# **OpenWeatherMap API Troubleshooting Guide**

### 401 Error

Caused by: Incorrect API key, user not signed up yet, not waiting long enough after creating an API key, incorrect API request format.

#### Solutions:

- Check the accuracy of the API key (check for included spaces / punctuation)
- Wait a couple hours for the system to process if the key is new
- Check the format of your API request
- Check your account's API request limits

### **Slow API Response Times**

Caused by: Requesting a large amount of data, API request limit exceeded, network issues, high server load.

#### Solutions:

- Test a simpler API query to check that the connection is working
- Optimize your request parameters to cut down on payload size
- Upgrade account tier

## **Incorrect JSON Responses / Missing Fields**

Caused by: Incorrect error handling, temporary server issue, API version updated.

## Solutions:

- Try request again to check for a potential server issue
- Check API Documentation to make sure format and usage is correct
- Add more robust error and missing data handling
- Contact the support team if the issue persists

For additional questions, refer to the <u>full API documentation</u>.