

Step-by-step guide: how to obtain and enter AI API keys in Marcus'Mood

This guide is intended for users who want to use the AI analysis features in Marcus'Mood. An API key is only required for AI functions. Basic features work without any API key.

What is an API Key?

An API key is a secret access code for an AI service. It lets the app communicate with the AI service, and allows the service to identify who is sending the request. Marcus'Mood needs an API key to use AI features such as voice analysis and mood summaries.

You only need to enter the key once — Marcus'Mood stores it securely on your device. The key is never sent to our servers.

1. Grok (xAI)

xAI is the company behind the Grok AI model.

1. Visit the website: <https://x.ai/api>
2. Log in with your account (Google or email).
3. Navigate to the "API Keys" section.
4. Click "Create API Key" and copy the key immediately to a secure location.

Key format:

```
gsk_XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
```

Starts with "gsk_", approximately 51 characters.

2. OpenAI

1. Visit: <https://platform.openai.com>
2. Log in with your account.
3. Open the "API Keys" section.
4. Create a new Secret Key and copy it to a safe location.

Key format:

```
sk-proj-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
```

Starts with "sk-", approximately 51 characters.

3. Google Gemini

1. Visit: <https://aistudio.google.com>
2. Log in with your Google account.
3. Navigate to "API Keys".
4. Create an API key and store it securely.

Key format:

```
AlzaSyXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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Starts with "AlzaSy", approximately 39 characters.

Keep Your API Key Safe

- Never share your key with anyone.
- Do not store it in public places (e.g. GitHub, cloud notes).
- If lost: generate a new key and deactivate the old one.

You can generate a new key at any time or delete an existing one. Simply log into the respective service and create a new key. This is useful if you have lost your key, if you accidentally made it public, or if it is no longer working.

Entering the Key in Marcus'Mood

1. Open the app.
 2. Tap the menu.
 3. Go to Settings > Data > AI Integration.
 4. Paste your key (e.g. the Grok key: gsk_...).
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Using a Different AI Provider

If you want to use a different provider, you can enter it in the app. In addition to the API key, you also need to enter the API endpoint URL of the provider. This allows Marcus'Mood to work flexibly with various AI services.

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