Building a GraphQL Server with Spring Boot



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Overview



Query language for APIs

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GraphQL server

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Exception Handling

GraphiQL



GraphQL Overview



Overview



REST is a popular way to expose data



REST is very rigid



GraphQL offers greater flexibility



GraphQL

GraphQL is a query language for APIs or a syntax that describes how to ask for data.



Features



Allows client to specify the exact data needed



Aggregation of data from multiple sources



No longer required to call multiple APIs for needed data



GraphQL offers maximum efficiency and flexibility



Sample Query

```
"data":
findAllApplications
                                "findAllApplications":
      id
                                 [ { "id": "1"},
                                   { "id": "2"}]
```

Sample Query

```
"data":
findAllApplications
                                 "findAllApplications":
       id
                                   [ { "id": "1" ,
       owner
                                   "owner": "Kesha"},
                                     { "id": "2",
                                   "owner": "Jane }]
```

Dependencies



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```
<dependency>
   <groupId>com.graphql-java</groupId>
   <artifactId>graphql-spring-boot-starter</artifactId>
   <version>5.0.2
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>com.graphql-java
   <artifactId>graphql-java-tools</artifactId>
   <version>5.2.4
</dependency>
```



GraphQL Schemas



Schema



Defines data points offered via an API



Data types and relationships



Operations available



graphql-java-tools parses schemas ending in ".graphqls"





Schema



Query Operations





Query



Mutations





Mutators



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