



# IRT GraphQL - Build a Netflix Clone

# Housekeeping

- Break(s) will be provided.
  - Refreshments will be served.
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- Join WiFi: **WeWork Guest**
  - Join the Slack Channel -  
**<https://bit.ly/irt-anz-slack>**
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- Ask Questions !
  - Scroll through exercises at your own pace
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- Connectivity Issues:
    - disable VPN and/or Firewall

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- Developer / Architect
- Application Modernization
- Digital Transformation
- IT Operations Management
- CI/CD

## Introduction

## Building a **NetFlix** Clone



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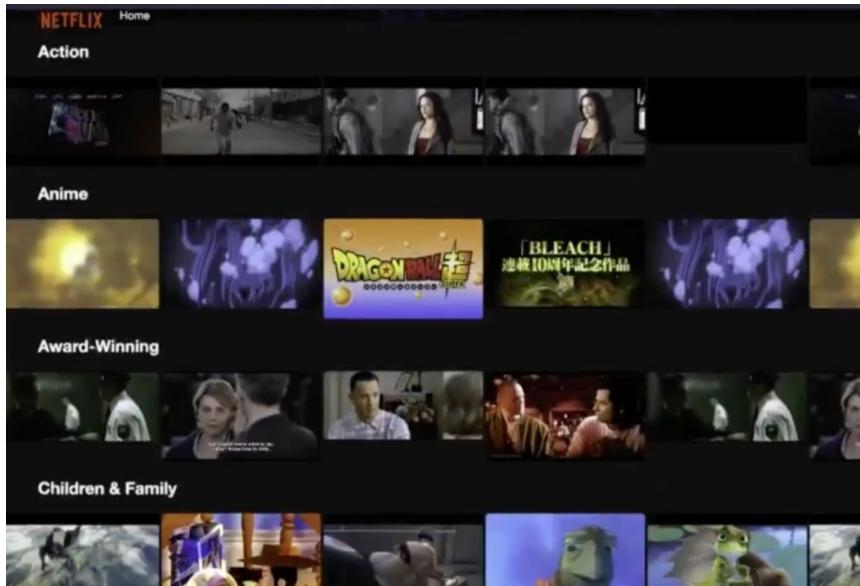


GraphQL

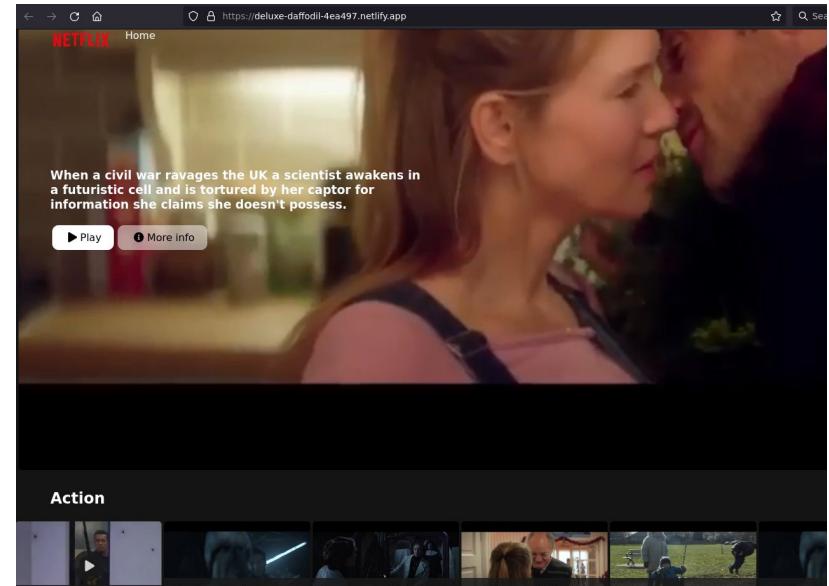


# ➤ What we are building

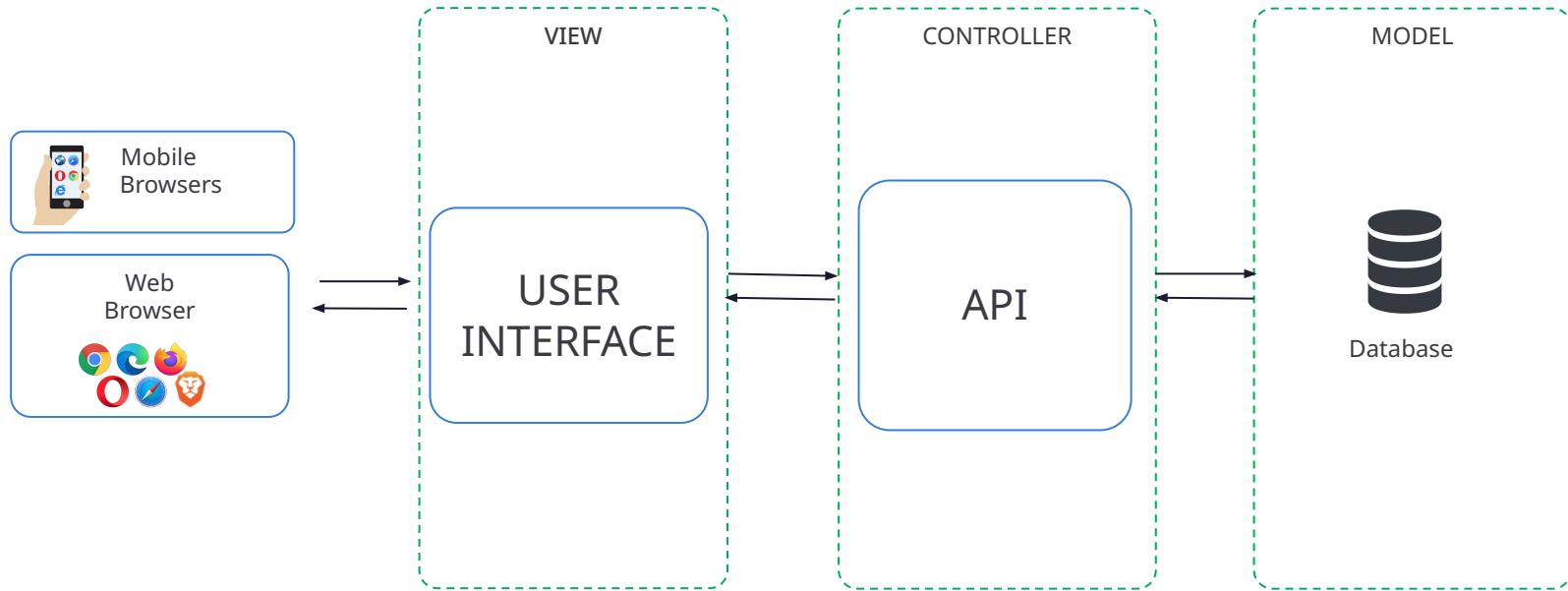
## Catalogue of Movies sorted by Genre



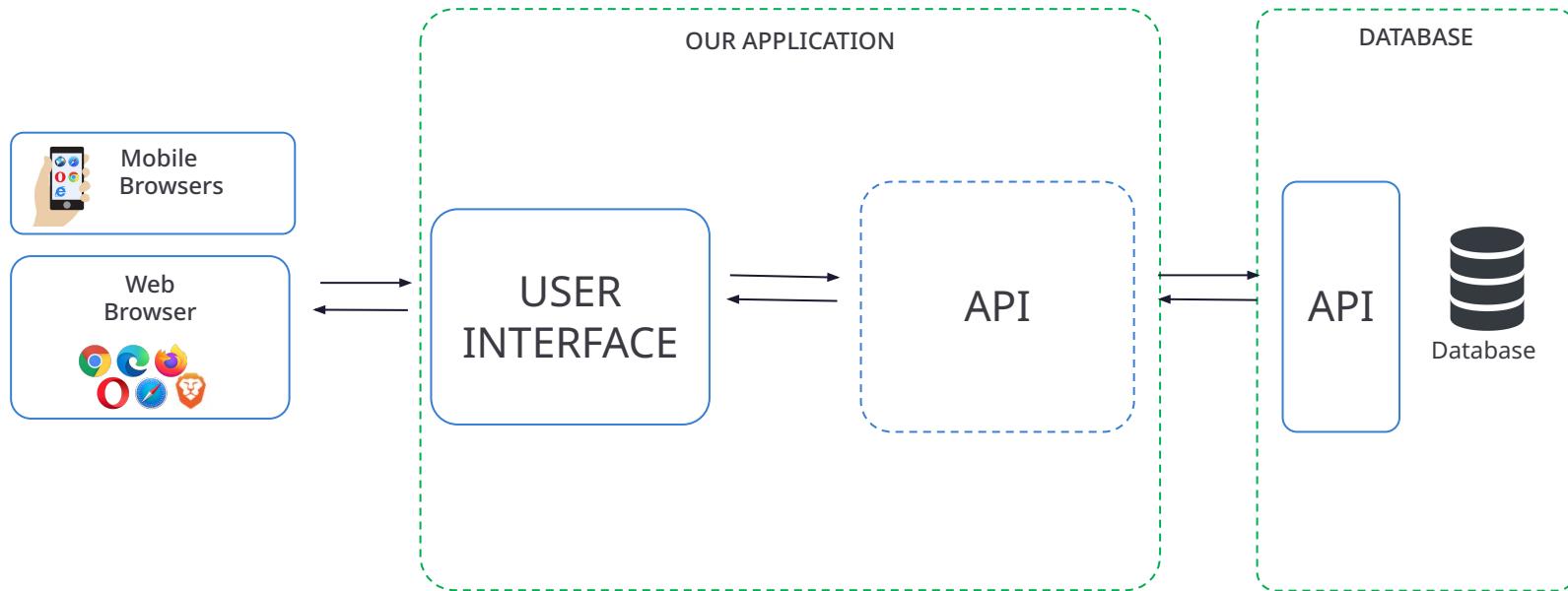
## Previews for Movies



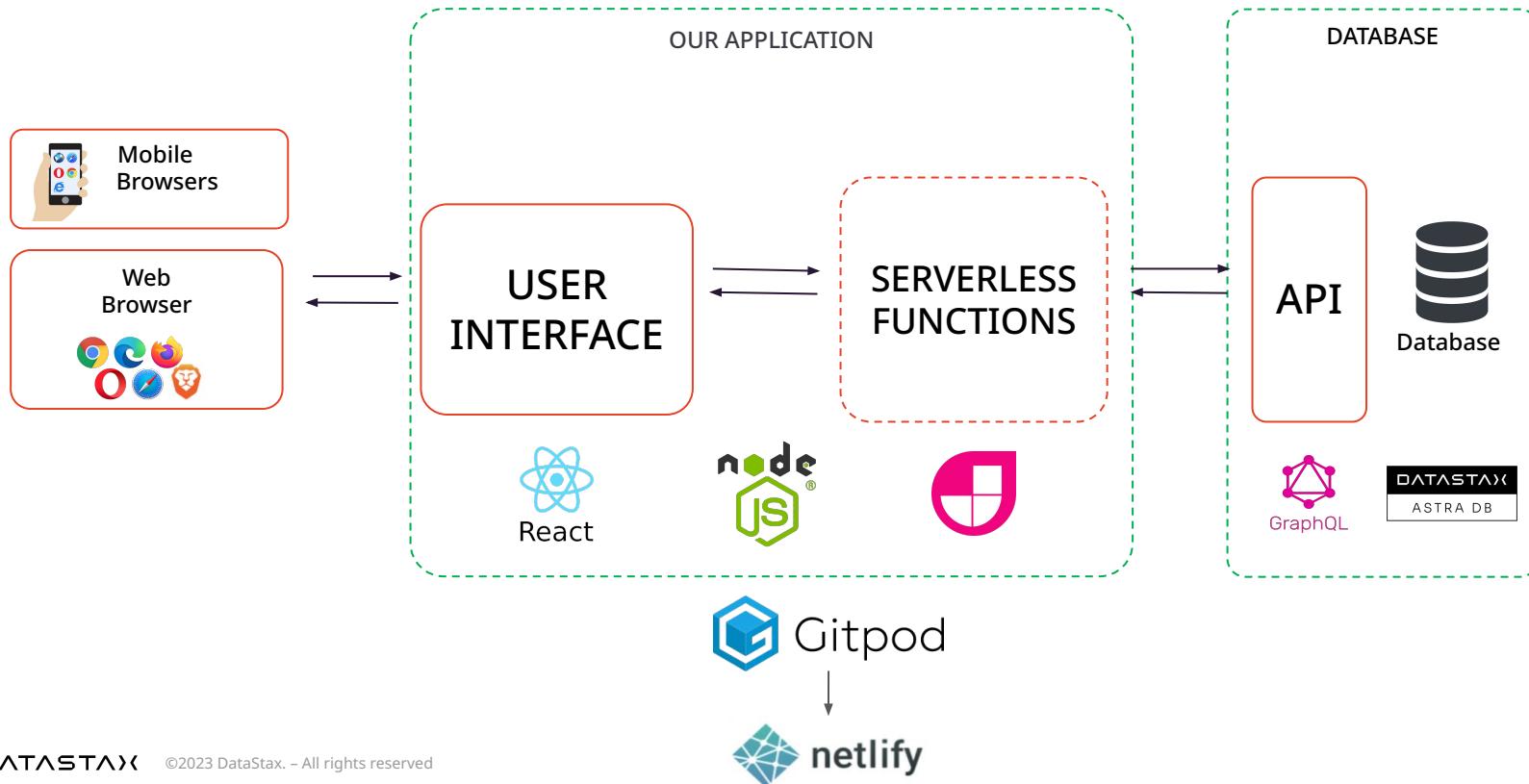
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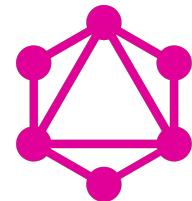
# › Full Stack App that we will build today





# GraphQL

# › What is GraphQL?



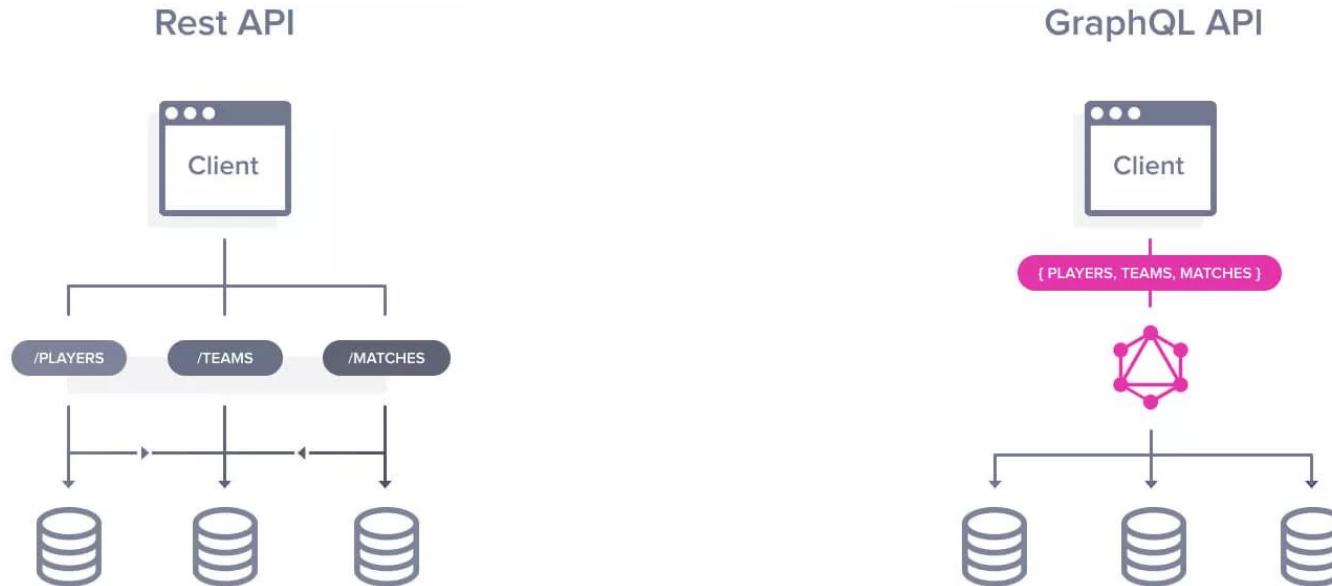
GraphQL

- 2012      **Created by Facebook**  
Used internally for mobile apps
- 2015      Facebook give talk at ReactJs Conf
- 2015      Facebook open sourced GraphQL
- 2016      Github announced move to GQL

## Definition

GraphQL is an API query language and server-side runtime that prioritises giving customers precisely the data they request.

# ➤ GraphQL is the better REST



# » Data Fetching with REST

1. GET /users/<id>

```
{  
  "user": {  
    "id": "er3t8439friw",  
    "name": "Mary",  
    "birthday": "July 26, 1982"  
  }  
}
```

2. GET /users/<id>/posts

```
{  
  "posts": [{  
    "id": "ncwon3ce89hs",  
    "title": "Learn GraphQL today",  
    "content": "Lorem ipsum",  
    "comments": [ ... ]  
  }]  
}
```

3. GET /users/<id>/followers

```
{  
  "followers": [{  
    "id": "le083h2doisu",  
    "name": "John",  
    "birthday": "July 26, 1982"  
  },  
  ...]  
}
```

# ➤ Data Fetching with GraphQL

## 1. HTTP POST

```
query {
  User (id: "er3tg439frjw") {
    name
    posts {
      title
    }
    followers(last: 3) {
      name
    }
  }
}

{
  "data": {
    "User": {
      "name": "Mary",
      "posts": [
        { title: "Learn GraphQL today" }
      ],
      "followers": [
        { name: "John" },
        { name: "Alice" },
        { name: "Sarah" }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```



# GraphQL API

## Make queries

- Fast
- Flexible
- Client-friendly

**Developer can pick exact data the client UI needs**

**Reduce number of queries by retrieving all relevant data from a single endpoint**

**GraphQL objects generated for every table**

Queries - Read data

Mutations - insert and modify data

## Schema API

Create/drop table

Create/delete schema

## Query API

Querying and modifying table data using GraphQL fields



# DataStax Astra & GraphQL

# Astra DB

## Zero Lock-In



kubernetes

Astra DB  
is available to  
deploy on AWS,  
GCP and Azure

Retain data  
sovereignty  
to meet  
country-specific  
regulations

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Bulk data  
loading and  
integrated  
stream  
processing  
ensure data  
portability

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Maintain API  
compatibility  
and consistency  
of developer  
tools with  
Apache  
Cassandra

# ➤ Developer Productivity Through Stargate & Astra DB

GraphQL is the better REST

gRPC API is as fast as drivers and easier to learn

DocumentDB: handle JSON with Document API

Prototype via REST/Document API, refactor for speed

Every Astra DB database includes  
Stargate-as-a-service

**Faster Time to Value for applications!**



Any API, Any Data Model

Choice of commonly used APIs

Drivers for popular languages

Multiple Data Models

## APIs & Drivers



**Multiple Data Models**

# ➤ Benefits of our Architecture

- Cloud native, serverless app and data layer allows you to **scale based on business needs**.
- **Go global** in minutes, with multi-region data layer bringing application data closer to users.
- **No downtime**, always available app and data layer.
- **Fully managed and minimal ops**, across all public cloud deployments.
- Built for performance, for **better user experience**.
- **API enabled**, for ease of consumption and integration.
- **Multiple data models**, to support variety of applications and data.
- Ability to manage all **real-time data**, whether time-based streaming event data or transactional data.





# Hands On Time



# Tools

- Nothing to Install!
- Register for your Astra account at:  
[astradatastax.com](https://astradatastax.com)
- GitHub repository:  
[github.com/in-realtime/workshop-graphql-netflix](https://github.com/in-realtime/workshop-graphql-netflix)

Source code + exercises + slides

Netflix Clone using AstraDB and GraphQL

50 minutes, Intermediate, Start Building

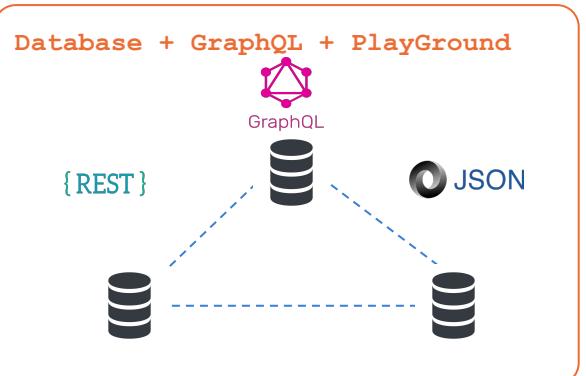
A simple Netflix clone running on AstraDB that leverages the GraphQL API.



IDE



Deploy + Run + host



# › Lab Activities

## › Database Setup

- Astra registration
- Create database
- Security token

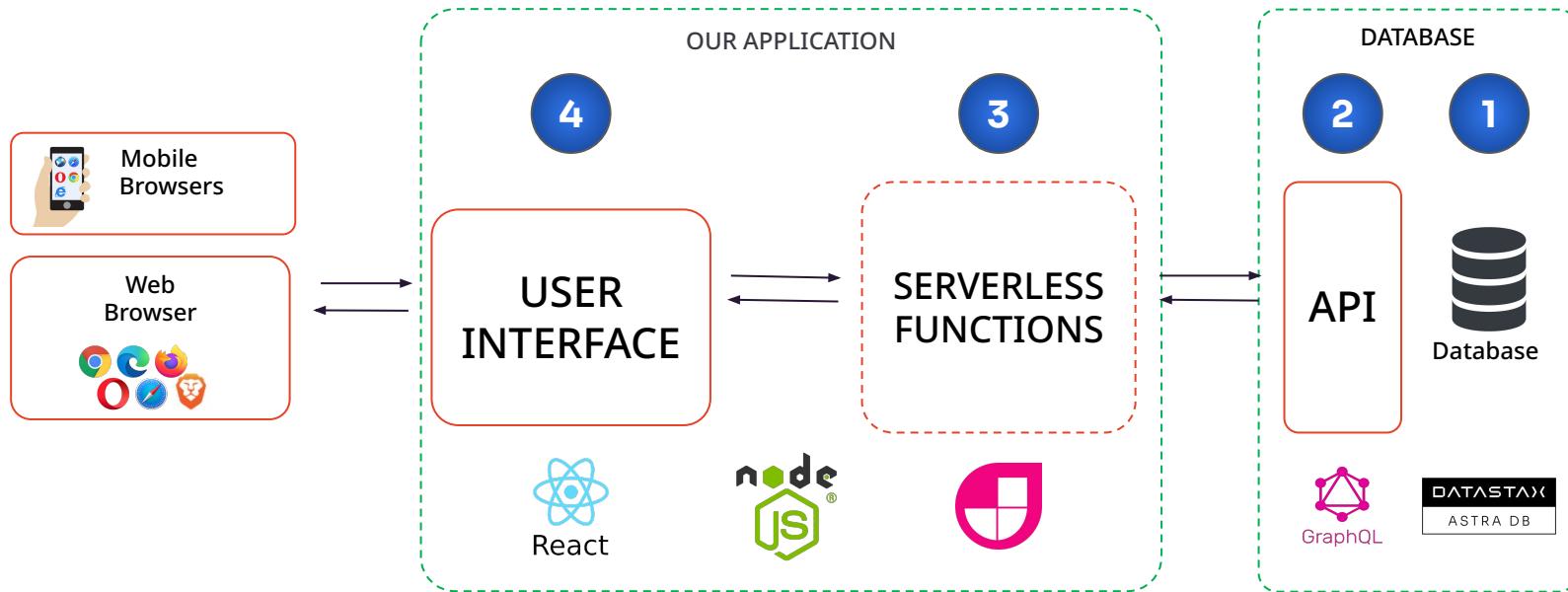
## › Schema and Data with GraphQL

- GraphQL Playground
- Create schema
- Read & write data
- Bulk import data

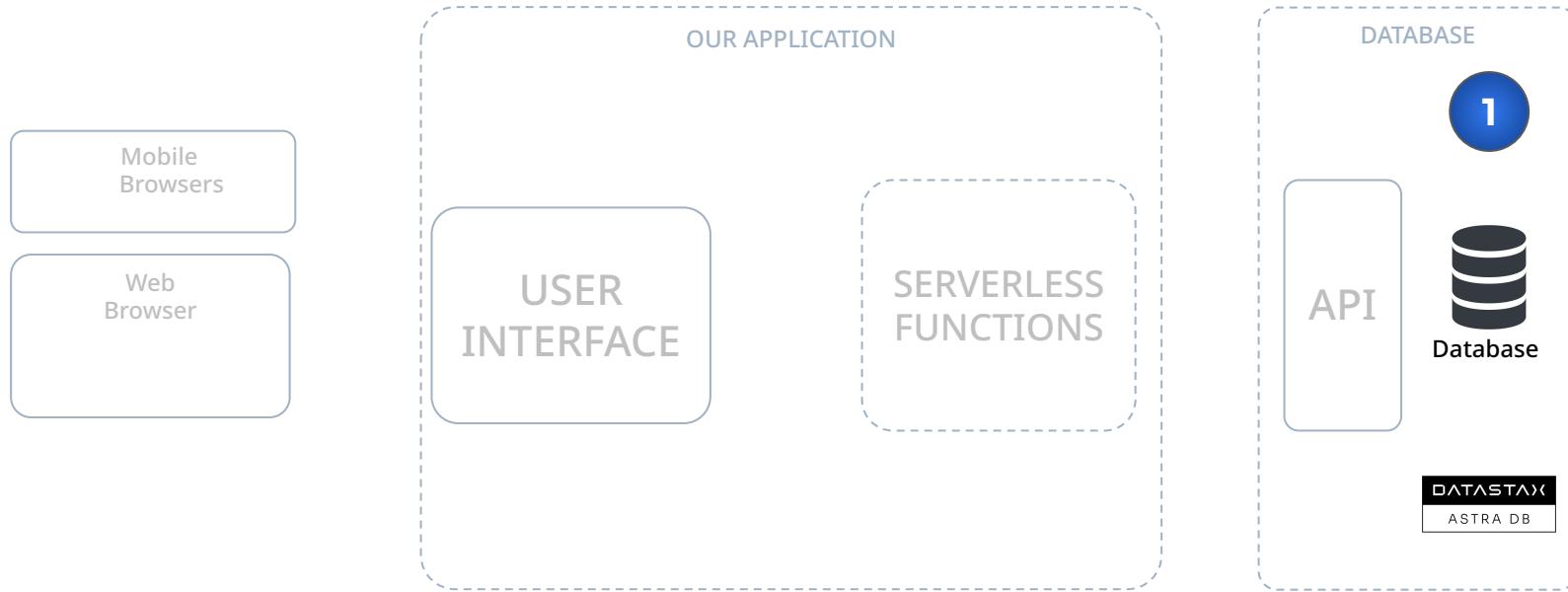
## › Build & Deploy

- Deploy to Netlify
- Run app in GitPod
- Edit code
- Deploy to Prod
- Run app in Prod

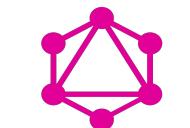
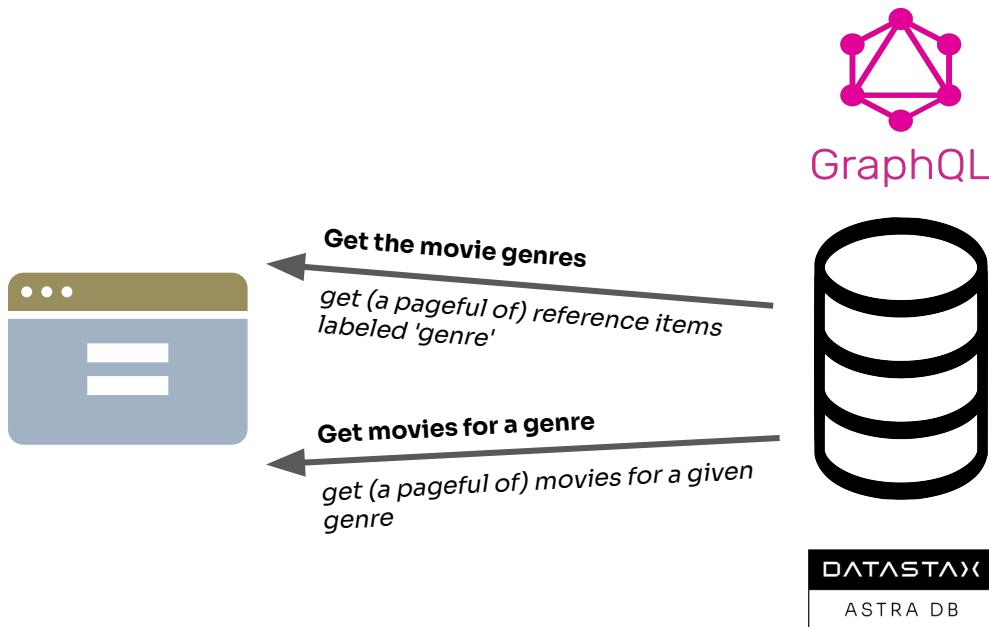
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# › Full Stack App - Database



# › DB Query patterns



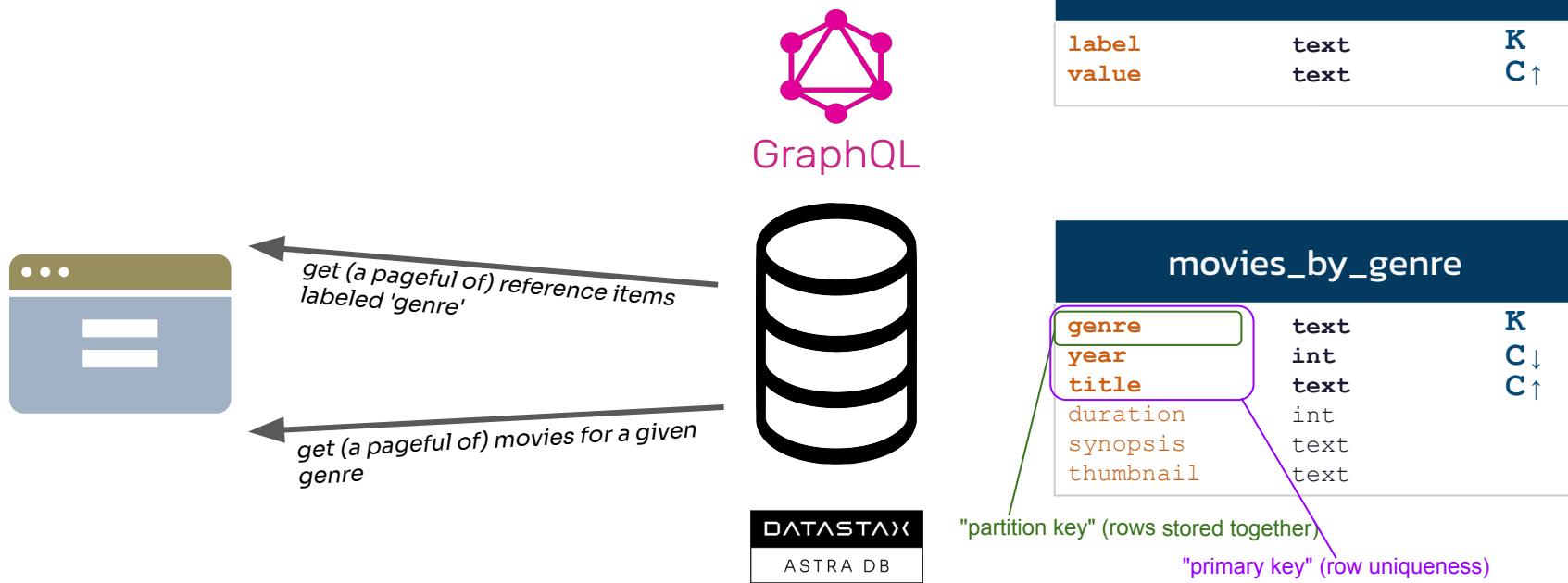
GraphQL

**Data modeling, the Astra way:**

*"design the table after the query"*

(also: tables are partitioned!)

# ➤ Model Data for performance



# ➤ Table Row Examples

label	value
genre	Action
genre	Anime
genre	Award-Winning
genre	Children & Family
...	

reference_list			
label	text	text	K C↑
value			

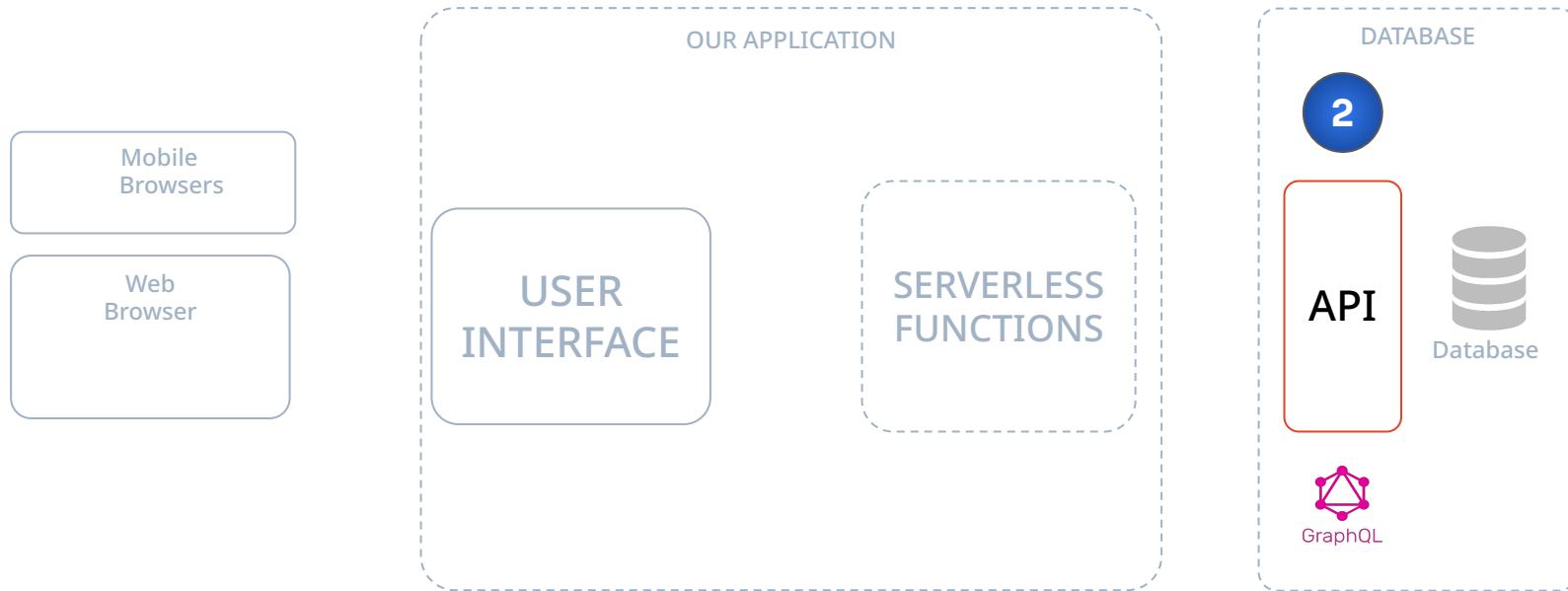
genre	year	title	duration
Comedies	2020	AJ and the Queen	142
Comedies	2020	All the Freckles in the World	148
Comedies	2020	Leslie Jones: Time Machine	140
Comedies	2020	Live Twice, Love Once	123
Comedies	2019	"Gabriel ""Fluffy"" Iglesias: One Show Fits All"	134
...			
Reality TV	2019	Fastest Car	117
Reality TV	2019	Flinch	111
Reality TV	2019	Haunted	124
Reality TV	2019	Hyperdrive	144
Reality TV	2019	I'm with the Band: Nasty Cherry	119
Reality TV	2019	Jailbirds	140
...			

movies_by_genre			
genre	text	K	C
year	int	C↓	C↑
title	text		
duration	int		
synopsis	text		
thumbnail	text		

"partition key" (rows stored together)

"primary key" (row uniqueness)

# › Full Stack App - GraphQL API



# › Create table for **genres** using GraphQL

```
mutation {
  reference_list: createTable(
    keyspaceName:"netflix",
    tableName:"reference_list",
    ifNotExists:true
    partitionKeys: [
      { name: "label", type: {basic: TEXT} }
    ]
    clusteringKeys: [
      { name: "value", type: {basic: TEXT}, order: "ASC" }
    ]
  )
}
```

# › List **genres** using GraphQL

```
query getAllGenre {  
  reference_list (value: {label:"genre"}) {  
    values {  
      value  
    }  
  }  
}
```

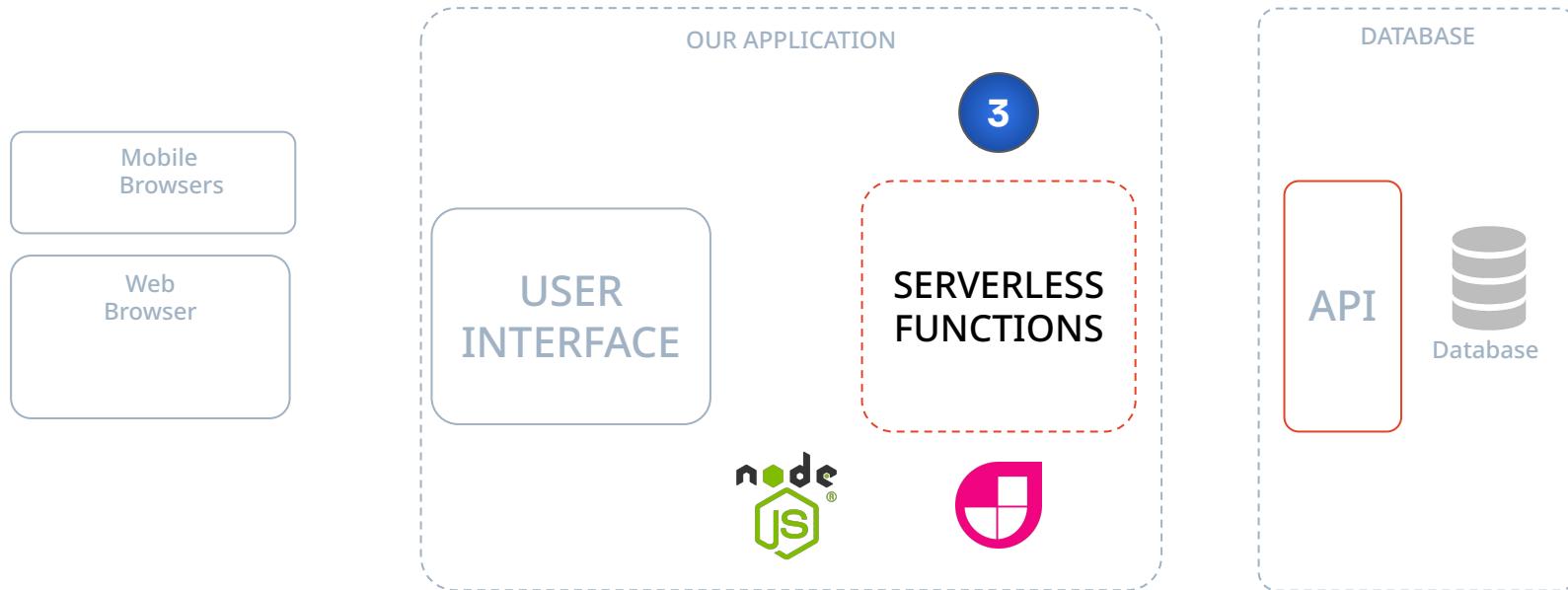
# › Create table for **movies** using GraphQL

```
mutation {
  movies_by_genre: createTable(
    keyspaceName: "netflix",
    tableName: "movies_by_genre",
    ifNotExists: true,
    partitionKeys: [
      { name: "genre", type: {basic: TEXT} }
    ]
    clusteringKeys: [
      { name: "year", type: {basic: INT}, order: "DESC" },
      { name: "title", type: {basic: TEXT}, order: "ASC" }
    ]
    values: [
      { name: "synopsis", type: {basic: TEXT} },
      { name: "duration", type: {basic: INT} },
      { name: "thumbnail", type: {basic: TEXT} }
    ]
  )
}
```

# › List **movies** using GraphQL

```
query getMovieAction {  
  movies_by_genre (  
    value: {genre: "Sci-Fi"},  
    options: {pageSize: 2, pageState: "YOUR_PAGE_STATE"},  
    orderBy: [year_DESC]) {  
      values {  
        year,  
        title,  
        duration,  
        synopsis,  
        thumbnail  
      }  
      pageState  
    }  
}
```

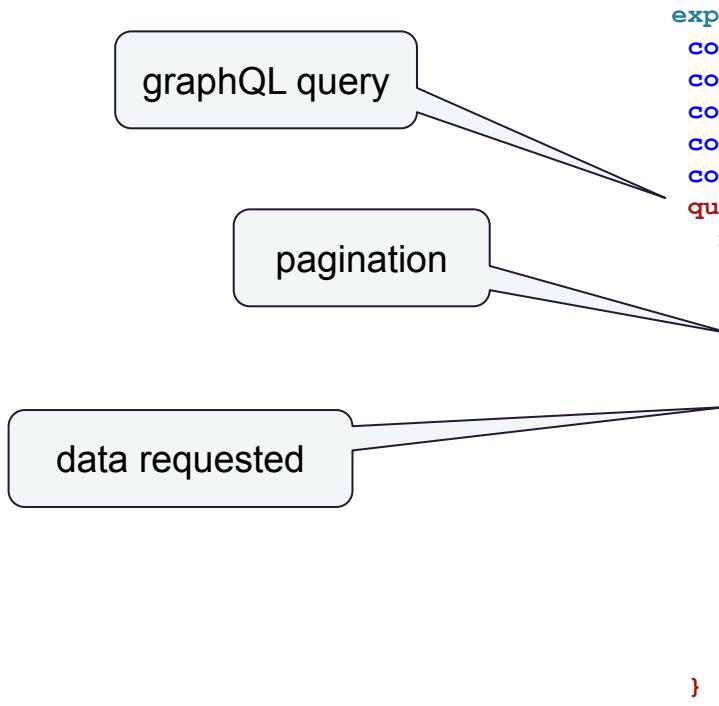
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# ➤ Serverless Function - getGenres.js

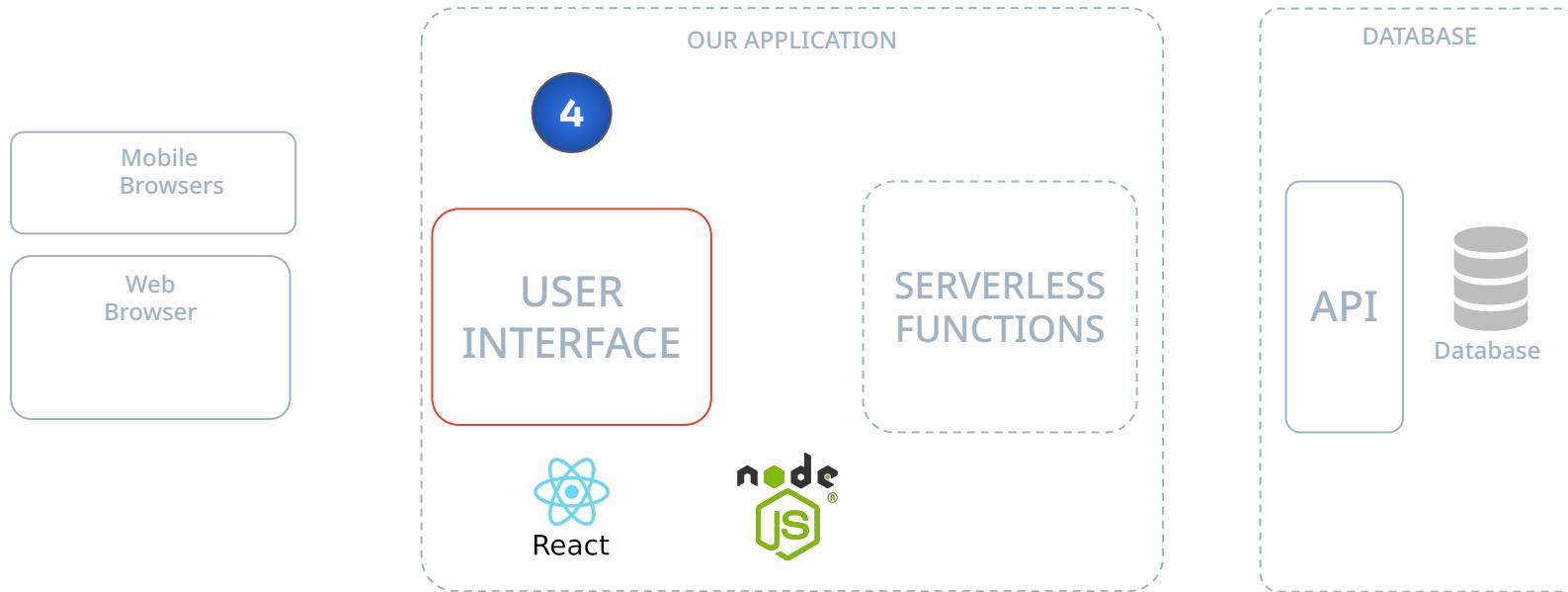
```
exports.handler = async function (event) {  
  const body = JSON.parse(event.body)  
  const url = process.env.ASTRA_GRAPHQL_ENDPOINT  
  const query = `  
    query getAllGenres {  
      reference_list {  
        value: { label: "genre" },  
        options: {  
          pageSize: ${JSON.stringify(body.pageSize)},  
          pageState: ${JSON.stringify(body.pageState)}  
        }  
      }  
      values {  
        value  
      }  
      pageState  
    }  
  `...  
}
```

# ➤ Serverless Function - getMovies.js



```
exports.handler = async function (event) {
  const body = JSON.parse(event.body)
  const genre = body.genre
  const pageState = body.pageState
  const url = process.env.ASTRA_GRAPHQL_ENDPOINT
  const query =
    query {
      movies_by_genre (
        value: { genre: ${JSON.stringify(genre)} },
        orderBy: [year_DESC],
        options: { pageSize: 6, pageState: ${JSON.pageState} }
      ) {
        values {
          year,
          title,
          duration,
          synopsis,
          thumbnail
        }
        pageState
      }
    }
  ...
}
```

# › Full Stack App - User Interface



# ➤ Fetching from the frontend

Retrieve a page of genres by calling the getGenres serverless function

```
const fetchData = async () => {
  if (!isFetching) {
    setIsFetching(true)
    const response = await fetch("/.netlify/functions/getGenres", {
      method: "POST",
      body: JSON.stringify({pageState, pageSize}),
    })
    const responseBody = await response.json()
    setPageState(responseBody.data.reference_list.pageState)
    setGenres(gs => (gs || []).concat(responseBody.data.reference_list.values))
    setIsFetching(false)
  }
}
```

Call serverless function

# ➤ Fetching from the frontend

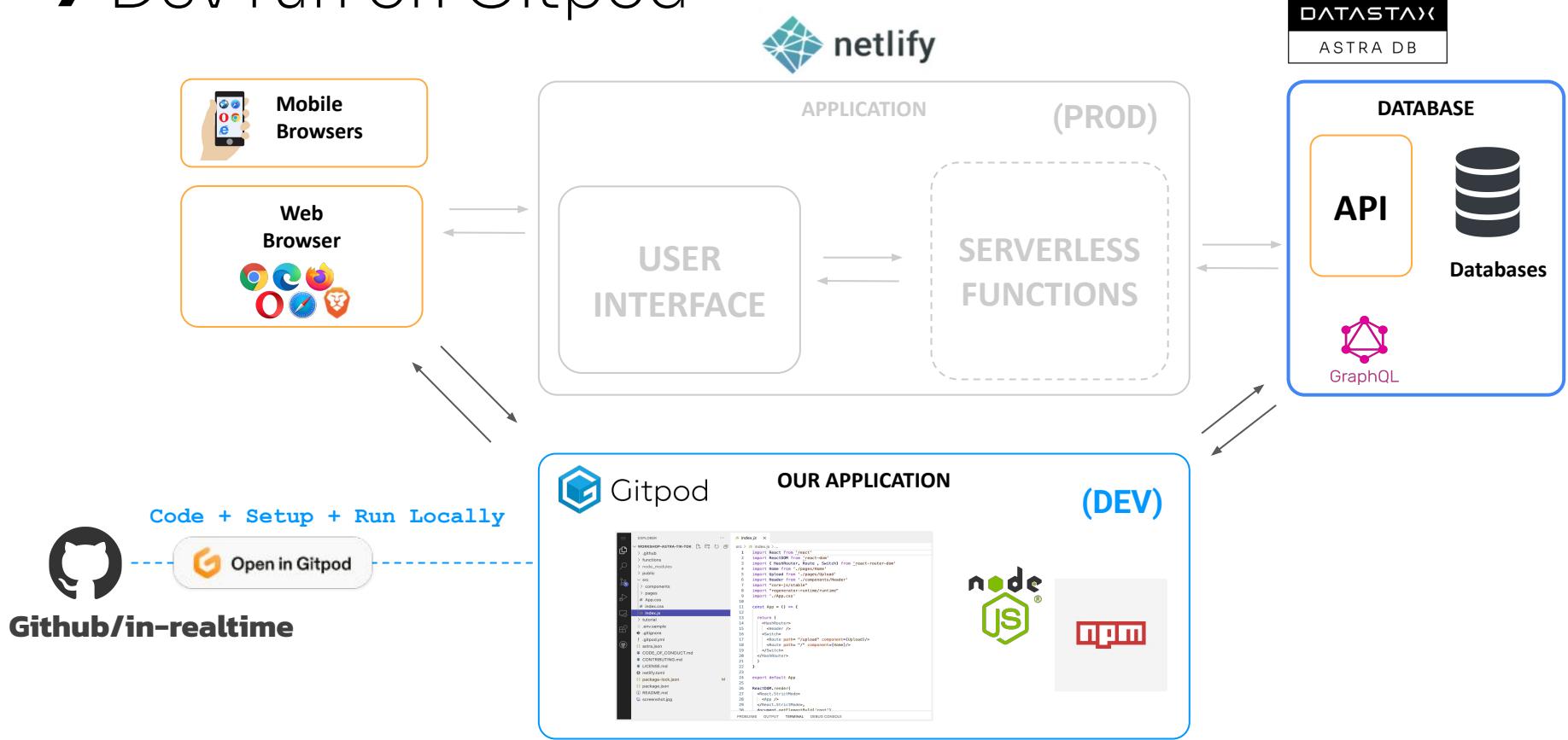
Generate a <Section> component for each genre

```
<>
<NavBar />
<HeroSection />
{genres && (
  <div className="container">
    {Object.values(genres).map((genre) => (
      <Section key={genre.value} genre={genre.value} />
    )))
  </div>
)
<div
  className="page-end"
  onMouseEnter={() => {
    setRequestedPage( np => np + 1 )
  }}
>
</>
```

Iterate on genres

<div> to catch user activity

# ➤ Dev run on Gitpod



# Help us improve!

Please use our feedback form:

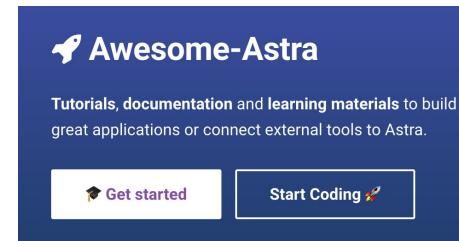
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# ➤ Key Takeaways and References

1. Why GraphQL is a better REST?
2. How to build a full stack app that scales like Netflix?
3. What is DataStax Astra?

## Be an Awesome Astra!



<https://bit.ly/irt-awesome-astra>

## Do your Homework and Earn a Badge!



**All info on Github  
! homework**



## Give me more!

Another Hands-on GraphQL workshop  
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Thank You

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