# Documentation on ‘yml’ file

* Documentation can be written on the ‘yml’ file configuration
* Documentation is essential for an analytics team to work effectively and efficiently. Strong documentation empowers users to self-service questions about data and enables new team members to on-board quickly.
* Documentation often lags behind the code it is meant to describe. This can happen because documentation is a separate process from the coding itself that lives in another tool.
* Therefore, documentation should be as automated as possible and happen as close as possible to the coding.
* In dbt, models are built in SQL files. These models are documented in YML files that live in the same folder as the models.

# Create a documentation file:

* It can be created on separate file:
  + EG: ‘snow\_sales\_doc.md’

{% docs order\_status %}

{% enddocs %}

* Using this documentation by name ‘order\_status’ in the ‘yml’ config. File

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* Name: status

Description: “{{ doc(‘order\_status’) }}”

# Documentation on web-page:

* Provides more detailed about the db objects, columns, Test cases applied to the db objects, and status

# Generate documentation option

* `dbt docs generate`
* Pops up a `view docs` option on left top