



Week 3: PostgreSQL + Prisma Integration



Goal

Understand relational databases (PostgreSQL) and learn how to integrate them into a NestJS backend using Prisma ORM, with a focus on building a multi-model API using relational data and basic authentication.



Topics Covered

1. PostgreSQL Basics



Concepts

- What is a relational database?
- PostgreSQL overview and common use cases
- Basic SQL commands:
 - **DDL**: CREATE, ALTER, DROP
 - **DML**: INSERT, SELECT, UPDATE, DELETE
- Constraints: PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, NOT NULL, UNIQUE
- Data types: INT, VARCHAR, BOOLEAN, TIMESTAMP, etc.
- Joins: INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN



Study Material

- [PostgreSQL Official Docs](#)
 - [SQLZoo](#)
 - [SQL Bolt](#)
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2. Setting up PostgreSQL

- Install PostgreSQL locally or via Docker
- Connect PostgreSQL to PGAdmin
- Create a database and user with proper access roles

- Connect PostgreSQL to a NestJS project via Prisma
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3. Prisma ORM

✓ Concepts

- What is Prisma?
- Prisma schema: `model`, `datasource`, `generator`
- Setting up Prisma in a NestJS project
- Defining models and generating the client
- Common Prisma CLI commands:
 - `npx prisma init`
 - `npx prisma migrate dev`
 - `npx prisma generate`
- Performing CRUD operations using Prisma Client

📖 Study Material

- [Prisma Docs](#)
 - [Build a REST API with NestJS and Prisma – FreeCodeCamp](#)
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🔧 Practice

- Setup Prisma with PostgreSQL database
 - Create `User` and `Task` models (schema.prisma)
 - Generate migrations and apply to PostgreSQL
 - Use Prisma Client to:
 - Create a new user/task
 - Fetch all users/tasks
 - Update and delete entries
 - Write service methods using Prisma Client
 - Connect services to NestJS controllers
 - Implement authentication using `passport` and `JWT`
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Projects & Assignments

Mini Project

Title: Users, Tasks, Projects & Comments API with Auth

Goal: Build a complete REST API where users can manage their own tasks, projects, and comments, backed by PostgreSQL and Prisma ORM, and secured with JWT-based authentication.

🔑 **Models:**

- **User:** `id, name, email, password`
- **Task:** `id, title, description, status, userId, projectId`
- **Project:** `id, name, description, userId`
- **Comment:** `id, content, taskId, userId, createdAt`

🔗 **Relationships:**

- A **User** can have **many Tasks** (One-to-Many)
- A **User** can create **multiple Projects**
- A **Project** can have **many Tasks** (One-to-Many)
- A **Task** can have **many Comments**
- A **User** can write **many Comments**

📌 **Endpoints:**

Auth:

- `POST /auth/register` — Register a new user
- `POST /auth/login` — Login and receive JWT

Users:

- `GET /users` — List all users (admin only)
- `GET /users/:id` — Get one user
- `GET /users/:id/tasks` — Get tasks of a user
- `GET /users/:id/projects` — Get projects created by user
- `GET /users/:id/comments` — Get comments by user

Tasks (require JWT):

- `POST /tasks` — Create a task for logged-in user
- `GET /tasks` — List all tasks for logged-in user
- `GET /tasks/:id` — Get a task by ID
- `PATCH /tasks/:id` — Update task
- `DELETE /tasks/:id` — Delete task
- `GET /tasks/:id/comments` — List all comments for a task

Projects (require JWT):

- `POST /projects` — Create a project
- `GET /projects` — List all projects for logged-in user
- `GET /projects/:id` — Get project details
- `PATCH /projects/:id` — Update project
- `DELETE /projects/:id` — Delete project

Comments (require JWT):

- `POST /comments` — Add a comment to a task
- `PATCH /comments/:id` — Update a comment (author only)
- `DELETE /comments/:id` — Delete a comment (author or admin)

✓ Requirements:

- Use Prisma schema to define models and relationships
- Migrate schema using `prisma migrate`
- Implement DTOs and validation in NestJS
- Secure endpoints using `passport-jwt`
- Use guards and interceptors for route protection
- Return meaningful errors and success responses
- Optional: Add `status` enum to `Task` with values like `pending`, `in_progress`, `done`

📦 Deliverables:

- Complete codebase on GitHub
- Well-structured and modular code
- Clean commit history
- `README.md` with setup instructions and API docs
- Swagger documentation