Prisma Database ORM toolkit

START HERE

`npx` **`prisma init`**
Scaffold schema and config

`npx` **`prisma migrate dev --name`** *`<name>`*
Create and apply a migration

`npx` **`prisma generate`**
Build the client

`npx` **`prisma db push`**
Sync schema, no migration

`npx` **`prisma migrate deploy`**
Apply migrations in prod

`npx` **`prisma studio`**
Browse data in a browser

`npx` **`prisma format`**
Tidy the schema file

`npx` **`prisma migrate status`**
Is the database current?

CONCEPTS

Since Prisma 7 the CLI no longer runs generate or seed for you after migrate dev, migrate reset or db push. Run them explicitly.

Edit schema.prisma models, relations
migrate dev SQL file + apply
↓ changes
generate typed client
↓ then
migrate deploy CI and production
↓ commit, ship
Typical development loop

The database URL lives in prisma.config.ts (usually read from DATABASE_URL), not in the schema. Commands that touch the database need that file.

SETUP

`npx` **`prisma init`**
Create schema, config and .env

`npx` **`prisma init --datasource-provider`** *`<provider>`*
Pick the database provider

`npx` **`prisma init --url`** *`<url>`*
Set a custom datasource URL

`npx` **`prisma init --with-model`**
Add a sample User model

`npx` **`prisma init --output`** *`<path>`*
Where the client is generated

`npx` **`prisma version`**
CLI, client and engine versions

`npx` **`prisma version --json`**
Same, machine readable

`npx` **`prisma debug`**
Diagnostics for a bug report

GENERATE

`npx` **`prisma generate`**
Generate the client from the schema

`npx` **`prisma generate --watch`**
Regenerate on schema changes

`npx` **`prisma generate --generator`** *`<name>`*
Run only one generator

GENERATE (cont.)

`npx` **`prisma generate --no-engine`**
Client without an engine (Accelerate, edge)

`npx` **`prisma generate --no-hints`**
Suppress hints and banners

`npx` **`prisma generate --allow-no-models`**
Generate even with no models

SCHEMA TOOLING

`npx` **`prisma validate`**
Check the schema for errors

`npx` **`prisma format`**
Format schema.prisma

`npx` **`prisma format --check`**
Fail if the schema is unformatted

`npx` **`prisma`** *`<command>`* **`--schema`** *`<path>`*
Use a schema in another location

`npx` **`prisma`** *`<command>`* **`--config`** *`<path>`*
Use another prisma.config.ts

Documented for db execute, migrate diff and studio.

MIGRATE

`npx` **`prisma migrate dev`**
Apply schema changes in development

Uses a shadow database, detects drift, and may offer a reset.

`npx` **`prisma migrate dev --name`** *`<name>`*
Name the new migration

`npx` **`prisma migrate dev --create-only`**
Write the SQL, do not apply it

`npx` **`prisma migrate deploy`**
Apply pending migrations (prod, CI)

`npx` **`prisma migrate status`**
Compare migrations with the database

Exits with 1 on unapplied, failed or diverged migrations, handy in CI.

`npx` **`prisma migrate reset`**
Drop data and reapply all migrations

Development only. Asks for confirmation unless --force.

MIGRATE (cont.)

`npx` **`prisma migrate reset --force`**
Reset without the prompt

`npx` **`prisma migrate resolve --applied`** *`<migration>`*
Mark a migration as applied

`npx` **`prisma migrate resolve --rolled-back`** *`<migration>`*
Mark a failed migration as rolled back

`npx` **`prisma migrate diff --from-`***`<src>`* **`--to-`***`<src>`*
Compare two schema states

Sources: -empty, -schema, -migrations, -config-datasource.

`npx` **`prisma migrate diff --from-config-datasource --to-schema`** *`<file>`* **`--script`**
SQL to move DB to schema

`npx` **`prisma migrate diff ... --exit-code`**
Exit 2 when there are changes

`npx` **`prisma migrate diff ... -o`** *`<file>`*
Write the diff to a file

DATABASE

`npx` **`prisma db push`**
Sync schema to DB without migrations

`npx` **`prisma db push --accept-data-loss`**
Proceed despite data loss

`npx` **`prisma db push --force-reset`**
Reset the database first

`npx` **`prisma db pull`**
Introspect DB into the schema

Overwrites manual edits to the schema file.

`npx` **`prisma db pull --print`**
Print the schema, do not write

`npx` **`prisma db pull --force`**
Discard manual schema changes

`npx` **`prisma db seed`**
Run the configured seed script

`npx` **`prisma db seed --`** *`<args>`*
Pass arguments to the seed file

`npx` **`prisma db execute --file`** *`<file.sql>`*
Run a SQL file on the database

`npx` **`prisma db execute --stdin`**
Run SQL from standard input

STUDIO AND DEV DB

`npx` **`prisma studio`**
Open the data browser

`npx` **`prisma studio --port`** *`<port>`*
Change the port (default 5555)

`npx` **`prisma studio --browser none`**
Do not open a browser

`npx` **`prisma studio --url`** *`<url>`*
Override the config database URL

`npx` **`prisma dev`**
Start a local Prisma Postgres

`npx` **`prisma dev --detach`**
Run it in the background

`npx` **`prisma dev ls`**
List local instances

`npx` **`prisma dev stop`** *`<glob>`*
Stop matching instances

`npx` **`prisma dev rm`** *`<glob>`*
Delete instance data

ENVIRONMENT

`DATABASE_URL=`*`<url>`*
Connection string, read by prisma.config.ts

`DEBUG="prisma:*"`
Verbose logging

`NO_COLOR=1`
Disable coloured output

RECIPES

New project on Postgres

```
npm install -D prisma
npx prisma init --datasource-provider postgresql
# set DATABASE_URL in .env, add models
npx prisma migrate dev --name init
npx prisma generate
```

Adopt an existing database

```
npx prisma init --url <url>
npx prisma db pull
npx prisma generate
```

Deploy step in CI

```
npx prisma migrate deploy
npx prisma generate
# fail the build on drift:
npx prisma migrate status
```

Review SQL before applying

```
npx prisma migrate dev --create-only --name <name>
# edit prisma/migrations/<ts>_<name>/migration.sql
npx prisma migrate dev
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