

# GraphQL in Blockscout

## What is GraphQL

GraphQL is an open-source data query and manipulation language for APIs, and a runtime for fulfilling queries with existing data. It provides an efficient, powerful and flexible approach to developing web APIs. It allows clients to define the structure of the data required, and exactly the same structure of the data is returned from the server, therefore preventing excessively large amounts of data from being returned.

Key concepts of the GraphQL query language are:

- Hierarchical
- Strongly typed
- Client-specified queries

Advantages of GraphQL:

- Declarative integration on client (what data/operations do I need)
- A standard way to expose data and operations
- Support for real-time data (with subscriptions)

## Query types

There are three main query types in GraphQL schema:

1)Query: fetch data

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Copy query { allPosts { description text } }

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2)Mutation: change data.

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Copy mutation { updatePost(id: 1, text: "text") { text } }

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1. Subscription:
2. subscribe to real-time data.
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Copy subscription { newPost(category: [1]) { description text } }

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## Access GraphQL API

To access Blockscout GraphQL interface you can use GraphiQL - in-browser IDE for exploring GraphQL. It's built in to Blockscout. From the APIs dropdown menu choose GraphQL.

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You can also use your favorite http client:

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Copy curl 'https://eth-sepolia.blockscout.com/graphiql' -H 'Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_AUTH\_TOKEN' -d '{"query":""  
{transaction(hash:"0x4f3a80620613d18a5073108f56558c7cbf0020c8ccb1acbad2c1f1fe3714e5ce")  
{blockNumber toAddressHash fromAddressHash createdContractAddressHash value status nonce hash error gas gasPrice gasUsed cumulativeGasUsed id index inputsv}}}'

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## Queries

Blockscout's GraphQL API provides queries and a subscription. You can view them in the GraphQL interface in the Docs menu. Example Queries:

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Example Query to retrieve transactions for a specific address

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Copy { address(hash: "0x...") { transactions(first:5) { edges { node { blockNumber createdContractAddressHash fromAddressHash gas hash } } } }

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Note that transactions can accept the following arguments:

- first
- after
- before
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