Generating SDKs from OpenAPI

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What is OpenAPI?

Machine-readable API description (YAML or JSON)

- Describe endpoints, with verbs
- Parameters, request bodies
- Responses

The standard formerly known as Swagger



Why Describe Your APIs?

- Publish API descriptions for developers to use
- Generate API reference docs
- Import to Postman
- Use with mock servers

• Generate SDKs and libraries



SDKs for Delightful Developer Experiences

Don't Make Me Think

Reduce cognitive load on your users

63	// we need context for the API key
64	<pre>ctx := context.WithValue(context.Background(), verify.Context/</pre>
65	Key: client.apiKey,
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67) // The fit is generalized on the fit is the control of the control of the fit is the control of the contr
68	result, resp, err := verif
69	<pre>verifyClient.DefaultApi.VerifyCheck</pre>
70	// catch HTTP errors 💮 verif yClient.DefaultA func(ctx context.Co
71	<pre>if err != nil {</pre>
72	return verify.Rec@ verif yClient



How to Generate Code

This example from https://openapi-generator.tech/

```
docker run --rm -v ${PWD}:/local openapitools/openapi-generator-cli \
generate \
```

- -i verify.yml \
- --package-name verify \
- -g go \
- -o /local/out/golang/verify



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Generated Code





Generated Code

Generated libraries are better than nothing!

If there is no library, a code generator gives a developer:

- Abstracts away the HTTP handling
- Simple validation (probably)
- IDE autocomplete for the basic structure



We Can Do Better



About Generated Code





Wrap Sharp Edges

For example, the autocomplete example from earlier:

```
ctx := context.WithValue(
    context.Background(),
    verify.ContextAPIKey, verify.APIKey{Key: client.apiKey}
)
result, resp, err := verifyClient.DefaultApi.VerifyRequest(
    ctx, "json", client.apiSecret,
    number, brand, verify.VerifyRequestOpts{})
```



Wrap Sharp Edges

For the user, it's more like:

auth := vonage.CreateAuthFromKeySecret(API_KEY, API_SECRET)
verifyClient := vonage.NewVerifyClient(auth)

```
resp, _, _ := verifyClient.Request(
        PHONE, "GoTest", vonage.VerifyOpts{})
```

Auth Helpers

Supply auth details:

// for basic key/secret

auth := vonage.CreateAuthFromKeySecret("abcd1234", "VeryS3cr3t")

// for JWT auth privateKey, _ := ioutil.ReadFile(PATH_TO_PRIVATE_KEY_FILE) auth, _ := vonage.CreateAuthFromAppPrivateKey(APP_ID, privateKey)

Quickly get a JWT:

privateKey, _ := ioutil.ReadFile("private.key")
g := jwt.NewGenerator(APPLICATION_ID, privateKey)
token, _ := g.GenerateToken()



Security Helpers

SMS API webhooks use signatures from shared secrets

if smsClient.checkSig(params, SIG_SECRET, "sha256") {

// data is plausible, do something cool

Make the easy thing also the Right Thing (TM)



Builders

For example, formatting JSON structures from strongly-typed languages

```
MyNcco := ncco.Ncco{}
talk := ncco.TalkAction{
   Text: "Go library calling to say hello",
   VoiceName: "Nicole" }
MyNcco.AddAction(talk)
```

endpoint := []ncco.PhoneEndpoint{Number: "44777000777"}
connect := ncco.ConnectAction{Endpoint: endpoint, From: "44777000888"}
MyNcco.AddAction(connect)

```
result, _, err := client.CreateCall(
    vonage.CreateCallOpts{From: from, To: to, Ncco: MyNcco})
```



Delightful SDKs

OpenAPI lets us focus on the best bits!



Thanks!

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