

# Environment and Secrets

## Purpose

- Document required environment variables and secret handling used by MEAI. (meai\_core/engine.py)

## Required Environment Variables

- OPENAI\_API\_KEY is required for LLM usage. (meai\_core/engine.py)  
(.env.example)
- SUPABASE\_URL is required to connect to Supabase. (meai\_core/engine.py)  
(.env.example)
- SUPABASE\_SERVICE\_KEY is required for Supabase access.  
(meai\_core/engine.py) (.env.example)
- CORE\_LIBRARY\_DIR is required for ingestion input scanning. (ingest\_01\_text\_to\_supabase.py)
- DEBUG\_RAG is read at runtime to enable RAG logging. (meai\_core/engine.py)  
(meai\_web/server.py)

## Secrets Handling

- Environment variables are loaded from a .env file using python-dotenv.  
(meai\_core/engine.py)
- Supabase service key is asserted to look like a JWT before use.  
(meai\_core/engine.py)

## Local Development

- README specifies creating a venv and installing requirements.txt.  
(README.md)
- README starts the server with uvicorn meai\_web.server:app  
--reload. (README.md)
- Makefile provides setup and web targets. (Makefile)

## Rotation and Revocation

TODO (not found in repo)

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