

# Create a customer

Creates a new customer object.

## ARGUMENTS

<b>account_balance</b> optional	An integer amount in pence that is the starting account balance for your customer. A negative amount represents a credit that will be used before attempting any charges to the customer's card; a positive amount will be added to the next invoice.
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<b>business_vat_id</b> optional	The customer's VAT identification number. If you are using Relay, this field gets passed to tax provider you are using for your orders. This can be unset by updating the value to <code>nil</code> and then saving.
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<b>coupon</b> optional	If you provide a coupon code, the customer will have a discount applied on all recurring charges.
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## Definition

```
Stripe::Customer.create
```

## Example Request

```
require "stripe"
Stripe.api_key = "sk_test_BQokikJOvBiI2HlWgH4oIfQ2"

Stripe::Customer.create(
  :description => "Customer for
william.taylor@example.com",
  :source => "tok_189gAS2eZvKYlo2CWcqgAb0N" # obtained
with Stripe.js
)
```

## Example Response

```
#<Stripe::Customer id=cus_AVKGfC05tFI1ZA 0x00000a> JSON:
{
  "id": "cus_AVKGfC05tFI1ZA",
  "object": "customer",
  "account_balance": 0,
  "created": 1493611413,
  "account_balance": 0,
  "object": "customer",
  "id": "cus_AVKGfC05tFI1ZA"
```



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## Client libraries

Square provides client libraries for Connect V1 and V2 in a variety of programming languages. See [Client libraries](#) for a full list.

## Swagger specification

Version 1 and 2 of the Connect API is defined with the [Swagger specification](#). The definition is available on [Github](#). You can use this definition to simplify certain development tasks, such as by generating custom client libraries.

See [Generating client libraries and other tools with Swagger](#) for more information.

## Running Postman

[Postman](#) is an app for easy RESTful API exploration. Use our "Postman Collection" to try Square's Connect

## API Sandbox Credentials

Connect API v2 provides a sandbox that lets you test out API endpoints in a non-production environment. Transactions created in the sandbox are not sent through to card networks, and cards are never charged. Below are API credentials you can use to play with Square's APIs.

Access Token	sqdemo-CivzYW5kYm94LXNzMGMGF0Yi12ZzNfbEZVTjUxbWRsZWZTUWpEVmxBEhtDQkFT
Application ID	sandbox-sq0idp-7kuEoa7gxJLWQkjaQenZ7g
Location ID	CBASEJJZMYbNZW8F1bbRjRuPQ7Q

Read the [HTTP](#) documentation:

- [Testing using the API sandbox](#)
- [Accept a payment \(REST\)](#)

## Setup your SDK environment

Read how to setup your SDK environment:

- [SDK setup guides](#)