Instructions for Setting Up Prisma + Next.js

Hey team ■,

Here are the exact steps you need to follow after cloning the project from GitHub to get Prisma Client and the database working on your system.

- 1. Clone the repository: git clone cd
- 2. Install dependencies: npm install (or yarn/pnpm install depending on what you use)
- 3. Create a `.env` file in the root of the project. Add this line:

 DATABASE_URL="postgresql://user:password@localhost:5432/mydb?schema=public" I've added a `.env.example` in the repo so you know what needs to be configured.
- 4. Set up the database: Option A: Install Postgres/MySQL locally and create the same database. - Option B: Use the shared remote DB (Supabase/Neon/Railway/PlanetScale) if I provide the link.
- 5. Run Prisma migrations to apply the schema: npx prisma migrate dev
- 6. Generate the Prisma Client (if it doesn't auto-generate): npx prisma generate
- 7. Finally, start the development server: npm run dev

Also, remember for the repo setup:

- I've committed:
- prisma/schema.prisma
- prisma/migrations/
- .env.example
- I did NOT commit:
- .env (you have to create your own)

Recommendation ■:

If we don't want everyone to set up local DBs, I can host the DB on a free service (Supabase, Neon, Railway) and share the DATABASE_URL.

That way you can just copy it into your `.env` and everything will work instantly.