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**Fast by Default:**  
**Extending GatsbyJS with Plugins**



Hi! My name is [Nicolas Goutay](#). I am a [Web Performance Evangelist](#) at [Theodo](#). I love building side-projects, and I'm a top GatsbyJS contributor. I ~~have stage fright~~ am really excited to be with all of you today! 😊

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*React, Vue, Angular*

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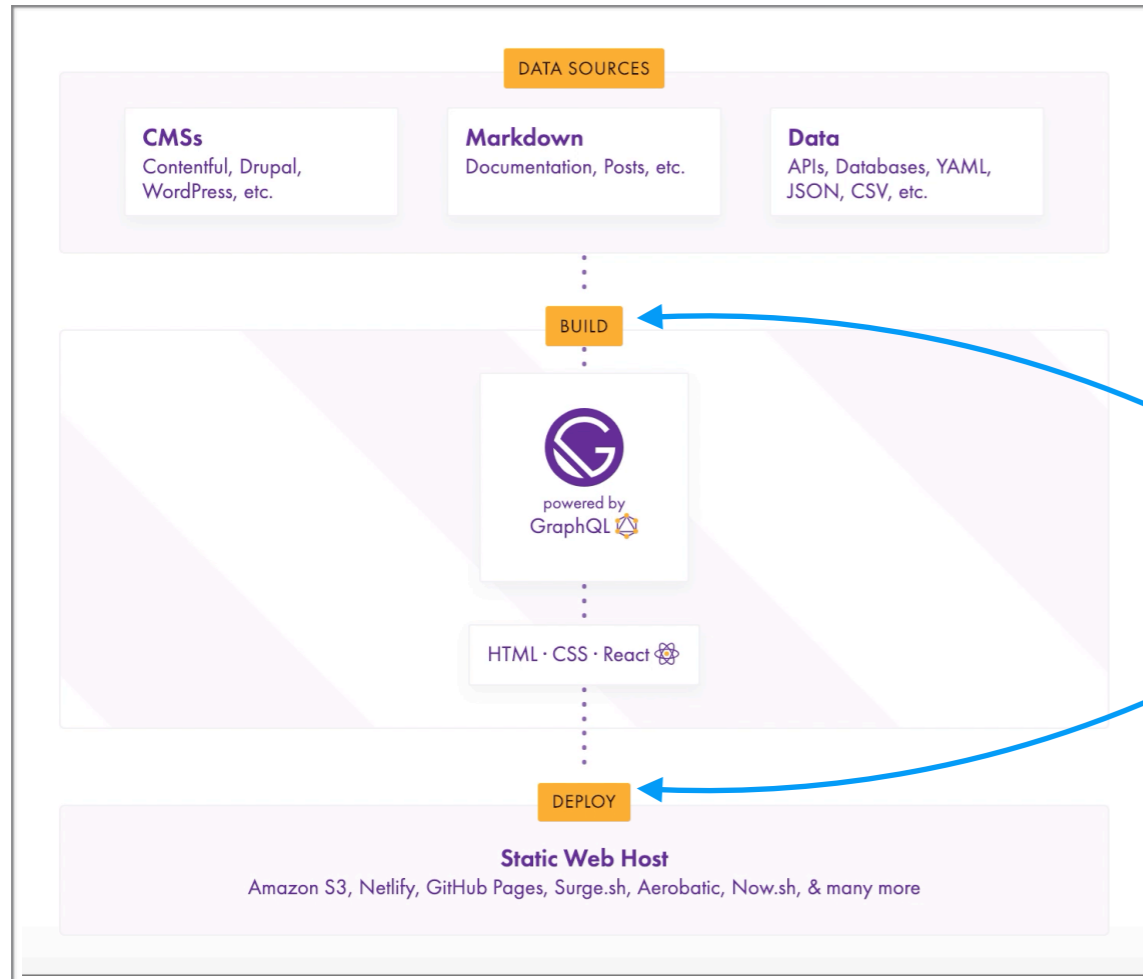
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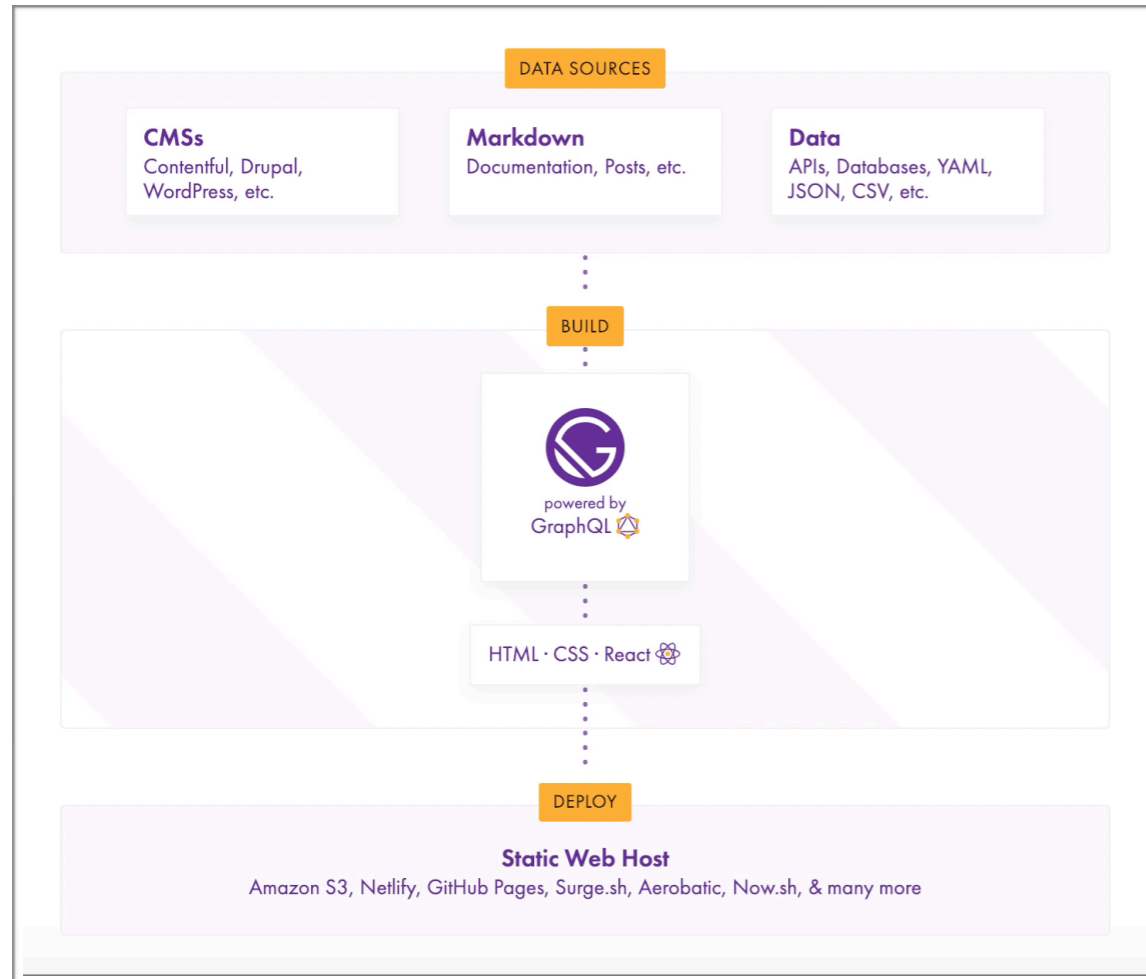


The SSG part relies on [NodeJS](#) and [GraphQL](#)

The SPA part is a fully-featured [React](#) application

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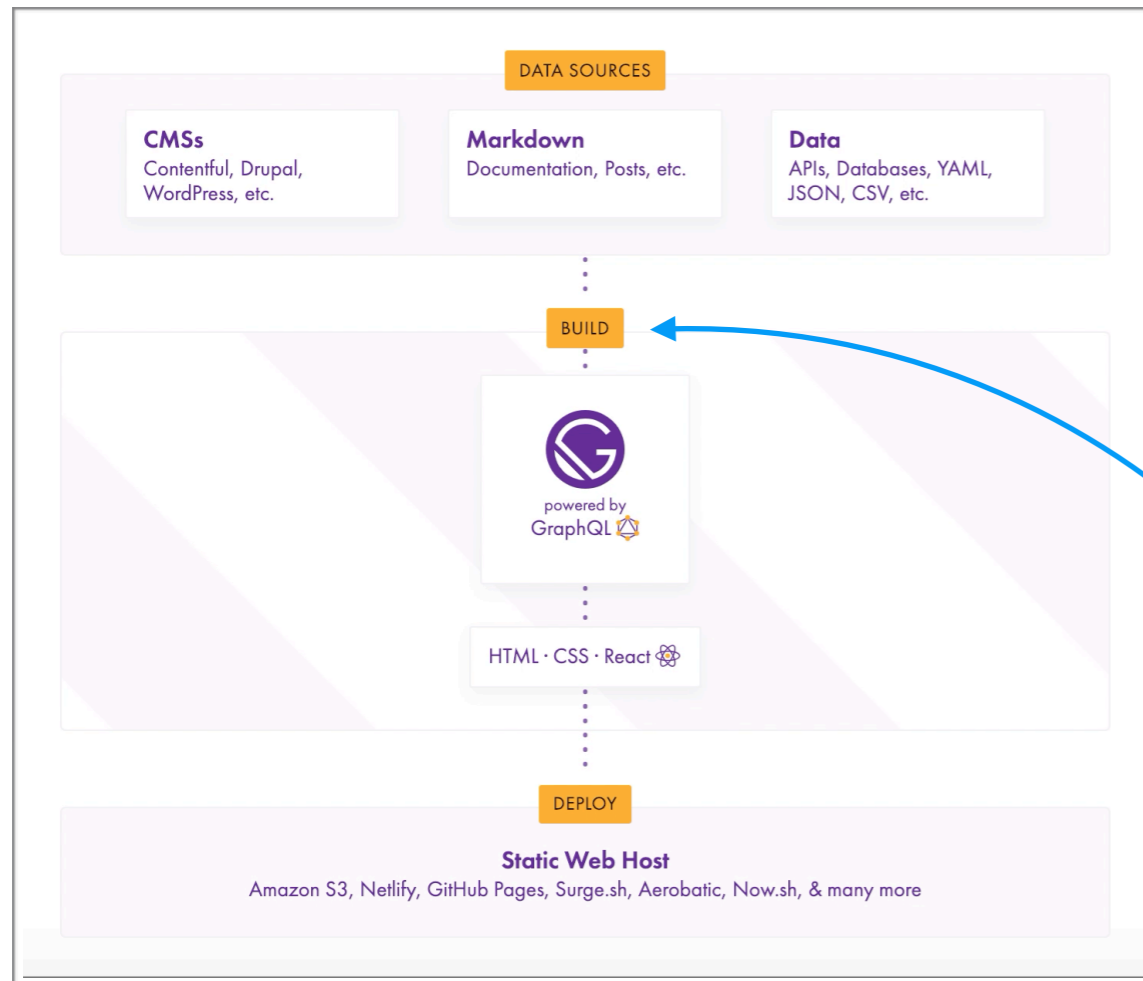
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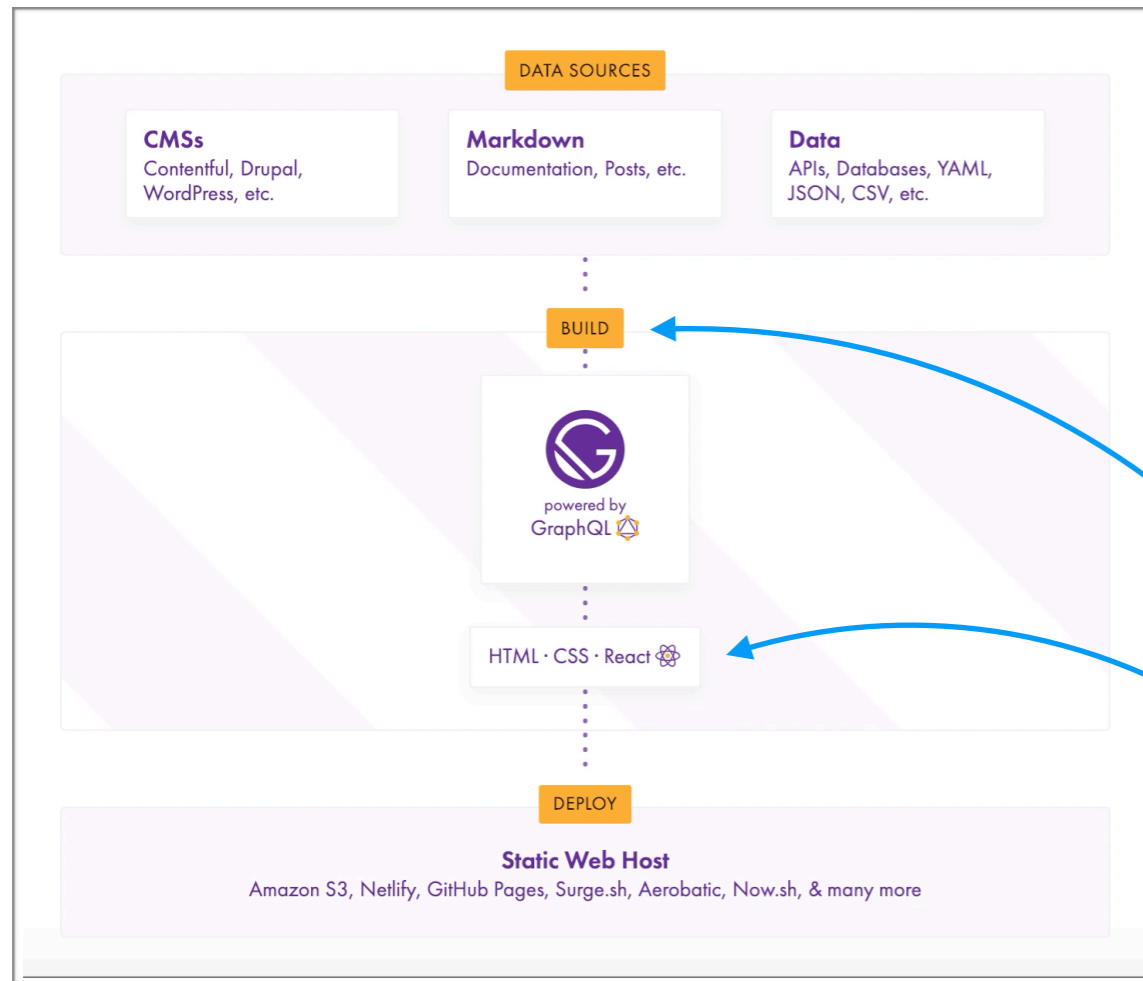
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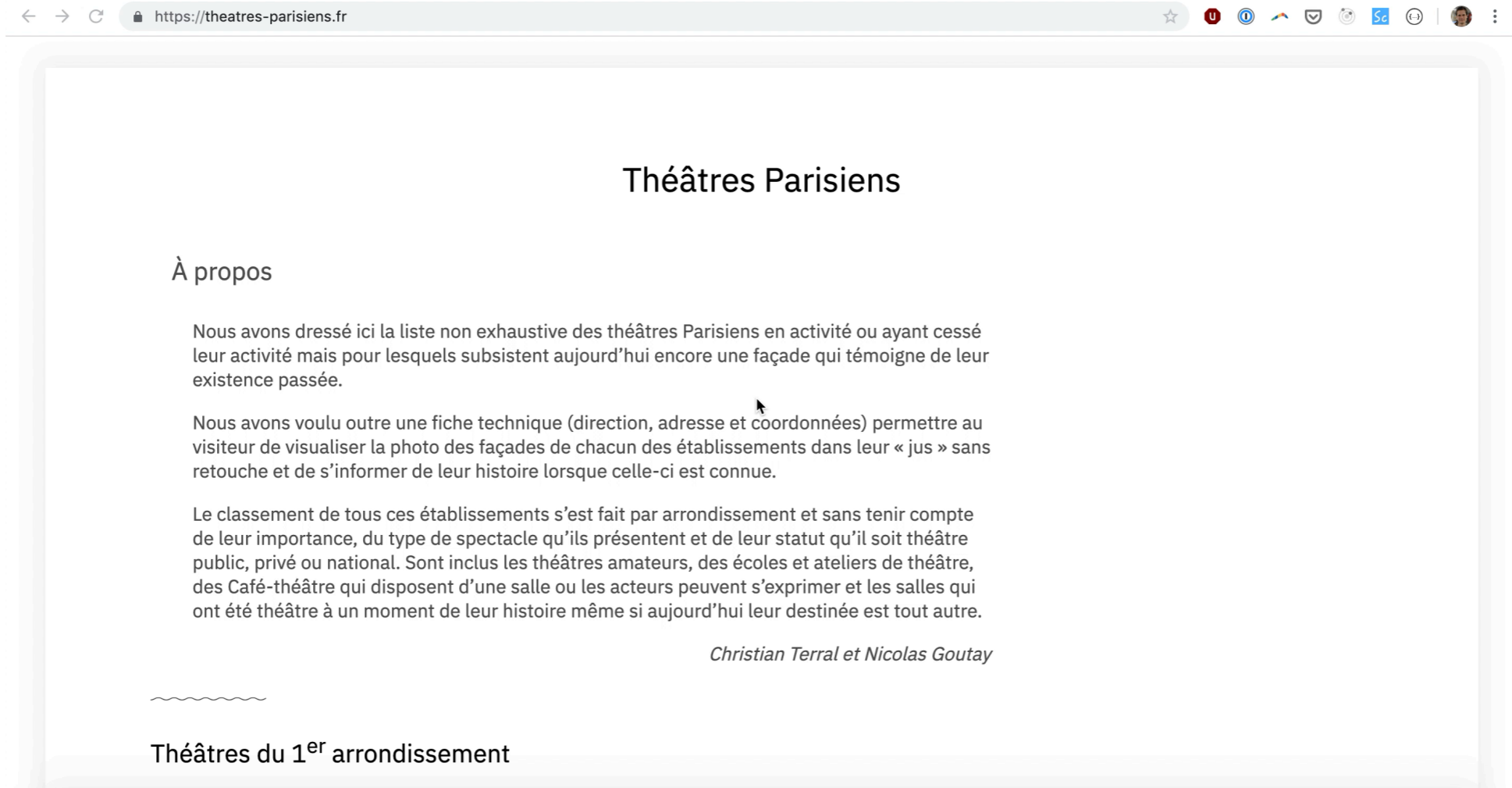
**Highly dynamic data** (e.g. real-time notifications, data controlled by users).

# Gatsby Plugins

Gatsby plugins allows one to inject data from any datasource (remote API, database, filesystem...), through a GraphQL interface, into your Gatsby website's React components.

They abstract the complexity of remote datasources away from the frontend developer.

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<https://theatres-parisiens.fr>

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```
GraphiQL ▶ Prettify History < Docs
```

```
1 {
2   allMarkdownRemark {
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4       node {
5         frontmatter {
6           title
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9           email
10        }
11      }
12    }
13  }
14 }
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```
{
  "data": {
    "allMarkdownRemark": {
      "edges": [
        {
          "node": {
            "frontmatter": {
              "title": "La Baleine Blanche Théâtre",
              "arrondissement": 13,
              "address": "Port de la Gare (Austerlitz)",
              "email": "info@theatre-baleineblanche.fr"
            }
          }
        },
        {
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              "title": "Centre Mandapa",
              "arrondissement": 13,
              "address": "6 rue Wurtz",
              "email": "direction@centre-mandapa.fr"
            }
          }
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              "title": "Théâtre 13",
              "arrondissement": 13,
              "address": "30 rue du Chevaleret, 103A boulevard
              Auguste-Blanqui",
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QUERY VARIABLES

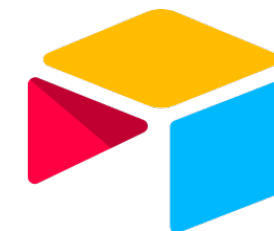
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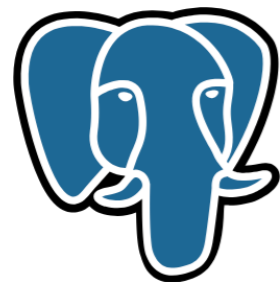
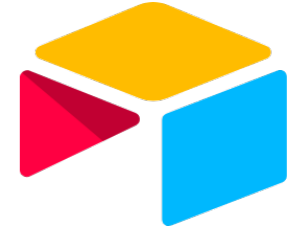


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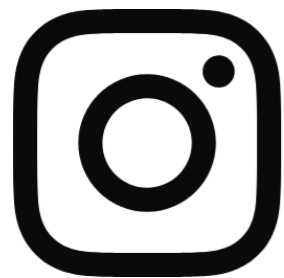


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**A small story:**  
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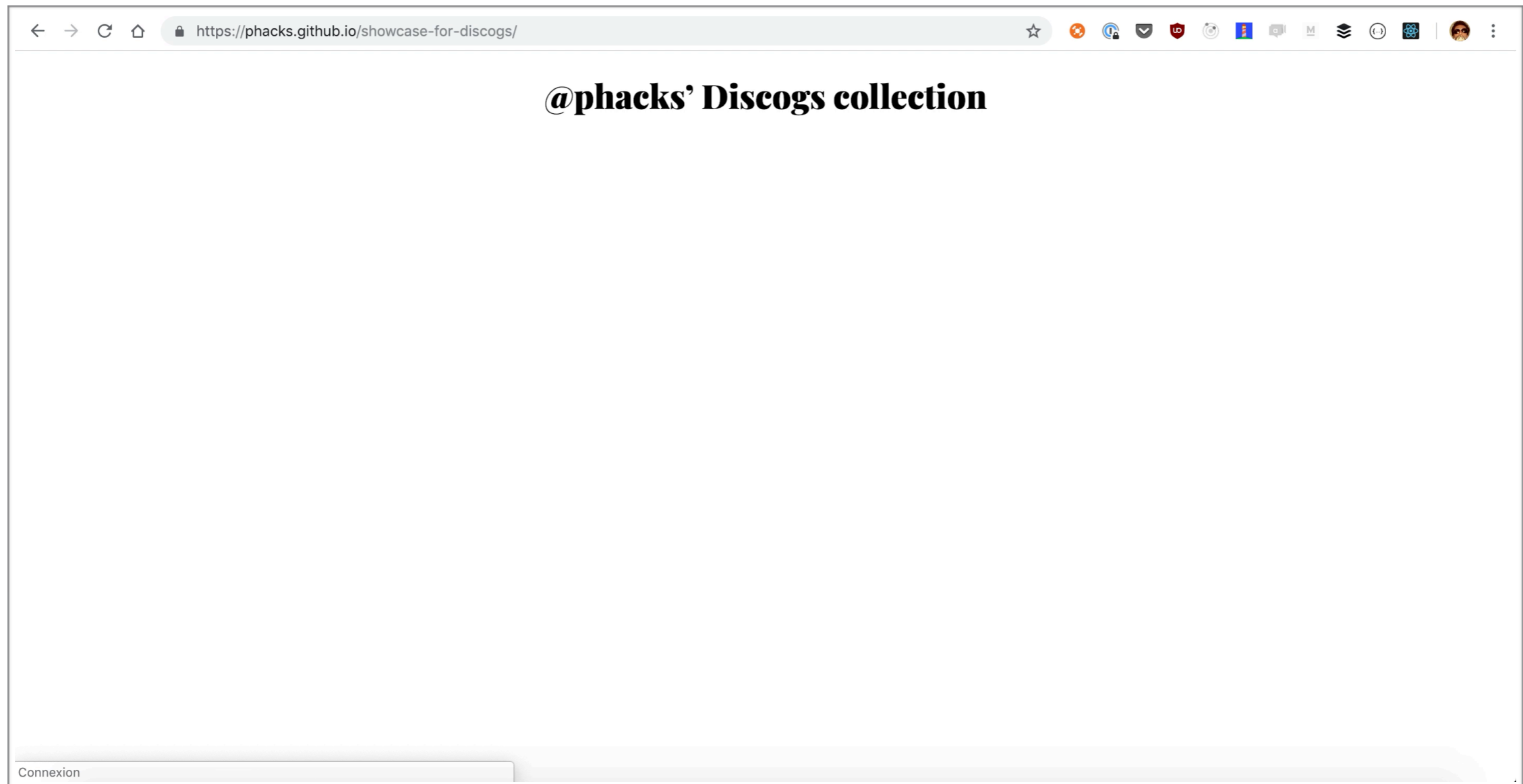
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**Discogs<sup>®</sup>**

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😅 *(I think I invented the literal opposite of scalability)*

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```
1 /**
2  * gatsby-node.js
3  */
4
5 exports.sourceNodes = (
6   { actions, createNodeId, createContentDigest },
7   configOptions
8 ) => {
9   const { createNode } = actions
10
11   // Helper function that processes a photo to match Gatsby's node structure
12   const processItem = item => {
13     const nodeId = createNodeId(`node-${item.id}`)
14     const nodeContent = JSON.stringify(item)
15     const nodeData = Object.assign({}, item, {
16       id: nodeId,
17       parent: null,
18       children: [],
19       internal: {
20         type: `MyItem`,
21         content: nodeContent,
22         contentDigest: createContentDigest(item),
23       },
24     })
25
26     return nodeData
27   }
28
29   const data = [{ /* item 1 */ }, { /* item 2 */ }, ...]
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**Live coding!**

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**Thanks!**

Slides, links & GitHub sources will be available later on my Twitter: [@phacks](#) 😊