

Here is the line-by-line breakdown of `models.py`.

Think of this file as the **Architect**. It draws the blueprints for your database tables. It defines *what* data you are storing and *how* it connects.

## 1. The Setup (Imports)

```
from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, String, Boolean, ForeignKey
from sqlalchemy.orm import relationship
from .database import Base
```

- **sqlalchemy imports:** These are the building blocks. You need specific types for your columns (`Integer` for IDs, `String` for text, `Boolean` for True/False).
- **relationship:** This is the "Magic" tool we discussed earlier that lets you access data like objects (`user.posts`) instead of writing raw SQL.
- **from .database import Base:** This imports the "Registry". By inheriting from `Base`, your classes tell SQLAlchemy: "I am a database table, please create me."

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## 2. The User Table ("The Parent")

```
class User(Base):
    __tablename__ = "users"
```

- **class User(Base):** Defines a Python class. Because it inherits from `Base`, it becomes a SQL table.
- **\_\_tablename\_\_ = "users":** This is the actual name of the table inside Postgres. (In SQL, you will query `SELECT * FROM users`).

```
id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
```

- **primary\_key=True:** This makes the ID the unique identifier. It automatically increments (1, 2, 3...) every time you add a user.
- **index=True:** This creates a "search index". It makes looking up a user by ID *extremely fast*.

```
username = Column(String, unique=True, index=True, nullable=False)
email = Column(String, unique=True, index=True, nullable=False)
```

- **unique=True**: Ensures no two users can have the same username or email. If you try, the database will throw an error.
- **nullable=False**: This means this field **cannot be empty**. You must provide a username/email.

```
password = Column(String, nullable=False)
```

- Stores the **Hashed** password (the gibberish string), not the real password.

```
is_active = Column(Boolean, server_default='true')
```

- **server\_default='true'**: If you create a user but forget to say if they are active, the *Database itself* will set this to True automatically.

```
posts = relationship("Post", back_populates="owner")
```

- **The Python Link**: This creates the "virtual list" of posts.
- It tells Python: "Find all items in the **Post** table that belong to this user and give them to me as a list `[]`."

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### 3. The Post Table ("The Child")

```
class Post(Base):  
    __tablename__ = "posts"  
  
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)  
    title = Column(String, index=True)  
    content = Column(String)
```

- Standard columns. Note that **content** does not have **index=True** because searching through huge paragraphs of text is slow and heavy, so we usually don't index the main body content unless necessary.

```
owner_id = Column(Integer, ForeignKey("users.id"))
```

- **The Anchor (Crucial)**: This is the physical link in the database.

- **ForeignKey("users.id")**: This enforces a rule: "The number saved in this column **MUST** exist in the **id** column of the **users** table."
- If you try to create a post with **owner\_id=999** and User 999 doesn't exist, the database will reject it.

```
owner = relationship("User", back_populates="posts")
```

- **The Python Link**: This lets you say **my\_post.owner** to get the User object who wrote the post.
- **back\_populates="posts"**: This connects the two relationship lines together so they stay in sync.

## Summary

- **User class** = **users** table.
- **Post class** = **posts** table.
- **ForeignKey** = The rule that ties a post to a user ID.
- **relationship** = The Python convenience tool to fetch linked data easily.

Which file would you like to do next? **schemas.py** is usually the best next step, as it handles the data *before* it gets to these models.