

## GraphQL Integration

Comparison of main characteristics with REST API.

Official documentation:

<https://graphql.org/learn/>

	REST API	GraphQL
<b>Query flexibility</b>	Fixed endpoints and responses	Flexible queries, only the required data is returned
<b>Client performance</b>	Multiple requests needed for different resources	Data from multiple sources can be queried in a single request
<b>Data</b>	Multiple queries may be needed for complex data	All required data can be fetched in a single request
<b>Network efficiency</b>	Network traffic increases with multiple requests	Reduces unnecessary data transfer and number of queries
<b>Usability</b>	Simple, widely known	More difficult to learn, but more efficient
<b>Caching</b>	HTTP cache and CDN supported	Harder to implement, requires custom caching strategy
<b>Versioning</b>	API versioning needed (e.g. `/v1/users`)	No versioning needed, the client selects the required fields
<b>Handling schema changes</b>	Changes may require new endpoints	New fields can be added while keeping the old ones
<b>Security and access control</b>	Built-in HTTP security, roles	Fine-grained access rules needed (e.g., field-level permissions)
<b>Supported formats</b>	Usually JSON (but others supported)	JSON-based (strictly follows GraphQL schema)
<b>Use cases</b>	Ideal for simple CRUD APIs	Better choice for complex, dynamic client needs

After creating a Python virtual environment, you can install the required dependencies with the following command:

```
pip install fastapi strawberry-graphql uvicorn
```

Sample code for first use:

```
import strawberry
from fastapi import FastAPI
from strawberry.fastapi import GraphQLRouter

# User data model
@strawberry.type
class User:
    id: int
    name: str
    age: int
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# Example database
users = [
    User(id=1, name="Noa", age=30),
    User(id=2, name="Anna", age=25),
]

# GraphQL Query class
@strawberry.type
class Query:
    @strawberry.field
    def get_users(self) -> list[User]:
        return users

# GraphQL Mutation class (add new user)
@strawberry.type
class Mutation:
    @strawberry.mutation
    def create_user(self, name: str, age: int) -> User:
        new_user = User(id=len(users) + 1, name=name, age=age)
        users.append(new_user)
        return new_user

# Create GraphQL schema
schema = strawberry.Schema(query=Query, mutation=Mutation)

# Create FastAPI app
app = FastAPI()

# Register GraphQL endpoint
graphql_app = GraphQLRouter(schema)
app.include_router(graphql_app, prefix="/graphql")
```

```
uvicorn.exe main:app --reload
```

The GraphQL Playground will be available at the following URL: <http://127.0.0.1:8000/graphql>

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