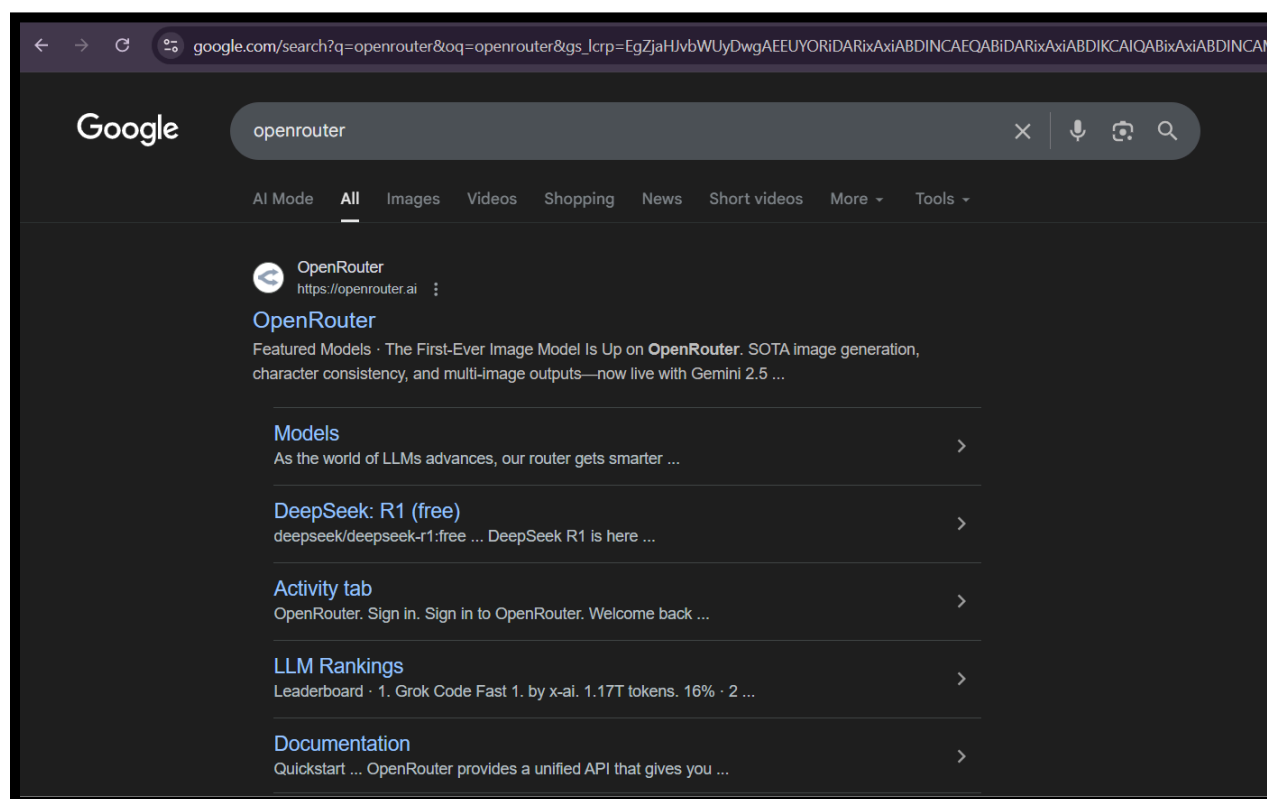


How to Create Your OpenRouter API Key (Step by Step)

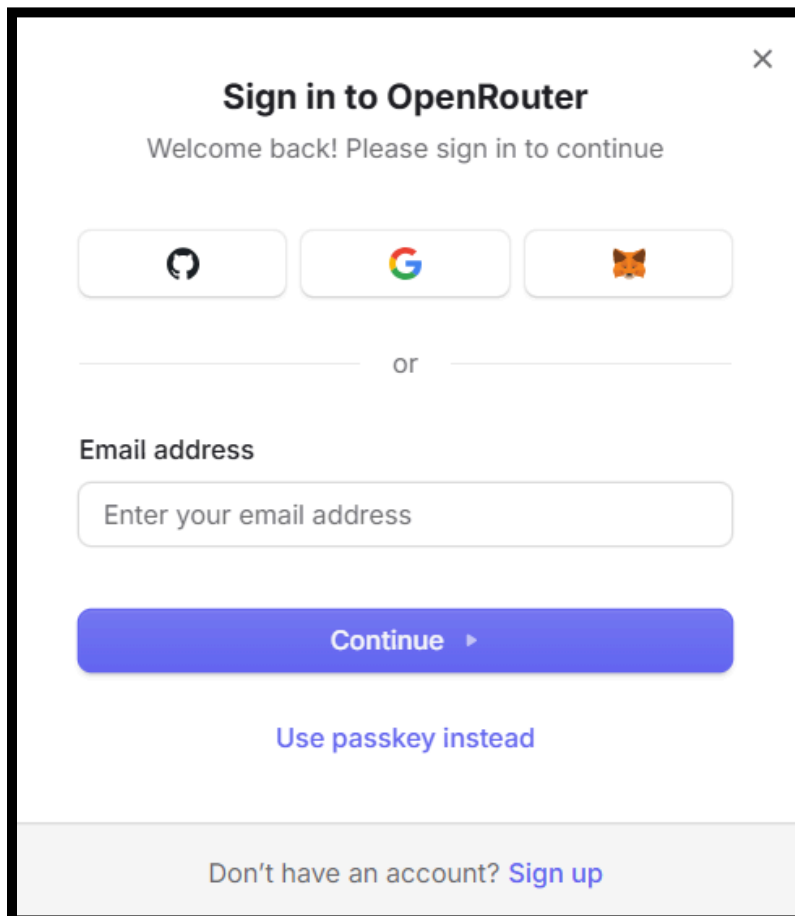
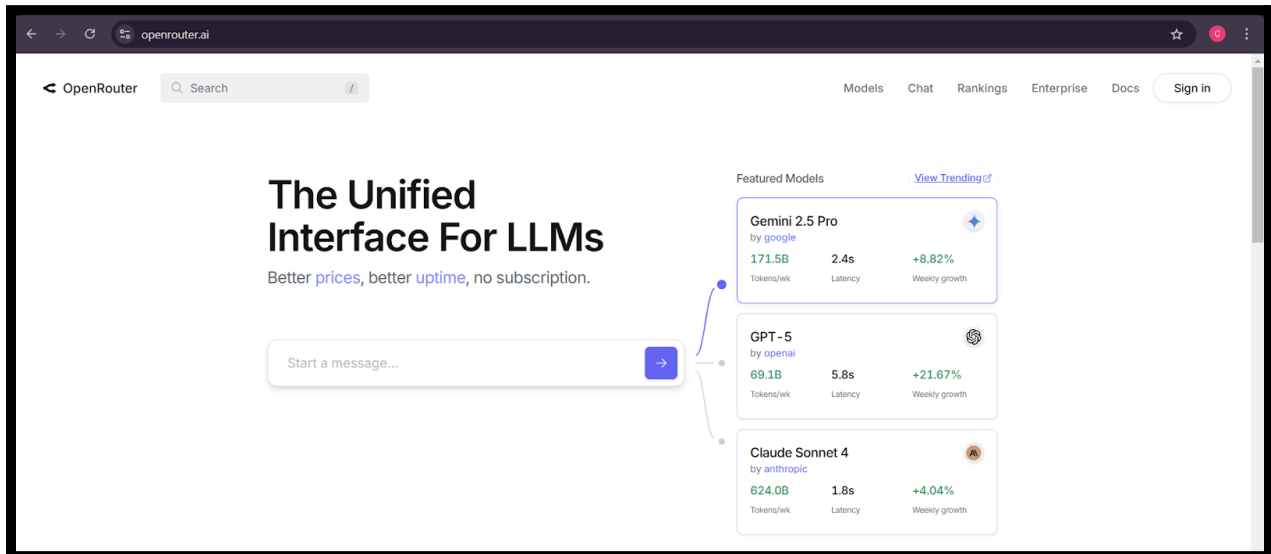
Step – 1: Go to OpenRouter

Open your browser and go to <https://openrouter.ai>.



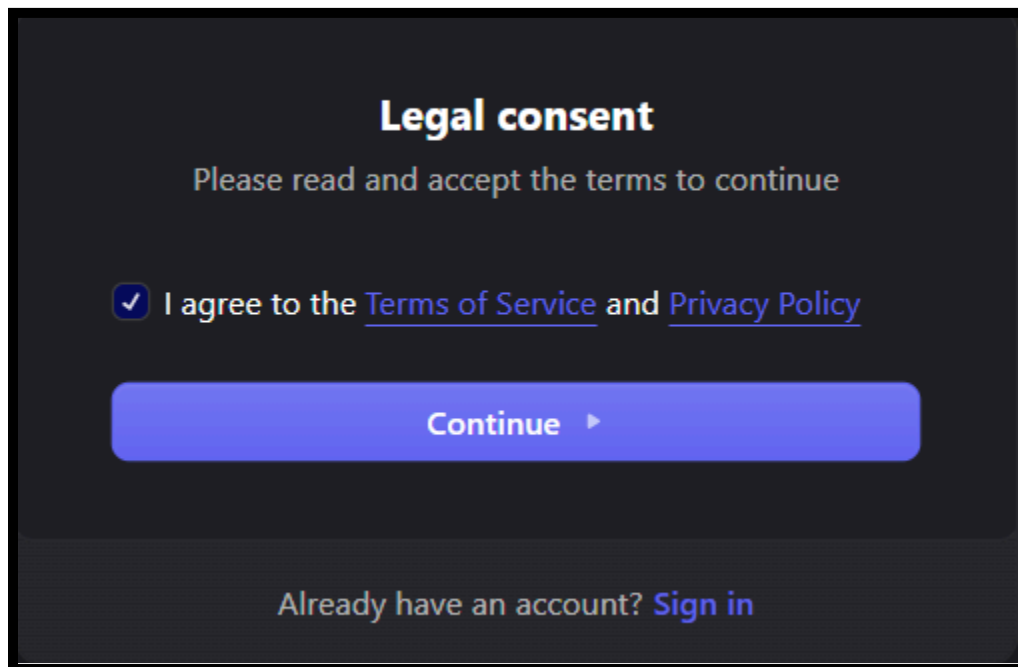
Step – 2: Sign In or Create an Account

Log in using Google, GitHub, or email. If you don't have an account, create one



Step – 3: Authentication & Terms

When signing in for the first time, you may need to authenticate your account (e.g., via email/Google) and agree to OpenRouter's Terms & Conditions before continuing.



A dark-themed modal window for legal consent. At the top, the text "Legal consent" is displayed in a bold, light-colored font. Below it, a smaller line of text says "Please read and accept the terms to continue". A checkbox with a checkmark is followed by the text "I agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)". Below this is a large, rounded rectangular button with a blue-to-purple gradient, containing the text "Continue" and a right-pointing triangle. At the bottom of the modal, there is a link that says "Already have an account? [Sign in](#)".

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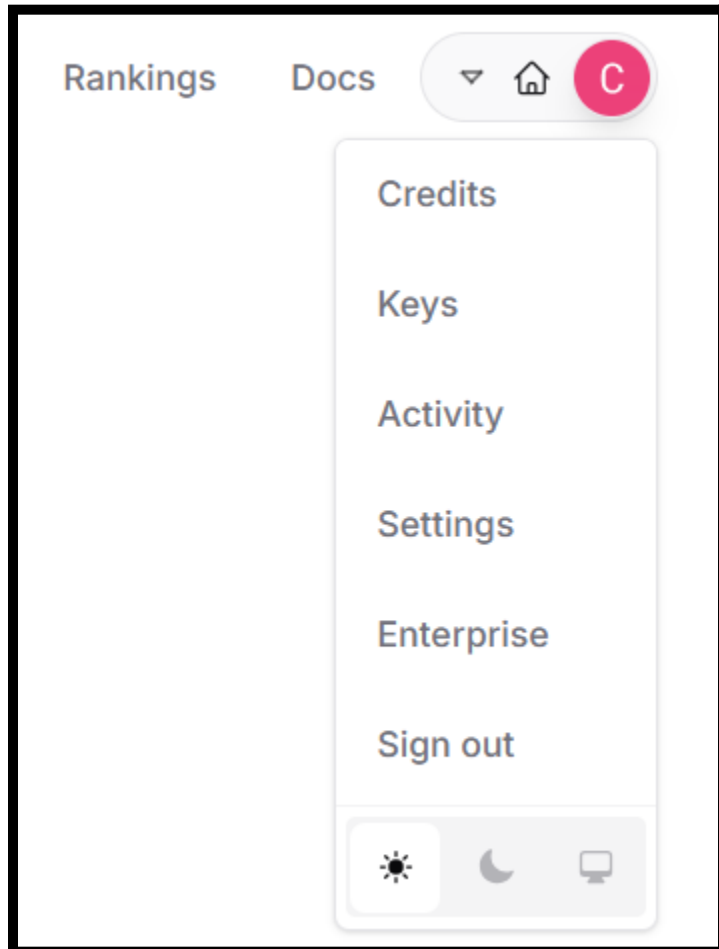
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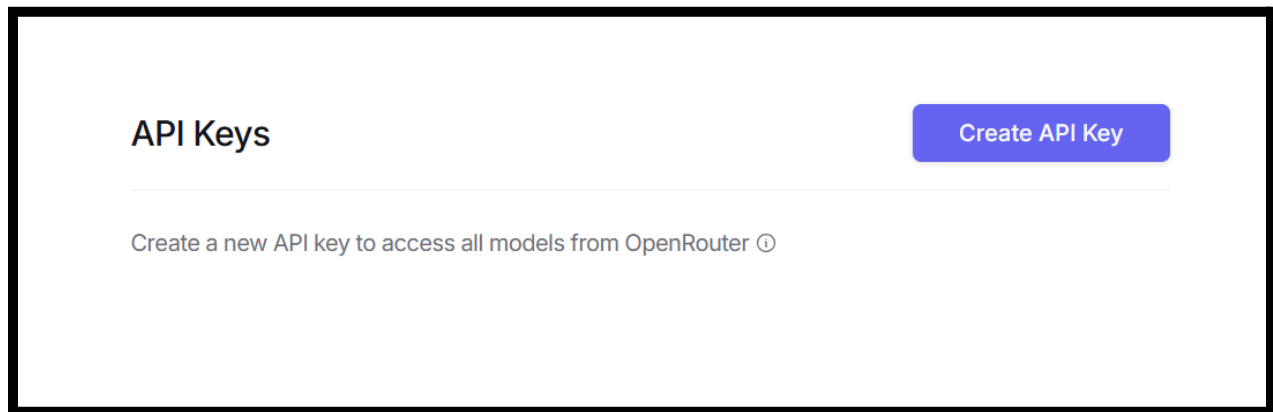
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Step – 4: Go to API Keys



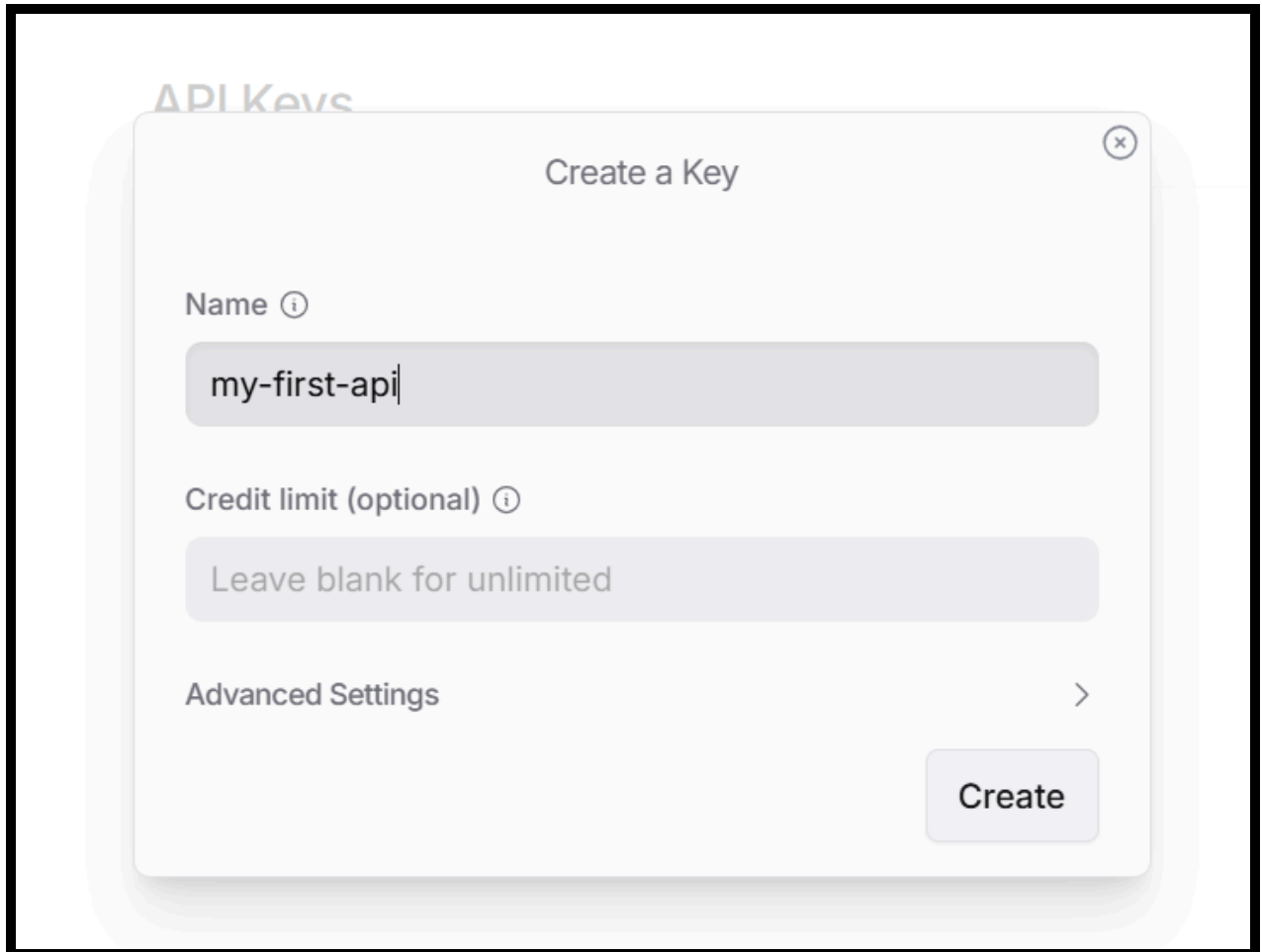
Step – 5: Create a New Key

Click on **Create Key** to generate a new API key.



Step – 6: Copy and Store Your Key Safely

Copy your new API key and **save it somewhere secure**. Do not share it publicly.



The image shows a 'Create a Key' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog is titled 'Create a Key'. It contains three input fields: 'Name' with a value of 'my-first-api', 'Credit limit (optional)' with a value of 'Leave blank for unlimited', and 'Advanced Settings' with a right arrow. A 'Create' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog.

API Keys

Create a Key

Name ⓘ

my-first-api

Credit limit (optional) ⓘ

Leave blank for unlimited

Advanced Settings >

Create

API Keys

Create a Key

Your new key:

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sk-or-v1-5593ff5d5c8c4999971646ebeaeedc3275
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Please copy it now and write it down somewhere safe. **You will not be able to see it again.**

You can use it with OpenAI-compatible apps, or [your own code](#)