**Online Store Project: Getting it Up and Running**

**Prerequisites:**

* Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 (Latest Version)
* .NET 8
* SQL Server Management Studio
* SQL Server Instance

**Initial Setup:** Before proceeding, ensure that you execute the SQL script located in the "doc" folder on your SQL Server instance.

**Steps to Run the Application:**

1. **Open the Solution:**
   * Launch Visual Studio 2022 and open the OnlineStoreDemo project solution file.
2. **Configure Startup Projects:**
   * In the Solution Explorer, right-click the solution node and select "Properties."
   * Under the "Common Properties" section, click the "Startup Project" option.
   * Choose the "Multiple startup projects" option and set the action to "Start" for both the API and Web projects.
3. **Build and Execute:**
   * Build the solution by going to the "Build" menu and selecting "Build Solution."
   * Once the build is successful, you can run the application by clicking the "Start" button or pressing the "F5" key. This will simultaneously launch the API and Web projects.
4. **User Experience:**
   * Navigate to the signup page in the web application and register a new user account.
   * After logging in with your new account, explore the checkout functionality and view your order history.
5. **Admin Access:**
   * To access the admin features and add new products, use the following admin credentials: Username: admin Password: Test@123

**Configuration Note:** If needed, update the SQL connection string in the appsettings.json file within the API project to match your SQL Server instance.