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# GraphQL + Python today. Build Public API over GraphQL



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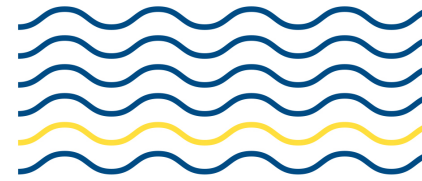
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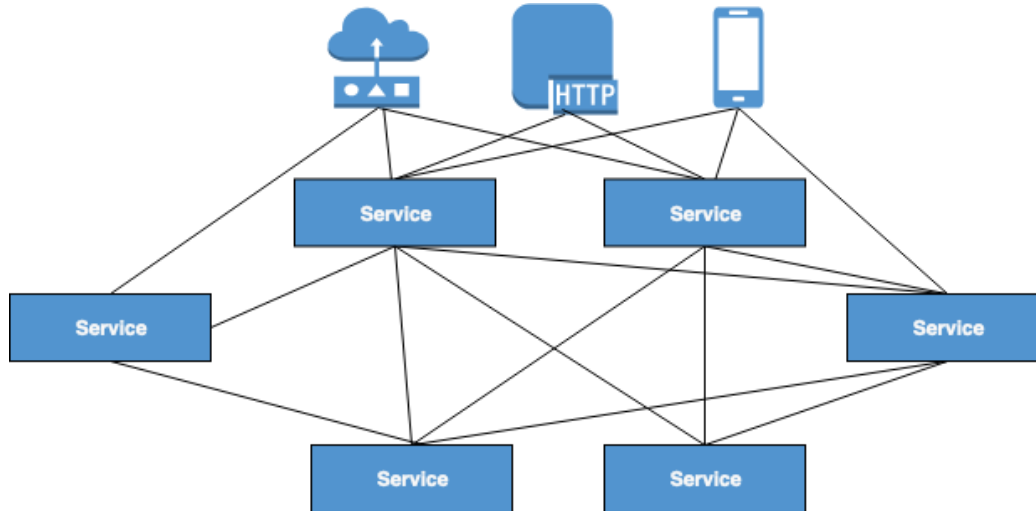
# Agenda

- Where are we now?
- GraphQL at a Glance
- Frameworks & UI
- Python Django + GraphQL. Public API
- Django Batteries
- Performance & Security
- API Versioning
- File uploading



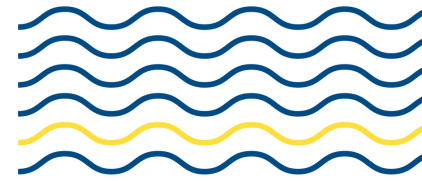


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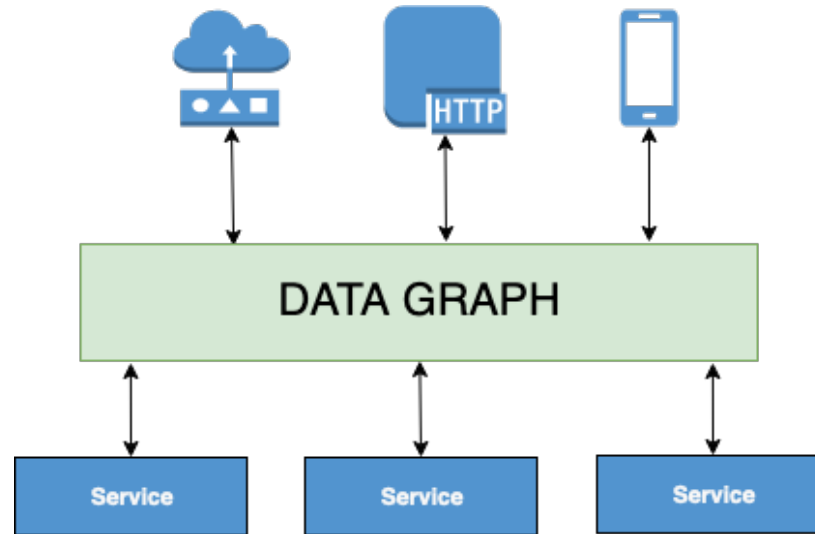


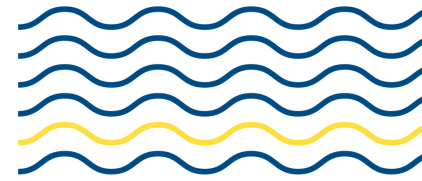


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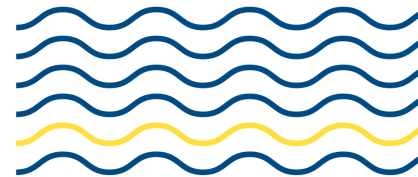
# GraphQL at a Glance

- **GraphQL is a contract**  
REST - architectural style, GraphQL - query language that has been defined to ensure its consistency
- **Schema is a core**  
Each request to the server must be defined in the schema
- **Single endpoint**  
Only one entry point, e.g. `/api/graphql/`
- **Query**  
Message to the server to request certain data. The language itself loosely resembles JSON
- **Mutation**  
Unlike query, mutation is used to mutate the data
- **POSTge**  
Communicate only against POST requests





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# Principal GraphQL

<https://principledgraphql.com>

- One Graph
- Federated Implementation
- Track Schema in a Registry
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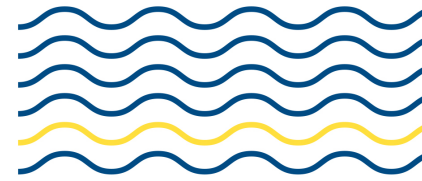
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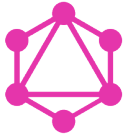


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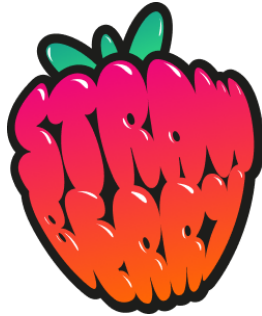


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JWWT



**Cannula**

GraphQL for people who like Python



GraphQL  
Playground





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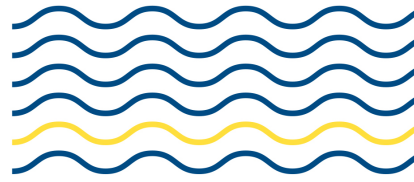
# Why not REST?

- Over-fetching problem
- Not clear how to deprecate obsolete data
- Responses for a few devices could be different
- GraphQL query is pretty similar for response
- GraphQL can provide us exhaustive analytics for each kind of data



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**Where is a practice?**

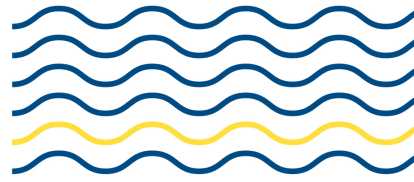


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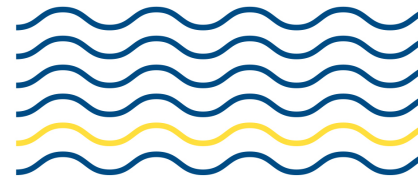
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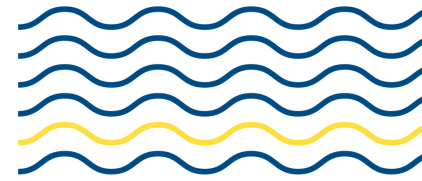


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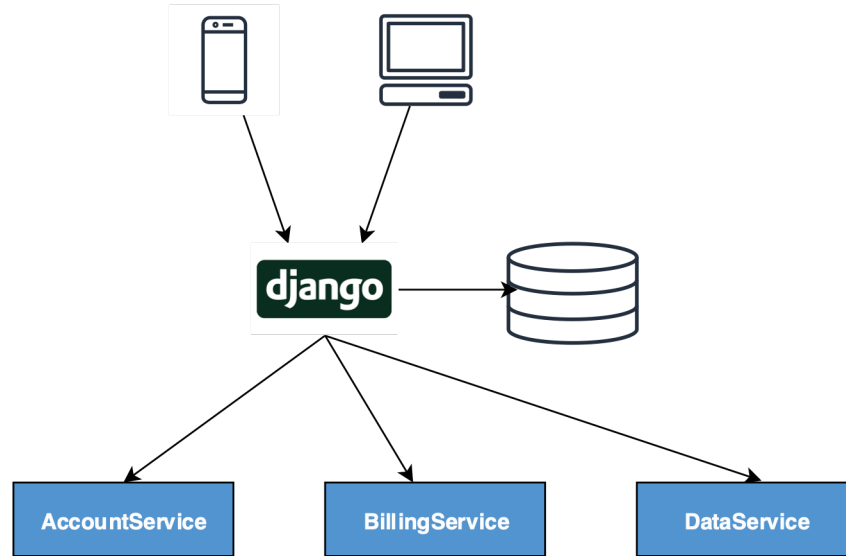
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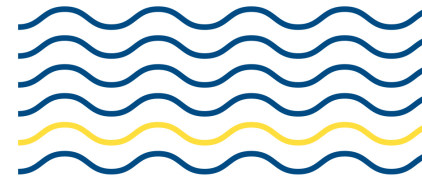


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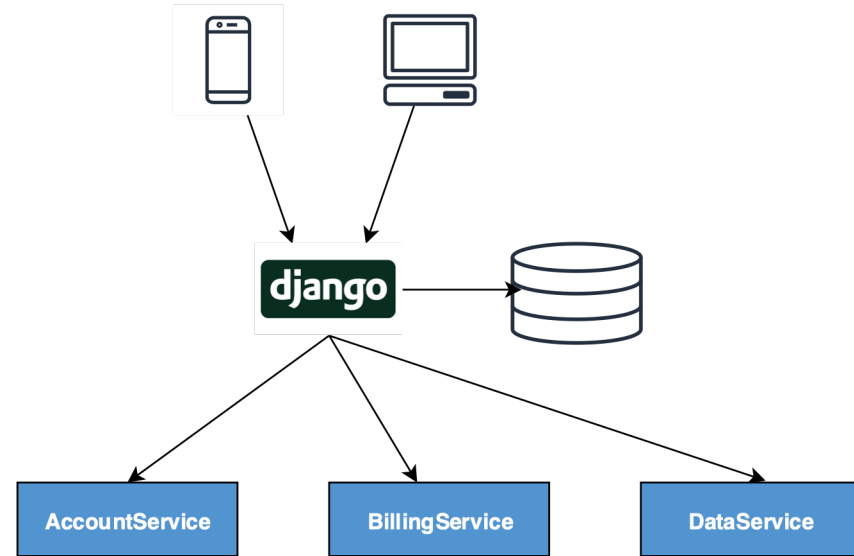
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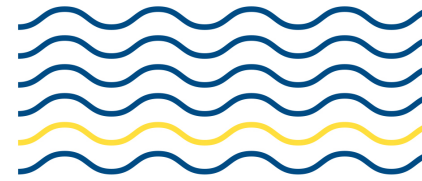




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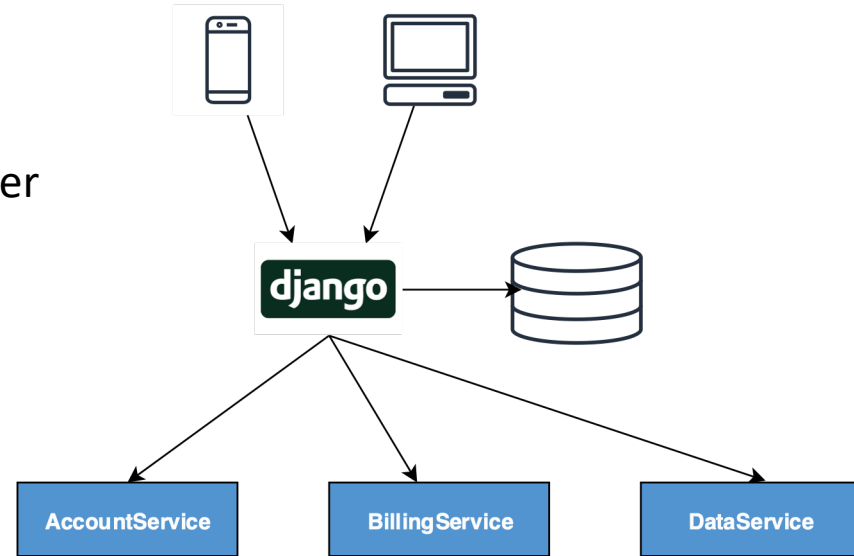
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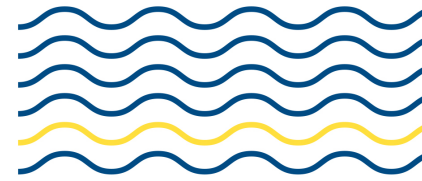


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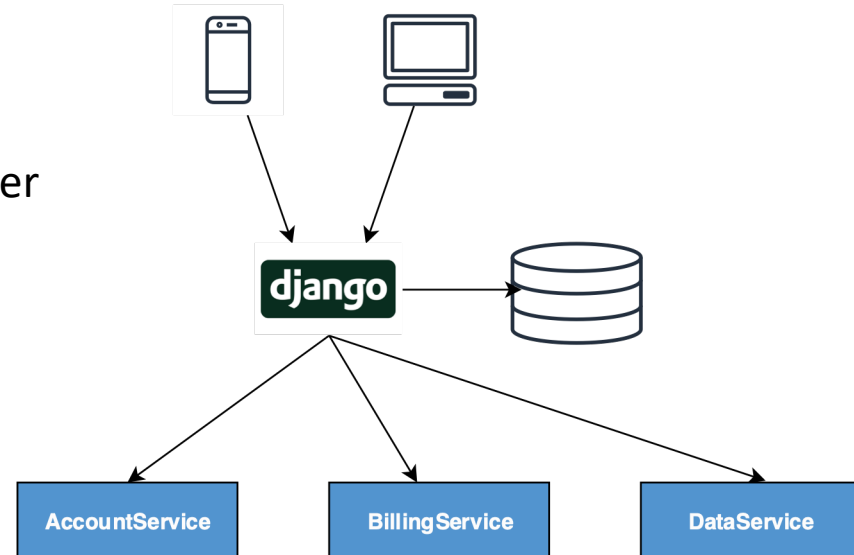


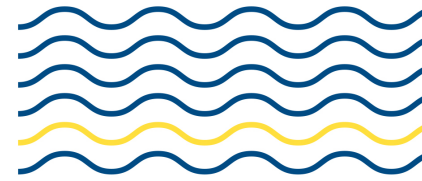




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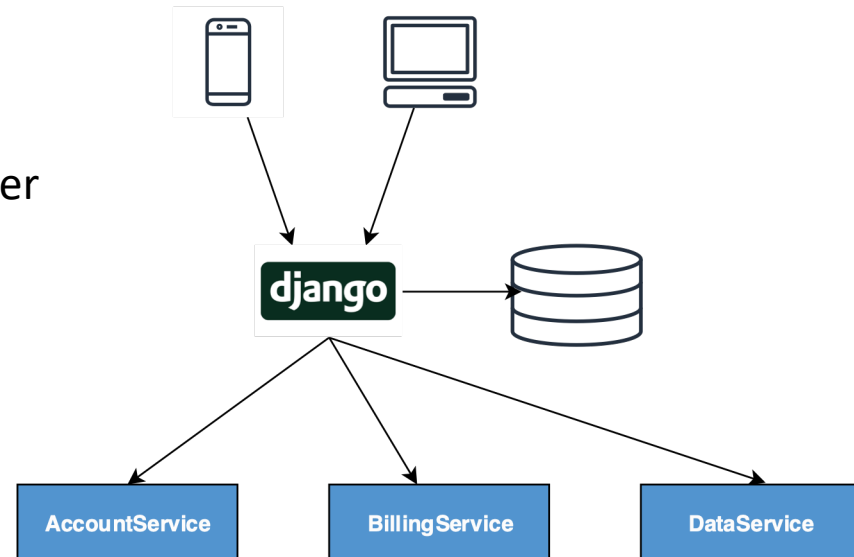
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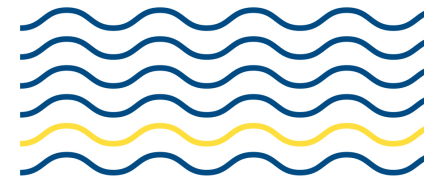




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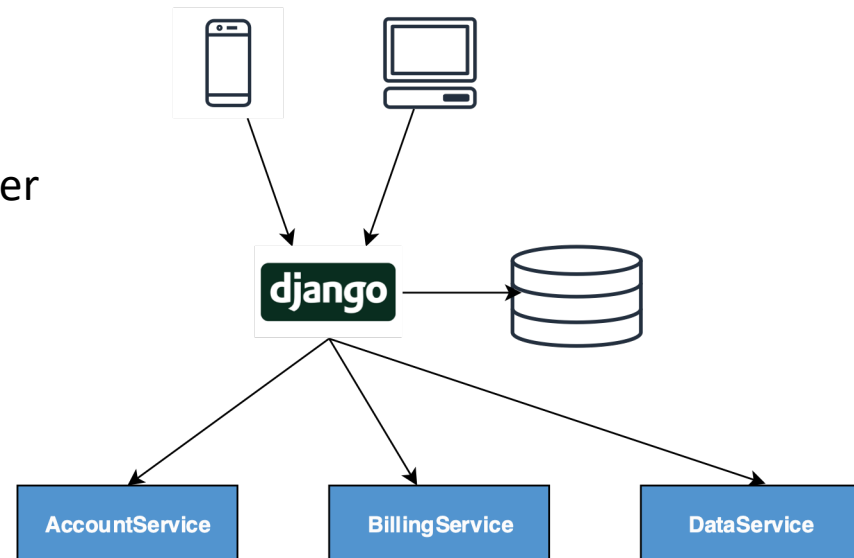
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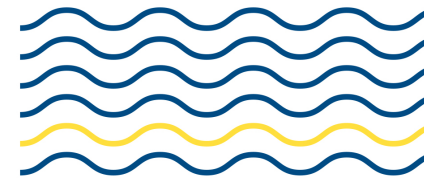




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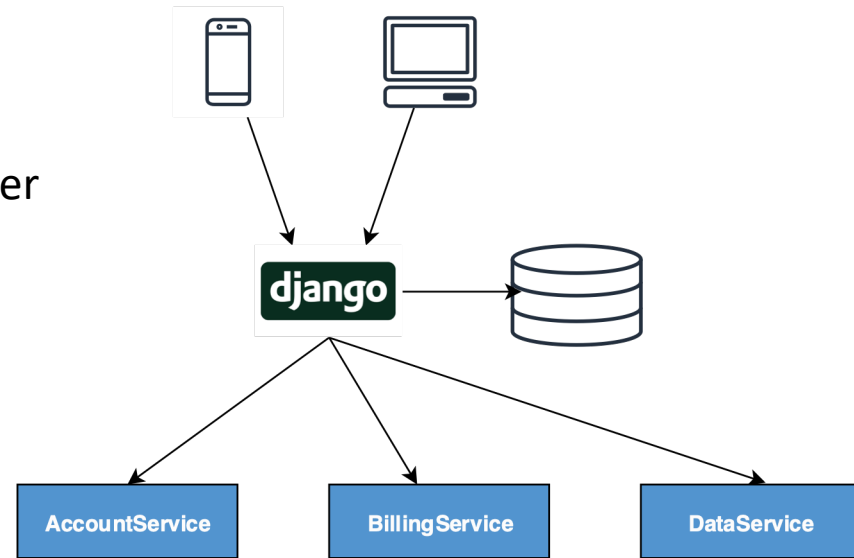
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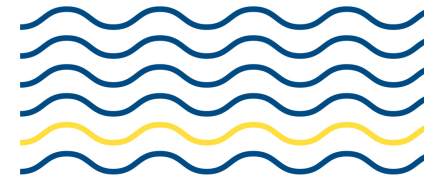




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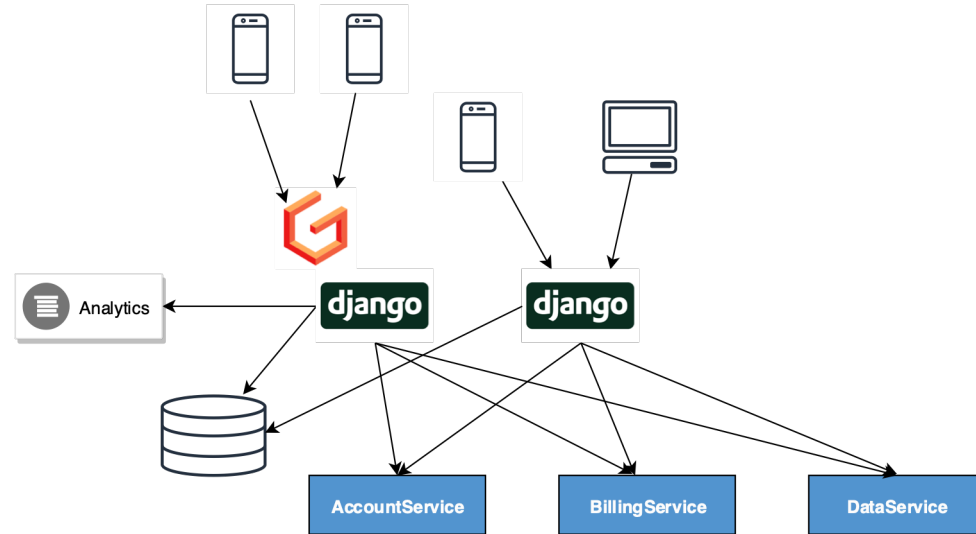
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- Make some money 😊

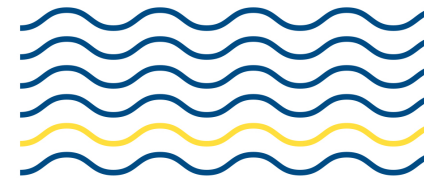




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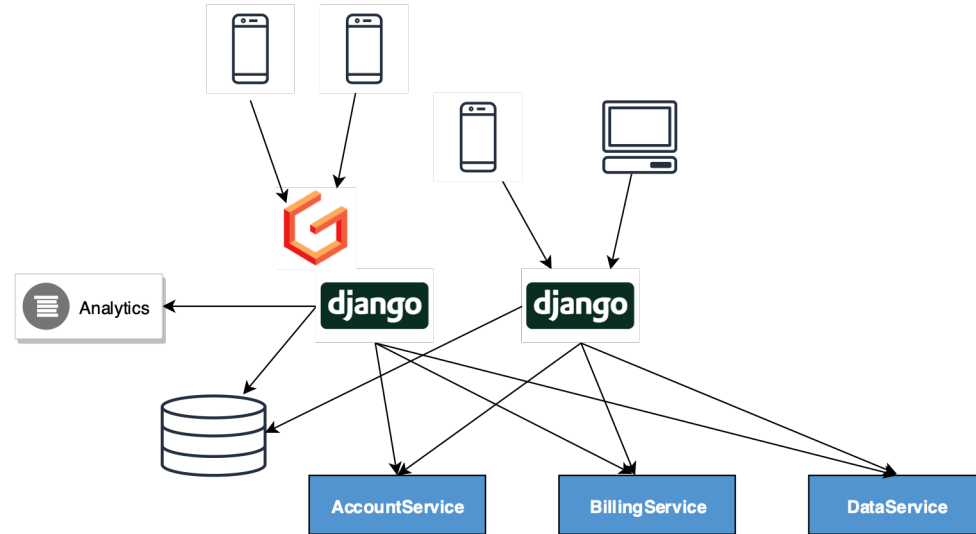
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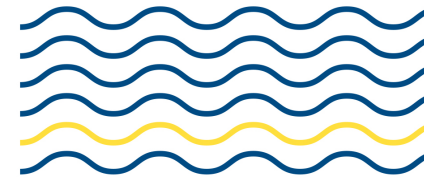




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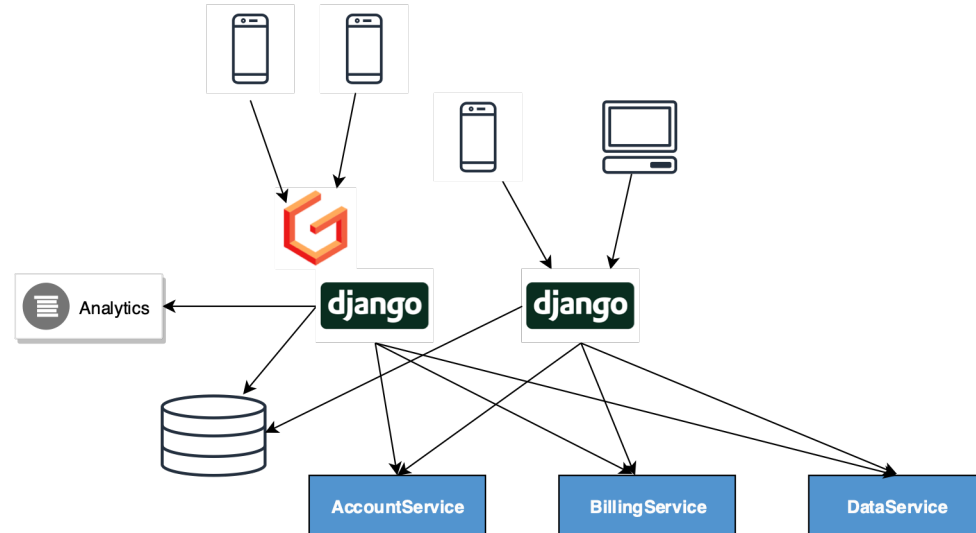
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- Plug in *graphene-django* battery
- Use the same models for resolvers
- Deploy separately Public API app

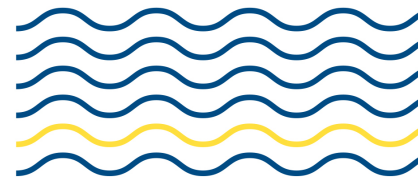




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# Graphene Python

schema basic flow



```
1 import graphene
2 from graphene_django.types import DjangoObjectType
3 from cookbook.ingredients.models import Category, Ingredient
4
5 class CategoryType(DjangoObjectType):
6     class Meta:
7         model = Category
8
9 class IngredientType(DjangoObjectType):
10    class Meta:
11        model = Ingredient
12
13 class Query(object):
14    category = graphene.Field(CategoryType,
15                              id=graphene.Int(),
16                              name=graphene.String())
17    all_categories = graphene.List(CategoryType)
18
19    ingredient = graphene.Field(IngredientType,
20                                id=graphene.Int(),
21                                name=graphene.String())
22    all_ingredients = graphene.List(IngredientType)
23
24    def resolve_all_categories(self, info, **kwargs):
25        return Category.objects.all()
26
27    def resolve_all_ingredients(self, info, **kwargs):
28        return Ingredient.objects.all()
29
30    def resolve_category(self, info, **kwargs):
31        id = kwargs.get('id')
32        name = kwargs.get('name')
33
34        if id is not None:
35            return Category.objects.get(pk=id)
36
37        if name is not None:
38            return Category.objects.get(name=name)
39
40        return None
41
42    def resolve_ingredient(self, info, **kwargs):
43        id = kwargs.get('id')
44        name = kwargs.get('name')
45
46        if id is not None:
47            return Ingredient.objects.get(pk=id)
48
49        if name is not None:
50            return Ingredient.objects.get(name=name)
51
52        return None
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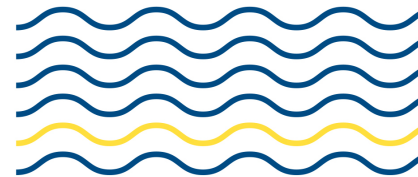




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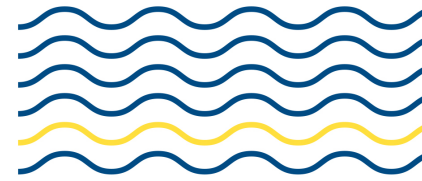
custom scalar



```
1 import datetime
2 from graphene.types import Scalar
3 from graphql.language import ast
4
5 class DateTime(Scalar):
6     '''DateTime Scalar Description'''
7
8     @staticmethod
9     def serialize(dt):
10         return dt.isoformat()
11
12     @staticmethod
13     def parse_literal(node):
14         if isinstance(node, ast.StringValue):
15             return datetime.datetime.strptime(
16                 node.value, "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f")
17
18     @staticmethod
19     def parse_value(value):
20         return datetime.datetime.strptime(value, "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%f")
```



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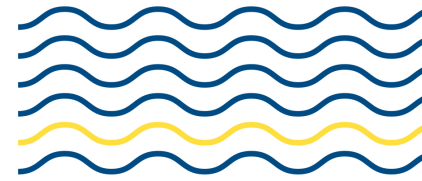


query example

```
1 {
2   recipe(id: "UmVjaXB1Tm9kZTox") {
3     id
4     instructions
5     amounts {
6       edges {
7         node {
8           ingredient {
9             id
10            name
11          }
12        }
13      }
14    }
15  }
16 }
17
```

```
{
  "data": {
    "recipe": {
      "id": "UmVjaXB1Tm9kZTox",
      "instructions": "Do everything on you
taste",
      "amounts": {
        "edges": [
          {
            "node": {
              "ingredient": {
                "id": "SW5ncmVkaWVudE5vZGU6MQ==",
                "name": "Eggs"
              }
            }
          },
          {
            "node": {
              "ingredient": {
                "id": "SW5ncmVkaWVudE5vZGU6NA==",
                "name": "Chicken"
              }
            }
          },
          {
            "node": {
              "ingredient": {
                "id": "SW5ncmVkaWVudE5vZGU6Mg==",
                "name": "Milk"
              }
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```





# Graphene Python



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```
{
  allCategories{
    edges{
      node{
        name
        ingredients{
          edges{
            node{
              name
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
1 class Query(object):
2     category = Node.Field(CategoryNode)
3     all_categories = DjangoFilterConnectionField(CategoryNode)
4
5     ingredient = Node.Field(IngredientNode)
6     all_ingredients = DjangoFilterConnectionField(IngredientNode)
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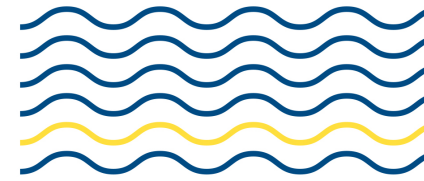
```
1 SELECT * FROM "ingredients" WHERE "ingredients"."category_id" = '1'
2 SELECT * FROM "ingredients" WHERE "ingredients"."category_id" = '2'
3 SELECT * FROM "ingredients" WHERE "ingredients"."category_id" = '3'
4 SELECT * FROM "ingredients" WHERE "ingredients"."category_id" = '4'
5 SELECT * FROM "ingredients" WHERE "ingredients"."category_id" = '5'
```

- Defeats N+1 problem
- Based on DataLoader approach
- Implementation is absolutely on developer flavor
- Works in pair with caching





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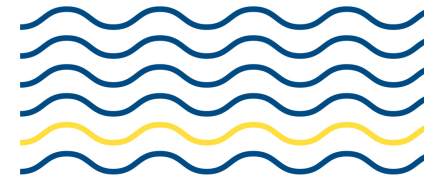
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```
1 from collections import defaultdict
2 from promise import Promise
3 from promise.dataloader import DataLoader
4 from cookbook.ingredients.models import Ingredient
5
6
7 class IngredientsByCategoryIdLoader(DataLoader):
8     def batch_load_fn(self, category_ids):
9         ingredients_by_cat_id = defaultdict(list)
10        for ingredient in Ingredient.objects.filter(category__in=category_ids).iterator():
11            ingredients_by_cat_id[ingredient.category_id].append(ingredient)
12        return Promise.resolve([ingredients_by_cat_id.get(category_id, [])
13                                for category_id in category_ids])
14
```





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```
1 # cookbook/context.py file
2
3 from django.utils.functional import cached_property
4 from cookbook.dataloaders import IngredientsByCategoryIdLoader
5
6 class GraphQLContext:
7     def __init__(self, request):
8         self.request = request
9
10    @cached_property
11    def user(self):
12        return self.request.user
13
14    @cached_property
15    def ingredients_by_category_id_loader(self):
16        return IngredientsByCategoryIdLoader()
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```
1 # cookbook/views.py file
2 from graphene_django.views import GraphQLView
3 from cookbook.context import GraphQLContext
4
5 class GraphQLContextView(GraphQLView):
6     def get_context(self, request):
7         return GraphQLContext(request)
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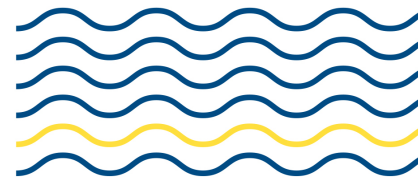




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project structure



- ∨ graphql
  - ∨ accounts
    - 🔗 resolvers.py
    - 🔗 schema.py
    - 🔗 types.py
    - 🔗 utils.py
  - ∨ billing
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    - 🔗 utils.py
  - 🔗 publicapi.py

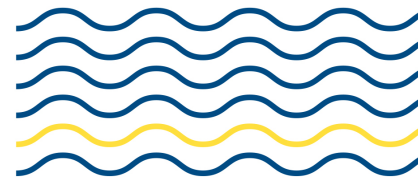
- Keep all API relations in one folder *graphql*



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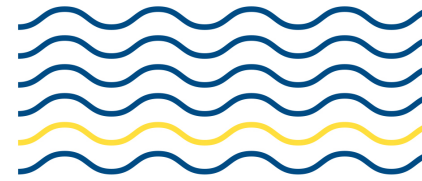


```
1 # publicapi.py file
2
3 import graphene
4
5 from graphene_django.debug import DjangoDebug
6
7 from graphql.accounts.schema import Query as AccountsQuery
8 from graphql.billing.schema import Query as BillingQuery
9
10 class Query(
11     AccountsQuery,
12     BillingQuery,
13     graphene.ObjectType
14 ):
15     debug = graphene.Field(DjangoDebug, name="_debug")
16
17 schema = graphene.Schema(query=Query)
```

- *publicapi.py* imports all modules from *graphql* and exposes the schema



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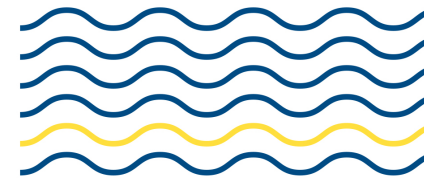
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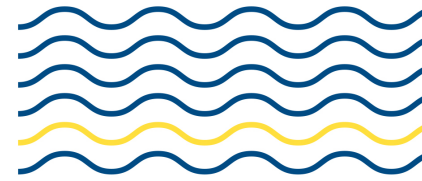
## Cons

- Query cost is unknown. There is no way to manage query depth
- Not all features are documented. Sources reading
- Caching on your own
- Multiple schemas serving is unsupported
- Require 3rd-party batteries





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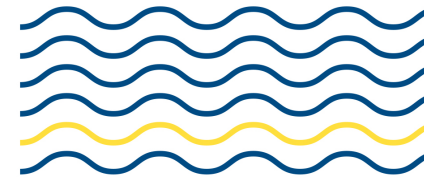
# Django Batteries

django-graphql-jwt

## Mutation Body

```
mutation {  
  jwtCreate(login:"login@email.com", password:"example_password") {  
    token  
    user {  
      id  
      username  
    }  
  }  
}
```





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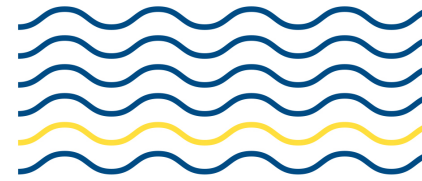
## Response Body

```
{  
  "data": {  
    "jwtCreate": {  
      "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9  
      .eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ  
      .SFlKxwRJSMeKKF2QT4fwpMeJf36POk6yJV_adQssw5c",  
      "user": {  
        "id": "da4d5a62-b8f1-4ad7-970f-652fdb5ebede",  
        "username": "superduperuser"  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Pass the provided JWT token into Authorization header for subsequent requests





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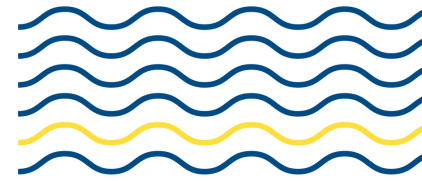
- @login\_required
- @user\_passes\_test
- @permission\_required
- @staff\_member\_required
- @superuser\_required

```
1 import graphene
2 from graphql_jwt.decorators import login_required
3
4
5 class Query(graphene.ObjectType):
6     viewer = graphene.Field(UserType)
7
8     @login_required
9     def resolve_viewer(self, info, **kwargs):
10        return info.context.user
```





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# Django Batteries

graphene-django-optimizer

“Optimize queries executed by *graphene-django* automatically, using ***select\_related***, ***prefetch\_related*** and ***only*** methods of Django QuerySet”

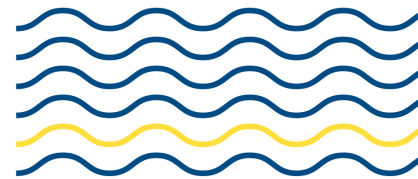




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# Django Batteries

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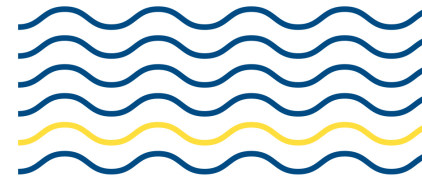
```
{
  all_ingredients {
    id
    name
    category {
      id
      name
    }
  }
}
```

## Response Body

```
# optimized queryset:
ingredients = (
    Ingredient.objects
    .select_related('category')
    .only('id', 'name',
          'category__id', 'category__name')
)
```



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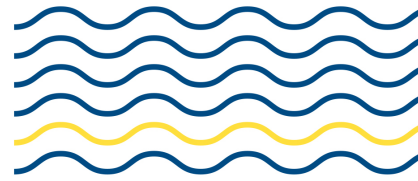


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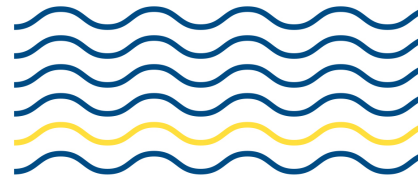
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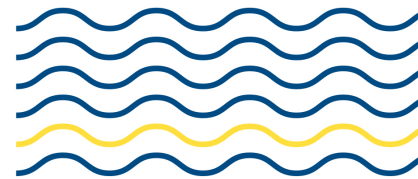
Lightweight ASGI framework/toolkit, which is ideal for building high performance asyncio services.





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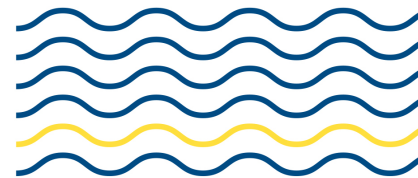


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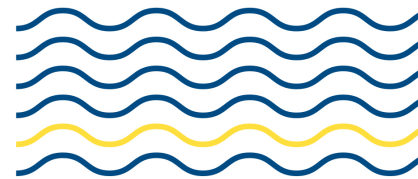


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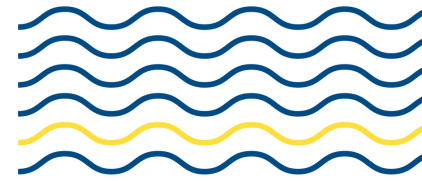


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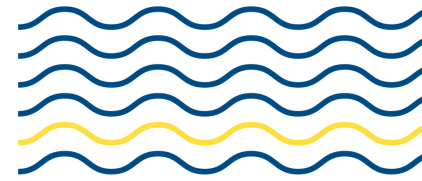
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# Starlette: GraphQL

```
1 from graphql.execution.executors.asyncio import AsyncioExecutor
2 from starlette.applications import Starlette
3 from starlette.graphql import GraphQLApp
4 import graphene
5
6
7 class Query(graphene.ObjectType):
8     hello = graphene.String(name=graphene.String(default_value="stranger"))
9
10    async def resolve_hello(self, info, name):
11        # We can make asynchronous network calls here.
12        return "Hello " + name
13
14
15 app = Starlette()
16
17 # We're using `executor_class=AsyncioExecutor` here.
18 app.add_route('/', GraphQLApp(schema=graphene.Schema(query=Query), executor_class=AsyncioExecutor))
```





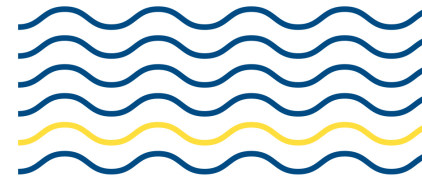
# Starlette: Background Tasks

```
1 class Query(graphene.ObjectType):
2     user_agent = graphene.String()
3
4     def resolve_user_agent(self, info):
5         """
6         Return the User-Agent of the incoming request.
7         """
8         user_agent = request.headers.get("User-Agent", "<unknown>")
9         background = info.context["background"]
10        background.add_task(log_user_agent, user_agent=user_agent)
11        return user_agent
12
13 async def log_user_agent(user_agent):
14     ...
```





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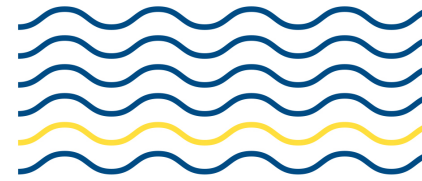


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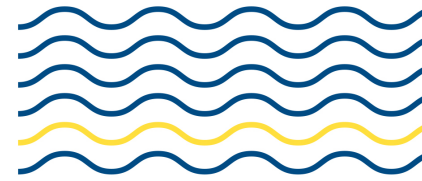
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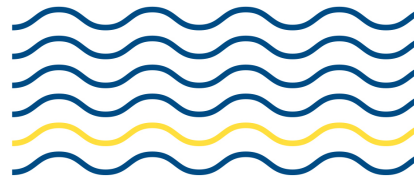


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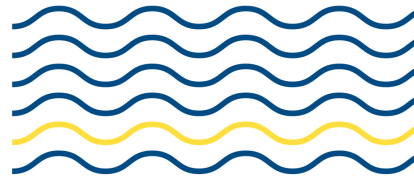


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- Asynchronous
- Schema-first approach to the API implementation
- Simple
- Extensible
- Starlette is used for ASGI
- Dev server (synchronous!)
- Easy to implementing GraphQL in existing sites  
(WSGI middleware or Django GraphQL Views)



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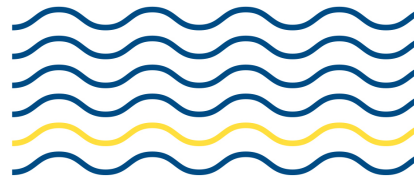


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- Compatibility with GraphQL.js version 14.4.0
- Queries, mutations and input types
- Subscriptions
- File uploads
- Custom scalars and enums
- Loading schema from .graphql files
- GraphQL syntax validation via `gql()` helper function
- ...



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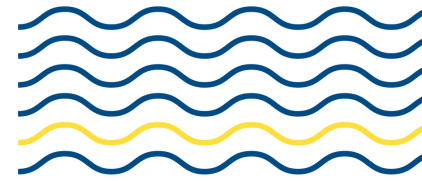


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```
1 from ariadne import ObjectType, QueryType, gql, make_executable_schema
2 from ariadne.asgi import GraphQL
3
4 type_defs = gql("""
5     type Query {
6         people: [Person!]!
7     }
8
9     type Person {
10        firstName: String
11        lastName: String
12        age: Int
13        fullName: String
14    }
15 """)
16
17 # Map resolver functions to Query fields using QueryType
18 query = QueryType()
19
20 # Resolvers are simple python functions
21 @query.field("people")
22 def resolve_people(*_):
23     return [
24         {"firstName": "John", "lastName": "Doe", "age": 21},
25         {"firstName": "Bob", "lastName": "Boberson", "age": 24},
26     ]
27
28
29 # Map resolver functions to custom type fields using ObjectType
30 person = ObjectType("Person")
31
32 @person.field("fullName")
33 def resolve_person_fullname(person, *_):
34     return "%s %s" % (person["firstName"], person["lastName"])
35
36 # Create executable GraphQL schema
37 schema = make_executable_schema(type_defs, [query, person])
38
39 # Create an ASGI app using the schema, running in debug mode
40 app = GraphQL(schema, debug=True)
```



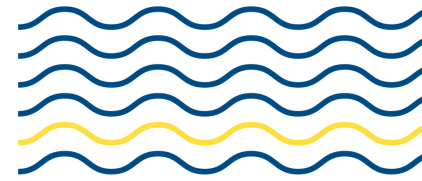
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# GraphQL: API Versioning

*"GraphQL takes a strong opinion on avoiding versioning by providing the tools for the continuous evolution of a GraphQL schema."*

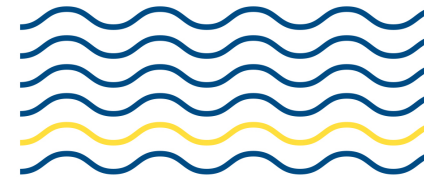




# GraphQL: Files Uploading

- REST endpoint in front of GraphQL mutation  
upload via REST and pass a resulted URL into GraphQL mutation.
- Upload files as Base64 Encoded String  
encoded string sends with GraphQL mutation. Resource intensive and it is sometimes fraught with errors.
- Using of an external URL (such as AWS S3, Google Cloud Storage etc.)  
once file uploaded to S3 then generated URL can be used to pass a GraphQL mutation
- Using *graphene-file-upload* battery  
based on GraphQL multipart request specification (<https://github.com/jaydenseric/graphql-multipart-request-spec>)





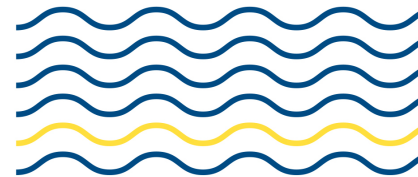
# Conclusion

- GraphQL Public API in production  
indeed, easy to build Public API on application in production
- All libs are production ready and permanently evaluates
- Don't worry. Django is close  
all reviewed frameworks have Django wrappers or can combined
- Control requests depth  
try to prevent client outrage
- GraphQL will not solve your API design problems  
“If you suck at providing REST API You'll suck at providing GraphQL API”  
*@apihandyman*





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# Useful Links

- <https://github.com/graphql-python/graphene-django>
- <https://github.com/flavors/django-graphql-jwt>
- <https://github.com/tfoxy/graphene-django-optimizer>
- <https://github.com/graphql-python/graphql-core-next>
- <https://github.com/rmyers/cannula>
- <https://github.com/mirumee/ariadne>
- <https://github.com/encode/starlette>
- <https://github.com/strawberry-graphql/strawberry>
- <https://github.com/encode/uvicorn>
- <https://github.com/kensho-technologies/graphql-compiler>





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# Questions

