API Gateway

FAQs

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2 API Creation

2.1 Why Can't I Create APIs?

The creation of APIs is free of charge. If you cannot create APIs, your account must be in arrears.

2.2 How Do I Define Response Codes for an API?

API responses are defined by backend services (API providers). API Gateway (APIG) only transparently transmits responses to API callers.

2.3 How Do I Specify the Host Port for a VPC Channel (or Load Balance Channel)?

Use the port of the API backend service.

2.4 How Do I Set the Backend Address If I Will Not Use a VPC Channel (or Load Balance Channel)?

You can specify the backend address as a public domain name or a public IP address, such as the Elastic IP (EIP) of an Elastic Cloud Server (ECS).

2.5 How Can I Configure the Backend Service Address?

Configure the backend service address as an ECS EIP, or the public IP address or domain name of your own server.

2.6 Can I Specify a Private Network Load Balancer Address for the Backend Service?

- For dedicated gateways, you can use private network load balancer addresses.
- Alternatively, you can use the EIP bound to a public network load balancer.

2.7 Can I Specify the Backend Address as a Subnet IP Address?

If you use a dedicated gateway, you can specify either an IP address that belongs to the same subnet where the gateway is deployed, or the private address of a local data center connected to the gateway through Direct Connect.

Unsupported network segments:

- 0.0.0.0/8
- 10.0.0.0/8
- 100.125.0.0/16
- 127.0.0.0/8
- 169.254.0.0/16
- 172.16.0.0/12
- 192.0.0.0/24
- 192.0.2.0/24
- 192.88.99.0/24
- 192.168.0.0/16
- 198.18.0.0/15
- 198.51.100.0/24
- 203.0.113.0/24
- 224.0.0.0/4
- 240.0.0.0/4
- 255.255.255.255/32

2.8 Does APIG Support Multiple Backend Endpoints?

Yes. APIG supports the configuration of multiple backend endpoints through a VPC channel (also called "load balance channel"). You can add multiple cloud servers to each VPC channel.

2.9 What Should I Do After Applying for an Independent Domain Name?

If you are using a dedicated gateway, add an A record that points the independent domain name to the inbound access address of the gateway. You can bind five

independent domain names to an API group but can bind each independent domain name only to one API group.

NOTE

To use a public domain name, add an A record (dedicated gateway) in Domain Name Service (DNS).

To use a private domain name, add an A record (dedicated gateway) in the DNS service and associate the domain name with the VPC in which your backend service is located.

2.10 Can I Bind Private Domain Names for API Access?

In a dedicated gateway, you can add a private domain name, and add an A record to point the domain name to the inbound access address of the gateway.

2.11 Why Does an API Failed to Be Called Across Domains?

1. Ensure that CORS has been enabled for the API.

   Go to the API details page, click **Edit**, and check whether CORS is enabled. If it is not, enable it.

2. Check whether an API with the OPTIONS method has been created. Only one such API is required for each API group.

   a. On the **Set Basic Information** page, set the basic information for the API that uses the OPTIONS method.

      Go to the API details page and click **Edit**.

      API Group: The group to which the API with CORS enabled belongs.

      Security Authentication: **None** means all users will be granted access. It is not recommended.

   b. On the **Define API Request** page, set the request information for the API.

      - **Protocol**: The same protocol used by the API with CORS enabled.
      - **Path**: Same as or prefixally matching the request path set for the API with CORS enabled.
      - **Matching**: Select **Prefix match**.
      - **Method**: Select **OPTIONS**.
      - **CORS**: Enable this option.

Figure 2-1 Basic information about the API

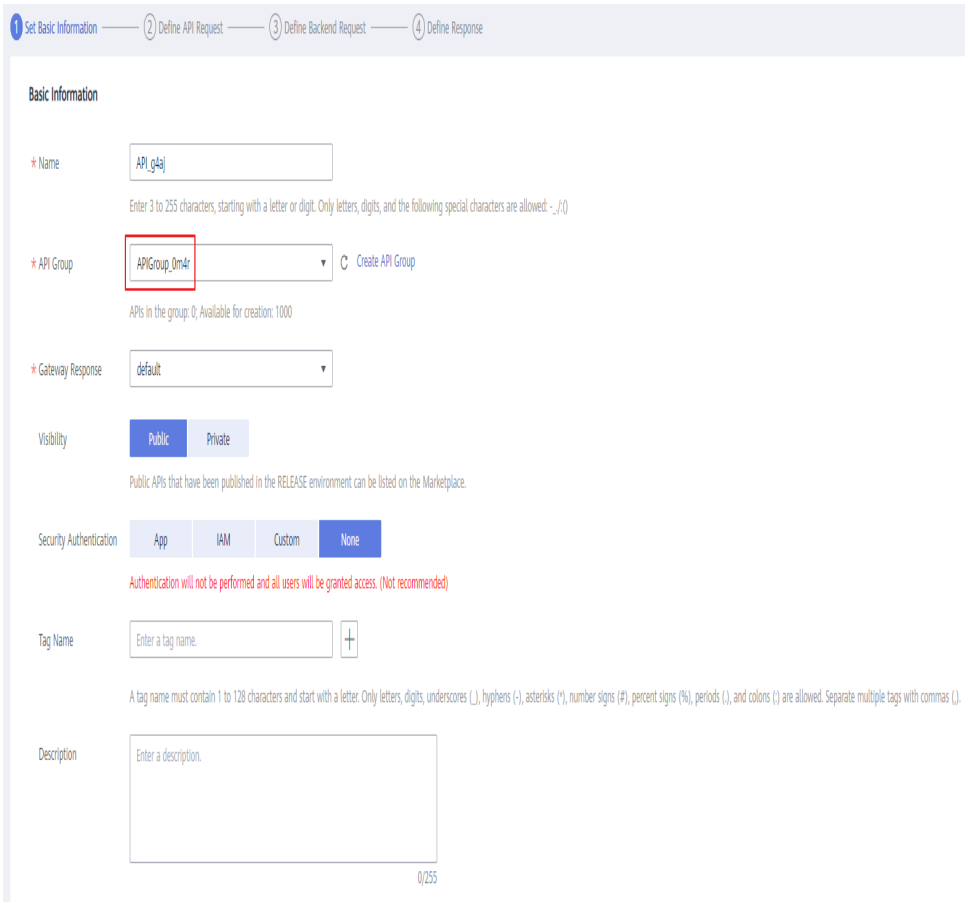
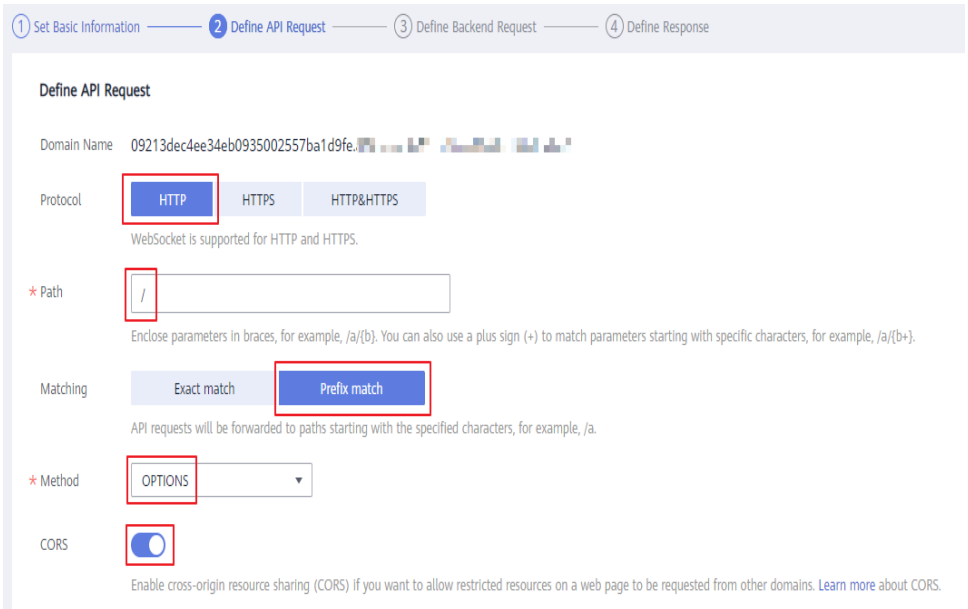


Figure 2-2 Request information of the API



3 API Calling

3.1 What Are the Possible Causes for an API Calling Failure?

Network

API calling failures may occur in three scenarios: within a VPC, between VPCs, and on a public network.

- Within a VPC: Check whether the domain name is the same as that automatically allocated for the API.
- Between VPCs: Check whether the two VPCs are connected. If they are not connected, create a VPC peering connection to connect the two VPCs.

  For details about how to create and use VPC peering connections, see section "VPC Peering Connection" in the *Virtual Private Cloud User Guide*.
- On a public network:
  - The API is not bound with an EIP and does not have a valid address for public network access.

    Bind an EIP to the API and try again. For details, see **Network Environment**.
  - The inbound rules are incorrectly configured.

    For details about how to configure inbound rules, see **Network Environment**.
  - The request header "host:*Group domain name*" is not added when you call the API. Add the request header and try again.

Domain Name

- Check whether the domain name bound to the API group to which the API belongs has been successfully licensed and can be resolved.
- Check whether the domain name has been bound to the correct API group.
- The subdomain name automatically allocated to the API group is accessed too many times. The subdomain name can be accessed only 1000 times a day.

It is unique and cannot be modified. Add independent domain names for the group to make the APIs in the group accessible.

API Publishing

Check whether the API has been published. If the API has been modified, publish it again. If the API has been published to a non-RELEASE environment, specify the **X-Stage** header as the environment name.

API Authentication

If the API uses app authentication, check whether the AppKey and AppSecret used to call the API are correct.

API Control Policies

- Check whether the access control policy bound to the API is correct.
- Check whether the request throttling limit of the API has been reached. If no request throttling policy is created for an API, the API can be accessed 200 times per second by default. To change this limit, go to the **Gateway Information** page, click the **Configuration Parameters** tab, and modify the **ratelimit_api_limits** parameter.

3.2 What Should I Do If an Error Code Is Returned During API Calling?

If an error code is returned when you call your own APIs, see **User Guide > Calling Published APIs > Error Codes**.

If an error code is returned when you manage your APIs, see **API Reference > Error Codes**.

3.3 Why Am I Seeing the Error Message "414 Request-URI Too Large" When I Call an API?

The request URL (including request parameters) is too long. Place the request parameters in the request body and try again.

3.4 What Should I Do If "The API does not exist or has not been published in the environment." Is Displayed?

If an open API in APIG failed to be called, troubleshoot the failure by performing the following operations:

1. The domain name, request method, or path used for calling the API is incorrect.
   - For example, an API created using the POST method is called with GET.
   - Missing a slash (/) in the access URL will lead to a failure in matching the URL in the API details. For example, URLs **http://**

7383ea59c0cd49a2b61d0fd1d351a619.apigw.region.cloud.com/test/ and **http://7383ea59c0cd49a2b61d0fd1d351a619.apigw.region.cloud.com/test** represent two different APIs.

2. The API has not been published. APIs can be called only after they have been published in an environment. For details, see section "Publishing an API" in the *User Guide*. If the API has been published in a non-production environment, check whether the **X-Stage** header in the request is the name of the environment.
3. The domain name is resolved incorrectly. If the domain name, request method, and path for calling the API are correct and the API has been published in an environment, the API may not be correctly resolved to the group to which the API belongs. For example, if you have multiple API groups and each group has an independent domain name, the API may be called using the independent domain name of another group. Ensure that the API is being called using the correct domain name.
4. Check whether the API allows OPTIONS cross-region requests. If yes, enable cross-origin resource sharing (CORS) for the API, and create a new API that uses the OPTIONS method. For details, see section "CORS" in the *User Guide*.

3.5 Why Am I Seeing the Message "No backend available"?

- Check whether the backend service is accessible, and modify the backend service if it is inaccessible.
- Check the ECS security group configurations of the backend service and verify that the required port has been enabled.
- Check whether ACL configurations of the VPC restrict the communication between the API gateway and the subnet where the backend service is located.
- If you use a VPC channel, check whether the service port, health check port, and backend servers of the VPC channel have been correctly configured.

3.6 What Are the Possible Causes If the Message "Backend unavailable" or "Backend timeout" Is Displayed?

The following table lists the possible causes if a backend service fails to be invoked or the invocation times out.

Possible Cause	Solution
The backend service address is incorrect.	Change the backend service address in the API definition. If the domain name is used, ensure that the domain name can be correctly resolved to the IP address of the backend service.
The timeout duration is incorrect. If a backend service fails to return a response within the configured timeout duration, APIG displays a message indicating that the backend service fails to be invoked.	Increase the backend timeout duration in the API definition.
If the backend address is an ECS address, the security group to which the ECS belongs may block the request in the inbound or outbound direction.	Check the security group to which the ECS belongs and ensure that the inbound and outbound port rules and protocols of this security group are correct.
The request protocol is incorrect. For example, the backend service uses HTTP, but HTTPS is selected on APIG.	Ensure that the protocol of the created API is the same as that of the backend service.
The backend service URL is unreachable.	Check the URL.

3.7 Why Am I Seeing the Message "Backend domain name resolution failed" When a Backend Service Is Called?

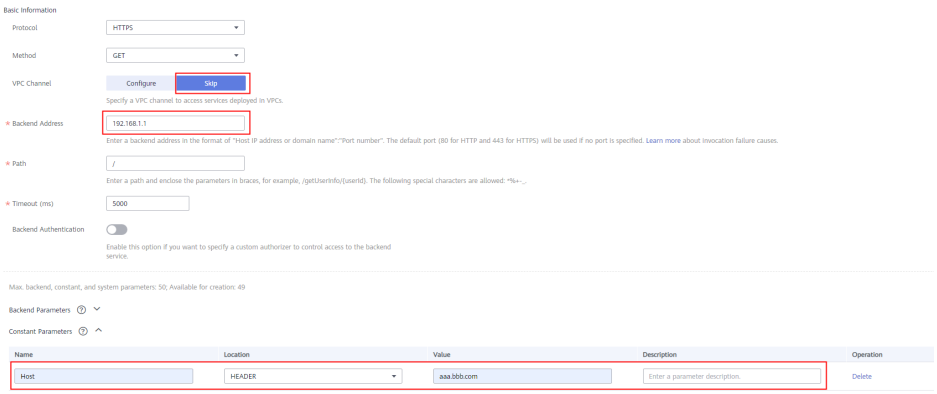
An error message indicating a domain name resolution failure is displayed when the backend service is called, although private domain name resolution is completed for the VPC where the API gateway is located.

Possible Cause

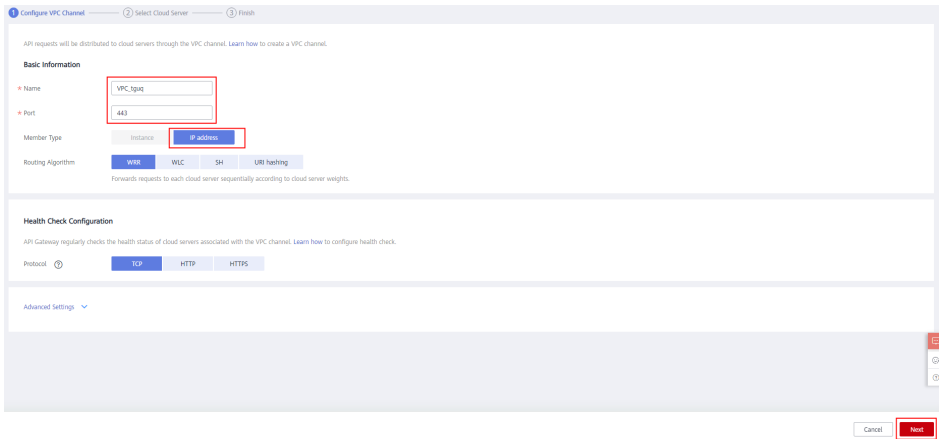
The VPC of the API gateway is isolated from that of the backend service. Private domain names can be resolved only for the VPC of the backend service.

Solution

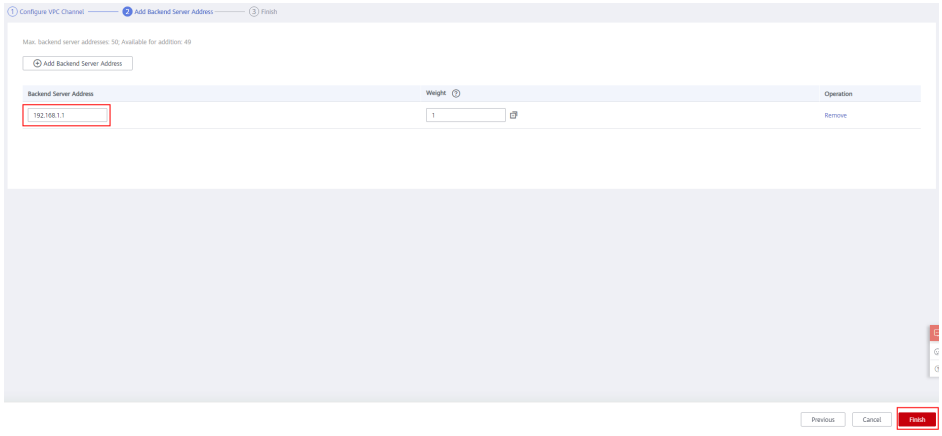
- Method 1: When creating an API, set **Backend Address** to a public network domain name.
- Method 2: When creating an API, do not use a VPC channel. Instead, set **Backend Address** to the backend service IP address, and add a constant parameter to specify the **Host** field in the header.



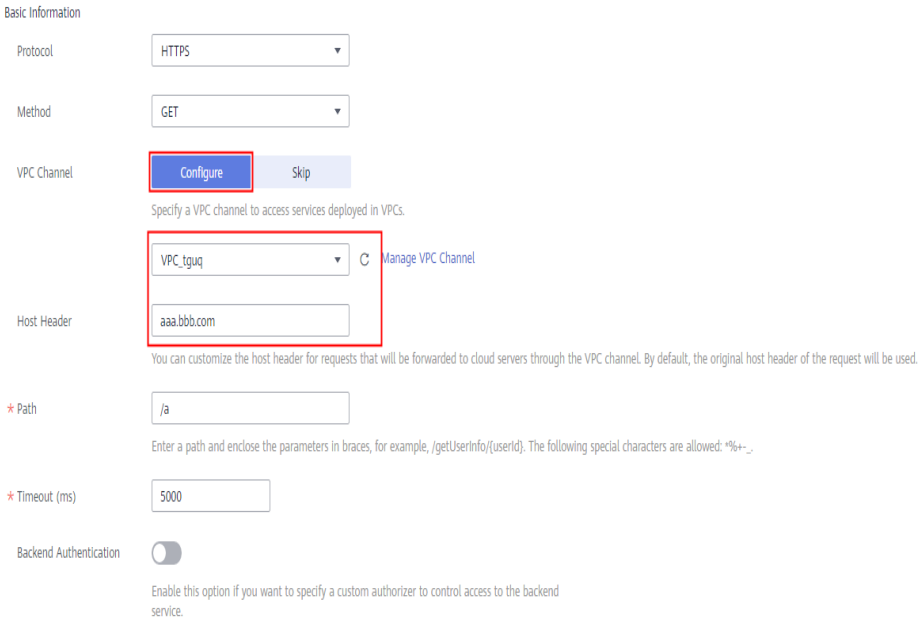
- Method 3: When creating an API, specify a VPC channel.
  a. Create a VPC channel.



  b. Add the backend service address.



  c. When creating an API, select the VPC channel and configure a custom header.



3.8 Why Doesn't Modification of the backend_timeout Parameter Take Effect?

Problem Description

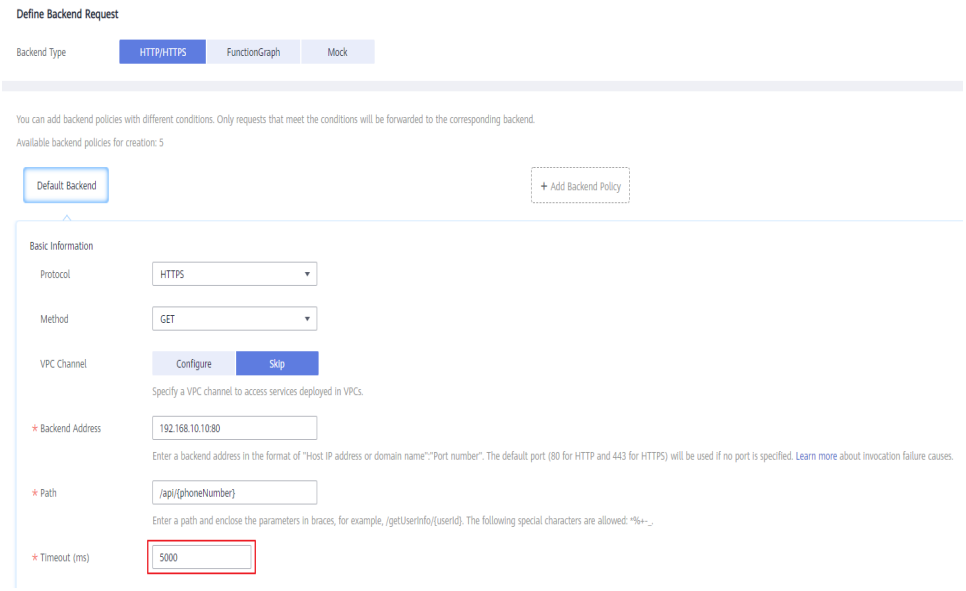
Modification of the **backend_timeout** parameter in a dedicated gateway does not take effect.

Possible Causes

The **Timeout (ms)** parameter on the **Define Backend Request** page is not modified.

Solution

Log in to the APIG console, go to the API details page, click **Edit**, and modify the **Timeout (ms)** parameter on the **Define Backend Request** page.



3.9 How Do I Switch the Environment for API Calling?

By default, the API in the RELEASE environment is called. If you want to call the same API in another environment, add the request header **X-Stage** to specify the environment name.

3.10 What Is the Maximum Size of an API Request Package?

Dedicated gateway: APIG forwards only API requests whose body is no larger than 12 MB. If your gateway will receive requests with a body larger than 12 MB, modify the **request_body_size** parameter on the gateway details page. This parameter indicates the maximum request body size allowed. The value ranges from 1 MB to 9536 MB.

3.11 How Do I Perform App Authentication in iOS System?

APIG provides SDKs and demos in multiple languages, such as Java, Python, C, PHP, and Go, for app authentication. To use Objective-C (for iOS) or other languages, see **Developer Guide > Calling APIs Through App Authentication > App Authentication Principle**.

3.12 Why Can't I Create a Header Parameter Named x-auth-token for an API Called Through IAM Authentication?

The header parameter **x-auth-token** has already been defined in APIG. To use this parameter to call an API, add the parameter and its value to the request header.

3.13 App FAQs

How many apps can I create?

You can create a maximum of 50 apps.

How do I isolate the calling information among the third parties that call the same API through app authentication?

Create multiple apps for different third parties and bind the apps to the same API.

Are there any restrictions on the maximum number of third parties that can call the same app through app authentication?

No restrictions.

Do I need to create an app for an API so that it can be called through app authentication?

Yes, you need to create an app and bind it to the API. After the app is created, an AppKey and AppSecret are automatically created. Provide the AppKey and AppSecret for third parties to call the API.

How can an API be called by third parties through app authentication?

Provide third parties with the AppKey and AppSecret of the app you have created for accessing the API. The third parties then can use the AppKey and AppSecret to call the API through an SDK. For details about how to use an SDK, see **Developer Guide > Calling APIs Through App Authentication**.

3.14 Can Mobile Apps Call APIs?

Yes, mobile apps can call APIs. In app authentication mode, the AppKey and AppSecret of a mobile app are replaced with those in the relevant SDK to sign the app.

3.15 Can Applications Deployed in a VPC Call APIs?

Yes, applications deployed in a VPC can call APIs by default. If domain name resolution fails, configure a DNS server on the current endpoint by following the instructions in **Configuring an Intranet DNS Server**. After the configuration, applications deployed in the VPC can call APIs.

Configuring an Intranet DNS Server

To configure a DNS server, specify its IP address in the **/etc/resolv.conf** file.

The IP address of the intranet DNS server depends on which region you are located in. Find the IP address of the intranet DNS server in your region from the private DNS server addresses mentioned in the *Domain Name Service FAQs*.

Add an intranet DNS server with either of the following two methods:

- Method 1: Modify the subnet information of the VPC.
- Method 2: Edit the **/etc/resolv.conf** file.

  NOTE

  The intranet DNS server configurations become invalid after the ECS restarts, and the intranet DNS server must be configured again. Therefore, method 1 is recommended.

Method 1

Perform the following procedure to add a DNS server IP address to the subnet configurations of the ECS in the VPC.

Step 1 Log in to the management console.

Step 2 Click in the upper left corner to select a region.

Step 3 In the service list, choose **Compute** > **Elastic Cloud Server**.

Step 4 Click the name of the ECS you want to use.

Step 5 On the ECS details page, view the NIC information, and click to view the subnet name of the ECS.

Step 6 On the ECS basic information page, view the VPC name of the ECS.

Step 7 Click the VPC name to visit the VPC console.

Step 8 Choose **Subnets** in the left navigation pane.

Step 9 Locate the subnet mentioned in **Step 5** and click the subnet name.

Step 10 Change the DNS server address of the subnet and click **OK**.

For example, change the address to **100.125.1.250**.

Step 11 Restart the ECS. Check that the **/etc/resolv.conf** file contains the IP address of the DNS server to be configured, and the IP address is less than those of all other DNS servers.

The following figure shows the IP address **100.125.1.250** of the DNS server to be configured.

```
# Generated by NetworkManager
search openstacklocal
nameserver 100.125.1.250
nameserver 114.114.115.115
```


NOTE

Modifying the subnet information of a VPC will affect all ECSs created using the subnet.

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Method 2

Add the IP address of the intranet DNS server to the **/etc/resolv.conf** file.

For example, if you are located in **EU-Dublin**, add an intranet DNS server of IP address **100.125.1.250** to the **/etc/resolv.conf** file.

NOTE

- The IP address of the new DNS server must be less than those of all other DNS servers.
- The DNS configurations take effect immediately after the **/etc/resolv.conf** file is saved.

3.16 How Do I Implement WebSocket Data Transmission?

APIG supports WebSocket data transmission. When creating an API, you can select HTTP, HTTPS, or HTTP&HTTPS. HTTP is equivalent to WebSocket (ws), and HTTPS is equivalent to WebSocket Secure (wss).

3.17 Does APIG Support Persistent Connections?

Yes. But you should use persistent connections properly to avoid occupying too many resources.

3.18 How Will the Requests for an API with Multiple Backend Policies Be Matched and Executed?

If multiple backend policies are configured for an API, APIG will match the backend policies in sequence. If an API request matches one of the backend policies, APIG immediately forwards the request to the corresponding backend and stops matching.

If no backend policy is matched, the API request is forwarded to the default backend server.

3.19 Is There a Limit on the Size of the Response to an API Request?

No.

3.20 How Can I Access Backend Services over Public Networks Through APIG?

Enable public access for the relevant gateway to allow external services to call APIs.

If you encounter a network problem when calling APIs, see **What Are the Possible Causes for an API Calling Failure?**

4 API Authentication

4.1 Does APIG Support HTTPS Two-Way Authentication?

Dedicated gateway: Yes.

- Backend two-way authentication: When creating an API, enable two-way authentication for the backend service. For details, see the description about **Two-way Authentication** in **Creating an API**.

4.2 How Do I Call an API That Does Not Require Authentication?

To call APIs that do not require authentication, construct standard HTTP requests and send them to APIG.

NOTE

APIG **transparently transmits** requests to call an API that does not require authentication to the backend service. If you want requests to be authenticated on the API backend service, you can set **Security Authentication** to **None**. The API caller transfers the fields required for authentication to the backend service, and the backend service performs authentication.

4.3 Which TLS Versions Does APIG Support?

APIG supports TLS 1.1 and TLS 1.2, but does not support TLS 1.0 or TLS 1.3.

4.4 Does APIG Support Custom Authentication?

Yes. For details, see "Custom Authorizers" in the *User Guide*.

4.5 Will the Request Body Be Signed for Security Authentication?

Yes. The request body is another element that needs to be signed in addition to the mandatory request header parameters. For example, when an API used to upload a file using the POST method is called, the hash value of the file to upload is calculated to generate a signature.

For details about signatures, see section "App Authentication" in the *API Gateway Developer Guide*.

4.6 Common Errors Related to IAM Authentication Information

You may encounter the following errors related to IAM authentication information:

- **Incorrect IAM authentication information: verify aksk signature fail**
- **Incorrect IAM authentication information: AK access failed to reach the limit,forbidden**
- **Incorrect IAM authentication information: decrypt token fail**
- **Incorrect IAM authentication information: Get secretKey failed**

Incorrect IAM authentication information: verify aksk signature fail

```
{
  "error_msg": "Incorrect IAM authentication information: verify aksk signature fail, ......
  "error_code": "APIG.0301",
  "request_id": "******"
}
```

Possible Cause

The signature algorithm is incorrect, and the signature calculated by the client is different from that calculated by APIG.

Solution

Step 1 Obtain the canonicalRequest calculated by APIG.

Obtain **request_id** from the body of the error message, search for **error.log** (you can view this file on CLS) of the shubao node based on **request_id**, and obtain **canonicalRequest** from **error.log**.

```
2019/01/26 11:34:27 [error] 1211#0: *76 [lua] responses.lua:170: rewrite():
473a4370fbaf69e42f9da243eb8f8c52;app-1;Incorrect IAM authentication information: verify signature
fail;SDK-HMAC-SHA256 Access=071fe245-9cf6-4d75-822d-c29945a1e06a, SignedHeaders=host;x-sdk-date,
Signature=b2ef2cddcef89cbfe22974c988909c1a94b1ac54114c30b8fe083d34a259e0f5;canonicalRequest:GE
T
/app1/

host:test.com
x-sdk-date:20190126T033427Z

host;x-sdk-date
```

```
e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855, client: 192.168.0.1, server:
shubao, request: "GET /app1 HTTP/1.1", host: "test.com"
```

Step 2 Obtain the canonicalRequest calculated by the client by printing logs or using debug interrupts. The following table describes the functions used to calculate the canonicalRequest in the SDKs of different languages.

Table 4-1 Functions for calculating canonicalRequest in the SDKs of common languages

Language	Function
Java	Sign function in com.cloud.sdk.auth.signer.DefaultSigner.class of **libs/java-sdk-core-*.jar**
C	sig_sign function in **signer.c**
C++	Signer::createSignature function in **signer.cpp**.
C#	Sign function in **signer.cs**
Go	Sign function in **signer.go**
JavaScript	Signer.prototype.Sign function in **signer.js**
Python	Sign function in **signer.py**
PHP	Sign function in **signer.php**

Example: cannonicalRequest obtained at a debug interrupt

```
POST
/app1/

host:test.com
x-sdk-date:20190126T033950Z

host;x-sdk-date
e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855
```

Step 3 Check whether the cannonicalRequest in **Step 1** is the same as that in **Step 2**.

- Yes: Check whether the AK and SK are correct, for example, without spaces.
- No:
  - Different in line 1: The request method must be the same.
  - Different in line 2: The request path must be the same.
  - Different in line 3: The request parameters must be the same.
  - Different in lines 4 to 5: The request header must be the same in each line.
  - Different in line 7: The number of request header parameters must be the same as the number of request header lines.
  - Different in line 8: The request body must be the same.

Table 4-2 canonicalRequest of APIG and a client

Line No.	Parameter	APIG	Client
1	Request method	GET	POST
2	Request path	/app1/	/app1/
3	Request parameters	None	None
4	Request header	host:test.com	host:test.com
5	Request header	x-sdk-date: 20190126T033427Z	x-sdk-date: 20190126T033950Z
6	Blank line	-	-
7	Request header parameters	host;x-sdk-date	host;x-sdk-date
8	Request body hash value	e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855	e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855

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Incorrect IAM authentication information: AK access failed to reach the limit,forbidden

```
{
  "error_msg": "Incorrect IAM authentication information: AK access failed to reach the limit,forbidden." .....
  "error_code": "APIG.0301",
  "request_id": "******"
}
```

Possible Causes

- The AK/SK signature calculation is incorrect. Resolve the problem by referring to **Incorrect IAM authentication information: verify aksk signature fail**.
- The AK and SK do not match.
- AK/SK authentication fails for more than five consecutive times, and the AK/SK pair is locked for five minutes. (Authentication requests are rejected within this period).
- An expired token is used for token authentication.

Incorrect IAM authentication information: decrypt token fail

```
{
  "error_msg": "Incorrect IAM authentication information: decrypt token fail",
  "error_code": "APIG.0301",
  "request_id": "******"
}
```


Possible Cause

The token cannot be parsed for IAM authentication of the API.

Solution

- Check whether the token is correct.
- Check whether the token has been obtained in the environment where the API is called.

Incorrect IAM authentication information: Get secretKey failed

```
{
"error_msg": "Incorrect IAM authentication information: Get secretKey failed,ak:******,err:ak not exist",
"error_code": "APIG.0301",
"request_id": "******"
}
```

Possible Cause

The AK used for IAM authentication of the API does not exist.

Solution

Check whether the AK is correct.

5 API Control Policies

5.1 Request Throttling

5.1.1 Can I Configure the Maximum Number of Concurrent Requests?

No, but you can limit the maximum number of API calls allowed within a specific period of time.

5.1.2 Is the Restriction of 1000 Requests to a Subdomain Name Applied to Enterprise Accounts?

Yes.

5.1.3 Does APIG Has Bandwidth Limits?

Dedicated gateways have bandwidth limits. When you create a dedicated gateway, you can set the bandwidth for public inbound and outbound access.

5.1.4 Why Doesn't a Request Throttling Policy Take Effect?

- API call limit or source IP address request limit of the policy does not take effect.

  Check whether the policy has been bound to an API.
- User request limit of the policy does not take effect.

  Check whether the API bound with the policy uses app or IAM authentication.
- App request limit of the policy does not take effect.

  Check whether the API bound with the policy uses app authentication.

5.2 Access Control

5.2.1 How Do I Provide an Open API to Specific Users?

You can provide an open API to specific users in either of the following ways:

- Select app authentication when you create the API, and share the AppKey and AppSecret with the target users.
- Configure an access control policy to allow access from specific IP addresses or account names, and bind the access control policy to the API.

5.2.2 How Do I Exclude a Specific IP Address for Identity Authentication of an API?

You can choose either of the following solutions:

- Solution 1: Create an API that does not require authentication, and configure an access control policy to whitelist the IP address.
- Solution 2: Create two APIs, one that uses IAM or app authentication and one that does not require authentication, and configure an access control policy to whitelist the IP address for the API that does not require authentication.

6 API Publishing

6.1 Do I Need to Publish an API Again After Modification?

Yes. After you modify the parameters of a published API, you must publish the API again to synchronize the modifications to the environment.

6.2 Why Can't APIs Published in a Non-RELEASE Environment Be Accessed?

To make an API published in a non-RELEASE environment accessible, add the **x-stage** header to the API request.

Example:

```
r.Header.Add("x-stage", "RELEASE")
```

6.3 Can I Invoke Different Backend Services by Publishing an API in Different Environments?

Yes, you can invoke different backend services by publishing an API in different environments while specifying environment variables and backend parameters.

6.4 How Do I Specify an Environment for API Debugging?

APIG debugs APIs in a specific debugging environment. After debugging is completed, you need to publish your API in an environment, and use code or postman to add the **X-Stage** header to specify the environment where you want to call the API.

7 API Import and Export

7.1 Why Does API Import Fail?

Possible cause 1: The number of APIs exceeds the maximum allowed limit for a single import. For more APIs (300), import them in batches or submit a service ticket to increase the limit.

Possible cause 2: Parameters are incorrect. Check and rectify the parameters. You are advised to create an API on the APIG console, export it, and then use it as a template for importing APIs.

Possible cause 3: The YAML file is in incorrect format. Check and modify the file.

Possible cause 4: The local proxy network has restrictions. Change the network environment.

Possible cause 5: The header of the API request contains **X-Auth-Token**. Remove **X-Auth-Token** from the header.

7.2 Does APIG Provide a Template for Importing APIs from Swagger Files?

The template is being developed.

Currently, you can configure one or two APIs in APIG, and then export them to use as templates.

8 API Security

8.1 How Can I Protect My APIs?

- Identity authentication

  Configure IAM or App authentication for APIs to prevent malicious calling.
- Access control policies

  Configure a whitelist or blacklist of IP addresses/IP address ranges or accounts for APIs to secure access.
- Request throttling policies

  By default, an API can be called up to 200 times per second. If your backend service does not support this access rate, decrease the quota accordingly.

8.2 How Do I Ensure the Security of Backend Services Invoked by APIG?

You can ensure the security of backend services invoked by APIG by using the following methods:

- Bind signature keys to APIs

  After a signature key is bound to an API, APIG adds signature information to each request sent to the backend service. The backend service calculates the signature information in each request and checks whether the signature information is consistent with that on APIG.
- Encrypt requests using HTTPS

  Ensure that the required SSL certificate exists.
- Perform backend authentication

  Enable security authentication for backend services of the desired APIs to process only API requests that carry correct authentication information.

8.3 Can I Control Access to the Private IP Addresses of the ECSs in a VPC Channel (or Load Balance Channel)?

No.

9 Other FAQs

9.1 What Are the Relationships Between an API, Environment, and App?

An API can be published in different environments, such as RELEASE (online environment) and BETA (test environment).

An app refers to the identity of an API caller. After you create an app, the system automatically generates an AppKey and AppSecret for authenticating the app. After an API is published and assigned to an app, the owner of the app can call the API.

After publishing an API in different environments, you can define different request throttling policies and authorize different apps to call the API. For example, during the test process, API v2 is published in the BETA environment and authorized to test apps. API v1 is stable and can be authorized to all users or apps in the RELEASE environment.

9.2 How Can I Use APIG?

You can use APIG to manage and call APIs in the following ways:

- Management console, a web-based service management platform
  If you have already registered an account, log in to the management console, click  in the upper left corner, and choose **APIG**.
  For details about the functions and operations of the APIG console, see the *User Guide*.
- Java, Go, Python, JavaScript, C#, PHP, C++, C, and Android SDKs
  Download an SDK and use it to call APIs. For details, see the *Developer Guide*.

9.3 What SDK Languages Does APIG Support?

APIG supports Java, Go, Python, C#, JavaScript, PHP, C++, C, and Android SDKs.

9.4 Can I Upload Files Using the POST Method?

Yes.

If you are using dedicated gateways, configure the maximum request body size allowed by setting the **request_body_size** parameter. The value ranges from 1 MB to 9536 MB.

NOTE

Currently, only the request body can be transparently transmitted.

9.5 What Are the Error Messages Returned by APIG Like?

When receiving an API request, APIG returns a response. A similar response body is as follows:

```
{
    "error_code": "APIG.0101",
    "error_msg": "API does not exist or is not published in the environment.",
    "request_id": "acbc548ac6f2a0dbdb9e3518a7c0ff84"
}
```

- **"error_code"**: error code
- **"error_msg"**: description of the error

9.6 How Do I Use APIG to Open Up Services Deployed on Huawei Cloud?

- For a service deployed on Huawei Cloud with a **public network IP address**, specify the IP address as the backend service address when creating an API in APIG. If the service has been bound with a domain name, use the domain name as the backend service address. For details about how to create an API, see **Creating an API**.
- For a service deployed on Huawei Cloud without a public network IP address, specify a VPC channel for access to the backend service when creating an API in APIG. For details about how to create a VPC channel and API, see **Creating a VPC Channel** and **Creating an API**.

9.7 Can APIG Be Deployed in a Local Data Center?

No. APIG cannot be deployed in a local data center.

