

# API\_ASSET #TYPEDB

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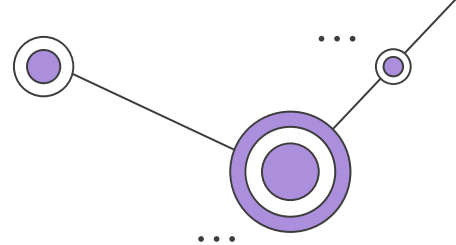
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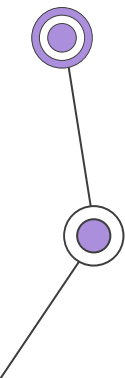
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# Project Description



EXPECTED RESULTS	REALIZATION
Analysis of the graph database features (e.g. schema validation, forms, etc.)	✓
Comparison with respect to ACID properties	✓
Schema checking and type checking over properties	✓
Concurrency	?
Role and permissions	✗
Implementation of the prototype (e.g. node.js)	✓



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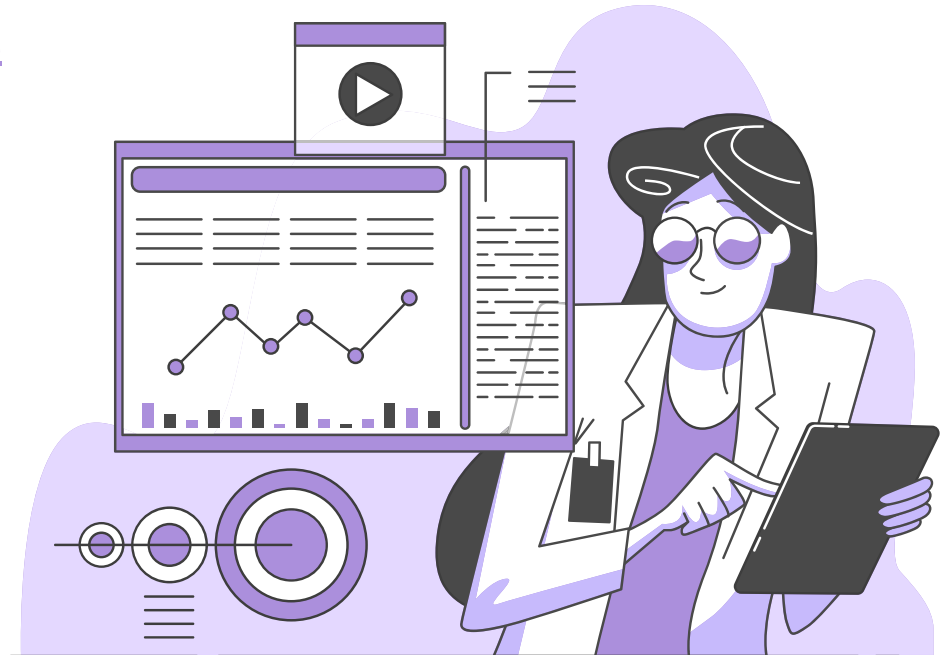
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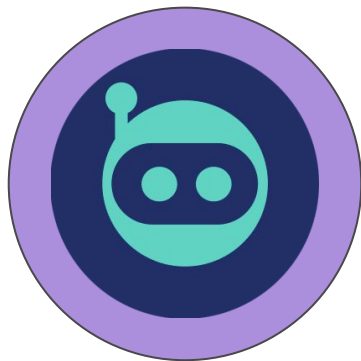
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# 01 TypeDB

A strongly-typed database,  
based on a logical type system



# TypeDB in a Nutshell

TypeDB is a **strongly-typed** database, based on a **logical type system**.

It guarantees data integrity and safety, giving a higher level of expressivity that simplifies the work and tackles domains that seemed too complex before.

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# Features



## Types

- Entity
- Relation
- Attribute



## Schema

- type-checking
- logic validation of queries
- type-inference
- rule-inference



## Query Pattern Anatomy

- Statement structure
- Pattern structure

# Query Pattern Anatomy

## Statement structure

```
$p isa person, has name "Bob", has phone-number $phone ;
```

v

p1

p2

p3

semi-colon  
terminates the statement

## Pattern structure

### Statement

A variable and properties  
that describe it

### Conjunction

Set of patterns that must be  
simultaneously met

### Disjunction

Set of pattern alternatives  
where at least one must be met

### Negation

Conjunctive pattern defining  
an exclusion





# TypeDB and ACID Properties



## A

### Atomicity

All operations of a transaction are successful, or none are persisted. TypeDB transactions operate under a snapshot model.

## C

### Consistency

DB only moves to a correct state only when a transaction is committed. Two primary types of data-level conflicts: modify-delete, key.

## I

### Isolation

Concurrent transactions operate as if they were run sequentially. Full isolation is guaranteed by snapshot isolation.

## D

### Durability


No data lost or corruption in the event of hw or power failure (data that finished committing will be available on reboot).



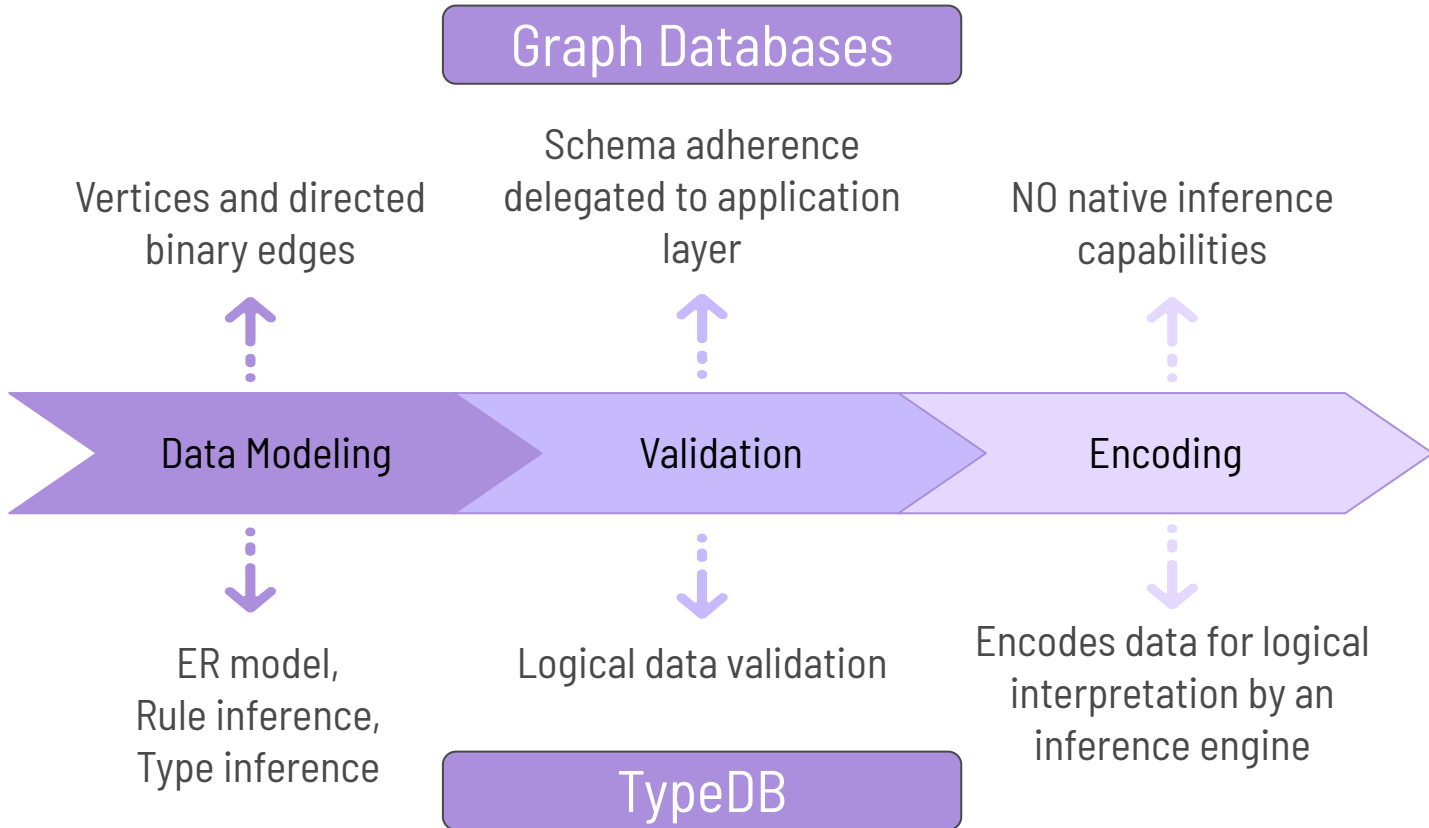
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## TypeDB vs other DB

Comparison with other Graph  
Databases and Relational Model



# Graph Databases: Main Differences



# Relational Model: Main Differences

Relational Databases

TypeDB

## Data Modeling

Normalisation is necessary  
(physical independence of data)

ER model, no normalisation needed  
(logical independence of data)

## Schema

- Primary key
- Foreign key (depending on model)
- Null values


- Primary key
- Foreign key (as a related relation)
- Attributes as first-class citizens



# 03

## Digital Twins and Ditto CRUD APIs

Digital Twins and how  
they work, Ditto APIs  
and our APIs

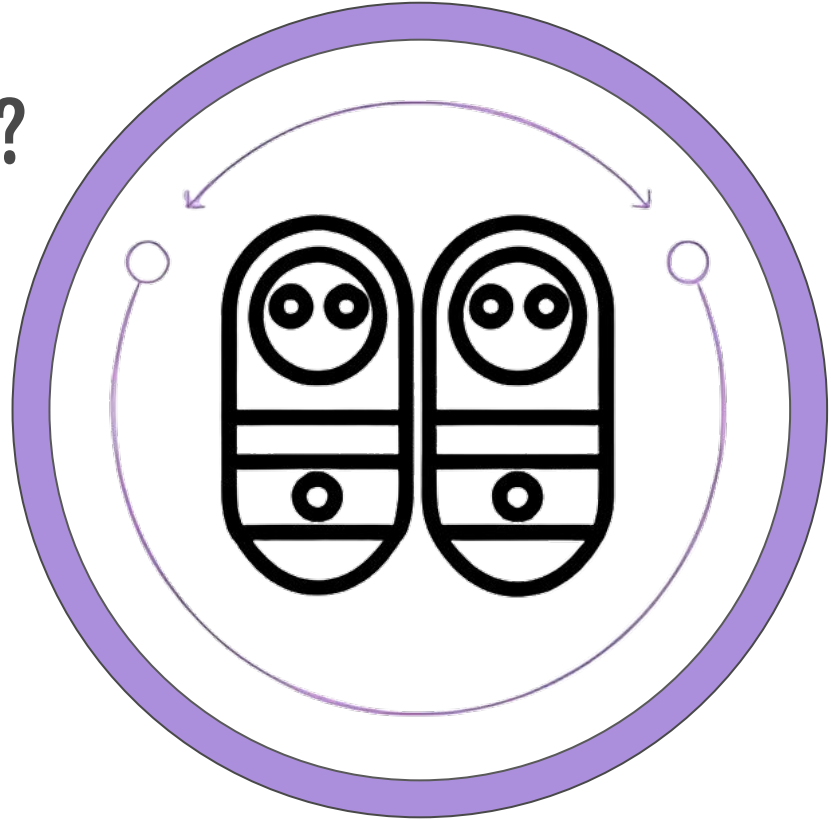




# What is a Digital Twin?

A Digital Twin is the abstract representation of anything.  
It can be realised representing:

- main characteristics of the object
- attached data
- attached behaviour





# Ditto and CRUD APIs: a way to manipulate Digital Twins



Eclipse Ditto is an [open source framework](#) that helps to [build digital twins of devices connected to the internet](#). Ditto acts as IoT middleware, providing an abstraction layer for IoT solutions interacting with physical devices via the digital twin pattern.

C

Create

`http://POST`

R

Read

`http://GET`

U

Update

`http://PUT`

D

Delete

`http://DELETE`

CRUD APIs mustn't be confused with REST APIs.

Our project is based on REST APIs, inspired by the HTTP APIs of Ditto's technology.

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## Other Technologies used

TypeDB Studio, Node.js,  
Docker and Postman



# Technologies Used



## TypeDB Studio

GUI to interact with a TypeDB database.



## Docker

Sw platform to deploy an application (without configuring anything).



## Postman

Platform to design, build, test and iterate APIs.



## Node.js

Runtime environment that executes JavaScript applications.



## GitHub

Collaborative hosting service, used to store the source code of a software.



## VS Code

Code editor for different programming languages.

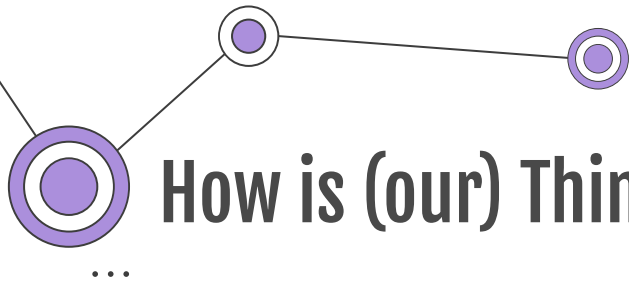


## Webstorm

IDE for Javascript code.

# 05 Technical Implementation

Implementation of the  
prototype  
(NodeJS)



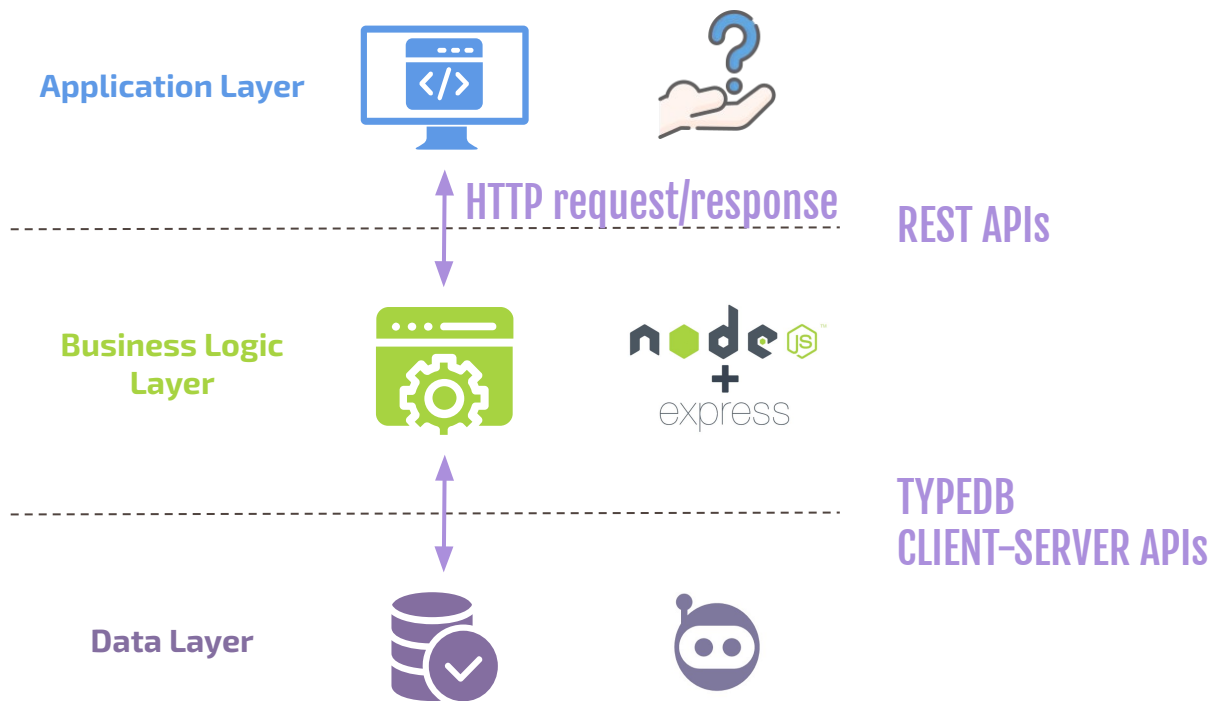
# How is (our) Thing structured?

A Thing represents a Digital Twin with its characteristics, that can be described as follows:

- **ThingId** (thing Identifier)
- **Attributes** (thing Properties)
- **Features** (thing Relations)

```
"thingId": "pir_1",  
"attributes": {  
  "typology": "pir",  
  "date": "2019-05-03T15:00:00.000Z",  
  "fw_version": "1.0a",  
  "category": "sensor",  
  "hw_version": "1.20.00",  
  "label": "PIR 1"  
},  
"features": {  
  "sensor_location": {  
    "sens_location_pir1": {  
      "located": "pir_1",  
      "locator": "lb1"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Architecture



# Main code structure



## Query Constructor

Creates query parts in order to execute an operation.



## Query Runner

Calls Query Constructor to compose a real query and runs this in a specific transaction.



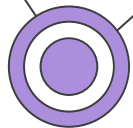
## Query Manager

Instantiates a connection with DB creating a specific transaction (to run multiple queries through Query Runner).



## Client Functions

Manages sessions and transactions in DB.




# Implemented APIs – Example

GET [http://localhost:3030/things/env\\_1](http://localhost:3030/things/env_1)

match

```
$x isa entity, has thingId 'env_1', has attribute $a;  
$y isa entity, has thingId $t;  
$role1 sub! relation:role;  
$role2 sub! relation:role;  
$rel($role1:$x,$role2:$y) isa relation, has attribute $relAtt;  
get $a,$x,$rel,$t,$role1,$role2,$relAtt;  
group $x;
```


- Get Requests
  - GET Get things
  - GET Get one thing
  - GET Get features of a thing
  - GET Get specific feature of a thing
  - GET Get attributes of a thing
  - GET Get specific attribute of a th...
- Post Requests
  - POST Create new Thing
  - POST Update a Thing
  - POST Update thing attributes
  - POST Update thing features
- Delete Requests
  - DEL Delete a thing
  - DEL Delete attributes of a thing
  - DEL Delete a specific attribute o...
  - DEL Delete features of a thing
  - DEL Delete a specific feature of ...
  - DEL Delete one feature
  - DEL Delete multiple features
  - DEL Delete multiple things
- Put Requests
  - PUT A Thing Fully Update
  - PUT Thing attributes fully update
  - PUT Thing features fully update



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## Conclusions and Further Work

What we have done and what  
could be implemented in  
future



# Conclusions

The main activity of the work carried out was to **process and transform digital twins data and properties** through the implementation of some **REST APIs**.

The APIs implemented are able to connect to a **TypeDB database** and collect data from the database, performing the REST operations via HTTP requests.





# Further Work

- Addition of some APIs to populate the database.
- Taken a .csv file and a program in NODE.JS, it calls the API to insert METADATA and FEATURES automatically.





# Thanks!