

# Use of Environment Variables


## Background

Sensitive information such as database connections and JWT secrets must be securely managed. If sensitive information is hard-coded into the code, and the code is hosted on third-party platforms, should these platforms be compromised, the sensitive information would be leaked along with the code. Therefore, using environment variables is essential.

## Action items

- ☒ Use environment variables for JWT secrets and database configuration, and distinguish between configurations for development and production.
- ☒ Implement periodic checks to ensure environment variables are encrypted and access is restricted.

## Decisions

-  Store all sensitive configuration data in environment variables to avoid hard-coding them into the source code.