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Laravel Artisan Database Command: The db:seed Command

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The `db:seed` command is used to add records to a database automatically using a `Seeder` (`Illuminate\Database\Seeder`) class to generate or provide the records. The `db:seed` defines three options: `class`, `database` and `force`.

The `class` option can be used to specify that a specific `Seeder` class should be used. By default the `db:seed` command will use the `DatabaseSeeder` class; this class is defines in the `database/seeds/DatabaseSeeder.php` file.

The `database` option is used to specify which database connection is used when inserting the records. By default this option is set to value held in the `database.default` configuration entry (which is set to `mysql` by default).

The `force` option is used to indicate that the `db:seed` command should run in production. By default this option is set to `false` and will warn you that the application is in running in a production environment.

The following examples demonstrate the various ways to call the `db:seed` command:

```
1   # Run with all defaults.
2   php artisan db:seed
3
4   # Specify database connection.
5   php artisan db:seed --database=staging
6
7   # Specify a different seeder class.
8   php artisan db:seed --seeder=ConfigurationSeeder
9
10  # Force the seed while in production.
11  php artisan db:seed --force
```

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12
13  # All together.
14  php artisan db:seed --database=staging --seeder=ConfigurationSeeder --force
```

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