

Goodbye REST

Building APIs with Django and GraphQL



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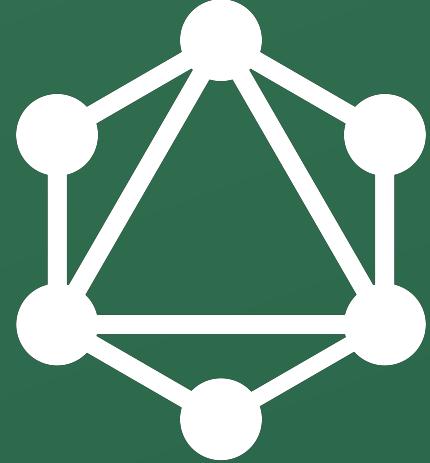
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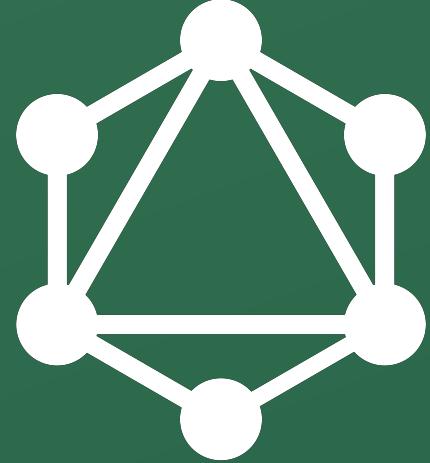
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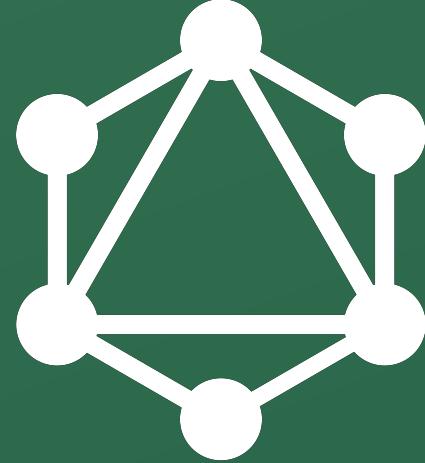
1. GraphQL 101 - key concepts
2. Build a simple GraphQL API
3. Pros / Cons
4. What's Next



What is GraphQL?

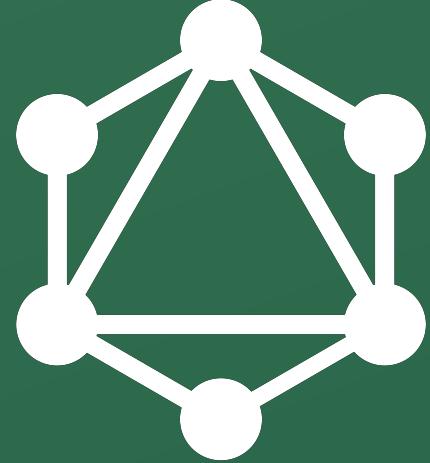
GraphQL is a query language, specification, and collection of tools, designed to operate over a single endpoint via HTTP, optimizing for performance and flexibility.

Source: <https://philsturgeon.uk/api/2017/01/24/graphql-vs-rest-overview/>



Key Features

- Query for only the data you need
- Easily query for multiple resources in a single request
- Great front end tooling for handling caching, loading / error states, and updates.

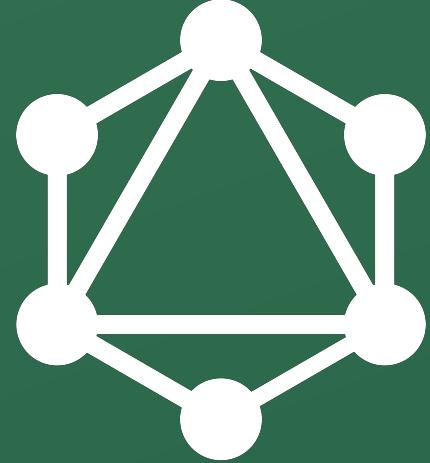


GraphQL Schema

- Types
- Queries
- Mutations
- *Subscriptions



Graphene



An Example App

```
class Todo(models.Model):  
  
    user = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)  
    title = models.CharField(max_length=500)  
    done = models.BooleanField(default=False)  
    created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)
```

```
# example/settings.py
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ...
    'graphene_django',
    'todo',
]

# example/urls.py
from graphene_django.views import GraphQLView

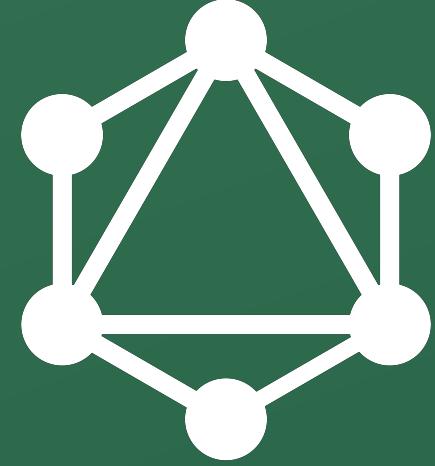
from example.schema import schema

urlpatterns = [
    ...
    path('graphql/', GraphQLView.as_view(graphiql=True, schema=schema)),
]

# example/schema.py
import graphene

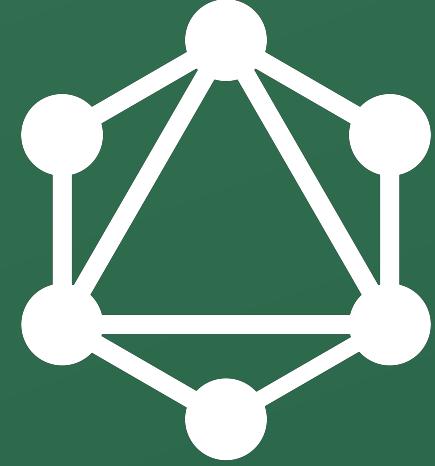
class RootQuery(graphene.ObjectType):
    pass

schema = graphene.Schema(query=RootQuery)
```



Types

```
from graphene_django.types import DjangoObjectType  
from todo.models import Todo  
  
class TodoType(DjangoObjectType):  
    class Meta:  
        model = Todo
```

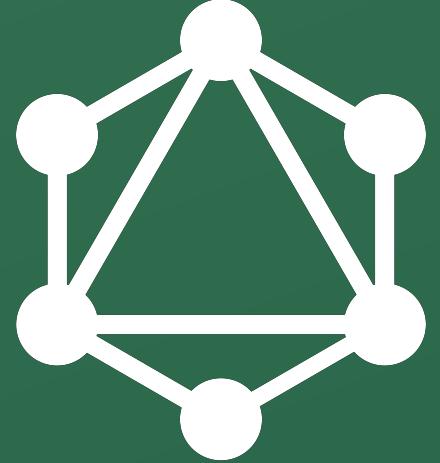


Queries

```
query {  
  allTodos {  
    id  
    title  
    done  
  }  
}
```

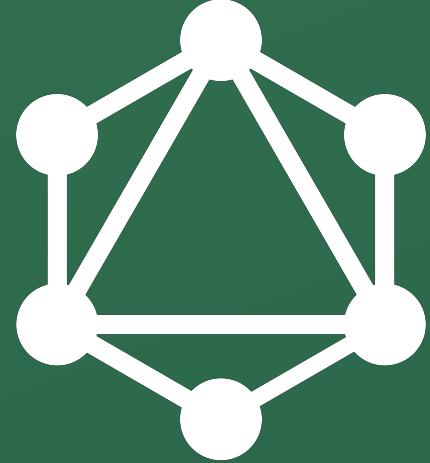


```
{  
  "data": {  
    "allTodos": [  
      {  
        "id": "1",  
        "title": "Finish Django Meetup Talk",  
        "done": true  
      },  
    ]  
  }  
}
```



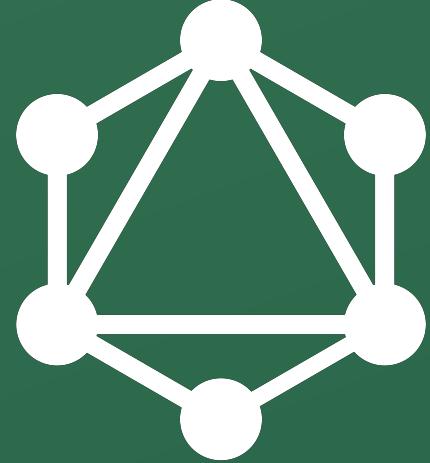
Mutations

```
mutation {
  createTodo(title:"Be awesome", done:true) {
    todo {
      id
      title
      done
      createdAt
    }
  }
}
```



Mutations

```
{  
  "data": {  
    "createTodo": {  
      "todo": {  
        "id": "6",  
        "title": "Be awesome",  
        "done": true,  
        "createdAt": "2018-11-28T21:58:16.387141+00:00"  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

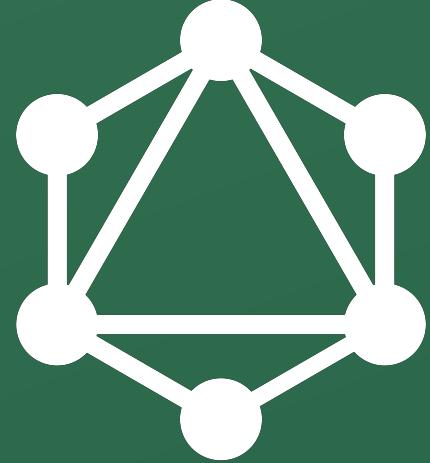


Subscriptions

```
subscription {  
  todoUpdated {  
    todo {  
      id  
      title  
      done  
    }  
  }  
}
```



```
{  
  "data": {  
    "todoUpdated": {  
      "todo": {  
        "id": "6",  
        "title": "Be awesome",  
        "done": true,  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Subscriptions

No plug and play support yet 😢

[GH Issue \(#430\)](#)

graphql-python / graphene

Issues 87

Graphene real-time subscriptions and Apollo client graphql integration #430

hballard commented on Mar 3, 2017 • edited

Hello @syrusakbary.

Thanks for all your hard work on graphene and graphql-python. Awesome library!!

I posted this on #393 earlier this week...reposting here so it's easier to discover.

I implemented a port of the apollo graphql subscriptions modules ([graphql-subscriptions](#) and [subscriptions-transport-ws](#)) for graphene / python. They work w/ [apollo-client](#).

It is [here](#).

Same basic api as the Apollo modules. It is still very rough...but works so far, based on my limited internal testing. Uses [redis-py](#), [gevent-websockets](#), and [syrusakbary/promises](#). I was going to add a simple example app, setup.py for easier install, and more info to the readme w/ the API, in the next few days. A brief example is below. Only works on python2 for now. My plan is to start working on tests as well. I figured I'd go ahead and share in this early stage in case anybody is interested...

I'm very new to open source, so any critiques or pull requests are welcome.

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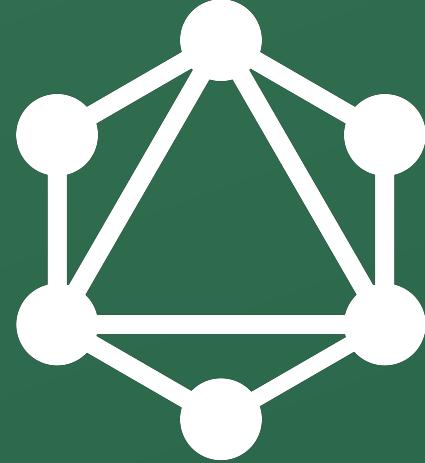
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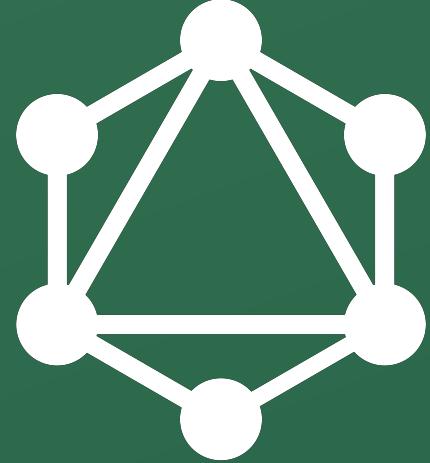
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Other Realtime Options

- [graphql-python/graphql-ws](#)
- [eamigo86/graphene-django-subscriptions](#)
- [tricoder42's Implementation Gist](#)
- Hybrid Websocket / GraphQL approach
- Polling / Refetch



File Uploads

[Imcgartland/graphene-file-upload](#)

Screenshot of the GitHub repository page for [Imcgartland/graphene-file-upload](#).

The repository概览 (Overview)显示了以下信息：

- Code: 73 commits
- Issues: 3
- Pull requests: 0
- Projects: 0
- Wiki: 0
- Insights: 0

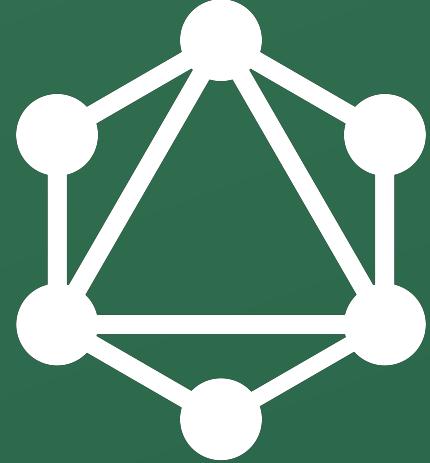
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描述 (Description): Enhances Graphene Django GraphQL Server for intuitive file uploads via GraphQL mutations.

标签 (Tags): graphql, graphene, django

提交历史 (Commit History):

Commit	Message	Time
examples	Added graphene-django requirement to example	5 months ago
graphene_file_upload	Lint files and resolve django issue	9 days ago
tests	use current fire emoji	3 months ago
.gitignore	removed merge conflicts	2 months ago
.pylintrc	Lint files and resolve django issue	9 days ago
.travis.yml	removed python 3.3 and flake8 tests	2 months ago
LICENSE	Initial Commit	8 months ago
MANIFEST.in	Initial Commit	8 months ago
README.md	add --develop flag to docs since it was removed from tox	19 days ago
README.rst	clarify how to recreate tox	3 months ago
requirements-tox.txt	add first test	3 months ago
setup.cfg	Initial Commit	8 months ago
setup.py	bump version	9 days ago
tox.ini	Lint files and resolve django issue	9 days ago



Extra Utilities

[eamigo86/graphene-django-extras](https://github.com/eamigo86/graphene-django-extras)

Screenshot of the GitHub repository page for `eamigo86/graphene-django-extras`.

The repository summary shows:

- Code: 197 commits
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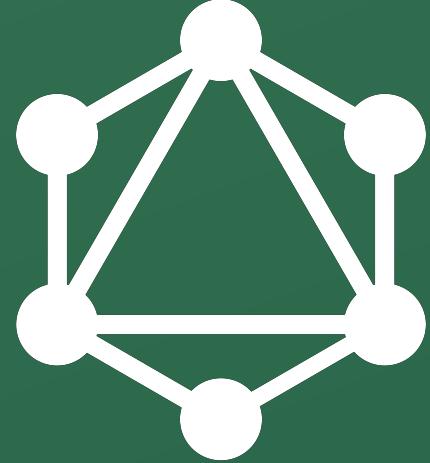
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File list (visible): README.md

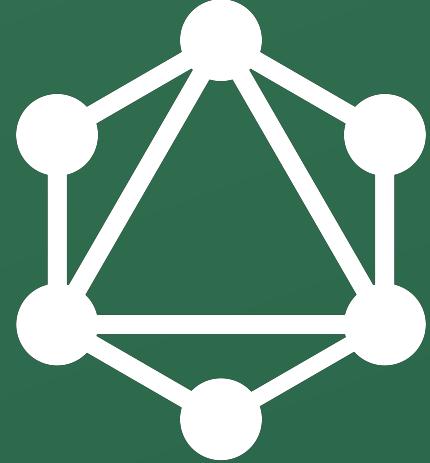
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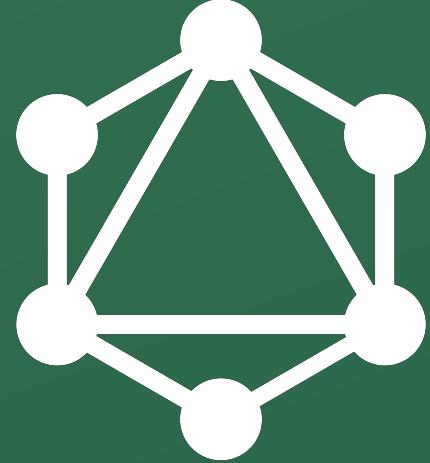
Pros

- Dramatically improves front end DX
- Flexible types allow for quick iteration
- Always up to date documentation
- Only sends needed data over the wire



Cons

- Graphene isn't as mature as some other GraphQL implementations (JS, Ruby)
- Logging is different when using a single GraphQL endpoint
- REST is currently better at server-side caching*



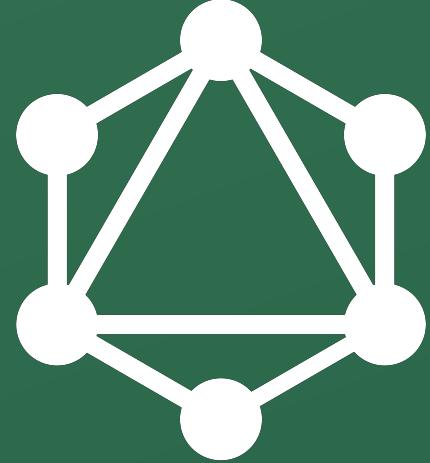
What's Next?

- Graphene 3 Roadmap - great opportunity to get involved
- We're working on some cool projects internally related to Subscriptions and Apollo Engine support - will open source soon!

Questions?

<https://github.com/jaydenwindle/goodbye-rest-talk>

@jaydenwindle



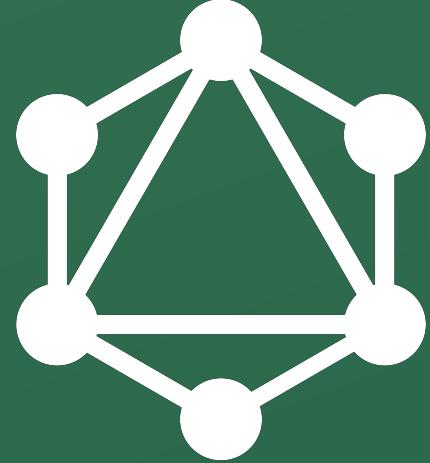
An Example App

```
from rest_framework import routers

from todo.rest import views

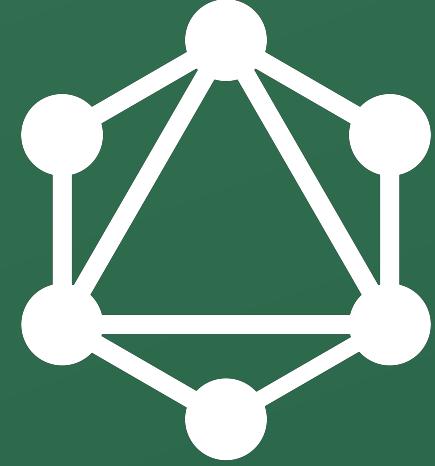
router = routers.DefaultRouter()
router.register(r'todos', views.TodoViewSet)

urlpatterns = [
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
    path('api/', include(router.urls)),
]
```



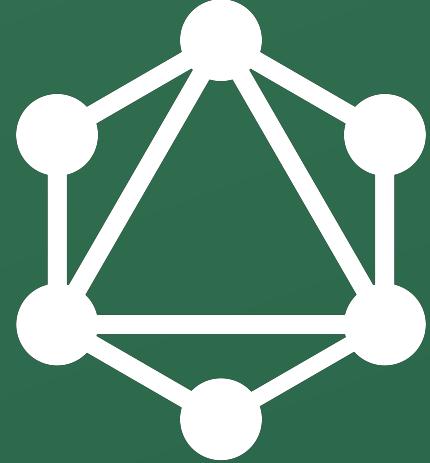
An Example App

```
GET   /todos      => Returns all Todo items
GET   /todos/:id  => Returns single Todo item
POST  /todos      => Creates new Todo item
PUT   /todos/:id  => Updates a Todo item
DELETE /todos/:id => Deletes a Todo item
```



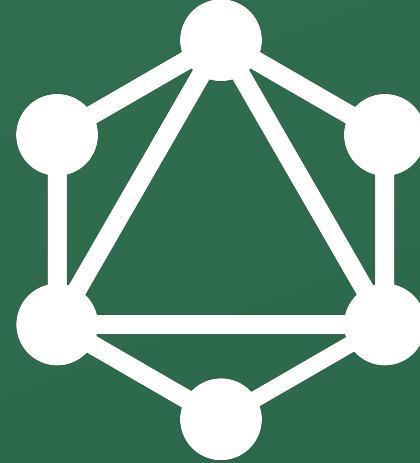
Queries

```
// GET /todos/  
[  
  {  
    "id": 1,  
    "title": "Some task",  
    "done": false,  
    "created_at": "2018-11-28T16:35:17.221721Z",  
    "user": 1  
  },  
]
```



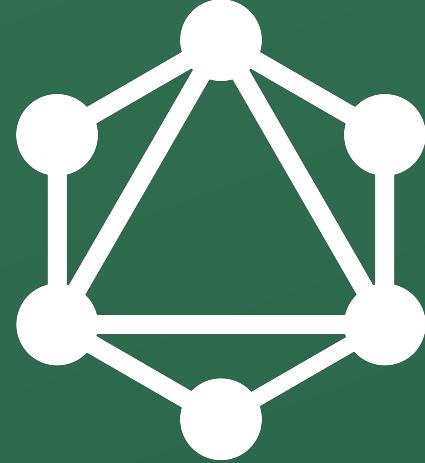
REST API problems we ran into

- Handling data on the front end was verbose
- Composing multiple resources is complex
- Keeping documentation up to date is hard



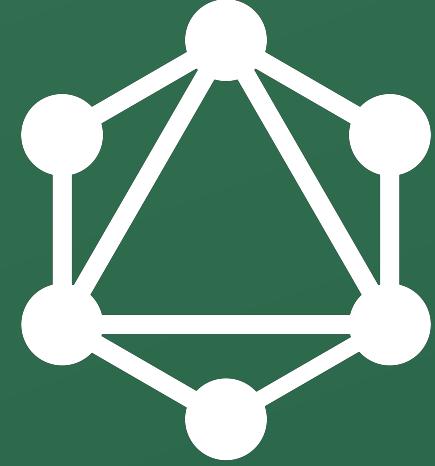
How GraphQL Solves them

- GraphQL has great front end tooling which handles lots of things out of the box (caching, error and loading states)
- GraphQL makes it easy to compose queries and fetch multiple types at once
- The interactive playground makes documentation easy to keep track of



GraphQL in Production

- We've been running GraphQL in production for ~3 months
- Haven't run into any performance bottlenecks vs our REST setup
- ~26% decrease in LOC that interact with our API

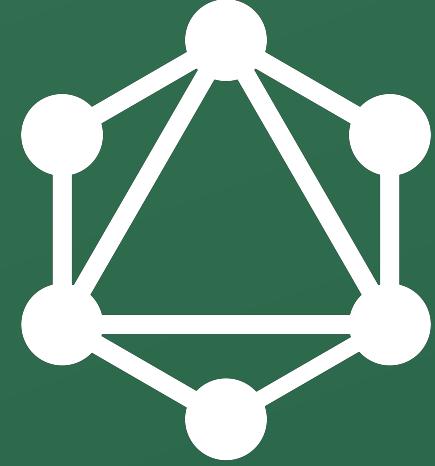


Queries

```
query {  
  hello  
}
```



```
"data": {  
  "hello": "world",  
}
```

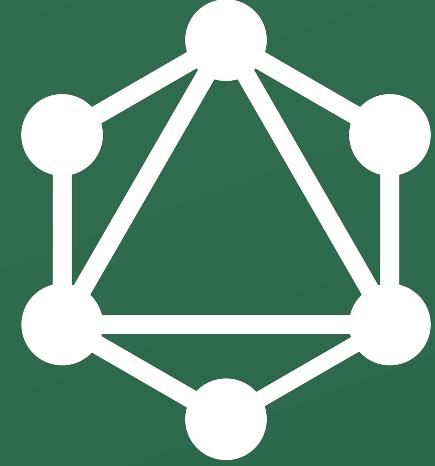


Queries

```
import graphene

class HelloWorldQuery(graphene.ObjectType):
    hello = graphene.String()

    def resolve_hello(self, info, **kwargs):
        return "World!"
```



Queries

```
/graphql?query=query%20%7B%0A%20%20hello%0A%7D
```