

GraphQL

Clear and Performant

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- GraphQL Basics
- Apply middleware
- Use dataloaders to cache/batch queries
- Create schema directives



Presentation and code are available on GitHub

“GraphQL is a query language for APIs”

Query what you need

```
{  
  hero {  
    name  
  }  
}  
  
{  
  "hero": {  
    "name": "Luke Skywalker"  
  }  
}
```

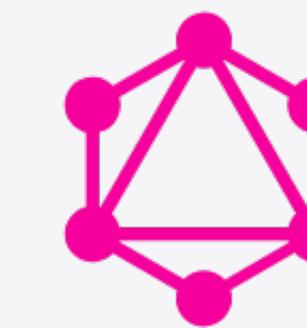
Define the data you want to fetch

It's based on types, not endpoints

Define the data you want to fetch

```
{  
  hero {  
    name  
    friends {  
      name  
      homeWorld {  
        name  
        climate  
      }  
      species {  
        name  
        lifespan  
        origin {  
          name  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}  
  
type Query {  
  hero: Character  
}  
  
type Character {  
  name: String  
  friends: [Character]  
  homeWorld: Planet  
  species: Species  
}  
  
type Planet {  
  name: String  
  climate: String  
}  
  
type Species {  
  name: String  
  lifespan: Int  
  origin: Planet  
}
```

Demo time!





```
me: (_, args, ctx, info) => {
  return {
    id: '1',
    name: 'Argemiro Neto',
    friends: [],
    activities: {},
  };
},
```

The engine decides what should return to the client



```
1 ▼ query {
2   ▼ me {
3     name
4     activities {
5       hiking
6     }
7   }
8 }
```

```
  ▼ {
    ▼ "data": {
      ▼ "me": {
        "name": "Argemiro Neto",
        "activities": {
          ▼ "hiking": [
            "Garibaldi Lake",
            "Diez Vistas",
            "Stanley Park"
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
```

```
me: (_, args, ctx, info) => {
  return {
    id: '1',
    name: 'Argemiro Neto',
    friends: [],
    activities: {}
  };
},
```

How did the empty object was filled??



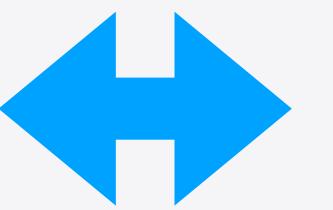
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      ▼ "me": {
        "name": "Argemiro Neto",
        ▼ "activities": {
          "hiking": [
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            "Diez Vistas",
            "Stanley Park"
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        }
      }
    }
}
```

```
me: (_, args, ctx, info) => {
  return {
    id: '1',
    name: 'Argemiro Neto',
    friends: [],
    activities: {}
  };
},
```

Resolvers are traversed Pre-Order!

```
Interests: {
  hiking: (parent, args, ctx, info) => {
    return [
      'Garibaldi Lake',
      'Diez Vistas',
      'Stanley Park'
    ];
  },
},
```



```
1 ▼ query {
2 ▼   me {
3     name
4     activities {
5       hiking
6     }
7   }
8 }
```

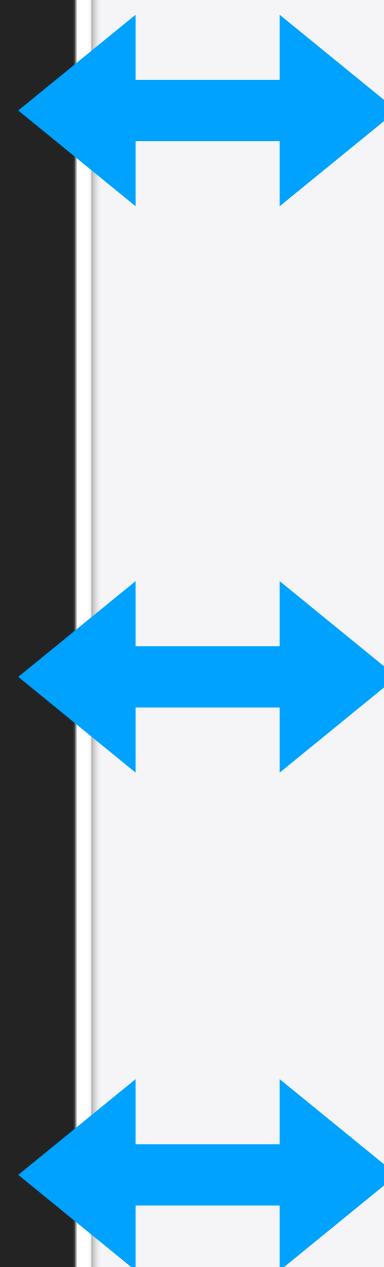
▼ {
 ▼ "data": {
 ▼ "me": {
 "name": "Argemiro Neto",
 "activities": {
 "hiking": [
 "Garibaldi Lake",
 "Diez Vistas",
 "Stanley Park"
]
 }
 }
 }
}

```
1 const { ApolloServer, gql } = require('apollo-server');
2
3 const typeDefs = gql`  
4   type Query {  
5     """  
6       Fetches a person's data and interests  
7     """  
8     me: Person  
9   }  
10  """  
11  A Person  
12  """  
13  type Person {  
14    id: ID!  
15    name: String!  
16    activities: Interests  
17    friends: [Person]!  
18  }  
19    
20  type Interests {  
21    hiking: [String]!  
22    concert: [String]!  
23    watchList: [String]!  
24  }  
25  `;  
26  ;
27
28 const resolvers = {
29   Query: {
30     me: (_, args, ctx, info) => {
31       return {
32         id: '1',
33         name: 'Argemiro Neto',
34         friends: [],
35         activities: {},
36       };
37     },
38   },
39   Interests: {
40     hiking: (parent, args, ctx, info) => {
```

index.js

**Define a better folder's
structure...**

```
graphql
  resolvers
    > lib
    JS api.resolvers.js
    JS definitions.resolvers.js
    JS index.js
  schemas
    ⚡ api.typedefs.gql
    ⚡ common.typedefs.gql
    ⚡ definitions.typedefs.gql
    JS index.js
  > node_modules
  utils
    JS database.js
  .gitignore
  JS index.js
  {} package-lock.json
  {} package.json
  ⓘ README.md
```

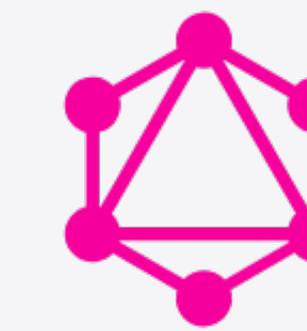


Resolvers added by the **resolvers** pattern

Types added by the **typedefs** pattern

Simulate a database

Demo time!



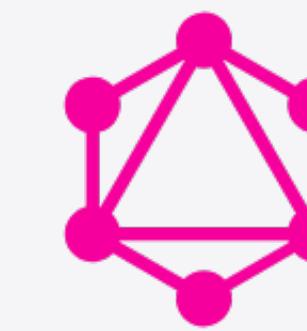
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```
const Query = {
  me: (_, args, ctx, info) => {
    return lib.person.getByID('p1');
  },
};
```

Apply middleware to request
and resolvers...

- Use the Request Context (authentication)
- Apply a middleware to all resolvers
- Apply a middleware to a specific resolver
- Create an extension to control the GraphQL request/response flow
- Make the request performant with dataloaders

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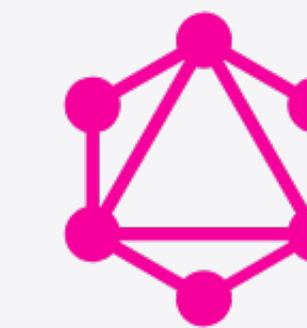




**Additional computation with
directives...**

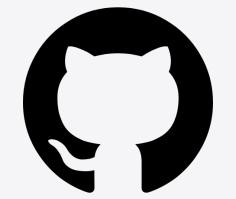
- Add the directive to the schema
- Extend the ***SchemaDirectiveVisitor*** class
- Override the desired visitor method

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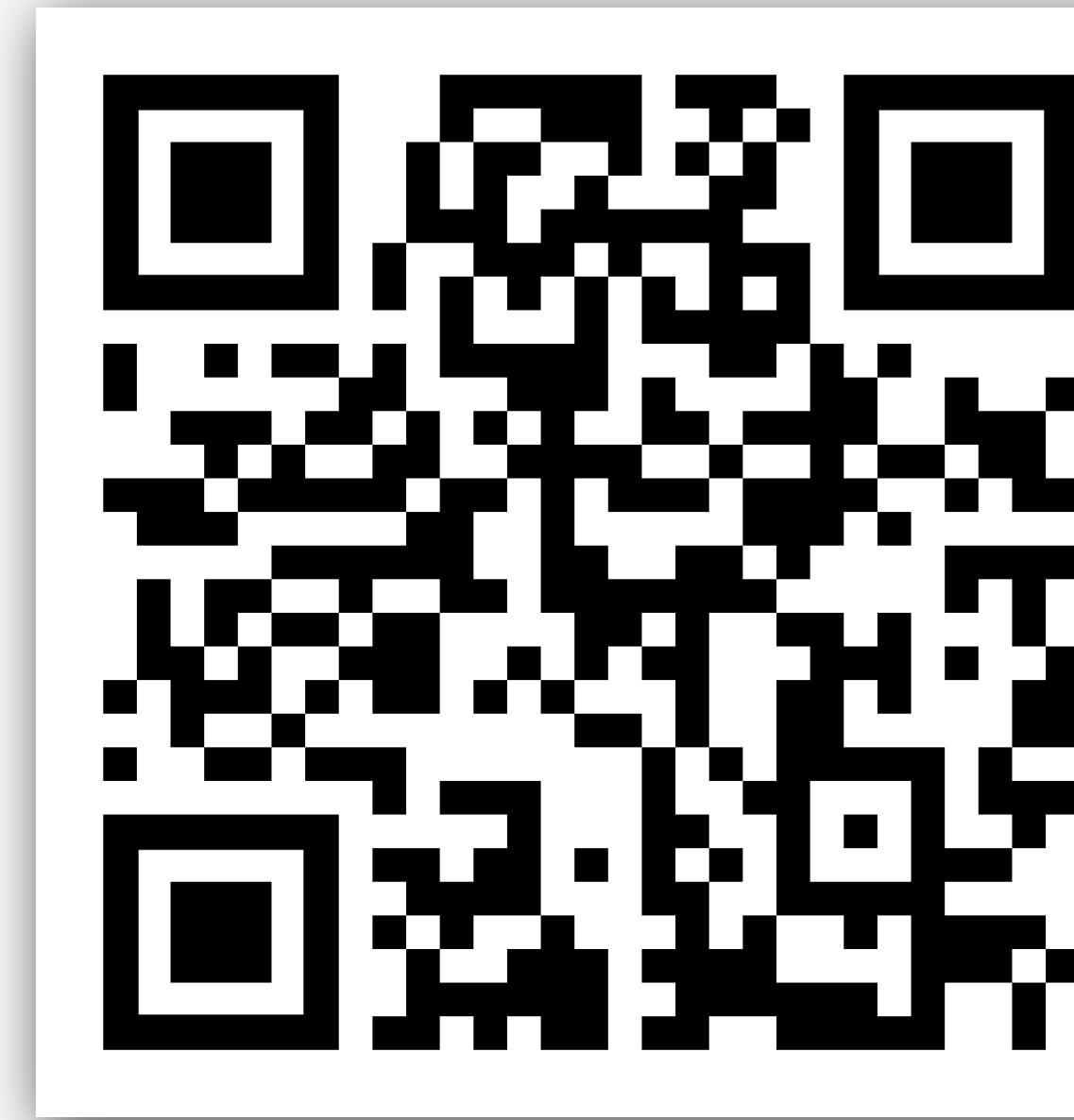


Thank you!

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Presentation code*



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* <https://github.com/argemiront/vanjs-graphql.git>

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