

**Mobile Development :**

# ***11 : Building the Beta Version : Part 2***

***Serverless Tech, User Auth, Intro to Firebase ...***



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# Outline :

- ***Section 1 : Serverless Tech for Backends***
  - *Python - Flask ( Vercel / Git )*
  - *Postgresql ( Supabase )*
- ***Section 2 : User Authentication, Part 1***
  - *Introduction & Motivation*
  - *Design & Technologies*
  - *Implementing from Scratch*
  - *Using 3rd Party Authentication Services*
- ***Section 3 : Firebase Services***
  - *Introduction, Setup and Configuration*

# From MVP to Beta Version Case Study



- **App for Collecting Product Descriptions**

- The customer needs an App for their employees to collect information about products.
- Information includes:
  - *Product name*
  - *Barcode*
  - *Product Manufacturer*
  - *Product Images*
- The app should work in offline mode. Preferably, when there is internet connection, **collected data can be uploaded** and sync can be performed.
- The staff, who are the app users can search for a product by barcode to see all product information being **uploaded by them or by other staff.**

← Categories

DEBUG

Refresh Categories

Beverages

Vegetables

Furniture

Food

← Choose a Manufacturer

DEBUG

Search for a company

Hamoud

Sommam

Besbassa

Cevital

Ifri

Candia

Manufacturer Name

Add New

Product Info Collection

DEBUG

Add New Product

Search by Barcode

History of Uploaded Product

Categories

Manufacturers

← Search by Barcode

DEBUG

Barcode



Search

Water

2220020100101

Food

Ifri



← Add Product

DEBUG

Product Name




Food

Barcode

Manufacturer

Take product images


Click photo



Add Product


← Uploaded Products

DEBUG

 Milk


Sommam - Food

111202010

 Milk

Candia - Furniture

111202011

 Water

Besbassa - Beverage

111202012

← Product Information



DEBUG

Water

2220020100101

Food

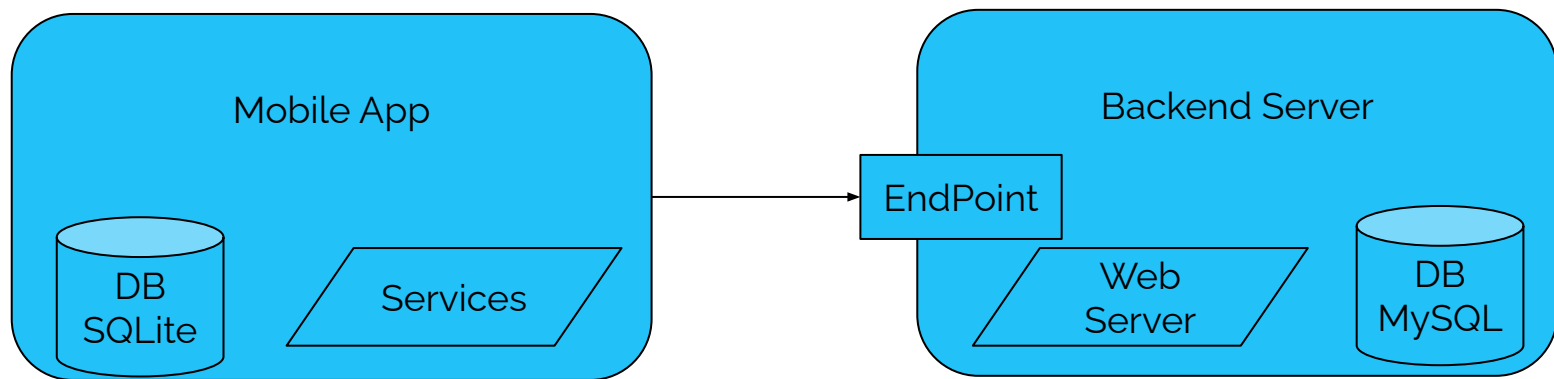
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# From MVP to Beta Version

## Case Study

- Architecture of the Solution ( not App)



# From MVP to Beta Version Case Study



- **Previous Implementation,**
  - **Linked to a Backend written in simple PHP**
    - Easy and fast to code API Endpoints
    - Instant to deploy and see results
    - Linked with existing MySQL / phpMyAdmin
    - Hosting is available ( There are free providers )

# Section 1

## Serverless Technologies



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

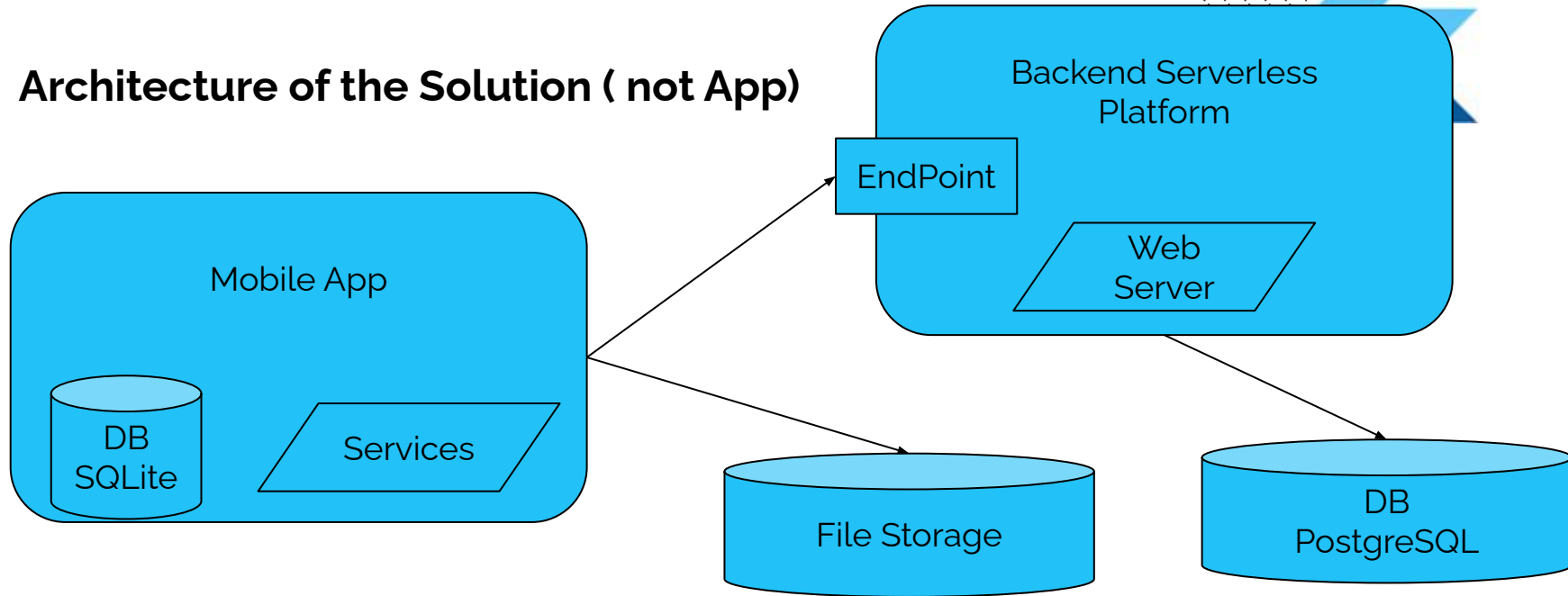


- **Improvement to the previous implementation:**
  - Use Python for Backend instead :
    - Existing Framework : **Flask** ( Or even Django )
    - Link with PostgreSQL provided by Supabase
  - Use Better Storage Facilities : S3 Storage or Firebase Storage
  - Integrate Firebase Services
  - Users' Authentication.



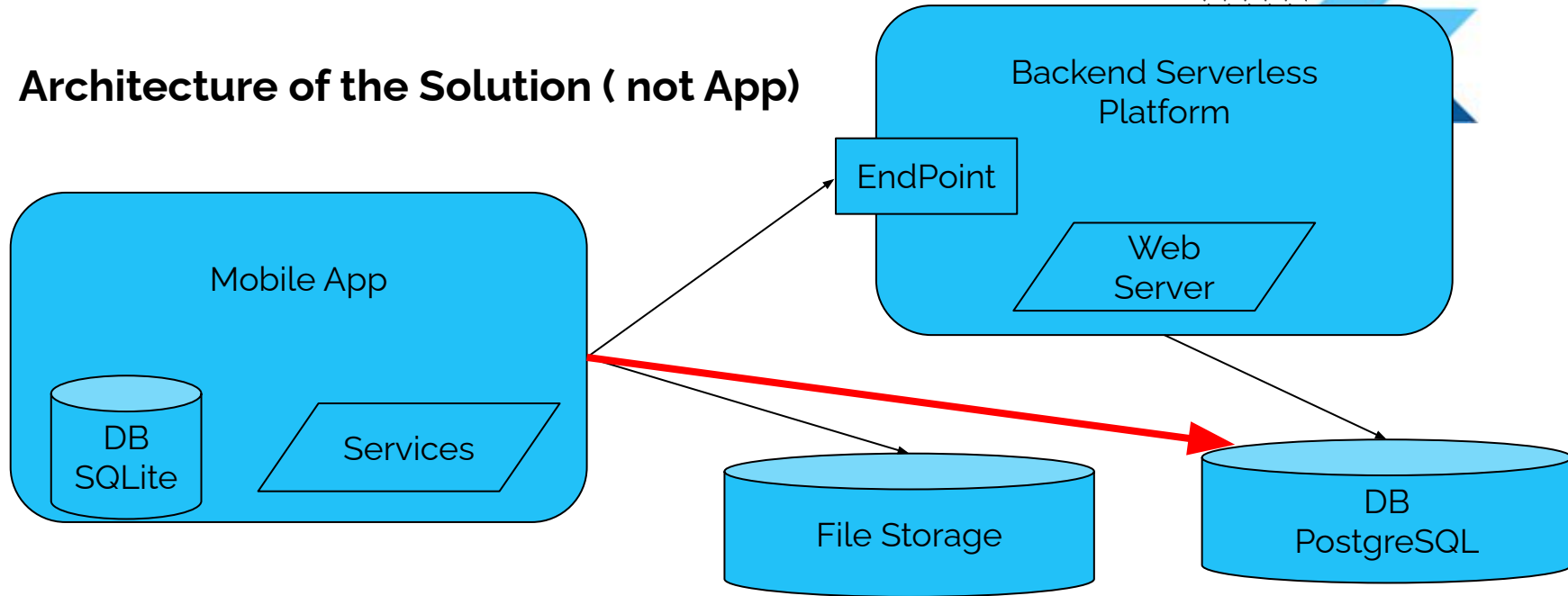
# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Architecture of the Solution ( not App)



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Architecture of the Solution ( not App)



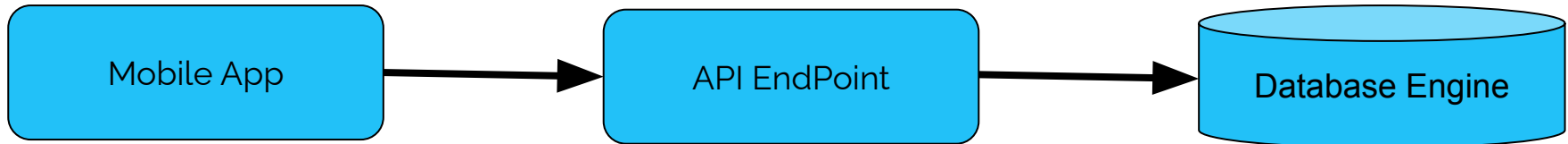
# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Architecture of the Solution ( not App ) : which one is better**

- **Direct Database Access**



- **Access to Database via EndPoint API**



# Serverless Technology for

Personally, I always prefer access to the DB to be done via an EndPoint Server where extra business logic can be performed. This involves:

- Curation of Data,
- Validation
- Advanced Business Logic ( Machine Learning..)
- Communication with Other services.
- Better control of security
- Better extensibility and easy to roll new features
- Easy to change the providers, technologies
  - ? Just the complexity you will be overloading the Endpoint, deploy more instances to overcome the problem

## Direct Database Access from your mobile app :

- For simple and disposable apps having no intention to maintain them in the future.
- What happens if you are forced to change the database provider ? or just a database table **even a column name** inside the database table ?
- Security ? it is too complex to enforce and master. What happens if we can declass your app and find your keys ? we will flood your database with requests and you end up paying a large bill.

```
raise HTTPStatusError(message, request=request, response=self)
httpx.HTTPStatusError: Client error '429 Too Many Requests' for url 'https://rmuifxmzskidlcnm
w.supabase.co/auth/v1/signup'
For more information check: https://httpstatuses.com/429
```

# Serverless Technology for

Personally, I always prefer access to the DB to be done via an EndPoint Server where extra business

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**I do it even for the File Storage**, though for Firebase, developers connect mobile apps directly with the Firebase Storage.

DB  
SQLite

Services

File Storage

DB  
PostgreSQL

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Hello World in Flask**

- Fask, Like Java Spark, it is a **python** micro framework for writing web applications.
- Microframe does usually not use contain common libraries like database access/ORM, form validation...
- It is written in Python, therefore you can important any python library you want from Machine Learning to other advanced libraries .
- For a full framework :
  - Python ⇒ Django
  - Java ⇒ SpringBoot

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Hello World in Flask

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/categories.get')
def get_categories():
    data=[{'id':1,'name':'Food'},{'id':2,'name':'Beverage'}]
    return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return 'Welcome ENSIA Students from Flask!'

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(port=8080)
```



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backend

To get rid of the development message, you need to integrate your Flask App with a full Web Server Gateway Interface (WSGI) Like Waitress...

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web\\_Server\\_Gateway\\_Interface](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_Server_Gateway_Interface)

- Hello World in Flask

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/categories.get')
def get_categories():
    data=[{'id':1, 'name': 'Food'}, {'id':2, 'name': 'Beverage'}]
    return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return 'Welcome ENSIA Students from Flask!'

if __name__ == "__main__":
    from waitress import serve
    serve(app, port=8080)
```

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Running the Hello World in Flask**
  - Install the required Python packages
    - `pip3 install flask`
    - `pip3 install waitress`
  - Run the Flask Application ( File name is : `hello.py` )
    - `python3 hello.py`
      - Or sometimes
    - `flask --app hello run`

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Hello World in Flask

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def index():
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if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(port=8080)
```

This is the route which **binds URL** to a function to perform a given business logic

`__name__` is a special variable when the script is invoked directly (not imported), the `__name__` is set as `"__main__"`

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Getting Variables from URLs

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/categories.getById/<int:cat_id>')
def get_category_byId(cat_id):
    // some business logic here...
    return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return 'Welcome ENSIA Students from Flask!'

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(port=8080)
```

You can enclose URL variables inside  
**<type:variable\_name>** or simply  
**<variable\_name>**

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Getting GET/POST Variables

```
from flask import Flask , request
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/user.login', methods=['GET', 'POST'] )
def users_login():
    username=request.form.get('username')
    password=request.form.get('password')
    //some more business logic
    return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return 'Welcome ENSIA Students from Flask!'

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(port=8080)
```

GET or POST variables can be accessed  
via the special variable :

**request.form.get(VAR\_NAME)**

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Getting Binary Files from Uploads

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/photo.upload', methods=['POST'])
def users_login():
    if request.method=='POST':
        file=request.files.get('file_name')

        //some more business logic
        return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def index():
    return 'Welcome ENSIA Students from Flask!'

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(port=8080)
```

Binary Data Files can be accessed via the special variable :

**request.files.get(FILE\_NAME)**

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- Logging

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

app.logger.debug('A value for debugging')
app.logger.warning('A warning occurred (%d apples)', 42)
app.logger.error('An error occurred')
```

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **How to run it : Server-Centric approach**
  - Get a dedicated Server or even virtual ...
  - You need to manage it yourself
    - Upgrades
    - Security
  - Scaling, can be difficult to main
  - But, you have control over everything.
  - Cost : Cannot say ( it may cost \$5/month ..)



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Introduction to Serverless Technologies**

- Even though, it is called serverless, the server is always there but:
  - Provided when there is a request from a user
  - You pay usually per request / processing duration / bandwidth transferred.
- Serverless Technologies provided by the hosting provider where they have the infrastructure to deploy dynamically servers/frameworks on demand.

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Introduction to Serverless Technologies**

- **Benefits..**

- Maintenance of the technology taken care by the infrastructure provider
    - Scaling is always being taken care of. When more users, the hosting provider will deploy more resources dynamically, (but be prepared to pay more)

- **Drawbacks..**

- You have no control
    - Dependent on a technology provider

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Serverless Technology Providers :**

- **Vercel**
  - Supports Python, Node.js, Go
  - PostgreSQL is given
- **AWS Lambda**
  - Very mature technology supporting most languages
- **Netlify**
  - Supports JavaScript and TypeScript
- **Render**
  - Supports even Laravel, Django/Python..
- **Firebase Functions**
- ..

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Serverless Technology Providers :**

- **Vercel**

- Support
    - PostgreSQL

Vercel will be tested for creating a mobile app backend using Python and Supabase Database

- **AWS Lambda**

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- **Netlify**

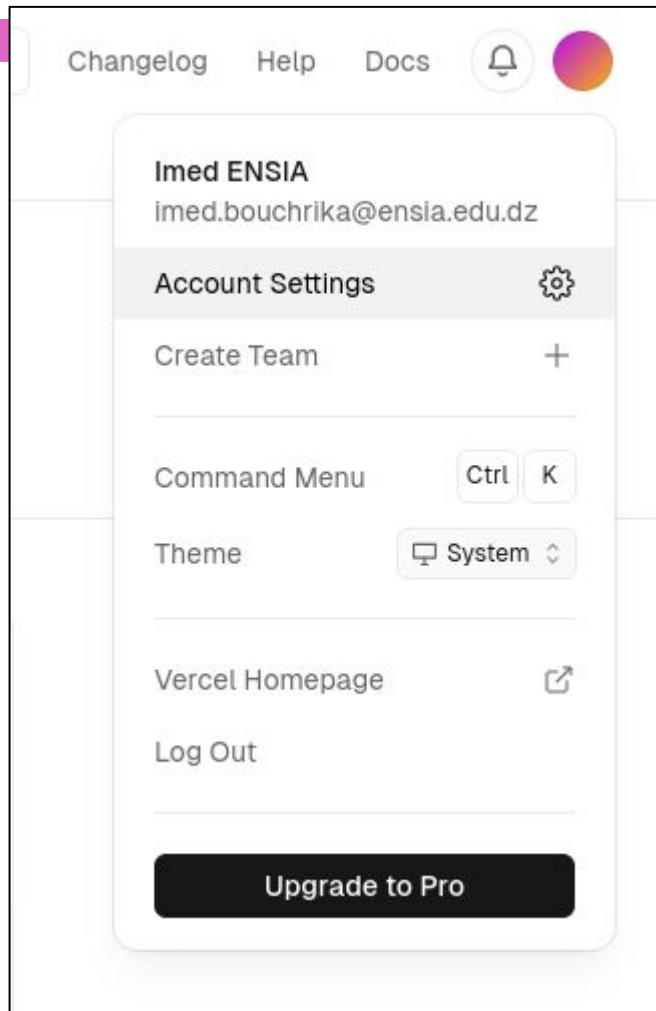
- Supports JavaScript and TypeScript

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Vercel & Git Integration**

- You can always click on Account Settings

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# From MVP to Beta Version

## Case Study

▲ / ● Imed's projects ▾

Upgrade

Overview

Integrations

Activity

Domains

Usage

Monitoring

Storage

Settings

🔍 Search...



Add New... ▾



product-api-info

product-api-info.vercel.app



fixing bugs

🕒 24h ago on 🔗 main



mobile-app-product-info

mobile-app-product-info.vercel.app



Hello World

🕒 1d ago on 🔗 master

Signup and create a project

Importantly,


Link your GIT with Vercel


# Let's build something new.

To deploy a new Project, import an existing Git Repository or get started with one of our Templates.

**Better to search for a template and clone**

 Continue with GitHub

 Continue with GitLab

 Continue with Bitbucket

[Manage Login Connections](#) 

[Import Third-Party Git Repository](#) →

## Clone Template



[Browse All Templates](#) →

# From MVP to Beta Version Case Study

← Back to Templates

## Flask Hello World

Use Flask 3 on Vercel with Serverless Functions  
using the Python Runtime

Deploy

View Demo

Framework

Python

Use Case

Starter

CSS

CSS

Publisher

▲ Vercel

Repo

 vercel/examples



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

## You're almost done.

Please follow the steps to configure your Project and deploy it.



Flask Hello World [↗](#)

Use Flask 3 on Vercel with  
Serverless Functions using the...

### Create Git Repository

To ensure you can easily update your project after deploying it, a Git repository must be created. Every push to that Git repository will be deployed automatically.

Git Scope



imed5



Repository Name

flask-product-info-no-database

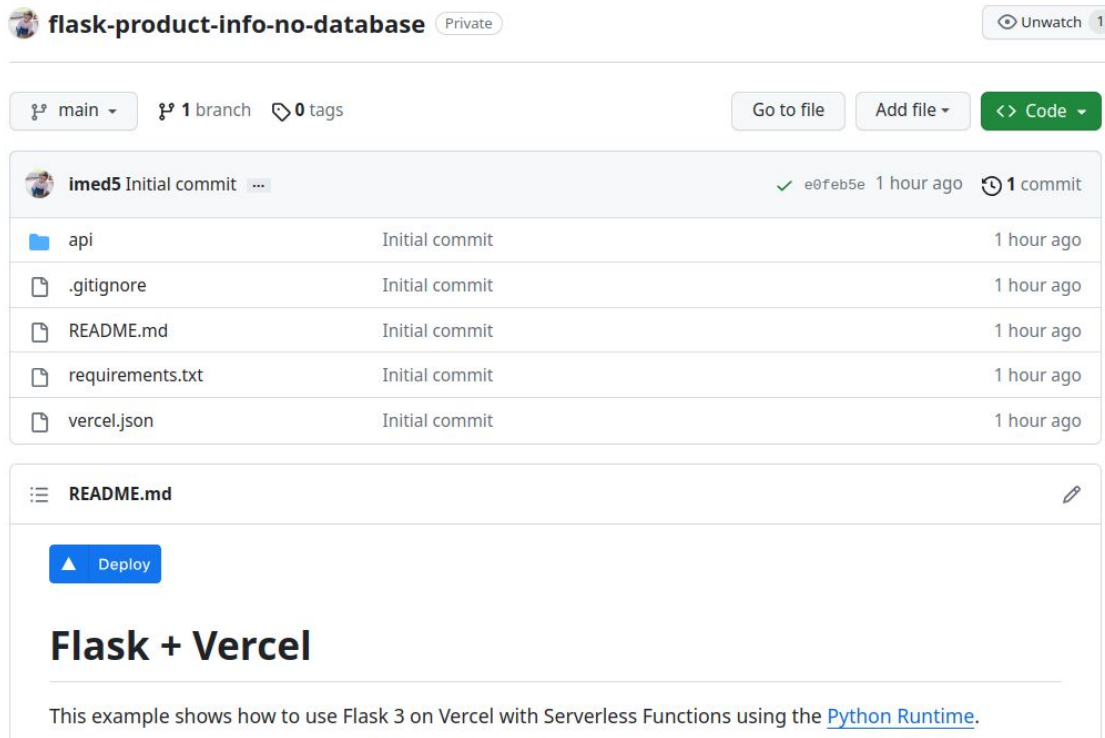


Create private Git Repository

Create

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Git Repo is created.**  
(You can use an existing Repo )



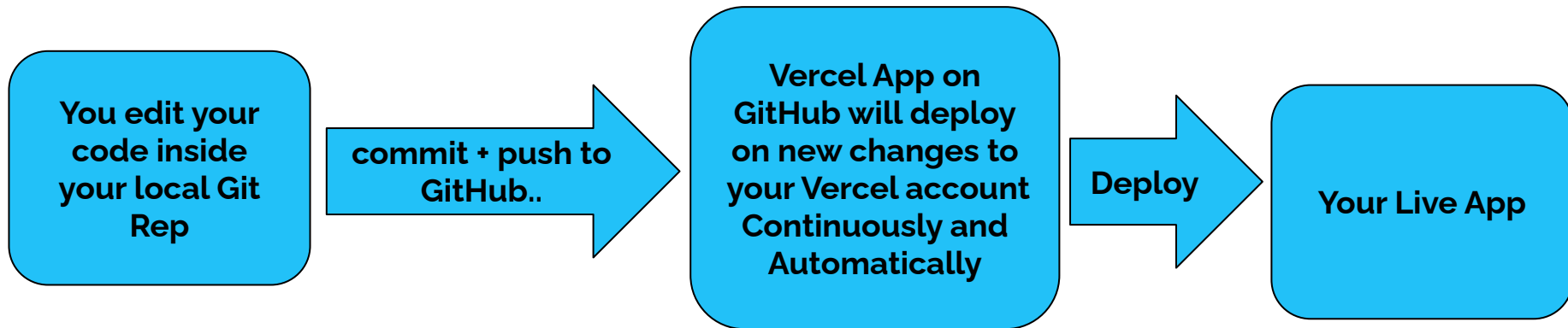
The screenshot shows a GitHub repository named 'flask-product-info-no-database' with a 'Private' label. It has 1 branch (main) and 0 tags. The repository was created by user 'imed5' with an initial commit 'e0feb5e' 1 hour ago. The file list includes:

File	Commit	Time
api	Initial commit	1 hour ago
.gitignore	Initial commit	1 hour ago
README.md	Initial commit	1 hour ago
requirements.txt	Initial commit	1 hour ago
vercel.json	Initial commit	1 hour ago

The README.md file is open, showing a 'Deploy' button and the title 'Flask + Vercel'. The text below the title reads: 'This example shows how to use Flask 3 on Vercel with Serverless Functions using the [Python Runtime](#).'

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Continuous Integration/Continuous Delivery ( CI/CD ) :



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

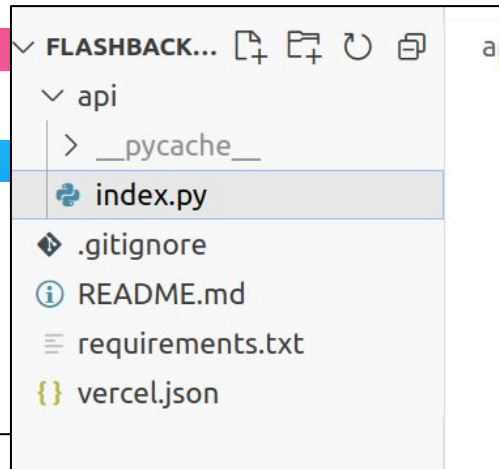
- Vercel project structure

- vercel.json

```
{
  "rewrites": [
    { "source": "/(.*)", "destination": "/api/index" }
  ]
}
```

- requirements.txt

```
Flask==3.0.0
supabase
```



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Develop, Run & Test LOCALLY**

- To speed up
- To avoid paying for the deployment/building time

- Remember for Serverless, you may not need the main app.run method

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    app.run(port=8080)
```

- For local testing, use the command : **flask --app hello run**  
(hello.py is the main file name)

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Get GIT Folder setup on your local machine:**

- Create a folder
- Inside the folder, execute the following commands
  - `git init`
  - `git remote add origin link_to_your_git_folder`  
`git remote add origin https://github.com/imed5/flask-product-info-no-database.git`
  - `git pull link_to_your_git_folder main`  
`git pull https://github.com/imed5/flask-product-info-no-database.git main`
  - `git branch --set-upstream-to=origin/main master`
  - `git pull`

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Get GIT Folder setup on your local machine:**
  - `git checkout -b feature/YYYY_MM_DD_NAME`
  - `git add .`
  - `git commit -m "description of the changes"`
  - `git push origin feature/YYYY_MM_DD_NAME`
    - Make PR ( Pull Request )
    - Merge
  - `git checkout master`
  - `git pull`

# product-api-info

Git Repository

Domains

Visit

## Production Deployment

The deployment that is available to your visitors.

Build Logs

Runtime Logs

Instant Rollback

```
Hello, World!
```

### Deployment

product-api-info-p9yh6bz1l-imeds-projects-6ec09fae.vercel.app



### Domains

product-api-info.vercel.app +2

Status Created

Ready 7h ago by imed5

### Source

main

eb35843 fixing bugs



# Logs

Search, inspect, and share the runtime logs from your Vercel projects.

## Filters

Reset



10 total logs found...



[GET] /



> My Project Presets

> Team Project Presets

> Timeline

Past 30 minutes

> Level

☐ Info 6

☐ Warning 4

☐ Error 0

> Environment

> Function

Time

Status

Host

Request

Message

DEC 11 22:10:30.50 200 product... [GET] /

DEC 11 22:10:09.27 200 product... [GET] /

⚠️ DEC 11 22:09:27.17 404 product... [GET] /favicon.ico

DEC 11 22:09:26.98 200 product... [GET] /

⚠️ DEC 11 22:09:26.00 401 product... [GET] /

⚠️ DEC 11 22:09:24.05 404 product... [GET] /favicon.ico

⚠️ DEC 11 22:09:21.99 404 product... [GET] /favicon.ico

DEC 11 22:09:21.80 200 product... [GET] /

DEC 11 22:09:19.62 206 product... [GET] / using Web Server Gateway...

DEC 11 22:09:19.62 200 product... [GET] / using Web Server Gateway...

⬆️ Show New Logs

Time December 11 22:09:26.00 GMT+01...

Request Path /

Status Code 401

Host product-api-info-p9yh6bz1l-ime...

Request ID z7mt2-1702328966465-04063...

Request User Agent Vercelbot/0.1 (scr...

Level ⚠️ Warning

Environment preview

Branch main

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Examples for getting categories

<https://flask-product-info-no-database.vercel.app/categories.get>

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/categories.get')
def home():
    data=[
        {'id':1, 'name':'Food'},
        {'id':2, 'name':'Furniture'},
        {'id':3, 'name':'Beverages'},
    ]
    return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def about():
    return 'Welcome ENSIA Students'
```

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Examples for getting categories

Deploy/Run locally FIRST,  
execute in the shell the following  
command:

**flask --app api/index run**

```
from flask import Flask
import json

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/categories.get')
def home():
    data=[
        {'id':1, 'name':'Food'},
        {'id':2, 'name':'Furniture'},
        {'id':3, 'name':'Beverages'},
    ]
    return json.dumps(data)

@app.route('/')
def about():
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```

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Examples for getting

To view/Test the App, Open a browser on the address

<http://localhost:5000>

Or

<http://localhost:5000/categories.get>



localhost:5000/categories.get



Paused

Relaunch to up

```
[{"id": 1, "name": "Food"}, {"id": 2, "name": "Furniture"}, {"id": 3, "name": "Beverages"}]
```

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- Examples for getting categories

```
case "companies.add":{
    $data=json_decode($vars['companies']);
    $mapping=[];
    if (is_array($data)){
        for($i=0;$i<count($data);$i++){
            $line=$data[$i];
            $db->query("INSERT INTO companies (name) VALUES (?)",$line->name);
            $mapping[$line->id]=$db->lastInsertID();
        }
        $ret['status']='OK';
        $ret['mapping']=$mapping;
        echo json_encode($ret);
    }
    exit;
}break;
```

PHP Code

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backend

- Examples for getting cat

```
case "companies.add":{
    $data=json_decode($vars['companies']);
    $mapping=[];
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        for($i=0;$i<count($data);$i++){
            $line=$data[$i];
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            $mapping[$line->id]=$db->lastIns
        }
        $ret['status']='OK';
        $ret['mapping']=$mapping;
        echo json_encode($ret);
    }
    exit;
}break;
```

PHP

```
from flask import Flask, request
import json
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/companies.add',methods=['GET','POST'])
def api_companies_create():
    print('Variables...'+str(request.args))
    if request.args.get('companies'):
        try:
            companies=json.loads(str(request.args.get('companies')))
            mapping={}
            for company in companies:
                print('Creating a company with the name '+company['name'])
                mapping[company['id']]=company['id']
            data={'status':'OK','message':'success','mapping':mapping}
            return json.dumps(data)

        except Exception as error:
            print(str(error))
            data={'status':'Error','message':'Exception ...','mapping':[]}
            return json.dumps(data)

    data={'status':'Error','message':'No data','mapping':[]}
    return json.dumps(data)
```

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends



- **Use of Relational Databases:**

- As data has relation among them, relational database engine the recommended solution
- Using NoSQL is only recommended when processing large data which is **already structured**
- **PostgreSQL** another free relational database with its better performance compared to other dbms.
- Supabase is another cloud provider offering free PostgreSQL hosting (To get started, when you grow, you pay..).

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Steps to get Started :**

1. Signup at [www.supabase.com](https://www.supabase.com)
2. Create a Project and set a Password, Please keep the password at a safe place

The screenshot shows the 'Create a new project' form in Supabase. At the top, it says 'Create a new project' and provides a brief overview: 'Your project will have its own dedicated instance and full postgres database. You will be able to interact with your new database.' Below this, there are several input fields: 'Organization' (set to 'imed@imed.ws's Org'), 'Name' (set to 'ModileDEV'), 'Database Password' (masked with dots, with a 'Copy' button and a strength indicator showing 'This password is strong. Generate a password'), and 'Region' (set to 'West US (North California)' with a note to 'Select a region close to your users for the best performance.'). At the bottom, there is a section for billing: 'Billed via organization' with a note 'This organization uses the new organization-based billing and is on the Free plan.' and links for 'Announcement' and 'Documentation'. The bottom right corner has a 'Cancel' button and a 'Create new project' button with a gear icon. A footer note says 'You can rename your project later.'

Create a new project

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Organization imed@imed.ws's Org

Name ModileDEV

Database Password

Copy

This password is strong. [Generate a password](#)

Region West US (North California)

Select a region close to your users for the best performance.

**Billed via organization**

This organization uses the new organization-based billing and is on the **Free plan**.

[Announcement](#) [Documentation](#)

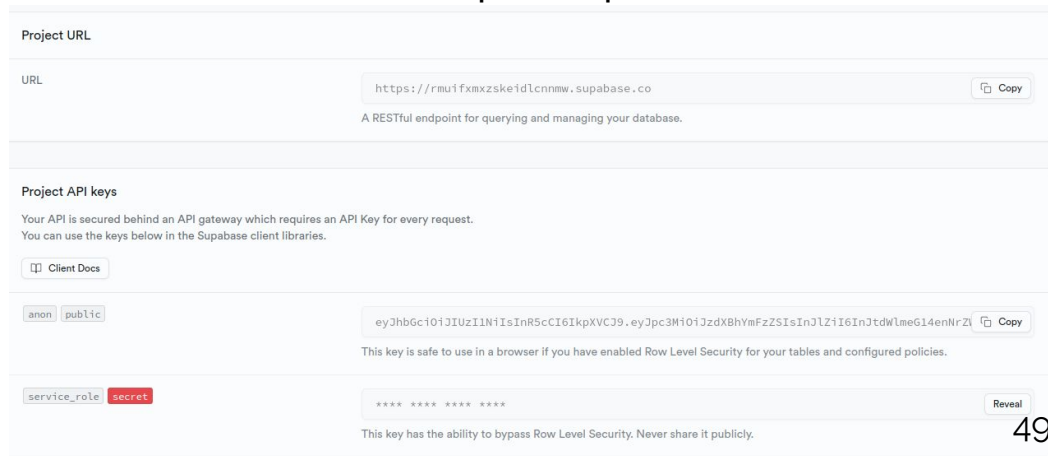
Cancel You can rename your project later. [Create new project](#)



# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Steps to get Started :**

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2. Create a Project and set a Password, Please keep the password at a safe place
3. **Copy the URL and Key**



The screenshot displays the Supabase project configuration interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'Project URL' and 'Project API keys'.

**Project URL:** This section shows a text input field containing the URL `https://rmu1fxmxzsked1cnmw.supabase.co`. Below the input, a note states: 'A RESTful endpoint for querying and managing your database.' A 'Copy' button is located to the right of the URL.

**Project API keys:** This section explains that the API is secured behind an API gateway and provides instructions on using the keys in client libraries. It includes a 'Client Docs' link.

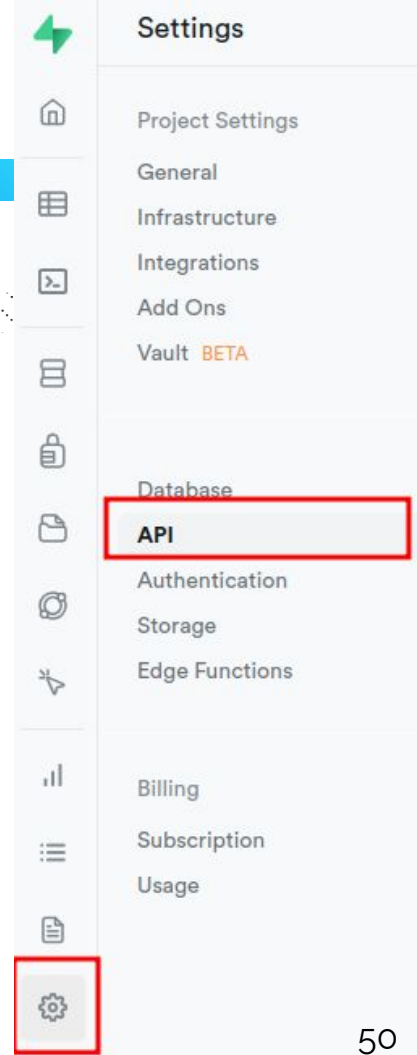
Below the explanation, there are two rows of API keys:

- The first row shows two roles, 'anon' and 'public', followed by a long alphanumeric key. A 'Copy' button is to the right. A note below states: 'This key is safe to use in a browser if you have enabled Row Level Security for your tables and configured policies.'
- The second row shows a 'service\_role' role with a 'secret' label, followed by a masked key represented by asterisks. A 'Reveal' button is to the right. A note below states: 'This key has the ability to bypass Row Level Security. Never share it publicly.'

# Serverless Technology for Mobile App Backends

- **Steps to get Started :**

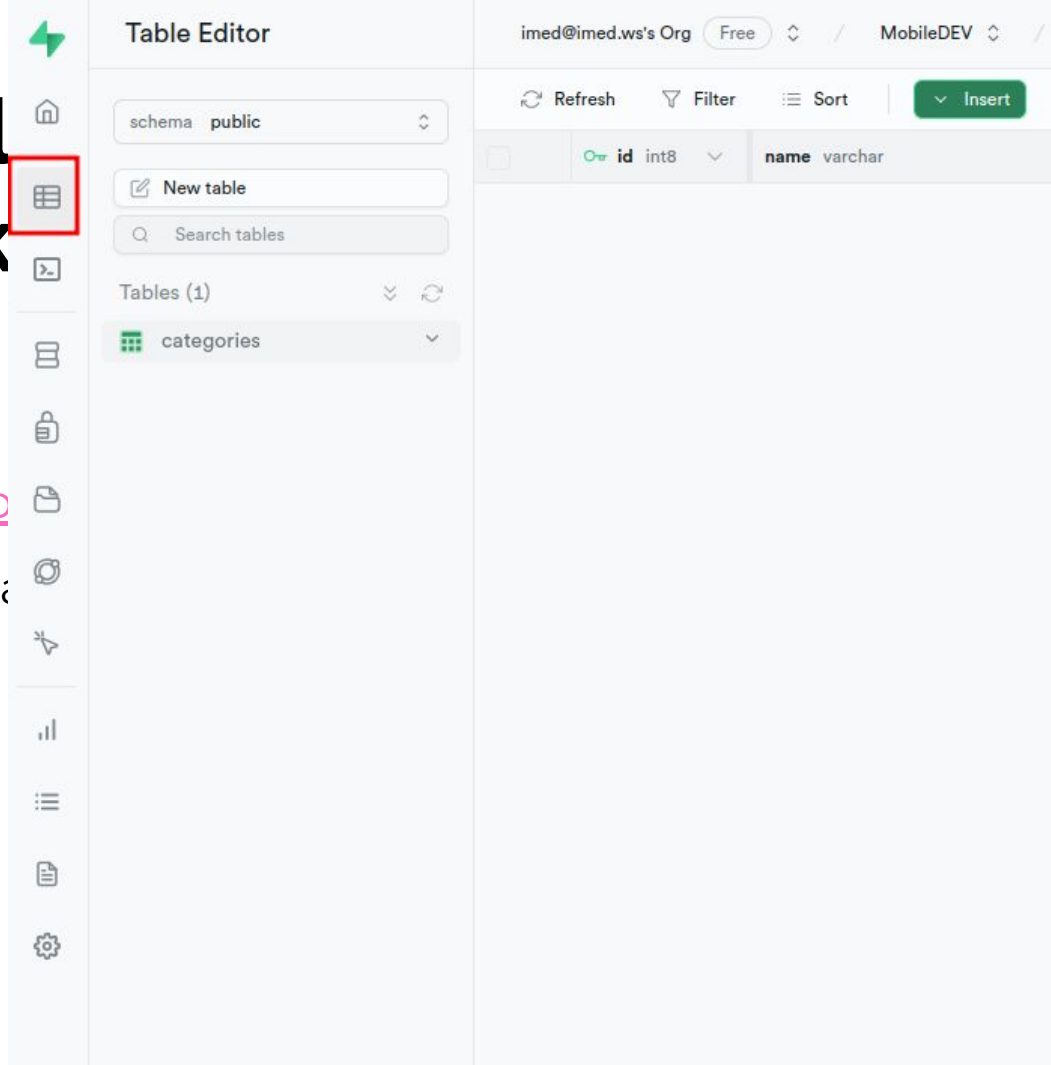
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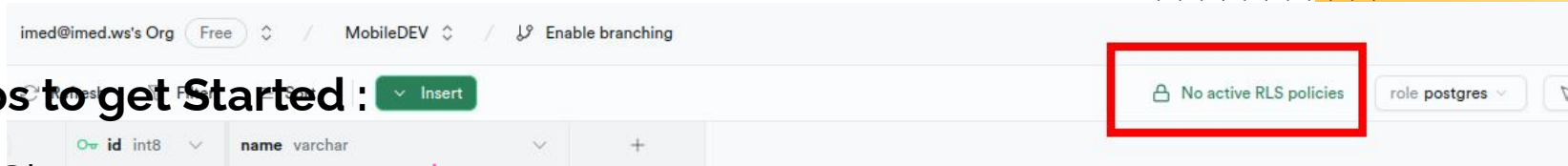
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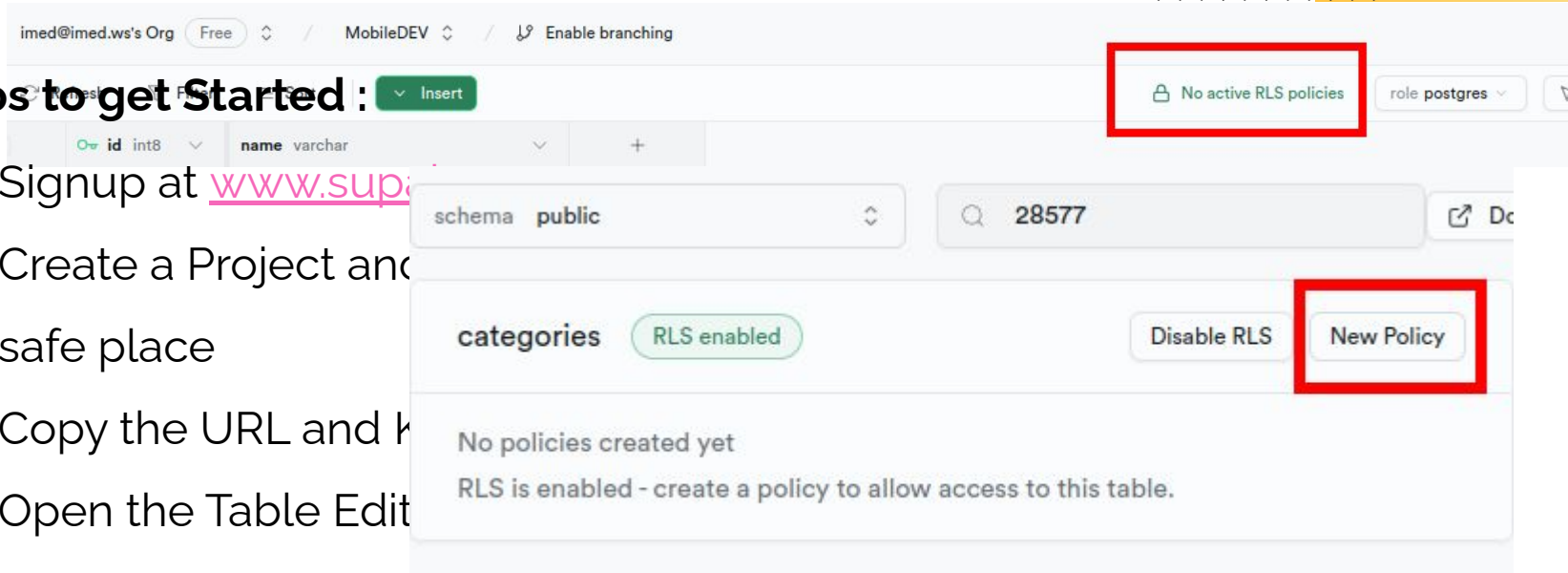
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- Linking with Flask

```
from flask import Flask, request
import json
from supabase import create_client, Client

app = Flask(__name__)

#This is the very stupid way to store private/confidential data inside GIT
#Store inside a file to be ignored
url="https://yvnctxteoqxvamhbpvd.supabase.co"
key="eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJzdXBhYmFzZSIsInJlZiI6InI2bmN0eHRlb3F4dmFtaGJ6cHZkIiwiaWwiOiJmFub24iLCJpYXQiOiE3MDIzMDQsImV4cCI6MjAxNzg3Nzg4NH0.4AoGpxSQF3-T4b_dJ2B5ZfJY1pukT7Gu8xbKq8pN9gA"

supabase: Client = create_client(url, key)

@app.route('/categories.get')
def api_categories_get():
    response = supabase.table('categories').select("*").execute()
    return json.dumps(response.data)
```

Test and Run always Locally  
**FIRST**

**flask --app api/index run**



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Linking with Flask

**Table Editor**

schema public

New table

Search tables

Tables (1)

categories

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	id int8	name text	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Food	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Beverages	

localhost:5000/categories.get

```
[{"id": 1, "name": "Food"}, {"id": 2, "name": "Beverages"}]
```

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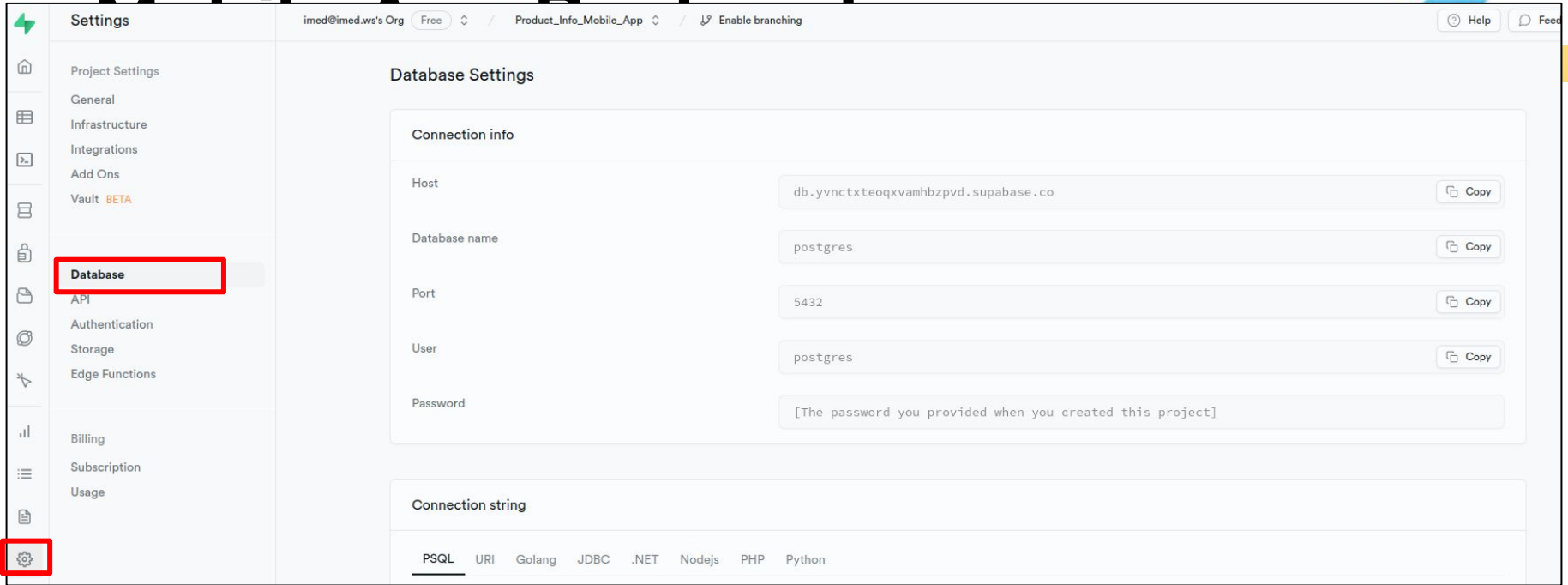
- **Linking with Flask and PostgreSQL**

- There are documentation on the SQL functions provided by the package supabase.

```
response = supabase.table('categories').select('*').execute()
```

- <https://supabase.com/docs/reference/python/introduction>
- If you want to try the common postgresSQL python package to be able to write raw SQL query, you can install
  - `sudo pip3 install psycopg2-binary`

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password="Your Initial Password here..."

import psycopg2

@app.route('/categories.get')
def api_categories_get():
    conn=False
    try:
        conn = psycopg2.connect("dbname='postgres' user='postgres' host='"+url+"' password='"+password+"'")
    except Exception as error:
        print("I am unable to connect to the database")
        return 'cannot connect to database'+str(error)

    curs=conn.cursor()
    curs.execute("select id,name from categories")
    data=[]
    for record in curs:
        print(record)
        data.append({'id':record[0], 'name':record[1]})

    return json.dumps(data)
```

# Section 2

## User Authentication



# User Authentication for Flutter Apps



- **Authentication of Users**

- **Do you need it ?**

- The app data needs to be accessed from the web or other devices ?
    - To collect information about the user ?
    - The information shown in the app is too confidential ?

- **How to authenticate ?**

- By email and password ?
    - By other providers ( OAuth (OpenAuthorization : Google, Fb..) )
    - By Phone/Emailing OTP/SMS...

# User Authentication for Flutter Apps

- Authentication of Users

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Remember : The phone is now more and more personal !( Than passwords )

Users are protecting their phones with fingerprint, patterns, pins, face recognition... ( But, they are ok in sharing their passwords)

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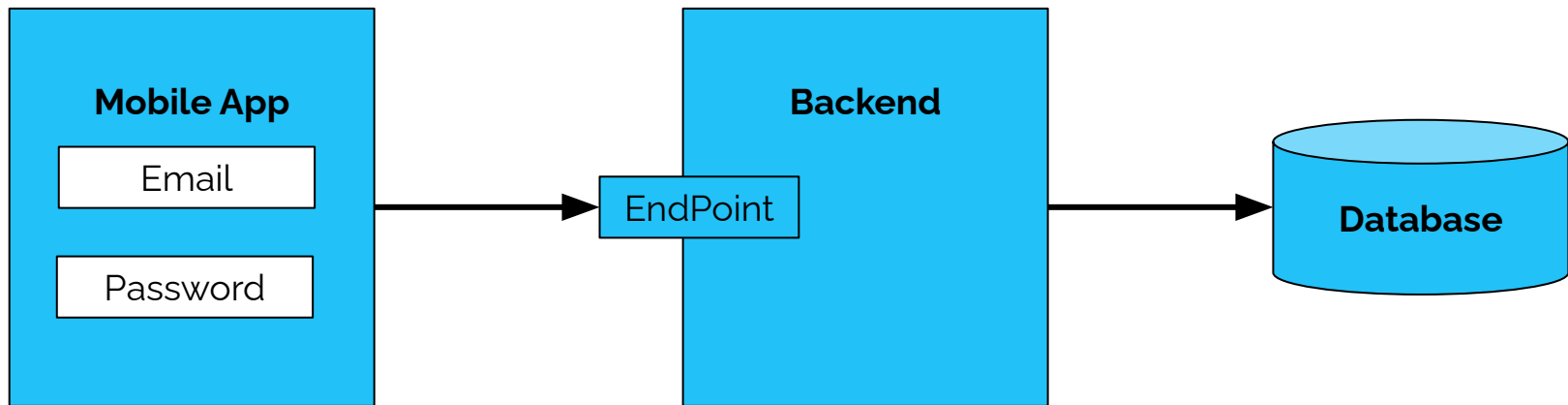
- **How to Authenticate Users:**

- Students rush to use Firebase Auth + Supabase Authentication module where Authentication can be integrated using 10 lines of code.
- BUT
  - It is highly recommended for the purpose of learning, that you implement it yourself from **scratch**



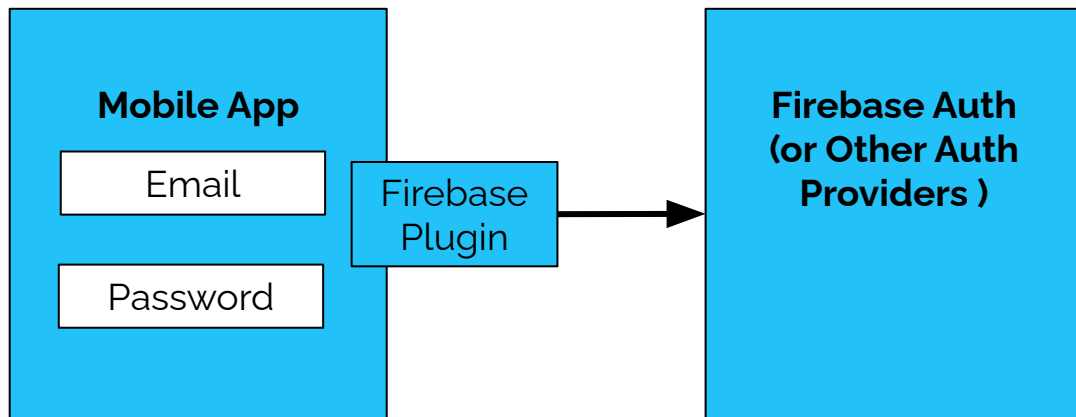
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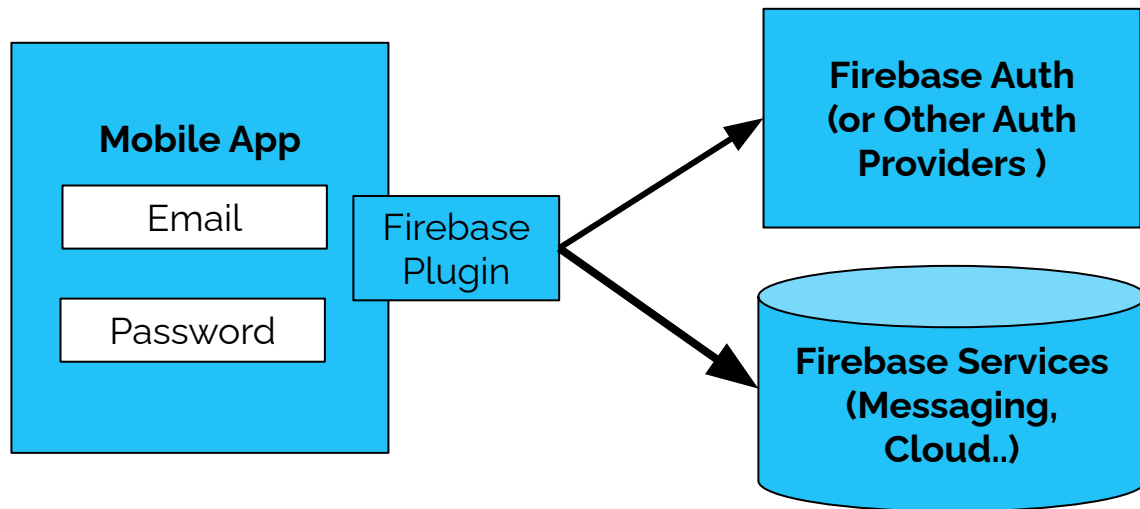
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Remember, we don't store password if we decide to outsource authentication to 3rd party providers

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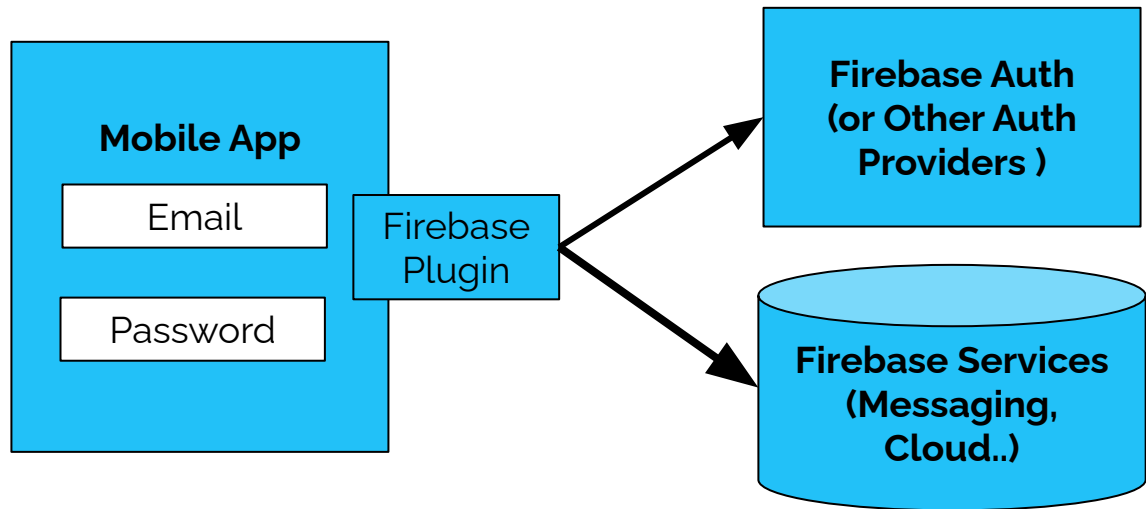
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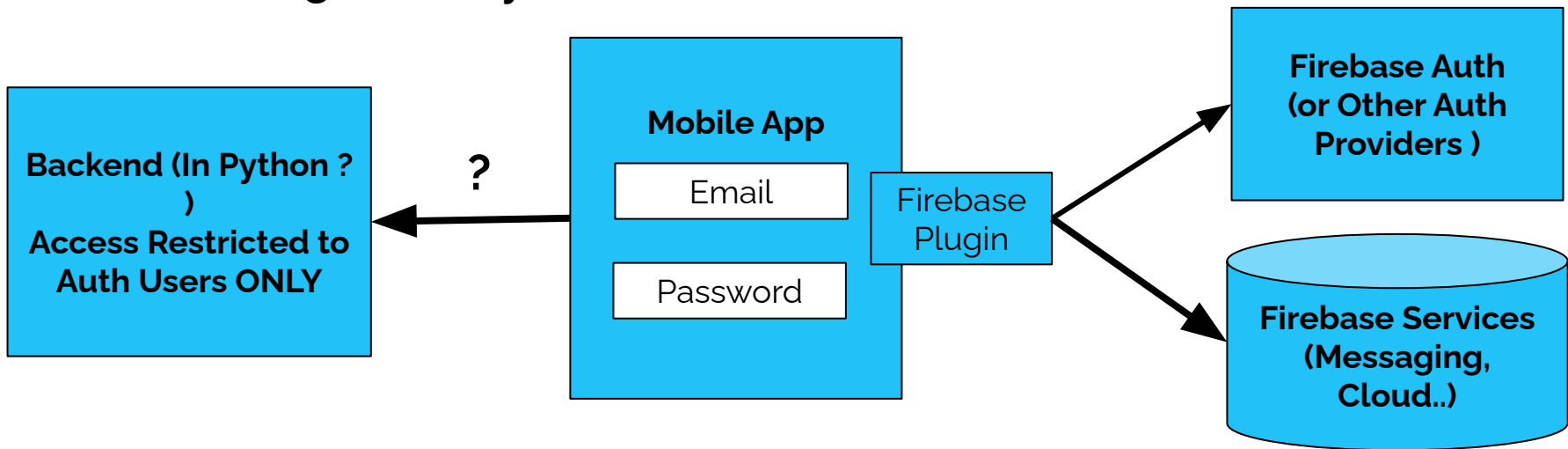
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It is easy to integrate other services in Firebase whilst ensuring only access to Authenticated users



# User Authentication for Flutter Apps

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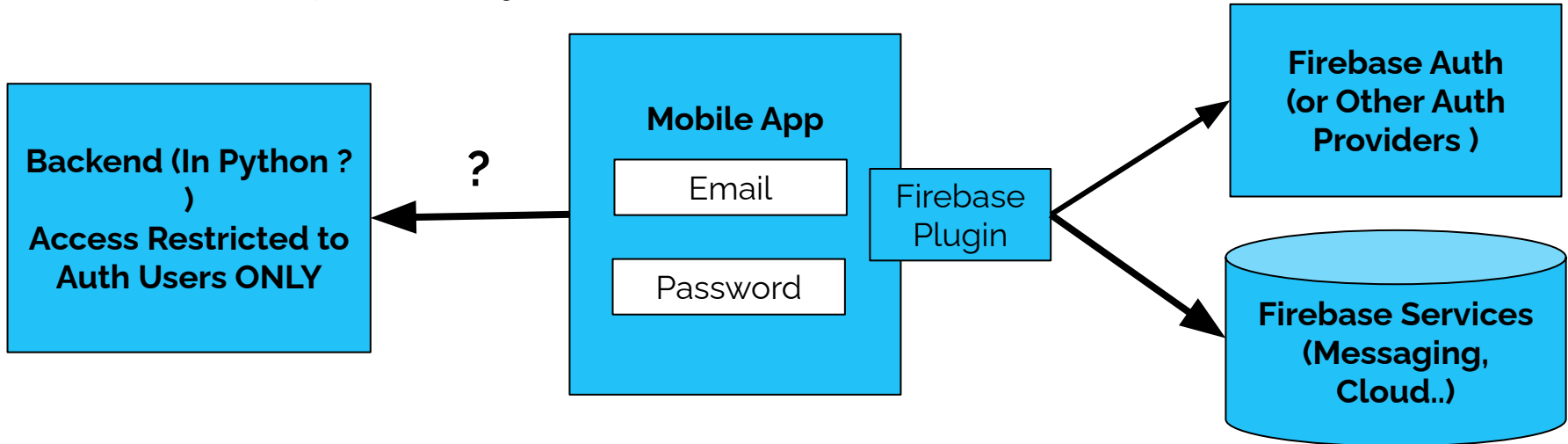


# User Authentication for

How to tell a backend : **This is a legitimate user** who needs access to his private data ?

- Imp

- Using 3rd Party Authentication Services



# User Authentication for Flutter Apps



- **Implementing Users' Authentication using Email and Password**
  - Implement the API EndPoints
    - **users.signup**
    - **users.login**
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    - users.signup.verify
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**Do we need users.signout ?**



```
@app.route('/users.signup', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def api_users_signup():
    email= request.args.get('email')
    password= request.args.get('password')
    error =False
    if (not email) or (len(email)<5): #You can even check with regx
        error='Email needs to be valid'
    if (not error) and ( (not password) or (len(password)<5) ):
        error='Provide a password'
    if (not error):
        response = supabase.table('users').select("*").ilike('email', email).execute()
        if len(response.data)>0:
            error='User already exists'
    if (not error):
        response = supabase.table('users').insert({"email": email, "password": password}).execute()
        print(str(response.data))
        if len(response.data)==0:
            error='Error creating the user'
    if error:
        return json.dumps({'status':500,'message':error})

    return json.dumps({'status':200,'message':'','data':response.data})
```

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@app.route('/users.login', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def api_users_login():
    email= request.args.get('email')
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                                                                    email).eq('password',password).execute()

        if len(response.data)>0:
            return json.dumps({'status':200,'message':'','data':response.data})

    if not error:
        error='Invalid Email or password'

    return json.dumps({'status':500,'message':error})
```

# User Authentication for Flutter Apps



- **Implementing Users' Authentication using Email and Password**
  - Flutter Code ?
    - What to modify ?
    - How to know that the user is logged in and have a valid account ?
    - What packages needed to get started

```
static Future<String> signupUser(Map data) async {
  Map<String, dynamic> form_data = {
    'email': data['email'],
    'password': data['password']
  };
  var response = await dio.post(api_endpoint_user_sign,
    data: FormData.fromMap(form_data));

  String error_msg = '';
  Map ret_data = jsonDecode(response.toString());
  if (ret_data['status'] == 200) {
    Map<String, dynamic> data = ret_data['data'];
    if (prefs != null) {
      prefs!.setString("user_id", "${data['id']}");
      prefs!.setString("user_email", data['email']);
      prefs!.setString("user_password", data['password']);
    }
    return 'success';
  }
  error_msg = ret_data?['message'];
  return 'Error : $error_msg';
}
```

```
static Future<String> loginUser(String email, String password) async {  
  //verify::  
  Map<String, dynamic> form_data = {'email': email, 'password': password};  
  
  var response = await dio.post(api_endpoint_user_login,  
    data: FormData.fromMap(form_data));  
  
  print(response);  
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```
class UserAuthentication {
  static Future<User?> getLoggedInUser () async {
    String? uid = prefs?.getString("user_id");
    String? email = prefs?.getString("user_email");
    String? password = prefs?.getString("user_password");
    if (uid != null &&
        email != null &&
        password != null &&
        uid.isNotEmpty &&
        email.isNotEmpty &&
        password.isNotEmpty) {
      return User(
        uid: uid, name: 'Your name', email: email, password: password);
    } else
      return null;
  }
}
```

# User Authentication for Flutter Apps



- **Implementing Users' Authentication using Email and Password**
  - Flutter Code

**How to implement user logging out ?**

# User Authentication for Flutter Apps



- **Supabase Authentication instead ? ( Or even Firebase Auth)**
  - You have two options:
    - Let your App communicates with the Supabase/Firebase Auth to signup/login users **directly**
      - OR
    - Your app talks to Endpoints which communicate to 3rd Party authentication services.



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# Section 3

## Firestore Services, Part 1



# Firebase Services : Introduction



- **Firebase is :**

- “a Backend-as-a-Service (BaaS) app development platform that provides hosted backend services such as a realtime database, cloud storage, authentication, crash reporting, machine learning, remote configuration, and hosting for your static files.”

<https://docs.flutter.dev/data-and-backend/firebase?>

# Firebase Services : Introduction

Available plugins ⇄

Product	Plugin name	iOS	Android	Web	Other Apple (macOS, etc.)
<a href="#">Analytics</a>	firebase_analytics	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">App Check</a>	firebase_app_check	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Authentication</a>	firebase_auth	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Cloud Firestore</a>	cloud_firestore	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Cloud Functions</a>	cloud_functions	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Cloud Messaging</a>	firebase_messaging	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Cloud Storage</a>	firebase_storage	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Crashlytics</a>	firebase_crashlytics	✓	✓		beta
<a href="#">Dynamic Links</a>	firebase_dynamic_links	✓	✓		
<a href="#">In-App Messaging</a>	firebase_in_app_messaging	✓	✓		
<a href="#">Firebase installations</a>	firebase_app_installations	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">ML Model Downloader</a>	firebase_ml_model_downloader	✓	✓		beta
<a href="#">Performance Monitoring</a>	firebase_performance	✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">Realtime Database</a>	firebase_database	✓	✓	✓	beta
<a href="#">Remote Config</a>	firebase_remote_config	✓	✓	✓	beta

- **Services Provided by Firebase :**

- Messaging
- Remote Config
- Database (NoSQL)
- File Storage
- Authentication
- Machine Learning
- Analytics
- Functions

List of all firebase plugins for flutter :

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/flutter/setup?platform=ios#available-plugins>

# Firebase Services : Introduction



- **Steps to get Started**

- Install the Firebase CLI :

- <https://firebase.google.com/docs/cli#install-cli-mac-linux>

- Link your Firebase Account

- **firebase login**

- Follow all instructions at:

- <https://firebase.google.com/docs/flutter/setup?platform=ios>

# Lecture Demo Apps

- MVP for User Login/Signup
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/bom5d3ym1194goed92bj7/h?rlkey=6qxuxmdde5kw5qy3ijk9i8tee&dl=0>
- Flask Endpoint API without Database on Vercel
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/euj0j7eznw7rtod8aujwa/h?rlkey=f12t6ghkhoy1nwekahwe6uzg8&dl=0>
- Flask Endpoint API on Vercel with Supabase Database
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ktsg4151hwdhdqoe2n84h/h?rlkey=54lavf63p7gkxm01gurtxtn16&dl=0>
- Flask Endpoint for User Authentication with PostgreSQL/Supabase
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/d415mbetwnw746hlof6yl/h?rlkey=dnmmj8b4uigwnrvs4x58mqj33&dl=0>
- Flutter APP with Authentication ( Signup/Login ) using Endpoints
  - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/hfbqekrc98ozdn2m64luc/h?rlkey=x2hr3oozn7mij7ndoloscd3l3&dl=0>



# Resources

- <https://www.prisma.io/dataguide/serverless/serverless-comparison>
- <https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/3.0.x/quickstart/>
- <https://firebase.google.com/docs/firestore/billing-example#small-50k-installs>
- <https://medium.com/google-developer-experts/firebase-authentication-flutter-80e8f00338ac>
- <https://firebase.flutter.dev/docs/auth/usage/>
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