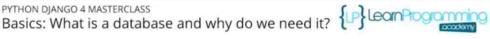
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#### The Problem

- ➤ How do we manage things if our application scales?
- > Any modern website you visit, has persistent and dynamic information that is being shown.

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#### **Databases**

- > Database is a place where data related to your users and product is stored.
- > Databases are typically used to store data and maintain state of your application.



#### Databases in action

- > Facebook example: Modern websites store your information as long as you delete it.
- ➤ On Facebook, your data is shown to others if you allow.
- ➤ Databases are used for mobile applications as well as websites.

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# How would you access data?

- > Data stored in database can be accessed using a language called SQL.
- > SQL stands for structured query language which is typically written by data analysts and programmers.

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#### What is DBMS?

- > A DBMS enables you to do a variety of administrative operations such as performance monitoring, taking backup and recovery.
- Some examples of popular database software or DBMSs include MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, sqllite.

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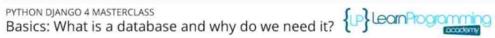
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# Database types

- **≻**Relational
- ➤ Non relational



#### Relational databases

- > Relational databases have structure similar to that of a excel spreadsheet.
- ➤ If you have used excel, you would know you can store / structure data there in rows and column.
- Structure of the database is known as schema and one row of information is known as a record.
- Some of the popular example of relational databases are: MySQL, Microsoft Access, Microsoft SQL Server, sqlite, FileMaker Pro, Oracle Database.

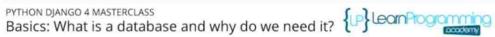
#### Non-relational databases

- > Non relational databases don't follow this approach of storing data in form of rows and columns.
- ➤ They don't have a fixed structure.
- ➤ Non relational databases are used in scenarios where you need more flexibility over structure.
- > Data stored here is stored in the form of documents.



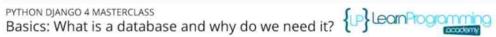
# Example: Store application

customer_id	first_name	last_name	age	city	state
1	John	Trump	32	San Jose	California
2	Stacy	Keiber	52	San Francisco	California
3	Mark	Dsouza	44	New York	New York



### Customer table with orders

customer_id	first_name	last_name	age	city	state	product_na me	final_total
1	John	Trump	32	San Jose	California		
2	Stacy	Keiber	52	San Francisco	California	Red Tshirt	\$500
3	Mark	Dsouza	44	New York	New York	Blue Socks	\$50
3	Mark	Dsouza	44	New York	New York	Blue Jeans	\$255



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#### Customer table

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#### Orders table

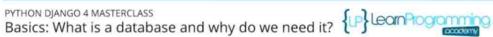
order_id	customer_id	product_name	final_total
1	3	Blue Socks	\$50
2	2	Red Tshirt	\$500
3	3	Blue Jeans	\$255

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## Relationships and Normalization

- > Linking between customer and orders table is known as relationship between 2 tables.
- > The process of eliminating redundant data from your database is known as Normalization.



### Accessing and manipulating data

- ➤ You can access the data that is stored in the database using a language or a standard called SQL.
- ➤ SQL stands for structured query language.
- ➤ If you're working with relational databases, it's very important that you know SQL so that you can manipulate and access the data.
- > SQL has commands like "Select", "Insert", "Update", "Delete", "Create", and "Drop" which enables you to work with relational databases.



### What is SQLite

- ➤ SQLite is a lightweight relational database.
- ➤ It is self contained and has no dependencies. Self contained meaning it does not require any external library for operating.
- ➤ It is a file based database where in all the data is stored in a files on disk.



### Building applications with Django

- ➤ Every application built in Python has entities which is represented in the form of classes.
- ➤ You have a class which represents that entity in real world and you have corresponding table which represents this entity.
- ➤ Every class would have attribute which would represent real world attributes like customer id, customer name, and so on.

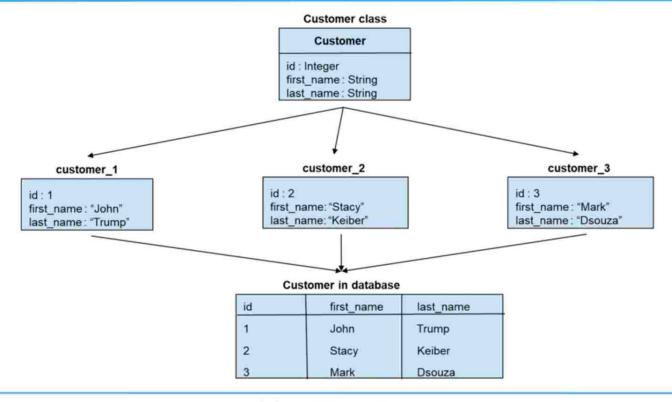


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- Class attributes are represented using columns in the table corresponding to that particular entity.
- ➤ You have Customer class, its database representation, but how do you represent multiple customers in the table.
- ➤ You can create an object of customer class with different values assigned to different attributes and then these objects become rows in tables within the database.



### What is ORM?



#### ORM

- ➤ Whenever there is a class, that class can be automatically converted to a table with its attributes being converted to columns.
- ➤ So now the developer does not have to write queries for table creation, it's created automatically.
- ➤ Whenever an object is created, its data can be saved in the database as row in table, this is automatically handled by ORM.



#### ORM

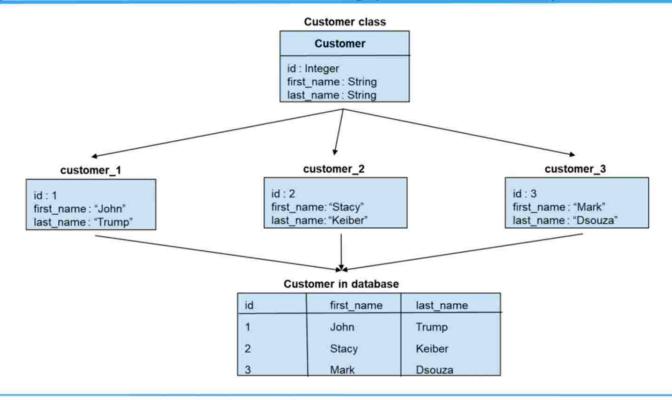
- ➤ ORM as a concept makes developers lives easier and lets developers focus on application logic rather than SQL queries.
- ➤ Because of ORM developers don't need to learn how to write SQL queries since the translation from application to SQL is handled by ORM itself.
- ➤ It's a powerful technique in programming which also minimizes mistakes since developers are not writing queries on their own.



# Django Models

- ➤ A model in Django is nothing but a class which can be saved to the database.
- Every model represents a table in a database with its properties being converted to columns.

# Django Models, Field, Field types, Field options



### Defining Django Models

```
from django.db import models

class Customer(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
```

#### Things to note

- Every model defined in Django is a subclass of django.db.models.Model.
- ➤ Every attribute defined in model is converted to the column. These attribute of the entities are known as fields within the models. So fields are the ones that are converted to columns.
- Every field stores a particular type of data which is defined by field types.
- Every field define might also have certain restrictions like the length in this case.

# Running Migration is a 2 step process

- ➤ Making migrations
- ➤ Run migrations

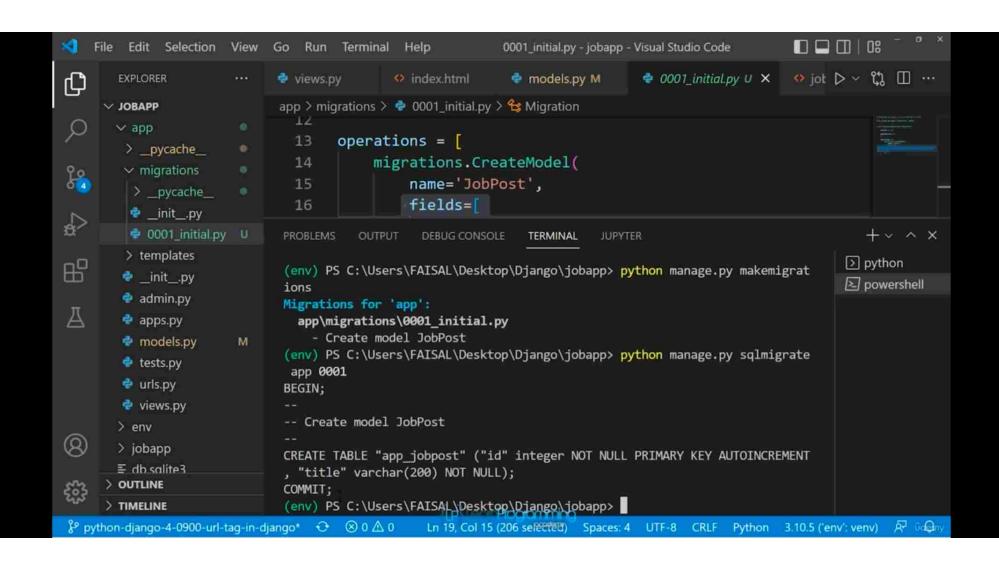
### Commands that help with migrations

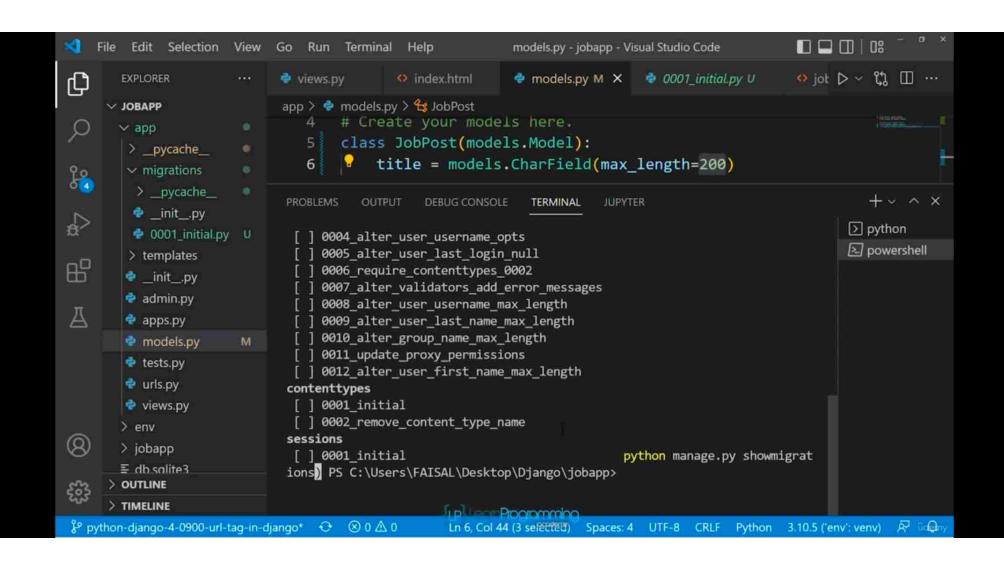
**makemigrations** → This command is responsible for creating new migrations based on the changes that are identified in the models.

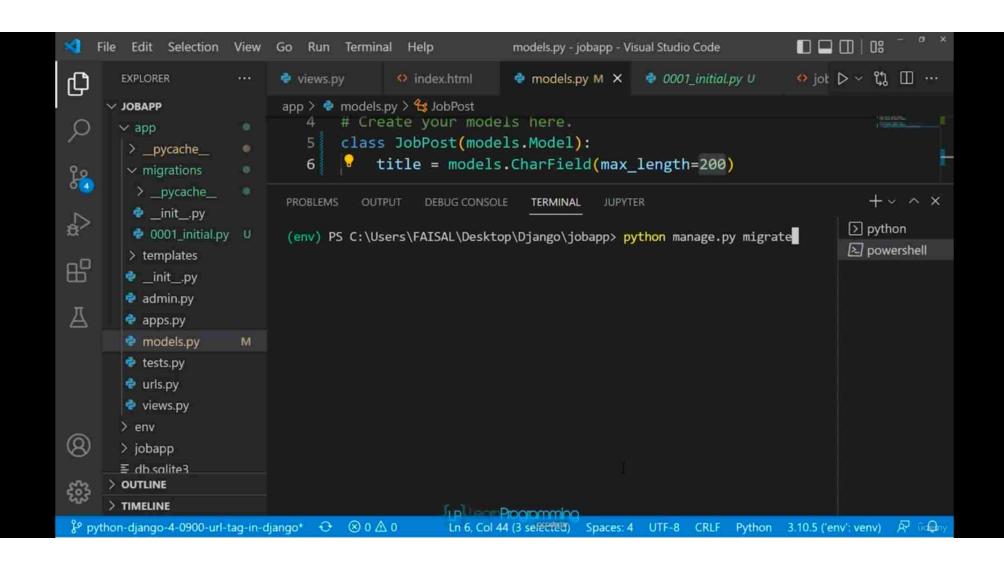
**sqlmigrate** → this command displays the SQL statement for a migration.

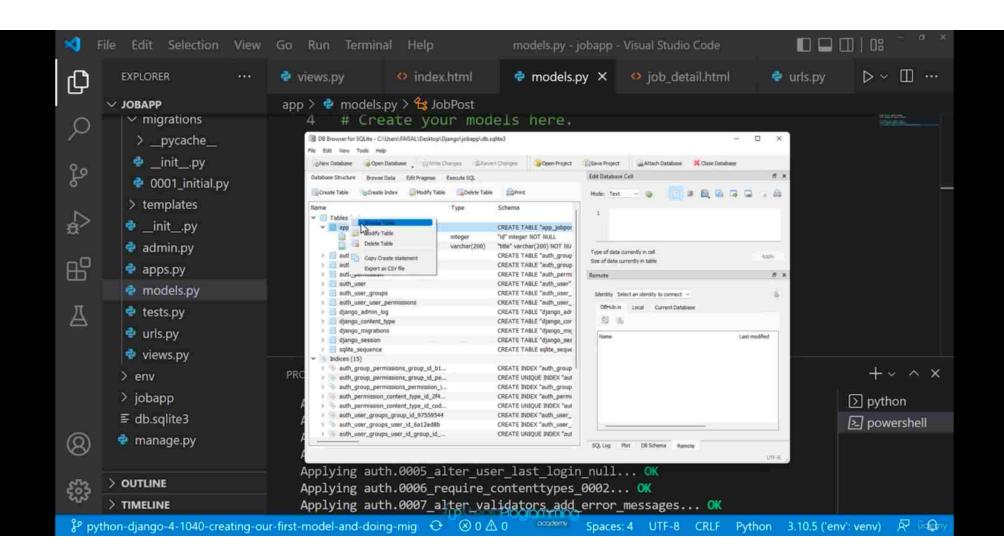
**migrate**  $\rightarrow$  This is the command for running, applying and unapplying migrations.

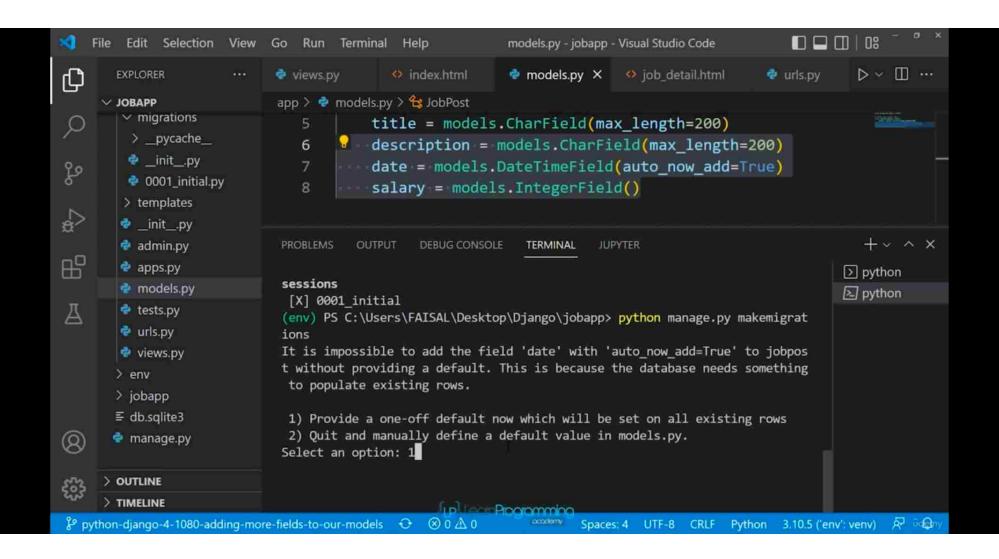
**showmigrations** → Lists the migrations of the projects along with their status.

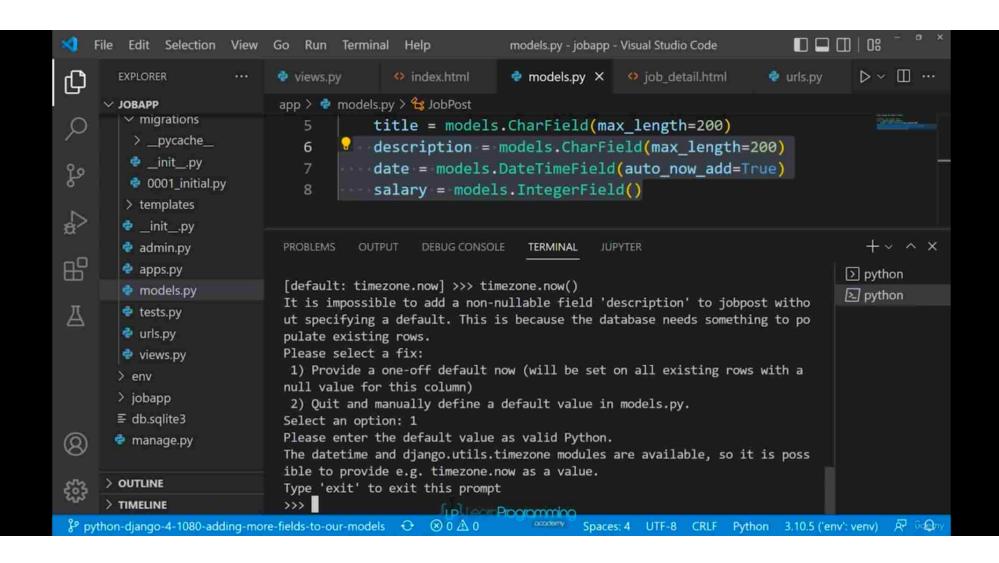


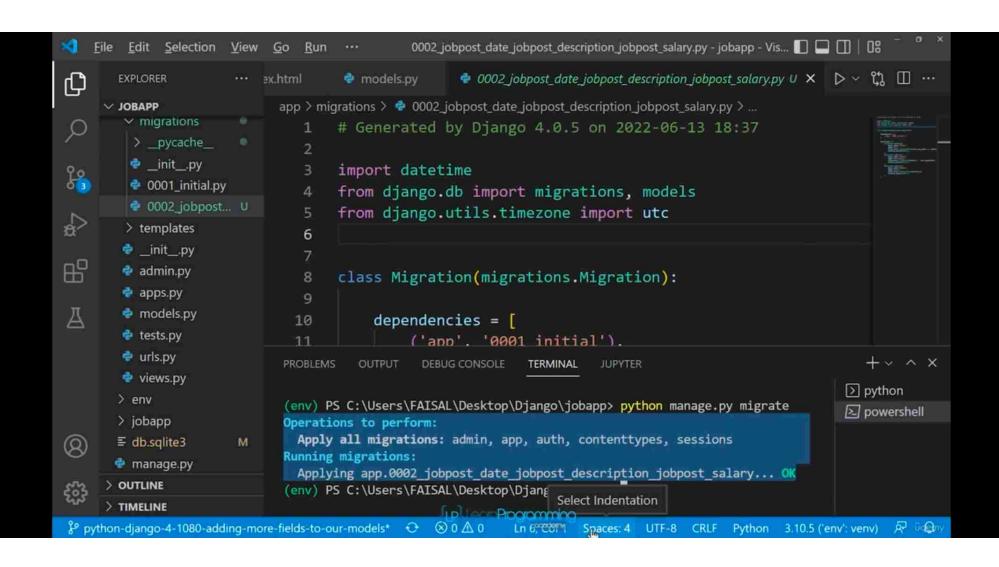


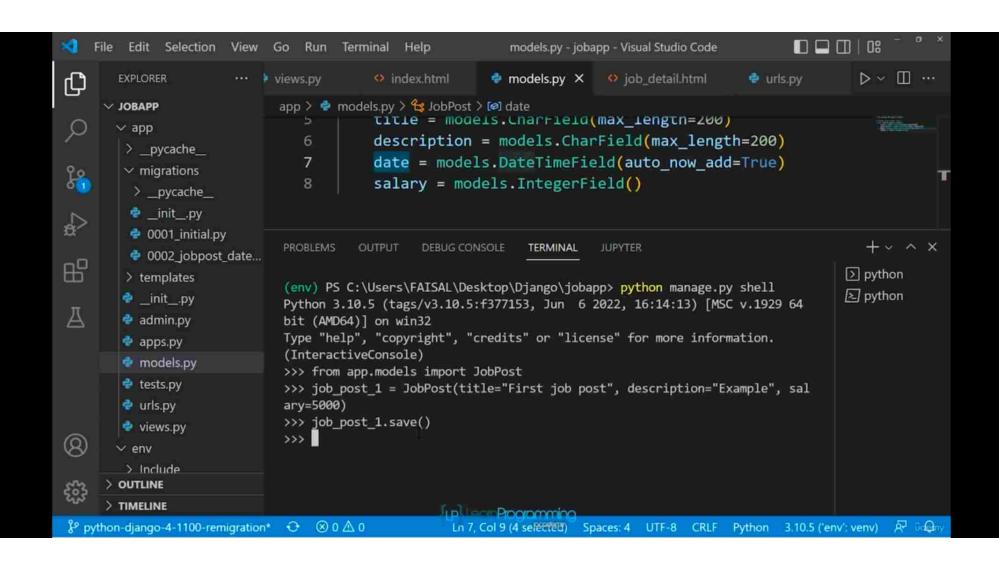


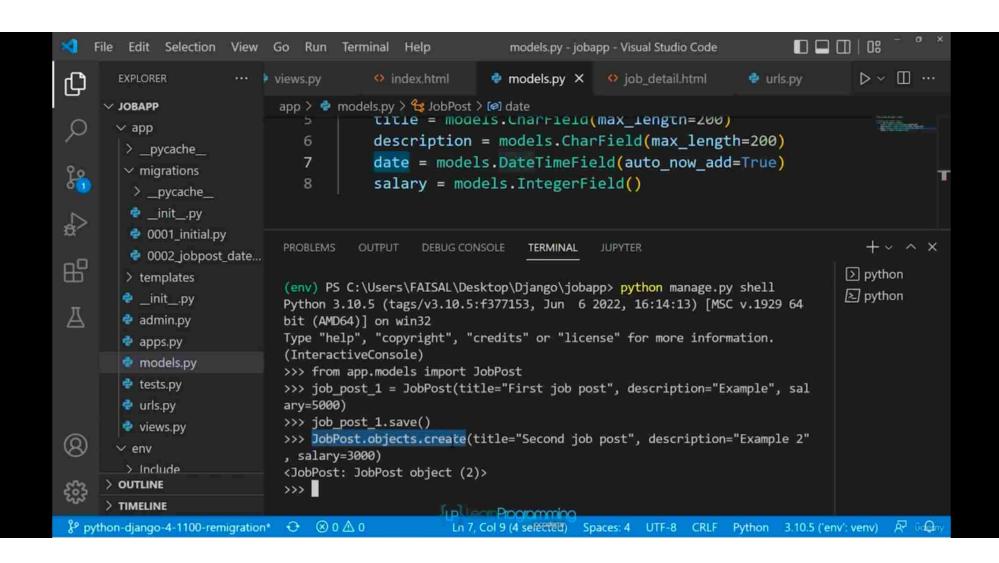


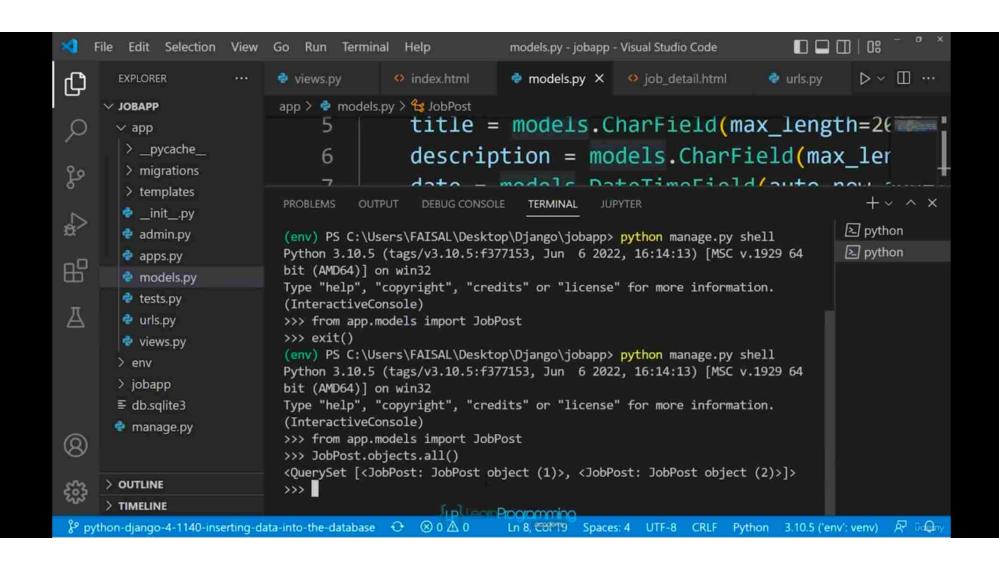


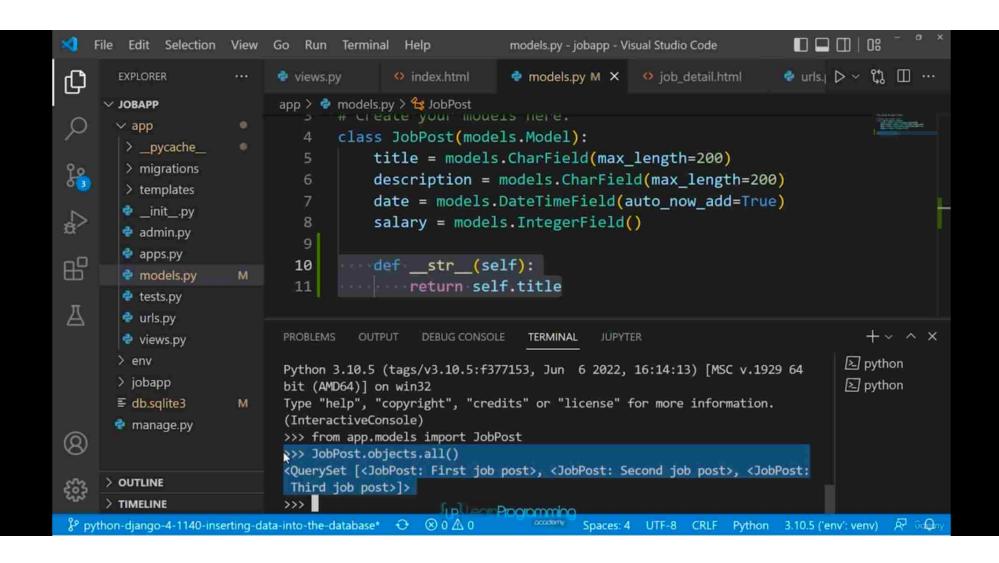


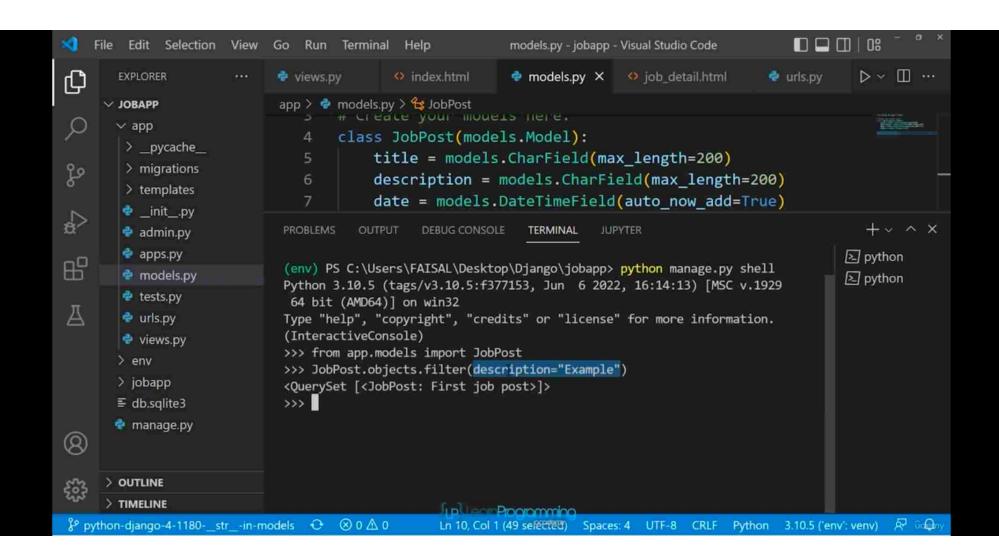












## <u>Filtering</u>

JobPost.objects.get(description="Example")

**SQL translation** → select \* from JobPost where description = "Example";



