



Psycopg3

“PostgreSQL & large data, secrets and understanding the basics”

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Workflow

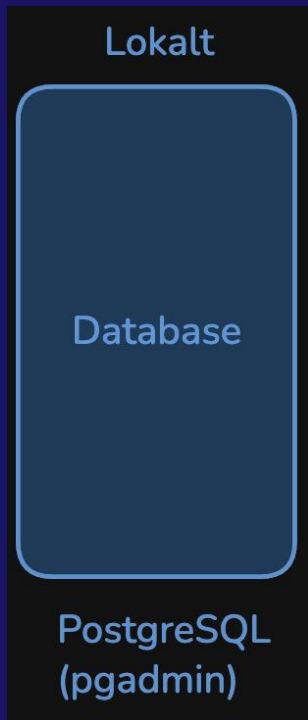
Workflow Explained



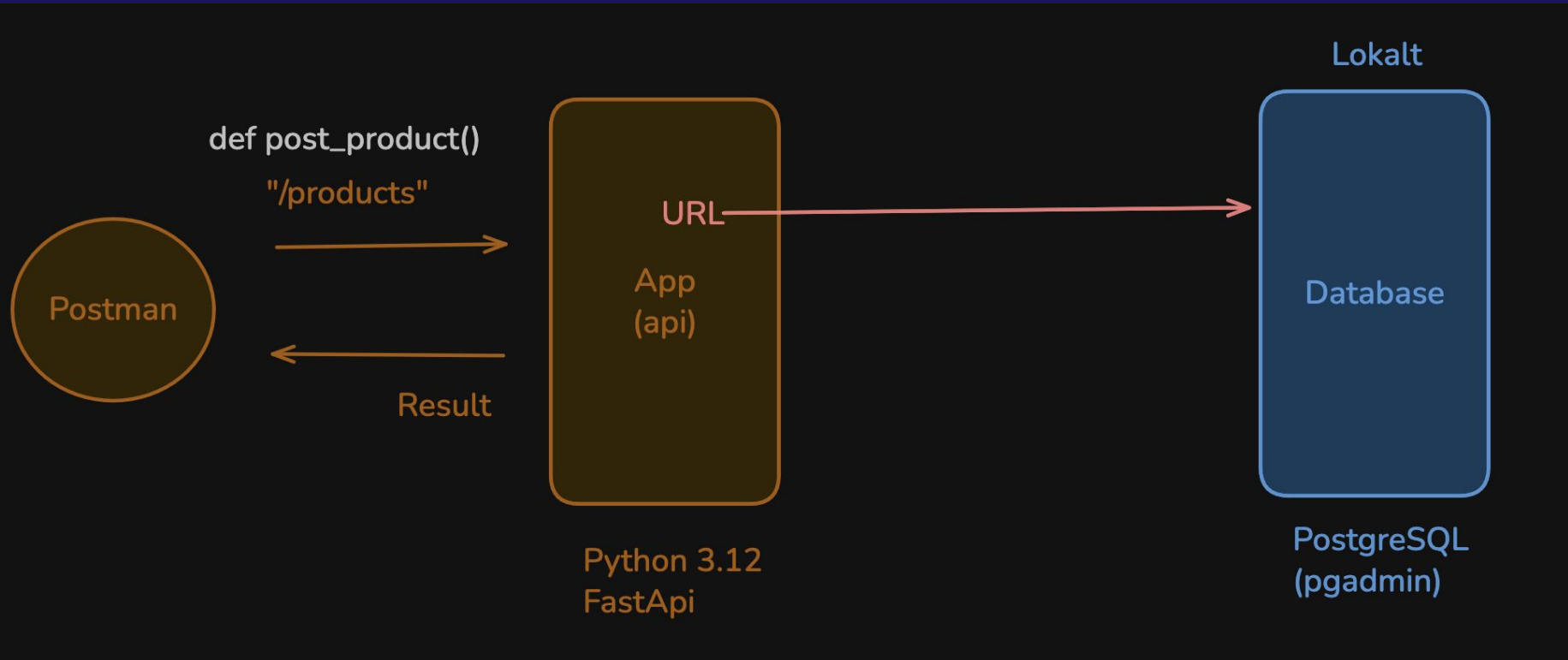
Workflow

(How to communicate)

“A database is a separate computer.
psycopg is just a phone line to it”



Workflow (Visualized)



URL (Structure)

```
"postgresql://USERNAME:PASSWORD@ADDRESS:PORT/DB_NAME"
```



pgAdmin 4

pgAdmin File Object Tools Help

Browser

- Servers (1)
 - PostgreSQL 15
 - Databases (2)
 - myTest**
 - postgres
 - Login/Group Roles
 - Tablespaces

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General

Database: myTest ← Database Name

OID: 16398

Owner: postgres ← User Name

System database? ☐

Comment

PGADMIN4 example

Högerklicka på 'myTest' -> properties



02

Syntax Explained

Connection Pool Visualized



```
8 DATABASE_URL = "postgresql://postgres:benny123@localhost:5432/lektion_5"
9 pool = ConnectionPool(DATABASE_URL)
```

Borrow Connection
from LIST (POOL)



The diagram consists of two red arrows. The first arrow originates from the `ConnectionPool` object in the code above and points diagonally down and to the left towards the text 'Borrow Connection from LIST (POOL)'. The second arrow originates from this text and points diagonally down and to the left towards the 'POOL' section below.

POOL

- ├─ conn #1 (open)
- ├─ conn #2 (open)
- ├─ conn #3 (open)
- └─ conn #4 (open)

Opening new connections is SLOW and EXPENSIVE.

ConnectionPool object contain a list of already opened connections towards given URL

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```

Pool Object

New (borrowed) Connection

```
with pool.connection() as conn:
```

Verify information by
holding over

© `psycpg_pool.pool.ConnectionPool`

@contextmanager

```
def connection(self, timeout: float | None = None) -> Iterator[CT]
```

Context manager to obtain a connection from the pool.

Return the connection immediately if available, otherwise wait up to *timeout* or *self.timeout* seconds and throw *PoolTimeout* if a connection is not available in time.

Upon context exit, return the connection to the pool. Apply the normal `:ref:` ``connection context behaviour <with-connection>`` (commit/rollback the transaction in case of success/error). If the connection is no more in working state, replace it with a new one.



```
with pool.connection() as conn:  
    with conn.transaction():  
        conn.execute("QUERY")
```

— A transaction is a protected block of database work where "everything succeeds together or nothing is saved"



03

SQL & Pydantic

PostgreSQL Features



JSONB - flexible structure

JSON

- No Indexing
- Stored as **ASCII/UTF-8** string
- maintains the order in which elements are inserted

JSONB

- Supports Indexing
- Stored in **binary form**
- does not preserve key ordering, whitespace, and duplicate keys.

JSONB vs JSON
(PostgreSQL - Feature)

ARRAY - simple lists

```
SELECT name, tags FROM article WHERE tags && array['t1','t3','t10']::_varchar
```

article 1 ×

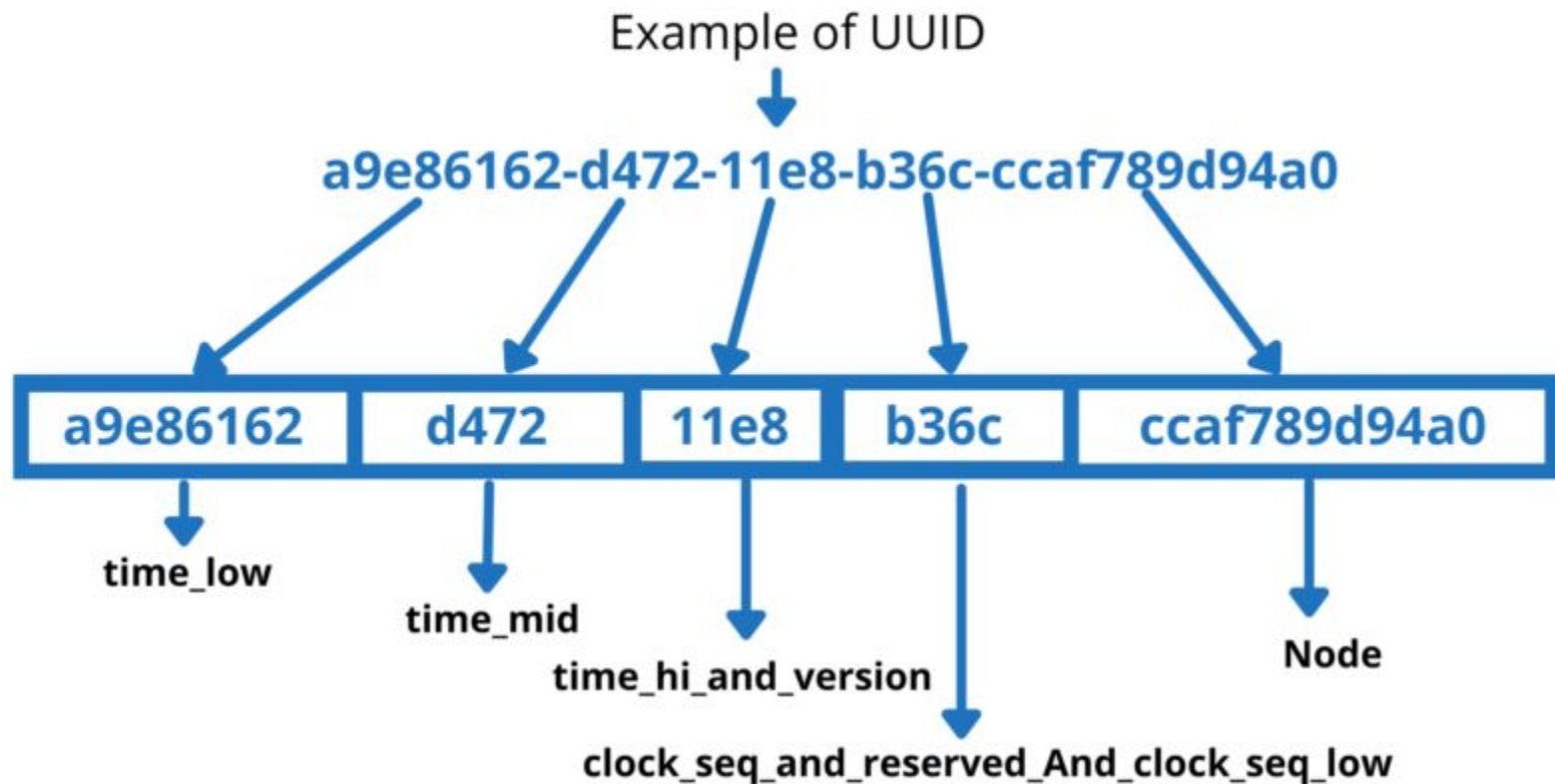
```
SELECT name, tags FROM article WHERE tags && array['t1'
```

	name	tags
1	test1	{t1,t3}
2	test2	{t2,t3}
3	test3	{t3}
4	test4	{t1,t5}
5	test5	{t1,t3}
6	test6	{t2,t3}

UUID - safe IDs across systems

```
CREATE TABLE users (  
  id UUID PRIMARY KEY DEFAULT gen_random_uuid(),  
  name TEXT NOT NULL  
);
```

UUID - safe IDs across systems



Primary Key Auto Increment



```
1 CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS product(  
2     id BIGINT GENERATED AS IDENTITY PRIMARY KEY  
3 )
```

- * Auto-incremented number
- * Generated only when row is created
- * Safe for concurrency (many inserts at once)
- * Database-controlled (not app logic)

This works for all SQL versions...

But looks kind of long?

Or Postgresql shorthand:

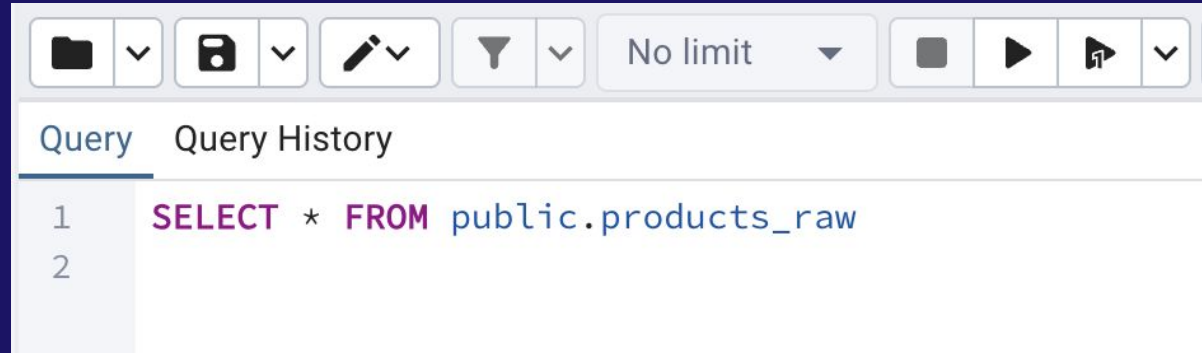
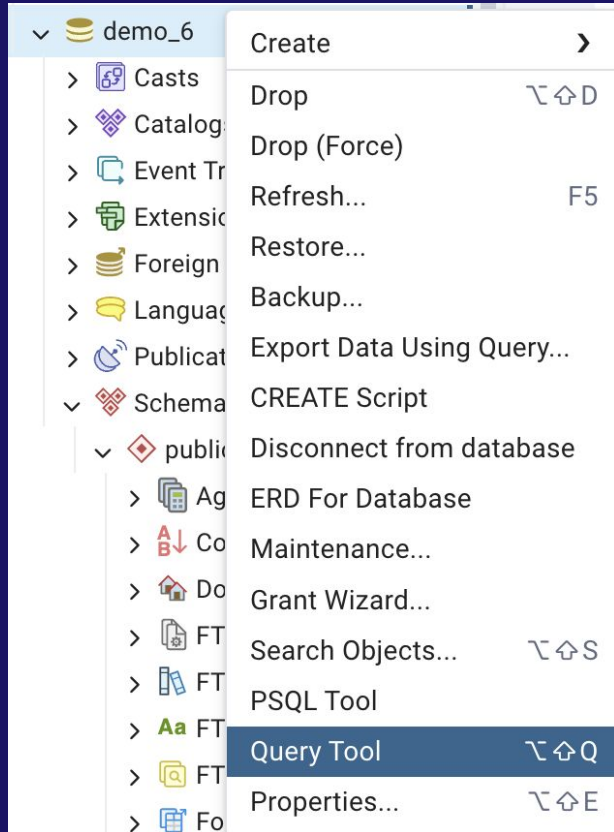
```
1 CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS product (  
2   id BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY  
3 );
```

BIGSERIAL - is unique to postgresql!

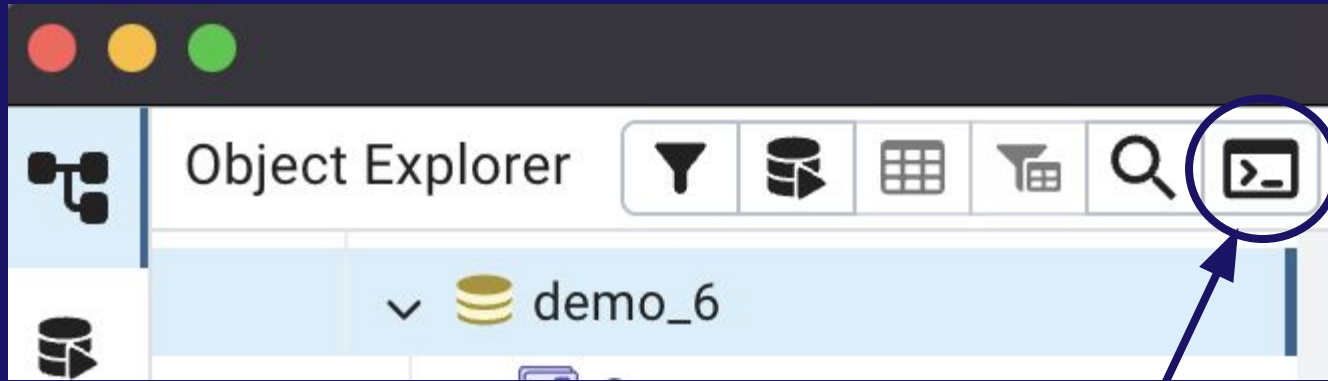
Query Tool pgAdmin4



Write SQL Query (pgAdmin4)



Query Tool – TERMINAL (pgAdmin4)



This is great for when you want to get started with the terminal
(alternatively using a normal terminal without PGADMIN4)

Create Table pgAdmin4



New Table (products_raw)

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS products_raw (  
  id BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  created_at TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL DEFAULT now(),  
  product JSONB NOT NULL  
);
```

Note: JSONB == json data
DEFAULT now() == current time + timezone

BIGSERIAL?

(Explained)

```
BIGSERIAL == BIGINT NOT NULL  
           DEFAULT nextval('some_sequence')  
  
// shorthand syntax
```



SQL
.execute()



```
with pool.connection() as conn:  
    with conn.transaction():  
        conn.execute(  
            "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",  
        )
```

`execute()` sends ONE SQL statement to PostgreSQL and runs it.

Tuple & .execute()



```
with pool.connection() as conn:
    with conn.transaction():
        conn.execute(
            "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",
            product
        )
```

→ `TypeError: execute() got an unexpected keyword argument 'func'`


```
test_tuple = (10, 20)
test_array = [30, 40]
```

Notera att det inte gick även med array[]
Den kräver alltså en TUPLE

<https://www.psycopg.org/psycopg3/docs/basic/usage.html#main-objects-in-psycopg-3>

T = (20, 'Jessa', 35.75, [30, 60, 90])

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
T[0] T[1] T[2] T[3]

- ✓ **Ordered:** Maintain the order of the data insertion.
- ✓ **Unchangeable:** Tuples are immutable and we can't modify items.
- ✓ **Heterogeneous:** Tuples can contains data of types
- ✓ **Contains duplicate:** Allows duplicates data

```
with pool.connection() as conn:
    with conn.transaction():
        conn.execute(
            "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",
            (product)
        )
```




Notera: (1) är inte en tuple, (1,) ÄR

```
tuple_example = (1)
```

This works!

```
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    with conn.transaction():
        conn.execute(
            "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",
            (product,)
        )
```



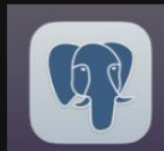
Tuples & Array .execute()



What is Pydantic...?

```
from pydantic import BaseModel
```

```
class ProductSchema(BaseModel):  
    name: str  
    description: str  
    price: float
```



- str --> TEXT
- int --> INTEGER / BIGINT
- float --> NUMERIC / REAL
- bool --> BOOLEAN
- dict --> JSON / JSONB
- list --> ARRAY or JSONB
- datetime --> TIMESTAMPTZ
- Pydantic model --> must be converted

SQL blir förvirrad över datatypen!

```
conn.execute(  
    "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",  
    (product,) )
```

```
conn.execute(  
    "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",  
    [product] )
```

`psycopg.ProgrammingError: cannot adapt type 'ProductSchema' using placeholder '%s' (format: AUTO)`

Samma problem, bästa praxis är Tuples, så låt oss förhålla oss till dessa
(fixes size == more secure)

Detta exempel visar bara på att det tekniskt möjligt med array!

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            [product]
```

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```
# Connect to an existing database
with psycopg.connect("dbname=test user=postgres") as conn:

    # Open a cursor to perform database operations
    with conn.cursor() as cur:

        # Execute a command: this creates a new table
        cur.execute("""
            CREATE TABLE test (
                id serial PRIMARY KEY,
                num integer,
                data text)
            """)

        # Pass data to fill a query placeholders and let Psycopg perform
        # the correct conversion (no SQL injections!)
        cur.execute(
            "INSERT INTO test (num, data) VALUES (%s, %s)",
            (100, "abc'def"))
```

Documentation

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Tillvägagångssätt...? Explained



MAC: COMMAND + CLICK

WINDOWS: CTRL + CLICK



```
conn.execute(  
    "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",  
    [product]  
)
```

```
def execute(  
    self,  
    query: Query,  
    params: Params | None = None,  
    *,  
    prepare: bool | None = None,  
    binary: bool = False,  
    )
```

Samma sak igen

```
Params: TypeAlias = Union[Sequence[Any], Mapping[str, Any]]
```

Sequence = An **ordered collection of values**, accessed by position (array, tuple)

Mapping = A **collection of named values**, accessed by key (dictionary)

Pydantic → JSON Explained



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Vi kan konvertera till JSONB

```
with pool.connection() as conn:
    with conn.transaction():
        conn.execute(
            "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",
            (Json(product), )
        )
```



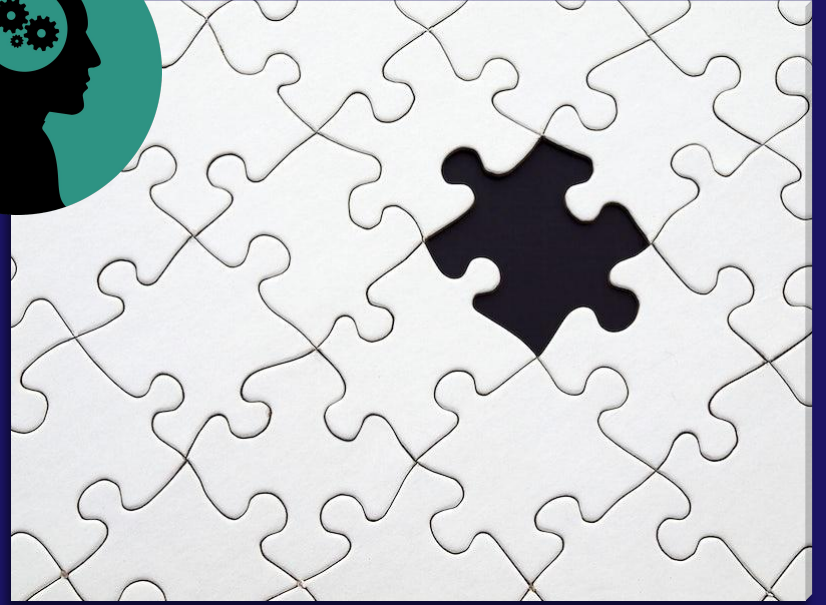
Converting a PYDANTIC -> JSON
Doesn't work...

```
conn.execute(
    "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",
    (Json(product.model_dump()), ),
)
```



Pydantic has a built-in function for converting
PYDANTIC -> Dictionary -> JSON

Frågor?





04

Cursor, Control & Looping

Cursor & Loop Explained



```
with conn.cursor() as cur:
    cur.execute("SELECT * FROM products")
    for row in cur:
        if some_complex_rule(row):
            do_something(row)
```

Sometimes you want to convert EACH item in a LIST
Or perform something PER ITEM (ex: print)

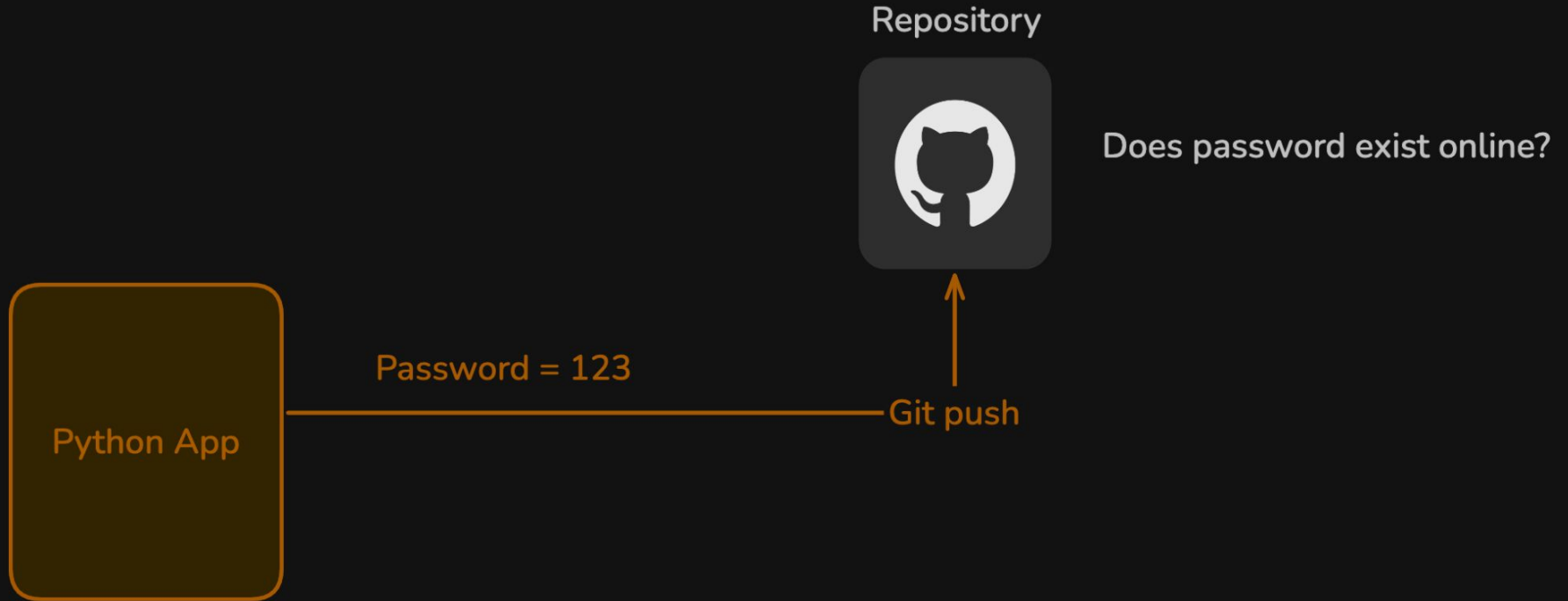
cur (cursor) helps with this!

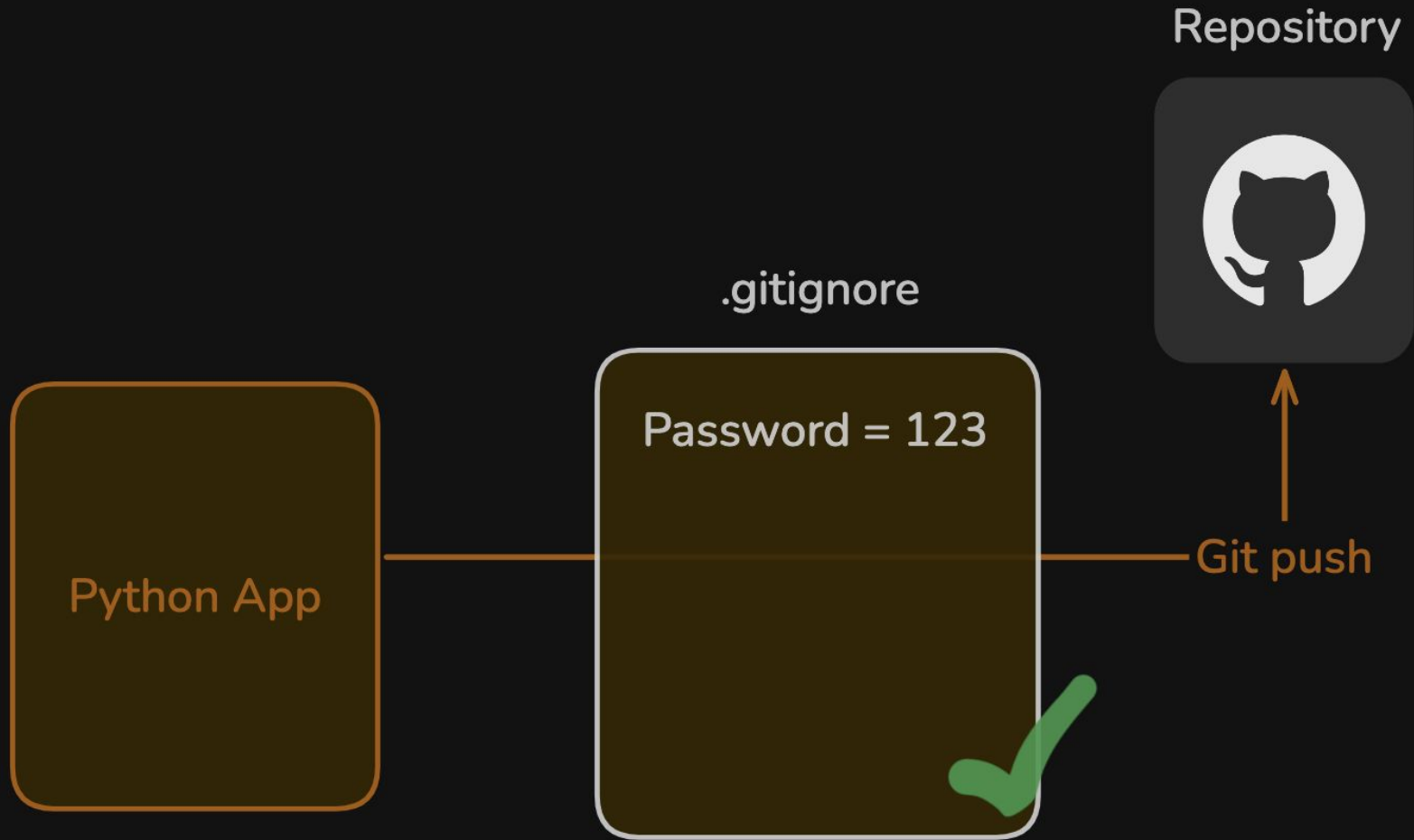
Filtrera i SQL om du kan.
Filtrera med cursor om du måste.

```
with conn.cursor() as cur:
    cur.execute("""
        SELECT * FROM products
        WHERE active = true
    """)
    for row in cur:
        if complex_python_rule(row):
            handle(row)
```

Environment Variables Explained







Environment Variables

(Dependency)



```
$ pip install python-dotenv  
$ uv add python-dotenv # for uv
```

Environment Variables

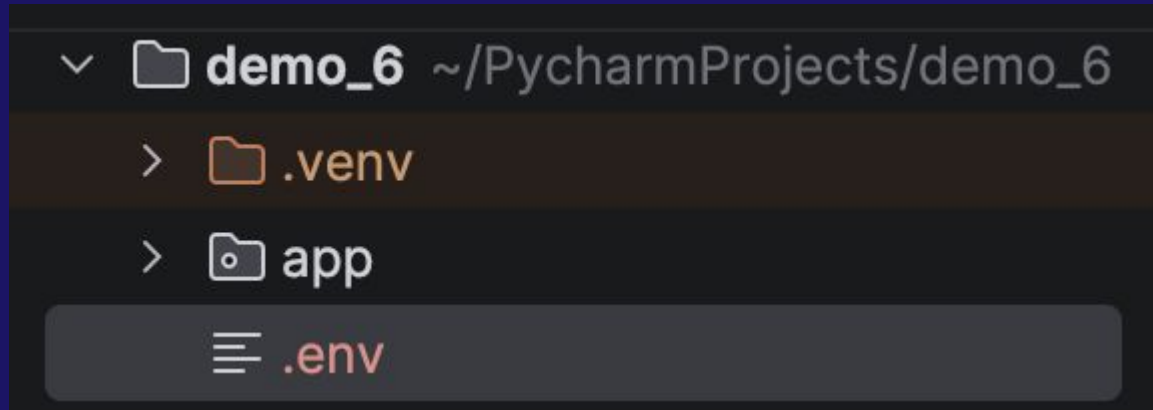
(File Creation)



```
$ touch .env
```


Environment Variables

(Results)



.gitignore

(example)

🗑️ .gitignore

☰ .python-version

📄 pyproject.toml

📄 README.md

📄 uv.lock

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Virtual environments

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.venv

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.env

.env (Content)

```
DATABASE_URL=postgres://postgres:benny123@localhost:5432/demo_6
```

Environment Variables (Results)

```
from dotenv import load_dotenv
import os

load_dotenv() # reads .env from project root

DATABASE_URL = os.getenv("DATABASE_URL")
```

THANKS!

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