GraphQL for Geospatial APIs Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand core concepts like **schemas, types, queries, mutations, and subscriptions** in the context of API development.
2. Develop robust and intuitive GraphQL schemas optimized for **geospatial data models**
3. Create efficient resolvers to interact with various **geospatial databases**
4. Execute complex **spatial queries** (e.g., proximity search, bounding box, intersects) using GraphQL.
5. Leverage **GraphQL Subscriptions** for real-time updates of location-based data.
6. Seamlessly connect GraphQL APIs with existing **GIS services and mapping platforms**.
7. Implement strategies for **caching, batching, and data loaders** for optimal geospatial API performance.
8. Apply **authentication, authorization, and access control** mechanisms for sensitive spatial data.
9. Effectively manage **creation, updates, and deletion** of geospatial data through GraphQL mutations.
10. Develop comprehensive testing strategies for robust and reliable geospatial APIs.
11. Connect GraphQL APIs to frontend mapping libraries for interactive **geospatial visualization** .
12. Learn how to build a unified graph from distributed geospatial services.
13. Prepare and deploy GraphQL geospatial APIs to production environments with CI/CD practices.

Organizational Benefits

- Eliminate over-fetching and under-fetching of geospatial data, leading to reduced bandwidth usage and faster application performance.
- Empower development teams to rapidly build and iterate on geospatial applications with a flexible and intuitive API.
- Provide developers with self-documenting APIs and powerful tools for exploring and interacting with geospatial data.
- Build APIs that can easily evolve to meet changing geospatial data requirements and integrate with diverse data sources.
- Enable applications to react to real-time spatial events, crucial for dynamic mapping and tracking solutions.

- Streamline data access and reduce the complexity of managing multiple API endpoints for geospatial services.
- Adopt a modern API standard that aligns with current and future trends in data management and real-time systems.
- Foster seamless collaboration between frontend and backend teams with a clearly defined and self-documenting API contract.

Target Audience

1. Software Developers
2. Backend Engineers.
3. GIS Professionals
4. Data Architects.
5. Full-stack Developers.
6. DevOps Engineers.
7. Researchers and Analysts.
8. Team Leads and Project Managers.

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Module 1: Introduction to GraphQL and Geospatial Concepts

- Understanding GraphQL
- Geospatial Data Fundamentals
- GraphQL vs. REST for Geospatial
- Setting Up Your GraphQL Development Environment
- First Geospatial Query
- **Case Study**: Examining how a ride-sharing app could use GraphQL to efficiently fetch driver locations versus traditional REST endpoints.

Module 2: GraphQL Schema Design for Geospatial Data

- Defining Geospatial Types.
- Scalar Types and Custom Scalars
- Input Types for Spatial Operations
- Relationships in Geospatial Graphs
- Schema-First vs. Code-First Approaches.
- **Case Study**: Designing a GraphQL schema for a real estate platform to query properties by location, type, and amenities.

Module 3: Building a GraphQL Server for Geospatial APIs

- Choosing a GraphQL Server Framework
- Setting Up the Server.
- Implementing Basic Geospatial Resolvers
- Error Handling in GraphQL
- Introduction to Data Loaders.
- **Case Study**: Setting up an Apollo Server to serve basic points of interest (POI) data.

Module 4: Integrating with Geospatial Databases (PostGIS)

- Introduction to PostGIS.
- Connecting GraphQL to PostGIS
- Mapping PostGIS Geometries to GraphQL Types.

- Implementing Spatial Filters in Resolvers
- Optimizing PostGIS Queries.
- **Case Study**: Building a GraphQL API to query open-source urban planning data stored in PostGIS, filtering by administrative boundaries.

Module 5: Advanced Geospatial Queries and Mutations

- Proximity Search with GraphQL
- Bounding Box and Polygon Queries.
- Complex Geospatial Mutations
- Handling Geospatial Relationships
- GraphQL Directives for Geospatial
- **Case Study**: Developing a supply chain tracking application where users can query asset locations within a defined radius and update their positions.

Module 6: Real-time Geospatial with GraphQL Subscriptions

- Introduction to GraphQL Subscriptions
- Setting Up Subscription Servers
- Implementing Geospatial Subscriptions
- Publish-Subscribe Patterns for Geospatial Events.
- Security Considerations for Subscriptions
- **Case Study**: Building a live traffic monitoring dashboard that updates road conditions and vehicle positions in real-time.

Module 7: Geospatial Data Aggregation and Analytics

- GraphQL for Geospatial Aggregations
- Integrating with Analytical Engines
- Custom Resolvers for Complex Analytics
- Paginating Large Geospatial Datasets
- Visualizing Aggregated Data.
- **Case Study**: Creating a demographic analysis tool that allows users to aggregate population data within custom-drawn regions.

Module 8: Performance Optimization for Geospatial GraphQL APIs

- N+1 Problem in Geospatial Resolvers
- Batching and Caching Strategies
- Query Complexity and Depth Limiting.
- Response Compression and Gzip.
- Database Indexing for Spatial Data
- **Case Study**: Optimizing a weather monitoring API that fetches thousands of sensor readings, ensuring fast response times for spatial queries.

Module 9: Securing Geospatial GraphQL APIs

- Authentication and Authorization
- Role-Based Access Control.
- Field-Level Security.
- Query Whitelisting and Blacklisting.
- Protecting Against Malicious Queries.
- **Case Study**: Designing a secure API for a critical infrastructure mapping system, ensuring only authorized personnel can access or modify sensitive assets.

Module 10: Integrating with Frontend Mapping Libraries

- Consuming GraphQL Geospatial APIs with React/Vue
- Mapping Libraries Integration.
- Interactive Map Features.
- Real-time Map Updates.
- Client-side Caching for Geospatial Data
- **Case Study**: Building a public-facing park locator application that queries park locations and details via GraphQL and displays them on a Leaflet map.

Module 11: GraphQL Federation and Microservices for Geospatial

- Introduction to GraphQL Federation
- Designing Geospatial Microservices
- Schema Stitching and Gateway Implementation
- Delegating Geospatial Queries.
- Scalability with Federated Geospatial Services
- **Case Study**: Migrating a legacy GIS system with separate services for land parcels and zoning regulations into a unified GraphQL federated API.

Module 12: Geospatial API Documentation and Developer Experience

- GraphQL Introspection for Self-Documentation.
- Tools for Interactive Documentation
- Generating API Documentation.
- Developer Portals for Geospatial APIs
- Versioning and API Evolution.
- **Case Study**: Creating an intuitive developer portal for a smart city API that exposes various geospatial datasets (e.g., public transport, waste management).

Module 13: Testing and Monitoring Geospatial GraphQL APIs

- Unit and Integration Testing
- End-to-End Testing for Geospatial Flows
- Mocking Geospatial Data
- Monitoring GraphQL API Performance
- Logging and Error Tracking.
- **Case Study**: Implementing automated tests for a drone delivery route optimization API, ensuring accuracy and performance.

Module 14: Deployment and Operations of Geospatial GraphQL APIs

- Deployment Strategies.
- Containerization (Docker) for Geospatial Services
- CI/CD Pipelines for GraphQL APIs
- Infrastructure as Code (Terraform).
- Scalability and High Availability
- **Case Study**: Deploying a real-time tracking application's GraphQL backend to a Kubernetes cluster for high availability and scalability.

Module 15: Future Trends and Advanced Topics in Geospatial GraphQL

- GraphQL for Edge Computing in Geospatial
- Integrating with Serverless Functions

- GraphQL and Geospatial AI/ML Integration.
- Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Standards and GraphQL
- Emerging Tools and Libraries
- **Case Study**: Discussing the potential for a GraphQL API to serve real-time environmental sensor data from IoT devices for predictive analytics.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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