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# ascetic Documentation

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Autumn exists as a super-lightweight Object-relational mapper (ORM) for Python. Autumn ORM follows the [KISS principle](#). Has automatic population of fields from database (see the example below), and minimal size. You do not have to specify the columns in the class. This follows the [DRY](#) principle. Autumn as small as possible.

It is released under the MIT License (see LICENSE file for details).

This project is currently considered beta software.



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## PostgreSQL Example

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Using these tables:

```
CREATE TABLE autumn_tests_models_author (
    id serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    first_name VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
    last_name VARCHAR(40) NOT NULL,
    bio TEXT
);
CREATE TABLE books (
    id serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    title VARCHAR(255),
    author_id integer REFERENCES autumn_tests_models_author(id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

Put in your PYTHONPATH file autumn\_settings.py with your settings. See file autumn/settings.py for more details.

You can also set the settings directly:

```
import autumn.settings
autumn.settings.DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'engine': "postgresql",
        'user': "devel",
        'database': "devel_autumn",
        'password': "devel",
        'debug': True,
        'initial_sql': "SET NAMES 'UTF8';",
        'thread_safe': True,
    }
}
```

We setup our objects like so:

```
from autumn.model import Model, ForeignKey, OneToMany

class Author(Model):

    class Meta:
        defaults = {'bio': 'No bio available'}
        validations = {'first_name': (
            lambda v: len(v) > 1 or "Too short first name",
            lambda self, key, value: value != self.last_name or "Please, enter another first name",
        )}
```

```
class Book(Model):
    author = ForeignKey(Author, related_name='books')

    class Meta:
        db_table = 'books'
```

Now we can create, retrieve, update and delete entries in our database. Creation

```
james = Author(first_name='James', last_name='Joyce')
james.save()

u = Book(title='Ulysses', author_id=james.id)
u.save()
```

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## Retrieval

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```
a = Author.get(1)
a.first_name # James
a.books      # Returns list of author's books

# Returns a list, using LIMIT based on slice
a = Author.get()[0:10] # LIMIT 0, 10
a = Author.get()[20:30] # LIMIT 20, 10
```



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### Updating

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```
a = Author.get(1)
a.bio = 'What a crazy guy! Hard to read but... wow!'
a.save()
```



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## Deleting

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```
a.delete()
```



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## SQLBuilder integration

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```
object_list = Book.qs.tables(  
    (Book.s & Author.s).on(Book.s.author_id == Author.s.id)  
) .where(  
    (Author.s.first_name != 'James') & (Author.s.last_name != 'Joyce')  
)[:10]
```

QuerySet based on [sqlbuilder.smartsql](#), see [more info](#).



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## Signals support

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- `pre_init`
- `post_init`
- `pre_save`
- `post_save`
- `pre_delete`
- `post_delete`
- `class_prepared`



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### Web

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You can use Autumn ORM with lightweight web-frameworks, like [wheezy.web](#), [Bottle](#), [Tornado](#), [pysi](#), etc.



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## Gratitude

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Forked from <https://github.com/lucky/autumn>  
Thanks to Jared Kuolt (lucky)



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## Other projects

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See also:

- [SQLAlchemy](#) (scheme from class or database, see “autoload” option)
- [SQLObject](#) (scheme from class or database, see “fromDatabase” option)
- [Storm](#) (properties from class)
- [Peewee](#) (scheme from class)
- [Twistar](#) (scheme from database), provides asynchronous DB interaction
- [Openorm](#) (lightweight datamapper)
- [Activemodel](#) (scheme from database)
- [ActiveRecord](#) like ORM under 200 lines (scheme from database)