

Optimizing data fetching

This lesson covers

- Caching and batching data-fetch operations
- Using the DataLoader library with primary keys and custom IDs
- Using GraphQL's union type and field arguments
- Reading data from MongoDB



Optimizing data fetching

```
{
  taskMainList {
    // .....
    author {
    // ....
}
  approachList {
  // ....

author {
    // .....
}
}
}
```



 To analyze a solution to this problem, let's go back to the simpler query

```
{
  taskMainList {
    content
    author {
      id
      username
      name
    }
}
```



- DataLoader is a generic JavaScript utility library that can be injected into your application's data-fetching layer to manage caching and batching operations on your behalf.
- To use DataLoader in the AZdev API project, we need to install it first.
 - s npm install dataloader



 For example, here's one way to create a loader responsible for loading user records.

```
import DataLoader from 'dataloader';
const userLoader = new DataLoader(
  userIds => getUsersByIds(userIds)
The userIds argument is an array, and
getUsersByIds is the batch-loading function that
takes an array of IDs and returns an array of
user records representing these IDs (in order).
```



 For example, imagine that a request in your API application needs to load information about users in the following order.

```
const promiseA = userLoader.load(1);
const promiseB = userLoader.load(2);

// await on something async

const promiseC = userLoader.load(1);
```



- A batch-loading function like getUsersByIds accepts an array of IDs (or generic keys) and should return a promise object that resolves to an array of records.
- To be compatible with DataLoader, the resulting array must be the exact same length as the input array of IDs, and each index in the resulting array of records must correspond to the same index in the input array of IDs.



Here's one way to do that in PostgreSQL

```
SELECT *
FROM azdev.users
WHERE id IN (2, 5, 3, 1);
```



 For the sake of this example, let's assume that for this SQL statement, the database returned three user records (instead of four) in the following order:

```
{ id: 5, name: 'Luke' } 
{ id: 1, name: 'Jane' } 
{ id: 2, name: 'Mary' } 

The results order is different from the order of IDs in the input array.

The database did not have a user corresponding to the input id 3.
```



- If an ID has no corresponding record in the
- result, it should be represented with a null value:

```
[
    { id: 2, name: 'Mary' },
    { id: 5, name: 'Luke' },
    null,
    { id: 1, name: 'Jane' }
]
```

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 We need to make the pgApi.usersInfo a DataLoadercompatible batch-loading function

```
const pgApiWrapper = async () => {
                                                                   Passes $1 as userlds, which
     return {
                                                                    is now an array of user IDs
       usersInfo: async (userIds) => {
          const pgResp = await pgQuery(sqls.usersFromIds, { $1: userIds });
          return userIds.map((userId) =>
Plural
            pgResp.rows.find((row) => userId === row.id)
names
                                                     Uses a .map call on the input array to
                                                 ensure that the output array has the exact
                                                same length and order. DataLoader will not
     };
                                                       work properly if you don't do that.
   };
```



- DataLoader caching is not meant to be part of your application-level caching that's shared among requests.
- It's meant to be a simple memoization to avoid repeatedly loading the same data in the context of a single request in your application.
- To do that, you should initialize a loader object for each request in your application and use it only for that request.



```
import DataLoader from 'dataloader';

async function main() {
    // ----

server.use('/', (req, res) => {
    const loaders = {
      users: new DataLoader((userIds) => pgApi.usersInfo(userIds)),
    };
    graphqlHTTP({
      schema,
      context: { pgApi, loaders },
      // ----
    })(req, res);
}
);
```



```
const Task = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Task',
  fields: {
    // ----

    author: {
      type: new GraphQLNonNull(User),
      resolve: (source, args, { loaders }) =>
        loaders.users.load(source.userId),
    },

// ----
},
```

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And here is the Approach type.



 If we try the same GraphQL query now while tailing the logs of PostgreSQL, we will see something like the following excerpt from my Postgr

```
LOG: statement: SELECT ... FROM azdev.tasks WHERE ...

LOG: execute <unnamed>: SELECT ... FROM azdev.users WHERE id = ANY ($1)

DETAIL: parameters: $1 = '{1}'

"1" is the ID value for the test user in the sample data.
```



- The other ID-based fetching we have done so far is in the pgApi.approachList function in api/src/db/pg-api.js.
- This function is a bit different than the pgApi .usersInfo function as it takes a taskId and returns an array of Approach records.
- This means when we switch it to work with an array of keys instead of a single value, it will take an array of tasklds, and it should return an array of arrays (each array representing the list of Approaches for one Task).



```
const pgApiWrapper = async () => {
     return {
       approachLists: async (taskIds) => {
          const pgResp = await pgQuery(sqls.approachesForTaskIds, {
             $1: taskIds,
Plural
                                                 Passes $1 as the tasklds array
names
          });
          return taskIds.map((taskId) =>
            pgResp.rows.filter((row) => taskId === row.taskId),
          );
                                                Splits the rows and groups them under their
        },
                                         corresponding taskld value. The filter call will group
                                           the items in the response by the taskld value. The
   };
                                              returned result is an array of approach arrays.
```



- The pgApi.approachLists batch-loading function is now compatible with DataLoader.
- To use it, we instantiate a new loader instance in api/src/server.js.

```
const loaders = {
  users: new DataLoader((userIds) => pgApi.usersInfo(userIds)),
  approachLists: new DataLoader((taskIds) =>
     pgApi.approachLists(taskIds),
  ),
};
```



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- That should do it, Go ahead and test the same query we tested at the end of previous lesson while tailing the PostgreSQL logs.
- You should see something like this excerpt from my PostgreSQL logs:

```
LOG: statement: SELECT ... FROM azdev.tasks WHERE ...;

LOG: execute <unnamed>: SELECT ... FROM azdev.users WHERE id = ANY ($1)

DETAIL: parameters: $1 = '{1}'

LOG: execute <unnamed>: SELECT ... FROM azdev.approaches WHERE task_id = ANY

($1) ...

DETAIL: parameters: $1 = '{1,2,3,4,6}'
```



```
taskMainList {
 id
 author {
   id
 a1: approachList {
   id
   author {
    id
 }
 a2: approachList {
   id
   author {
     id
   }
 a3: approachList {
   id
   author {
     id
```

Single resource fields

 In our schema plan, the taskInfo root query root field is supposed to fetch the information for a single Task record identified by an ID that the API consumer can send as a field argument.



Single resource fields

A query that we can use to work through this field.

```
query taskInfoTest {
  taskInfo(id: 3) {
    id
    content
    author {
      id
    }
    approachList {
      content
    }
}
```



```
query manyTaskInfoTest {
  task1: taskInfo(id: 1) {
    id
    content
    author {
      id
  task2: taskInfo(id: 2) {
    id
    content
    author {
      id
```

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Single resource fields

Let's split tasks into two files instead of one.

```
import { GraphQLSchema, printSchema } from 'graphql';
import QueryType from './queries';
export const schema = new GraphQLSchema({
   query: QueryType,
});
console.log(printSchema(schema));
```



Single resource fields

```
import {
  GraphQLObjectType,
  GraphQLString,
  GraphQLInt,
  GraphQLNonNull,
  GraphQLList,
} from 'graphql';
import NumbersInRange from './types/numbers-in-range';
import { numbersInRangeObject } from '../utils';
import Task from './types/task';
const QueryType = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Query',
  fields: {
    currentTime: {
      type: GraphQLString,
     resolve: () => {
        const isoString = new Date().toISOString();
        return isoString.slice(11, 19);
     1,
    },
```

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```
numbersInRange: {
      type: NumbersInRange,
      args: {
       begin: { type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLInt) },
        end: { type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLInt) },
      1.
     resolve: function (source, { begin, end }) {
        return numbersInRangeObject(begin, end);
     1.
    ),
    taskMainList: {
     type: new GraphQLList(new GraphQLNonNull(Task)),
     resolve: async (source, args, { pgApi }) => {
        return pgApi.taskMainList();
     1,
3);
export default QueryType
```

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```
import {
         GraphQLID,
         GraphQLObjectType,
         GraphQLString,
         GraphQLInt,
         GraphQLNonNull,
         GraphQLList,
       } from 'graphql';
       const QueryType = new GraphQLObjectType({
                                                                When a consumer passes values for
         name: 'Query',
                                                                 a field's arguments, the values are
         fields: {
                                                               captured as one object passed as the
            // ....
                                                                 second argument for each resolve
            taskInfo: {
                                                                  method (commonly named args).
              type: Task,
              args: {
             id: { type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLID) },
Defines the
              },
name/type
              resolve: async (source, args, { loaders }) => {
 of a field
                return loaders.tasks.load(args.id); <-
 argument
                                                                 Reads the value a consumer used
              },
                                                                 for the id argument out of the
            },
                                                                 resolve method's args object
         },
       });
```



Single resource fields

The new loader function goes in api/src/server.js

```
const loaders = {
    // ----
    tasks: new DataLoader((taskIds) => pgApi.tasksInfo(taskIds)),
};
```



Single resource fields

- Following the top-down analysis, we now need to define the pgApi.tasksInfo function.
- I have prepared a sqls.tasksFromIds statement for it in api/src/db/sqls.j

```
// $1: taskIds
// $2: userId (can be null)
tasksFromIds: 
   SELECT ...
   FROM azdev.tasks
   WHERE id = ANY ($1)
   AND (is_private = FALSE OR user_id = $2)
}
```



 The pgApi DataLoader-compatible function to execute the SQL statement

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Circular dependencies in GraphQL types

- We designed the Approach type to have a task field so that we can display the parent Task information when a search result item is an Approach record.
- To implement this relation, we can reuse the loaders and pgApi function we wrote for the taskInfo root field.
- However, this relation is the inverse of the Task —>
 Approach relation we implemented for the approachList field.



```
import Task from './task';
const Approach = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Approach',
  fields: {
                                                     This line is the problem.
    // .-.-.
                                                     Task uses Approach,
    task: {
                                                     which now uses Task.
      type: new GraphQLNonNull(Task),
      resolve: (source, args, { loaders }) =>
        loaders.tasks.load(source.taskId)
    },
  },
});
export default Approach;
```

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Circular dependencies in GraphQL types

The server logs will report this problem:

ReferenceError: Task is not defined



Circular dependencies in GraphQL types

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Deeply nested field attacks

```
1 + {
2 + taskMainList {
3 + approachList :
4 + task {
5 + approachList :
6 + approachList :
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```

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Using DataLoader with custom IDs for caching

- Although a DataLoader batch-loading function is often associated with a list of input IDs, you don't need actual IDs coming from primary fields in the database.
- You can come up with your own ID-to-result association and use DataLoader with the custom map you designed.
- This is usually helpful when you are using the caching aspect of DataLoader.



 Let's test how many SQL statements the following GraphQL query will currently issue.

Can you guess?

```
a1: taskMainList {
   id
}
a2: taskMainList {
   id
}
a3: taskMainList {
   id
}
a4: taskMainList {
   id
}
```



Here's the related excerpt from my PostgreSQL logs:

```
LOG: statement: SELECT ... FROM azdev.tasks WHERE ...;
```



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- Let's now write the tasksByTypes loader.
- We'll need to add it to the listener function (in api/src/server.js)

```
const loaders = {
    // · · · · ·
    tasksByTypes: new DataLoader((types) =>
        pgApi.tasksByTypes(types),
    ),
};
graphqlHTTP({
    schema,
    context: { loaders },
    graphiql: true,
    // · · · · ·
}) (req, res);
Note that the pgApi object was removed from the context object. We don't need to query the database directly anymore. All database communication should happen through a loader object.
```



```
const pgApiWrapper = async () => {
  // . - . - .
                                                        Replaces the
  return {
                                                        taskMainList function
    tasksByTypes: async (types) => {
      const results = types.map(async (type) => {
        if (type === 'latest') {
          const pgResp = await pgQuery(sqls.tasksLatest);
          return pgResp.rows;
        throw Error('Unsupported type');
      });
      return Promise.all(results);
    // .---
  };
};
```



The search field

 The search field takes an argument—the search term—and returns a list of matching records from both the Task and Approach models through the interface type they implement: SearchResultItem.

```
type Query {
    # ...
    search(term: String!): [SearchResultItem!]
}
```

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The search field

- The search feature has a new concept that we're going to implement for the first time: the GraphQL interface type.
- Here are the parts of the schema related to it.

```
interface SearchResultItem {
   id: ID!
   content: String!
}

type Task implements SearchResultItem {
   # ...
}

type Approach implements SearchResultItem {
   # ...
}
```



```
import {
 GraphQLID,
 GraphQLInterfaceType,
 GraphQLNonNull,
 GraphQLString,
} from 'graphgl';
import Task from './task';
import Approach from './approach';
const SearchResultItem = new GraphQLInterfaceType({
 name: 'SearchResultItem',
 fields: () => ({
    id: { type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLID) },
    content: { type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLString) },
 }),
 resolveType(obj) {
    if (obj.type === 'task') {
      return Task;
    if (obj.type === 'approach') {
      return Approach;
 },
});
export default SearchResultItem;
```

NEARNING VOYAGE Here's one possible implementation of the field

```
import SearchResultItem from './types/search-result-item';
       const QueryType = new GraphQLObjectType({
        name: 'Query',
         fields: () => ({
           search: {
             type: new GraphQLNonNull(
Defines the
               new GraphQLList(new GraphQLNonNull(SearchResultItem)),
name/type
             ),
 of a field
             args: {
 argument
           term: { type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLString) },
             },
             resolve: async (source, args, { loaders }) => {
                 return loaders.searchResults.load(args.term); <-
                                                                       Reads the value a consumer
               },
                                                                       used for the term field
             },
                                                                       argument out of the resolve
           1),
                                                                       method's args object
        1);
```

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The search field

 The value of this property is an array of all the interface types an object type implements.



The search field

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- Let's assume that the pgApi module has a searchResults method to do the SQL communication.
- Here's what I came up with for the loader definition.

```
async function main() {
    // ----

server.use('/', (req, res) => {
    const loaders = {
        // ----

searchResults: new DataLoader((searchTerms) =>
        pgApi.searchResults(searchTerms),
    ),
    };
    // ----
});
```



```
// $1: searchTerm
// $2: userId (can be null)
searchResults: `
  WITH viewable_tasks AS (
    SELECT *
    FROM azdev.tasks n
    WHERE (is_private = FALSE OR user_id = $2)
  SELECT id, "taskId", content, tags, "approachCount", "voteCount",
         "userId", "createdAt", type,
         ts_rank(to_tsvector(content), websearch_to_tsquery($1)) AS rank
  FROM (
    SELECT id, id AS "taskId", content, tags,
           approach count AS "approachCount", null AS "voteCount",
           user_id AS "userId", created_at AS "createdAt",
           'task' AS type
    FROM viewable_tasks
   UNION ALL
   SELECT a.id, t.id AS "taskId", a.content, null AS tags,
          null AS "approachCount", a.vote_count AS "voteCount",
          a.user_id AS "userId", a.created_at AS "createdAt",
           'approach' AS type
   FROM azdev.approaches a JOIN viewable_tasks t ON (t.id = a.task_id)
 ) search view
 WHERE to tsvector(content) @@ websearch to tsquery($1)
 ORDER BY rank DESC, type DESC
```

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The search field

 Here's how we can use this SQL statement in the pgApi module.

```
const pgApiWrapper = async () => {
    // ----

return {
    // ----

searchResults: async (searchTerms) => {
    const results = searchTerms.map(async (searchTerm) => {
        const pgResp = await pgQuery(sqls.searchResults, {
            $1: searchTerm,
            $2: null, // TODO: pass logged-in userId here.
        });
    return pgResp.rows;
    });
    return Promise.all(results);
    },
};
```



The search field

 We can test now! Here's an example of how to query the new search field in GraphQL.

```
{
  search(term: "git OR sum") {
    content
    ... on Task {
      approachCount
    }
    ... on Approach {
      task {
        id
        content
      }
    }
}
```



```
1 ₹ {
      search(term: "git OR sum") {
 3
        content
 4
        ... on Task {
 5
          approachCount
 6
        ... on Approach {
8
          task {
9
            id
            content
10
11
12
13
14
```

```
"data": {
  "search": [
      "content": "git diff | git apply --reverse",
      "task": {
        "id": "2",
        "content": "Get rid of only the unstaged changes
    },
{
      "content": "Get rid of only the unstaged changes si
      "approachCount": 1
   },
      "content": "Calculate the sum of numbers in a Javas
      "approachCount": 1
```

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- Let's do this one with a top-down approach as well.
- Similar to how we named objects for PostgreSQL and where we stored its modules
- let's come up with a mongoApi module and assume that it has a batch-loading function named detailLists to load a list of Detail objects given a list of Approach IDs.

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```
import mongoApiWrapper from './db/mongo-api';

async function main() {
  const pgApi = await pgApiWrapper();
  const mongoApi = await mongoApiWrapper();

  // ----

server.use('/', (req, res) => {
  const loaders = {
      // -----

  detailLists: new DataLoader((approachIds) => mongoApi.detailLists(approachIds)
    ),
  };
  // ----
});
```



```
import mongoClient from './mongo-client';
const mongoApiWrapper = async () => {
  const { mdb } = await mongoClient();
  const mdbFindDocumentsByField = ({
    collectionName,
   fieldName,
    fieldValues,
  }) =>
   mdb
      .collection(collectionName)
      .find({ [fieldName]: { $in: fieldValues } })
      .toArray();
  return {
    detailLists: async (approachIds) => {
      // TODO: Use mdbFindDocumentsByField to
      // implement the batch-loading logic here
   },
 );
};
```

export default mongoApiWrapper;

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```
const mongoApiWrapper = async () => {
  return {
    detailLists: async (approachIds) => {
       const mongoDocuments = await mdbFindDocumentsByField({
         collectionName: 'approachDetails',
         fieldName: 'pgId',
         fieldValues: approachIds,
      });
       return approachIds.map((approachId) => {
         const approachDoc = mongoDocuments.find(
           (doc) => approachId === doc.pgId
         );
                                                           These destructured variables will
         if (!approachDoc) {
                                                               each hold an array of values.
           return [];
                                                                They can also be undefined.
         }
         const { explanations, notes, warnings } = approachDoc;
                            We need to restructure the raw MongoDB data here to match our GraphQL schema design.
      });
    },
  };
};
```

 Once the ID-to-document map is finished, each approachDetails document in MongoDB is an object whose properties represent the three content categories that we designed for the ApproachDetail ENUM type.

```
enum ApproachDetailCategory {
   NOTE
   EXPLANATION
   WARNING
}
```



```
type ApproachDetail {
  category: ApproachDetailCategory!
  content: String!
}
This means we need a bit of logic to take an object:
{
  explanations: [explanationsValue1, ----],
  notes: [notesValue1, ----],
  warnings: [warningsValue1, ----],
```



And we convert the object to the following:

```
[
    content: explanationsValue1,
    category: "EXPLANATION"
},
{
    content: notesValue1,
    category: "NOTE"
},
{
    content: warningsValue1,
    category: "WARNING"
},
}
```



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```
if (notes) {
          approachDetails.push(
            ...notes.map((noteText) => ({
              content: noteText,
              category: 'NOTE',
            }))
          );
        if (warnings) {
          approachDetails.push(
            ...warnings.map((warningText) => ({
              content: warningText,
              category: 'WARNING',
            }))
          );
        }
        return approachDetails;
     });
    },
  };
};
```

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```
import { GraphQLEnumType } from 'graphql';

const ApproachDetailCategory = new GraphQLEnumType({
   name: 'ApproachDetailCategory',
   values: {
     NOTE: {},
     EXPLANATION: {},
     WARNING: {},
     you can do the string-to-number map in each value's configuration object.
   },
});

export default ApproachDetailCategory;
```

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```
import {
   GraphQLObjectType,
   GraphQLString,
   GraphQLNonNull,
 } from 'graphql';
 import ApproachDetailCategory from './approach-detail-category';
 const ApproachDetail = new GraphQLObjectType({
   name: 'ApproachDetail',
   fields: () => ({
     content: {
       type: new GraphQLNonNull(GraphQLString),
      },
     category: {
       type: new GraphQLNonNull(ApproachDetailCategory),
   },
 1),
});
export default ApproachDetail;
```

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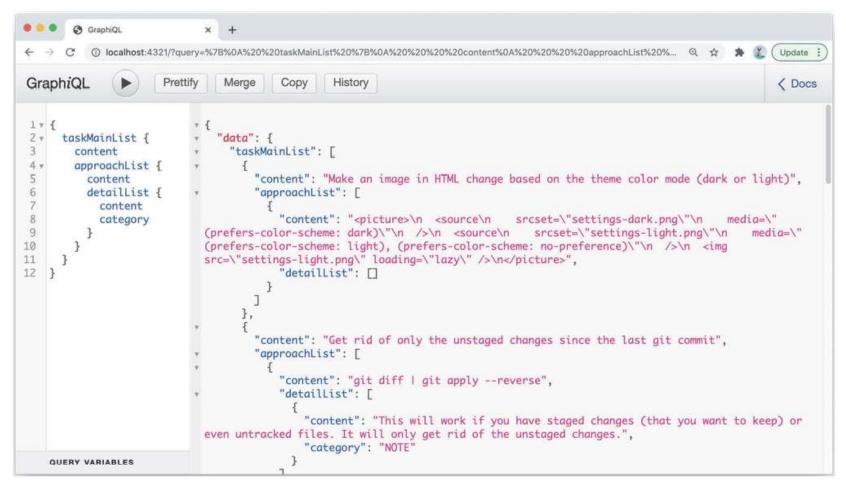
```
import {
 GraphQLList,
} from 'graphql';
import ApproachDetail from './approach-detail';
const Approach = new GraphQLObjectType({
 name: 'Approach',
 fields: () => ({
    // .-.-.
    detailList: {
      type: new GraphQLNonNull(
        new GraphQLList(new GraphQLNonNull(ApproachDetail))
      ),
      resolve: (source, args, { loaders }) =>
        loaders.detailLists.load(source.id),
    },
  },
});
```

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 You can test this new feature using the following query(next slide figure)

```
{
  taskMainList {
    content
    approachList {
    content
    detailList {
      content
      category
    }
  }
}
```





Summary

- To optimize data-fetching operations in a generic, scalable way, you can use the concepts of caching and batching.
- You can cache SQL responses based on unique values like IDs or any other custom unique values you design in your API service.
- You can also delay asking the database about a specific resource until you figure out all the unique IDs of all the records needed from that resource and then send a single request to the database to include all the records based on all the IDs.

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"Complete Lab"

