

## CREATING A SECURITY VALIDATION API KEY

For complete details on connecting to the API, see the [API documentation \(https://docs.mandiant.com/home/security-validation-api\)](https://docs.mandiant.com/home/security-validation-api).

To use the API, you must have an API key associated with your account. Once you have the API Key, you will include it as a request header that uses the following format:

```
'Authorization': 'Bearer <api-key>'
```

For example, `'Authorization': 'Bearer q6kzPy7JrbAxbAer9VEL'`

### To create an API Key (MSV)

1. Click **User > User Preferences**.
2. Click **Generate API Key** (the + sign).
3. Click **Show Key**.



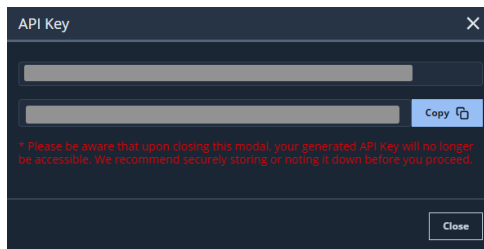
You can remove or regenerate your API key. If you regenerate your API key, remember to update the request header. For more information, see the API documentation.

### To create an API Key (MA-SV)



If you're a Mandiant Advantage Security Validation (MA-SV) customer, you'll need to regenerate the API token after MA-SV 5.10.2.6 is released.

1. Click **User > User Preferences**.
2. Click **Generate API Key** (the + sign).
3. Click **Copy** next to the second value (the unhashed key value) and paste or record the value in a safe place.



4. Click **Close** and the updated key (hashed value) appears in the **API Key** field.



- If you do not have access to the unhashed API Key, you need to regenerate the key.
- You can remove or regenerate your API key. If you regenerate your API key, remember to update the request header. For more information, see the API documentation.

### JSON Web Tokens

You can also use JSON Web Tokens (JWTs) to use in place of the API key:

```
'Authorization': 'Bearer <JSON-Web-Token>'
```

For example,

```
'Authorization': 'Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IiZlcm9kaW4gVXNlciIsImhhdCI6MTUxNjIzOTAyMn0.EcyoKCCQo9UOPbdQFB7QIt-DekBISct3mmcE5G5dgtU'
```

For more information on using JSON Web Tokens, see the [User Policy \(https://docs.mandiant.com/home/msv-user-policy\)](https://docs.mandiant.com/home/msv-user-policy).

For more information on using the API, see [Security Validation API \(https://docs.mandiant.com/home/msv-api-4840\)](https://docs.mandiant.com/home/msv-api-4840).