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This guide will walk you through the steps to get your application up and running.

Local Environment Setup

Using `env.example` as a reference, create a `.env` file with all the same keys and environment variables. Set the `ENV` variable to `"dev."`

Python Environment Setup

Before you go further, ensure you are using Python 3.12 for optimal performance. If you go into the next steps with a different version, you may have to restart this guide to change the version.

We use [uv](#) for package management. You can install it on Mac/Linux with the following command:

```
curl -LsSf https://astral.sh/uv/install.sh | sh
```

Like other Python package managers, `uv` creates a virtual environment in your project. To install the dependencies from `pyproject.toml` in the virtual environment, please run:

```
uv sync
```

Initializing the Database

Opsloom uses Postgres to store user and conversation data. It also uses the PGVector extension for Postgres to store embeddings for RAG AI assistants.

First, start a Postgres container based on the pgvector image. You can do this by running the script in `db/start_postgres.sh`, or you can connect to an external AWS RDS instance. The default username and password are configurable in the `db/start_postgres.sh` file.

Next, run the initial database scripts using [alembic](#). The following command will run all of the scripts under the `db/versions/tables` folder:

```
uv run alembic upgrade head
```

Initializing the API

Opsloom's API is written in Python, using the FastAPI framework. You can initialize the API server with the following commands:

```
uv sync
uv run uvicorn server:app --reload --port 8080
```

To invoke the API without using the frontend, you will need to download [Bruno](#) and supply it with the files in the `/docs/api_docs` folder.

Running the Frontend Server

The frontend runs on Vite and React. You can initialize it with the following commands:

```
cd frontend  
npm install  
npm run start
```

Run Documentation Server (Optional)

You can run the documentation server by calling these commands from the project's root directory:

```
npm i  
npm run docs:dev
```

Congratulations! Your program should now be running end-to-end. If you sign up with a new account, you'll be greeted with our out-of-the-box assistant. Take a look at the [Creating Your First Assistant](#) section for steps on creating your first custom assistant.

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