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Setting up your environment

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Setting up the test project

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- Or copy the project from a USB key (better!)

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Our test project

- Today, we will work on a marketplace!
- For this demo, our stack will be:
  - Symfony
  - Doctrine ORM
  - GraphQLite
  - Docker
  - React
  - Apollo

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Our test project

From Github

```
$ docker-compose up
```

(Beware, there is a 500MB download!)

From a USB key
(no network connection)

Copy files

Run
`$ ./install-images.sh`
(or `install-images.bat`)

Unzip project:
`$ unzip graphqlite-demo-phpuk.zip`

Start project:
`$ docker-compose up`

Install Altair GraphQL client

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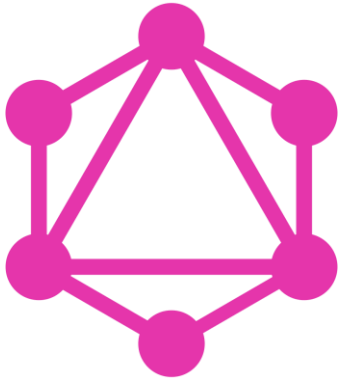

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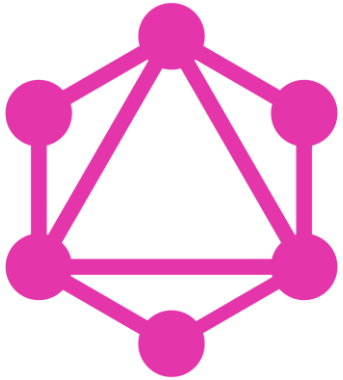

- GraphQL is a **protocol**
- It is **not**:
  - A fancy new database
  - A database query language like SQL

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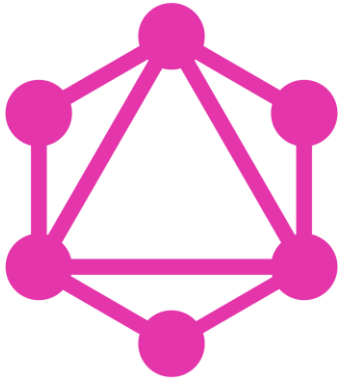

- GraphQL is a **protocol**
- GraphQL is a challenger to those other protocols:
  - REST
  - Web-services (SOAP/WSDL based)

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A bit of history

- ✓ Strongly typed
- ✓ Self-describing (WSDL)
- ✗ XML-based

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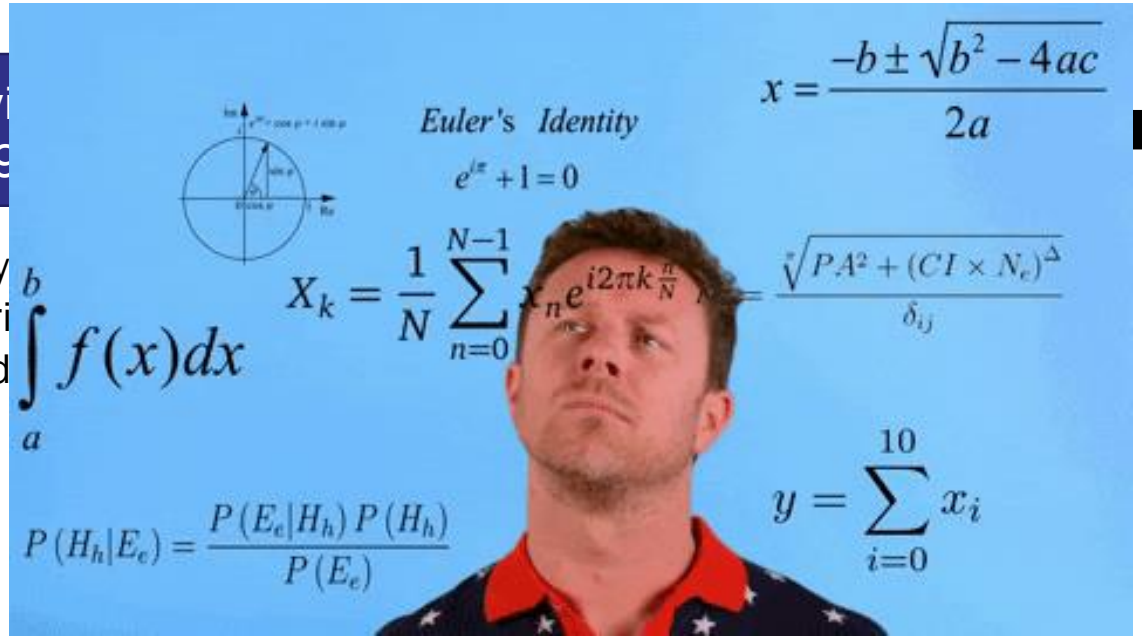

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✓ ✓ + Client driven queries

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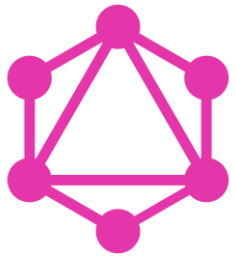
A bit of history

SOAP/WSDL REST

GraphQL



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GraphQL ?

It is developed by Facebook and was first used in the Facebook API.

It is now an open protocol backed by the *GraphQL foundation*.

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Why GraphQL?

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What problem does GraphQL solve?

- Your API often changes

- Common problems:
  - You develop a new feature but your API does not exactly respond to your needs.
  - Each time you consume your API on the frontend, you need to change it in the backend

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What problem does GraphQL solve?

- *For instance*: you are developing a marketplace. You need a page to display a product, along some company information.

REST

/api/product/42

/api/company/35

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What problem does GraphQL solve?

- Alternative, still REST

/api/product/42

REST

- But what if some pages don't need the company details?

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What problem does GraphQL solve?

- Yet another alternative, still REST

/api/product/42?**with_company=true**

Flags hell 😨! Probably one flag per consumer of the API

REST

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What problem does GraphQL solve?

- GraphQL **to the rescue!**

- GraphQL is a *paradigm shift*.
- The **client** asks for the list of fields it wants.

GET /graphql?query= ← Single endpoint

```
{
    product(id:42) {
        id
        name
        company {
            id
            name
            logo
        }
    }
}
```

The name of the query is « products »

List of fields requested

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What problem does GraphQL solve?

- GraphQL **to the rescue!**
- Another request of the same query with a different set of fields

GET /graphql?query=

```
{
    product(id:42) {
        id
        name
        logo
        company {
            country {
                name
            }
        }
    }
}
```

No need to change the code on the server-side! All this data in one API call!

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Types

GraphQL is **strongly typed.**

It comes with a « schema language » but this is rarely used while developing.

It is however useful to understand what is going on.

```
type Query {
  product(id: ID): Product!
  products(limit: Int, offset: Int): [Product]!
}

type Product {
  id: ID!
  name: String!
  logo: String
  company: Company!
}

type Company {
  id: ID!
  name: String!
  logo: String
  country: Country
}

type Country {
    id: ID!
    name: String
}
```

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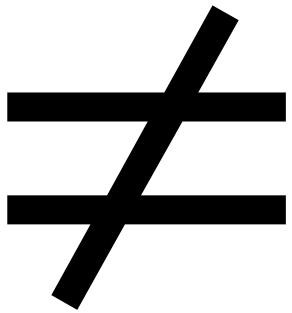
Query language

```
product(id: 42) {
  name
  company {
    name
    logo
    country {
      name
    }
  }
}
```



Schema language

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  logo: String
  country: Country
}

type Country {
    id: ID!
    name: String
}
```

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Types

Note:

- `[Product]` ➔ an **array** of Products
- `String` ➔ a string (or null)
- `String!` ➔ a **non-nullable** string

Hence:

- `[Product!]!` ➔ An array (non-nullable) of products that are also non-nullable.

```
type Query {
  product(id: ID): Product!
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}

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  logo: String
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type Country {
    id: ID!
    name: String
}
```

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Types

Some « scalar » types:

- `ID`: a unique identifier (~=`String`)
- `String`
- `Int`
- `Float`
- `Boolean`

No support for « Date » in the standard (but custom types are supported by some implementations)

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  logo: String
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    id: ID!
    name: String
}
```

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Types

Support for “arguments”:

- `product(id: ID!)`
  ➔ the product query requires an “id” field of type “ID” to be passed.

```
type Query {
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```

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Types

Bonus:

- Support for interfaces
- Support for Union types
- Support for “InputType” (to pass complex objects in queries)

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Mutations

So far, we mostly talked about **queries** (because this is what is fun in GraphQL).

GraphQL can also do **mutations** (to change the state of the DB)

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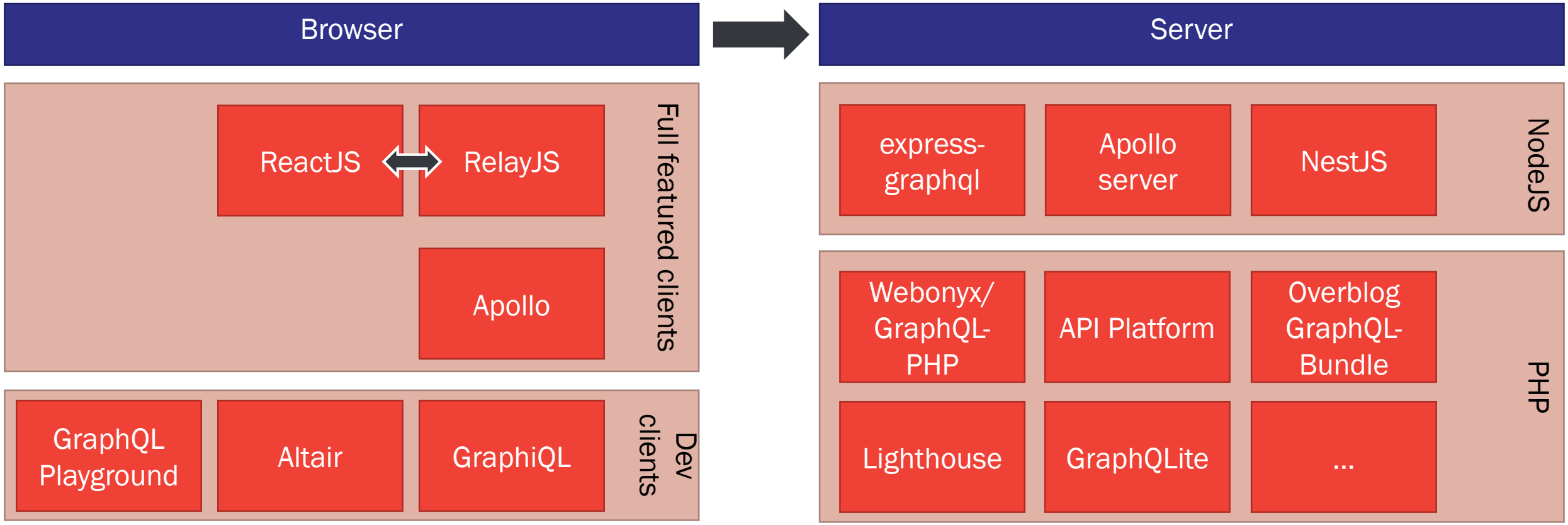
Ecosystem (a small part of...)



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Zoom on GraphQL in PHP

Core library

- Low level
  - Parsing
  - Serving requests
- Powerful
  - Feature complete
- Hard to use (poor DX)

Wrapper library

- High level
- Opiniated
- Easy to use

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Core library

Wrapper library

- webonyx/graphql-php
  - De-facto standard in PHP
- Youshido/GraphQL
  - ☹ Abandonned ☹
- Railt
  - In active development, no solid doc yet

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Core library

Wrapper library

- API Platform (Symfony)
- Overblog GraphQL Bundle (Symfony)
- Lighthouse (Laravel)
- getpop/graphql (Wordpress)
- drupal/graphql (Drupal)
- … and now **GraphQLite**

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Zoom of Webonyx/GraphQL-PHP

Define a type

```php
$blogStory = new ObjectType([
    'name' => 'Story',
    'fields' => [
        'body' => Type::string(),
        'author' => [
            'type' => $userType,
            'description' => 'Story author',
            'resolve' => function(Story $blogStory) {
                return DataSource::findUser($blogStory->authorId);
            }
        ],
        'likes' => [
            'type' => Type::listOf($userType),
            'description' => 'List of users who liked the story',
            'args' => [
                'limit' => [
                    'type' => Type::int(),
                    'description' => 'Limit the number of recent likes returned',
                    'defaultValue' => 10
                ]
            ],
            'resolve' => function(Story $blogStory, $args) {
                return DataSource::findLikes($blogStory->id, $args['limit']);
            }
        ]
    ]
]);
```

This code will generate this type:

```
type Story {
  body: String
  author: User
  likes(limit: Int): [User]
}
```

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Define a query

```php
$queryType = new ObjectType([
    'name' => 'Query',
    'fields' => [
        'echo' => [
            'type' => Type::string(),
            'args' => [
                'message' => Type::nonNull(Type::string()),
            ],
            'resolve' => function ($root, $args) {
                return $root['prefix'] . $args['message'];
            }
        ],
    ],
]);
```

This code will generate this query:

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```

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Actually resolving a query

```
$result = GraphQL::executeQuery(
    $schema,
    $queryString,
    $rootValue = null,
    $context = null,
    $variableValues = null,
    $operationName = null,
    $fieldResolver = null,
    $validationRules = null
);
```

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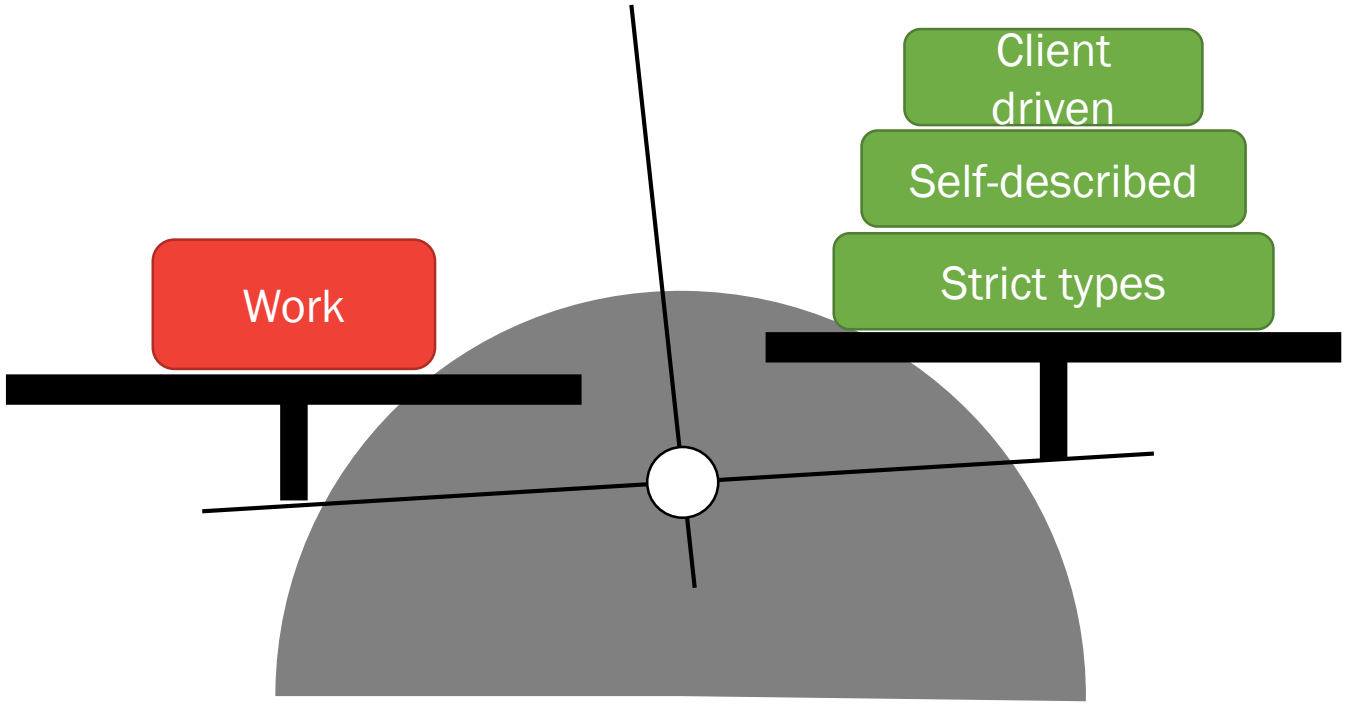
Costs VS benefits

Costs

Gains



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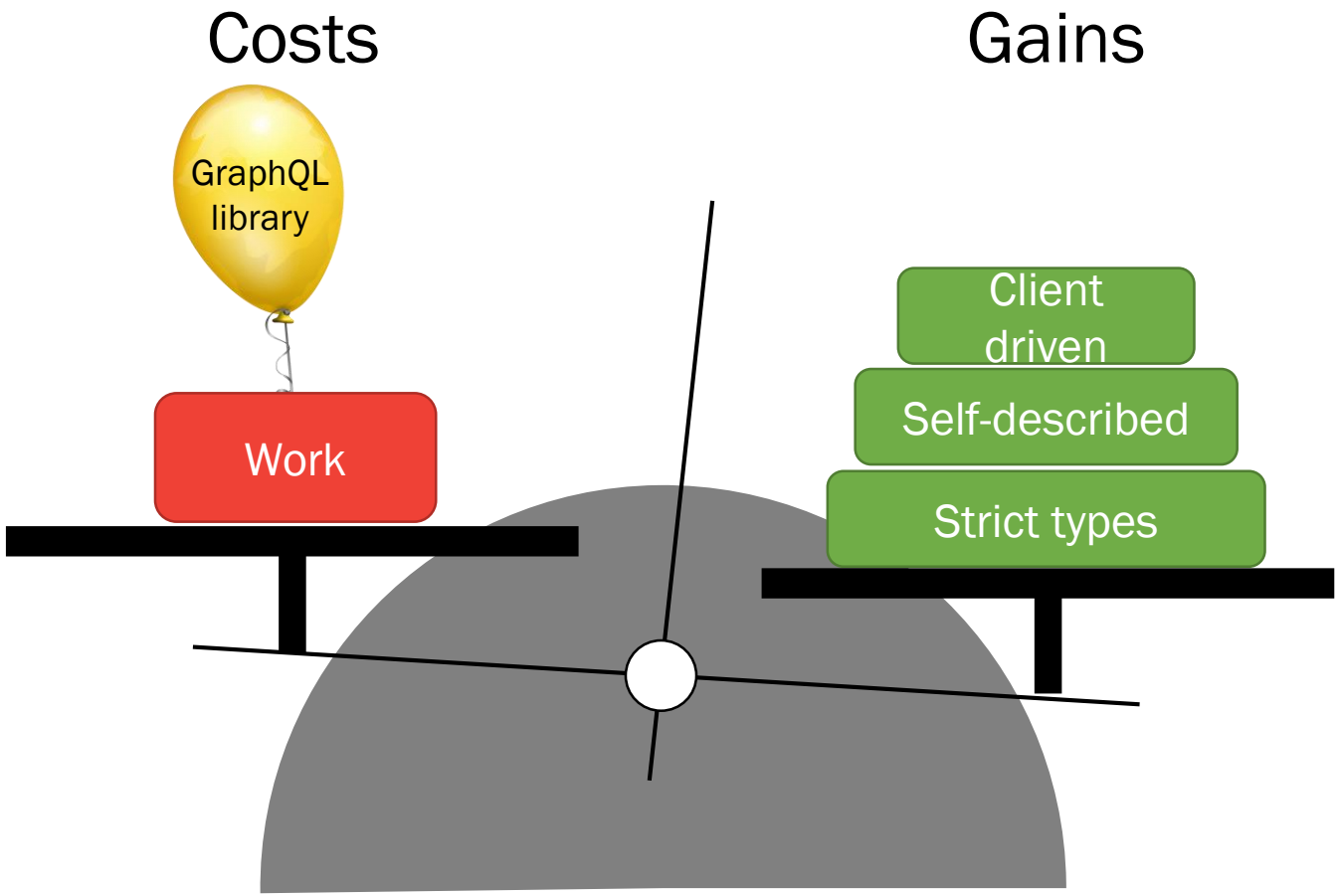
You need a wrapper library



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Strategies

Schema-first

- Design the GraphQL schema first
- Find a way to link it to your code

Code-first

- Design your domain code
- Generate the schema from the code

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Strategies

Schema-first

- Overblog GraphQL Bundle
- Lighthouse
- Railt

Code-first

- getpop/graphql
- API Platform
- GraphQLite

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Schema-first: Lighthouse (Laravel)

```
type User {
  name: String!
  posts: [Post!]! @hasMany
}

type Post {
  title: String!
  author: User @belongsTo
}

type Query {
  me: User @auth
  posts: [Post!]! @paginate
}

type Mutation {
  createPost(
    title: String @rules(apply: ["required", "min:2"])
    content: String @rules(apply: ["required", "min:12"])
  ): Post @create
}
```

- Define the GraphQL schema first
- Annotate the schema with “directives”
- The directives are binding the schema to Eloquent directly

Notes:

- Very tied to Eloquent
- Has support for subscriptions

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Code-first: API Platform (Symfony)

```php
/**
 * @ApiResource(
 *     attributes={
 *         "filters"={"offer.search_filter"}
 *     },
 *     graphql={
 *         "query"={
 *             "filters"={"offer.date_filter"}
 *          },
 *          "delete",
 *          "update",
 *          "create"
 *     }
 * )
 */
class Offer
{
    // ...
}
```

- Annotate your classes
- The GraphQL schema is generated from the annotations
- “REST” philosophy at the core of API Platform

Notes:

- Great if you want both a REST and a GraphQL API (you code it only once)
- Harder if you want fine grained control on the GraphQL schema
- Support for subscriptions is coming

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Picking a GraphQL library

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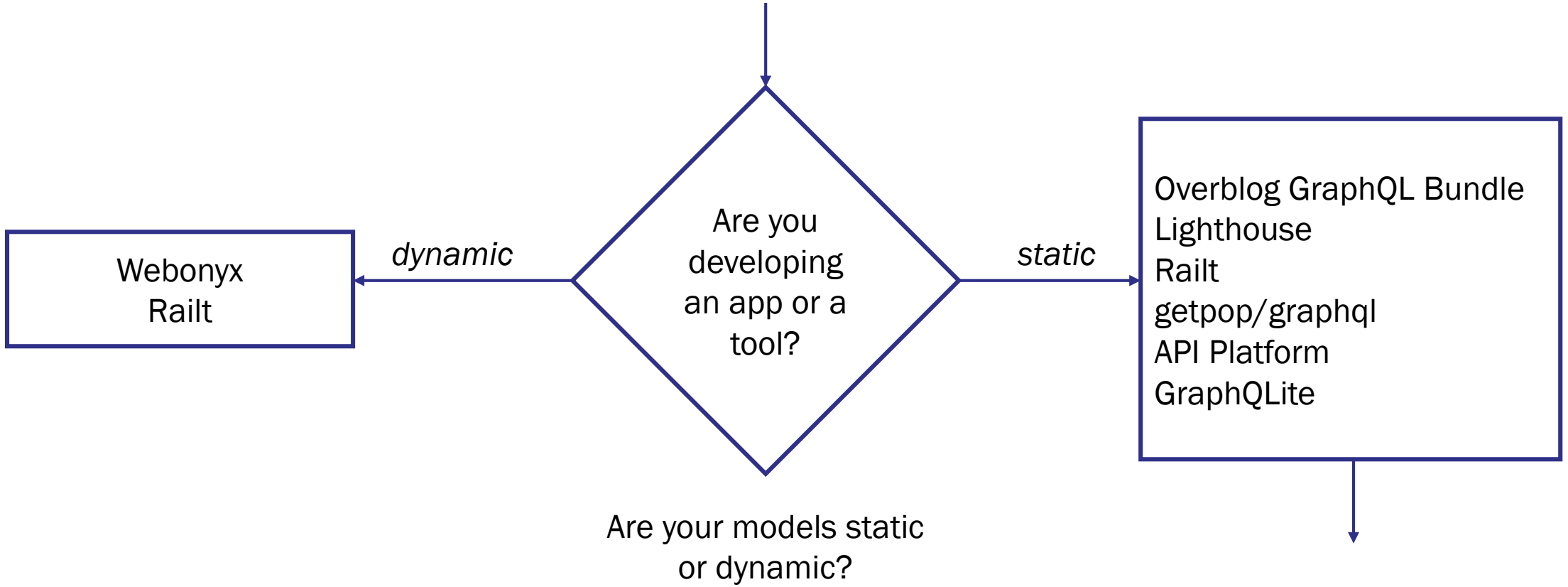

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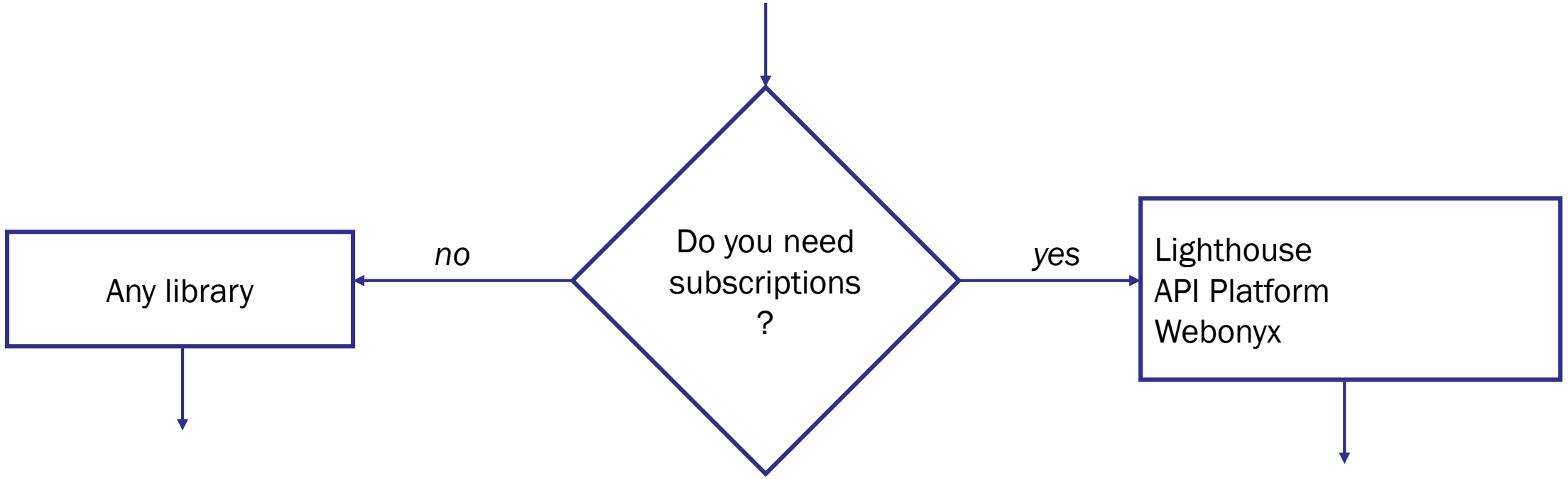

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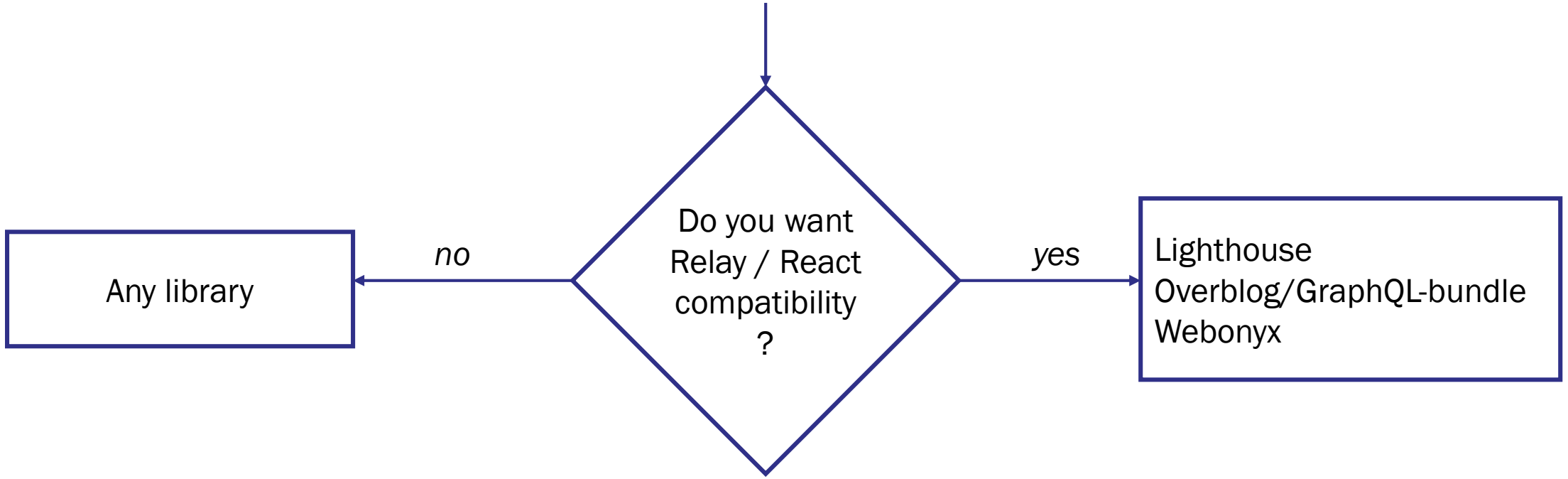

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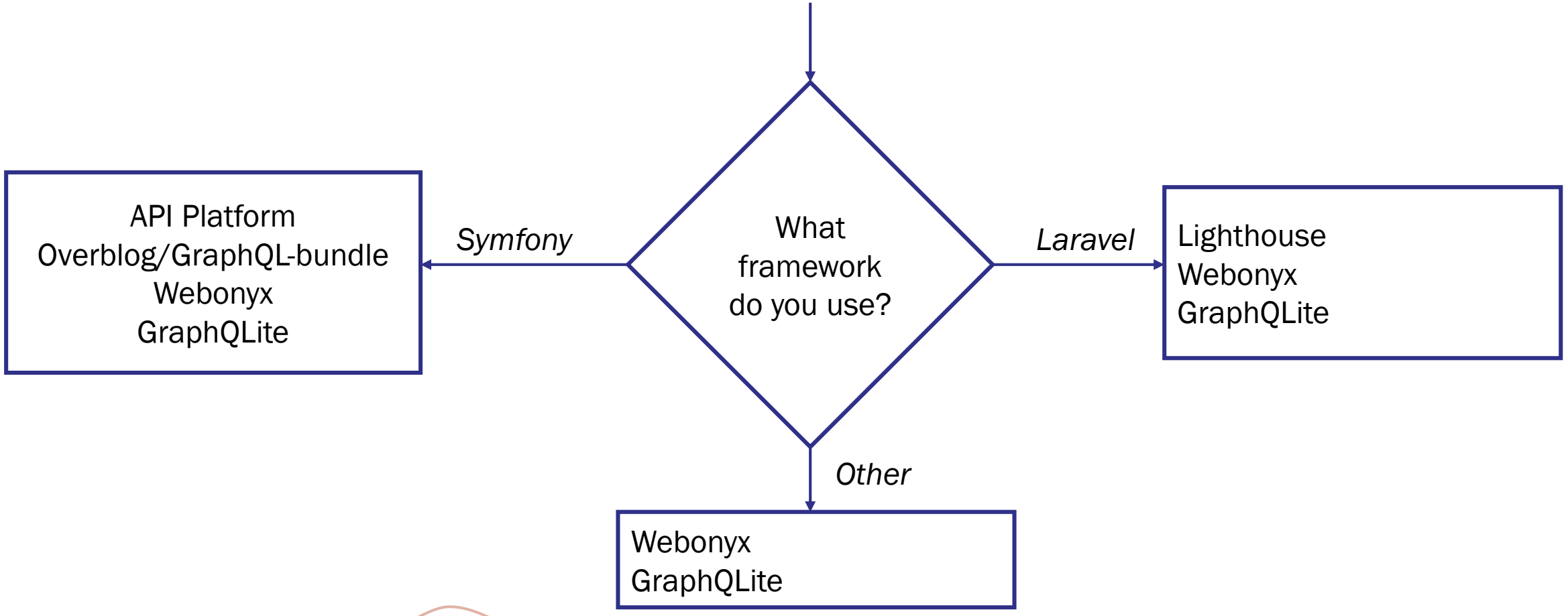

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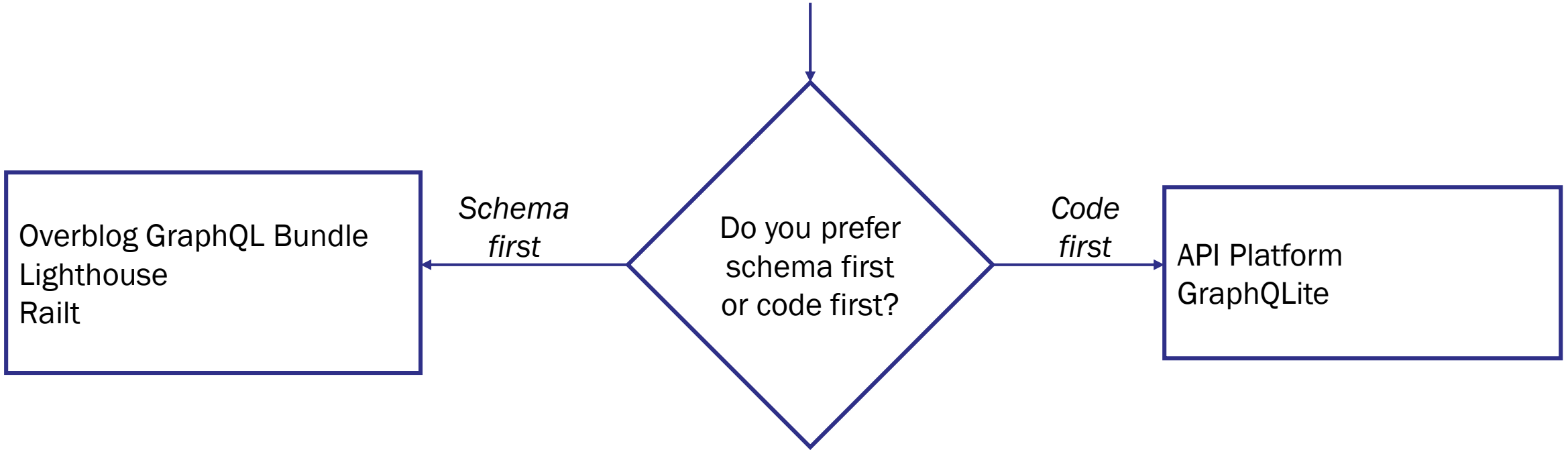

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The idea

Let’s imagine we want to do a simple “echo” query in PHP.

```
query {
  echo(message: "Hello World")
}
```

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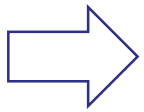
The idea

Using webonyx/GraphQL-PHP

```php
// We declare a "Query" type used to gather queries.
$queryType = new ObjectType([
    'name' => 'Query',
    'fields' => [
        // Let's add an "echo" field
        'echo' => [
            // This is the return type of the field
            'type' => Type::string(),
            // This is the list of arguments accepted by the field
            'args' => [
                'message' => Type::nonNull(Type::string()),
            ],
            // This is the method called when resolving the field.
            'resolve' => function ($root, $args) {
                return $root['prefix'] . $args['message'];
            }
        ],
    ],
]);
```



```
type Query {
    echo(message: String!): String
}
```

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The idea

The same “echo” method in pure PHP

```php
function echoMsg(string $message): string
{
    return $message;
}
```

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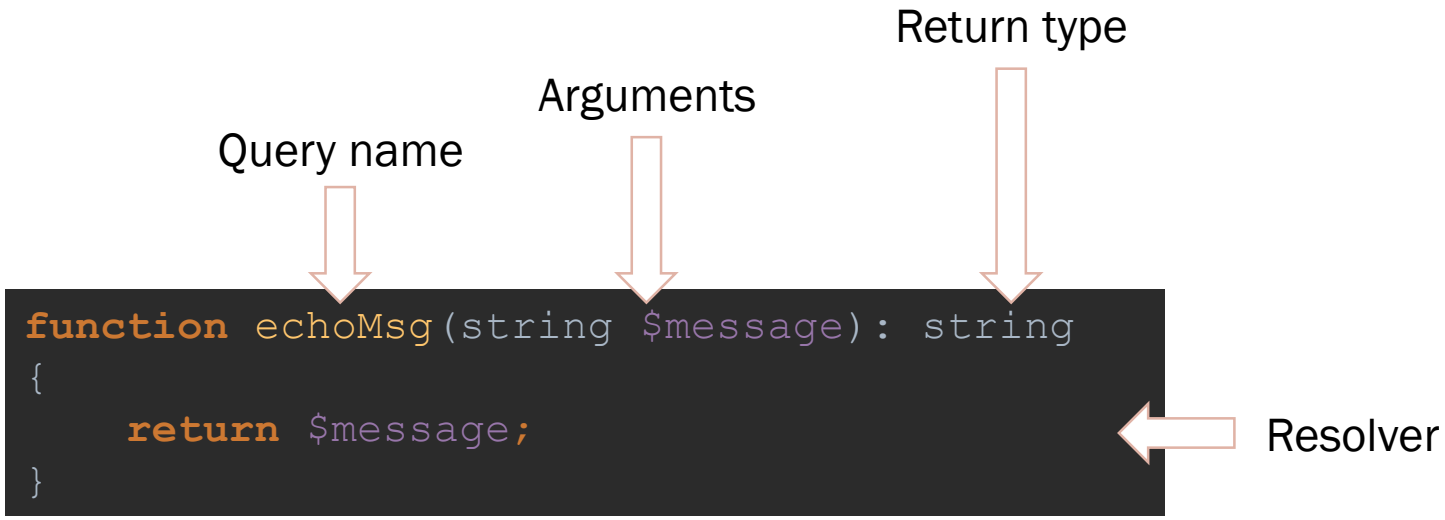
The idea

The same “echo” method in pure PHP



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 * @Query
 */
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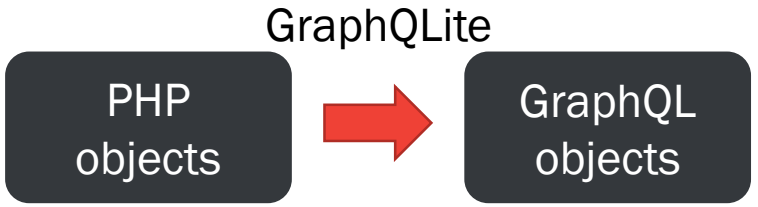
The idea

- PHP is **already typed.**
- We should be able to get types from PHP and convert them to a GraphQL schema



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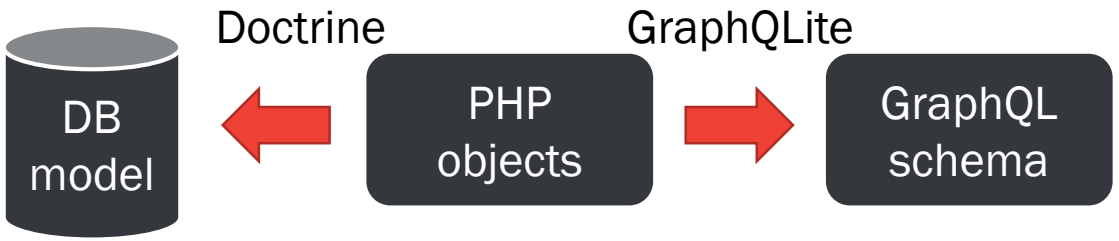
Works well with Doctrine

Bonus:

- It plays nice with Doctrine ORM too



- (it also plays nive with Eloquent and TDBM)

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GraphQLite is:

- Framework agnostic
  - Symfony bundle and Laravel package available
- PHP 7.2+
- Based on Webonyx/GraphQL-PHP

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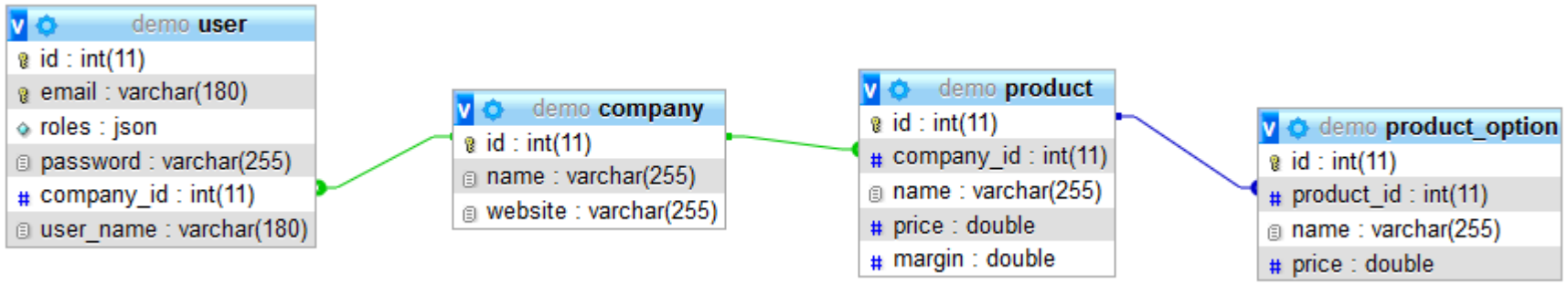
Our playground: a marketplace!



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Our playground

A call to “`docker-compose up`” will:

- Run “`composer install`”
- Initialize the DB model
- Fill the DB model with test data

You can therefore restart the environment at any point to reset the database.

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Our playground

Available endpoints:

- http://localhost:81 ➔ Symfony
- http://localhost:82 ➔ PhpMyAdmin
- http://localhost:83 ➔ Svelte front-end
- http://localhost:84 ➔ React front-end

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HE WANTS HIS MARKETPLACE DONE.

FAST.

First query

```php
namespace App\GraphqlController;


use App\Entity\Company;
use App\Repository\CompanyRepository;
use Porpaginas\Doctrine\ORM\ORMQueryResult;
use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Query;

class CompanyController
{
    /**
     * @var CompanyRepository
     */
    private CompanyRepository $companyRepository;

    public function __construct(CompanyRepository $companyRepository)
    {
        $this->companyRepository = $companyRepository;
    }

    /**
     * @Query()
     */
    public function getCcompanies(?string $search)
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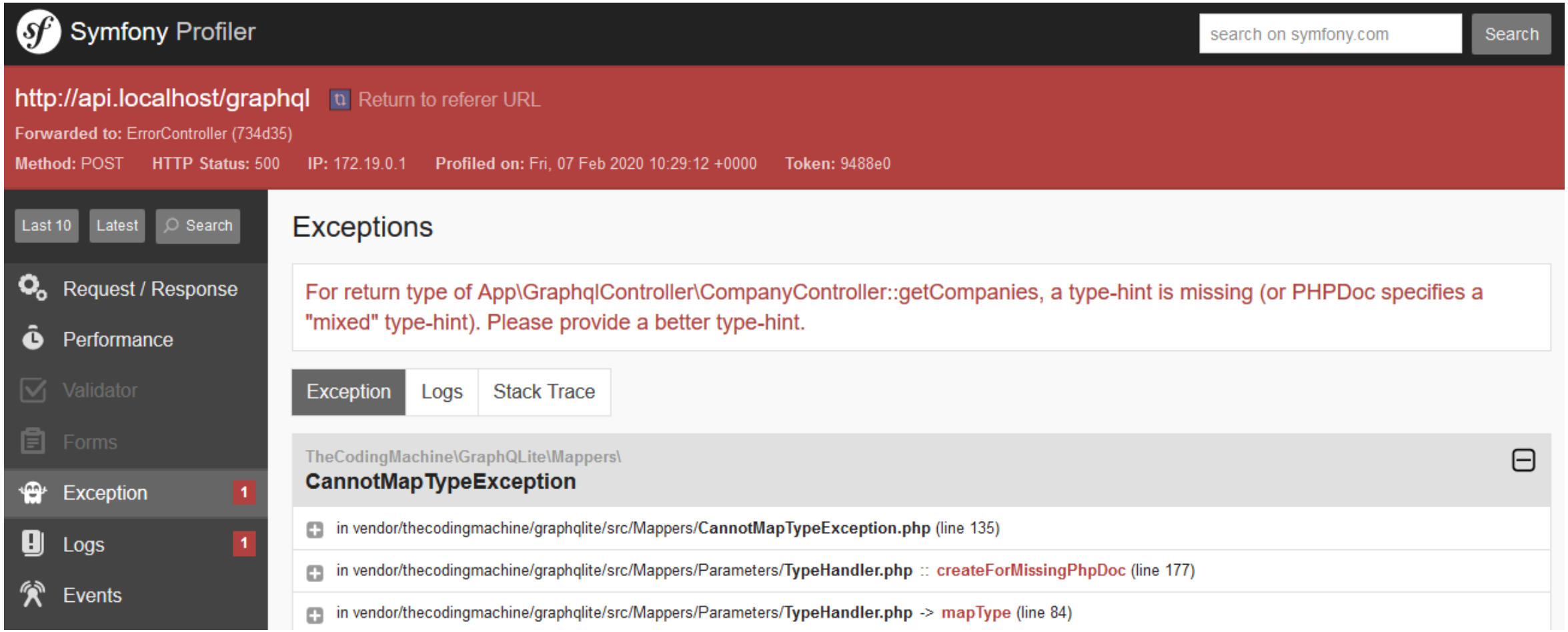

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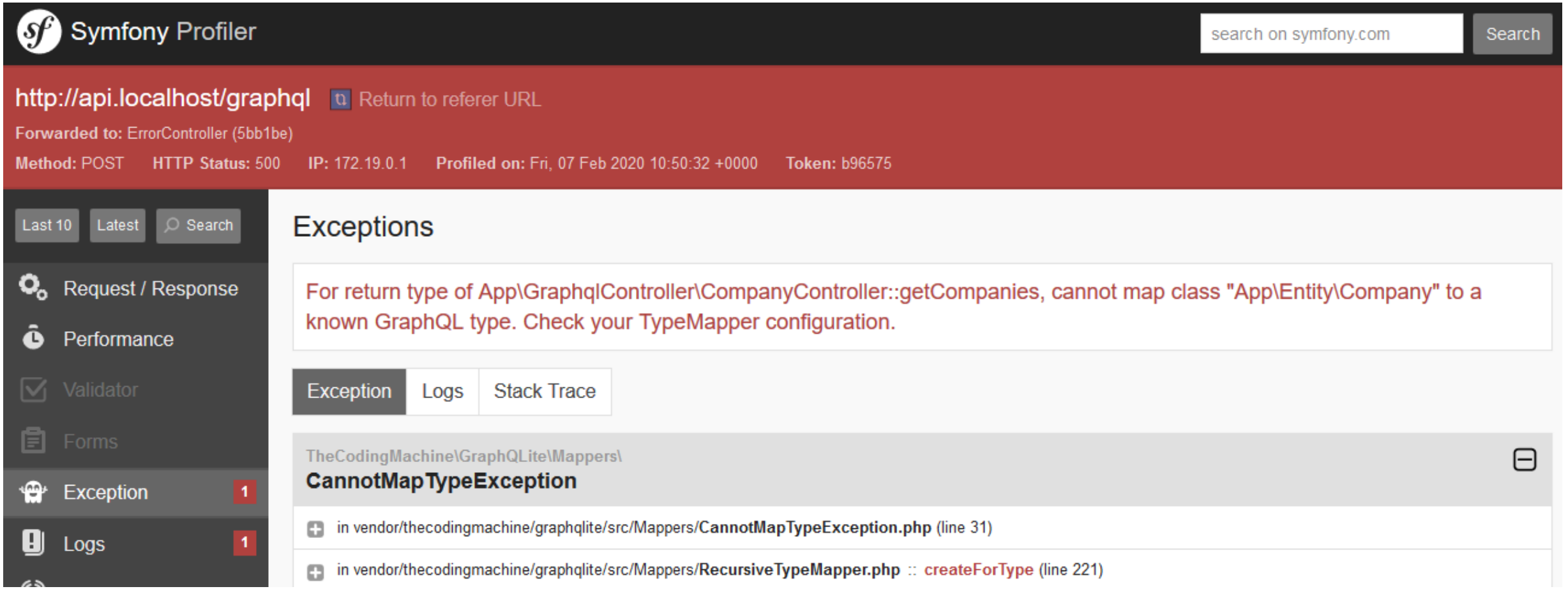

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```php
<?php

namespace App\Entity;

use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Field;
use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Type;

/**
 * @Type()
 * @ORM\Entity(repositoryClass="App\Repository\CompanyRepository")
 */
class Company
{
    /**
     * @Field()
     */
    public function getId(): ?int
    {
        return $this->id;
    }

    /**
     * @Field()
     */
    public function getName(): ?string
    {
        return $this->name;
    }

    /**
     * @Field()
     */
    public function getWebsite(): ?string
    {
        return $this->website;
    }
```

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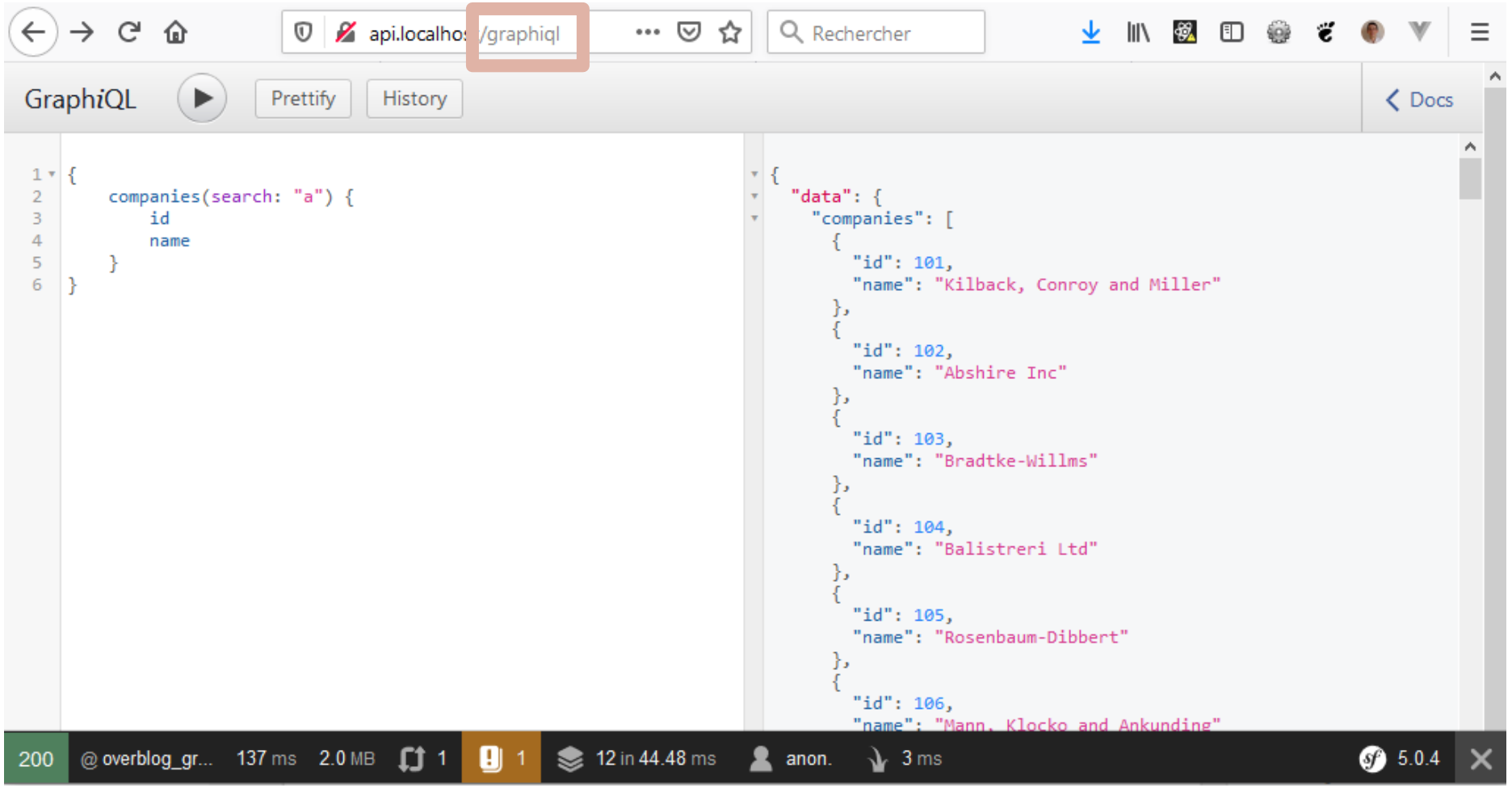
First query



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First query

```php
/**
 * @Type()
*/
class Company
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Field()
     * @return Product[]
     */
    public function getProducts()
    {
        return $this->products;
    }
}
```

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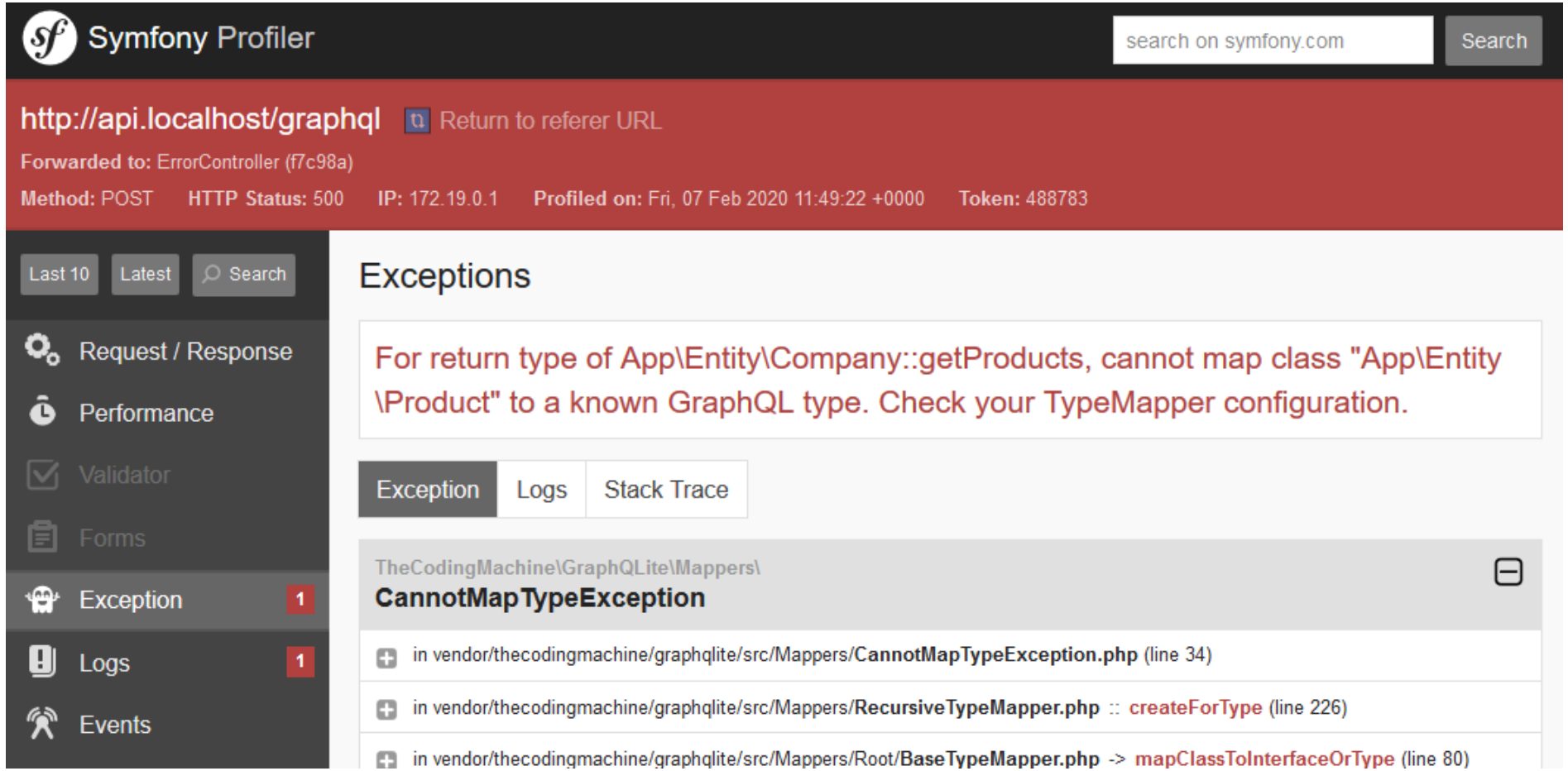

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First query

```php
<?php

namespace App\Entity;

use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Field;
use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Type;

/**
 * @Type()
 */
class User implements UserInterface
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Field(outputType="ID!")
     */
    public function getId(): int
    {
        return $this->id;
    }

    /**
     * @Field()
     */
    public function getLogin(): string
    {
        return $this->login;
    }
    // …
```

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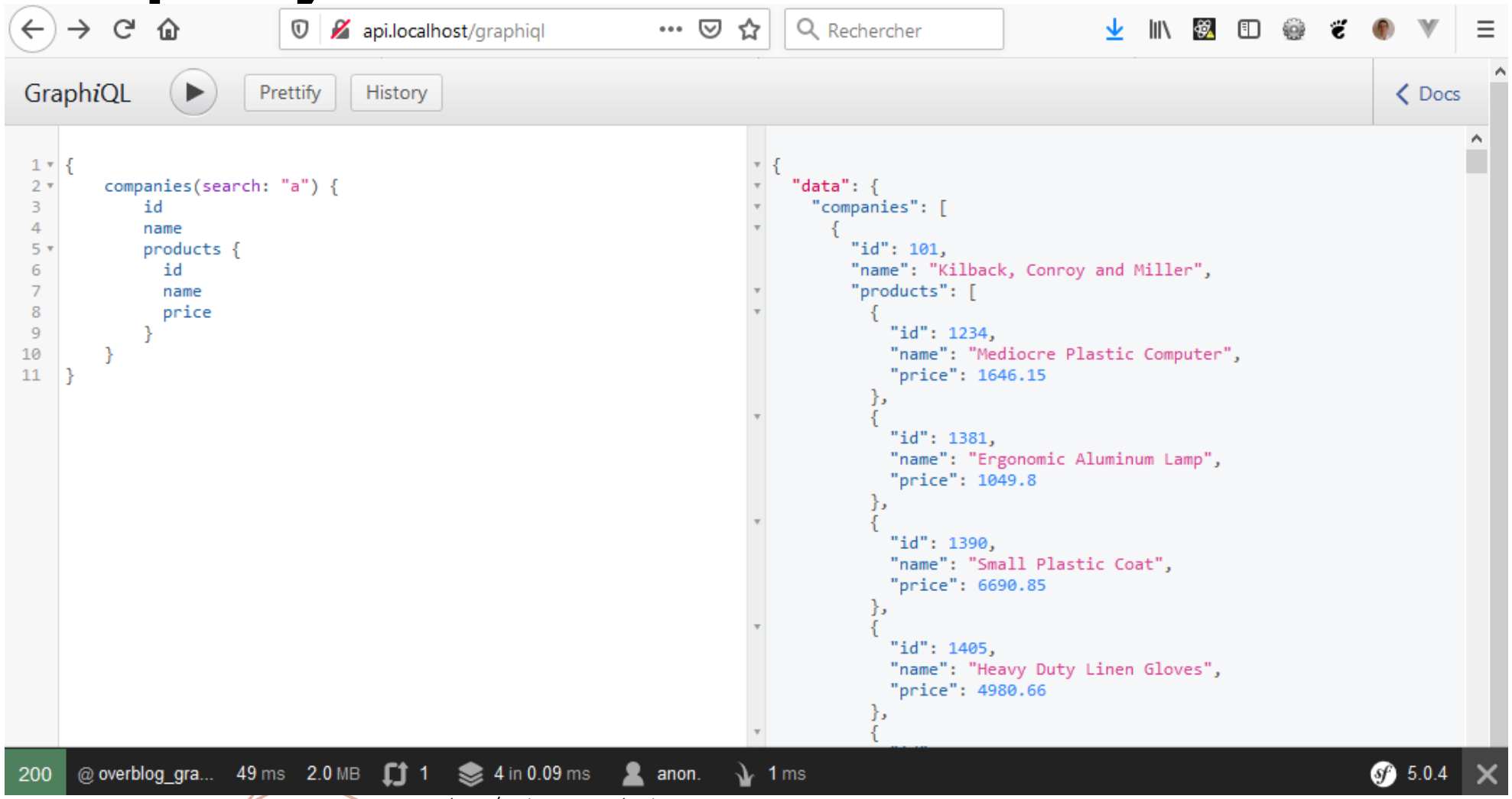

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MY LIST OF COMPANIES IS HUGE!
GIVE ME PAGINATION! NOW!

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Pagination using input arguments

Since we can pass any argument in a function, it is quite easy to add a “limit” and an “offset” parameters:

```php
/**
 * @Query()
 * @return Company[]
 */
public function getCompanies(
    ?string $search,
    int $limit = 100,
    int $offset = 0)
{
    // ...
}
```

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Native pagination

Actually, you don’t even have to bother adding pagination as GraphQLite integrates natively with Porpaginas.

Porpaginas is a generic pagination interface.

(and Porpaginas integrates with Doctrine queries)

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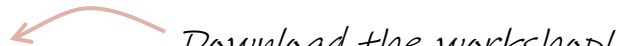

Native pagination

```php
use Porpaginas\Doctrine\ORM\ORMQueryResult;

class CompanyController
{
    /**
     * @Query()
     * @return ORMQueryResult|Company[]
     */
    public function getCcompanies(?string $search): ORMQueryResult
    {
        return new ORMQueryResult($this->companyRepository->search($search));
    }
}
```

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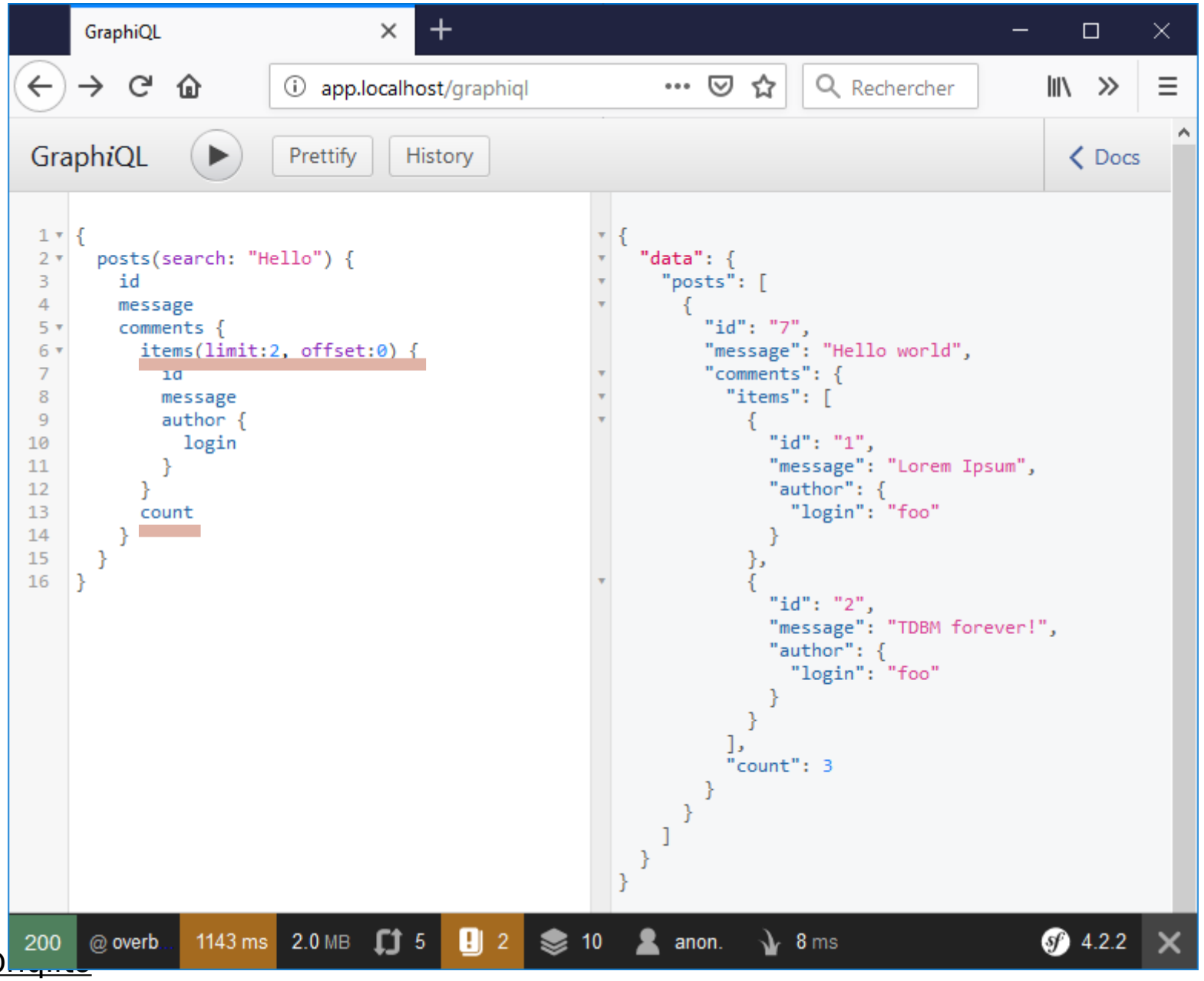

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Authentication

GraphQLite – Symfony integration comes with 3 operations:

- “me” query
- “login” mutation
- “logout” mutation

You can use those as soon as Symfony security is setup.

```
mutation login {
  login(
      userName:"user1@example.com",
      password:"password") {
    userName
  }
}
```

```
query me {
  me {
    userName
    roles
  }
}
```

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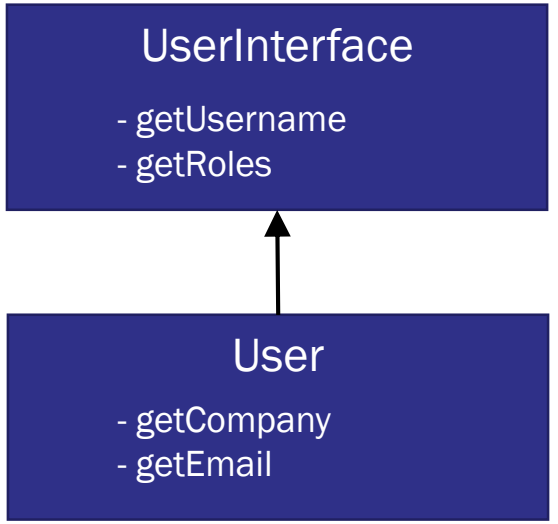
Authentication

The “me” query returns a Symfony “UserInterface”

Therefore, you cannot directly access the “company” or the “email” field from the “me” query



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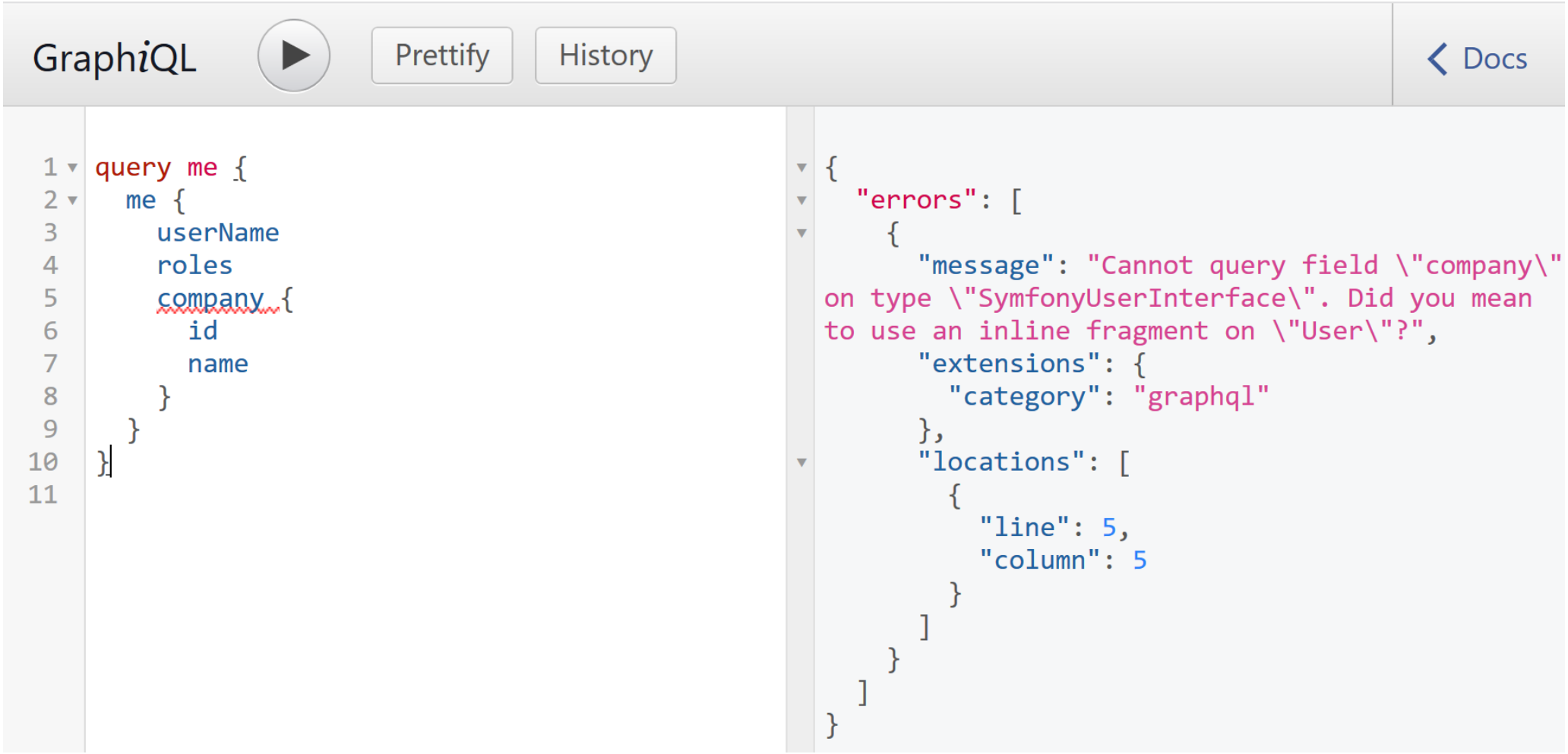

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Authentication

To access fields from the “User” class you need to use a GraphQL “**fragment**”.

A “fragment” allows you to access fields from implementations from an interface

```
query me {
  me {
    userName
    roles
    ... on User {
      id
      company {
        id
        name
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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I WANT THE USER LIST PROTECTED!

Authorization

```php
use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Right;

class UserController
{
    //…
    /**
     * @Query()
     * @Right("ROLE_ADMIN")
     * @return ORMQueryResult|User[]
     */
    public function users(?string $search)
    {
        return new ORMQueryResult($this->userRepository->search($search));
    }
}
```

@Right annotations should be used with @Field too!

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Fine grained authorization

Sometimes, you need to grant access to a resource based on complex rules.

For instance:

“I can view only emails from my users in my own company”

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Fine grained authorization

```php
/**
 * @Type()
*/
class User implements UserInterface, Serializable
{
    //…
    /**
     * @Field()
     * @Security("this.getCompany() == user.getCompany()", failWith=null)
    */
    public function getEmail(): ?string
    {
        return $this->email;
    }
}
```

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Fine grained authorization (using voters)

```php
/**
 * @Type()
*/
class User implements UserInterface, Serializable
{
    //…
    /**
     * @Field()
     * @Security("is_granted('email', this)", failWith=null)
    */
    public function getEmail(): ?string
    {
        return $this->email;
    }
}
```

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Fine grained authorization

Notice how security annotations are directly added to the model rather than at the controller level.

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WE NEED TO COMPUTE THE VAT!
FOR EVERY PRODUCT! NOW!

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Improving our sample

GraphQLite makes it trivial to compute a "dynamic" field.

In our application, let's add a field to the "Product" type that computes the VAT of a product:

```php
class Product
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Field()
     */
    public function getVat(): float
    {
        return $this->price * 0.2;
    }
}
```

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Improving our sample

But sometimes, you need extra logic.

Your logic depends on complex services and does not belong to an entity / a model.

You need to access **a service** from a @Field annotated method in an entity.

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Improving our sample

```
class Product
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Field()
     * @Autowire(for="$vatService")
     */
    public function getVat(VatService $vatService): float
    {
        return $vatService->getVat($this);
    }
}
```

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SERVICES IN YOUR MODEL?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

Improving our sample

Our `getVat` method requires directly the `VatService` class. This is not ideal because our entity is supposed to be independent of any service now depends on an external service.

Our models should be independent of any service. We can reach this independence by using interfaces (dependency inversion principle).

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Improving our sample

```php
class Product
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Field()
     * @Autowire(for="$vatService")
     */
    public function getVat(VatServiceInterface $vatService): float
    {
        return $vatService->getVat($this);
    }
}
```

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GraphQL on the client side

There are 2 strategies:

Lightweight client

- Simple wrapper around “fetch”

Full featured client

- Cache
- Typescript types generation…

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GraphQL on the client side

There are 2 strategies:

Lightweight client

- Urql
- FetchQL
- GraphQL-Request

Full featured client

- Apollo (framework-agnostic)
- Relay (React only)

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GraphQL on the client side
About Relay

Relay is the GraphQL client from Facebook.

It comes with a set of restrictions on the GraphQL schema.

To use Relay, you need a GraphQL server compatible with Relay (like *Lighthouse* or *Overblog/GraphQL-bundle*)

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Zoom on Apollo

- Apollo has bindings with:
  - Angular
  - React
  - VueJS
  - Svelte

- You bundle a React/Angular/Vue component in a Apollo component and Apollo takes in charge the query to the server

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GraphQL on the client side – with types!

- GraphQL has types.
- Typescript has types.

- It makes a lot of sense to propagate types from GraphQL to typescript:

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GraphQL on the client side – with types!

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Generating queries and types

```
$ docker-compose exec front-react yarn run codegen
yarn run v1.16.0
$ graphql-codegen --config codegen.yml
  ✔ Parse configuration
  ✔ Generate outputs
Done in 7.30s.
```

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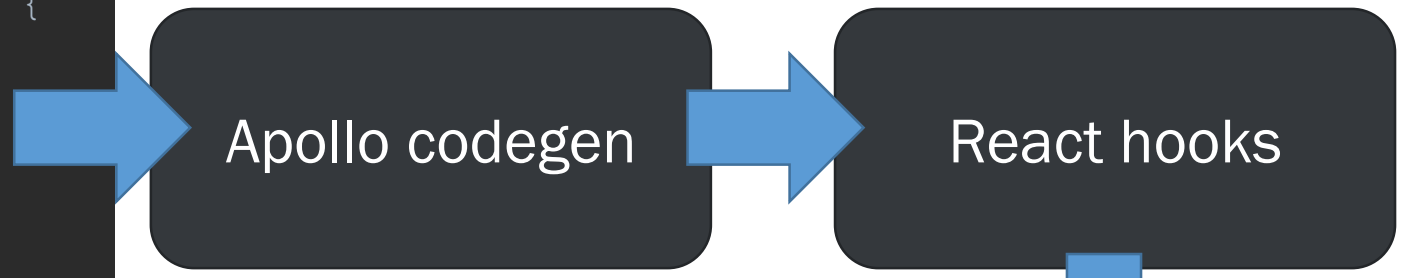
Generating queries and types

query.graphql

```
query companies($search: String!) {
    companies(search: $search) {
        items(limit:10, offset: 0) {
            id
            name
            website
        }
        count
    }
}
```




```
const { data, error, loading } = useCompaniesQuery(
    { variables: { search: props.search } }
    );
```

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```
import * as React from 'react';
import {useCompaniesQuery} from '../../generated/graphql';
import CompanyList from './CompanyList';

interface Props {
    search: string;
}

const CompanyListContainer: React.FC<Props> = (props: Props) =>
{
    const { data, error, loading } = useCompaniesQuery(
        { variables: { search: props.search } }
        );

    if (loading) {
        return <div>Loading...</div>;
    }

    if (error || !data) {
        return <div>ERROR</div>;
    }

    return <CompanyList data={data} />;
};

export default CompanyListContainer;
```

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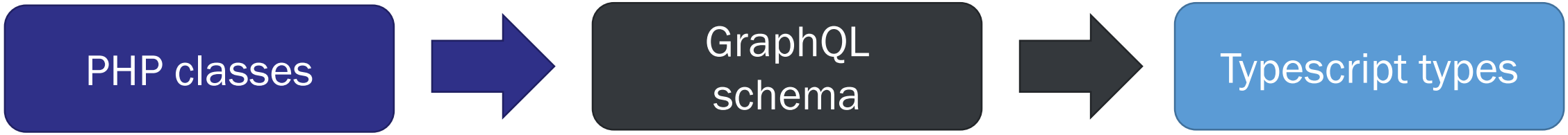
End-to-end typing

- With GraphQLite + Apollo + Typescript, we can propagate types from the server to the client side



- This is **insanely cool**. You get:
  - Autocompletion in your IDE
  - Checking of your code at compilation time
  - Extremely easy refactoring

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But where is Redux?

- Apollo comes internally with its own store.
- Redux is really less useful with Apollo and you can simply scrap ~90% of your reducers.
- Still useful for niche places (like managing the current logged user)

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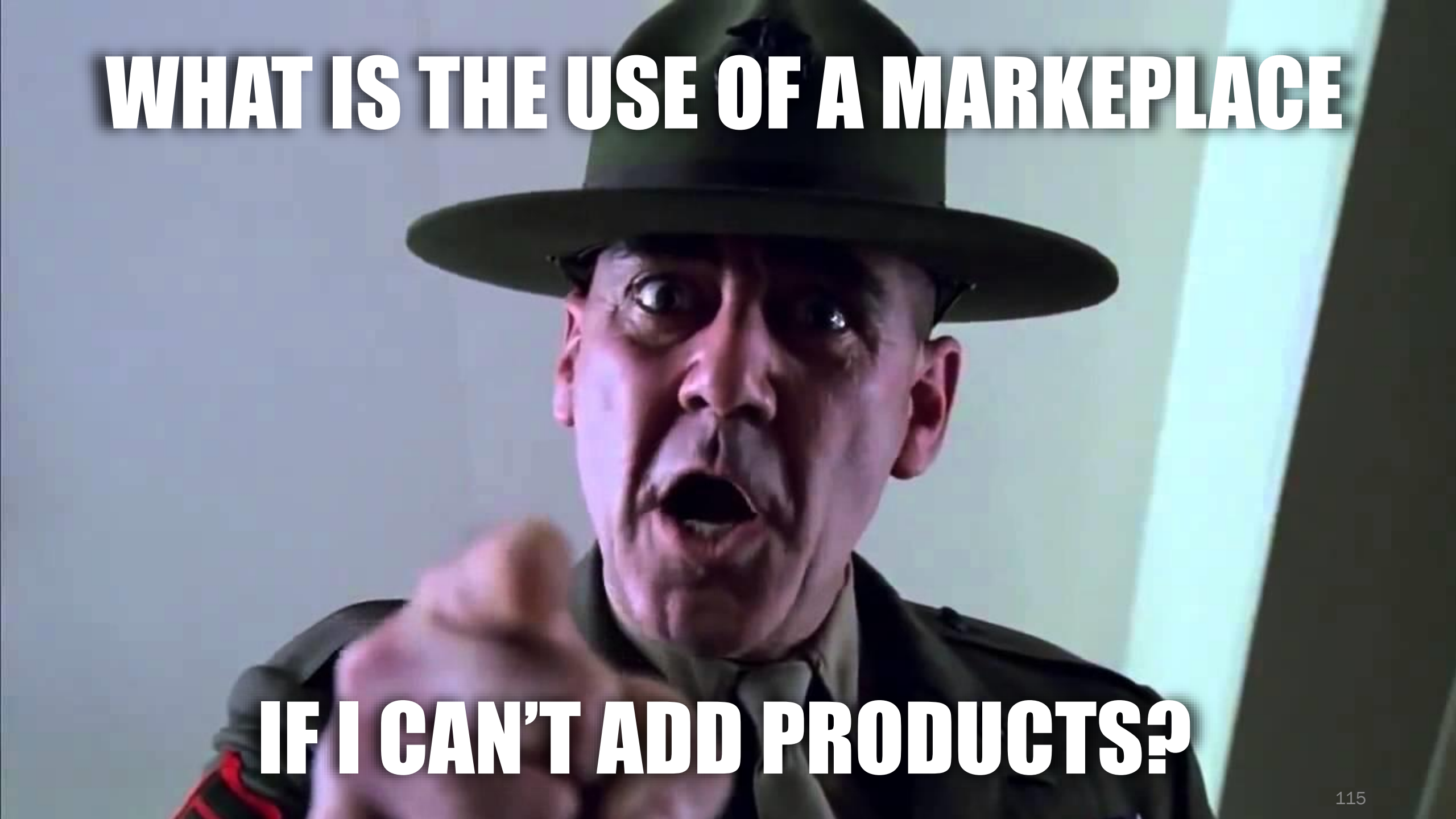
WHAT IS THE USE OF A MARKEPLACE
IF I CAN'T ADD PRODUCTS?

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Mutations

Use a mutation to change the state of your application.

Mutations are similar to queries, only the annotation changes.

It means mutations MUST return a value.

```
class ProductController
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Mutation()
     */
    public function createProduct(
            string $name,
            float $price,
            int $companyId): Product
    {
        $product = new Product($name,
            $this->companyRepository->
                find($companyId));
        $product->setPrice($price);
        $this->em->persist($product);
        $this->em->flush();
        return $product;
    }
}
```

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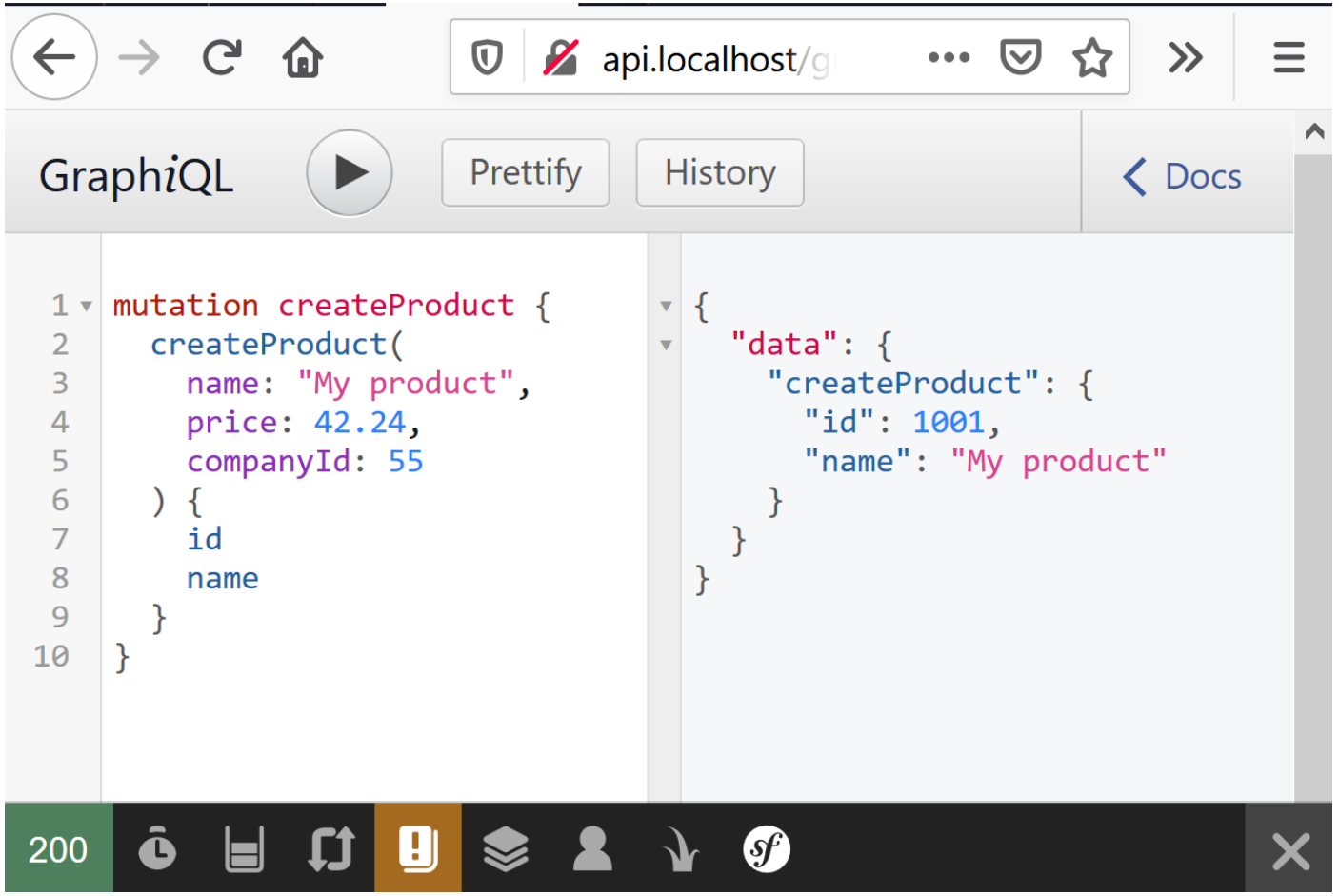

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Mutations

GraphQLite maps function arguments to the GraphQL model. Therefore, you don't need any serializer / deserializer!

GraphQLite maps automatically scalar types (int, string, float…)

But it needs some help to map objects passed as arguments.

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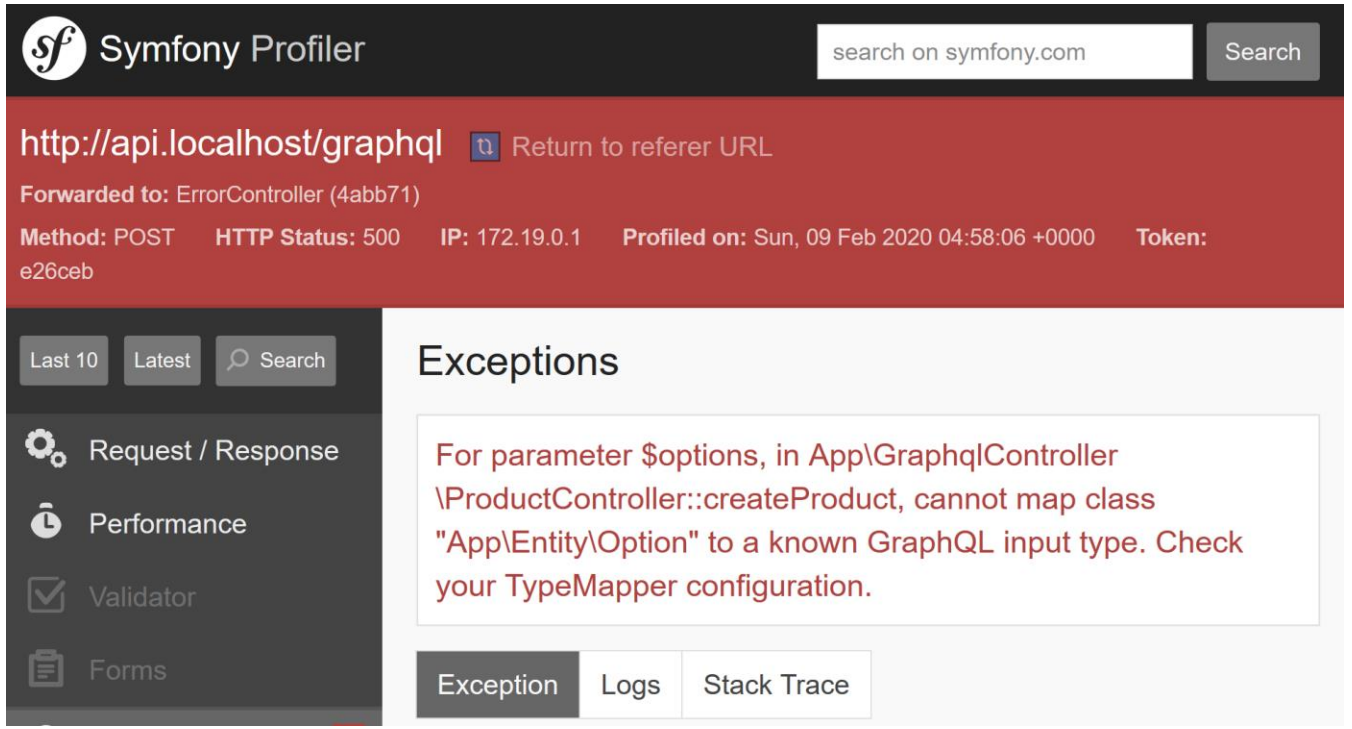
Mutations

```php
/**
 * @Mutation()
 * @param Option[] $options
 */
public function createProduct(
        string $name,
        float $price,
        int $companyId,
        array $options = []): Product
{
    // …
}
```



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Mutations

In GraphQL, objects that are passed in argument to fields/functions are called "**input type**".

To define an input type in GraphQLite, we use the **@Factory** annotation.

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Mutations

```php
use TheCodingMachine\GraphQLite\Annotations\Factory;

class ProductController
{
    // …

    /**
     * @Factory()
     */
    public function optionFactory(string $name, float $price): Option
    {
        return new Option($name, $price);
    }
}
```

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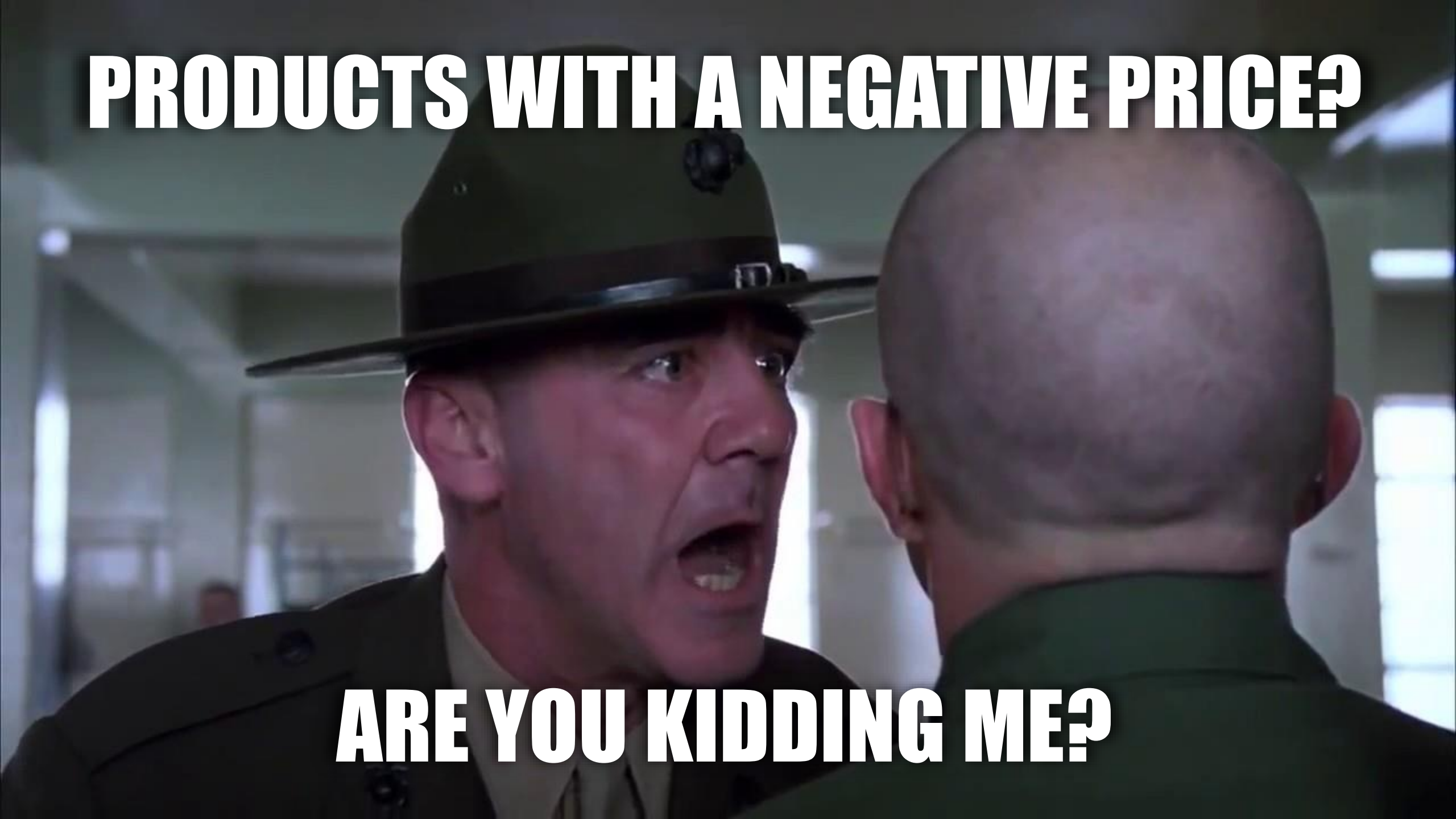
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Validation

The GraphQL type system validates automatically the structure of the data passed by our client.

However, the client could still pass garbage data.

Let's add validation!

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Validation

The easiest way to add validation is to throw exceptions if data is not valid.

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Validation

```php
/**
 * @Mutation()
 * @param Option[] $options
 */
public function createProduct(
    string $name,
    float $price,
    int $companyId,
    array $options): Product
{
    if ($name === '') {
        throw new GraphQLException('Empty product names are not allowed', 400);
    }
    if ($price < 0) {
        throw new GraphQLException('The price must be positive', 400);
    }
    // ...
}
```

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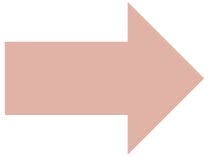
```
mutation createProduct {
  createProduct(
    name: "",
    price: -12,
    companyId: 55
  ) {
    id
  }
}
```



```
{
  "errors": [
    {
      "message": "Empty product names
                  are not allowed",
      "extensions": {
        "category": "Exception"
      },
      "locations": [
        {
          "line": 59,
          "column": 3
        }
      ],
      "path": [
        "createProduct"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

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Validation

GraphQLite integrates with validation system from Symfony and Laravel.

So validation works differently based on your framework.

In Symfony, GraphQLite relies on the symfony/validator component.

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Validation

```php
use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints as Assert;

class Product
{
    /**
     * @ORM\Column(type="string", length=255)
     * @Assert\NotBlank()
     */
    private string $name;

    /**
     * @ORM\Column(type="float", nullable=true)
     * @Assert\GreaterThanOrEqual(0)
     */
    private ?float $price;
}
```

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Validation

```php
/**
 * @Mutation()
 * @param Option[] $options
 */
public function createProduct(
        string $name,
        float $price,
        int $companyId,
        array $options = []): Product
{
    // …
    // Let's validate the product
    $errors = $this->validator->validate($product);
    // Throw an appropriate GraphQL exception if validation errors are encountered
    ValidationFailedException::throwException($errors);
    // …
}
```

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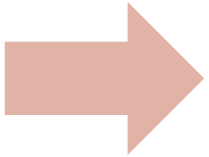
Validation

```
mutation createProduct {
  createProduct(
    name: "",
    price: -12,
    companyId: 55
  ) {
    id
  }
}
```



```
{
  "errors": [
    {
      "message": "This value
                  should not be blank.",
      "extensions": {
        "field": "name",
        "category": "Validate"
      },
      // ...
    },
    {
      "message": "This value should be
            greater than or equal to 0.",
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    }
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}
```

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Validation

Once again, we managed to push the validation rules on the model layer (instead of keeping them in the controller).

This is great, as these validation rules (like the fact that a price cannot be negative) clearly belongs to the model.

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Hands on time!

- Getting started
- Pagination
- Authentication / Authorisation
- Autowiring
- The front-end side
- Mutations
- Performance

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Performance

Try running this query:

```
query companies {
  companies(search: "") {
    items(limit:100, offset: 0) {
      id
      name
      products {
        name
        price
        vat
      }
    }
    count
  }
}
```

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```

You will see 1 query to fetch companies and 100 queries to fetch the products!

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Resolver (methods annotated with @Field) are called once per object.

It is very easy to create GraphQL queries that generate a huge number of SQL queries.

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Performance

A common pattern used by GraphQL servers to avoid the “N+1” queries problem is to use the “data-loader” pattern.

With the "data-loader" pattern, we run only one giant query to fetch the “products”, passing all the IDs in one giant "WHERE ... IN (...)" request.

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```php
class Company
{
    /**
     * @Field(prefetchMethod="prefetchProducts")
     * @return Product[]
     */
    public function getProducts($sortedProducts)
    {
        return $sortedProducts[$this->getId()] ?? [];
    }

    /**
     * @param Company[] $companies
     * @Autowire(for="$productRepository")
     * @return array<int, array<Product>>
     */
    public function prefetchProducts(iterable $companies, ProductRepository $productRepository)
    {
        $products = $productRepository->findByCompanies($companies);

        $sortedProducts = [];
        foreach ($products as $product) {
            $sortedProducts[$product->getCompany()->getId()][] = $product;
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```

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```php
class ProductRepository extends ServiceEntityRepository
{

    /**
     * @param Company[] $companies
     */
    public function findByCompanies(array $companies)
    {
        $ids = array_map(function(Company $company) {
            return $company->getId();
        }, $companies);

        return $this->createQueryBuilder('p')
            ->join(Company::class, 'c')
            ->andWhere('c.id IN (:values)')
            ->setParameter('values', $ids)
            ->getQuery()
            ->getResult()
            ;
    }
}
```

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```

Success! The 100 queries have been turned in a unique query!

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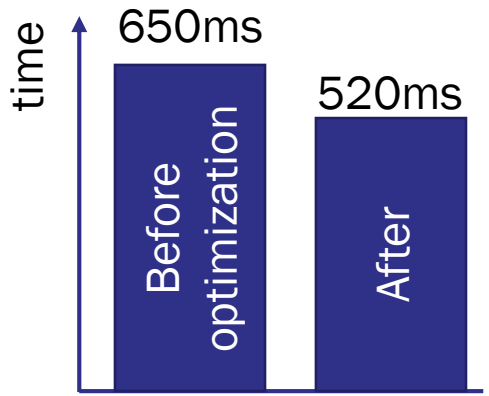
Performance

Beware! You should always time your queries after applying an optimization!



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Data-loader pattern: some problems

The “data-loader” pattern is far from perfect:

- Unlike all other features, it puts some GraphQL peculiarities right into your models (not good)
- It is not extremely easy to understand

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Performance: solutions?

The “N+1” problem is not specific to GraphQL.

It is a recurring problem of all ORMs.

The code below triggers “N+1” calls.

```
$users = $userRepository->findAll();
foreach ($users as $user) {
    echo $user->getName().' lives in '.$user->getCountry()->getLabel()."\n";
}
```

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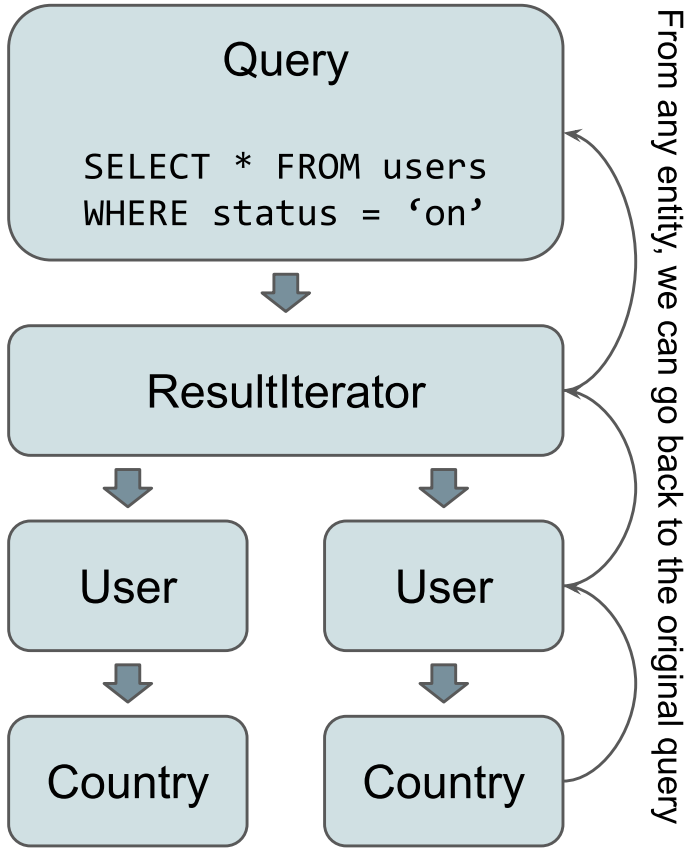
Performance: solutions?

Hot take:
This problem should be solved at the ORM level and not at the GraphQL level!

If from an entity, we could go back to the query that generated it, it would be possible to do “eager lazy loading”.



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Performance: solutions?

Doctrine ORM does not support this notion of "eager lazy loading", but a few ORMs can:

- NotORM
- Nette Database Explorer
- Laravel JIT loader
- TDBM 5.3 (work in progress)

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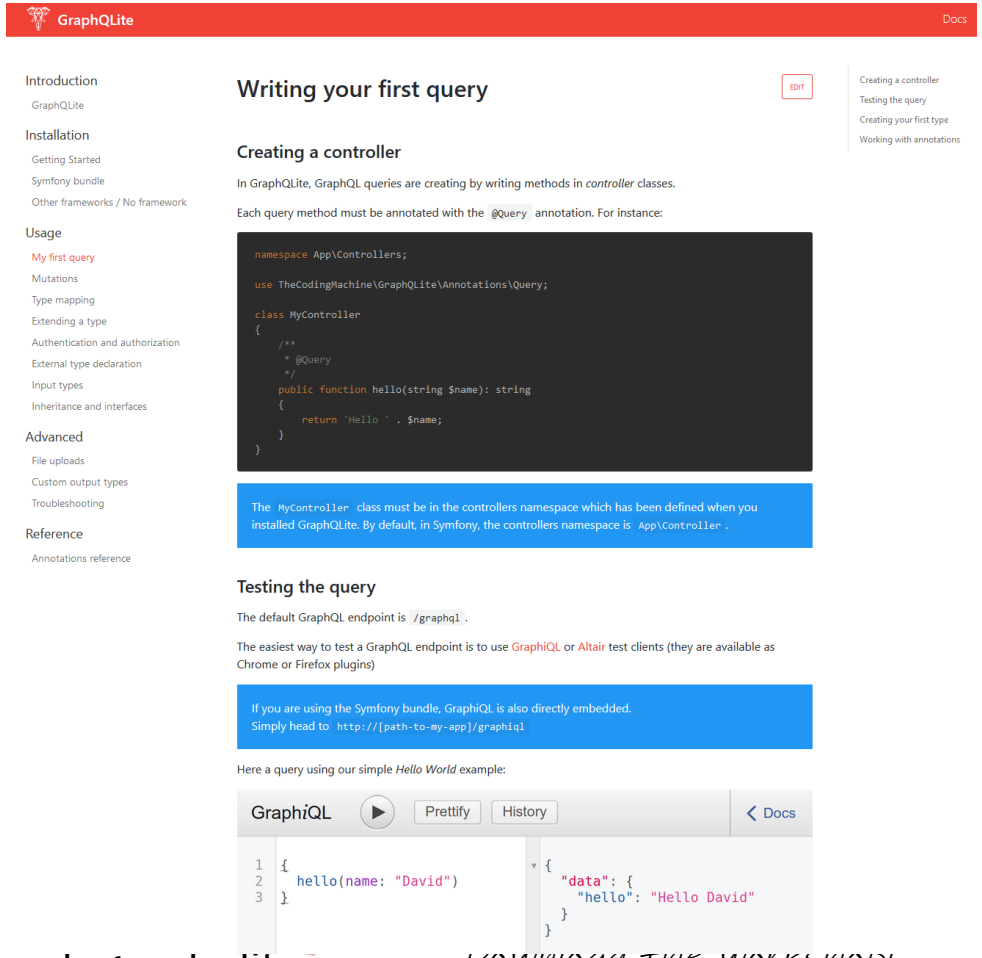

- Enum support
- File uploads
- Union types
- Declaring a type without annotating the PHP class
- DateTime type mapping
- Inheritance and interfaces

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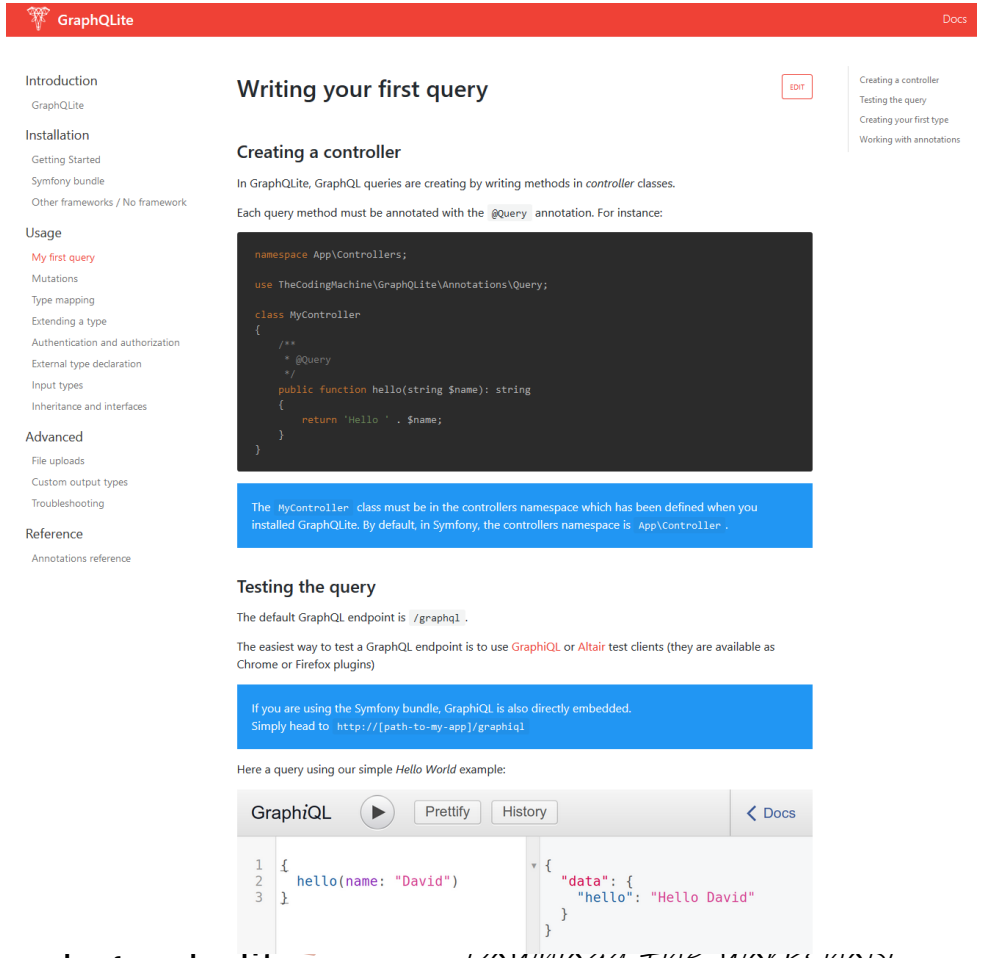
What's next?



- Support for subscriptions (real-time GraphQL)
- A simple to use JS client
- An ORM that solves natively the N+1 problem

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- GraphQLite makes it trivial to write a GraphQL API. It is now easier to start a GraphQL API than a REST API! \o/
- GraphQL makes a lot of sense for most of our projects because it eases the separation between front-end and back-end
- And the tooling in JS/TS is awesome

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GraphQL everywhere?

- Performance warning! GraphQL itself is fast but…
- N+1 problem
- It is easy to write slow queries ➔ Warning with front facing websites.

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GraphQL everywhere?

- Two strategies available to avoid the “N+1” problem:
  - Analyzing the GraphQL query and “joining” accordingly
  - Or the “data-loader” pattern
- But the real answer will come from ORMs
- + a need to set limits on the queries complexity to avoid “rogue” queries

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