

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 definition

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)

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

3. Type safety/Auto completion

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.

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

```
ALTER TABLE users
  OR    ne_number VARCHAR(15);
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```

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

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

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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

```
npm init -y
```



1. Add dependencies

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



1. Initialize typescript

```
npx tsc --init
```



Change `rootDir` to `src`

Change `outDir` to `dist`

```
prisma init  
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```

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



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



Step 6 – Defining your data model

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

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

▼ Answer

```
// This is your Prisma schema file,  
// learn more about it in the docs: https://pris.ly/d/prisma-schema  
  
generator client {  
    provider = "prisma-client-js"  
}  
  
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  
}
```

You have created a single schema file. You haven't yet run the **CREATE TABLE**

Prisma 6 of 12 those and create **migration files**, run

`npx prisma migrate dev --name Initialize` the schema

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.

`psql -h localhost -d postgres -U postgres`



Step 8 – Generating the prisma client

What is a client?

Client represents all the functions that convert

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



into

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



Once you've created the `prisma/schema.prisma`, you can generate these
→ app

How to generate the client?

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..px prisma generate

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, firstNa  
}  
  
-----  
▶
```

```

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

async function insertUser(username: string, password: string, first
const res = await prisma.user.create({
  data: {
    username,
    password,
    firstName,
    lastName
  }
})
console.log(res);
}

insertUser("admin1", "123456", "harkirat", "singh")

```



Update

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

Starter code -

```

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

const prisma = new PrismaClient();

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

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

```

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▼ SOLUTION

```
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) {
```

```
  const res = await prisma.user.update({
```

```
    where: { username },
```

```
    data: {
```

```
      firstName,
```

```
      lastName
```

```
    }
```

```
  });
  console.log(res);
}
```

```
updateUser("admin1", {
```

```
  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";
```

```
);
```

```
async function getUser(username: string) {
```

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▼ 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");
```



Step 10 – Relationships.

Prisma let's you define **relationships** to relate tables with each other.

1. Types of relationships

1. One to One

3 Many to One

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2. For the TODO app, there is a **one to many** relationship

3. Updating the prisma schema

▼ Updated schema

```
// This is your Prisma schema file,  
// learn more about it in the docs: https://pris.ly/d/prisma-schema  
  
generator client {  
    provider = "prisma-client-js"  
}  
  
datasource db {  
    provider = "postgresql"  
    url = "postgresql://postgres:mysecretpassword@localhost:5432/postgre"  
}  
  
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())  
    description String  
}
```

```
done    Boolean @default(false)  
Prisma 6 of 12  @relation(fields: [userId], references: [id])  
}
```

4. Update the database and the prisma client

```
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?

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();  
  
  >er, title: string, description: string) {
```

}

☰ e Prisma 6 of 12 to gym", "go to gym and do 10 pushups");

▼ 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");
```



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);
```



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

async function getTodos(userId: number, ) {
  const todos = await prisma.todo.findMany({
    where: {
      userId: userId,
    },
  });
  console.log(todos);
}

getTodos(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);
```

▼ 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: user.id },
  });

  return { user, todos };
}
```

`id: userId`

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```
const todos = await prisma.todo.findMany({
  where: {
    userId: userId,
  }
});
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);
```



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



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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

