**GraphQL**  
  
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Extensions to add to VSCode for GraphQL  
<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=GraphQL.vscode-graphql>

Youtube Link  
<https://youtu.be/Dr2dDWzThK8>

REST vs GraphQL (In terms of how it handles routes/endpoints)  
  
In traditional REST, your endpoints would look like:  
  
/users  
/travels  
/books   
etc…  
  
In Graphql you only have “**one**” endpoint  
  
/graphql  
  
Sample Data  
To get some fake data to work with, you can go to a website called  
<https://www.mockaroo.com/>

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I changed the type to JSON  
  
Add the VSCode Extensions to your VSCODE  
  
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**Tip:** Creating a sample nodeJS Project Using VSCode  
First I create a directory called GraphqlProject  
I download the fake data and add it to my directory  
Then to initialize the project, I open a new terminal, type   
npm init  
  
I just follow the prompts, enter in generic information  
  
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This will create my package.json file for my dependencies  
  
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Next, type the following command to install expressjs  
npm install express

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Next I create an index.js file and add the following lines of code to it  
  
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If you go to browser  
http://localhost:6500/  
You will get a   
Cannot GET /  
This is because we are not creating a traditional REST api, but we still need to have some sort of service running to expose a port.  
  
Next, install the next two packages at the terminal  
npm i graphql  
npm install --save express-graphql --force  
  
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As you can see, as you install packages, it updates your package.json file  
  
Graphql Concepts  
  
Mutations: This is the same as CRUD (Create, Read,Update, Delete)  
Queries: How you fetch the data you need  
  
Object types, before we create our schema, we need import the different object types  
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**Creating the type(s):**  
In Graphql, you interact with your data by first defining your type(s)  
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**Creating the querie(s)**   
As explained above, you create your mutations (queries as coded below)  
  
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**Creating the mutation**Also explained before, you create (CRUD OPERATIONS) via “Mutations”  
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Next, let’s fire up our graphql server  
Enter the command at the terminal  
  
node index.js  
  
Then in the browser type:  
<http://localhost:6500/graphql>

When you do this:

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You get a graphical UI to view your results of your query against  
  
This is like using a API test like POSTMAN or any other API tester

**Tip**: Querying the data

To fetch some data, just type below

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As you type your information inside of the query, it will autocomplete the query you defined in your code.  
Then just hit the run button and you will see the results in the right pane  
  
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To perform a mutation:  
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Run the query:

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And you will see the item added to the array:  
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IMPORTANT: The user was added to an “in-memory” instance of the MOCK\_DATA file, the actual .json file was not modified  
  
To clean up the project structure:  
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Rename index.js on our root to “Server.js”  
  
We place our types inside of the typdefs folder  
We place our mutations and queries in the index.js file under the schema folder  
  
Then we execute  
node server.js  
  
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And everything works:

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