



1. Set up Prisma

Goal

The goal of this lesson is to set up Prisma, get comfortable and perform your first database migration.

Setup

First, clone the [starter project from GitHub](#) by following the instructions. Once you've got the starter project on your machine, you can move on to the tasks you need for this lesson.

Tasks

Once you cloned the repo and installed the npm dependencies, you can start with the tasks of this lesson 💪

Task 1: Create your first Prisma model

The [Prisma schema](#) (typically called `schema.prisma`) file specifies how you use any of the Prisma tools. Your current Prisma schema looks like this:

```
// prisma/schema.prisma
datasource db {
  provider = "sqlite"
  url       = "file:./dev.db"
}
generator client {
  provider = "prisma-client-js"
}
```

It specifies the database connection to a SQLite database file. To use Prisma Client by specifying the `generator` block.

In addition to the data source and generators, the Prisma schema defines *models* which are Prisma's representation of your database entities. This is your first Prisma model.

Start by creating the following `User` model with the following fields. This structure feels the most appropriate to you:

- `id`: an auto-incrementing integer to uniquely identify each user
- `name`: the name of a user, this field should be *optional*
- `email`: the email address of a user, this field should be *unique*

Once you're ready, you can compare your result with the solution below.

▼ Solution

```
model User {
  id Int @id @default(autoincrement()) @unique
  name String?
  email String!
}
```

Task 2: Run your first migration

With your first model in place, you are already set to create a database. Scan the [docs](#) to find the Prisma CLI command that helps you. Once you've found the command, run it and give the migration an appropriate name.

▼ Solution

```
npx prisma migrate dev --name init
```

If you ran this command correctly, two new things will be added to your `prisma` directory:

- a `migrations` directory that keeps track of your database changes
- a `dev.db` file which is your SQLite database file

Task 3: Create database records with Prisma Studio

Congratulations, you just created a new database with a table. To visualize the database and move on to the next section, use [Prisma Studio](#) to create records. Run the following command to open Prisma Studio:

```
npx prisma studio
```

Once it's open, create three records in the `User` table and