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Psycopg3

"PostgreSQL & large data, secrets and understanding the basics"

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Workflow

Workflow Explained

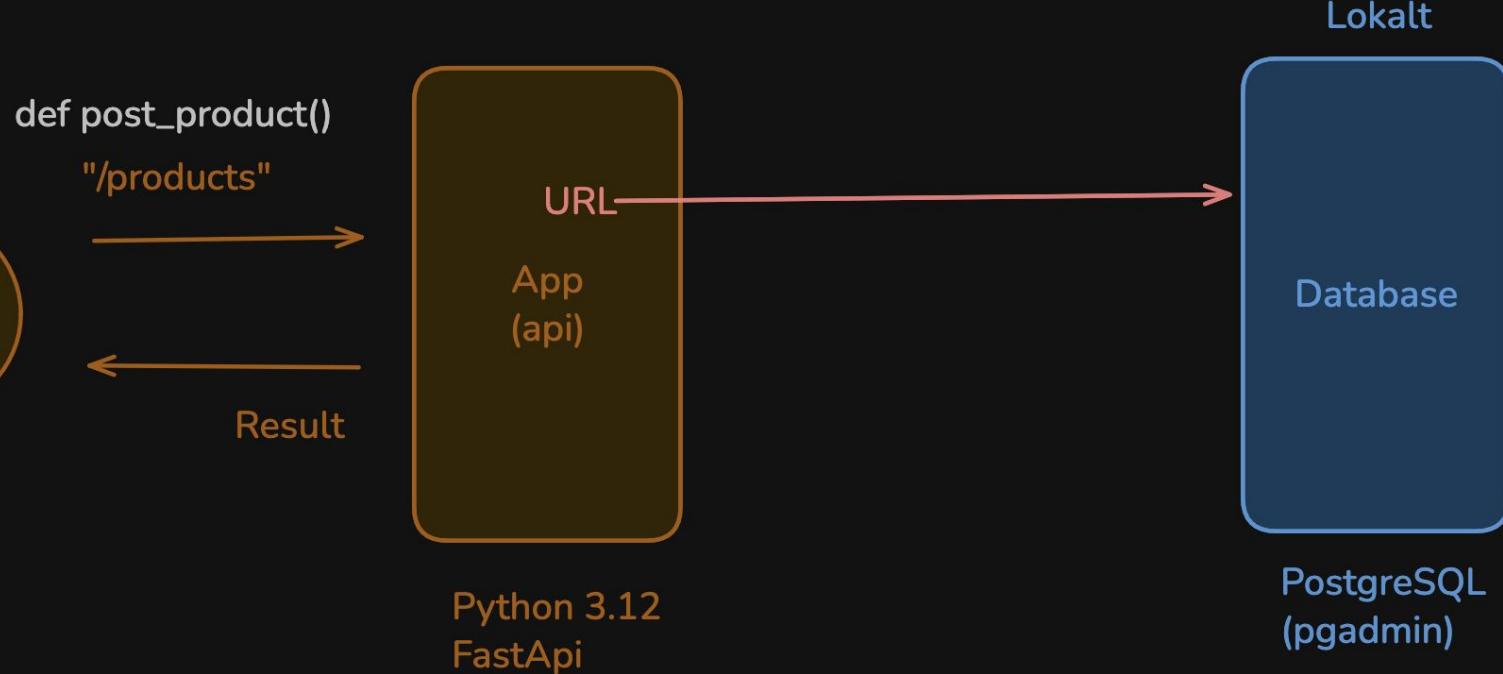


Workflow (How to communicate)

“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

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Browser

Servers (1)
PostgreSQL 15
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myTest
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Login/Group Roles
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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)

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

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

Pool Object

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

Verify information by
holding over

New (borrowed) Connection

© psycopg_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.



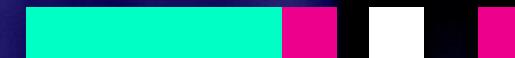
```
with pool.connection() as conn:  
    with conn.transaction():  
        conn.execute("QUERY")
```

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)**

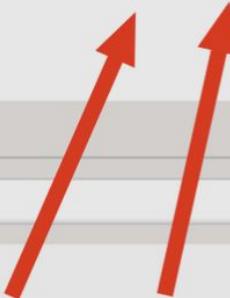
ARRAY - simple lists

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

article 1 X

```
'SELECT name, tags FROM article WHERE tags && array['t|'
```

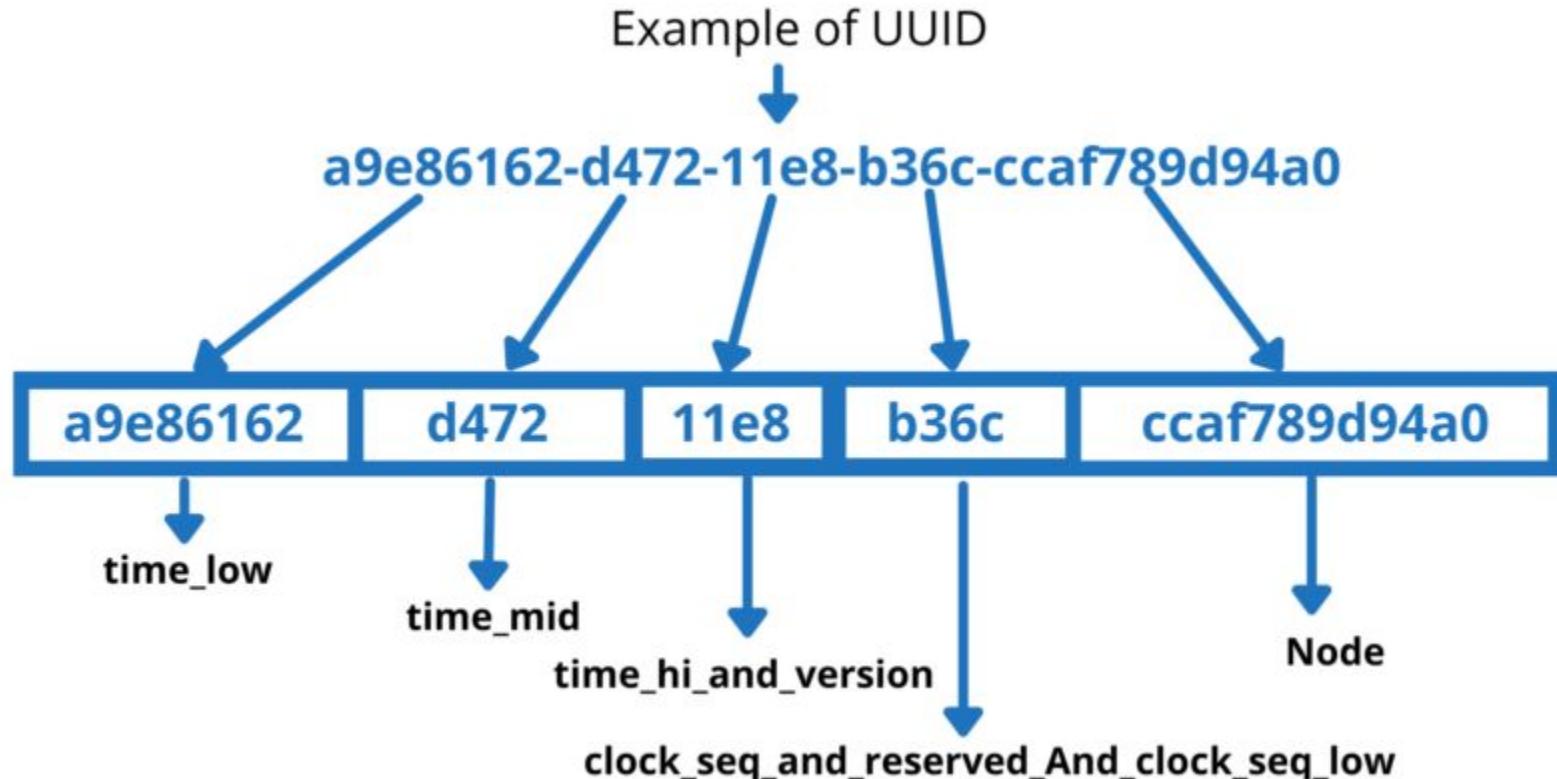
	ABC name	tags
1	test1	{t1,t3}
2	test2	{t2,t3}
3	test3	{t3}
4	test4	{t1,t5}
5	test5	{t1,t3}
6	test6	{t2,t3}



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:

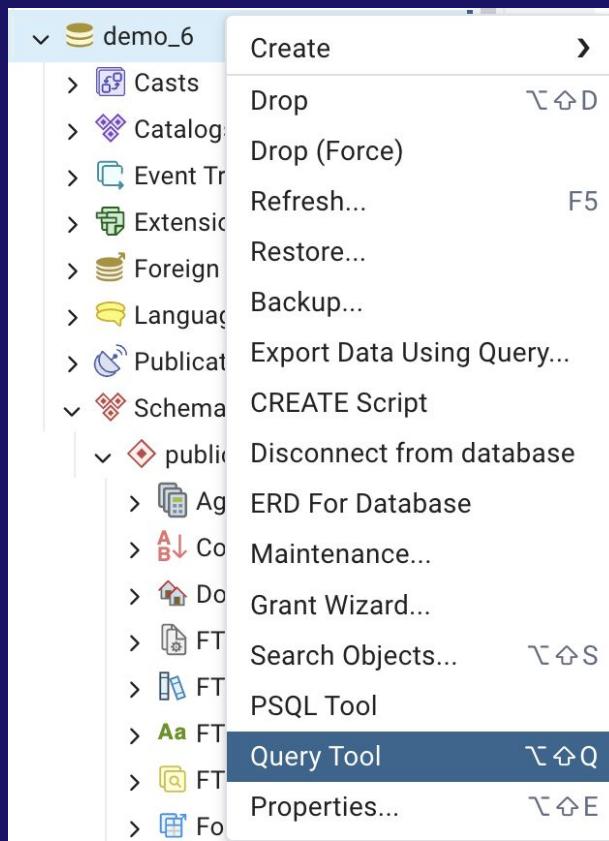
```
1 CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS product (
2     id BIGSERIAL PRIMARY KEY
3 );
```

BIGSERIAL - is unique to postgresql!

Query Tool

pgAdmin4

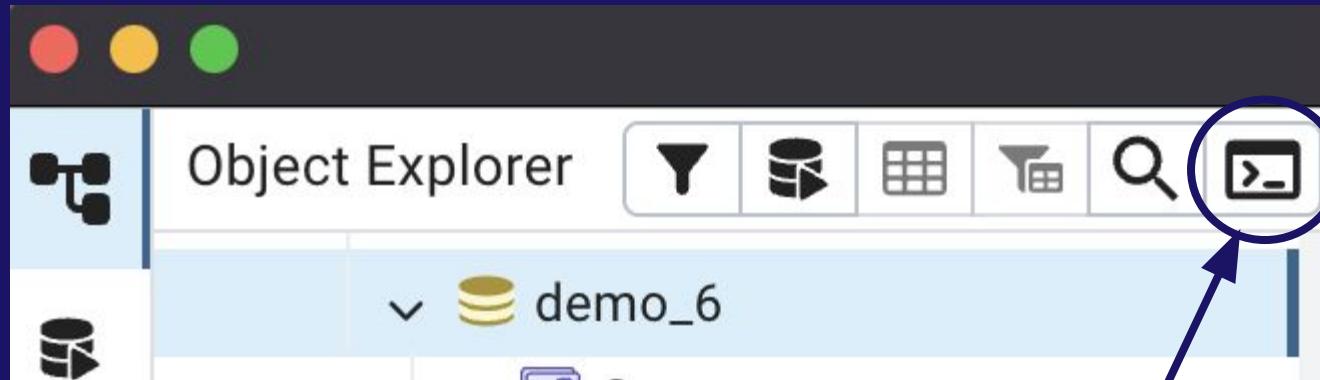
Write SQL Query (pgAdmin4)



The screenshot shows the pgAdmin4 query editor. At the top, there's a toolbar with icons for file operations like Open, Save, Print, and a magnifying glass. Below the toolbar is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Query' (which is active) and 'Query History'. The main query editor area shows the following SQL code:

```
SELECT * FROM public.products_raw
```

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>

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



- ✓ **Ordered:** Maintain the order of the data insertion.
- ✓ **Unchangeable:** Tuples are immutable and we can't modify items.
- ✓ **Heterogeneous:** Tuples can contain 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!

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



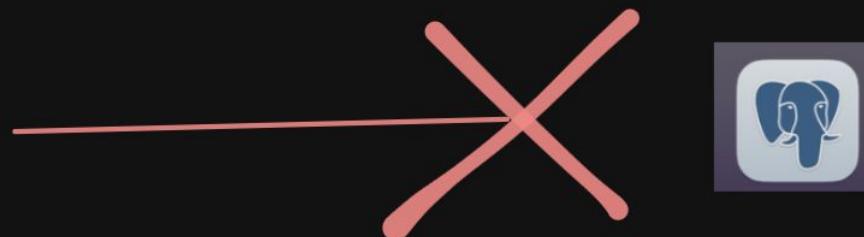
Tuples & Array .execute()



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,)  
)
```

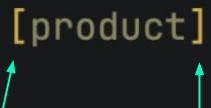
```
conn.execute(  
    "INSERT INTO products_raw (product) VALUES (%s)",  
    [product]  
)
```

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!

```
with pool.connection() as conn:  
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        conn.execute(  
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            [product]  
        )
```



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

```
# 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:

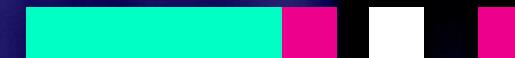
        # Execute a command: this creates a new table
        cur.execute("""
            CREATE TABLE test (
                id serial PRIMARY KEY,
                num integer,
                data text)
        """)

        # 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

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

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,
```

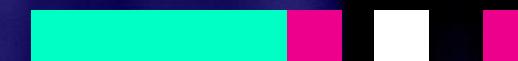
Samma sak igen

```
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



```
from pydantic import BaseModel

class ProductSchema(BaseModel):
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```

Vi kan konvertera till JSONB

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```
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)
```

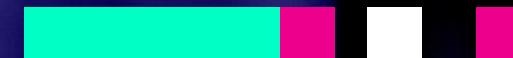
Sometimes you want to convert EACH item in a LIST
Or perform something PER ITEM (ex: print)

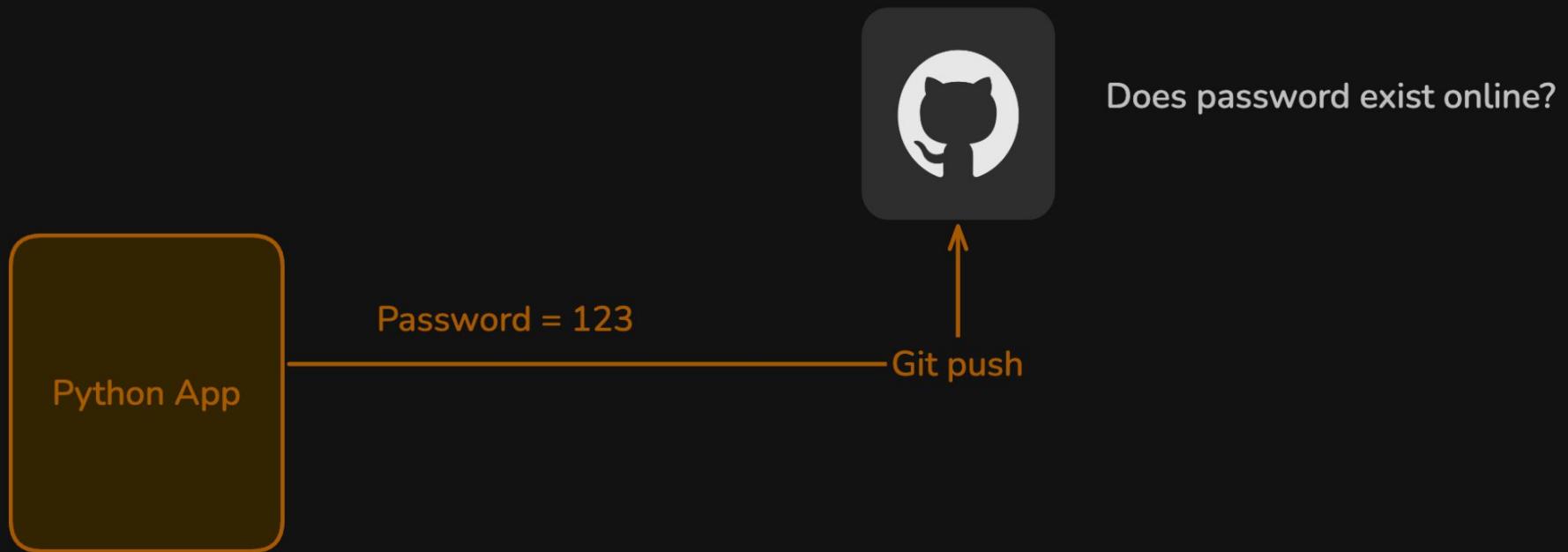
cur (cursor) helps with this!

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





Repository



.gitignore

Password = 123

Python App



Git push

Environment Variables (Dependency)

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

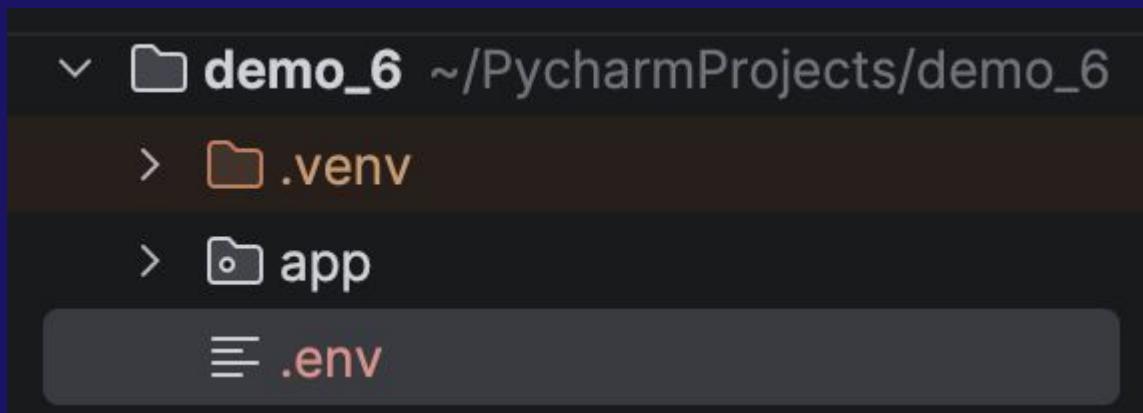
Environment Variables

(File Creation)



```
$ touch .env
```

Environment Variables (Results)



.gitignore (example)

```
∅ .gitignore          9      # Virtual environments
≡ .python-version    10     .venv
[T] pyproject.toml   11     .env
M README.md
[T] uv.lock
```

.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 !

Do you have any questions?
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