

TRAINING DAY21 REPORT

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Django model relationships

In Django, relationships between models are defined using **ForeignKey**, **OneToOneField**, and **ManyToManyField**.

Relationship Type	Meaning	Example
One-to-One	One object is linked to exactly one other object	Each user has one profile
One-to-Many	One object can have multiple related objects	A user can have many diary entries
Many-to-Many	Objects can be linked to multiple other objects	A diary entry can have multiple tags (and vice versa)

Real-World Example — Daily Diary Project

We'll design models for:

- User (built-in Django user)
- DiaryEntry
- Mood
- Tag
- Comment
- Image

1. User Model (Django built-in)

We'll use Django's built-in user authentication model.

```
electronics_shop > accounts > 🐍 models.py > ...  
1 | from django.contrib.auth.models import User  
2 |
```

2. DiaryEntry Model

Each diary entry belongs to a **User**, and can have a **Mood**, **Tags**, and **Comments**.

```
electronics_shop > accounts > 🐍 models.py > ...  
1 | from django.db import models  
2 | from django.contrib.auth.models import User  
3 |  
4 | class DiaryEntry(models.Model):  
5 |     user = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="diary_entries")  
6 |     title = models.CharField(max_length=200)  
7 |     content = models.TextField()  
8 |     mood = models.ForeignKey('Mood', on_delete=models.SET_NULL, null=True, blank=True)  
9 |     tags = models.ManyToManyField('Tag', blank=True)  
10 |     created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)  
11 |  
12 |     def __str__(self):  
13 |         return f"{self.title} - {self.user.username}"  
14 |
```

Explanation:

- user: **One-to-Many** (one user → many diary entries)
- mood: **One-to-Many** (one mood type → many entries)
- tags: **Many-to-Many** (entries can share tags)
- created_at: auto timestamp when created

3. Mood Model

Each mood (e.g., Happy, Sad, Excited) can be linked to multiple diary entries.

```
15 class Mood(models.Model):
16     name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
17     emoji = models.CharField(max_length=5, blank=True)
18
19     def __str__(self):
20         return f"{self.emoji} {self.name}"
21
22
```

Relationship:

- Mood → DiaryEntry = One-to-Many

4. Tag Model

Tags help organize entries (e.g., “Work”, “Family”, “Travel”).

```
21
22 class Tag(models.Model):
23     name = models.CharField(max_length=50, unique=True)
24
25     def __str__(self):
26         return self.name
27
```

Relationship:

- Tag ↔ DiaryEntry = Many-to-Many

5. Comment Model

Users can add comments to diary entries (even their own).

```
28 class Comment(models.Model):
29     diary_entry = models.ForeignKey(DiaryEntry, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="comments")
30     user = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
31     text = models.TextField()
32     created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)
33
34     def __str__(self):
35         return f"Comment by {self.user.username} on {self.diary_entry.title}"
36
37
```

6. Image Model

Each diary entry can have **multiple images**.

```
37 class Image(models.Model):
38     diary_entry = models.ForeignKey(DiaryEntry, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="images")
39     image = models.ImageField(upload_to='diary_images/')
40     caption = models.CharField(max_length=100, blank=True)
41
42     def __str__(self):
43         return f"Image for {self.diary_entry.title}"
44
45
```

Full Relationship Diagram

```
User (1) —< DiaryEntry (Many)
DiaryEntry (1) —< Comment (Many)
DiaryEntry (1) —< Image (Many)
DiaryEntry (Many) >—< Tag (Many)
Mood (1) —< DiaryEntry (Many)
```