# Alibaba Cloud **OpenAPI Explorer**

**FAQ** 

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## **Generic conventions**

Table -1: Style conventions

Style	Description	Example
	This warning information indicates a situation that will cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	Danger: Resetting will result in the loss of user configuration data.
<b>A</b>	This warning information indicates a situation that may cause major system changes, faults, physical injuries, and other adverse results.	Warning: Restarting will cause business interruption. About 10 minutes are required to restore business.
	This indicates warning informatio n, supplementary instructions, and other content that the user must understand.	Notice: Take the necessary precautions to save exported data containing sensitive information.
	This indicates supplemental instructions, best practices, tips, and other content that is good to know for the user.	Note: You can use Ctrl + A to select all files.
>	Multi-level menu cascade.	Settings > Network > Set network type
Bold	It is used for buttons, menus , page names, and other UI elements.	Click OK.
Courier font	It is used for commands.	Run the cd /d C:/windows command to enter the Windows system folder.
Italics	It is used for parameters and variables.	bae log listinstanceid  Instance_ID
[] or [a b]	It indicates that it is a optional value, and only one item can be selected.	ipconfig [-all -t]

Style	Description	Example
{} or {a b}	It indicates that it is a required value, and only one item can be selected.	swich {stand   slave}

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#### 1 FAQ

What should I pay attention to when using OpenAPI Explorer?

In OpenAPI Explorer, no matter you call an API on the Online Debugging page or using the Cloud Shell, the operation is made to your real Alibaba Cloud resources. To avoid effecting the resources that you are using, please check your request carefully before clicking Submit Request.

#### Does OpenAPI Explorer charge?

OpenAPI Explorer and product APIs are free of charge. However, you will be billed when the following two conditions are met:

- Use an API to create a cloud resource or activate a service. For example, use the CreateInstance API to create an ECS instance. See the pricing documentation of each product about the product billing.
- · If you want to call the API provided in the Alibaba Cloud Market, you must purchase the API first and you will be charged according to the number of calls.

What do I need to prepare before using OpenAPI Explorer?

You just need an Alibaba Cloud account and corresponding permission of the product to use.

What is the difference between Cloud Shell and CLI?

Cloud Shell is built on Alibaba Cloud CLI. The command structure and usage are the same as Alibaba Cloud CLI. However, Cloud Shell requires no installation and configuration. You can use it through web browser.