modules users | server | config | strategies local.js: specifies local authentication strategy with a username & password. It uses the mongoose User model 3 utilizes the function "findOne()" modules / users / server / controllers rusers server controller is: specifies the exports of the module by extending exports of users authentication server controller users authorization server controller users password server controller users profile server controller. within modules/users/server/controllers/users via require statements. -> This allows auth users server routes to bind account API endpoints by creating a users variable via a require statement for users server controller (see brace). These API endpoints such as 'api/auth/signup' allow for interaction with functions such as signup() (in this case) within users authentication, server controller through the created users variable.