**SnipCart intergration with .NET Core and VS Code**

**Goal** : The goal of this document is to list the steps to integrate a functional cart system into any website using SnipCart.

**First things first: Setting up our development environment**

* Install Visual Studio Code: <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
* Install .NET Core SDK 1.0 RC3 build 004530: <https://github.com/dotnet/core/blob/master/release-notes/rc3-download.md>
* Install Node: <https://nodejs.org/en/>
* Working directory: aspnetcoreapp/snipcart
* Get node packages: npm install –g yo bower grunt-cli gulp generator-aspnet
* Project creation with Yeoman: yo aspnet > Web Application Basic [without Membership and Authorization] > Bootstrap 3.3.7 > snipcart
* Project build with CLI (will run at http://localhost:5000):
  + cd snipcart
  + dotnet restore
  + dotnet build
  + dotnet run
* Get VS Code extensions: C# and .Net Core Project Manager (Nuget)

At this point, everything should be working and our development environment is finally set up.

Let the fun begin!

**Reflecting on life (not really): What data will our website display?**

While starting a new development project is always very exciting, it’s also crucial to kick things off on the right foot.

A question that has to be answered early on is: *What kind of data is our website going to serve*? Even though the chances of getting the answer exactly right on our first shot is extremely slim, only having a general idea will help us go a long way.

Since the sole purpose of this document is to integrate an e-commerce shopping cart to a website, we can say with confidence that the chances of us using some kind of **product** are pretty good.

Knowing that we will be dealing with products in our project, now is the time to determine what information we will need to have displayed to the user. Usually, products will have these:

* A title
* A description
* A price
* Picture(s)

Now that we know some of the info that every product will have, we can proceed to prototyping our storefront.

**Prototyping a nice static storefront**

Knowing that our website is simple and will only be showing some data about products, namely a title, description, price and one or multiple pictures, we can quickly and efficiently start prototyping our storefront with dummy data.

We will also strategically put placeholder buttons in the page to add and edit (and delete) products.