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Introduction to GraphQL

introduction

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What is GraphQL?

- ✦ GraphQL is powerful query language
- ✦ Created internally by Facebook in 2012 and being publicly released in 2015
- ✦ Allows for more flexibility & efficient approach than REST



A RESTful Approach

✦ Endpoint for getting particular book:

✦ `domain.com/books/:id`

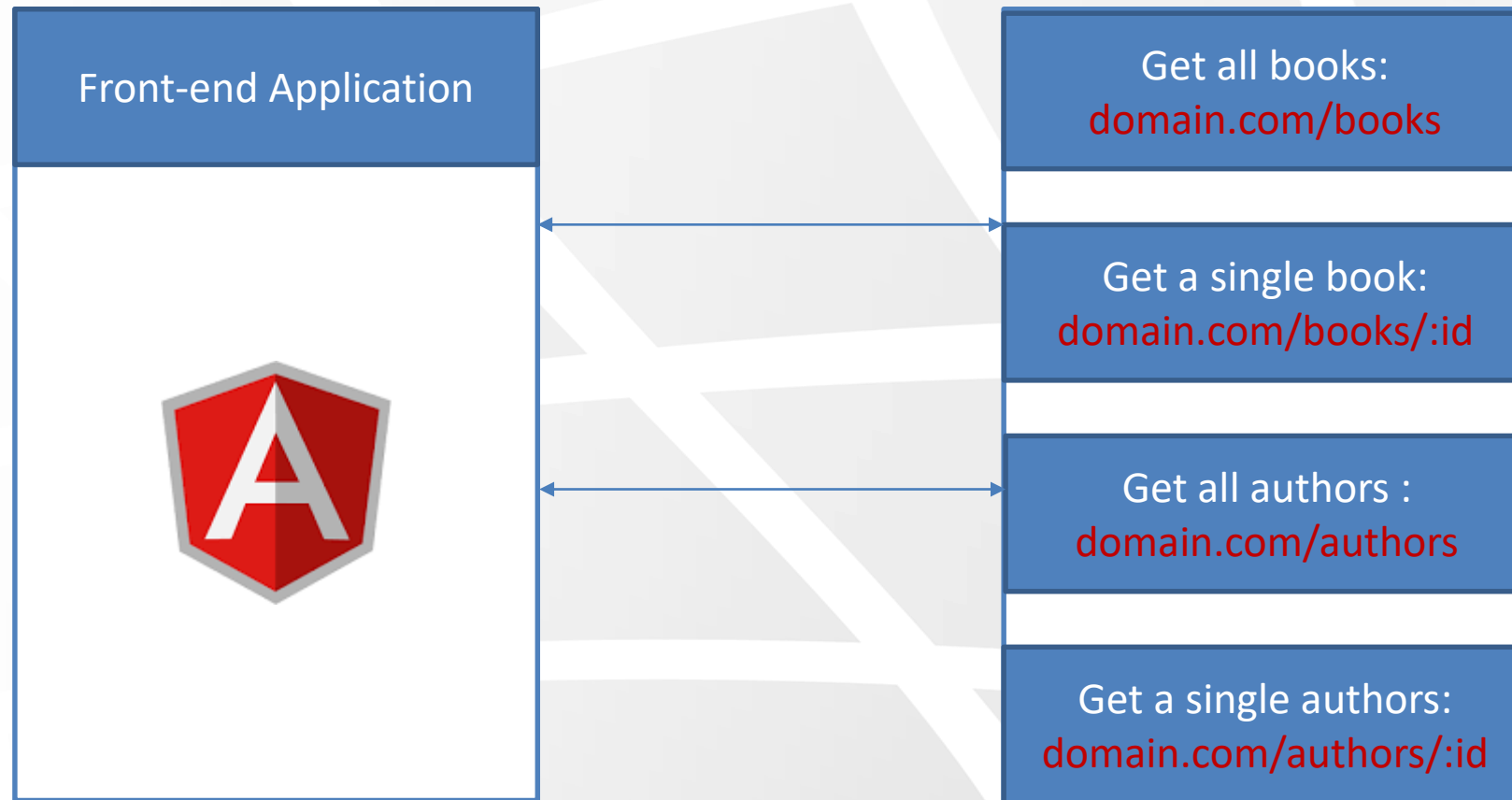
✦ Title, genre, reviews, authorId

✦ Endpoint for author info of that book:

✦ `domain.com/author/:id`

✦ Name, age, biography, bookIds

REST API Endpoint



A GraphQL Approach

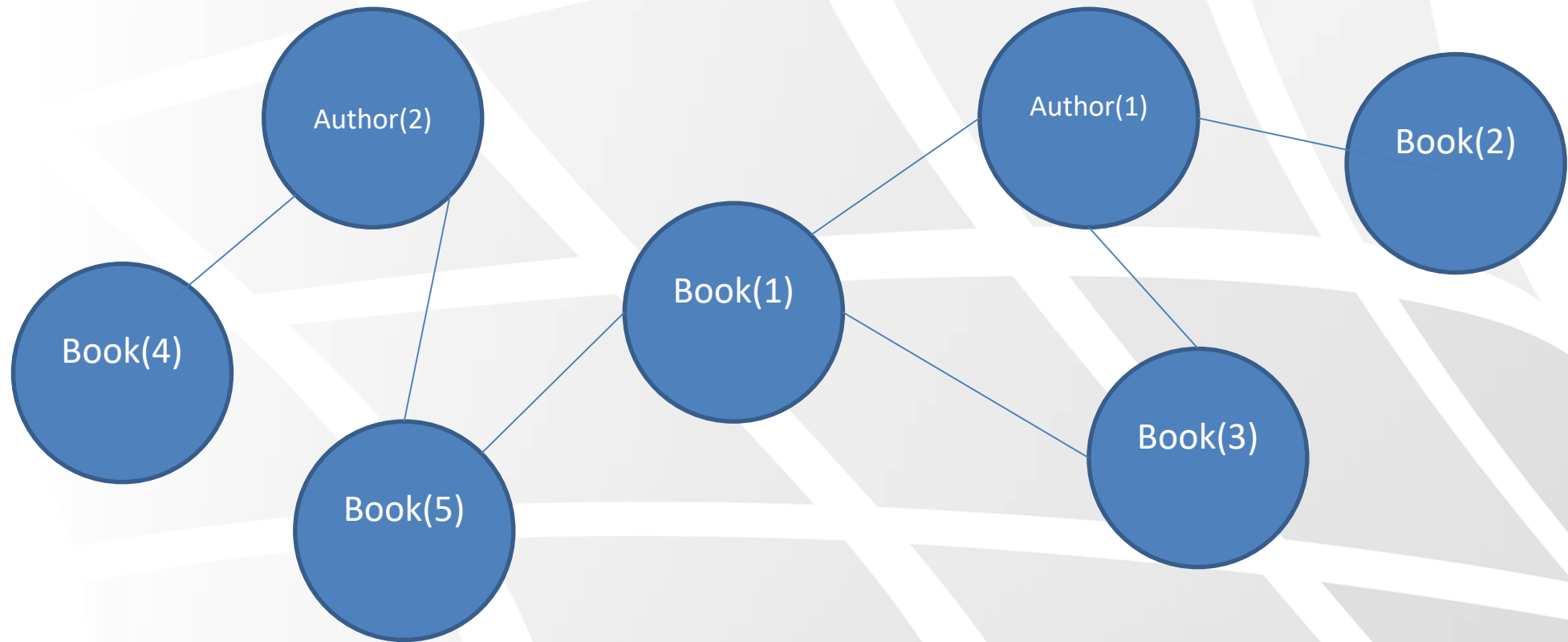
⚡ Query to get book data and it's author data (and the other books)

```
{  
  book(id:123){  
    title  
    genre  
    reviews  
    author {  
      name  
      bio  
      books{  
        name  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

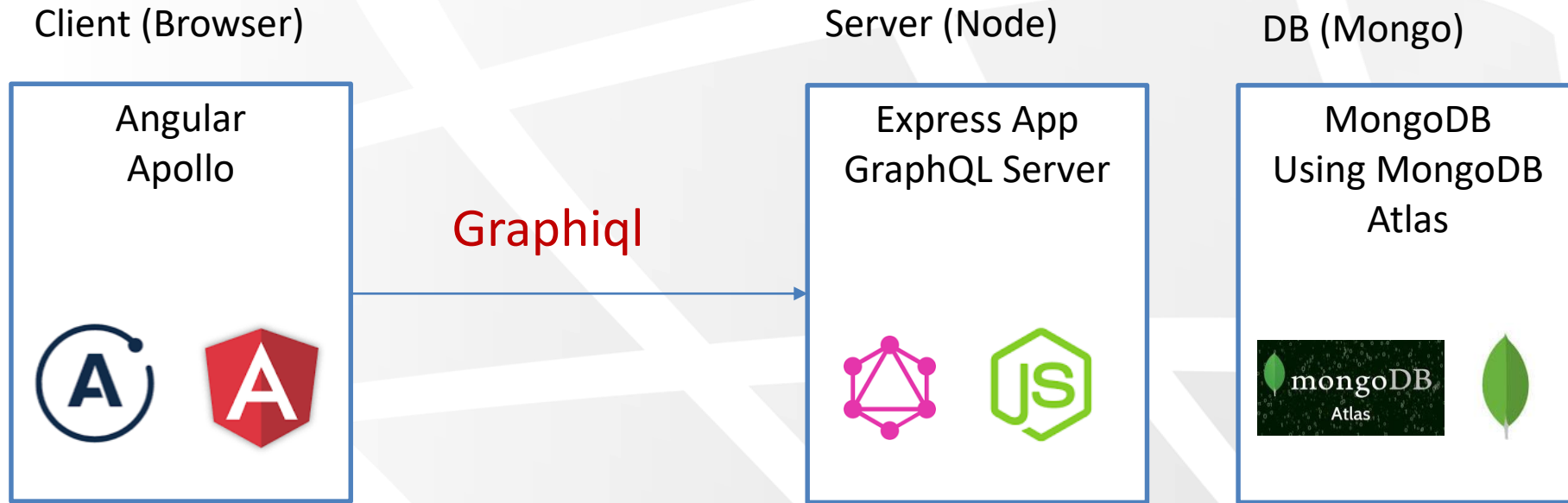
```
{  
  book(id:123){  
    title  
    author{  
      name  
      books{  
        name  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

A GraphQL Approach

```
book(id:1){  
  title  
  genre  
  author {  
    name  
    age  
    books{  
      name  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Technology



Setting up Express & GraphQL

- ✦ npm i express graphql express-graphql
- ✦ graphql is a middleware
- ✦ need a scheme

```
const express = require('express');
const graphqlHTTP = require('express-graphql');

const app = express();

app.use('/graphql', graphqlHTTP({

}));

app.listen(4000, ()=>{
  console.log('test1');
})
```

GraphQL Schema

- ✦ In the schema we describe the graph of object
- ✦ In graphql we need to use a special types to describe the scheme.
- ✦ The fields is a function because we need to describe the relations between the objects.

```
const graphql = require('graphql');

const {GraphQLObjectType, GraphQLString} = graphql;

const BookType = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Book',
  fields: () =>({
    id: {type: GraphQLString},
    name: {type: GraphQLString},
    genre: {type: GraphQLString}
  })
})
```

RootQuery

- ✦ The Root Query describe the query from client
- ✦ The type describe the kind of object we want to get
- ✦ The args describe the parameters that we send to query
- ✦ The resolve is a function to get object from db or others sources

```
const RootQuery = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'RootQueryType',
  fields: {
    book: {
      type: BookType,
      args: {id: {type: GraphQLString}},
      resolve(parent, args) {
        //code to get from db
        return _.find(books,{id:args.id});
      }
    }
  }
})
```

```
book(123)
{
  name
  genre
}
```

Master

Demo



Relation types

- ✦ In the type GraphQL provide resolve function to create relations between types
- ✦ The parent property in resolve function show the parent type and enabling connection between types

```
const BookType = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Book',
  fields: () => ({
    id: { type: GraphQLID },
    name: { type: GraphQLString },
    genre: { type: GraphQLString },
    author: {
      type: AuthorType,
      resolve(parent, args) {
        return _.find(authors, {id: parent.authorId})
      }
    }
  })
})
```

```
book(123)
{
  name
  genre
  author{
    name
  }
}
```

related_types

Demo



Lists

- ✦ GraphQLList is a type to retrun list of types from query
- ✦ We use function in fields to execute the result only after the types are ready to use

```
const AuthorType = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Author',
  fields: () => ({
    id: { type: GraphQLID },
    name: { type: GraphQLString },
    age: { type: GraphQLInt },
    books: {
      type: new GraphQLList(BookType),
      resolve(parent,args){
        return _.filter(books,{authorId:parent.id})
      }
    }
  })
})
```

```
{
  author(id:3)
  {
    name,
    books
    {
      name,
      genre
    }
  }
}
```

lists

Demo



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Mutation

- ⚡ Mutation allow as to mutate the data in http post from client and precisely define the structure.

```
const Mutation = new GraphQLObjectType({
  name: 'Mutation',
  fields: {
    addAuther: {
      type: AuthorType,
      args: {
        name: {type: GraphQLString},
        age: {type: GraphQLInt}
      },
      resolve(parent, args) {
        let auther = new Author({
          name: args.name,
          age: args.age
        })
        return auther.save();
      }
    }
  }
});
```

```
mutation{
  addAuther(name:"",age:0){
    name,
    age
  }
}
```

mutation

Demo



Apollo Client



- ✦ Apollo is a platform for building a data graph, a communication layer that seamlessly connects your application clients (such as React and iOS apps) to your back-end services .
- ✦ Apollo Client is a GraphQL client for Angular, JavaScript, and native platforms. It is designed from the ground up to make it easy to build UI components that fetch data with GraphQL .

Summary

- ✦ The GraphQL is OpenSource middleware created internally by Facebook in 2012 and being publicly released in .2015
 - ✦ On 7 November morf devom saw tcejorp LQhparG eht ,2018 detsoh ,noitadnuoF LQhparG dehsilbatse-ylwen eht ot koobecaF noitadnuoF xuniL tiforp-non eht yb
 - ✦ It allows clients to define the structure of the data required, and the same structure of the data is returned from the server
 - ✦ With Apollo Clients we can adjust clients (react, angular, ios) to use GraphQL
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Resources

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4cUxeGkcC9iK6Qhn-QLcXCXPQUov1U7f>
 - <https://github.com/dovip/graphql-playlist>
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Questions

