var query1 = from c in categories

where c != null

join p in products on c.ID equals(p == null ? null : p.CategoryID)

select c;

if only one of the comparison keys is a nullable value type, you can cast the other to a nullable type in the query expression. In the following example, assume that EmployeeID is a column that contains values of type **int**

var query = from o in db.Orders

join e in db.Employees

on o.EmployeeID equals (int?)e.EmployeeID

select new

{

o.OrderID,

e.FirstName

};