



FastAPI Project Structure (Enhanced Version)

Based on your Node.js backend with descriptive naming conventions, here's the enhanced FastAPI project structure:

📁 Enhanced Project Structure

```
fastapi-backend/
├── .env.sample
├── .gitignore
├── requirements.txt
├── pyproject.toml
├── README.md
├── main.py
└── app/
    ├── __init__.py
    ├── main.py
    ├── config.py
    ├── constants.py
    └── api/
        ├── __init__.py
        ├── dependencies.py
        └── v1/
            ├── __init__.py
            ├── api.py
            └── routes/
                ├── __init__.py
                ├── auth.route.py
                ├── user.route.py
                ├── video.route.py
                ├── comment.route.py
                ├── like.route.py
                ├── playlist.route.py
                ├── subscription.route.py
                └── tweet.route.py
        └── core/
            ├── __init__.py
            ├── config.py
            ├── security.py
            └── settings.py
        └── db/
            ├── __init__.py
            ├── base.py
            ├── database.py
            ├── session.py
            └── migrations/
                └── __init__.py
```

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models/
├── __init__.py
├── base.model.py
├── user.model.py
├── video.model.py
├── comment.model.py
├── like.model.py
├── playlist.model.py
├── subscription.model.py
└── tweet.model.py
schemas/
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├── comment.service.py
├── like.service.py
├── playlist.service.py
├── subscription.service.py
└── tweet.service.py
auth.service.py
middlewares/
├── __init__.py
├── cors.middleware.py
├── auth.middleware.py
├── logging.middleware.py
└── error.middleware.py
utils/
├── __init__.py
├── helpers.util.py
├── validators.util.py
├── exceptions.util.py
└── responses.util.py
constants.util.py
```



🎯 Enhanced File Examples

📄 app/routes/user.route.py

```

from fastapi import APIRouter, Depends, HTTPException, status
from sqlalchemy.orm import Session
from app.db.session import get_db
from app.controllers.user.controller import UserController
from app.schemas.user.schema import UserCreate, UserResponse, UserUpdate
from app.middlewares.auth.middleware import get_current_user

router = APIRouter(prefix="/users", tags=["users"])

@router.post("/", response_model=UserResponse, status_code=status.HTTP_201_CREATED)
async def create_user(user: UserCreate, db: Session = Depends(get_db)):
    """Create a new user account"""
    return await UserController.create_user(db, user)

@router.get("/me", response_model=UserResponse)
async def get_current_user_profile(current_user = Depends(get_current_user)):
    """Get current user profile"""
    return current_user

@router.get("/{user_id}", response_model=UserResponse)

```

```

async def get_user_by_id(user_id: int, db: Session = Depends(get_db)):
    """Get user by ID"""
    return await UserController.get_user_by_id(db, user_id)

@router.patch("/me", response_model=UserResponse)
async def update_user_profile(
    user_update: UserUpdate,
    current_user = Depends(get_current_user),
    db: Session = Depends(get_db)
):
    """Update current user profile"""
    return await UserController.update_user(db, current_user.id, user_update)

@router.delete("/me", status_code=status.HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT)
async def delete_user_account(
    current_user = Depends(get_current_user),
    db: Session = Depends(get_db)
):
    """Delete current user account"""
    await UserController.delete_user(db, current_user.id)

```

app/models/user.model.py

```

from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, String, DateTime, Boolean, Text
from sqlalchemy.sql import func
from sqlalchemy.orm import relationship
from app.db.base import Base

class User(Base):
    __tablename__ = "users"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
    username = Column(String(50), unique=True, index=True, nullable=False)
    email = Column(String(100), unique=True, index=True, nullable=False)
    full_name = Column(String(100), nullable=True)
    avatar = Column(String(255), nullable=True)
    cover_image = Column(String(255), nullable=True)
    watch_history = Column(Text, nullable=True)
    password = Column(String(255), nullable=False)
    refresh_token = Column(Text, nullable=True)
    is_active = Column(Boolean, default=True)
    is_verified = Column(Boolean, default=False)
    created_at = Column(DateTime(timezone=True), server_default=func.now())
    updated_at = Column(DateTime(timezone=True), onupdate=func.now())

    # Relationships
    videos = relationship("Video", back_populates="owner")
    comments = relationship("Comment", back_populates="owner")
    likes = relationship("Like", back_populates="user")

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playlists = relationship("Playlist", back_populates="owner")
subscriptions_given = relationship("Subscription",
foreign_keys="Subscription.subscriber_id", back_populates="subscriber")
subscriptions_received = relationship("Subscription",
foreign_keys="Subscription.channel_id", back_populates="channel")
tweets = relationship("Tweet", back_populates="owner")
```

app/models/video.model.py

```
from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, String, DateTime, Boolean, Text, ForeignKey
from sqlalchemy.sql import func
from sqlalchemy.orm import relationship
from app.db.base import Base

class Video(Base):
    __tablename__ = "videos"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
    video_file = Column(String(255), nullable=False)
    thumbnail = Column(String(255), nullable=False)
    title = Column(String(200), nullable=False)
    description = Column(Text, nullable=True)
    duration = Column(Integer, nullable=False) # in seconds
    views = Column(Integer, default=0)
    is_published = Column(Boolean, default=False)
    owner_id = Column(Integer, ForeignKey("users.id"), nullable=False)
    created_at = Column(DateTime(timezone=True), server_default=func.now())
    updated_at = Column(DateTime(timezone=True), onupdate=func.now())

    # Relationships
    owner = relationship("User", back_populates="videos")
    comments = relationship("Comment", back_populates="video")
    likes = relationship("Like", back_populates="video")
```

app/controllers/user.controller.py

```
from sqlalchemy.orm import Session
from fastapi import HTTPException, status
from app.models.user.model import User
from app.schemas.user.schema import UserCreate, UserUpdate
from app.services.user.service import UserService
from app.utils.responses.util import success_response, error_response

class UserController:
    @staticmethod
    async def create_user(db: Session, user: UserCreate):
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"""Create a new user"""
try:
    # Check if user already exists
    existing_user = await UserService.get_user_by_email(db, user.email)
    if existing_user:
        raise HTTPException(
            status_code=status.HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST,
            detail="User with this email already exists"
        )

    new_user = await UserService.create_user(db, user)
    return success_response(
        data=new_user,
        message="User created successfully"
    )
except Exception as e:
    raise HTTPException(
        status_code=status.HTTP_500_INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR,
        detail=str(e)
    )

@staticmethod
async def get_user_by_id(db: Session, user_id: int):
    """Get user by ID"""
    user = await UserService.get_user_by_id(db, user_id)
    if not user:
        raise HTTPException(
            status_code=status.HTTP_404_NOT_FOUND,
            detail="User not found"
        )
    return success_response(data=user)

@staticmethod
async def update_user(db: Session, user_id: int, user_update: UserUpdate):
    """Update user"""
    updated_user = await UserService.update_user(db, user_id, user_update)
    if not updated_user:
        raise HTTPException(
            status_code=status.HTTP_404_NOT_FOUND,
            detail="User not found"
        )
    return success_response(
        data=updated_user,
        message="User updated successfully"
    )

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from sqlalchemy.orm import Session
from sqlalchemy import or_
from app.models.user.model import User
from app.schemas.user.schema import UserCreate, UserUpdate
from app.utils.helpers.util import hash_password
from typing import Optional

class UserService:
    @staticmethod
    async def create_user(db: Session, user: UserCreate) -> User:
        """Create a new user"""
        hashed_password = hash_password(user.password)
        db_user = User(
            username=user.username,
            email=user.email,
            full_name=user.full_name,
            password=hashed_password
        )
        db.add(db_user)
        db.commit()
        db.refresh(db_user)
        return db_user

    @staticmethod
    async def get_user_by_id(db: Session, user_id: int) -> Optional[User]:
        """Get user by ID"""
        return db.query(User).filter(User.id == user_id).first()

    @staticmethod
    async def get_user_by_email(db: Session, email: str) -> Optional[User]:
        """Get user by email"""
        return db.query(User).filter(User.email == email).first()

    @staticmethod
    async def get_user_by_username(db: Session, username: str) -> Optional[User]:
        """Get user by username"""
        return db.query(User).filter(User.username == username).first()

    @staticmethod
    async def update_user(db: Session, user_id: int, user_update: UserUpdate) ->
Optional[User]:
        """Update user"""
        db_user = db.query(User).filter(User.id == user_id).first()
        if not db_user:
            return None

        update_data = user_update.dict(exclude_unset=True)
        for field, value in update_data.items():
            setattr(db_user, field, value)
```

```
    db.commit()
    db.refresh(db_user)
    return db_user
```

app/schemas/user.schema.py

```
from pydantic import BaseModel, EmailStr, validator
from datetime import datetime
from typing import Optional, List

class UserBase(BaseModel):
    username: str
    email: EmailStr
    full_name: Optional[str] = None

class UserCreate(UserBase):
    password: str

    @validator('password')
    def validate_password(cls, v):
        if len(v) < 8:
            raise ValueError('Password must be at least 8 characters long')
        return v

class UserUpdate(BaseModel):
    username: Optional[str] = None
    email: Optional[EmailStr] = None
    full_name: Optional[str] = None
    avatar: Optional[str] = None
    cover_image: Optional[str] = None

class UserResponse(UserBase):
    id: int
    avatar: Optional[str] = None
    cover_image: Optional[str] = None
    is_active: bool
    is_verified: bool
    created_at: datetime
    updated_at: Optional[datetime] = None

    class Config:
        from_attributes = True

class UserLogin(BaseModel):
    username: str # Can be username or email
    password: str
```

Enhanced Naming Conventions

Component	Convention	Example
Routes	{resource}.route.py	user.route.py, video.route.py
Models	{resource}.model.py	user.model.py, comment.model.py
Controllers	{resource}.controller.py	user.controller.py, playlist.controller.py
Services	{resource}.service.py	user.service.py, subscription.service.py
Schemas	{resource}.schema.py	user.schema.py, tweet.schema.py
Middlewares	{purpose}.middleware.py	auth.middleware.py, cors.middleware.py
Utils	{purpose}.util.py	helpers.util.py, validators.util.py
Tests	test_{resource}.{type}.py	test_user.route.py, test_video.service.py

Key Enhancements

-  **Clear Purpose:** Each file name immediately indicates its function
-  **Social Media Ready:** Complete structure for YouTube/Twitter-like platform
-  **Consistent:** All naming follows the same .{type}.py pattern
-  **Test Ready:** Organized test structure matching main codebase
-  **Media Support:** Static folders for uploads (videos, thumbnails, avatars)
-  **Security First:** Dedicated auth middleware and services
-  **Response Standards:** Consistent response utilities
-  **Scalable:** Easy to add new features following the same pattern

FastAPI Module-Functionality Structure

Overview

The **Module-Functionality** approach organizes files based on feature domains rather than file types. Each module contains all the components it needs (routes, models, schemas, services) in one cohesive package.

 **Best For:** Monolithic applications with multiple domains and complex business logic

Key Benefits

Benefit	Description
 Domain Focus	All related functionality grouped together
 Development Efficiency	Faster feature development and debugging
 Better Maintainability	Easy to locate and modify domain-specific code

Benefit	Description
 Scalability	Simple to add new modules without affecting others
 Team Collaboration	Teams can work on different modules independently

Complete Project Structure

```

fastapi-project/
├── alembic/                                # Database migrations
│   ├── env.py
│   ├── script.py.mako
│   └── versions/
└── src/                                      # Main application source
    ├── auth/                                    # 🔒 Authentication Module
    │   ├── __init__.py
    │   ├── router.py
    │   ├── schemas.py
    │   ├── models.py
    │   ├── service.py
    │   ├── dependencies.py
    │   ├── config.py
    │   ├── constants.py
    │   ├── exceptions.py
    │   └── utils.py
    ├── users/                                    # 🙐 User Management Module
    │   ├── __init__.py
    │   ├── router.py
    │   ├── schemas.py
    │   ├── models.py
    │   ├── service.py
    │   ├── dependencies.py
    │   ├── constants.py
    │   ├── exceptions.py
    │   └── utils.py
    ├── posts/                                    # 📝 Posts Management Module
    │   ├── __init__.py
    │   ├── router.py
    │   ├── schemas.py
    │   ├── models.py
    │   ├── service.py
    │   ├── dependencies.py
    │   ├── constants.py
    │   ├── exceptions.py
    │   └── utils.py
    └── aws/                                       # 💻 AWS Integration Module
        ├── __init__.py
        ├── client.py
        ├── schemas.py
        └── config.py

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    ├── constants.py          # AWS constants
    ├── exceptions.py        # AWS-specific exceptions
    └── utils.py              # AWS utility functions
    └── notifications/
        ├── __init__.py
        ├── router.py
        ├── schemas.py
        ├── models.py
        ├── service.py
        ├── dependencies.py
        ├── constants.py
        ├── exceptions.py
        └── utils.py
    ├── main.py               # 🚀 FastAPI app initialization
    ├── config.py             # 🔧 Global configurations
    ├── database.py           # 🗃 Database connection setup
    ├── models.py              # 🌐 Global database models
    ├── exceptions.py         # 🚨 Global exception handlers
    ├── pagination.py          # 📊 Global pagination utilities
    ├── dependencies.py       # 🔗 Global dependencies
    └── tests/                # 🧪 Test Suite
        ├── __init__.py
        ├── conftest.py
        └── auth/
            ├── __init__.py
            ├── test_router.py
            ├── test_service.py
            └── test_utils.py
        └── users/
            ├── __init__.py
            ├── test_router.py
            └── test_service.py
    └── posts/
        ├── __init__.py
        ├── test_router.py
        └── test_service.py
    └── aws/
        ├── __init__.py
        └── test_client.py
    └── templates/             # 🎭 Jinja2 templates
        ├── base.html
        ├── index.html
        └── login.html
    └── static/                # 📄 Static files
        ├── css/
        ├── js/
        └── images/
    └── requirements/          # 📦 Dependencies
        ├── base.txt            # Base requirements
        ├── dev.txt              # Development requirements
        └── prod.txt             # Production requirements
```

.env	# 🔒 Environment variables
.env.example	# 🖊️ Environment template
.gitignore	# 🚫 Git ignore rules
logging.ini	# 📈 Logging configuration
alembic.ini	# 📜 Alembic configuration
docker-compose.yml	# 🛠 Docker configuration
Dockerfile	# 🏢 Docker image definition
README.md	# 📄 Project documentation

Module Architecture

Each module follows a consistent internal structure:

Module Component Breakdown

File	Purpose	Example Content
router.py	 API endpoints and route definitions	@router.post("/login")
schemas.py	 Pydantic models for request/response	class UserCreate(BaseModel)
models.py	 SQLAlchemy database models	class User(Base)
service.py	 Business logic and core functionality	def authenticate_user()
dependencies.py	 FastAPI dependencies and injections	def get_current_user()
config.py	 Module-specific configurations	JWT_SECRET_KEY
constants.py	 Constants and error codes	MIN_PASSWORD_LENGTH = 8
exceptions.py	 Custom exception classes	class UserNotFound(HTTPException)
utils.py	 Helper and utility functions	def hash_password()

Implementation Examples

src/auth/router.py

```
from fastapi import APIRouter, Depends, HTTPException, status
from sqlalchemy.orm import Session
from src.database import get_db
from src.auth import service, schemas, dependencies

router = APIRouter(prefix="/auth", tags=["authentication"])

@router.post("/login", response_model=schemas.TokenResponse)
async def login(
    credentials: schemas.LoginRequest,
    db: Session = Depends(get_db)
```

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):

    """User login endpoint"""
    user = await service.authenticate_user(db, credentials.username,
credentials.password)
    if not user:
        raise HTTPException(
            status_code=status.HTTP_401_UNAUTHORIZED,
            detail="Invalid credentials"
        )

    token = service.create_access_token(user.id)
    return schemas.TokenResponse(access_token=token, token_type="bearer")

@router.post("/register", response_model=schemas.UserResponse)
async def register(
    user_data: schemas.UserCreate,
    db: Session = Depends(get_db)
):
    """User registration endpoint"""
    return await service.create_user(db, user_data)

@router.get("/me", response_model=schemas.UserResponse)
async def get_current_user_info(
    current_user = Depends(dependencies.get_current_user)
):
    """Get current user information"""
    return current_user

```

src/auth/service.py

```

from sqlalchemy.orm import Session
from passlib.context import CryptContext
from jose import jwt
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
from src.auth import models, schemas, constants, exceptions
from src.auth.config import AUTH_CONFIG

pwd_context = CryptContext(schemes=["bcrypt"], deprecated="auto")

class AuthService:
    @staticmethod
    async def authenticate_user(db: Session, username: str, password: str):
        """Authenticate user with username and password"""
        user = db.query(models.User).filter(
            models.User.username == username
        ).first()

        if not user or not pwd_context.verify(password, user.hashed_password):
            return None

```

```
    return user

@staticmethod
def create_access_token(user_id: int) -> str:
    """Create JWT access token"""
    expire = datetime.utcnow() + timedelta(
        minutes=AUTH_CONFIG.ACCESS_TOKEN_EXPIRE_MINUTES
    )

    to_encode = {
        "sub": str(user_id),
        "exp": expire,
        "type": "access"
    }

    return jwt.encode(
        to_encode,
        AUTH_CONFIG.SECRET_KEY,
        algorithm=AUTH_CONFIG.ALGORITHM
    )

@staticmethod
async def create_user(db: Session, user_data: schemas.UserCreate):
    """Create new user account"""
    # Check if user exists
    existing_user = db.query(models.User).filter(
        models.User.email == user_data.email
    ).first()

    if existing_user:
        raise exceptions.UserAlreadyExists("User with this email already
exists")

    # Hash password
    hashed_password = pwd_context.hash(user_data.password)

    # Create user
    db_user = models.User(
        username=user_data.username,
        email=user_data.email,
        hashed_password=hashed_password
    )

    db.add(db_user)
    db.commit()
    db.refresh(db_user)

    return db_user
```

```

from pydantic import BaseModel, EmailStr, validator
from datetime import datetime
from typing import Optional

class UserBase(BaseModel):
    username: str
    email: EmailStr

class UserCreate(UserBase):
    password: str

    @validator('password')
    def validate_password(cls, v):
        if len(v) < 8:
            raise ValueError('Password must be at least 8 characters')
        return v

class UserResponse(UserBase):
    id: int
    is_active: bool
    created_at: datetime

    class Config:
        from_attributes = True

class LoginRequest(BaseModel):
    username: str
    password: str

class TokenResponse(BaseModel):
    access_token: str
    token_type: str = "bearer"

```

src/auth/constants.py

```

# Authentication Constants
MIN_PASSWORD_LENGTH = 8
MAX_PASSWORD_LENGTH = 128
USERNAME_MIN_LENGTH = 3
USERNAME_MAX_LENGTH = 50

# Error Codes
class ErrorCode:
    INVALID_CREDENTIALS = "AUTH_001"
    USER_NOT_FOUND = "AUTH_002"
    USER_ALREADY_EXISTS = "AUTH_003"
    INVALID_TOKEN = "AUTH_004"

```

```
TOKEN_EXPIRED = "AUTH_005"
INSUFFICIENT_PERMISSIONS = "AUTH_006"

# Token Types
class TokenTypes:
    ACCESS = "access"
    REFRESH = "refresh"
    RESET_PASSWORD = "reset_password"
```

src/auth/exceptions.py

```
from fastapi import HTTPException, status
from src.auth.constants import ErrorCodes

class AuthException(HTTPException):
    """Base authentication exception"""
    pass

class UserNotFound(AuthException):
    def __init__(self, detail: str = "User not found"):
        super().__init__(
            status_code=status.HTTP_404_NOT_FOUND,
            detail=detail,
            headers={"error-code": ErrorCodes.USER_NOT_FOUND}
        )

class UserAlreadyExists(AuthException):
    def __init__(self, detail: str = "User already exists"):
        super().__init__(
            status_code=status.HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST,
            detail=detail,
            headers={"error-code": ErrorCodes.USER_ALREADY_EXISTS}
        )

class InvalidCredentials(AuthException):
    def __init__(self, detail: str = "Invalid credentials"):
        super().__init__(
            status_code=status.HTTP_401_UNAUTHORIZED,
            detail=detail,
            headers={"error-code": ErrorCodes.INVALID_CREDENTIALS}
        )

class InvalidToken(AuthException):
    def __init__(self, detail: str = "Invalid token"):
        super().__init__(
            status_code=status.HTTP_401_UNAUTHORIZED,
            detail=detail,
```

```
        headers={"error-code": ErrorCode.INVALID_TOKEN}  
    )
```

Cross-Module Imports

When modules need to interact with each other, use explicit imports:

```
# ✅ Good: Explicit module imports  
from src.auth import constants as auth_constants  
from src.notifications import service as notification_service  
from src.posts.constants import ErrorCode as PostErrorCode  
from src.users.models import User  
  
# ❌ Avoid: Ambiguous imports  
from constants import ErrorCode # Which module's constants?  
from service import send_email # Which service?
```

Example Cross-Module Usage

```
# src/posts/service.py  
from src.auth import service as auth_service  
from src.notifications import service as notification_service  
from src.users import models as user_models  
  
class PostService:  
    @staticmethod  
    async def create_post(db: Session, post_data: schemas.PostCreate, current_user):  
        # Create the post  
        new_post = models.Post(**post_data.dict(), author_id=current_user.id)  
        db.add(new_post)  
        db.commit()  
  
        # Send notification to followers  
        followers = await user_models.get_user_followers(db, current_user.id)  
        await notification_service.notify_new_post(followers, new_post)  
  
        return new_post
```

Project Configuration

src/main.py

```
from fastapi import FastAPI  
from fastapi.middleware.cors import CORSMiddleware
```

```

from src.auth.router import router as auth_router
from src.users.router import router as users_router
from src.posts.router import router as posts_router
from src.config import settings

app = FastAPI(
    title="Module-Based FastAPI Project",
    description="FastAPI project organized by module functionality",
    version="1.0.0"
)

# Middleware
app.add_middleware(
    CORSMiddleware,
    allow_origins=settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS,
    allow_credentials=True,
    allow_methods=["*"],
    allow_headers=["*"],
)

# Include routers
app.include_router(auth_router)
app.include_router(users_router)
app.include_router(posts_router)

@app.get("/")
async def root():
    return {"message": "Welcome to Module-Based FastAPI Project"}

```

🌟 Advantages of Module-Functionality Structure

Benefits:

Advantage	Description
Domain Cohesion	All related code lives together
Faster Development	Easy to locate and modify features
Team Scalability	Multiple developers can work on different modules
Easy Testing	Module-specific test isolation
Microservice Ready	Easy to extract modules into separate services
Code Reusability	Modules can be shared across projects

Considerations:

Challenge	Solution
Code Duplication	Use global utilities and shared modules
Cross-Module Dependencies	Use explicit imports and dependency injection
Module Boundaries	Clear domain separation and well-defined interfaces

🎯 When to Use This Structure

✓ Perfect For:

- 📱 **Large Applications** with multiple business domains
- 👥 **Team Development** with domain-specific teams
- 🌐 **Microservice Migration** planning
- 📈 **Scalable Applications** that will grow significantly

✗ Might Be Overkill For:

- ◆ Simple APIs with few endpoints
- ◆ Prototypes or proof-of-concepts
- ◆ Single-developer projects
- ◆ Applications with minimal business logic

🚀 Getting Started

1. Create Module Template

```
mkdir -p src/{auth,users,posts}
for module in auth users posts; do
    touch
src/${module}/{__init__.py,router.py,schemas.py,models.py,service.py,dependencies.py,config.py,constants.py,exceptions.py,utils.py}
done
```

2. Set Up Dependencies

```
pip install fastapi uvicorn sqlalchemy alembic psycopg2-binary
pip install python-jose[cryptography] passlib[bcrypt] python-multipart
```

3. Initialize Database

```
alembic init alembic
alembic revision --autogenerate -m "Initial migration"
```

```
alembic upgrade head
```
