Template – Technical Documentation

Since technical documentation can be drafted in many different ways, no proposals are provided as examples, but the project recommends that the API provider provide, at a minimum, the following information:

* Data format.
* Requirements for keys (if any).
* Technical specification relating to the call structure (question and answer format, frequently asked questions (FAQs)).
* Information concerning response times and possible ways in which the question can be optimised to allow for shorter response times.
* Possible requirements as to how services which use the API should be structured, including any limitations and/or requirements concerning caching, storage, copying and updates.
* Any limitations on the number of questions per key/service.
* Information concerning terms and how various terms in the information are defined (metadata).
* Which error messages can be provided and what they mean.
* Available code library.
* Testing possibilities (e.g. API console or testing environment).
* Any possible support from the API provider.