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bool predicatePresent = false;
var predicate = PredicateBuilder.True<person>();

if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(firstname))
{
    predicate = predicate.And(p => p.FirstName.Contains(firstname));
    predicatePresent = true;
}
if (!String.IsNullOrEmpty(lastname))
{
    predicate = predicate.And(p => p.LastName.Contains(lastname));
    predicatePresent = true;
}

List<person> persons = new List<person>();

if (predicatePresent)
{
    // execute query with filter predicates
    var results = (from p in MyContext.Person
    select p).Where(predicate).OrderByDescending(p => p.LastName);
    persons = results.ToList();
}
```