

# Supabase Python Introduction

## # Overview

Supabase is an open-source backend-as-a-service that helps developers build scalable applications without managing servers. It offers tools like PostgreSQL databases, authentication, storage, and real-time subscriptions, all accessible via APIs and client libraries.

## # Key Features

- Fully managed Postgres database
- Built-in authentication with multiple providers
- Real-time capabilities powered by PostgreSQL replication
- Cloud file storage with fine-grained access control
- Auto-generated APIs

## # Getting Started

Supabase can be used with Python by installing the official client library. The Python client provides interfaces to all Supabase services.

Example installation:

```
pip install supabase
```

After installation, initialize your client:

```
from supabase import create_client, Client
url = "https://xyzcompany.supabase.co"
key = "public-anon-key"
supabase: Client = create_client(url, key)
```

## # Concepts

Supabase is structured around the idea that each project corresponds to a Postgres database. Every table you create automatically gets a RESTful API. You can also use the Supabase dashboard to manage authentication, files, and serverless functions.

## # Use Cases

- Building dashboards and admin tools
- Creating authentication systems for apps
- Managing user-uploaded files
- Developing real-time chat applications

## # Notes

Supabase is designed for developers who want Firebase-like functionality but with open standards and SQL at its core.