

# API reference

The Atlas API validates Markdown content and returns structured findings. The sample base URL is:

```
https://api.example.com/v1
```

## Authentication

Send a bearer token in the `Authorization` header:

```
Authorization: Bearer <token>
```

Store the token in a secret manager. Do not place it in source files.

## Validate a document

`POST /documents/validate`

Validates one UTF-8 Markdown document.

## Request body

| Field                | Type   | Required | Description                                              |
|----------------------|--------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>name</code>    | String | Yes      | File name, including the <code>.md</code> extension.     |
| <code>content</code> | String | Yes      | Markdown content to validate.                            |
| <code>profile</code> | String | No       | Rule profile. Default: <code>standard</code> .           |
| <code>fail_on</code> | String | No       | Minimum blocking severity. Default: <code>error</code> . |

## Example request

```
curl --request POST \
  --url https://api.example.com/v1/documents/validate \
  --header "Authorization: Bearer $ATLAS_TOKEN" \
  --header "Content-Type: application/json" \
  --data '{
    "name": "quick-tour.md",
    "content": "# Quick tour\\n\\nWelcome to Atlas.",
    "profile": "standard",
    "fail_on": "error"
  }'
```

## Successful response

Status: `200 OK`

```

{
  "request_id": "req_01JATLAS9X2",
  "valid": true,
  "summary": {
    "errors": 0,
    "warnings": 1,
    "information": 0
  },
  "findings": [
    {
      "rule": "Atlas.Terms",
      "severity": "warning",
      "line": 3,
      "message": "Define the product name on first use."
    }
  ]
}

```

## Error responses

| Status | Code                | Meaning                                    |
|--------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 400    | invalid_request     | A required field is missing or malformed.  |
| 401    | unauthorized        | The token is missing, expired, or invalid. |
| 413    | content_too_large   | The document exceeds the 1 MB limit.       |
| 429    | rate_limit_exceeded | The client sent too many requests.         |
| 500    | internal_error      | The service could not complete validation. |

The API returns a request ID with every response. Include this ID when contacting support, but do not include the bearer token or document content.

See [Troubleshooting](#) for retry guidance.