

Data Management using



Prisma

Course Roadmap



Web Client

Request

Response



Web Server

Frontend development

HTML for page content & structure



CSS for styling




JavaScript for interaction



Backend development

 Web API

 Web Pages

 Data Management



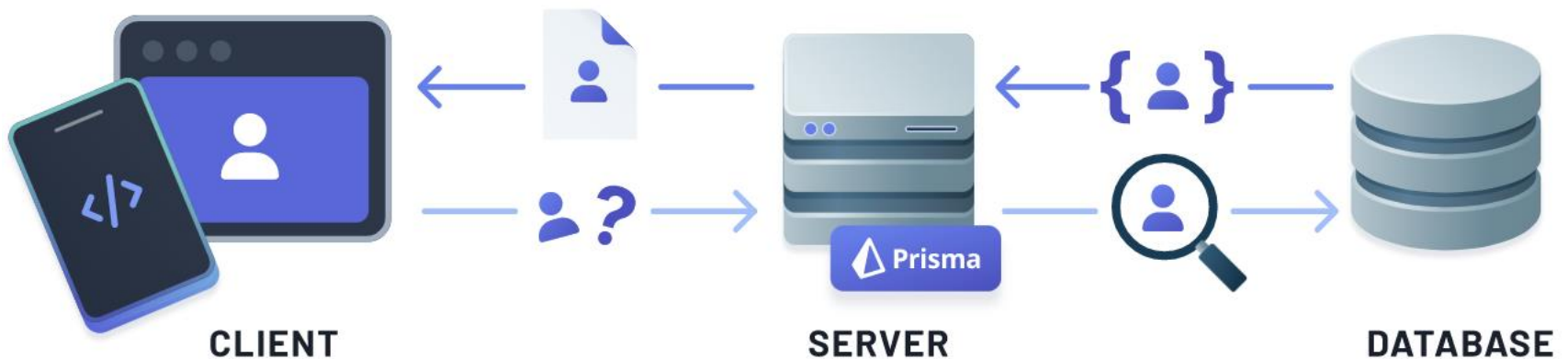
NEXT.js



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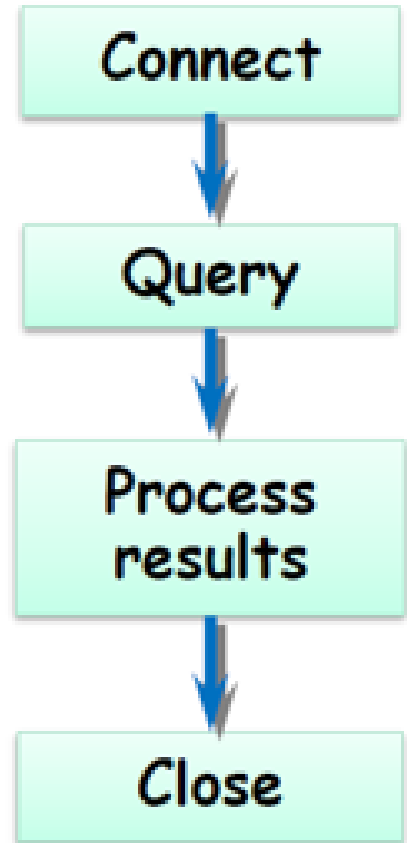
1. What is Prisma?
2. Data Model (Prisma Schema)
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4. Queries (using Prisma Client)
5. Aggregation Queries

What is Prisma ?



Using Database without Prisma

- To use a database (DB) without Prisma you need to:
 - Connect to the DB server
 - Submit a SQL query statement
 - Get the results (in tabular format)
 - Convert the results to objects
 - Close the connection



Using Database without Prisma

❑ Structured Query Language (SQL)

- Language used to define, alter and access the elements described above

❑ Creating data:

```
INSERT into PERSON (first_name, last_name)  
VALUES ('Ahmed', 'Sayed')
```

❑ Reading data:

```
SELECT first_name FROM person WHERE last_name = 'Sayed'
```

❑ Updating data:

```
UPDATE person SET first_name = 'Ali' where  
last_name = 'Sayed'
```

❑ Deleting data:

```
DELETE from person where last_name = 'Sayed'
```

What is Prisma?

- Prisma is a **server-side library** that simplifies read and write data to the database in an intuitive and efficient way
- Open-source Object-Relational-Mapper (ORM), includes:
 - **Prisma Schema**: used to define the **data model** (entities and relations)
 - **Prisma Migrate**: apply schema changes to DB
 - **Prisma Client**: auto-generated to query data
 - **Prisma Studio**: GUI to view and edit data in your DB
- Why Prisma?
 - Facilitates defining the data model
 - Helps reducing the amount of code to read/write to a DB
 - Less or no SQL code to read/write to a DB
 - Abstract database-specific details => makes easier to change from one database to another

schema.prisma

- **Data Model** is defined in 1 file (**schema.prisma**)
 - Specifies the app entities and their relations
 - Syntax used is Prisma Schema Language (PSL)
- **schema.prisma** also specifies:
 - **Data source**: defines the data source details:
 - Database Provider (e.g., a PostgreSQL or SQLite)
 - Connection Url (e.g.,
postgresql://janedoe:mypassword@localhost:5432/mydb)
 - **Generator**: specifies what client should be generated based on the data model (e.g., Prisma Client)

Prisma DB providers



Reminder – Next.js getting started

- Create an empty folder (with no space in the name use **dash** - instead)
- Create next.js app (accept default for all questions)

npx create-next-app@latest .

```
✓ Would you like to use TypeScript with this project? ... No / Yes
✓ Would you like to use ESLint with this project? ... No / Yes
✓ Would you like to use Tailwind CSS with this project? ... No / Yes
✓ Would you like to use `src/` directory with this project? ... No / Yes
✓ Use App Router (recommended)? ... No / Yes
✓ Would you like to customize the default import alias? ... No / Yes
```

This creates a new **Next.js** project and downloads all the required packages

- Run the app in dev mode: **npm run dev**

Prisma – Getting started

- Install the Prisma packages using:

```
npm install prisma --save-dev
```

```
npm install @prisma/client
```

- Also install **Prisma VS Code extension**
- Set up Prisma with this command:

```
npx prisma init --datasource-provider sqlite
```

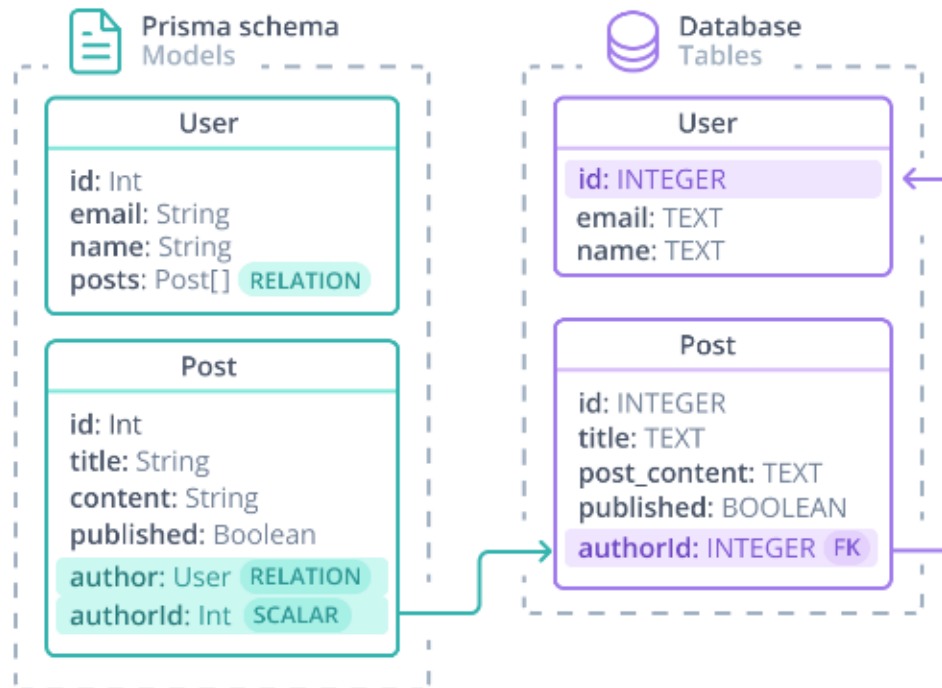
- This creates a new **prisma** directory with **schema.prisma** file and configures SQLite as your database
- You can define the data model inside **schema.prisma** file

Data Model



Data Model

- Data Model (aka. Schema) have two main purposes:
 - Describe app entities that map to tables in the underlying database: Data Model is used to create the database tables using **Prisma Migrate**
 - Serve as foundation to generate **Prisma Client** API
- A data model describes your app entities. For example:
 - In an ecommerce app you have models like Customer, Order, Item and Invoice
 - In a social media app you have models like User, Post, Photo and Message



Defining fields

- Each model entity defines fields
- Each field in the model has a type, e.g. **id Int**
 - A field type could be scalar type such as **Int**, **String**, **Boolean**, **Float**, **DateTime** or could be another Model
 - Optional type modifiers: **[]** makes a field a list
? makes a field optional
- Fields may use **field attributes** to define:
 - Primary keys with the **@id** attribute
 - Unique keys with the **@unique** attribute
 - Default values with the **@default** attribute
- More [info](#)

Data Model Example

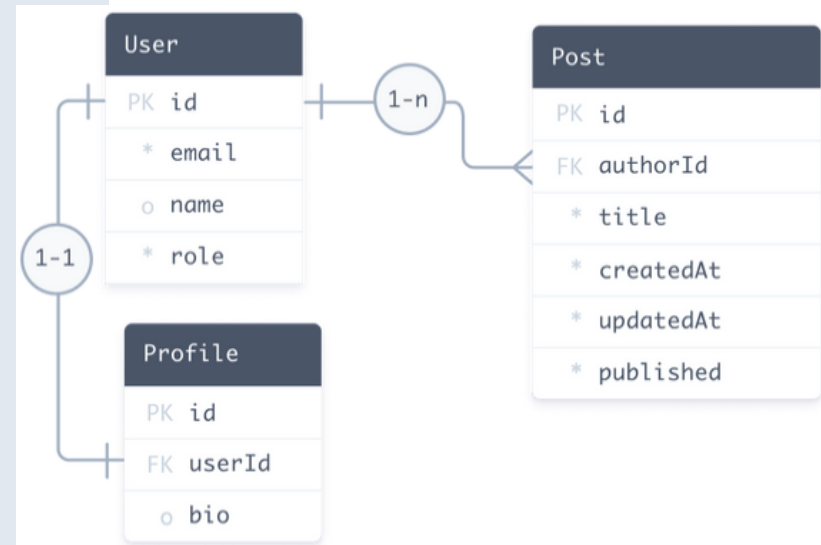
```
model User {
  id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
  email   String   @unique
  name    String?
  role    Role     @default(USER)
  posts   Post[]
  profile Profile?
}

model Profile {
  id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
  bio     String
  user    User     @relation(fields: [userId], references: [id])
  userId  Int      @unique
}

model Post {
  id          Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
  createdAt   DateTime @default(now())
  updatedAt   DateTime @updatedAt
  title       String
  published   Boolean  @default(false)
  author      User     @relation(fields: [authorId], references: [id])
  authorId    Int
}

enum Role {
  USER
  ADMIN
}
```

DB Schema



Modeling relations

- A relation is a connection between two models. For example, there is a one-to-many relation between User and Post
 - At a Prisma level, a connection between two models is **always** represented by a relation field on **each side** of the relation.
- User / Post relation is made up of:
 - Two **relation** fields: **author** and **posts**. Relation fields define connections between models at the Prisma level and **do not exist in the database**.
 - These fields are used to generate the Prisma Client
 - The scalar **authorId**, which is referenced by the **@relation** attribute is the **foreign key** that connects **Post** and **User** as defined by the attribute
 - This field **does exist in the database**

@@unique & @@id

**Composite
primary key**

```
model User {  
    firstName String  
    lastName  String  
    email     String @unique  
    isAdmin   Boolean @default(false)  
  
    @@id([firstName, lastName])  
}
```

**Composite
Unique key**

```
model User {  
    id          Int      @id @default(autoincrement())  
    firstName String  
    lastName   String  
    email      String   @unique  
    isAdmin    Boolean  @default(false)  
  
    @@unique([firstName, lastName])  
}
```

@map

- By default, model field names are the same as the DB table column names
- **@map** attribute can be used for mapping between model fields and table columns
 - e.g., the **content** field maps to the **post_content** database column

```
model Post {  
  id          Int      @id @default(autoincrement())  
  title       String  
  content     String? @map("post_content")  
  published   Boolean @default(false)  
  author      User?    @relation(fields: [authorId], references: [id])  
  authorId    Int?  
}
```

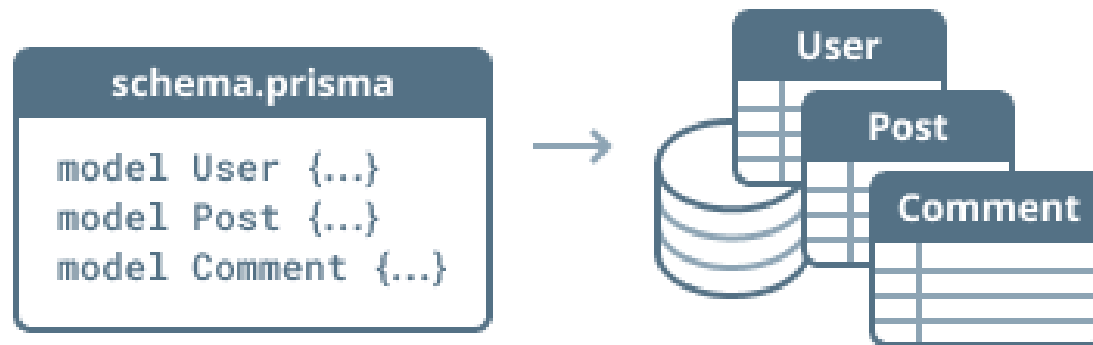
@@map

- By default, model name is the same as the DB table name
- **@@map** can be used to map the model's name to a different table name
 - E.g., Comment model can be mapped to the comments table in the underlying database

```
model Comment {  
    // Fields  
    @@map("comments")  
}
```



Migration (apply changes to DB)



Migration

- Prisma Migrate auto-generates SQL migration file from the Prisma schema to apply the changes to the database:
 - Keep the database schema in sync with Prisma schema (while keeping existing data in your database)



Prisma migrate

npx prisma migrate dev --name init

- This command did 4 things:
 - It creates a new SQL migration file under `prisma/migrations` directory
 - It runs the SQL migration file against the local development database
 - It generates Prisma Client
 - It runs database initialization code in **seed.js** (if any)
- If the database does not exist, then I will create it
 - E.g., if the SQLite database file didn't exist, the command also created it inside the `prisma` directory with the name **dev.db** as defined via the environment variable in the `.env` file

Prisma migrate workflow

1



Make local changes to your Prisma schema

2



`prisma migrate dev`

Generates

Updates

Generates



migration.sql



Database schema



Prisma Client

Note that [prisma db push](#) command allows syncing the Prisma schema and database schema without persisting a migration under `/prisma/migrations`

Queries (using Prisma Client)



Prisma Client

- Run `npx prisma migrate`
(or `npx prisma generate`)

To generate a Prisma Client that is tailored to data models defined in `schema.prisma`

It offers auto-completion to help write the queries to read/write to DB

```
import { PrismaClient } from '@prisma/client'

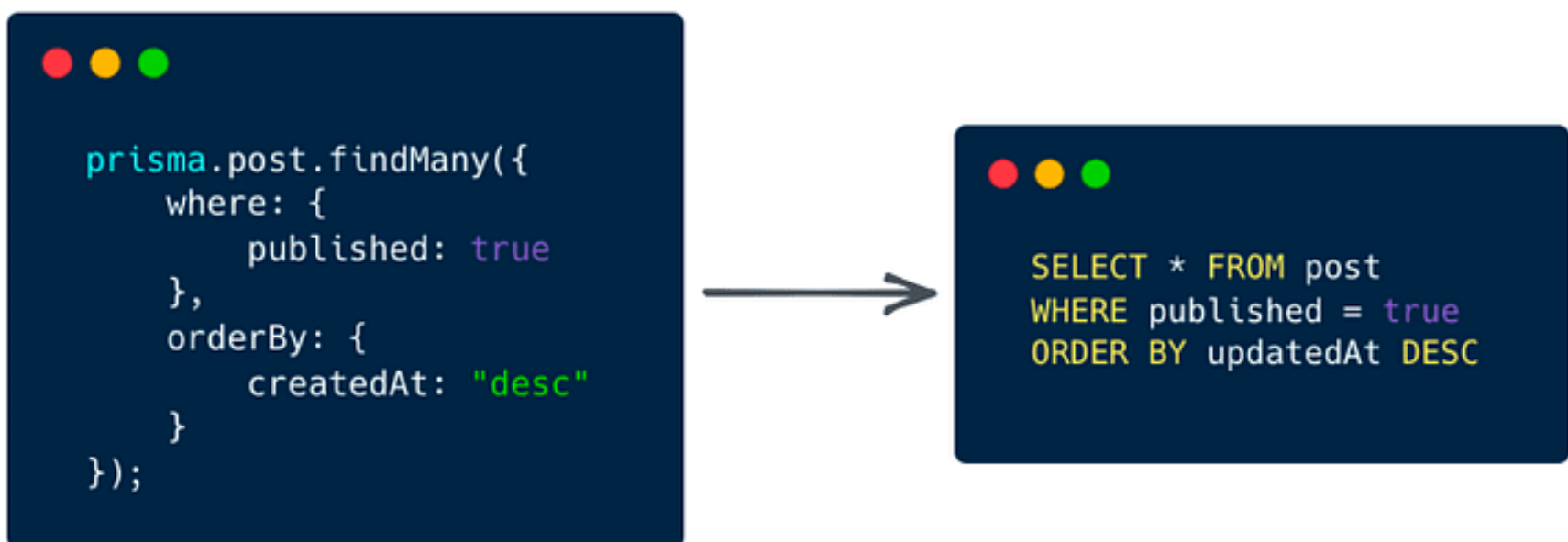
const prisma = new PrismaClient()

const newAuthor = await prisma.author.create({
  data: {
    firstName: 'John',
    lastName: 'Doe',
  },
})

const authors = await prisma.author.findMany()
```

Role of Prisma Client

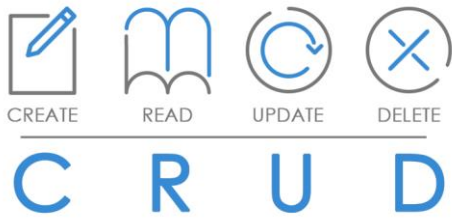
- Prisma client lets you access the database without writing SQL. Instead, you write code in JavaScript to read/write to the database, and the Prisma Client will **translate** it into SQL queries



```
prisma.post.findMany({  
  where: {  
    published: true  
  },  
  orderBy: {  
    createdAt: "desc"  
  }  
});
```

The diagram illustrates the translation process of Prisma Client. On the left, a dark blue box with three colored circles (red, yellow, green) at the top contains a JavaScript code snippet. An arrow points from this box to a similar box on the right, which contains the corresponding SQL query. The boxes are connected by a horizontal arrow pointing from left to right.

```
SELECT * FROM post  
WHERE published = true  
ORDER BY updatedAt DESC
```



DB Operations

Prisma client offers the following operations for each model:

- `create/createMany`
- `update/updateMany`
- `delete/deleteMany`
- `findUnique/findMany/findFirst`
- `upsert` (create or update)
- `aggregate/count/groupBy`

Example Query

Query

```
// Creating a new record  
await prisma.user.create({  
  firstName: "Alice",  
  email: "alice@prisma.io"  
})
```

Table

id	firstName	email
1	Bobby	bobby@tables.io
2	Nilufar	nilu@email.com
3	Jürgen	jums@dums.edu
4	Alice	alice@prisma.io

```
const user = await prisma.user.findUnique({  
  where: {  
    email: 'alice@prisma.io',  
  },  
})
```

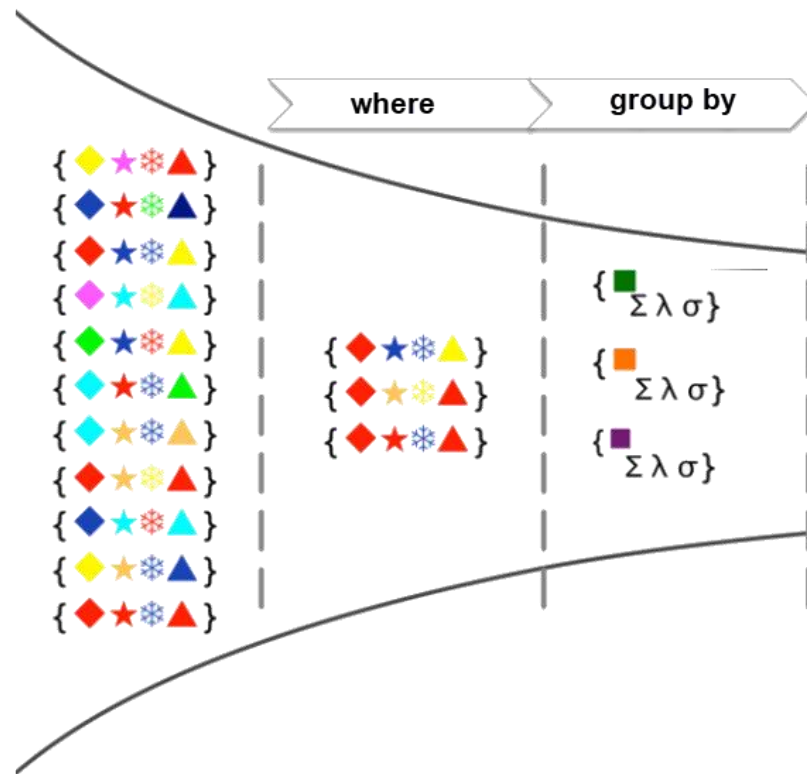
- All queries return plain old JavaScript objects

Fetching relations

- By default, Prisma will return all the scalar fields of a model
- Fetch relations with Prisma Client is done with the **include** option. For example, to fetch a user and their posts would be done as follows:

```
const user = await prisma.user.findUnique({  
  where: {  
    email: 'alice@prisma.io',  
  },  
  include: {  
    posts: true,  
  },  
})
```

Aggregation Queries





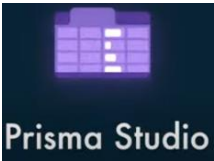
Aggregation Queries

- Summarize data typically for reports
- How would we solve this in SQL?

SELECT **GROUP BY** HAVING

- **To do** – more [info](#)

Prisma Studio



- GUI to view, explore and edit the data in the DB
 - Browse across tables, filter, paginate, traverse relations and edit data

`npx prisma studio`

User x +			
⌂	Filters	None	Fields All
	Showing	2 of 2	Add record
id #	email A	name A?	posts []
1	alice@prisma.io	Alice	0 Post
2	ali@prisma.io	ali	0 Post

DB Seeding

- Allows initializing the database with
 - data that is required for the app to start (e.g., adding user types)
 - basic data for testing and using the app in a development environment
- Add DB initialization code to **seed.js** file
- Add this to package.json:

```
"prisma": {  
  "seed": "node prisma/seed.js"  
}
```

- Run it using: **npx prisma db seed**

Resources

- Prisma Documentation

<https://www.prisma.io/docs/getting-started/quickstart>

- Prisma Playground

<https://playground.prisma.io/examples/>

- Prisma Examples

<https://github.com/prisma/prisma-examples>

- Aggregation Queries

<https://www.prisma.io/docs/concepts/components/prisma-client/aggregation-grouping-summarizing>