**Connect to your new database**

Follow these steps to quickly set up a sample application that connects to your Prisma Postgres® database and explore its capabilities.

**Download example project**

Run the following command to create an example project using Prisma locally.

$ npx try-prisma@latest --template databases/prisma-postgres

**Add API key**

Copy the provided environment variables into your .env file to securely connect to your Prisma Postgres® database.

DATABASE\_URL="prisma+postgres://accelerate.prisma-data.net/?api\_key=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJhcGlfa2V5IjoiYThlOWEwMTctMDZkMC00MDliLWI0NmItOGRmZWEwN2MzNGM1IiwidGVuYW50X2lkIjoiYzViZmM5YmFhYmM1ZmQ0OTAzNmM0NTMxZmYyYzQyODdjMWFlZmQ1NmFmNDgxOGE5NDFjYjJlN2EwOTlkNTU2MCIsImludGVybmFsX3NlY3JldCI6IjZlMDM0YmVkLTllMTQtNDQ5Ny04MmZkLTVmZTU4Y2FkNDg4OCJ9.HXdv49QvEwJTketldcw8yFDfNTXtqdx8aquVNDmwMt0"

PULSE\_API\_KEY="eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJhcGlfa2V5IjoiYThlOWEwMTctMDZkMC00MDliLWI0NmItOGRmZWEwN2MzNGM1IiwidGVuYW50X2lkIjoiYzViZmM5YmFhYmM1ZmQ0OTAzNmM0NTMxZmYyYzQyODdjMWFlZmQ1NmFmNDgxOGE5NDFjYjJlN2EwOTlkNTU2MCIsImludGVybmFsX3NlY3JldCI6IjZlMDM0YmVkLTllMTQtNDQ5Ny04MmZkLTVmZTU4Y2FkNDg4OCJ9.HXdv49QvEwJTketldcw8yFDfNTXtqdx8aquVNDmwMt0"

**Set up your database (schema migration)**

Initialize your new database by running a schema migration to create the necessary tables from the sample project.

$ npx prisma migrate dev --name init

**Query your database**

Run a sample query using the Prisma ORM to verify your database connection and add some sample data.

$ npm run queries

**Explore your database in Prisma Studio**

Open Prisma Studio to visually browse and interact with your newly seeded database.

$ npx prisma studio

**Try caching with Prisma Accelerate**

Run the following command to explore caching capabilities using Accelerate to boost your query performance. Run the script a few times to observe increased query performance.

$ npm run caching

**Stream events with Prisma Pulse**

Set up a real-time data stream with Pulse. Run the command below, then create a new user in Prisma Studio and watch the event in real-time.

$ npm run realtime

**Verify your setup**

Once you've completed the steps, click Verify to confirm everything is correctly configured. You can also [skip verification](https://console.prisma.io/cm2qontu10cdlnyq8gddcu52r/cm2qop58w000pnxmvbf0lq6yf/cm2qop58w000qnxmv8zaw7k6c/dashboard) and proceed to your environment dashboard.