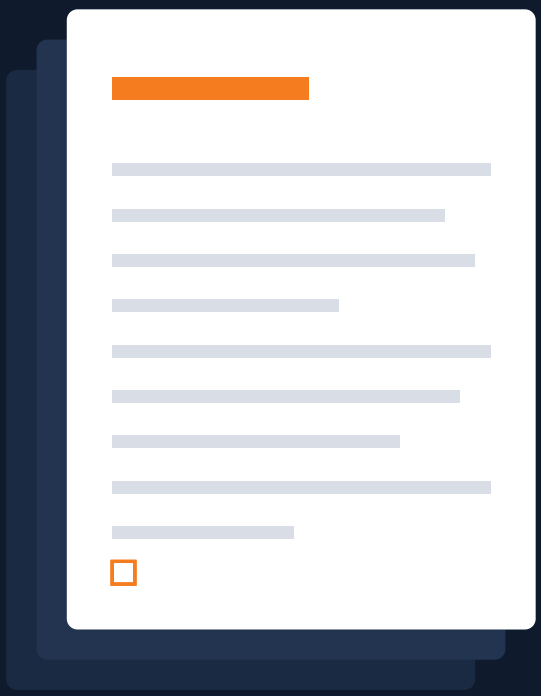
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API DOCUMENTATION

API Documentation

A complete developer-portal document for launching a public API.

INTENDED USERS

External Developers, Technical Partners

TYPICAL USE CASE

Full developer portal setup, public API launches

About this template

This is the all-in-one API document: overview, quickstart, authentication, conventions, endpoint reference, errors, webhooks, SDKs and changelog. Use it when launching an API publicly or consolidating scattered docs into one portal.

Detail	
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How to use it

- Replace every *[grey bracketed placeholder]* with your own details.
- Delete the orange **Guidance** boxes and green **Example** boxes before you publish or circulate it.
- Add or remove table rows as needed; keep the section order so readers can find things quickly.

Document Control

API name		**API version**	
Doc version		**Owner**	
Base URL		**Last updated**	

Version	Date	Author	Summary of changes
[1.0]	*[DD/MM/YYYY]*	*[Name]*	*[Initial release]*

01 Overview

GUIDANCE *What the API does, who it is for, and what a developer can build in the first 10 minutes.*

API style	*[REST / GraphQL / gRPC]*
Base URL (live)	*[https://api.example.com/v1]*
Base URL (sandbox)	
Data format	*[JSON]*
Status page	
Support	

02 Quickstart

GUIDANCE *Get a developer to one successful call in under five minutes.*

#	Step	Where	Notes
1	*[Create account and get a sandbox key]*		
2	*[Make first request (see below)]*		
3	*[Check response]*		

REQUEST

```
curl https://[base-url]/[resource] \
  -H "Authorization: Bearer [YOUR_KEY]"
```

03 Authentication

GUIDANCE *Key types, where to send them, rotation, and what never to expose.*

Key type	Prefix	Use for
[Secret]	*[sk_]*	*[Server-side]*
[Publishable]	*[pk_]*	*[Client-side]*

04 Conventions

GUIDANCE *Rules that apply to every endpoint, documented once.*

Versioning	
Pagination	
Date / time format	
Idempotency	
Rate limits	
Required headers	

05 Endpoint Reference

GUIDANCE *Use the same structure for every endpoint.*

Method	Path	Description
[GET]	*[/resources]*	*[List resources]*
[POST]	*[/resources]*	*[Create a resource]*

[Endpoint name]

Method + path	*[POST /resources]*
Description	

Parameter	In	Type	Required	Description
[name]	*[body]*	*[string]*	*[Yes]*	

RESPONSE 200

```
{
  "id": "[res_123]",
  "status": "[active]"
}
```

06 Errors

GUIDANCE *One consistent error shape, and every status code with what to do.*

Status	Meaning	What to do
400	*[Bad request]*	
401	*[Unauthorized]*	
404	*[Not found]*	
429	*[Rate limited]*	
5xx	*[Server error]*	

07 Webhooks

Event	Fires when
[resource.created]	

Signature verification	
Retry policy	

08 SDKs & Libraries

Language	Package	Install command
[Node.js]		
[Python]		

09 Changelog

Date	Version	Type	Change
		[Added / Changed / Deprecated]	

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