

CMPS 312



Supabase Storage & Authentication



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Storage





Storage

What It Does:

- Upload, manage, and serve files securely

Key Features:

- Has a simple bucket/folder/file structure
- Upload/download user files or images
- Create storage buckets via Supabase dashboard
- Define file access rules (public, private, signed URLs)

Common Use Cases:

- Store Profile pictures, Documents, Images

Best Practices

- Use UUID file names to avoid collisions
- Keep buckets private and give users temporary access with signed URLs



File Upload

```
final storage = Supabase.instance.client.storage;
// Upload an avatar using a file path
Future<String> uploadAvatarFromPath(String filePath, String userId) async {
  final file = File(filePath);
  final fileName =
    'avatars/$userId-${DateTime.now().millisecondsSinceEpoch}.png';
  await storage.from('avatars').upload(fileName, file,
    fileOptions: const FileOptions(contentType: 'image/png'),
  );
  // If bucket is public → returns public URL
  return storage.from('avatars').getPublicUrl(fileName);
}
```

```
// Signed URL for private buckets - by default valid for 5 minutes
Future<Uri> getSignedUrl(String path,
  {Duration ttl = const Duration(minutes: 5)}) async {
  final signedUrl = await storage
    .from('avatars')
    .createSignedUrl(path, ttl.inSeconds);
  return Uri.parse(signedUrl);
}
```

Show image in Flutter app
`Image.network(signedUrl);`

List files in a bucket

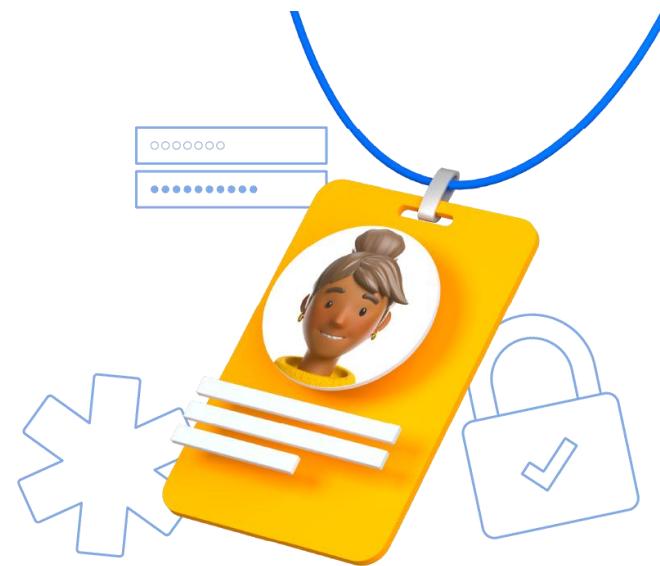
- Get URLs of files in particular subfolder

```
Future<List<String>> getImageUrls() async {  
    final storage = Supabase.instance.client.storage;  
    final files = await storage.from('images').list(path: '');  
    return files.map((f) =>  
        storage.from('images').getPublicUrl(f.name)).toList();  
}
```

 If the bucket is private, use **signed URLs** — temporary, secure links that automatically expire after a set duration to prevent misuse

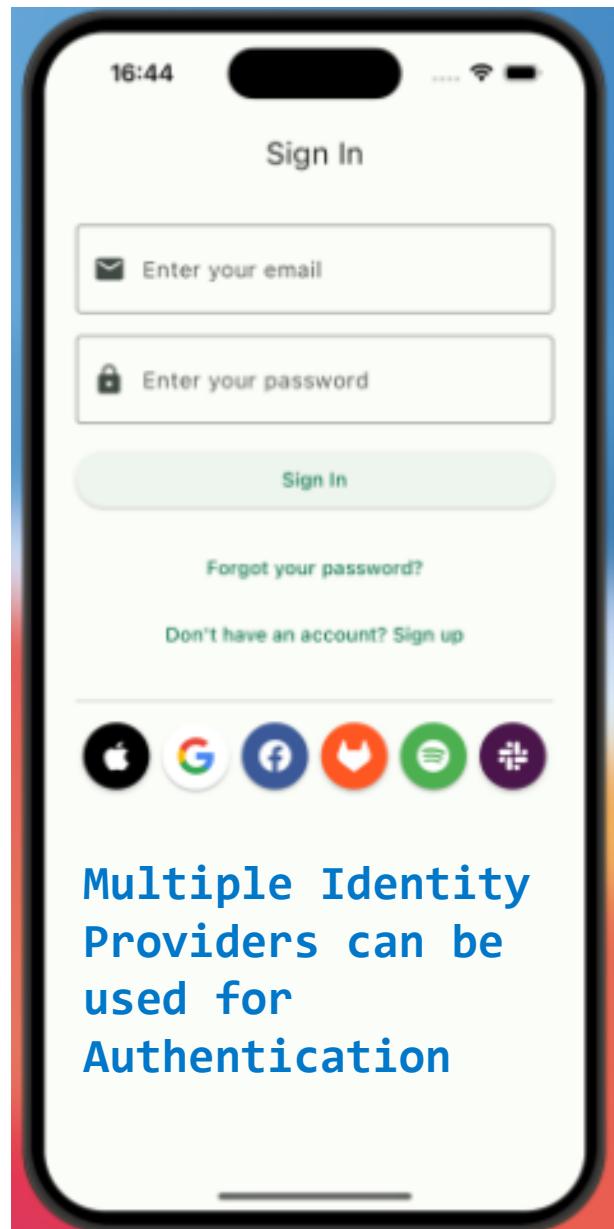
```
Future<List<String>> getImageUrls() async {  
    final storage = Supabase.instance.client.storage;  
    final files = await storage.from('images').list(path: '');  
    return Future.wait(files.map((f) =>  
        storage.from('images').createSignedUrl(f.name, 300))); //valid for 5 mins  
}
```

Authentication





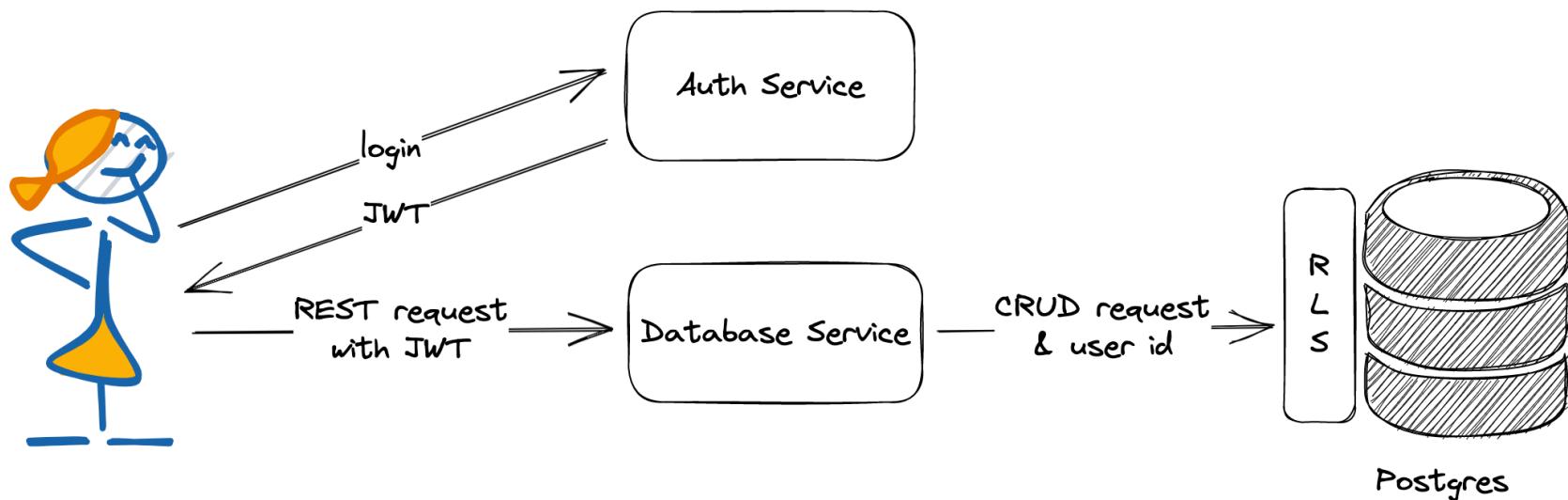
Authentication



- **Definition:** Verifying a user's identity before granting access
- **Key Points:**
 - Confirms the user is who they claim to be
 - Uses credentials (e.g., email/password, Auth providers such as Google)
 - Assigns each user a **unique ID** for tracking and security
 - Enforces **access control**: restricts who can read or write data

Authentication and Authorization flow

- **Login:** Client sends credentials → Auth Service returns a **JWT (JSON Web Token)**
- **Requests:** Client includes JWT in **REST API calls** to Database Service
- **Database:** Service validates JWT, extracts **user ID**, performs **CRUD** on PostgreSQL
- **RLS:** PostgreSQL applies **Row-Level Security** using user ID to restrict access to authorized rows





Authentication

```
final auth = Supabase.instance.client.auth;  
// Sign up  
Future<void> signUp(String email, String password)  
async {  
    await auth.signUp(email, password);  
}  
  
// Sign in  
Future<void> signIn(String email, String password)  
async {  
    await auth.signInWithEmailAndPassword(email, password);  
}  
  
// Sign out  
Future<void> signOut() async {  
    await auth.signOut();  
}
```

Sign Up and Store User Metadata

```
Future<User?> signUp(User user) async {
  try {

    final auth = supabase.auth;
    // ----- Sign up -----
    final response = await auth.signUp(
      email: user.email,
      password: user.password,
      data: {
        // Optional metadata stored inside auth.users
        'firstName': user.firstName,
        'lastName': user.lastName,
        'avatar_url': user.avatarUrl
      },
      return response.user;
  } catch (e) {
    print('Error during sign up: $e');
    return null;
  }
}
```

Get current user details

- Anywhere in the app you can access the details of current user

```
void getCurrentUser() {  
    User? user = supabase.auth.currentUser;  
    if (user != null) {  
        print('User is signed in! Id: ${user.id}');  
        print('User is signed in! Email: ${user.email}');  
        print('Metadata: ${user.userMetadata}');  
    } else {  
        print('No user is signed in.');  
    }  
}
```

Listen to auth state

- Real-time Updates: If you need to react to authentication state changes (e.g., a user logs in or out), you should listen to the **onAuthStateChange** stream provided by Supabase Auth

```
final authStateProvider = StreamProvider((ref) {  
  return Supabase.instance.client.auth.onAuthStateChange  
    .map((e) => e.session);  
});
```

Route Auth Guard

- **Purpose:** Use Auth Guards to protect routes based on authentication state
 - Prevent unauthorized access to sensitive screens
 - Redirect unauthenticated users to sign-in
 - Simplify navigation logic using state-based routing

```
// Guard: Redirect if not signed in
final authGuard = GoRoute(
  path: '/account',
  builder: (context, state) => const AccountScreen(),
  redirect: (context, state) {
    final session = context.read(authStateProvider).maybeWhen(
      data: (s) => s,
      orElse: () => null,
    );
    return session == null ? '/signin' : null;
  },
);
```



Authentication with GitHub

- **Purpose:** Enable users to sign in using their GitHub account

1. Create and configure a GitHub OAuth App on [GitHub](#)

- GitHub → Settings → Developer settings → OAuth Apps → New App
- Enter **Callback URL:**
<https://<project>.supabase.co/auth/v1/callback>

2. Enable GitHub Auth in your [Supabase Project](#)

- Dashboard → Auth → Providers → GitHub. Then paste GitHub OAuth Client ID and Client Secret
- Add Redirect URL (e.g., <todoapp://login-callback/>). Dashboard → Auth → URL Configuration
- Trigger Login in Your App

```
Supabase.instance.client.auth.signInWithOAuth(  
  Provider.github,  
  redirectTo: 'todoapp://login-callback/' );
```



Register a new OAuth app

Application name *

todoapp

Something users will recognize and trust.

Homepage URL *

<https://todoapp.qu.edu.qa>

The full URL to your application homepage.

Application description

Todo App

This is displayed to all users of your application.

Authorization callback URL *

<https://yjjocdqflvamdmrhuyq.supabase.co/auth/v1/callback>

Your application's callback URL. Read our [OAuth documentation](#) for more information

Register application

[Cancel](#)

Your app's info page
(Informational for users to know more about your app)

Supabase project callback URL for handling the OAuth flow
<https://<your-project-ref>.supabase.co/auth/v1/callback>
(critical for OAuth to work)

Supabase Project Dashboard -> Authentication -> Sign In / Providers -> GitHub -> you'll find the Callback URL

GitHub

Client ID	Ov23liNYeMUkXQYIIl73
Client Secret	5bc28ad6034453ca50597faeb0fc911568a6e
Callback URL (for OAuth)	https://yjjocdqflvamdmrhuyq.supabase.co/auth/v1/callback Copy

Configure AndroidManifest.xml and Info.plist for deep linking

- Configure **AndroidManifest.xml** and **Info.plist** for deep linking:



android

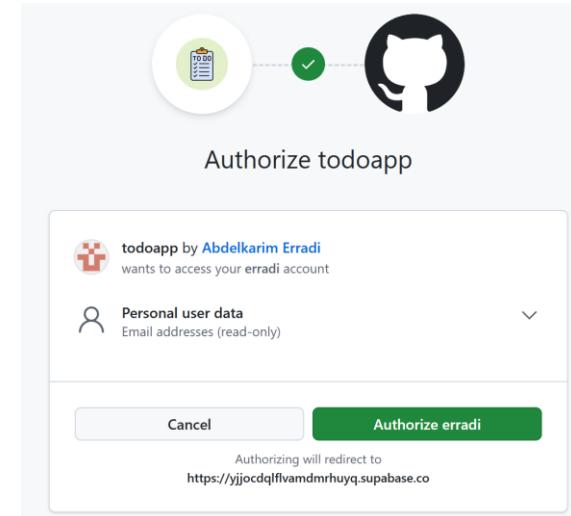
```
<!-- Deep linking for OAuth callback -->
<intent-filter>
    <action android:name="android.intent.action.VIEW" />
    <category android:name="android.intent.category.DEFAULT" />
    <category android:name="android.intent.category.BROWSABLE" />
    <data
        android:scheme="todoapp"
        android:host="login-callback" />
</intent-filter>
```



```
<key>CFBundleURLTypes</key>
<array>
    <dict>
        <key>CFBundleTypeRole</key>
        <string>Editor</string>
        <key>CFBundleURLName</key>
        <string>todoapp</string>
        <key>CFBundleURLSchemes</key>
        <array>
            <string>todoapp</string>
        </array>
    </dict>
</array>
```

OAuth Flow (with redirect + deep link)

- Flutter App calls `signInWithOAuth()`. This opens login page in the browser
 - User authenticates with the OAuth provider (e.g., GitHub) & authorize the app to read the user data
- OAuth Provider redirects back to Supabase callback URL
- Supabase:
 - Uses the authorization code received from the OAuth provider to **request the access tokens** from the OAuth provider
 - **Creates a session object** (user info and tokens)
 - **Redirects** the user back to the app's custom deep link (`yourapp://login-callback`) with the session ready to use



Access Image Gallery and Camera



Access Image Gallery and Camera

- Using `image_picker` package for picking images from the image gallery or taking new pictures with the camera

```
Future<File?> pickImage(ImageSource source) async {
    final imagePicker = ImagePicker();
    final pickedImage = await imagePicker.pickImage(
        source: source, // camera or gallery
        maxWidth: double.infinity,
    );
    if (pickedImage == null) return null;
    return File(pickedImage.path);
}
```

image_picker methods

```
final ImagePicker picker = ImagePicker();
// Pick an image
final XFile? image = await picker.pickImage(source: ImageSource.gallery);
// Capture a photo
final XFile? photo = await picker.pickImage(source: ImageSource.camera);
// Pick a video
final XFile? galleryVideo =
    await picker.pickVideo(source: ImageSource.gallery);
// Capture a video
final XFile? cameraVideo = await picker.pickVideo(source: ImageSource.camera);
// Pick multiple images
final List<XFile> images = await picker.pickMultiImage();
// Pick singe image or video
final XFile? media = await picker.pickMedia();
// Pick multiple images and videos
final List<XFile> medias = await picker.pickMultipleMedia();
```

Summary

- **Storage:** Securely upload, store, and retrieve files
- **Authentication:** Built-in backend services for user sign-up and login
 - Supports **email/password** and **Auth providers** (e.g., Google)
- **Security:** Protect user data with authentication and authorization policies



References

- **Storage:** <https://supabase.com/docs/guides/storage>
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