Complete VectorStore Setup Guide

Step 1: Create PostgreSQL Database and User

1.1 Connect to PostgreSQL as superuser

```
bash
sudo -u postgres psql
```

1.2 Create database and user (run these SQL commands in PostgreSQL)

```
sql
-- Create a new database
CREATE DATABASE vector db;
-- Create a new user
CREATE USER vector_user WITH PASSWORD 'your_secure_password';
-- Grant privileges to the user
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE vector_db TO vector_user;
-- Connect to the new database
\c vector db
-- Create required extensions
CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS vector;
CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS timescaledb;
-- Grant usage on schema to the user
GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA public TO vector user;
GRANT CREATE ON SCHEMA public TO vector_user;
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON ALL TABLES IN SCHEMA public TO vector user;
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON ALL SEQUENCES IN SCHEMA public TO vector_user;
-- Exit PostgreSQL
\q
```

Step 2: Test Database Connection

2.1 Test the connection with your new credentials

```
bash
psql -h localhost -p 5432 -U vector_user -d vector_db
```

2.2 Verify extensions are installed

```
sql
SELECT extname, extversion FROM pg_extension WHERE extname IN ('vector', 'timescaledb');
\q
```

Step 3: Set Environment Variables

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bash

# Set your Google API key
export GOOGLE_API_KEY="your_actual_gemini_api_key_here"

# Optional: Set database URL as environment variable
export DATABASE_URL="postgresql://vector_user:your_secure_password@localhost:5432/vector_db"
```

Step 4: Install Required Python Packages

bash

pip install timescale-vector google-generativeai python-dotenv psycopg2-binary

Step 5: Fixed Python Code

Save this as (vector_store_fixed.py):

```
import google.generativeai as genai
from typing import List, Dict, Any
import logging
import time
import os
from datetime import timedelta
import psycopg2
from urllib.parse import urlparse
# Try to import the vector database client
try:
   from timescale_vector import client
   VECTOR_CLIENT_AVAILABLE = True
   except ImportError as e:
   VECTOR_CLIENT_AVAILABLE = False
   print(f" X Timescale Vector not available: {e}")
   print("Install with: pip install timescale-vector")
def get_settings():
    """Get database settings from environment or use defaults"""
   # Get from environment variable or use default
   database_url = os.getenv("DATABASE_URL", "postgresql://vector_user:your_secure_password@loc
   return {
       "database": {
           "service_url": database_url
       },
       "vector_store": {
           "table name": "vector embeddings",
           "embedding_dimensions": 768,
           "time_partition_interval": timedelta(days=7) # Use timedelta object instead of str
       }
    }
def test database connection(database url: str) -> bool:
    """Test if we can connect to the database"""
   try:
       # Parse the database URL
       parsed = urlparse(database_url)
       # Connect to the database
       conn = psycopg2.connect(
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host=parsed.hostname,
            port=parsed.port or 5432,
            user=parsed.username,
            password=parsed.password,
            database=parsed.path[1:] # Remove Leading slash
        )
        # Test the connection
        cursor = conn.cursor()
        cursor.execute("SELECT version();")
        version = cursor.fetchone()
        print(f" ☑ Database connection successful: {version[0][:50]}...")
        # Check if required extensions exist
        cursor.execute("SELECT extname FROM pg_extension WHERE extname IN ('vector', 'timescale
        extensions = cursor.fetchall()
        ext_names = [ext[0] for ext in extensions]
        if 'vector' in ext_names:
            print(" ✓ Vector extension is installed")
        else:
            print("X Vector extension is NOT installed")
        if 'timescaledb' in ext_names:
            print(" ✓ TimescaleDB extension is installed")
        else:
            print("X TimescaleDB extension is NOT installed")
        cursor.close()
        conn.close()
        return True
    except Exception as e:
        print(f" X Database connection failed: {e}")
        return False
class VectorStore:
    """A class for managing vector operations and database interactions."""
    def init (self):
        """Initialize settings and Gemini embedding client."""
        self.settings = get_settings()
        self.vector settings = self.settings["vector store"]
        # Gemini embedding model
        self.embedding_model = "models/embedding-001"
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# Set Gemini API key
   api key = os.getenv("GOOGLE API KEY")
   if not api_key:
       raise ValueError("GOOGLE API KEY environment variable is not set")
   genai.configure(api_key=api_key)
   print(" ☑ Gemini API configured")
   # Test database connection first
   db_url = self.settings["database"]["service_url"]
   if not test_database_connection(db_url):
       print("X Database connection test failed")
       self.vec client = None
       return
   # Initialize vector database client
   if VECTOR_CLIENT_AVAILABLE:
      try:
          print(f" Database URL: {db url}")
          print(f" Table name: {self.vector_settings['table_name']}")
          print(f"  Time partition: {self.vector_settings['time_partition_interval']}")
          self.vec_client = client.Sync(
              service_url=db_url,
              table name=self.vector settings["table name"],
              num_dimensions=self.vector_settings["embedding_dimensions"],
              time partition interval=self.vector settings["time partition interval"],
          )
          except Exception as e:
          print(f" X Failed to initialize vector database client: {e}")
          print(f" X Error type: {type(e).__name__}}")
          print(f" X Error details: {str(e)}")
          self.vec_client = None
   else:
       self.vec_client = None
       print(" \( \) Vector database client not available.")
def get_embedding(self, text: str) -> List[float]:
   """Generate embedding for the given text using Gemini."""
   text = text.replace("\n", " ").strip()
   if not text:
       return []
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start_time = time.time()
   try:
       response = genai.embed content(
          model=self.embedding_model,
          content=text,
          task_type="retrieval_document"
       )
       embedding = response["embedding"]
       elapsed_time = time.time() - start_time
       return embedding
   except Exception as e:
       print(f" X Failed to get embedding: {e}")
       return []
def create_table(self) -> bool:
   """Create the vector table"""
   if not self.vec_client:
       print("X Vector database client not available")
       return False
   try:
       self.vec client.create tables()
       print(" ✓ Vector table created successfully")
       return True
   except Exception as e:
       print(f" X Failed to create table: {e}")
       return False
def insert vector(self, text: str, metadata: Dict[str, Any] = None, doc id: str = None) ->
   """Insert a vector into the database."""
   if not self.vec client:
       print("X Vector database client not available")
       return False
   print(f" Processing text: '{text[:50]}...'")
   embedding = self.get_embedding(text)
   if not embedding:
       print("X Failed to generate embedding")
       return False
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# Prepare the record
       record_id = doc_id or f"doc_{int(time.time() * 1000)}"
       # Create record in the format expected by timescale-vector
       record = {
           "id": record id,
           "metadata": metadata or {},
           "contents": text,
           "embedding": embedding
       }
       # Insert into the vector database
       self.vec_client.upsert([record])
       print(f" ✓ Successfully inserted vector")
       return True
   except Exception as e:
       print(f" X Failed to insert vector: {e}")
       print(f" X Error type: {type(e).__name__}}")
       return False
def search_similar(self, query_text: str, limit: int = 5) -> List[Dict]:
    """Search for similar vectors in the database."""
   if not self.vec_client:
       print("X Vector database client not available")
       return []
   print(f" Searching for: '{query text}'")
   query_embedding = self.get_embedding(query_text)
   if not query_embedding:
       print("X Failed to generate query embedding")
       return []
   try:
       results = self.vec client.search(
           query_embedding,
           limit=limit
       )
       print(f"  Found {len(results)} similar documents")
       return results
   except Exception as e:
       print(f" X Search failed: {e}")
       return []
def test_functionality(self):
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"""Test the complete functionality"""
print("\n ≤ Testing VectorStore functionality...")
# Test 1: Embedding generation
test text = "Machine learning is transforming how we process data."
print(f"\n1. Testing embedding generation...")
embedding = self.get_embedding(test_text)
if not embedding:
   print("X Embedding test failed")
   return
# Test 2: Database operations
if not self.vec_client:
   print("\n X Skipping database tests - client not available")
   return
print(f"\n2. Creating table...")
if not self.create_table():
   print("X Table creation failed")
   return
print(f"\n3. Testing vector insertion...")
success = self.insert_vector(
   text=test_text,
   metadata={"source": "test", "category": "ml"},
   doc id="test doc 1"
)
if not success:
   print("X Vector insertion failed")
   return
print(f"\n4. Testing similarity search...")
results = self.search_similar("data processing", limit=3)
if results:
   print(" ✓ All tests passed!")
   for i, result in enumerate(results[:2]):
       print(f" Match {i+1}: {result}")
else:
   print(" \( \) No search results found")
```

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"""Main function to test the VectorStore"""
    print(" 

Starting VectorStore setup and testing...")
   try:
       # Check environment variables
        if not os.getenv("GOOGLE_API_KEY"):
            print("X GOOGLE_API_KEY environment variable not set")
            print("Set it with: export GOOGLE_API_KEY='your_api_key'")
            return
       # Initialize and test VectorStore
       vector store = VectorStore()
       if vector_store.vec_client:
            vector_store.test_functionality()
        else:
            print("X VectorStore initialization failed")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f" X Error in main: {e}")
if __name__ == "__main__":
   main()
```

Step 6: Usage Instructions

1. **Update database credentials** in the code or set environment variable:

```
bash
export DATABASE_URL="postgresql://vector_user:your_secure_password@localhost:5432/vector_db
```

2. Set your Google API key:

```
bash
export GOOGLE_API_KEY="your_actual_gemini_api_key"
```

3. Run the script:

```
bash
python vector_store_fixed.py
```

Common Issues and Solutions

Issue 1: "relation does not exist"

Solution: Run the table creation step in the code

Issue 2: "permission denied"

Solution: Check user privileges in PostgreSQL

Issue 3: "connection refused"

Solution: Ensure PostgreSQL is running:

```
sudo systemctl status postgresql
sudo systemctl start postgresql
```

Issue 4: Wrong database URL format

Solution: Use exact format:

```
postgresql://username:password@hostname:port/database_name
```

This complete setup should resolve all the issues you're experiencing!