

## ENVIRONMENT File (.env)

An `.env` file is used to store environment variables that are critical for the operation of the Python project but should not be hard-coded into the source code for security and configurability reasons. These variables can be database credentials, API keys, or other sensitive information that you want to keep out of version control systems.

To set up the `.env` file, create it in the root directory of the project. The file format consists of key/value pairs, with each pair on a new line. The key and value should be separated by an equals sign (=) without spaces. Here's the necessary structure for your `.env` file:

```
# Database Configuration
DB_USER=user_name
DB_PASSWORD=your_password
DB_HOST=localhost
DB_PORT=5433
DB_NAME=postgres

# API Keys
API_KEY_FMP=your_alphanumeric_fmp_key
```

Ensure to replace the placeholder values (`user_name`, `your_password`, etc.) with actual configuration details suitable for your environment.

You can leave `DB_NAME` with its default value, which will be modified automatically when the new FMP database is created.