Install via NuGet:

```
dotnet add package EFCore.BulkExtensions
```

Example:

```
using EFCore.BulkExtensions;
using System;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

class Program
{
    static async Task Main()
    {
        using var context = new MyDbContext();

        // Delete all inactive users
        await context.BulkDeleteAsync(
            context.Users.Where(u => !u.IsActive).ToList()
        );
    }
}
```

⚠ Note: This approach loads matching entities into memory before deleting, unless you use raw SQL or custom batch delete logic.

3 Raw SQL for Maximum Control

If you need full SQL control:

```
await context.Database.ExecuteSqlRawAsync(
    "DELETE FROM Users WHERE IsActive = 0"
);
```

⚡ Fastest possible, but you lose EF Core abstraction and compile-time safety.

✓ **Recommendation:**

- **EF Core 7+** → Use `ExecuteDeleteAsync()` (best performance, no extra package).
- **Older EF Core** → Use `EFCORE.BulkExtensions` or raw SQL.

If you want, I can give you a **full working EF Core 7 bulk delete example with migrations and seeding** so you can run it immediately.

Do you want me to prepare that?