# DAY 6 - DEPLOYMENT PREPARATION AND STAGING ENVIRONMENT SETUP

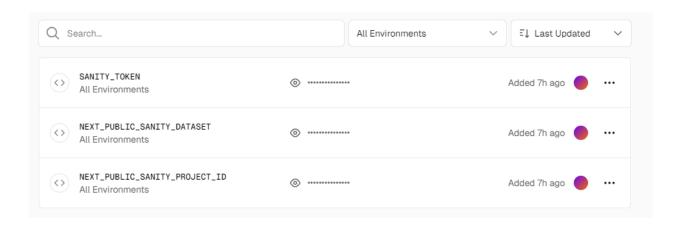
### **Environment Variables:**

#### **Purpose:**

To securely store sensitive information like API keys, database URLs, and credentials without exposing them in the codebase.

#### Steps:

- 1. Go to the project settings on Vercel.
- 2. Select the Environment Variables tab.
- Add key-value pairs (e.g., NEXT\_PUBLIC\_API\_URL=https://api.example.com).
- 4. Choose the environment scope (Development, Preview, Production).
- 5. Save and redeploy the project to apply the changes.



## **Performance:**

