

Django Model

A **model** in Django is a Python class that represents a database table. It defines the structure of the database, including fields and behaviors.

Purpose of models.Model

When defining a model in Django, inheriting from `models.Model` provides built-in functionality like database table creation, data validation, and ORM capabilities.

Common Field Types in Django Models

- `CharField` – For short text (e.g., names).
- `TextField` – For long text.
- `IntegerField` – For integer values.
- `FloatField` – For decimal values.
- `BooleanField` – For True/False values.
- `DateTimeField` – For date and time values.
- `ForeignKey` – For many-to-one relationships.
- `ManyToManyField` – For many-to-many relationships.

Purpose of ForeignKey Field

A `ForeignKey` in Django models establishes a **many-to-one** relationship between two tables. It helps link related data efficiently.

Example:

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python
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```
class Author(models.Model):
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```
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

```
class Book(models.Model):
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```
    title = models.CharField(max_length=200)
```

```
    author = models.ForeignKey(Author, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

This means each `Book` is linked to a single `Author`, but an `Author` can have multiple `Books`.

Django ORM (Object-Relational Mapping)

Django ORM allows developers to interact with the database using Python code instead of SQL queries. It automatically translates model operations into SQL statements.

Example:

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```
# Create and save an object
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```
author = Author(name="John Doe")
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```
author.save()
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```
# Querying the database
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```
books = Book.objects.filter(author=author)
```