

RESTful vs. GraphQL: The API Showdown!

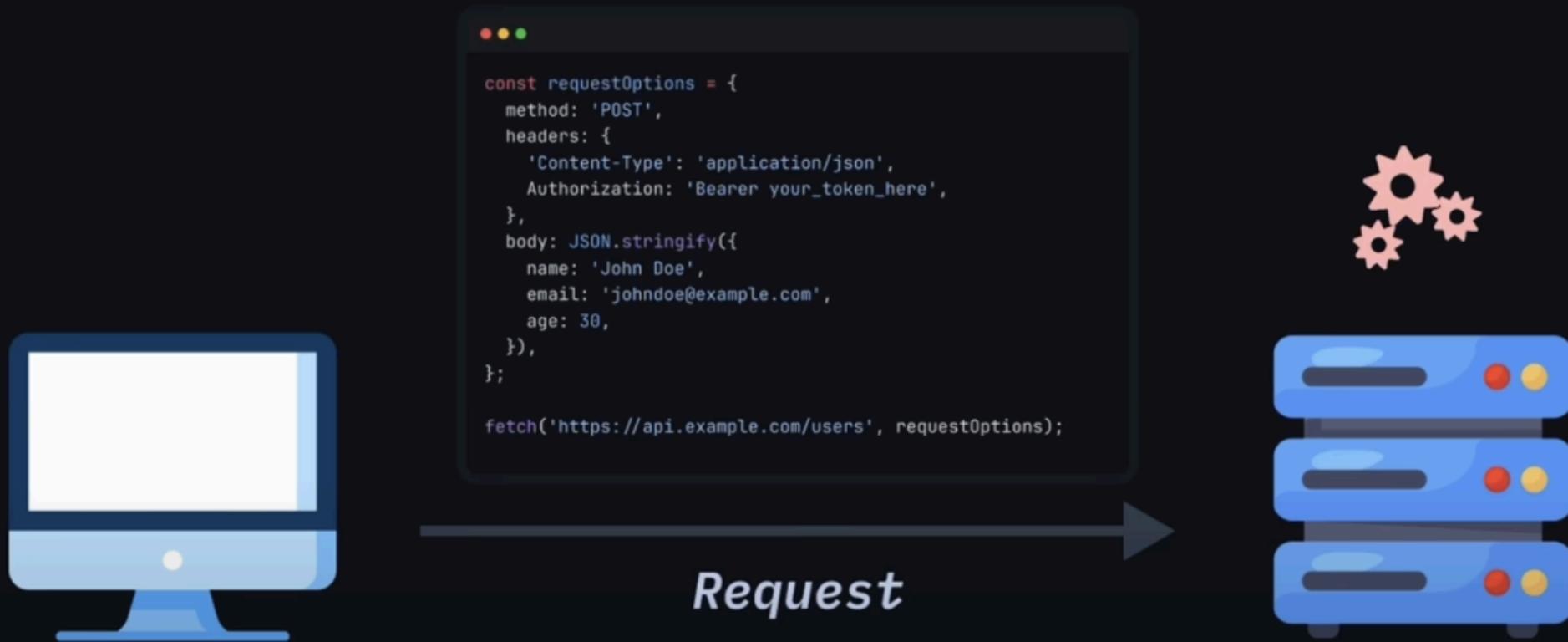


API Styles

APIs come in different styles, each with its own strengths.

The two most common are:

- ◆ **RESTful APIs** – structured and widely used
- ◆ **GraphQL APIs** – flexible and efficient

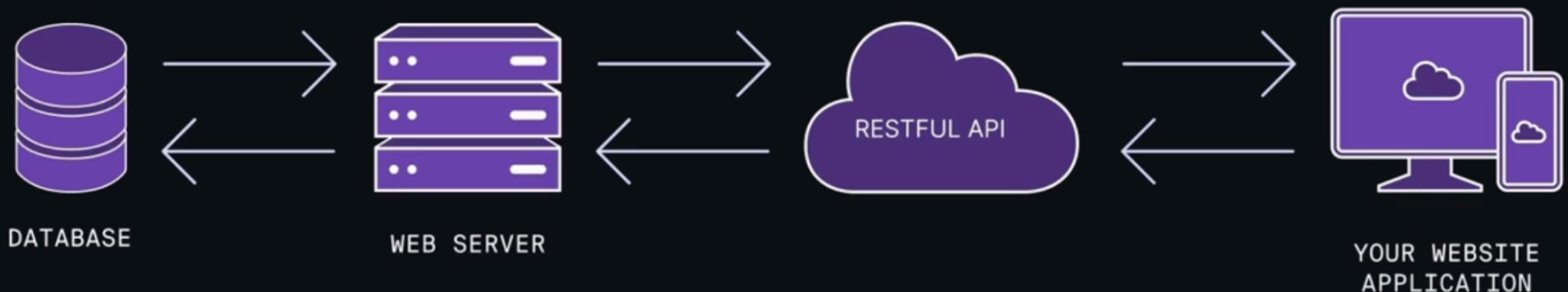


REST Basics

REST (**R**epresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer) APIs are the most common.

✓ Clients interact with resources using **URLs** & **HTTP methods** like GET, POST, PUT, & DELETE.

✓ **Stateless:** Each request is independent and doesn't rely on previous ones.



REST Benefits

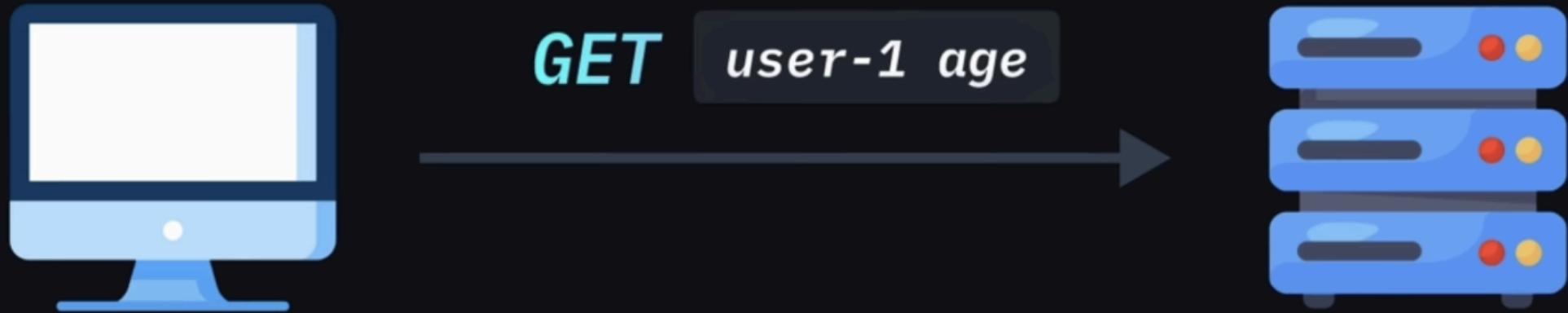
- ✓ **Organized & predictable** – making them easy to implement.
- ✓ **Compatible across all apps** – typically use JSON for seamless data exchange.
- ✓ **Widely used in web development** – they are an essential skill for developers.



GraphQL Basics

GraphQL, developed by Facebook, offers **more flexibility** than REST.

- ✨ **Uses one endpoint** instead of multiple.
- ✨ **Clients specify exactly the data they need**, reducing unnecessary data transfer.
- ✨ **Allows dynamic queries** instead of relying on predefined responses.



GraphQL Benefits

GraphQL shines when:

- ✨ **You're dealing with large datasets** or complex, interconnected data.
- ✨ **You need to reduce over-fetching** and under-fetching of data.
- ✨ **Efficiency and precision** in data retrieval are critical.

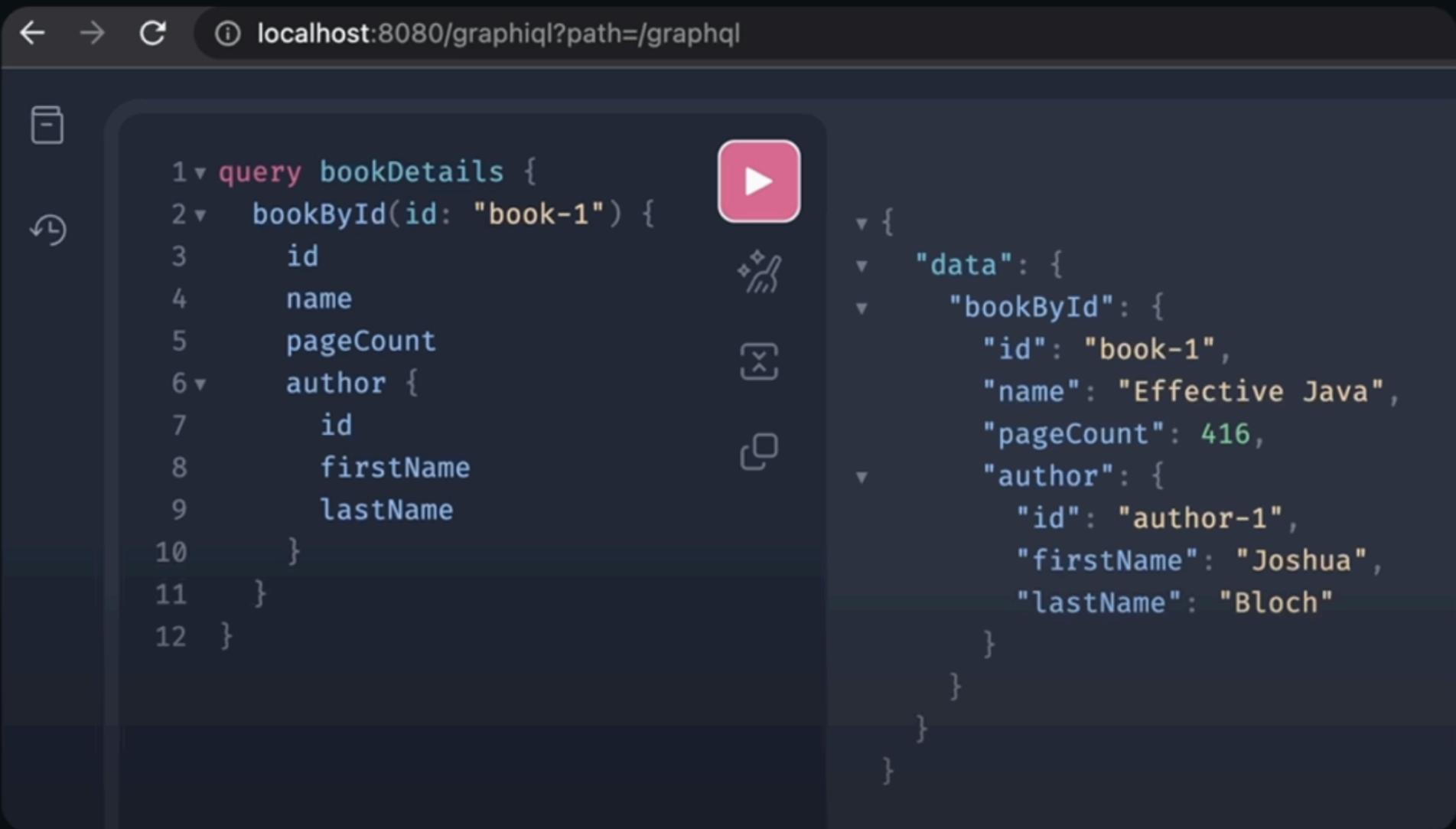


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Choosing Wisely

 **REST** – Best for simple, scalable, and widely adopted solutions.

 **GraphQL** – Ideal for complex applications needing precise data queries.



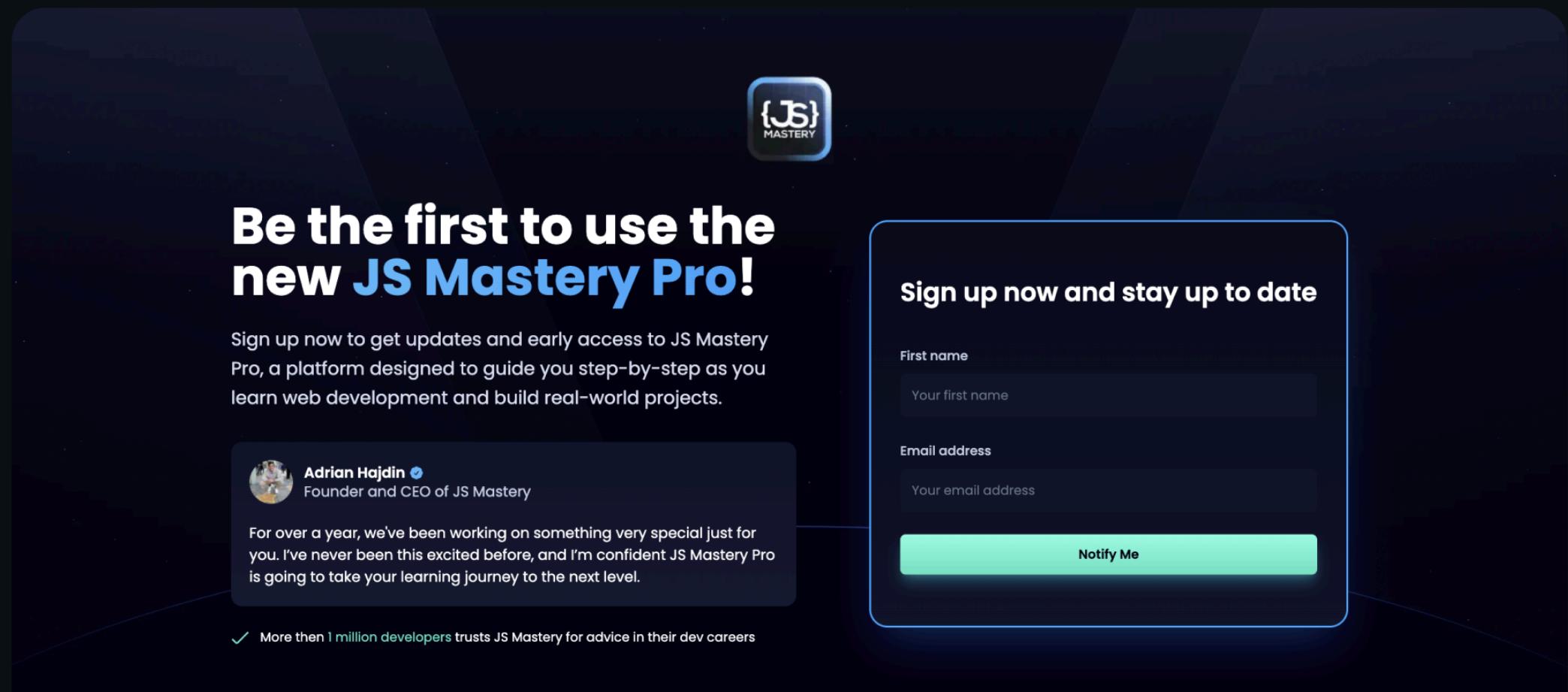
The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `localhost:8080/graphiql?path=/graphql`. The left pane contains a GraphQL query:1 **query bookDetails {
2 bookById(id: "book-1") {
3 id
4 name
5 pageCount
6 author {
7 id
8 firstName
9 lastName
10 }
11 }
12 }The right pane displays the resulting JSON data:

```
{  
  "data": {  
    "bookById": {  
      "id": "book-1",  
      "name": "Effective Java",  
      "pageCount": 416,  
      "author": {  
        "id": "author-1",  
        "firstName": "Joshua",  
        "lastName": "Bloch"  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```**



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