Deep Reflections Database Migration Guide



This guide provides step-by-step instructions for fixing the Deep Reflections database migration that was causing the constraint error. The corrected migration ensures proper SQL ordering and handles existing schema gracefully.

🐛 Issue Identified

Error: ERROR: 42703: column "reflection_type" does not exist

Root Cause: The original migration tried to add a constraint on the reflection_type column before ensuring the column existed, causing a dependency error.

Solution

The corrected migration (20250107_enhance_reflections_for_audio_CORRECTED.sql) fixes this by:

- 1. Adding all required columns first (including reflection_type if missing)
- 2. Then adding constraints after columns exist
- 3. Safe handling of existing data with proper IF NOT EXISTS checks
- 4. Transaction safety with BEGIN/COMMIT for rollback capability

Migration Steps

Step 1: Backup Your Data (RECOMMENDED)

-- Run this in Supabase SQL Editor to backup existing reflections
CREATE TABLE reflections_backup_20250107 AS
SELECT * FROM public.reflections;

Step 2: Apply the Enhanced Schema Migration

- 1. Open Supabase Dashboard → SQL Editor
- 2. Copy the entire contents of 20250107_enhance_reflections_for_audio_CORRECTED.sql
- 3. Paste into SQL Editor
- 4. Click **Run** to execute the migration

Step 3: Apply the RLS Policies and Security Fix

- 1. In the same Supabase SQL Editor
- 2. Copy the entire contents of 20250107_fix_reflections_rls_policies.sql
- 3. Paste into SQL Editor
- 4. Click **Run** to execute the security migration

Step 4: Verify Migration Success

Run these verification queries in Supabase SQL Editor:

```
- Check that all columns were added
SELECT column_name, data_type, is_nullable, column_default
FROM information_schema.columns
WHERE table_name = 'reflections'
ORDER BY ordinal_position;
-- Check that constraints were created
SELECT constraint_name, constraint_type
FROM information_schema.table_constraints
WHERE table_name = 'reflections';
-- Recording Security Verification: Check RLS policies exist
SELECT
   schemaname.
   tablename,
    policyname,
    permissive,
    roles,
    cmd,
    qual,
    with_check
FROM pg_policies
WHERE schemaname = 'public' AND tablename = 'reflections'
ORDER BY policyname;
-- Q DEBUG: Test authentication context (very important!)
SELECT public.debug_user_auth_context();
-- Test the deep_reflections_view
SELECT * FROM public.deep_reflections_view LIMIT 1;
-- Test the security-hardened functions
SELECT public.user_has_reflections();
SELECT public.get_section_reflections('test-section', 5);
```

Step 4: Test Deep Reflections Feature

- 1. Navigate to your app's Sacred Reflections page (/reflections)
- 2. The page should now display "Loading your reflections..." instead of showing mock data
- 3. Try creating a new Deep Reflection through the audio player modal
- 4. Verify it saves to the database and appears in the Sacred Reflections page

What the Migration Adds

New Columns:

- reflection_type Type of reflection (includes 'deep reflection')
- tags Array of tags for categorization
- section_id Reference to book section
- audio_timestamp Precise timing within audio tracks
- section_title Display title for sections
- audio_title Title of specific audio track

New Database Objects:

- deep_reflections_view Specialized view for deep reflections
- get_section_reflections() Function to get reflections by section

- user_has_reflections() Function to check if user has reflections
- Multiple indexes for performance optimization



Troubleshooting

If Migration Fails:

- 1. Check error message in Supabase SQL Editor
- Rollback if needed (migration uses transaction safety)
- 3. Restore from backup if necessary:

```
sql
DELETE FROM public.reflections;
INSERT INTO public.reflections SELECT * FROM reflections_backup_20250107;
```



Rack If You Get "RLS Policy Violation" Errors:

Error: new row violates row-level security policy for table 'reflections'

Solutions:

1. Verify RLS policies exist:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM pq_policies
WHERE schemaname = 'public' AND tablename = 'reflections';
-- Should return 4 (one for each CRUD operation)
```

1. Check authentication context:

```
sql
SELECT public.debug_user_auth_context();
-- Should show authenticated = true and your user_id
```

- 2. Verify user_id is being set correctly in your app:
 - Check that your app passes user_id: auth.uid() when inserting reflections
 - Ensure you're using the authenticated Supabase client, not anon client
 - Verify auth headers are included in API requests
- 3. Test RLS manually:

```
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- This should work (returns your reflections)

SELECT \* FROM public.reflections;

- This should fail with RLS error if user id doesn't match INSERT INTO public.reflections (user\_id, question\_text, answer\_text, reflection\_type) VALUES ('00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000000', 'Test', 'Test', 'deep reflection');

### If Supabase Security Advisor Still Shows Warnings:

- 1. Check function security warnings are resolved:
  - Functions should have SET search\_path = ''
  - Views should not use SECURITY DEFINER
- 2. Run the security verification again:

```
sql
SELECT routine_name, security_type, security_invoker
```

```
FROM information_schema.routines
WHERE routine_schema = 'public';
```

### If App Still Shows Mock Data:

- 1. Clear browser cache and refresh
- 2. Check Supabase connection in app (should show green checkmarks)
- 3. Verify authentication state in browser dev tools
- 4. Check that useDeepReflection hook is using real Supabase client

### If Deep Reflections Don't Save:

- 1. Check browser console for JavaScript errors
- 2. Verify authentication (user must be logged in)
- 3. Test authentication context with debug function
- 4. Check network tab for failed API requests
- 5. Verify user\_id is being passed in reflection data

## 🎉 Expected Results

After successful migration:

- V Sacred Reflections page shows "Loading your reflections..."
- V Deep Reflection modal saves to real Supabase database
- <a> Reflections appear in Sacred Reflections page</a>
- V Delete functionality works with optimistic updates
- No more mock data fallbacks

## **Support**

If you encounter any issues:

- 1. Check the migration log for specific error messages
- 2. Verify your Supabase project has all necessary permissions
- 3. Ensure your database has auth.users table (required for foreign key)
- 4. Make sure RLS is properly configured

## 🔄 Rollback Plan

If you need to rollback the migration:

```
-- Remove added columns (be careful - this will lose data!)
ALTER TABLE public.reflections
DROP COLUMN IF EXISTS section_id,
DROP COLUMN IF EXISTS audio_timestamp,
DROP COLUMN IF EXISTS section_title,
DROP COLUMN IF EXISTS audio_title;
-- Remove constraint
ALTER TABLE public.reflections DROP CONSTRAINT IF EXISTS reflec-
tions_reflection_type_check;
-- Remove functions and views
DROP VIEW IF EXISTS public.deep_reflections_view;
DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS public.get_section_reflections;
DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS public.user_has_reflections;
-- Restore from backup if needed
DELETE FROM public.reflections;
INSERT INTO public.reflections SELECT * FROM reflections_backup_20250107;
```

### **@ Final Notes**

- This migration is **safe for production** use
- Existing data will be preserved
- New features will be immediately available
- The app will automatically connect to live Supabase data after migration