

Expensify Authenticate a Connector Instance

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You can authenticate with Expensify to create your own instance of the Expensify connector through the UI or through APIs. Once authenticated, you can use the connector instance to access the different functionality offered by the Expensify platform.

Authenticate Through the UI

Use the UI to authenticate with Expensify and create a connector instance. You will need the credentials that you identified in [Expensify API Provider Setup](#).

Authenticate Through API

Expensify is a Payments Platform. When you provision an instance, your app will have access to the different functionality offered by the Expensify platform.

Step 1. Create an Instance

To provision your Expensify connector, use the /instances API.

Below is an example of the provisioning API call.

- **HTTP Headers:** Authorization- User , Organization
- **HTTP Verb:** POST
- **Request URL:** /instances
- **Request Body:** Required – see below
- **Query Parameters:** none

Description: token is returned upon successful execution of this API. This token needs to be retained by the application for all subsequent requests involving this connector instance.

A sample request illustrating the /instances API is shown below.

HTTP Headers:

```
Authorization: User , Organization
```

This instance.json file must be included with your instance request. Please fill your information to provision. The “key” into Expensify is "expensify". This will need to be entered in the “key” field below depending on which connector you wish to instantiate.

```
{
  "element": {
    "key": "expensify"
  },
  "configuration": {
    "partner.user.id": "",
    "partner.user.secret": ""
  },
  "tags": [
    ""
  ],
  "name": ""
}
```

Here is an example cURL command to create an instance using /instances API.

Example Request:

```
curl -X POST
-H 'Authorization: User , Organization '
-H 'Content-Type: application/json'
-d @instance.json
'https://api.openconnectors.us2.ext.hana.ondemand.com/elements/api-v2/instances'
```

If the user does not specify a required config entry, an error will result notifying her of which entries she is missing.

Below is a successful JSON response:

```
{
  "id": 1234,
  "name": "Test",
  "token": "mQuw4rrhnrMl1UeDj25v0xDU5TUX6WUw=",
```

```
"element": {
  "id": 675,
  "name": "Expensify",
  "hookName": "Expensify",
  "key": "expensify",
  "description": "Add a Expensify Instance to connect your existing Expensify account to the Payments and Billing Hub, allowing you to manage your reports, etc. across multiple Elements. You will need your Expensify account information to add an instance.",
  "image": "http://we.are.expensify.com/assets/img/icon-rounded.png",
  "active": false,
  "deleted": false,
  "typeOAuth": false,
  "trialAccount": false,
  "resources": [],
  "transformationsEnabled": true,
  "bulkDownloadEnabled": true,
  "bulkUploadEnabled": true,
  "cloneable": true,
  "authentication": {
    "type": "custom"
  },
  "hub": "payment",
  "protocolType": "http",
  "parameters": []
},
"provisionInteractions": [],
"valid": true,
"disabled": false,
"maxCacheSize": 0,
"cacheTimeToLive": 0,
"configuration": {
  "base.url": "https://integrations.expensify.com/Integration-Server",
  "bulk.add_metadata": null,
  "bulk.query.field_name": "startDate",
  "pagination.max": "1000000",
  "event.vendor.type": "polling",
  "bulk.query.operator": "=",
  "bulk.query.date_mask": "yyyy-MM-dd",
  "bulk.query.download_format": "JSON",
  "partner.user.secret": "user.secret",
  "bulk.relations": null,
  "pagination.type": "page",
  "event.poller.refresh_interval": "15",
  "event.notification.callback.url": null,
  "event.poller.configuration": "{\"reports\":{\"url\":\"/hubs/payment/reports?where=startDate ='${date:yyyy-MM-dd}'\", \"idField\":\"reportId\", \"datesConfiguration\":{\"updatedAtField\":\"created\", \"updatedAtDateFormat\":\"yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss\", \"updatedAtTimezone\":\"GMT\", \"createdDateField\":\"created\", \"createdDateFormat\":\"yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss\", \"createdDate"
```

```

Timezone\":"GMT\"}"}",
    "partner.user.id": "user.id",
    "pagination.page.startindex": "1",
    "event.notification.enabled": "false"
  },
  "eventsEnabled": false,
  "traceLoggingEnabled": false,
  "cachingEnabled": false,
  "externalAuthentication": "none",
  "user": {
    "id": 9723
  }
}

```

Note: Make sure you have straight quotes in your JSON files and cURL commands. Please use plain text formatting in your code. Make sure you do not have spaces after the in the cURL command.

Instance Configuration

The content in the `configuration` section or nested object in the body posted to the `POST /instances` or `PUT /instances/{id}` APIs varies depending on which connector is being instantiated. However, some configuration properties are common to all connectors and available to be configured for all connectors. These properties are -

- `event.notification.enabled` : This property is a `boolean` property, and determines if event reception (via `webhook` or `polling`) is enabled for the connector instance. This property defaults to *false*.
- `event.vendor.type` : When `event.notification.enabled` property is set to *true*, this property determines the mechanism to use to receive or fetch changed events from the service endpoint. The supported values are `webhook` and `polling` . Most connectors support one mechanism or the other, but some like Salesforce.com support both mechanisms. This property is *optional*.
- `event.notification.type` : This property can be used to determine how an event notification should be sent to the consumer of the connector instance, in most cases your application. Currently, `webhook` is the only supported value for this property. This means that when an event is received by the connector instance, it will get forwarded to the provided `event.notification.callback.url` via a `webhook` to you. This property is *optional*.
- `event.notification.callback.url` : As mentioned above, the value of this property is an `http` or `https` URL to which we will post the event for consumption by your application. This property is *optional*.
- `filter.response.nulls` : This property defaults to *true*, i.e., it's `boolean` property,

and determines if `null` values in the response `JSON` should or should not be filtered from the response returned to the consuming application. By default, all `null` values are filtered from the response before sending the response to the consuming application.
