Step 1 - What are ORMs

1. Boring official defination

ORM stands for Object-Relational Mapping, a programming technique used in software development to convert data between incompatible type systems in object-oriented programming languages. This technique creates a "virtual object database" that can be used from within the programming language.

ORMs are used to abstract the complexities of the underlying database into simpler, more easily managed objects within the code

2. Easier to digest defination

ORMs let you easily interact with your database without worrying too much about the underlying syntax (SQL language for eg)

Step 2 - Why ORMs?

1. Simpler syntax (converts objects to SQL queries under the hood)

2. Abstraction that lets you flip the database you are using. Unified API irrespective of the DB

3. Type safety/Auto completion

Step 3 - What is Prisma

1. Data model

In a single file, define your schema. What it looks like, what tables you have, what field each table has, how are rows related to each other.

2. Automated migrations

Prisma generates and runs database migrations based on changes to the Prisma schema.

3. Type Safety

Prisma generates a type-safe database client based on the Prisma schema.

4. Auto-Completion

Step 4 - Installing prisma in a fresh app

Let's create a simple TODO app

1. Initialize an empty Node.js project

npm init -y Copy

1. Add dependencies

npm install prisma typescript ts-node @types/node --save-dev Copy

1. Initialize typescript

1. Initialize a fresh prisma project

npx prisma init Copy

Step 5 - Selecting your database

Prisma lets you chose between a few databases (MySQL, Postgres, Mongo)

You can update prisma/schema.prisma to setup what database you want to use.



Also replace the database url with your test url for now



Good to have the VSCode extension that lets you visualise prisma better

Step 6 - Defining your data model

Prisma expects you to define the shape of your data in the schema.prisma file

If your final app will have a Users table, it would look like this in the schema.prisma file

Assignment

Add a Users and a Todo table in your application. Don't worry about foreign keys / relationships just yet

▼ Answer

```
// This is your Prisma schema file,
                                                                   Сору
// learn more about it in the docs: https://pris.ly/d/prisma-schema
generator client {
 provider = "prisma-client-js"
datasource db {
 provider = "postgresql"
      = env("DATABASE_URL")
 url
model User {
 id
            Int    @id @default(autoincrement())
 username String @unique
 password String
 firstName String
 lastName String
model Todo {
                     @id @default(autoincrement())
 id
             Int
 title
             String
 description String
            Boolean @default(false)
  done
 userId
            Int
```

Generate migrations

You have created a single schema file. You haven't yet run the CREATE TABLE commands. To run those and create migration files , run

npx prisma migrate dev --name Initialize the schema Copy

Your DB should now have the updated schema.



Check the prisma/migrations folder and check if you see anything interesting in there

Step 7 - Exploring your database

If you have psql , try to explore the tables that prisma created for you.

psql -h localhost -d postgres -U postgres Copy

Step 8 - Generating the prisma client

What is a client?

Client represents all the functions that convert

```
User.create({email: "harkirat@gmail.com"}) Copy
```

into

```
INSERT INTO users VALUES ... Copy
```

Once you've created the prisma/schema.prisma , you can generate these clients that you can use in your Node.js app

How to generate the client?

npx prisma generate Copy

This generates a new client for you.

Step 9 - Creating your first app

Insert

Write a function that let's you insert data in the Users table.

Typescript will help you out, here's a starter code -

```
insertUser("admin1", "123456", "harkirat", "singh")
```

Update

Write a function that let's you update data in the Users table.

Starter code -

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";
Copy
```

```
const prisma = new PrismaClient();
interface UpdateParams {
   firstName: string;
    lastName: string;
async function updateUser(username: string, {
    firstName,
    lastName
}: UpdateParams) {
  const res = await prisma.user.update({
   where: { username },
    data: {
     firstName,
      lastName
 });
  console.log(res);
updateUser("admin1", {
   firstName: "new name",
    lastName: "singh"
})
```

Get a user's details

Write a function that let's you fetch the details of a user given their email

Starter code

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";

const prisma = new PrismaClient();

async function getUser(username: string) {
   const user = await prisma.user.findFirst({
     where: {
        username: username
     }
   })
   console.log(user);
}

getUser("admin1");
```

Step 10 - Relationships.

Prisma let's you define relationships to relate tables with each other.

1. Types of relationships

- 1. One to One
- 2. One to Many
- 3. Many to One
- 4. Many to Many
- 2. For the TODO app, there is a one to many relationship

3. Updating the prisma schema

▼ Updated schema

```
// This is your Prisma schema file,
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// learn more about it in the docs: https://pris.ly/d/prisma-schema
generator client {
 provider = "prisma-client-js"
datasource db {
 provider = "postgresql"
          = "postgresql://postgres:mysecretpassword@localhost:5432/
model User {
  id
            Int
                 @id @default(autoincrement())
 username String @unique
 password String
 firstName String
 lastName String
            Todo[]
  todos
model Todo {
                     @id @default(autoincrement())
  id
             Int
 title
             String
 description String
             Boolean @default(false)
  done
  userId
             Int
```

```
user User @relation(fields: [userId], references: [id])
}
```

4. Update the database and the prisma client

```
npx prisma migrate dev --name relationship Copy
npx prisma generate
```

Try exploring the prisma/migrations folder now. Do you see more migrations for the newly created realtiohsip?

Step 11 - Todo functions

1. createTodo

Write a function that let's you put a todo in the database.

Starter code -

```
getUser(1, "go to gym", "go to gym and do 10 pushups");
```

2. getTodos

Write a function to get all the todos for a user. Starter code

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";

const prisma = new PrismaClient();

async function getTodos(userId: number, ) {
   const todos = await prisma.todo.findMany({
      where: {
      userId: userId,
      },
   }
}
```

```
});
console.log(todos);
}
getTodos(1);
```

3. getTodosAndUserDetails (Does/should it use joins?)

Write a function that gives you the todo details of a user along with the user details Starter Code

▼ Bad solution (2 queries)

```
const user = await prisma.user.findUnique({
        where: {
            id: userId
        }
    });
    const todos = await prisma.todo.findMany({
            where: {
                userId: userId,
            }
    });
    console.log(todos);
    console.log(user)
}
```

▼ Good Solution (using joins)

```
}
});
console.log(todos);
}
getTodosAndUserDetails(1);
```



See https://github.com/prisma/prisma/issues/5026 to log the actual SQL queries

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Assignment for this week

Try creating a todo application that let's a user signup, put todos and fetch todos.

Use

- 1. Typescript as the language
- 2. Prisma as the ORM

- 3. Postgres as the database
- 4. Zod as validation library