Exercise Solutions

Section 3 Lesson 1. Application Initialization

Exercise 1: Application Initialization

Use your IDE to do this exercise.

Step 1. Examine the *index.php* file contents

a) Open the file *index.php* in the Magento root directory in your IDE.

b) Step through it up until `Mage::run()` is called.

Step 2. Change the store view via *.htaccess*

Note: This configuration should not be done in the .htaccess file for production installations, because that file is overwritten during upgrades. The configuration should take place in the web server configuration; for example, the Apache `<VirtualHost>` directive.

a) Find the store view codes for the Magento instance you are working on. Refer to the exercise solutions for Section 2, Lesson 6, Exercise 2 for instructions on how to locate a store view code.

b) Open the file *.htaccess* in the Magento root directory.

c) Add the following code to declare an environment variable named `MAGE_RUN_CODE`.

Note: Replace `german` with a store view code from your installation, but don't use the store code `default` for this exercise.

```
SetEnv MAGE_RUN_CODE german
```

d) Start a fresh session and load the Magento home page. There are several ways to start a fresh session depending on your browser:

- Open a private browsing tab

- Clear all cookies for your development website.

e) Load the Magento home page.

f) Notice that the specified store view is loaded.