Getting an OMDB API Key

On 8th May, 2017, OMDB became a private and paid service. Since it is still the easiest to use API, we will continue to use this in the section, however certain changes are necessary to get the service to work properly. Please follow these steps for the same.

GETTING AN API KEY FOR $1/month

1. Go to https://www.patreon.com/bePatron?u=5038490 and choose the Basic option for $1.00 per month.

2. Proceed to pay using your credit card or PayPal. You can cancel this pledge anytime and ideally you should do so before the month ends so that there are no recurring charges.

3. Once you've paid, go to http://www.omdbapi.com/apikey.aspx and type in the E-Mail ID that you used on Patreon in Step 1 to pay. This is very important. Click on Submit and wait for some time to get your Api key in your e-mail.

4. Do note that the API Key may not work immediately as there is a manual process involved behind the scenes. Expect a 1 – 5 hour delay in this process (perhaps even more). If for some reason, the API key doesn't work even after 5 – 8 hours, write to bfritz@fadingsignal.com (The creator of the API) and he will get the API activation done. Ideally this may not be needed.

USING THE API KEY

1. Previously, all requests to the API looked like this :

http://www.omdbapi.com/?t=interstellar &plot=full&r=JSON

2. There is a minor change required in this process now. Just append the API key as shown below and the API will continue to work as normal.

http://www.omdbapi.com/?t=interstellar &plot=full&r=JSON**&apiKey=2ab123cd**

3. The only addition is the the **&apiKey=2ab123cd** part where 2ab123cd is your own API Key.

Please feel free to write to me on mailme@sachinbhatnagar.com with help on this process (if needed).

Thanks!