CODEBOOSTERS TECH - GRAPHQL & MONGODB INTEGRATION

1. Initializing Environment Variables

```javascript
require('dotenv').config();
```

- `require('dotenv').config();`:
  - This line imports the `dotenv` package, which is used to load environment variables from a `.env` file into `process.env`. These environment variables often include sensitive information, such as API keys, database credentials, or any configuration values.
  - For example, in this case, `MONGODB_URI` would be an environment variable storing the MongoDB database connection URI.

2. Importing Required Modules

```javascript
const express = require('express');
const { graphqlHTTP } = require('express-graphql');
const { buildSchema } = require('graphql');
const mongoose = require('mongoose');
```

- `express`: The `express` package is used to create and configure the server. It simplifies handling HTTP requests.
- `graphqlHTTP`: This is a helper function provided by the `express-graphql` package that integrates GraphQL with an Express server.
- `buildSchema`: From the `graphql` package, this is used to create a GraphQL schema using the GraphQL Schema Definition Language (SDL).
- `mongoose`: This package is used to interact with MongoDB in an object-oriented way. It provides tools to define models, perform CRUD operations, and connect to MongoDB.

3. Setting Up the Express Server

```javascript
const app = express();
```

- `express()`: This creates an instance of an Express application. You can use this `app` object to define routes, middleware, and configure the server.

4. Connecting to MongoDB

```javascript
mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGODB_URI, {
  useNewUrlParser: true,
  useUnifiedTopology: true,
})
  .then(() => console.log('MongoDB connected successfully'))
  .catch((err) => console.error('MongoDB connection error:', err));
```

- `mongoose.connect`: This method is used to establish a connection to a MongoDB database. It takes two parameters:
  - `process.env.MONGODB_URI`: This is the MongoDB connection string stored in your environment variables, typically in the `.env` file. It looks something like this: `mongodb://localhost:27017/mydatabase` or it could be a cloud-based MongoDB URI (e.g., MongoDB Atlas).
  - **Options**:
    - `useNewUrlParser: true`: This option tells Mongoose to use the new MongoDB connection string parser. It's a fix for handling deprecated features in MongoDB.
    - `useUnifiedTopology: true`: This option uses the new unified topology for MongoDB drivers, which is a more stable and future-proof way to handle connections.
- The `.then()` method will be called if the connection is successful, and it logs a success message.
- The `.catch()` method will handle any errors that occur during the connection process, such as incorrect credentials or an unreachable database.

5. Defining the GraphQL Schema

```javascript
const schema = buildSchema(`
  type Query {
    getStudents: [Student]
    getStudent(id: ID!): Student
    getStudentsByDepartment(department: String!): [Student]
  }

  type Mutation {
    addStudent(name: String!, age: Int!, department: String!, enrollmentYear: Int!): 
StudentResponse
    updateStudent(id: ID!, name: String, age: Int, department: String, 
enrollmentYear: Int): StudentResponse
    deleteStudent(id: ID!): DeleteResponse
  }

  type Student {
    id: ID!
    name: String
    age: Int
    department: String
    enrollmentYear: Int
  }

  type StudentResponse {
    success: Boolean
    message: String
    student: Student
  }

  type DeleteResponse {
    success: Boolean
    message: String
  }
`);
```

- `buildSchema`: This function from the `graphql` package takes a schema definition in SDL (Schema Definition Language) and returns a GraphQL schema object.

- `Query`: Defines the available read operations.
  - `getStudents`: Returns a list of `Student` objects.
  - `getStudent`: Fetches a single student by its `ID`.
  - `getStudentsByDepartment`: Fetches all students by their `department`.
- `Mutation`: Defines the available write operations.
  - `addStudent`: Adds a new student.
  - `updateStudent`: Updates an existing student's information.
  - `deleteStudent`: Deletes a student by their `ID`.
- `Student`: The data type representing a student, including properties like `id`, `name`, `age`, `department`, and `enrollmentYear`.
- `StudentResponse` and `DeleteResponse`: These types define the structure of the response after mutations are executed. They include fields for success status and messages.

6. Defining Resolvers

```javascript
const root = {
  getStudents: async () => {
    return await mongoose.model('Student').find();
  },
  getStudent: async ({ id }) => {
    return await mongoose.model('Student').findById(id);
  },
  getStudentsByDepartment: async ({ department }) => {
    return await mongoose.model('Student').find({ department });
  },
  addStudent: async ({ name, age, department, enrollmentYear }) => {
    try {
      const newStudent = new mongoose.model('Student')({ name, age, department,
enrollmentYear });
      const savedStudent = await newStudent.save();
      return {
        success: true,
        message: 'Student added successfully.',
        student: savedStudent
      };
    } catch (err) {
      return {
        success: false,
        message: `Error adding student: ${err.message}`,
        student: null
      };
    }
  },
  updateStudent: async ({ id, name, age, department, enrollmentYear }) => {
    try {
      const updatedStudent = await mongoose.model('Student').findByIdAndUpdate(
        id, { name, age, department, enrollmentYear }, { new: true }
      );
      if (!updatedStudent) throw new Error('Student not found');
      return {
        success: true,
        message: 'Student updated successfully.',
        student: updatedStudent
      };
    } catch (err) {
      return {
        success: false,
        message: `Error updating student: ${err.message}`,
        student: null
      };
    }
  },
  deleteStudent: async ({ id }) => {
    try {
      const deletedStudent = await mongoose.model('Student').findByIdAndDelete(id);
      if (!deletedStudent) throw new Error('Student not found');
      return {
        success: true,
        message: `Student with ID ${id} deleted successfully.`
      };
    } catch (err) {
      return {
        success: false,
        message: `Error deleting student: ${err.message}`
      };
    }
  }
};
```

- These are **resolver functions** that define how to resolve queries and mutations in the GraphQL API.
  - Each function corresponds to a query or mutation from the schema.
  - `mongoose.model('Student').find()`: This line interacts with MongoDB to fetch data. The `Student` model is used to interact with the `students` collection.
  - `findById`: This method is used to find a document by its unique `ID`.
  - `save()`: This method is used to save a new document to the MongoDB database.
  - `findByIdAndUpdate`: This method is used to find a document by its ID and update it with new data.
  - `findByIdAndDelete`: This method is used to find and delete a document by its ID.

7. Defining the Mongoose Model

```javascript
mongoose.model('Student', new mongoose.Schema({
  name: { type: String, required: true },
  age: { type: Number, required: true },
  department: { type: String, required: true },
  enrollmentYear: { type: Number, required: true }
}));
```

- `mongoose.Schema`: A Mongoose schema defines the structure of a document within a collection. Here, the schema specifies the fields for a `Student` document.
  - `name`: A required string field.
  - `age`: A required number field.
  - `department`: A required string field.
  - `enrollmentYear`: A required number field.
- `mongoose.model('Student', schema)`: This method creates a model called `Student` using the defined schema. This model is used for interacting with the MongoDB collection.

8. Setting Up the GraphQL Endpoint

```javascript
app.use(
  '/graphql',
  graphqlHTTP({
    schema: schema,
    rootValue: root,
    graphiql: true,
  })
);
```

- `/graphql`: This is the URL path where the GraphQL endpoint will be available.
- `graphqlHTTP`: This middleware is used to integrate GraphQL with the Express server. It takes options such as:
  - `schema`: The GraphQL schema defined earlier.
  - `rootValue`: The object containing resolvers for queries and mutations.
  - `graphiql`: This option enables the GraphiQL interface, a web-based tool for interacting with the GraphQL API.

9. Starting the Express Server

```javascript
app.listen(4000, () => {
  console.log('Server running at http://localhost:4000/graphql');
});
```

- `app.listen(4000)`: Starts the Express server on port `4000`.
- The callback function logs a message when the server is successfully started, indicating that the server is running at `http://localhost:4000/graphql`.

Conclusion

In summary, this code sets up an Express server with a GraphQL API that connects to a MongoDB database. You can perform CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update, Delete) on a `Student` resource using GraphQL queries and mutations. The key parts of this process include connecting to MongoDB with Mongoose, defining a GraphQL schema, writing resolvers, and handling requests through Express middleware.

Setting up MongoDB online (using **MongoDB Atlas**) is a straightforward process. MongoDB Atlas is a fully-managed cloud database service provided by MongoDB, allowing you to host and manage your MongoDB databases without needing to worry about server setup, maintenance, or security.

Here’s a detailed, step-by-step guide on how to set up MongoDB online using **MongoDB Atlas**.

Step 1: Create a MongoDB Atlas Account

1. **Go to MongoDB Atlas website**:
   - Open your browser and navigate to MongoDB Atlas.
2. **Sign up for an account**:
   - Click on **"Start Free"** or **"Sign Up"**.
   - You will be prompted to either create a new MongoDB account or sign in with an existing one (you can also sign in with Google or other methods).
   - If you're creating a new account, follow the steps to set up your account (email, password, etc.).

Step 2: Create a Cluster

Once you've logged into MongoDB Atlas:

1. **Create a Project**:
   - On the dashboard, click on **"New Project"**.
   - Give your project a name, and click **Create Project**.
2. **Create a Cluster**:
   - After creating your project, click on **"Build a Cluster"**.
   - You will be asked to select a cloud provider (e.g., AWS, Google Cloud, or Azure) and a region (select the one closest to you or where you want your data to be hosted).

- MongoDB Atlas provides a free tier (M0), which allows you to set up a small database cluster at no cost. For now, you can choose the free cluster option.
- Choose **"Free Cluster" (M0)**.
- Click **"Create Cluster"**.

3. **Wait for the Cluster to be created**:
    - Creating the cluster may take a few minutes. Once done, it will appear on your dashboard.

Step 3: Set Up Database Access

Now that you have created the cluster, you need to configure database access.

1. **Create a Database User**:
    - Go to the **Database Access** section from the left-hand side menu.
    - Click on **Add New Database User**.
    - Create a **username** and **password** for the user (make sure to remember these for later).
    - Set the **Database User Privileges** to **"Read and Write to any database"** (this gives the user full access to all databases).
    - Click **Add User** to save your changes.
2. **Configure IP Whitelisting**:
    - Go to the **Network Access** section.
    - Click on **Add IP Address**.
    - If you want to allow access from anywhere, click **Allow Access from Anywhere** (this will whitelist `0.0.0.0/0`).
    - Alternatively, you can add your own IP address (or a specific range) to restrict access.
    - Click **Confirm**.

Step 4: Connect to Your Cluster

Now, you are ready to connect your application to the database. MongoDB Atlas provides different connection methods (e.g., using the MongoDB Compass GUI, using a command-line interface, or through code). Here's how to connect via a Node.js application using Mongoose.

1. **Get the Connection String**:
   - On the **Clusters** page of your MongoDB Atlas dashboard, click on **Connect** for your cluster.
   - Select **Connect Your Application**.
   - You'll see a connection string in the format:

     ```bash
     mongodb+srv://<username>:<password>@cluster0.mongodb.net/myFirstDatabase?
     retryWrites=true&w=majority
     ```

   - Replace `<username>` and `<password>` with the database username and password you created in the previous steps.
   - You can also replace `myFirstDatabase` with the name of the database you want to use, or leave it as is.
2. **Install Mongoose (if using Node.js)**:
   - In your Node.js project, run the following command to install the **Mongoose** package:

     ```bash
     npm install mongoose
     ```

3. **Connect to MongoDB in Your Application**:
   - Use the connection string to connect to your cluster using Mongoose in your Node.js application:

     ```javascript
     const mongoose = require('mongoose');

     const uri = "mongodb+srv://<username>:
     ```

```
<password>@cluster0.mongodb.net/myFirstDatabase?
retryWrites=true&w=majority";

mongoose.connect(uri, { useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true })
  .then(() => console.log('MongoDB connected'))
  .catch((error) => console.log('Error connecting to MongoDB:', error));
```

- Replace `<username>` and `<password>` with your actual credentials.
- The `useNewUrlParser` and `useUnifiedTopology` options are used to avoid deprecation warnings and ensure a stable connection.

Step 5: Using MongoDB Atlas

Once connected, you can perform various database operations through MongoDB Atlas or your Node.js application. Here's a basic example of how to interact with the database:

1. **Define a Schema and Model**:
   - Use Mongoose to define a schema and create a model for your collection. For example, a `Student` model:

     ```javascript
     const studentSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
       name: String,
       age: Number,
       department: String,
       enrollmentYear: Number
     });

     const Student = mongoose.model('Student', studentSchema);
     ```

2. **Perform CRUD Operations**:
   - You can now perform CRUD operations like creating, reading, updating, and deleting documents in your MongoDB Atlas database. For example:
     - **Create a Student**:

       ```javascript
       ```

```javascript
const newStudent = new Student({
  name: 'John Doe',
  age: 22,
  department: 'Computer Science',
  enrollmentYear: 2022
});

newStudent.save()
  .then(student => console.log('Student added:', student))
  .catch(err => console.log('Error:', err));
```

- **Find All Students:**

  ```javascript
  Student.find()
    .then(students => console.log('Students:', students))
    .catch(err => console.log('Error:', err));
  ```

Step 6: Monitoring and Managing Your Database

MongoDB Atlas provides an easy-to-use interface for monitoring and managing your databases.

1. **Real-time Monitoring**:
   - On the **Clusters** page, you can monitor the performance of your cluster, including metrics like operations per second, disk usage, and memory consumption.
2. **Backup**:
   - MongoDB Atlas allows you to set up automated backups. You can configure these backups in the **Backups** section of your project.
3. **Scaling Your Cluster**:
   - As your application grows, you may need to scale your database cluster. MongoDB Atlas allows you to scale vertically (by upgrading your plan) or horizontally (by adding more nodes to your cluster).
4. **Security**:

- In the **Security** tab, you can configure more advanced features such as encryption, data access controls, and integration with LDAP or Active Directory.

Step 7: Dealing with Errors and Troubleshooting

MongoDB Atlas also provides excellent documentation and support, but here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. **Connection Issues**:
   - If you're having trouble connecting, make sure your IP address is whitelisted, your username and password are correct, and your database URL is properly formatted.
2. **Database Operation Errors**:
   - If you're having issues with CRUD operations, make sure your model and schema are correctly defined, and that you're handling async operations properly using `.then()` or `async/await`.
3. **Resource Limitations**:
   - Free-tier clusters have resource limitations. If you need more storage or more powerful features, you might need to upgrade to a paid plan.

Conclusion

With these steps, you now have a fully-functioning MongoDB Atlas instance, connected to your application, and you're ready to perform CRUD operations. MongoDB Atlas provides a great user experience, allowing you to focus on your application without worrying about managing the database infrastructure.

To properly test all types of inputs and outputs in your MongoDB-based application, especially one that integrates GraphQL and performs CRUD operations, we need to consider both:

1. **Input validation** – Ensuring that the data provided by the user meets the expected format and constraints.
2. **Output correctness** – Ensuring that the data returned by the system is as expected based on the input.

3. **Error handling** – Properly handling invalid inputs and ensuring meaningful error messages are returned.

We will test for **queries**, **mutations**, and **error handling**.

1. Setting up the Testing Environment

Before we dive into the tests, ensure that:

1. **MongoDB Atlas** is properly connected.
2. **GraphQL Server** (express-graphql) is up and running.
3. **Test data** is inserted into the database for testing (optional, as we can also insert it via GraphQL mutations).

2. Testing the GraphQL Queries

Let's start by testing all GraphQL queries and mutations. If you have a GraphiQL interface (which is enabled in the `graphqlHTTP` setup), you can use it directly. Alternatively, you can use **Postman** or **Insomnia** to send requests to your server.

a. Test Query: getStudents

The query `getStudents` should return all students in the database.

```graphql
query {
  getStudents {
    id
    name
    age
    department
    enrollmentYear
  }
}
```

Expected Output:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "getStudents": [
      {
        "id": "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7",  // Example ID
        "name": "John Doe",
        "age": 22,
        "department": "Computer Science",
        "enrollmentYear": 2022
      },
      // Other students, if any
    ]
  }
}
```

- If no students exist, it should return an empty array.

b. Test Query: getStudent by ID

This query returns a specific student by their ID.

```graphql
query {
  getStudent(id: "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7") {
    id
    name
    age
    department
    enrollmentYear
  }
}
```

Expected Output (if student with this ID exists):

```json
{
  "data": {
    "getStudent": {
      "id": "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7",
      "name": "John Doe",
      "age": 22,
      "department": "Computer Science",
      "enrollmentYear": 2022
    }
  }
}
```

- If the student does not exist, it should return `null`:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "getStudent": null
  }
}
```

c. Test Query: getStudentsByDepartment

This query retrieves students by their department.

```graphql
query {
  getStudentsByDepartment(department: "Computer Science") {
    id
    name
    age
    department
    enrollmentYear
  }
}
```

Expected Output:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "getStudentsByDepartment": [
      {
        "id": "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7",
        "name": "John Doe",
        "age": 22,
        "department": "Computer Science",
        "enrollmentYear": 2022
      },
      // Other students in the Computer Science department
    ]
  }
}
```

If there are no students in that department, you should get an empty array:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "getStudentsByDepartment": []
  }
}
```

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3. Testing the GraphQL Mutations

a. Test Mutation: addStudent

This mutation adds a new student to the database.

```graphql
mutation {
  addStudent(name: "Jane Doe", age: 21, department: "Mathematics", enrollmentYear: 2023) {
    success
    message
    student {
      id
      name
      age
      department
      enrollmentYear
    }
  }
}
```

Expected Output:

```json
```

```
{
  "data": {
    "addStudent": {
      "success": true,
      "message": "Student added successfully.",
      "student": {
        "id": "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a8",  // Example ID
        "name": "Jane Doe",
        "age": 21,
        "department": "Mathematics",
        "enrollmentYear": 2023
      }
    }
  }
}
```

If there is an error (like missing parameters), the output will look like this:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "addStudent": {
      "success": false,
      "message": "Error adding student: Validation failed: name: Path `name` is required.",
      "student": null
    }
  }
}
```

b. Test Mutation: updateStudent

This mutation updates an existing student's details.

```graphql
mutation {
  updateStudent(id: "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7", name: "Johnathan Doe", age: 23) {
    success
    message
    student {
      id
      name
      age
      department
      enrollmentYear
    }
  }
}
```

Expected Output (if the student exists):

```json
{
  "data": {
    "updateStudent": {
      "success": true,
      "message": "Student updated successfully.",
      "student": {
        "id": "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7",
        "name": "Johnathan Doe",
        "age": 23,
        "department": "Computer Science",
        "enrollmentYear": 2022
      }
    }
  }
}
```

If the student does not exist:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "updateStudent": {
      "success": false,
      "message": "Error updating student: Student not found",
      "student": null
    }
  }
}
```

c. Test Mutation: deleteStudent

This mutation deletes a student by ID.

```graphql
mutation {
  deleteStudent(id: "60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7") {
    success
    message
  }
}
```

Expected Output:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "deleteStudent": {
      "success": true,
      "message": "Student with ID 60adf87bcb8b2b001c8d56a7 deleted successfully."
    }
  }
}
```

If the student does not exist:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "deleteStudent": {
      "success": false,
      "message": "Error deleting student: Student not found"
    }
  }
}
```

---

4. Error Handling for Edge Cases

You should also test edge cases such as invalid IDs, missing parameters, and invalid data formats.

a. Invalid ID Format

If you pass an invalid ID format (e.g., a string that doesn't match MongoDB's ObjectId format), you should get a validation error:

```graphql
query {
  getStudent(id: "invalidID") {
    id
    name
  }
}
```

Expected Output:

```json
{
  "errors": [
    {
      "message": "Cast to ObjectId failed for value \"invalidID\" at path \"_id\"
for model \"Student\"",
      "locations": [{ "line": 2, "column": 3 }],
      "path": ["getStudent"]
    }
  ]
}
```

b. Missing Parameters in Mutation

If any required parameter is missing, like the name in `addStudent`, you should get an error response. For example:

```graphql
mutation {
  addStudent(age: 22, department: "Physics", enrollmentYear: 2022) {
    success
    message
  }
}
```

Expected Output:

```json
{
  "data": {
    "addStudent": {
      "success": false,
      "message": "Error adding student: Validation failed: name: Path `name` is
required.",
      "student": null
    }
  }
}
```

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5. Using Tools to Test

For testing purposes, tools like **Postman**, **Insomnia**, or **GraphiQL** can be extremely useful. You can send various queries and mutations to your API and inspect the results.

- **Postman**: Allows you to send GraphQL requests by specifying the method as `POST` and entering your GraphQL query or mutation in the body section.
- **Insomnia**: Similar to Postman, it offers a GraphQL interface where you can send queries/mutations.
- **GraphiQL**: If your GraphQL server is running with `graphiql: true`, you can access the interactive interface at `/graphql` and execute your queries and mutations directly in the browser.

Conclusion

Testing all the types of inputs and outputs ensures that your GraphQL API behaves as expected and can handle edge cases gracefully. Always validate user input, ensure proper error handling, and test thoroughly to avoid runtime issues in production.

REPLIT PROJECT TO GIT

Step 1: Prepare Your Project on Replit

If your project is already on **Replit**, follow these steps:

1. **Ensure Your Project Is Complete**:
   - Make sure your project (e.g., the Node.js/Express application with MongoDB integration) is working as expected locally on Replit.
2. **Check for Dependencies**:
   - Ensure all your dependencies are included in `package.json`. This is important for later stages when hosting your project on Render.

Step 2: Set Up GitHub Repository

1. **Log in to GitHub**:
   - Go to GitHub and log in to your account, or create one if you don't have it yet.
2. **Create a New Repository**:
   - After logging in, click the **"+"** button in the top-right corner of the GitHub dashboard.
   - Select **"New repository"**.
   - Provide a repository name, description (optional), and choose whether it should be **public** or **private**.
   - **Do not initialize with a README** (since you're pushing an existing project from Replit).
   - Click **"Create repository"**.

Step 3: Add Your Project to GitHub from Replit

1. **Open Your Replit Project**:
   - Go to Replit, log in, and open your project.
2. **Open the Shell/Console**:
   - In Replit, open the **Shell** or **Console** tab located at the bottom of the screen. This is where you'll run Git commands.
3. **Initialize a Git Repository**:
   - If you haven't initialized your project as a Git repository yet, run the following command in the shell:

     ```bash
     git init
     ```
4. **Add Your GitHub Remote URL**:
   - In the shell, add the GitHub repository as a remote:

     ```bash
     git remote add origin https://github.com/your-username/your-repo-name.git
     ```
   - Replace `your-username` with your GitHub username and `your-repo-name` with the name of your new repository.
5. **Add Your Files to Git**:
   - Stage all the files to be committed:

     ```bash
     git add .
     ```
6. **Commit Your Changes**:
   - Commit the changes with a meaningful message:

     ```bash
     git commit -m "Initial commit"
     ```
7. **Push Your Project to GitHub**:
   - Push the files to your GitHub repository:

```bash
git push -u origin master
```

- If you encounter an error due to `master` being renamed to `main` in newer GitHub repositories, use:

  ```bash
  git push -u origin main
  ```

Your project is now on GitHub.

Step 4: Set Up Render to Host Your Project

1. **Create an Account on Render**:
   - Go to Render and sign up for a free account if you don't have one.
2. **Create a New Web Service on Render**:
   - Once logged in, click the **"New"** button in the dashboard and select **"Web Service"**.
   - **Connect GitHub**:
     - You'll be prompted to connect your GitHub account. Click **"Connect GitHub"** and authorize Render to access your repositories.
3. **Choose Your GitHub Repository**:
   - Once connected, you should see a list of your GitHub repositories.
   - Select the repository that contains your project and click **"Connect"**.
4. **Configure Render for Your Node.js Project**:
   - **Branch**: Select `main` (or `master`, depending on what branch you pushed to).
   - **Build Command**: For Node.js apps, Render automatically detects that you're using Node.js. If it doesn't, specify `npm install` to install dependencies.
   - **Start Command**: Enter the command to start your application. Typically, for an Express app, this would be:

     ```bash
     ```

```
npm start
```

- **Environment Variables**: You'll need to set up environment variables like `MONGODB_URI` for MongoDB connection. Go to **"Environment"** and add your variables.
  - Example:
    - Key: `MONGODB_URI`
    - Value: Your MongoDB Atlas connection string.

5. **Choose the Region**: Select the region that is closest to you (or your users).
6. **Set the Instance Type**:
   - For free usage, choose the free instance plan for small projects.
7. **Deploy**: Once everything is set, click the **"Create Web Service"** button. Render will automatically build and deploy your application.

Step 5: Monitor and Test Your Application

1. **Access Your Application**:
   - After deployment, Render will provide you with a public URL for your application.
   - Visit this URL in your browser to check if everything is running smoothly.
2. **Monitor Logs**:
   - Render provides real-time logs for your service. You can view logs by clicking on your service and navigating to the **"Logs"** section.
   - If there are any issues (e.g., related to the database connection, environment variables, etc.), they will appear here.

Step 6: Update Your Project (Optional)

1. **Make Changes on Replit**:
   - If you make any changes or updates to your project on Replit, follow the same process for pushing changes to GitHub (i.e., `git add .`, `git commit -m "message"`,

`git push`).

2. **Deploy Updates to Render**:
   - After pushing changes to GitHub, Render will automatically rebuild and redeploy your app.
   - You can also manually trigger a deployment by going to your Render dashboard, selecting your web service, and clicking **"Manual Deploy"**.

Step 7: Final Testing and Debugging

- Once deployed on Render, test your application by hitting the public URL in your browser and making sure that all functionality (including MongoDB connections and GraphQL queries) works as expected.
- If you encounter any issues, check the **logs** on Render, ensure your **environment variables** (like `MONGODB_URI`) are correctly set, and make sure that all dependencies are listed in `package.json`.

Conclusion

By following these steps, you have successfully:

1. Pushed your project from Replit to GitHub.
2. Hosted it on Render with a live web service.

Render makes deployment very simple, and since it's linked with GitHub, any further updates can be easily deployed by pushing changes to your GitHub repository.