**Documentation: Modifying .env Credentials**

**1. Locate the .env File**

* The .env file is usually located in the root directory of your Django project (e.g., dashboard\_project/.env).

dashboard\_project/

├── .env

├── manage.py

├── dashboard\_project/

│ ├── settings.py

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**2. Open the .env File**

* Use a text editor to open the .env file. Example editors:
  + **Linux/Mac:** nano .env or vim .env
  + **Windows:** Use an IDE like VS Code, Notepad++, or open the file in Notepad.

**3. Edit the Credentials**

Update the appropriate environment variables with new values.

**Example .env File:**

# Database Credentials

DB\_USERNAME=new\_username # Update the username

DB\_PASSWORD=new\_secure\_password # Update the password

DB\_HOST=new\_host\_address # Update if the host changes

DB\_PORT=25060 # Update if the port changes

DB\_DATABASE=new\_database\_name # Update if the database name changes

DB\_SSLMODE=require # Leave as 'require' unless specified otherwise

# Email Credentials

EMAIL\_HOST=smtp.newmail.com # Update email host

EMAIL\_PORT=465 # Update email port

EMAIL\_HOST\_USER=new-email@example.com # Update email username

EMAIL\_HOST\_PASSWORD=new-email-password # Update email password

EMAIL\_USE\_TLS=False # Update to True/False as needed

**4. Save and Close the .env File**

After making changes, save the file and close your text editor:

* **Linux/Mac (Nano):** Press Ctrl+O, then Enter to save. Press Ctrl+X to exit.
* **Windows:** Use Ctrl+S or the save option in your editor.