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# Naming database tables in Laravel

DB tables should be **in lower case**, with underscores to separate words (snake\_case), and should be in **plural** form.

For example: posts, project\_tasks, uploaded\_images.

Bad examples: all\_posts, Posts, post, blogPosts

#### **Pivot tables**

Pivot tables should be all **lower case**, each model in alphabetical order, separated by an underscore (snake\_case).

For example: post\_user, task\_user etc.

Bad examples: users\_posts, UsersPosts.

### Table columns names

Table column names should be in **lower case**, and snake\_case (underscores between words). You shouldn't reference the table name.

For example: post\_body, id, created\_at.

Bad examples: blog\_post\_created\_at, forum\_thread\_title, threadTitle.

## **Primary Key**

This should normally be id.

## **Foreign Keys**

Foreign keys should be the **model name** (singular), with '\_id' appended to it (assuming the PK in the other table is 'id').

For example: comment\_id , user\_id .