Eloquent is an Object Relational Mapper (ORM) that is included by default within the Laravel framework. An ORM is software that facilitates handling database records by representing data as objects, working as a layer of abstraction on top of the database engine used to store an application's data.

To get started, create an Eloquent model. Models typically live in the app directory, but you are free to place them anywhere that can be auto-loaded according to your composer.json file. All Eloquent models extend Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model.

**Defining An Eloquent Model**

class User extends Model {}

You may also generate Eloquent models using the make:model command:

php artisan make:model User