

Today is **very important** because this is where your project becomes a *real backend*, not just a running API.

DAY 2 — Database Design, Models & Core Data Layer

Day 2 Goal

By the end of today, you will have:

- ✓ A clean database schema
 - ✓ SQLAlchemy models for all core entities
 - ✓ Relationships between tables
 - ✓ Database session dependency
 - ✓ Tables created correctly in PostgreSQL
 - ✓ Ready foundation for authentication & CRUD
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1. Database Design (Think Like a Backend Engineer)

We will create **4 tables**:

Tables

1. `users`
2. `categories`
3. `tasks`
4. `habits`

Relationships

- A **user** has many tasks
 - A **user** has many habits
 - A **task** belongs to a user and a category
 - A **habit** belongs to a user
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2. Database Schema (Conceptual)

users

column	type
id	integer (PK)
email	string (unique)
hashed_password	string
created_at	datetime

categories

column	type
n	
id	integer (PK)
name	string
user_id	integer (FK → users.id)

tasks

column	type
id	integer (PK)
title	string
description	string
completed	boolean
due_date	datetime
user_id	integer (FK)
category_id	integer (FK)

habits

column	type

```
id      integer (PK)
name    string
frequency string (daily / weekly)
streak   integer
user_id  integer (FK)
```



Concept → Reality Mapping

You already have:

Conceptual tables

- users
- categories
- tasks
- habits

We will now **create them manually in pgAdmin 4** using SQL (the professional way).



STEP 1 — Open pgAdmin 4 & Your Database

1. Open pgAdmin 4

Left panel:

Servers

└─ PostgreSQL 16 (or your version)

└─ Databases

└─ myappdb (your database name)

2.

3. Click your database

4. Click **Query Tool** (top toolbar or right-click → Query Tool)

This is where you write SQL.



STEP 2 — Create users Table

Paste this **exact SQL** into the Query Tool:

```
CREATE TABLE users (
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    email VARCHAR(255) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
    hashed_password VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

Click ▶ Execute.

✓ You just created your first table.

STEP 3 — Create categories Table

```
CREATE TABLE categories (
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    user_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
    CONSTRAINT fk_user
        FOREIGN KEY(user_id)
        REFERENCES users(id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

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- ✓ This links categories → users.

STEP 4 — Create tasks Table

```
CREATE TABLE tasks (
```

```
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  
    title VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  
    description TEXT,  
  
    completed BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,  
  
    due_date TIMESTAMP,  
  
    user_id INTEGER NOT NULL,  
  
    category_id INTEGER,  
  
    CONSTRAINT fk_user  
        FOREIGN KEY(user_id)  
            REFERENCES users(id)  
            ON DELETE CASCADE,  
  
    CONSTRAINT fk_category  
        FOREIGN KEY(category_id)  
            REFERENCES categories(id)  
            ON DELETE SET NULL
```

);

- ✓ Task belongs to a user
 - ✓ Task optionally belongs to a category
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✓ STEP 5 — Create habits Table

```
CREATE TABLE habits (

    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,

    name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,

    frequency VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,

    streak INTEGER DEFAULT 0,

    user_id INTEGER NOT NULL,

    CONSTRAINT fk_user

        FOREIGN KEY(user_id)

            REFERENCES users(id)

        ON DELETE CASCADE
```

) ;

- ✓ Habit belongs to a user
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STEP 6 — Verify Tables in pgAdmin

In left panel:

myappdb

└─ Schemas

 └─ public

 └─ Tables

- 1.
2. Right-click **Tables** → **Refresh**

You should see:

- users
- categories
- tasks
- habits



Your conceptual schema is now REAL in PostgreSQL

STEP 7 — Visualize Relationships (Optional but Cool)

1. Right-click a table (e.g. `tasks`)
2. Click **Properties**
3. Go to **Constraints → Foreign Keys**

You'll see:

- `user_id` → `users(id)`
- `category_id` → `categories(id)`

This confirms your backend design is correct.

3. Backend Folder Structure (Updated)

Your backend should now look like this:

```
backend/  
  .env  
  venv/  
  app/  
    main.py  
    database.py  
  models/  
    __init__.py  
    user.py  
    category.py  
    task.py  
    habit.py
```

IMPORTANT:

Create `__init__.py` inside `models/` (empty file).



4. SQLAlchemy Models (FULL CODE)

4.1 User Model

app/models/user.py

```
from sqlalchemy import Column, Integer, String, DateTime
from sqlalchemy.orm import relationship
from datetime import datetime
from app.database import Base

class User(Base):
    __tablename__ = "users"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
    email = Column(String, unique=True, index=True, nullable=False)
    hashed_password = Column(String, nullable=False)
    created_at = Column(DateTime, default=datetime.utcnow)

    tasks = relationship("Task", back_populates="user")
    habits = relationship("Habit", back_populates="user")
    categories = relationship("Category", back_populates="user")
```

4.2 Category Model

app/models/category.py

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

class Category(Base):
    __tablename__ = "categories"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
    name = Column(String, nullable=False)
    user_id = Column(Integer, ForeignKey("users.id"))

    user = relationship("User", back_populates="categories")
    tasks = relationship("Task", back_populates="category")
```

4.3 Task Model

app/models/task.py

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

class Task(Base):
    __tablename__ = "tasks"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
    title = Column(String, nullable=False)
    description = Column(String)
    completed = Column(Boolean, default=False)
    due_date = Column(DateTime)

    user_id = Column(Integer, ForeignKey("users.id"))
    category_id = Column(Integer, ForeignKey("categories.id"))

    user = relationship("User", back_populates="tasks")
    category = relationship("Category", back_populates="tasks")
```

4.4 Habit Model

app/models/habit.py

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

class Habit(Base):
    __tablename__ = "habits"

    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True, index=True)
    name = Column(String, nullable=False)
    frequency = Column(String, nullable=False)
    streak = Column(Integer, default=0)

    user_id = Column(Integer, ForeignKey("users.id"))

    user = relationship("User", back_populates="habits")
```

5. Update `main.py` to Register Models

`app/main.py`

```
from fastapi import FastAPI
from sqlalchemy import inspect
from app.database import Base, engine

from app.models.user import User
from app.models.task import Task
from app.models.habit import Habit
from app.models.category import Category

app = FastAPI()

Base.metadata.create_all(bind=engine)

@app.get("/")
def root():
    return {"message": "FocusFlow API running 🚀"}

@app.get("/debug/tables")
def debug_tables():
    inspector = inspect(engine)
    return inspector.get_table_names()
```



6. Test Day 2 (VERY IMPORTANT)

Run the server:

```
uvicorn app.main:app --reload
```

Check PostgreSQL (pgAdmin):

- You should now see tables:
 - users
 - tasks
 - habits
 - categories

If tables appear → **Day 2 SUCCESS ✓**

7. Git Commit for Day 2

```
git add .
git commit -m "Day 2: database schema and SQLAlchemy models"
```

DAY 2 COMPLETED — YOU NOW HAVE

- ✓ Professional database design
- ✓ Proper relationships
- ✓ Scalable SQLAlchemy models
- ✓ PostgreSQL fully integrated
- ✓ Strong backend foundation

NEXT STEP (Day 2)

Authentication (JWT, password hashing, secure routes) — this is where recruiters really start paying attention.
