

Step 1 - What are ORMs



1. Boring official definition

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)

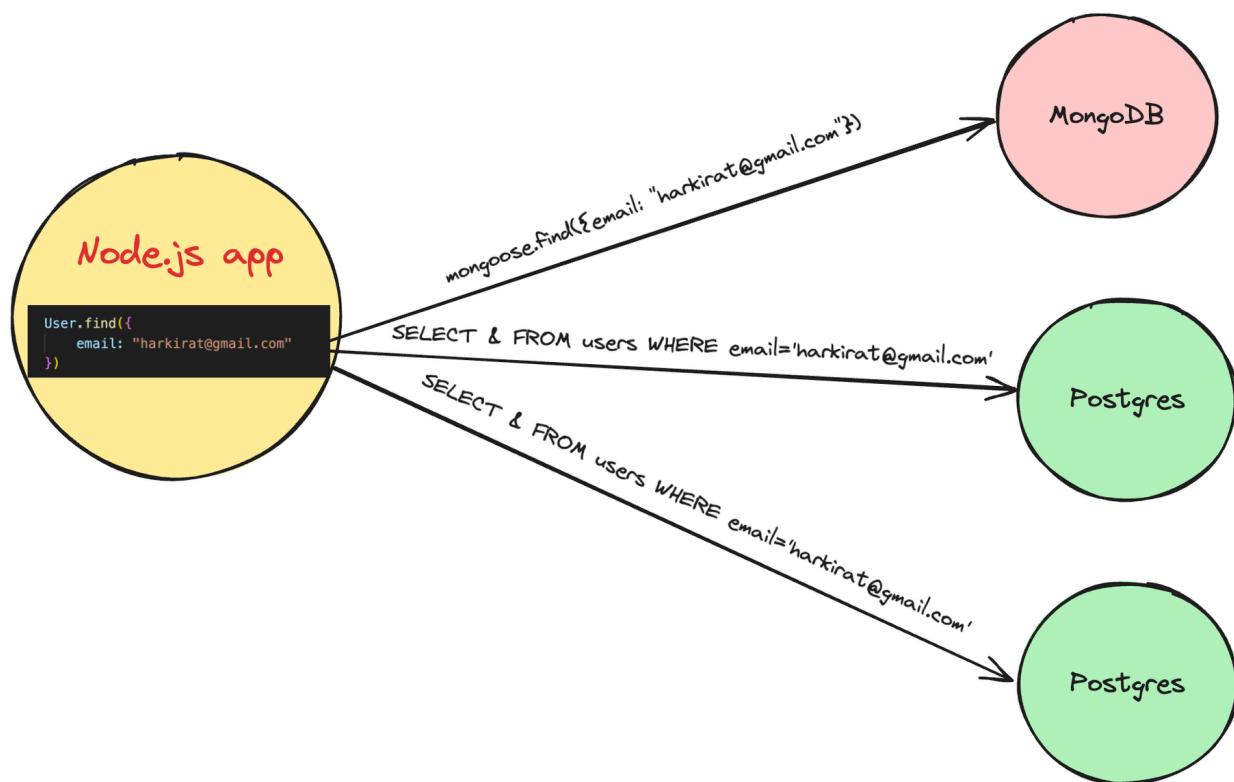
Non ORM

```
const query = 'SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = $1';
const result = await client.query(query, ["harkirat@gmail.com"]);
```

ORM

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

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



3. Type safety/Auto completion

Non ORM (pg)

```
// Asy
const result: any
const result = await client.query(query, ["harkirat@gmail.com"]);
```

ORM

```
const user: {
  email: string;
  username: string;
  password: String;
}

const user = UserDb.find({
  email: "harkirat@gmail.com"
})

const user = UserDb.find({
  email: "harkirat@gmail.com"
})
```

4. Automatic migrations

In case of a simple Postgres app, it's very hard to keep track of all the commands that were ran that led to the current schema of the table.

Users

- username: string
- password: string
- firstName: string
- lastName: string

Todos

- title: string
- description: string
- done: boolean
- user_id: number

CREATE TABLE users (
 id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
 name VARCHAR(100),
 email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL
);

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```
ALTER TABLE users  
ADD COLUMN phone_number VARCHAR(15);
```

As your app grows, you will have a lot of these `CREATE` and `ALTER` commands.

ORMs (or more specifically Prisma) maintains all of these for you.

For example - <https://github.com/code100x/cms/tree/main/prisma/migrations>

Step 3 - What is Prisma

Next-generation Node.js and TypeScript ORM

Prisma unlocks a new level of **developer experience** when working with databases thanks to its intuitive **data model**, **automated migrations**, **type-safety** & **auto-completion**.

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

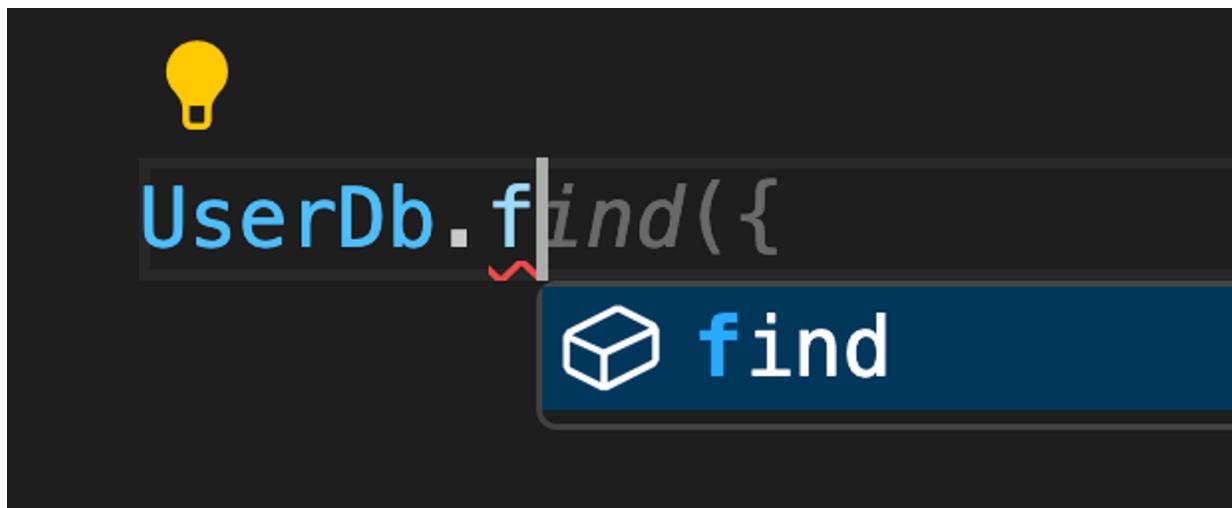
Prisma generates a type-safe database client based on the Prisma schema.

```
// Asynchronous code example
const user: {
  email: string;
  username: string;
  password: String;
}

const user = UserDb.find({
  email: "harkirat@gmail.com"
})

const user = UserDb.find(
  | |   email: "harkirat@gmail.com"
)
```

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

```
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npm init
```

1. Add dependencies

```
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npm install prisma typescript ts-node @types/node --save ...
```

1. Initialize typescript

```
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npx tsc --init  
Change `rootDir` to `src`  
Change `outDir` to `dist`
```

1. Initialize a fresh prisma project

```
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npx prisma init
```

```
✓ Your Prisma schema was created at prisma/schema.prisma
You can now open it in your favorite editor.

Next steps:
1. Set the DATABASE_URL in the .env file to point to your existing database. If your database has no tables yet, read https://pris.ly/d/getting-started
2. Set the provider of the datasource block in schema.prisma to match your database: postgresql, mysql, sqlite, sqlserver, mongodb or cockroachdb.
3. Run prisma db pull to turn your database schema into a Prisma schema.
4. Run prisma generate to generate the Prisma Client. You can then start querying your database.

More information in our documentation:
https://pris.ly/d/getting-started
```

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

```
prisma > ⚡ schema.prisma > ...
1  // This is your Prisma schema file,
2  // learn more about it in the docs: https://pris.ly/d/prisma-schema
3
4  generator client {
5    provider = "prisma-client-js"
6  }
7
8  datasource db {
9    provider = "postgresql" provider = "postgresql"
10   url      = env("DATABASE_URL")
11 }
12
```



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

The screenshot shows the VSCode Extensions Marketplace. On the left is a sidebar with icons for code, search, and other extensions. The main area has a dark background with white text. A search bar at the top contains the text "prisma". Below the search bar, there are two visible extension cards:

- Prisma** by Prisma: Adds syntax highlighting, formatting, auto-completion, and more. It has a blue icon with a white triangle. The status is "Prisma" with a checkmark. It has 3K installs and 5 stars. An "Install" button is visible.
- Prisma - Insider** by Quernest: Shows statistics of 103K installs and 5 stars. An "Install" button is visible.

Step 6 - Defining your data model

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

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

```
model User {  
    id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())  
    username String  @unique  
    password String  
    firstName String  
    lastName String  
}
```

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Assignment

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

Users
username: string
password: string
firstName: string
lastName: string

Todos
title: string
description: string
done: boolean
user_id: number

▼ Answer

```
// This is your Prisma schema file,  
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```

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generator client {  
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}  
  
datasource db {  
    provider = "postgresql"  
    url      = env("DATABASE_URL")  
}  
  
model User {  
    id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())  
    username String  @unique  
    password String  
    firstName String
```

```
lastName  String  
}  
  
model Todo {  
    id          Int      @id @default(autoincrement())  
    title       String  
    description String  
    done        Boolean @default(false)  
    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 sc... 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.

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psql -h localhost -d postgres -U postg... Copy
```

```
postgres=# \dt;
              List of relations
 Schema |      Name       | Type  | Owner
-----+-----+-----+-----+
 public | Todo          | table | postgres
 public | User          | table | postgres
 public | _prisma_migrations | table | postgres
(3 rows)
```

Step 8 - Generating the prisma client

What is a client?

Foundation

Foundation Javascript, async nature of JS
 Node.js and its runtime
 Databases (NoSQL/SQL)
 Mongo and Postgres deep dive
 Typescript beginner to advance

Backend

Backend communication protocols
 Express basic to advance
 ORMs
 Middlewares, routes, status codes, global catches
 Zod
 MonoRepos, turborepo
 Serverless Backends
 OpenAPI Spec
Autogenerated clients
 Authentication using external libraries
 Scaling Node.js, performance benchmarks
 Deploying npm packages

Frontend

Reconcilers and Frontend frameworks
 React beginner to advance
 Internals of state, Context API
 State management using recoil
 CSS you need to know of, Flexbox, basic styling
 Frontend UI frameworks, Deep dive into Tailwind
 Containerization, Docker
 Next.js
 Custom hooks
 In house auth using next auth

Basic Devops

Docker end to end
 Deploying to AWS servers
 Newer clouds like fly/Remix
 Nginx and reverse proxies

Projects

GSoC Project setting up and issue solving
 Building Paytm/Wallet End to End

Client represents all the functions that convert

```
User.create({email: "harkirat@gmail.co..."},  
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```

into

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

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 gene...  
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```

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 -

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";  
  
const prisma = new PrismaClient();  
  
async function insertUser(username: string, password: string, firstName: s  
}  
  
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```

▼ Solution

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";  
  
const prisma = new PrismaClient();  
  
async function insertUser(username: string, password: string, firstName  
    const res = await prisma.user.create({  
        data: {  
            username,  
            password,  
            firstName,  
            lastName  
        }  
    })  
    console.log(res);  
}  
  
insertUser("admin1", "123456", "harkirat", "singh")  
  
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```

```
● → prisma node dist/index.js
{
  id: 3,
  username: 'admin1',
  password: '123456',
  firstName: 'harkirat',
  lastName: 'singh'
}
```

Update

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

Starter code -

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client",
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const prisma = new PrismaClient();

interface UpdateParams {
  firstName: string;
  lastName: string;
}

async function updateUser(username: string, {
  firstName,
  lastName
}: UpdateParams) {
  ^
}
```

▼ Solution

```
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"
})

```

 → prisma node dist/index.js

```

{
    id: 3,
    username: 'admin1',
    password: '123456',
    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) {  
}  
}
```

▼ Solution

```
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");
```

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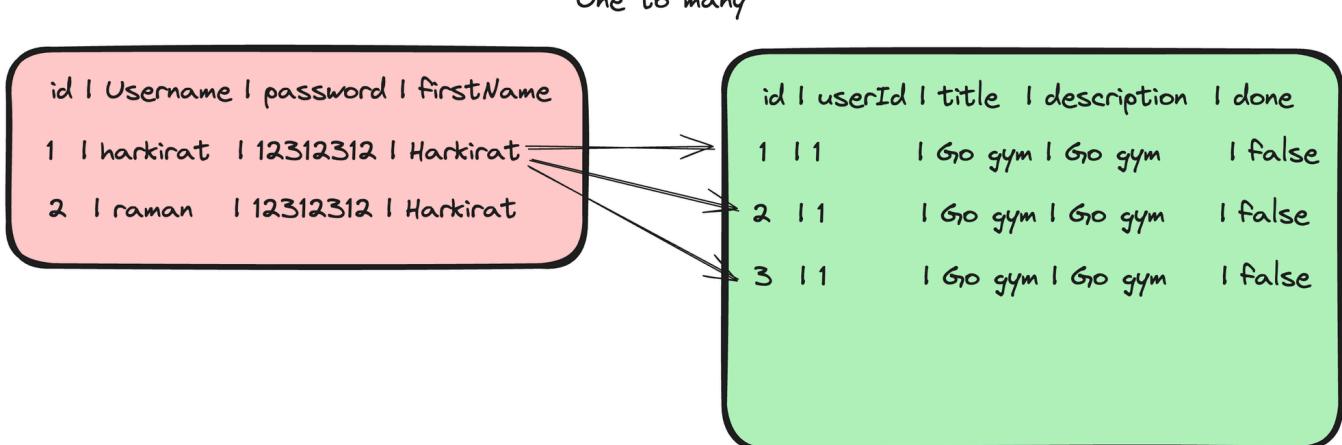
Step 10 - Relationships.

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

```
model User {
    id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
    username String  @unique
    password String
    firstName String
    lastName String
    todos   Todo[]
}

model Todo {
    id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
    title   String
    description String
    done    Boolean @default(false)
    userId  Int
    user    User     @relation(fields: [userId], references: [id])
}
```

▼ Updated schema

```
// This is your Prisma schema file,
// learn more about it in the docs: https://pris.ly/d/prisma-schema
```

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```

generator client {
  provider = "prisma-client-js"
}

datasource db {
  provider = "postgresql"
  url      = "postgresql://postgres:mysecretpassword@localhost:5432/postgres"
}

model User {
  id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
  username String  @unique
  password String
  firstName String
  lastName String
  todos    Todo[]
}

model Todo {
  id      Int      @id @default(autoincrement())
  title   String
  description String
  done    Boolean @default(false)
  userId  Int
  user    User     @relation(fields: [userId], references: [id])
}

```

4. Update the database and the prisma client

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



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

```
● → prisma cat prisma/migrations/20240204000236_relationship/migration.sql
-- AddForeignKey
ALTER TABLE "Todo" ADD CONSTRAINT "Todo_userId_fkey" FOREIGN KEY ("userId") REFERENCES "User"("id")
ON DELETE RESTRICT ON UPDATE CASCADE;
```

Step 11 - Todo functions

1. createTodo

Write a function that lets you put a `todo` in the database.

Starter code -

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";  
  
const prisma = new PrismaClient();  
  
async function createTodo(userId: number, title: string, description: string) {  
}  
  
createTodo(1, "go to gym", "go to gym and do 10 pushups");
```

Copy

▼ Solution

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";  
  
const prisma = new PrismaClient();  
  
async function createTodo(userId: number, title: string, description: string) {  
    const todo = await prisma.todo.create({  
        data: {  
            title,  
            description,  
            userId  
        },  
    });  
    console.log(todo);  
  
}  
  
getUser(1, "go to gym", "go to gym and do 10 pushups");
```

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```
● {  
  id: 1,  
  title: 'go to gym',  
  description: 'go to gym and do 10 pushups',  
  done: false,  
  userId: 1  
}
```

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, ) {  
  
}  
  
getTodos(1);
```

▼ Solution

```
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);
```

```
[  
  {  
    id: 1,  
    title: 'go to gym',  
    description: 'go to gym and do 10 pushups',  
    done: false,  
    userId: 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

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";  
  
const prisma = new PrismaClient();  
  
async function getTodosAndUserDetails(userId: number, ) {  
  
}  
  
getTodosAndUserDetails(1);
```

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▼ Bad solution (2 queries)

```
import { PrismaClient } from "@prisma/client";  
  
const prisma = new PrismaClient();  
  
async function getTodosAndUserDetails(userId: number) {  
  const user = await prisma.user.findUnique({  
    where: {  
      id: userId  
    }  
  });  
  const todos = await prisma.todo.findMany({  
    where: {  
      userId: userId,  
    }  
  });
```

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```
    console.log(todos);
    console.log(user)
}

getTodosAndUserDetails(1);
```

▼ Good Solution (using joins)

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

const prisma = new PrismaClient();

async function getTodosAndUserDetails(userId: number, ) {
    const todos = await prisma.todo.findMany({
        where: {
            userId: userId,
        },
        select: {
            user: true,
            title: true,
            description: true
        }
    });
    console.log(todos);
}

getTodosAndUserDetails(1);
```

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

Page 12 - Expressify it

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