

# Intro to GraphQL: Backpack

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## Pre-Workshop Checklist

- Review the [Workshop Syllabus](#) and brush up on prerequisite knowledge—Typescript is a must for this workshop.
- Install your code editor of choice (VSCode, IntelliJ IDEA, Atom, and Sublime are all good options —we'll primarily be working with Typescript & Node, so any editor with good JS or Web Dev support is great!)
- Install Node, Git (we'll just be pulling from the repository to build an API)
- You can download the starter pack of the API we'll be building from [here](#) —just **git clone** that into a folder and run **yarn** - you'll be all set! (You can find the final project with all the different stages as separate branches [here](#))
- Get ready to learn! 🧑🎓

## Additional Resources

### Workshop-Specific Resources

#### GraphQL Playground Documentation

[Apollo Reference](#)

[Introspection Resources](#)

#### GraphQL Schema References

[GraphQL Introduction](#)

[How to GraphQL](#)

[Getting started with TypeORM, Apollo Server, and TypeGraphQL](#)

[TypeGraphQL Docs](#)

#### Typescript Reference

[Decorator Syntax](#)

[TS in 5 minutes](#)

### General Resources

#### Heroku

Heroku is by FAR the easiest hosting platform to get started with; deploying any form of Node app that uses yarn or npm is as easy as adding a remote from the Heroku dashboard and pushing through Git (you can also turn on auto-deploy from Github)

#### Vercel

Vercel - GraphQL also plays really well with Serverless; owing to the fact that it really is just a schema validation framework, running requests ephemerally is a breeze. Vercel's CLI makes deployment easy as pie (just like Heroku, you can also deploy directly—and automatically—from Github).

#### GitHub Student Developer Pack

The Github Student Dev Pack is a collection of resources from companies that have partnered with Github—it includes everything from the free tier of Github, along with a selection of awesome products like Heroku Dynos, AWS credits, and so much more!

#### [Hack the North 2020++ Event Schedule](#)

Check this out to stay up-to-date on activities, workshops, and other key happenings this week.

#### [All Hack the North 2020++ workshops](#)