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Insomnia



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Introduction



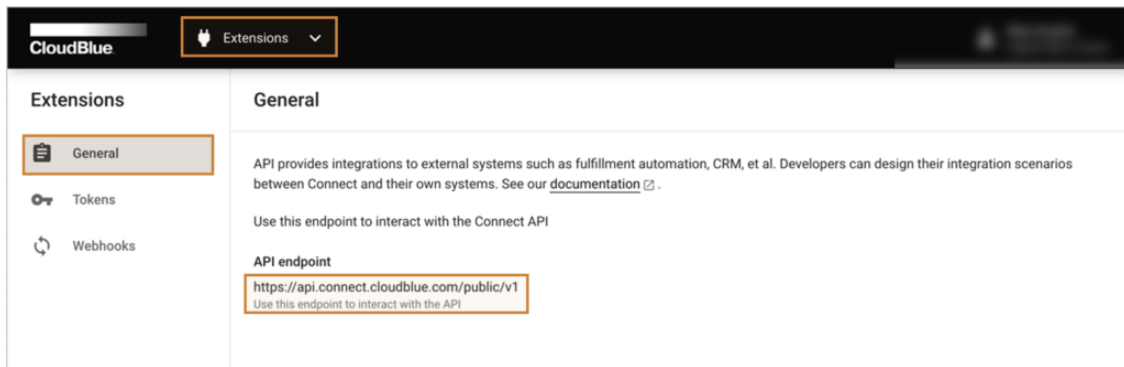
Insomnia is a free cross-platform desktop application that takes the pain out of interacting with HTTP-based APIs. Insomnia combines an easy-to-use interface with advanced functionality like authentication helpers, code generation, and environment variables. It can be downloaded from www.insomnia.rest.

This tutorial describes how to use the Connect API with Insomnia.

Prerequisites

Before making an API call to Connect, create an API key in Connect. Follow the instructions in [Creating API Tokens](#) to create a token with type “**Custom**” and copy the token by using the Copy icon on the Tokens screen.

Note the **API endpoint** value on the **Extensions > General** screen:



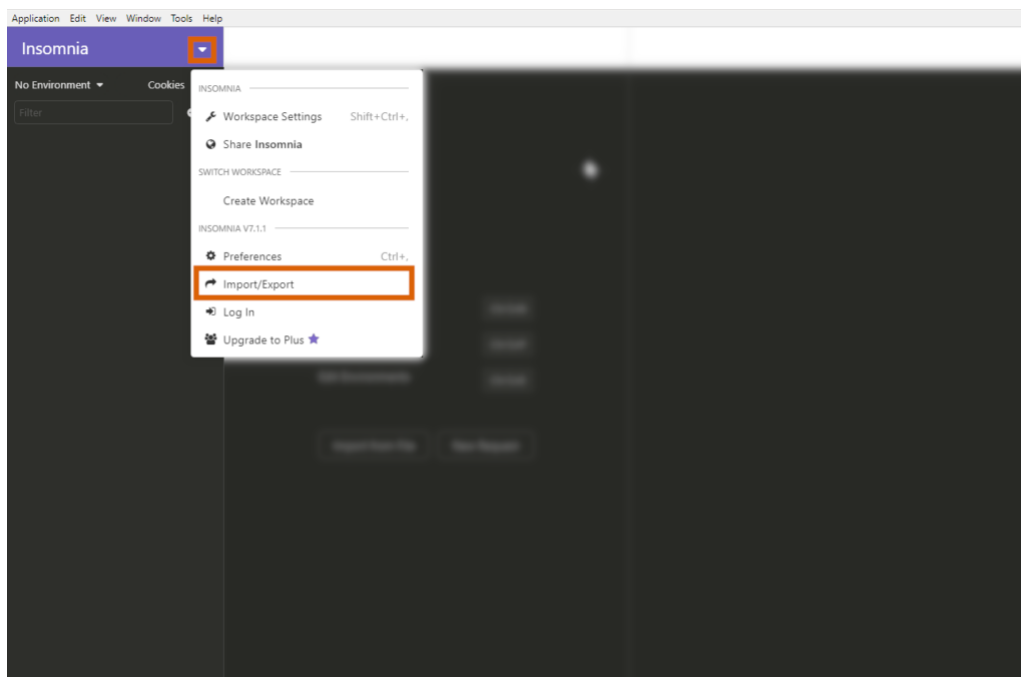
Importing the API specification

Insomnia has the following two concepts of organizing the data:

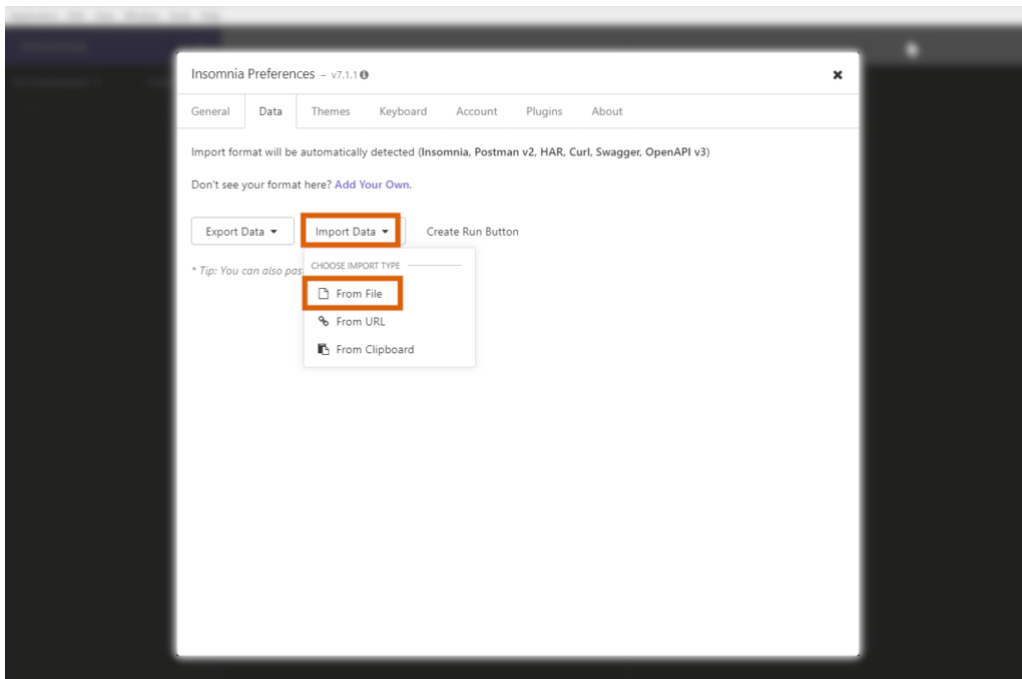
- **Environments:** The data for the API calls (e.g. the API keys). In the example below, the Environment will hold the value of `{{ base_url }}` placeholder.
- **Workspace:** The collection of API methods with placeholders, for example:
GET `{{ base_url }}/assets` call will retrieve all Assets

Importing Workspace

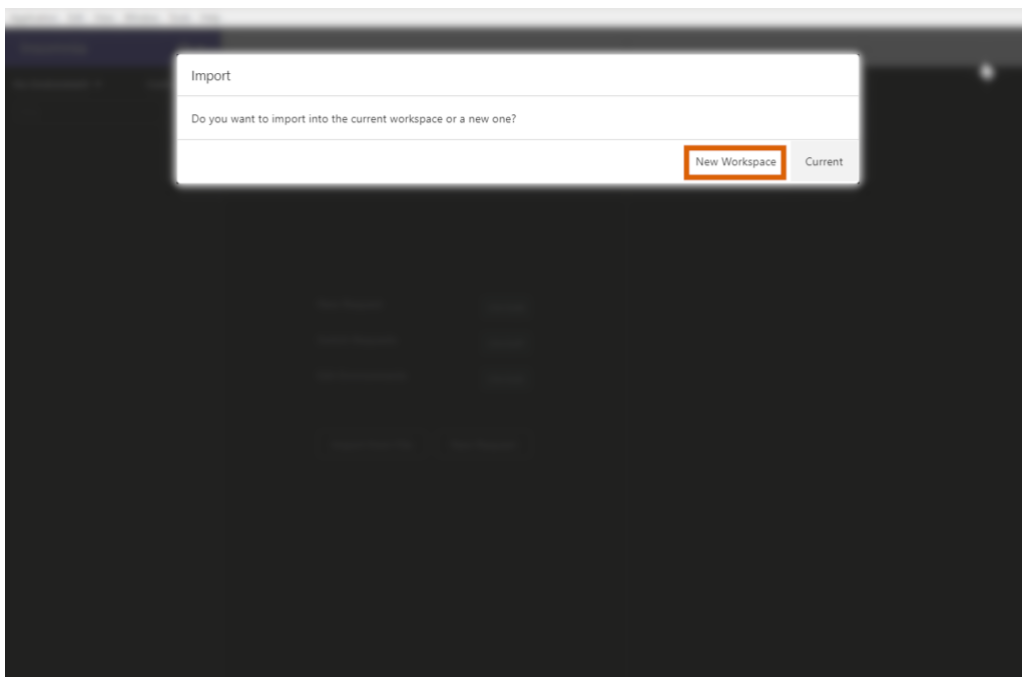
First, download the API specification from our OpenAPI specification page. After that, open Insomnia and click on the arrow next to Insomnia name. Then, select **“Import/Export”**:



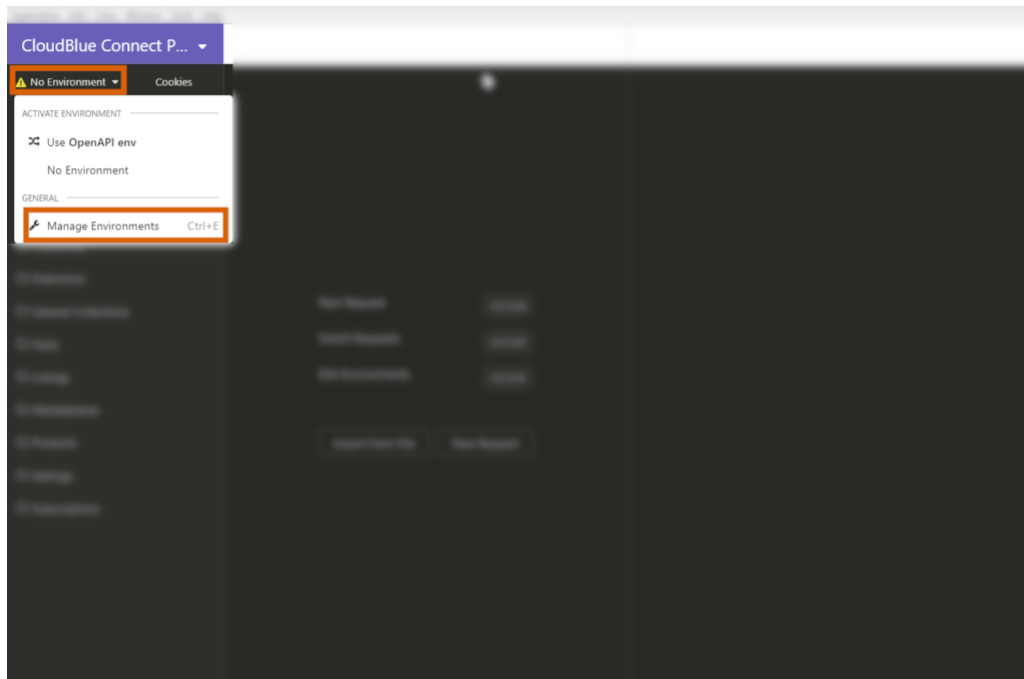
In the opened dialog click **“Import Data”** > **“From File”**:



In the File Open dialog window, navigate to the **.yaml** file with the API specification, click **Import**

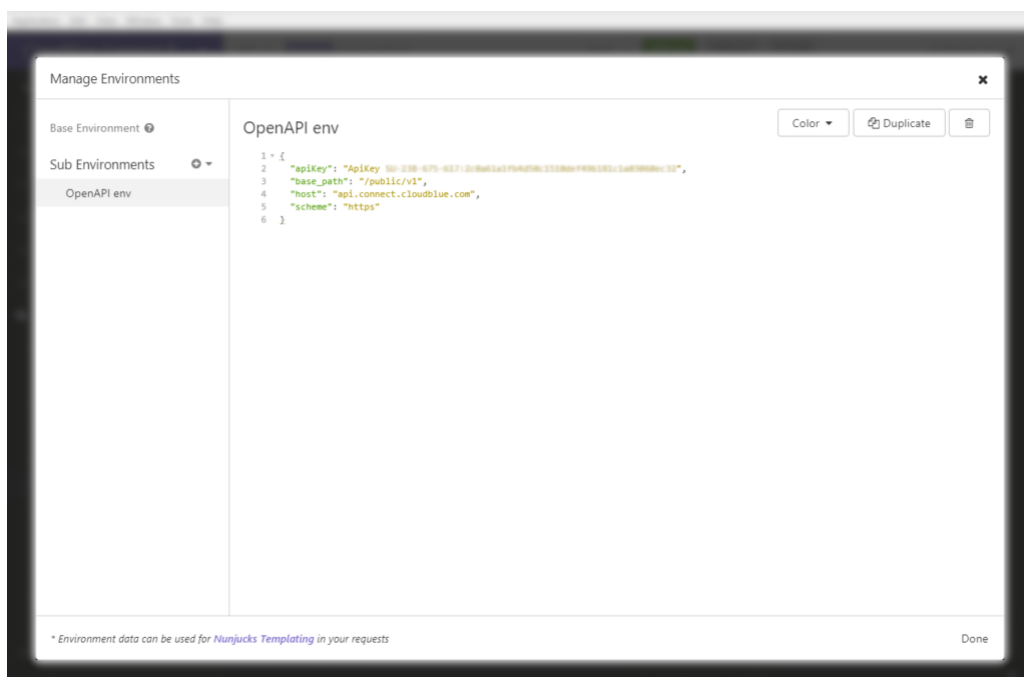


After the workspace import is complete, click **"No environment"** > **"Manage Environments"**



In the “Manage Environments” window set the content of “**OpenAPI env**” to the following: TODO check once API public

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{
  "apiKey": "<API key from previous section>",
  "base_path": "/public/v1",
  "host": "api.connect.cloudblue.com",
  "scheme": "https"
}
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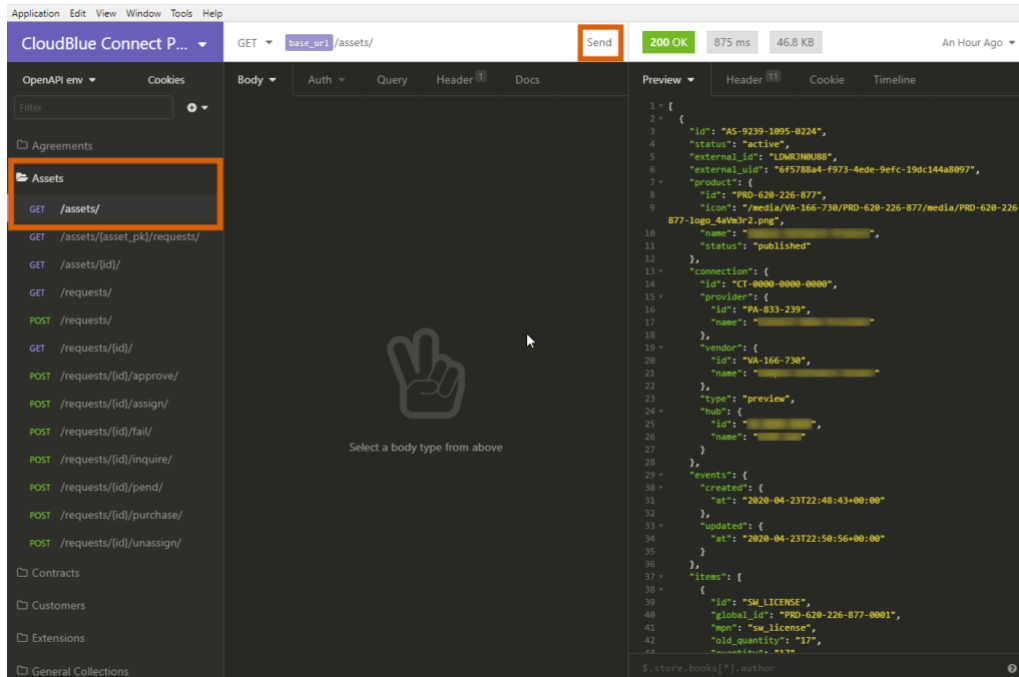


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And click “Done”.

Making a sample call

To make the first API call, in the main Insomnia screen expand the **Assets** folder on the left and click on “GET /assets”. Then, click “Send”



The result of the API call will appear at the right side of the Insomnia window.

More Information

For more information, please refer to the Getting Started with Insomnia.