

WhatSaaS Installation

Introduction:

WhatSaaS is a comprehensive SaaS project that leverages the robustness of Next.js alongside the Evolution API to deliver a powerful multi-tenant CRM focused on WhatsApp service management and automation. Designed for high performance and scalability, the system orchestrates a modern architecture where the interactive front-end communicates in real-time via Pusher , while the Evolution API manages WhatsApp Web/WABA instances in an isolated and stable manner. Featuring native integration with Stripe for subscriptions and Resend for transactional emails, WhatSaaS offers an "out-of-the-box" solution for entrepreneurs looking to launch their own white-label chat platform.

System Requirements:

To ensure the **WhatSaaS** platform runs efficiently with high availability for real-time messaging, the following hardware and software requirements must be met.

1. Hardware Requirements (Minimum)

- **Processor (CPU):** 2 Cores (Recommended for handling multiple WhatsApp instances).
- **Memory (RAM):** 4 GB (Essential for running Docker containers, PostgreSQL, and Next.js build processes).
- **Storage (SSD):** 20 GB available space (To store logs, databases, and media files like audio/video).
- **Network:** Static IP address

2. Software Requirements

- **Operating System:** Ubuntu 20.04 LTS or 22.04 LTS (Recommended for stability and native Docker support).
- **Runtime Environment:** Node.js v20.x (LTS).

- **Package Manager:** `pnpm` (Used for fast and disk-efficient dependency management).
- **Process Manager:** `pm2` (To keep the Next.js application running in the background).
- **Web Server:** Nginx (Acts as a Reverse Proxy and serves static media files efficiently).
- **Virtualization:** Docker & Docker Compose (Required for isolating the Evolution API and Database services).

3. Third-Party Services

The project relies on specific external integrations to function as a complete SaaS:

- **DNS & Security:** Cloudflare (Required for SSL management and domain pointing).
- **Real-time Messaging:** Pusher (Required for instant bi-directional message synchronization).
- **Payments & Billing:** Stripe (Required for subscription management and webhooks).
- **Transactional Email:** Resend (Required for magic links and system notifications).
- **Messaging Backend:** Evolution API (Required for WhatsApp connectivity).

Installation:

1 Step 1:

Make sure your domain is pointing to your VPS.

DNS management for [saasfy.uk](#)

Review, add, and edit DNS records. Edits will go into effect once saved.

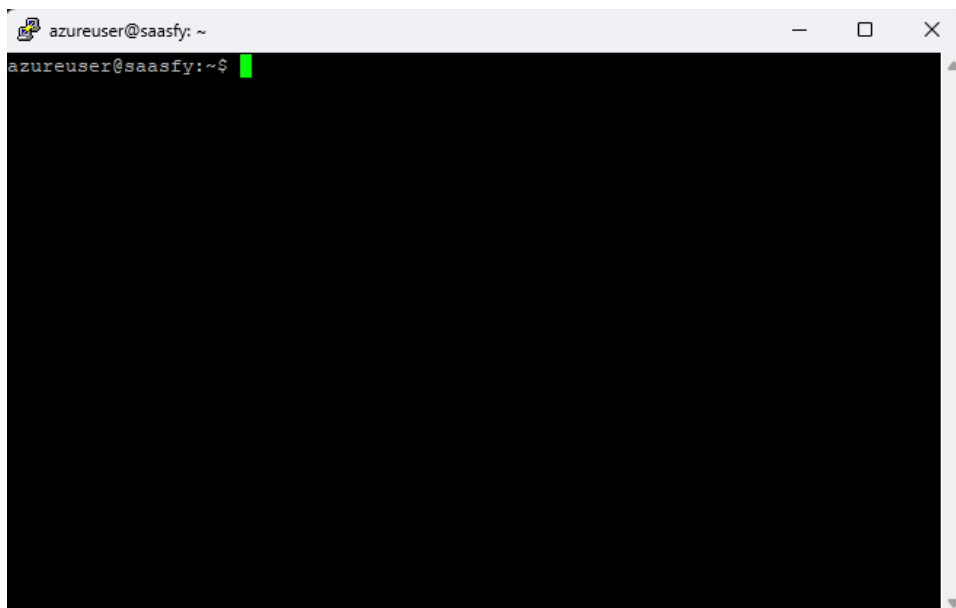
DNS Setup: Full ⓘ [Import and Export](#) [Dashboard Display Settings](#)

Search DNS Records

<input type="checkbox"/>	Type ⓘ	Name ⓘ	Content ⓘ	Proxy status ⓘ	TTL ⓘ	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	A	evolution	40.90.232.65	Proxied	Auto	Edit ▶
<input type="checkbox"/>	A	saasfy.uk	40.90.232.65	Proxied	Auto	Edit ▶
<input type="checkbox"/>	CNAME	www	saasfy.uk	Proxied	Auto	Edit ▶

I'm using Cloudflare, but feel free to choose your own domain provider.

Step 1.1 Access your VPS via SSH:



During the step-by-step process, I'll be using PuTTY, but it's optional.

Step 1.2 Update System & Install Essentials:

Run the following commands:

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y
sudo apt install -y curl git unzip build-essential
```

Step 1.3: Install Node.js (v20 LTS)

```
curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_20.x | sudo -E bash -
sudo apt install -y nodejs
```



Verify installation

```
node -v
```

Step 1.4: Install Package Managers (pnpm & PM2)

```
sudo npm install -g pnpm
```

```
sudo npm install -g pm2
```

Step 1.5: Install Docker & Docker Compose



Required to run the PostgreSQL databases and the Evolution API.

```
curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh
```

```
sudo sh get-docker.sh
```

```
sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
```

⚠️: Log out and log back in for group changes to take effect.

Step 1.6: Install Nginx & Certbot (SSL)

```
sudo apt install -y nginx certbot python3-certbot-nginx
```

2 Part I: Installing Evolution API



We install the Evolution API first because the main SaaS project depends on it.

Step 2.1: Directory Setup

```
mkdir evolution-api
```

```
cd evolution-api
```

Step 2.2: Create Environment Files

nano .env

Paste these variables into your .env file:

```
DATABASE_ENABLED=true
DATABASE_PROVIDER=postgresql
DATABASE_CONNECTION_URI=postgresql://postgres:postgres@postgres:5432/evolution?schema=public
DATABASE_CONNECTION_CLIENT_NAME=evolution_exchange

WA_BUSINESS_TOKEN_WEBHOOK= //e.g. 9VXu3w... (generate at 'https://generate-random.org/api-keys')
AUTHENTICATION_API_KEY= //e.g. 9VXu3w... (generate at 'https://generate-random.org/api-keys')
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_INSTANCE=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_NEW_MESSAGE=true
DATABASE_SAVE_MESSAGE_UPDATE=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_CONTACTS=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_CHATS=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_LABELS=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_HISTORIC=true
CONFIG_SESSION_PHONE_VERSION=2.3000.1029992881

CACHE_REDIS_ENABLED=true
DATABASE_PROVIDER=postgresql
CACHE_REDIS_URI=redis://redis:6379/6
CACHE_REDIS_PREFIX_KEY=evolution
CACHE_REDIS_SAVE_INSTANCES=false
CACHE_LOCAL_ENABLED=false
```



Save this for use in the WhatSaaS setup.

```
WA_BUSINESS_TOKEN_WEBHOOK
AUTHENTICATION_API_KEY
```



Although the Evolution API handles WhatsApp Web versions very well, in case of problems connecting a new instance, manually update the WhatsApp version by setting this variable:

`CONFIG_SESSION_PHONE_VERSION`

You should have something like this in your SSH:

```
azureuser@saasfy: ~/evolution-api
GNU nano 7.2 .env *
DATABASE_ENABLED=true
DATABASE_PROVIDER=postgresql
DATABASE_CONNECTION_URI='postgres://postgres:postgres@postgres:5432/evolution?>
DATABASE_CONNECTION_CLIENT_NAME=evolution_exchange

WA_BUSINESS_TOKEN_WEBHOOK=NismhFLNcQltJHc8S5Q7Tahill1WHYiwu
AUTHENTICATION_API_KEY=BeIY9XkgR5iHA6NdM58trQIEo0qb73vP
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_INSTANCE=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_NEW_MESSAGE=true
DATABASE_SAVE_MESSAGE_UPDATE=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_CONTACTS=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_CHATS=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_LABELS=true
DATABASE_SAVE_DATA_HISTORIC=true
CONFIG_SESSION_PHONE_VERSION=2.3000.1029992881

CACHE_REDIS_ENABLED=true
DATABASE_PROVIDER=postgresql
CACHE_REDIS_URI=redis://redis:6379/6
CACHE_REDIS_PREFIX_KEY=evolution
CACHE_REDIS_SAVE_INSTANCES=false
CACHE_LOCAL_ENABLED=false
```

Save (ctrl + X).

Create the `docker-compose.yaml` file:

`nano docker-compose.yaml`

paste into your file:

```
services:

  postgres:
```

```

container_name: evolution_postgres
image: postgres:15
restart: always
networks:
  - evolution-net
command: ["postgres", "-c", "max_connections=1000"]
ports:
  - "5432:5432"
environment:
  - POSTGRES_PASSWORD=postgres
  - POSTGRES_USER=postgres
  - POSTGRES_DB=evolution
volumes:
  - postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data

redis:
  image: redis:latest
  container_name: evolution_redis
  restart: always
  networks:
    - evolution-net
  command: redis-server --port 6379 --appendonly yes
  ports:
    - "6379:6379"
  volumes:
    - evolution_redis:/data

evolution-api:
  container_name: evolution_api
  image: evoapicloud/evolution-api:latest
  restart: always
  depends_on:
    - redis
    - postgres
  ports:
    - "127.0.0.1:8080:8080"

```

```

volumes:
  - evolution_instances:/evolution/instances
networks:
  - evolution-net
env_file:
  - .env

volumes:
  postgres_data:
  evolution_redis:
  evolution_instances:

networks:
  evolution-net:
    driver: bridge

```

Save (ctrl + X).

Step 2.3: Start the API

```
docker compose up -d
```

You should see something like:

```

[+] up 45/46apicloud/evolution-api:latest [#####] 388.1MB / 388.1MB
[+] up 44/46apicloud/evolution-api:latest [#####] 388.1MB / 388.1MB
[+] up 45/46apicloud/evolution-api:latest [#####] 388.1MB / 388.1MB
[+] up 45/46apicloud/evolution-api:latest [#####] 388.1MB / 388.1MB
[+] up 53/53apicloud/evolution-api:latest [#####] 388.1MB / 388.1MB
  Image evoapicloud/evolution-api:latest Pulled 49.5s
  Image redis:latest Pulled 14.5s
  Image postgres:15 Pulled 25.2s
  Network evolution-api_evolution-net Created 0.1s
  Volume evolution-api_postgres_data Created 0.0s
  Volume evolution-api_evolution_redis Created 0.0s
  Volume evolution-api_evolution_instances Created 0.0s
  Container evolution_redis Created 2.3s
  Container evolution_postgres Created 2.3s
  Container evolution_api Created 0.2s
azureuser@saasfy:~/evolution-api$

```




Verify containers are running

`docker ps`

```
azureuser@saasfy: ~/evolution-api
azureuser@saasfy:~/evolution-api$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE                                COMMAND                  CREATED
STATUS        PORTS
evolution_api  evoapicloud/evolution-api:latest   "/bin/bash -c './D..." About
a minute ago  Up About a minute                  127.0.0.1:8080->8080/tcp
evolution_postgres postgres:15                         "docker-entrypoint.s..." About
a minute ago  Up About a minute                  0.0.0.0:5432->5432/tcp, [::]:5432->5432/tcp
evolution_redis redis:latest                        "docker-entrypoint.s..." About
a minute ago  Up About a minute                  0.0.0.0:6379->6379/tcp, [::]:6379->6379/tcp
evolution_redis postgres:16.4-alpine                "docker-entrypoint.s..." 2 day
s ago        Up 2 days                          0.0.0.0:54322->5432/tcp, [::]:54322->5432/tc
p_next_saas_starter_postgres
azureuser@saasfy:~/evolution-api$
```

Step 2.4: Configure Nginx for API

Create a reverse proxy to expose the API safely.

`sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/evolution`

Past this:

```
server {
    server_name evolution.yourdomain.com; #### Replace with y
our subdomain

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8080;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection 'upgrade';
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_cache_bypass $http_upgrade;

        # Headers for API & Webhooks
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
```

```

        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forward
ed_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    }
}

```

Save (ctrl + X).

Enable the site and generate SSL:

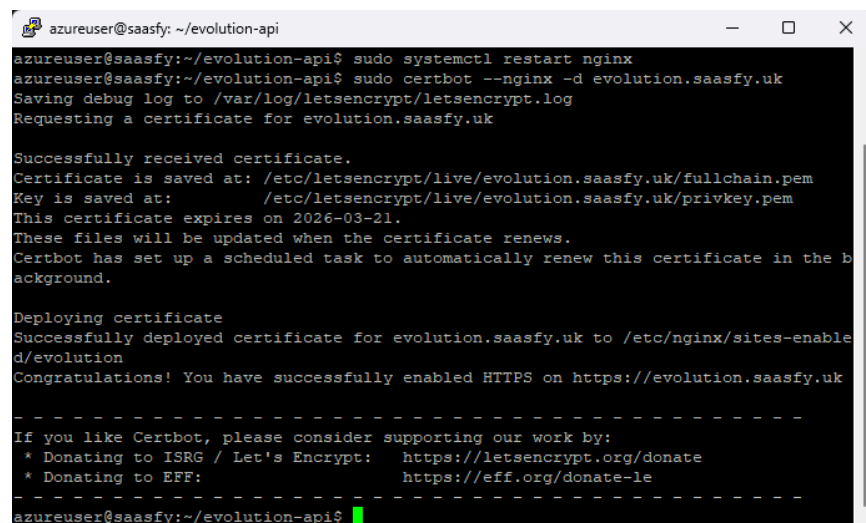
```

sudo ln -s /etc/nginx/sites-available/evolution /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/
sudo nginx -t
sudo systemctl restart nginx

```

`sudo certbot --nginx -d evolution.yourdomain.com` # ⚠️ Replace with your subdomain

You should see something like:



```

azureuser@saasfy: ~/evolution-api
azureuser@saasfy:~/evolution-api$ sudo systemctl restart nginx
azureuser@saasfy:~/evolution-api$ sudo certbot --nginx -d evolution.saasfy.uk
Saving debug log to /var/log/letsencrypt/letsencrypt.log
Requesting a certificate for evolution.saasfy.uk

Successfully received certificate.
Certificate is saved at: /etc/letsencrypt/live/evolution.saasfy.uk/fullchain.pem
Key is saved at: /etc/letsencrypt/live/evolution.saasfy.uk/privkey.pem
This certificate expires on 2026-03-21.
These files will be updated when the certificate renews.
Certbot has set up a scheduled task to automatically renew this certificate in the background.

Deploying certificate
Successfully deployed certificate for evolution.saasfy.uk to /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/evolution
Congratulations! You have successfully enabled HTTPS on https://evolution.saasfy.uk

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If you like Certbot, please consider supporting our work by:
 * Donating to ISRG / Let's Encrypt: https://letsencrypt.org/donate
 * Donating to EFF: https://eff.org/donate-le
-----
azureuser@saasfy:~/evolution-api$

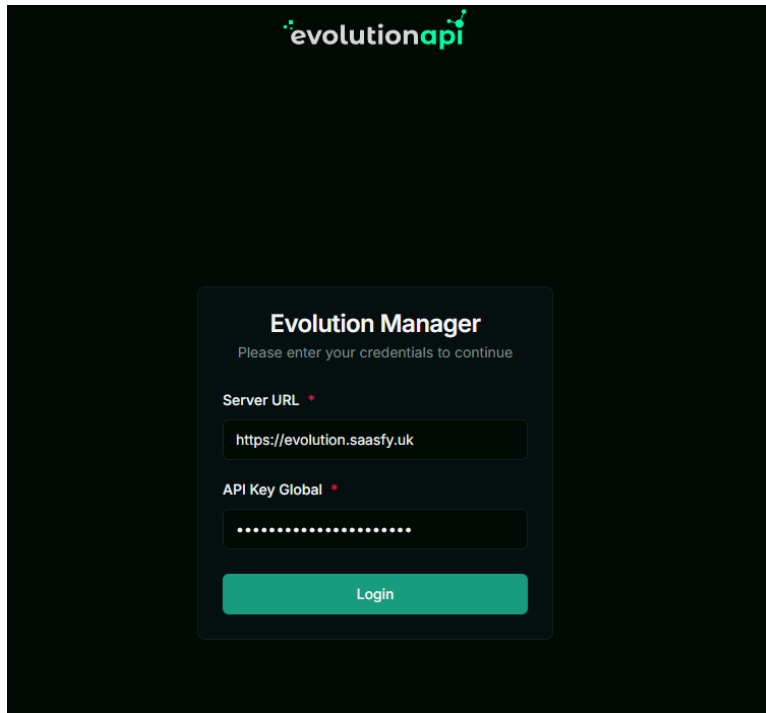
```

Step 2.5: 🎉 You should be able to access the Evolution API at:

<https://evolution.yourdomain.com>

You can:

<https://evolution.yourdomain.com/manager>



Use the AUTHENTICATION_API_KEY to manage evolution.



No configuration will be required within the Evolution API as WhatSaaS will manage the instances.

However, if needed, you can use the Evolution API as a backup for your clients: you can retrieve lost messages, **configure Webhooks, WebSockets, or message queues via RabbitMQ and SQS, and manage advanced integrations with powerful tools such as n8n, Typebot, OpenAI, Dify, Flowise, and Chatwoot to enhance your automation and customer support workflows.**

3 Part II: Installing the SaaS Project

Step 3.1: Clone and Install



Add your project to GitHub; this is a good practice and will help you manage version control for future versions of your project

```
cd ~
```

```
git clone https://github.com/your-username/your-repo.git
```



Replace with your

repository.

```
cd your-project-folder
```

```
pnpm install
```

```
pnpm db:components
```

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Step 3.2: Project Setup

Run the interactive setup script. This script will generate your `.env` file automatically.

```
pnpm db:setup
```



This step requires a little more care, as it will be necessary to generate some keys to include in the `.env` file.
(pusher, resend, stripe)

Setup steps:

1. Type `P` for Production.

```
azureuser@saasfy: ~/whats-saas
azureuser@saasfy:~/whats-saas$ pnpm db:setup
> @ db:setup /home/azureuser/whats-saas
> npx tsx lib/db/setup.ts

Step 1: Setup Mode
Is this setup for Local Development (L) or Production Deployment (P)? (L/P): P
```

2. Type `L` for local db

```
azureuser@saasfy: ~/whats-saas
azureuser@saasfy:~/whats-saas$ pnpm db:setup
> @ db:setup /home/azureuser/whats-saas
> npx tsx lib/db/setup.ts

Step 1: Setup Mode
Is this setup for Local Development (L) or Production Deployment (P)? (L/P): P
Skipping Stripe CLI check for Production environment.
Step 3: Database Setup
Do you want to use a local Docker Postgres (L) or a remote Postgres URL (R)? (L/R): L
```

3. Enter your `Stripe Secret Key`

```
azureuser@saasfy: ~/whats-saas
azureuser@saasfy:~/whats-saas$ pnpm db:setup

> @ db:setup /home/azureuser/whats-saas
> npx tsx lib/db/setup.ts

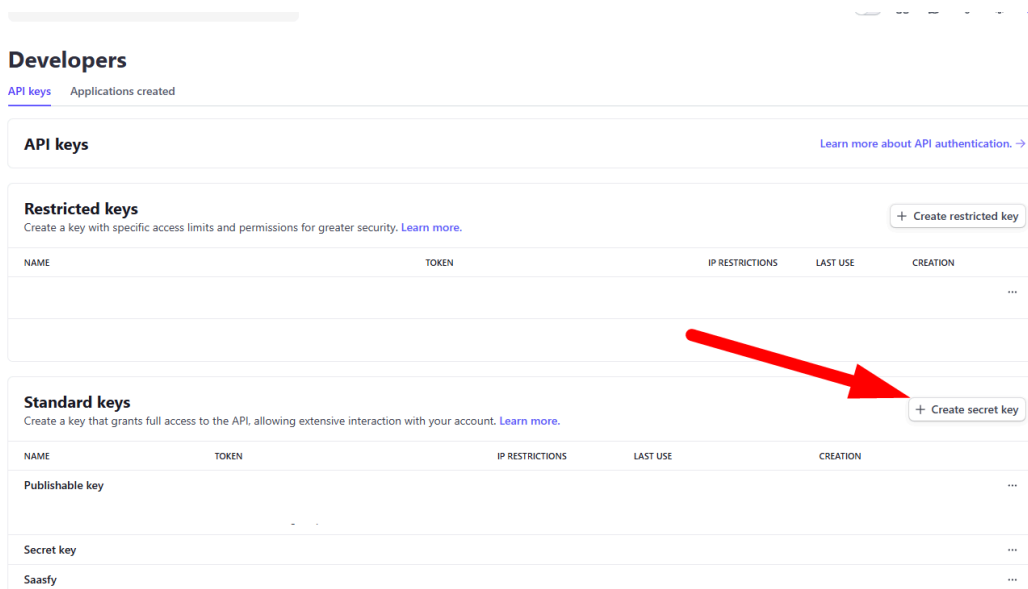
Step 1: Setup Mode
Is this setup for Local Development (L) or Production Deployment (P)? (L/P): P
Skipping Stripe CLI check for Production environment.
Step 3: Database Setup
Do you want to use a local Docker Postgres (L) or a remote Postgres URL (R)? (L/R): L

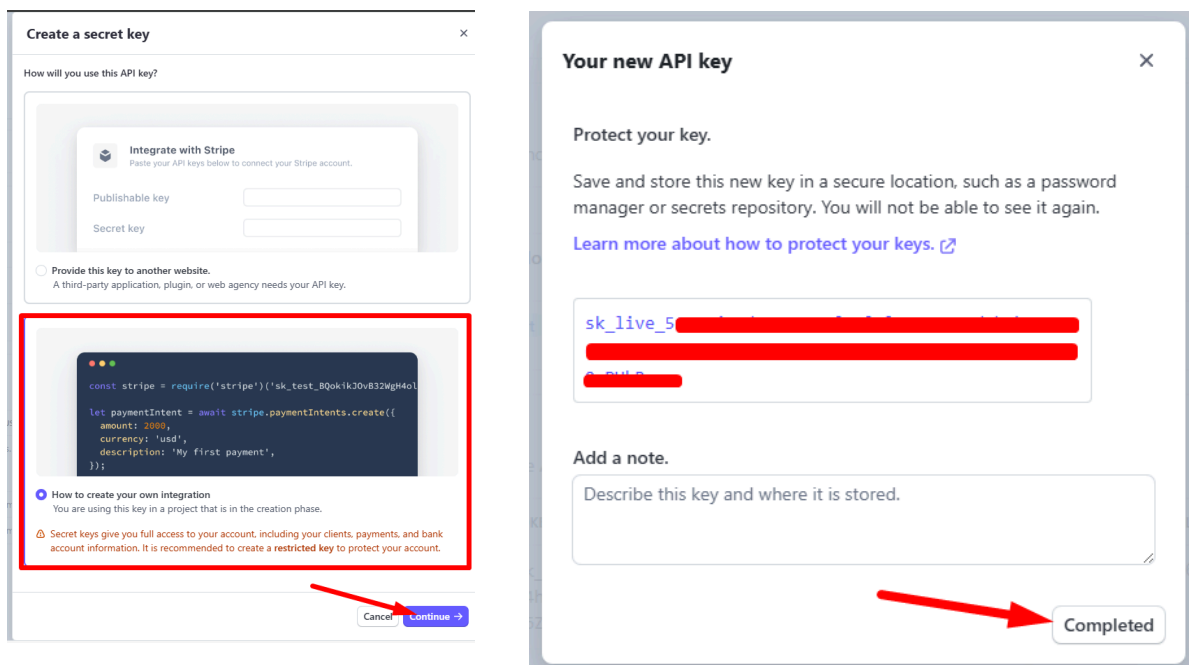
Setting up local Postgres with Docker...
Checking for Docker...
Docker is installed.
Creating docker-compose.yml...
docker-compose.yml created.
Starting Docker container...
Docker container started successfully.
Step 4: Stripe Configuration
Find your Secret Key at: https://dashboard.stripe.com/test/apikeys
Enter your Stripe Secret Key: █
```

Get your Secret Key:

<https://dashboard.stripe.com/apikeys>

Locate the "Create secret key" button:





✓ Copy your key and paste it into the setup.

4. Enter your Production Stripe Webhook Secret:

```
Step 5: Stripe Webhook Setup
For production, you need to configure a webhook in the Stripe Dashboard.
1. Go to: https://dashboard.stripe.com/webhooks
2. Click "Add endpoint"
3. Enter your domain URL followed by /api/webhook/stripe
4. Select the events you want to listen to.
5. Reveal the "Signing secret" (starts with whsec_).
Enter your Production Stripe Webhook Secret: █
```

Get your Production Stripe Webhook Secret:

<https://dashboard.stripe.com/webhooks>

Workbench

Overview **Webhooks** Events Logs Integrity Inspector Plans Shell

Event destinations

Send Stripe events to Webhook endpoints and cloud services.

[+ Add destination](#) [Configure local listener](#) [Import](#)

• Set up a local listener and use the Stripe CLI to simulate Stripe events in your local environment. [Switch to a sandbox to configure a local listener.](#)

Type	Destination	Listening	Events	Activity	Response time	Error rate
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Shell [Read-only](#) > Enter a shell command...

Search for:

customer.subscription.updated

customer.subscription.deleted

Start by selecting the events you want to listen to.
Stripe will send these events to their destination.

Events starting from
Choose which accounts this destination listens to. Receive events emitted from your account or other accounts you manage, including your v1 and v2 accounts. [Learn more about v2 account and Connect webhooks](#).

Your account
Receive resource events from this account.

Connected accounts and v2
Receive events that occur in the context of connected accounts and v2 accounts.

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Events
[All events](#) [Selected events 2](#)

☒ **customer.subscription.updated**
Occurs whenever a subscription changes (eg, switching from one plan to another, or changing the status from trial to active).

[Cancel](#) [Continue →](#)

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Connected accounts and v2
Receive events that occur in the context of connected accounts and v2 accounts.

API Version
2020-08-27

Events
[All events](#) [Selected events 2](#)

☒ **customer.subscription.deleted**
Occurs whenever a customer's subscription ends.

[Cancel](#) [Continue →](#)

Configure the stripe webhook URL

Choose where you want to send the events.

Stripe can send events to a webhook endpoint or to Amazon EventBridge.

Destination type

 **Webhook endpoint**

Send webhook events to a hosted endpoint.

 **Amazon EventBridge**

Send events to your AWS account.

[Cancel](#)

[← To go back](#)

[Continue →](#)

Configure the destination

Tell Stripe where to send the events and give your destination a useful description.

Events Your account
Content style Instant
API Version 2020-08-27
Listening 2 events ⓘ

Destination name

10/100 characters

whats-saas

endpoint URL

Webhooks require a URL to send events.

https://[YOUR DOMAIN]/api/webhook/stripe

Description

0/255 characters

An optional description of the destination...

Cancel

← To go back

Continue



Enter your domain. e.g.: <https://saasfy.uk/api/webhook/stripe>

Workbench

Overview **Webhooks** Events Logs Integrity Inspector Plans Shell

Event destinations > **whats-saas** Active Edit destination ...

Overview Event deliveries

Performance This week

Event deliveries

Total 0 Unsuccessful 0

15/12 16/12 17/12 18/12 19/12 20/12 21/12

Response time

Min. 0 ms Med. 0 ms Max. 0 ms

Destination details

Destination ID we_1
 Name whats-saas
 endpoint URL <https://saasfy.uk/api/webhook/stripe>
 Description
 API Version 2020-08-27
 Listening 2 events [Display](#)

Signature secret
 Use this secret to verify that events were generated by Stripe. You can view or revoke this secret on the landing data page.

whsec_.....

Copy to clipboard

Resources

[Interactive webhook endpoint builder](#)
[Quick start guide to webhooks](#)

Shell Read-only > Enter a shell command...

✓ Copy your Production Stripe Webhook Secret and paste it into the setup.

5. Enter the main URL of the SaaS. e.g., <https://saasfy.uk>

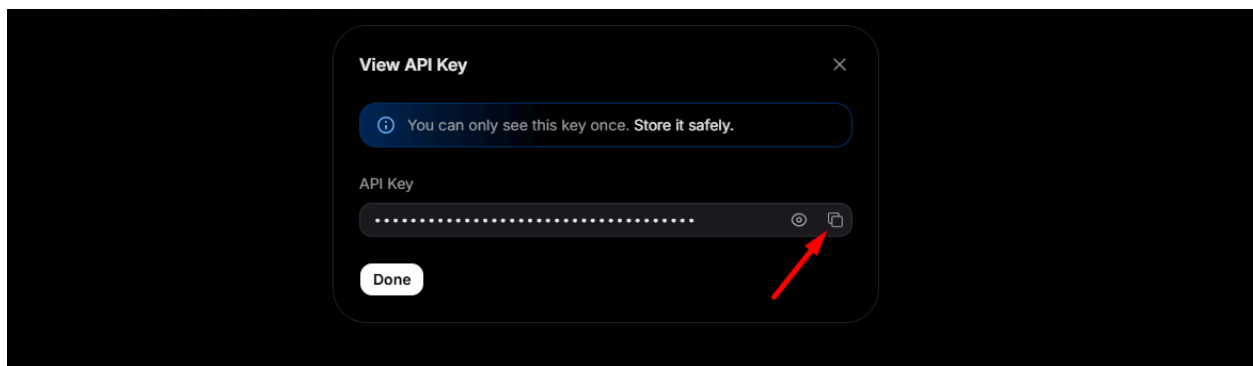
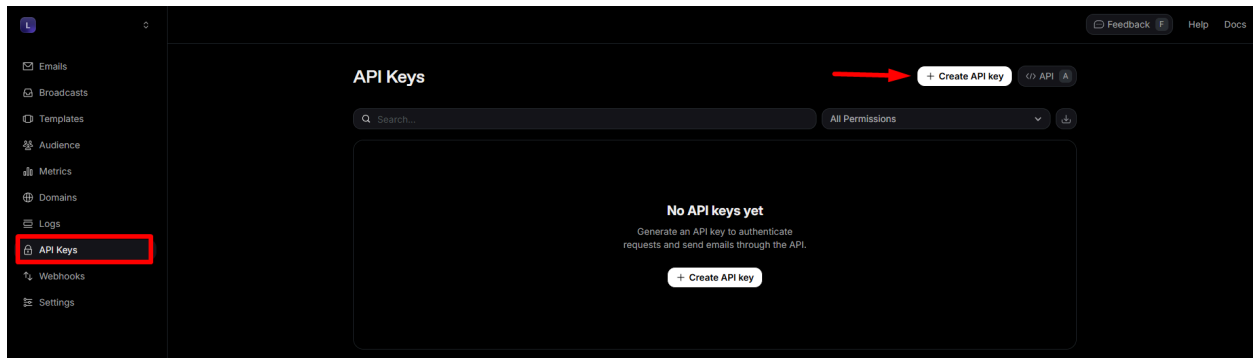
```
for production, you need to configure a webhook in the Stripe Dashboard.
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4. Select the events you want to listen to.
5. Reveal the "Signing secret" (starts with whsec_).
Enter your Production Stripe Webhook Secret: whsec_k
Step 6: Security
Generating random AUTH SECRET...
Step 7: Application URL
Enter your Production Website URL (e.g., https://myapp.com):
```

6. Enter your Resend API key.

```
Step 7: Application URL
Enter your Production Website URL (e.g., https://myapp.com): https://saasfy.uk
Step 8: Resend Configuration (Email)
Get your API Key at: https://resend.com/api-keys
Enter your Resend API Key:
```

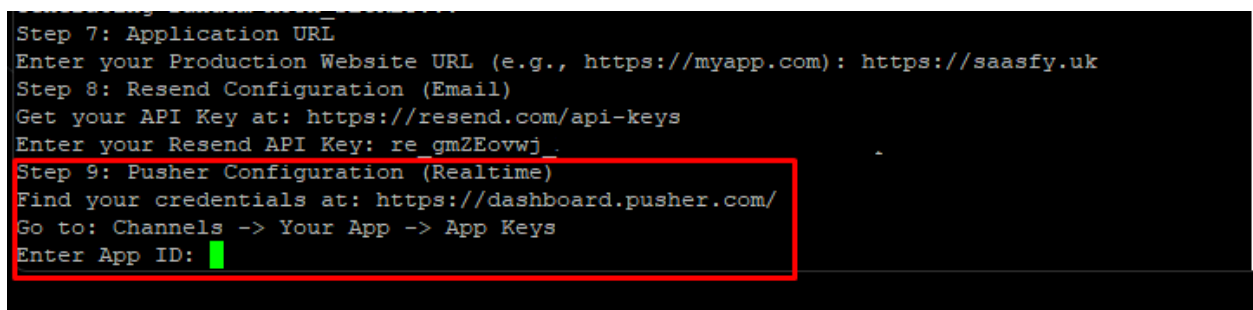
- Create an account: <https://resend.com/login>

- Navigate to API Keys and create a new key.

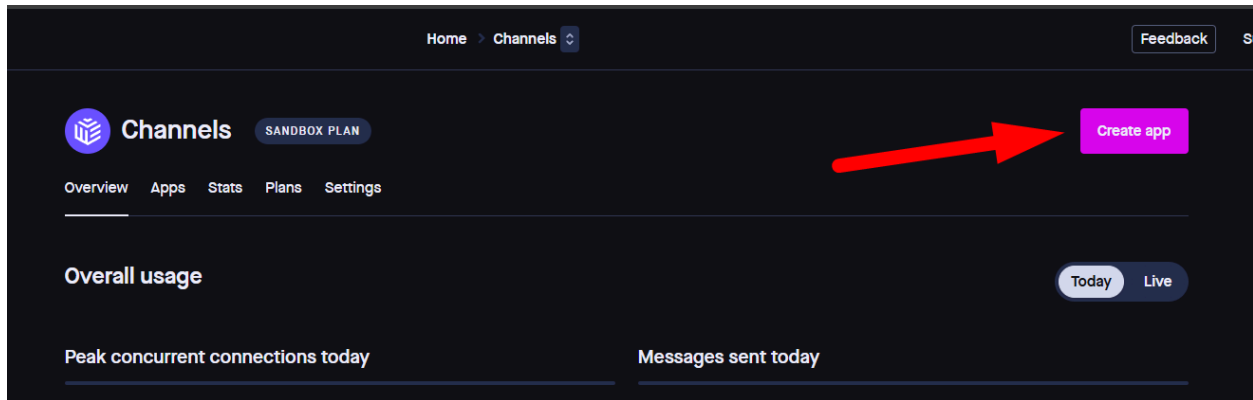


✓ Copy the key and paste it into the setup.

6. Pusher Configuration



Find your credentials at: <https://dashboard.pusher.com/channels>



The screenshot shows a 'Welcome to Pusher Channels!' form. At the top, there's a green circular button with a white plus sign. Below it, the text 'Welcome to Pusher Channels!' is displayed. The form has several sections: 'Name your app' with a text input field containing 'funny-moss-117'; 'Select a cluster' with a dropdown menu showing 'us2 (US East (Ohio))'; a checkbox for 'Create apps for multiple environments?'; and a section titled 'Choose your tech stack (optional)' with two dropdown menus for 'Front end' and 'Back end', both showing 'Choose an option'. At the bottom, there's a purple 'Create app' button and a 'Cancel' button. A red arrow points to the 'Create app' button.

Home > Channels > funny-moss-117

App keys

If a token is compromised, you can create a new key/secret pair.
You should delete the old token once you've updated your app.

- Overview
- Getting Started
- App Keys**
- Functions
- Stats
- Debug Console
- Error Logs
- Webhooks
- Collaborators
- App Settings

Created less than a minute ago Copy

```
app_id = "2093805"
key = "ac1e6a5eead7e597320c"
secret = "87f4d4e617ce0654d449"
cluster = "us2"
```

Create new key and secret



Paste the credentials as requested by the setup:

app_id;
key;
secret;
cluster.

```
Step 9: Pusher Configuration (Realtime)
Find your credentials at: https://dashboard.pusher.com/
Go to: Channels > Your App > App Keys
Enter App ID: 2093805
Enter Key: ac1e6a5eead7e597320c
Enter Secret: 87f4d4e617ce0654d449
Enter Cluster: us2
```

✓ Pusher Configuration is done.

7. Enter Evolution API URL:

```

Enter App ID: 2093805
Enter Key: ac1e6a5eead7e597320c
Enter Secret: 87f4d4e617ce0654d449
Enter Cluster: us2
Step 10: Evolution API Configuration (WhatsApp)
Enter Evolution API URL (e.g., https://api.yoursite.com): █

```

Enter the Evolution URL that we configured earlier:
e.g., <https://evolution.saasfy.uk>

8. Enter `AUTHENTICATION_API_KEY`



Remember that we saved a variable in the Evolution configuration.

```

Find your Credentials at: https://dashboard.pusher.com/
Go to: Channels -> Your App -> App Keys
Enter App ID: 2093805
Enter Key: ac1e6a5eead7e597320c
Enter Secret: 87f4d4e617ce0654d449
Enter Cluster: us2
Step 10: Evolution API Configuration (WhatsApp)
Enter Evolution API URL (e.g., https://api.yoursite.com):
Enter Global API Key (Authentication): █

```



Do not type the variable name, but rather the value assigned to it.

9. Enter `WA_BUSINESS_TOKEN_WEBHOOK`

```

Enter Secret: 87f4d4e617ce0654d449
Enter Cluster: us2
Step 10: Evolution API Configuration (WhatsApp)
Enter Evolution API URL (e.g., https://api.yoursite.com):
Enter Global API Key (Authentication): test
Enter Webhook Token (Secret): █

```



Do not type the variable name, but rather the value assigned to it.

🎉 Setup completed successfully!

☕ grab a coffee and move on to part 4.

4 Database Migrations & Seeding

Step 4.1: Create tables

```
pnpm db:migrate
```

Seed the database (Creates Admin user: test@test.com / admin123)

```
pnpm db:seed
```



Note: The seeding process sets the user role to 'admin' and creates a default Team.

5 Build and Start

Compile the Next.js application and start it with PM2.

```
pnpm build
pm2 start npm --name "saasfy" -- start
pm2 startup
pm2 save
```

6 Nginx Configuration & Static Files (Critical)

In production, Next.js does not serve files uploaded at runtime (to the `public` folder) efficiently. We must configure Nginx to serve these files directly from the disk.

Step 6.1: Configure Nginx

```
sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/saasfy
```

Configuration:

```
server {
    listen 80;
```



```

server_name yourdomain.com www.yourdomain.com; //△△△ repl
ace to your domain

# --- UPLOADS BLOCK (Serve images directly) ---
location /uploads/ {
    # Absolute path to your project's public/uploads fold
er
    alias /home/your-user/your-project-folder/public/uplo
ads/;

    # Security & Performance
    autoindex off;
    expires 30d;
    access_log off;
    add_header Access-Control-Allow-Origin *;
    add_header X-Content-Type-Options nosniff;

    # Block malicious scripts
    location ~ \.(php|pl|py|sh|cgi|html)$ {
        return 403;
    }
}

# --- MAIN APP BLOCK (Next.js) ---
location / {
    proxy_pass http://localhost:3000;
    proxy_http_version 1.1;
    proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
    proxy_set_header Connection 'upgrade';
    proxy_set_header Host $host;
    proxy_cache_bypass $http_upgrade;

    proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forward
ed_for;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;

```

```
}  
}
```

Step 6.2: Activate and Secure

Enable the site and generate SSL for the main domain.

```
sudo ln -s /etc/nginx/sites-available/saasfy /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/  
sudo nginx -t  
sudo systemctl restart nginx
```

```
sudo certbot --nginx -d yourdomain.com -d www.yourdomain.com
```

 replace to your domain

Step 6.3: Permission Fixes (Security)

Ensure Nginx can read the images, but secure your `.env` file from prying eyes.

Bash

1. Protect sensitive files (Only owner can read/write)

```
chmod 600 /home/your-user/your-project-folder/.env
```

2. Allow system to traverse parent folders (Execute only)

```
chmod 711 /home/your-user
```

```
chmod 711 /home/your-user/your-project-folder
```

3. Allow Nginx to read public assets

```
chmod 755 /home/your-user/your-project-folder/public
```

```
chmod -R 755 /home/your-user/your-project-folder/public/uploads
```

 **INSTALLATION COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY!**



WhatSaaS has been successfully deployed and configured on the server. You should have something like this:

📌 Access Links:

- Main Application: <https://saasfy.uk>
- Evolution API: <https://evolution.saasfy.uk>

🔑 Admin Credentials (Seed):

- Email: test@test.com
- Password: admin123

🔧 Next Steps:

1. Access the dashboard and log in.
2. Configure your plans in <https://saasfy.uk/admin>
3. Connect your first WhatsApp instance.

⚠️ Security: Remember to change the admin password immediately.

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