Creating an Alpaca API Account

1. **Visit the Website**
   Go to https://alpaca.markets and sign up for a new account.

2. **Enter Your Information**
   During sign-up, you'll be asked to provide the following details:
   a. First name
   b. Last name
   c. Country of tax residence
   d. Email address
   e. Password

3. **Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)**
   After creating your account and logging in, you'll be prompted to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA).
   Follow the on-screen instructions to activate 2FA using an authentication app (e.g., the built-in Passwords app on iPhones, Google Authenticator, Authy).

4. **Generate API Keys**
   Once 2FA is enabled, go to your Dashboard (also called the Home page).
   a. Look for the "API Keys" section.
   b. Click "Generate New Keys".
   c. This will create two keys: a Key ID and a Secret Key.

5. **Store Your Keys Securely**
   Make sure to copy and save both keys in a secure and accessible location — you'll need them to access the Alpaca API later.