# Groq API Key Setup Documentation

This documentation provides instructions on how to obtain your Groq API key and set it up in a `.env` file for use in your project.

## Step 1: Obtain Your Groq API Key

## 1. \*\*Sign Up / Log In\*\*:

- Visit the [Groq website](https://www.groq.com) and sign up for an account if you don't have one. If you already have an account, log in.

### 2. \*\*Access API Keys\*\*:

- Once logged in, navigate to the API section of your account dashboard. This is usually found under "Settings" or "API Management".

### 3. \*\*Generate API Key\*\*:

- If you do not have an API key, look for an option to generate a new key. Follow the prompts to create your API key. Make sure to copy it to your clipboard.

## Step 2: Create a `.env` File

#### 1. \*\*Create the File\*\*:

- In the root directory of your project, create a new file named `.env`.

# 2. \*\*Add Your API Key\*\*:

- Open the `.env` file in a text editor and add the following line, replacing `your\_groq\_api\_key\_here` with the API key you copied earlier: ```plaintext GROQ\_API\_KEY=your\_groq\_api\_key\_here 3. \*\*Save the File\*\*: - Save the changes to the `.env` file. ## Full Example ```python import os from swarm\_models import OpenAlChat from dotenv import load\_dotenv load\_dotenv() # Get the OpenAl API key from the environment variable api\_key = os.getenv("GROQ\_API\_KEY") # Model model = OpenAlChat(

openai\_api\_base="https://api.groq.com/openai/v1",

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openai_api_key=api_key,
model_name="llama-3.1-70b-versatile",
temperature=0.1,
)
model.run("What are the best metrics to track and understand risk in private equity")
...
## Important Notes
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- \*\*Keep Your API Key Secure\*\*: Do not share your API key publicly or commit it to version control systems like Git. Use the `.gitignore` file to exclude the `.env` file from being tracked.
- \*\*Environment Variables\*\*: Make sure to install any necessary libraries (like `python-dotenv`) to load environment variables from the `.env` file if your project requires it.

## ## Conclusion

You are now ready to use the Groq API in your project! If you encounter any issues, refer to the Groq documentation or support for further assistance.