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## create and manage your atlas API key

**Update, 17 March 2017:** Please note there have been *subsequent changes to Atlas access* which render some of the post below obsolete.

Atlas gives you access to a wealth of data on TV, online and radio. Whether you're a major broadcaster who wants to offer an **Electronic Program Guide** on your website, an individual who wants to run a **PVR** or build a home-brewed EPG with open technologies such as **XMLTV**, or a developer who want to build an app, Atlas can help you do just that provided you have an API key.

### introducing Atlas Admin

Until today, requesting an API key involved contacting us, which wasn't an instant process, especially on weekends. We have created a new Admin Interface for you to generate, use and manage an API key for Atlas. *We already mentioned* that it enables you to decide the sources you want to include in your data and to prioritise them if you want to *merge together data from different sources*.

Creating an account on Atlas Admin is easy:

- Visit <http://atlas.metabroadcast.com/> and click on "get your free API key".
- Sign in using either your **Twitter**, **Github** or **Google account**.
- Read and accept our terms and conditions.
- Save your personal details (in case we need to contact you).

And you're done!

### getting started

Once you have created your Atlas Admin account, getting an API key and the **UK schedule data** is really easy:

- In the "Applications" menu, click on the "Create Application" button, enter the name of your application and click "Create application".
- Request access to "UK Channel lineups", "PA", and, if you'd like access to iPlayer links, "BBC".
- Enable matching.
- Don't forget to click on "Save" and to take note of your API key.

Now you can make simple calls to Atlas and you can make your own customised calls using **Atlas' documentation**.

This service is fairly new and we're keen to hear what you think about it and how you think we should improve it. So comment here or on [Twitter!](#)