APIC with Secure Gateway Notes

Create API Connect Service if not already deployed

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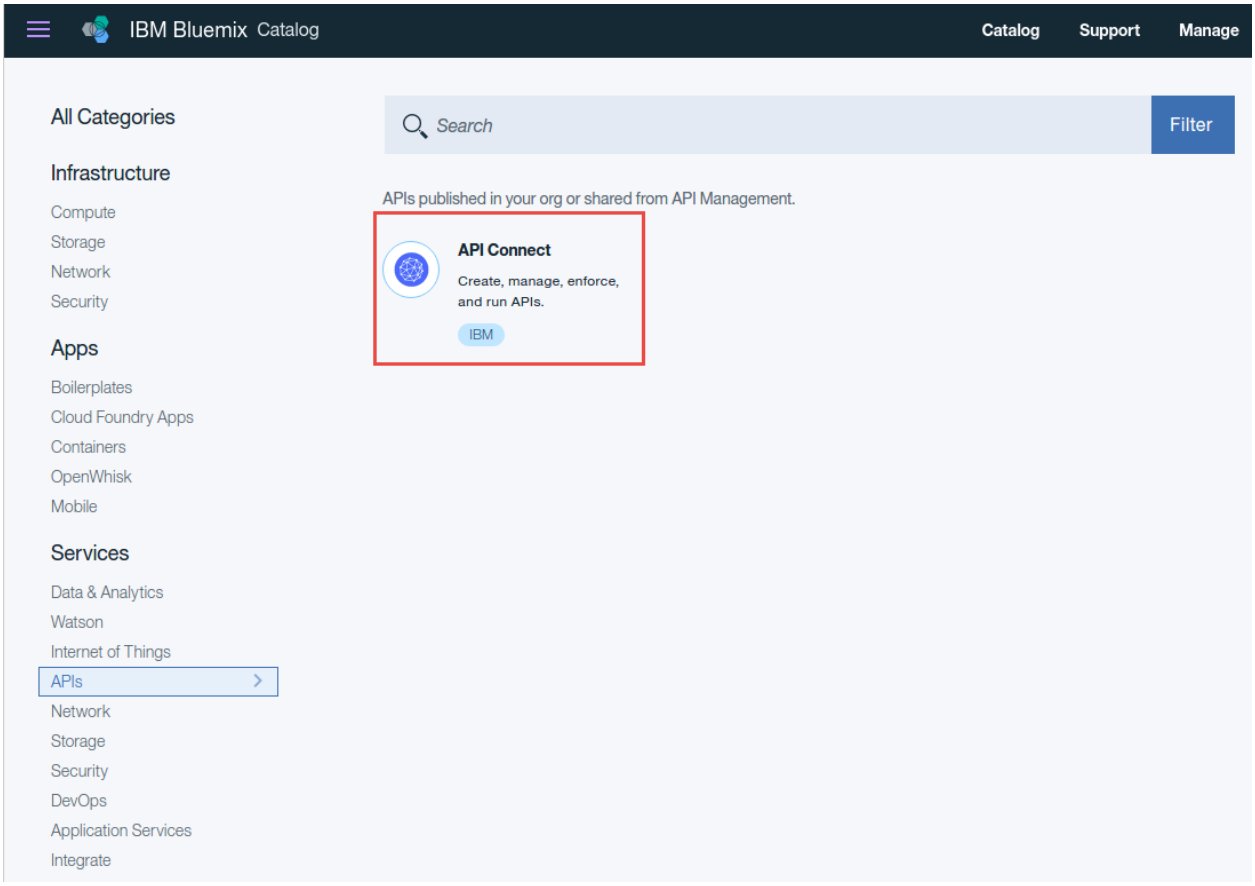

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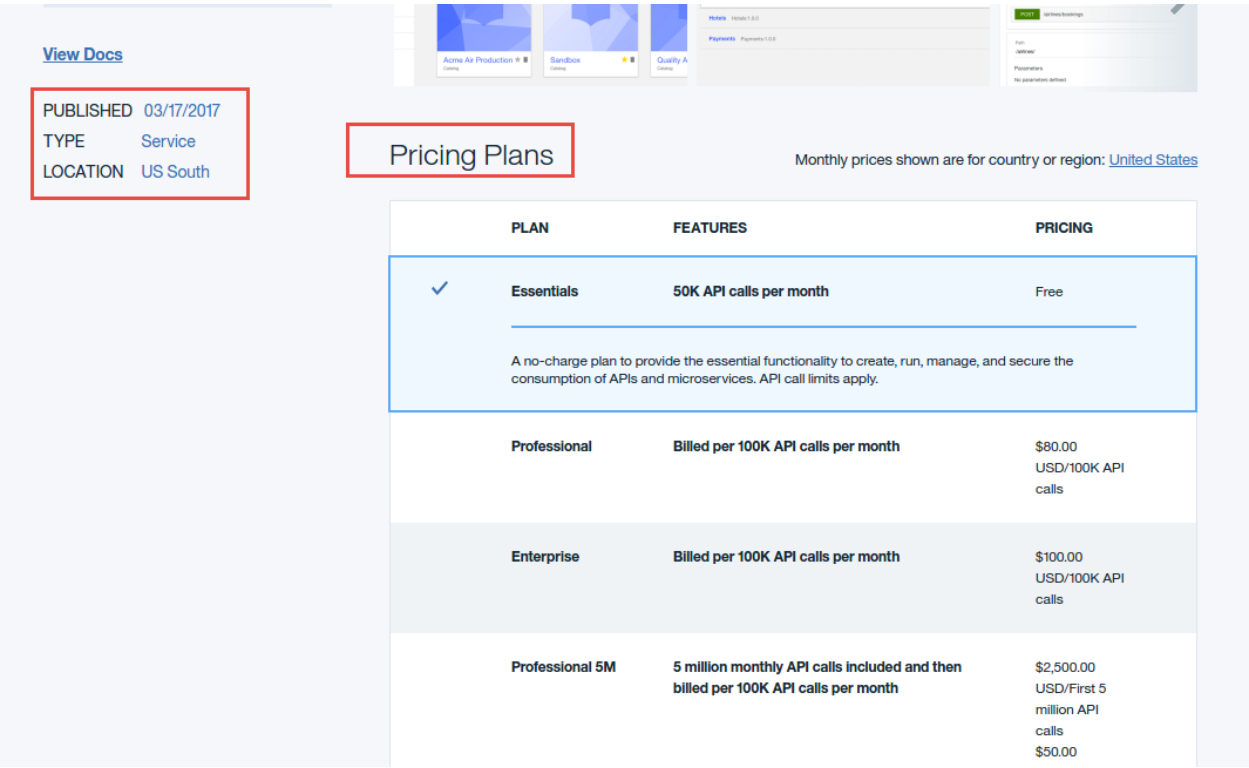

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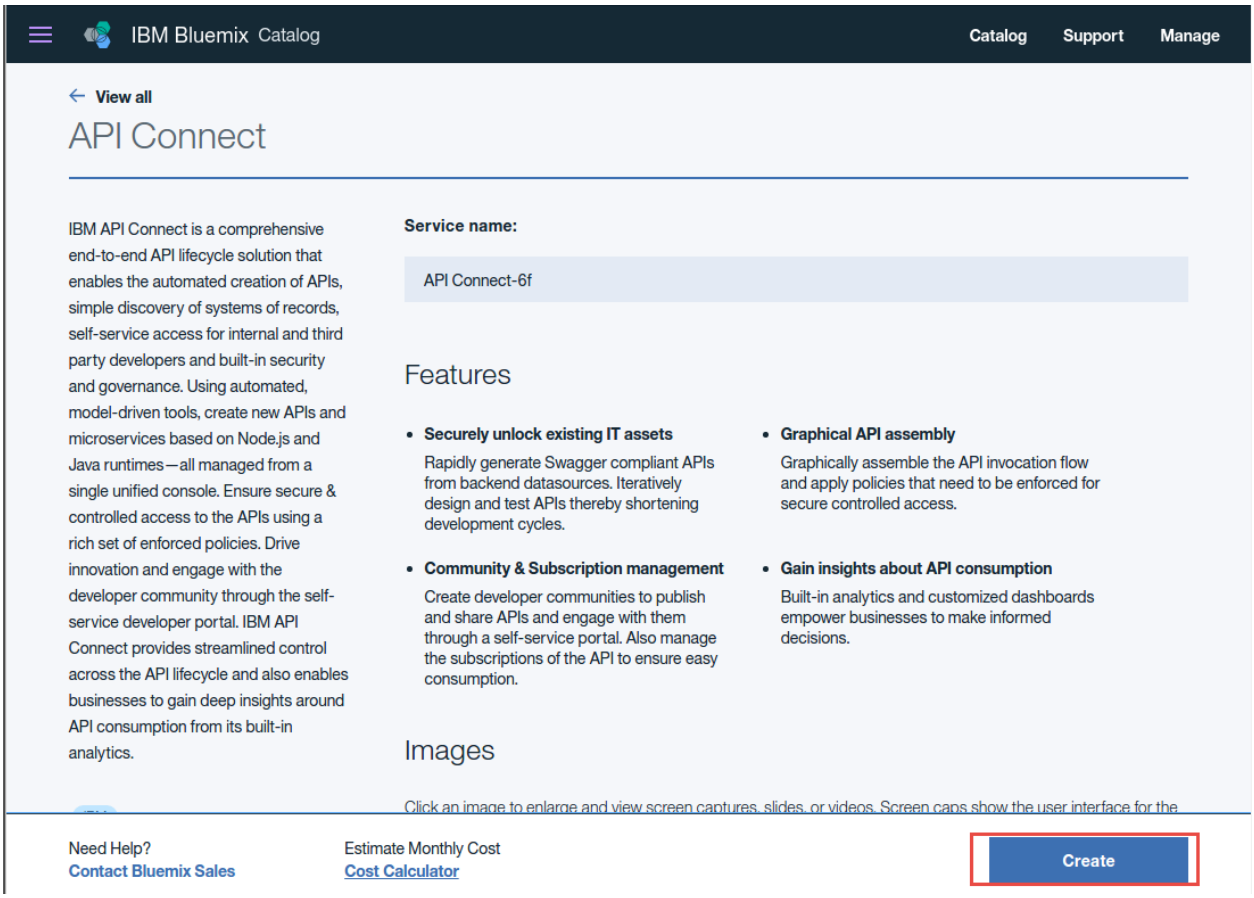

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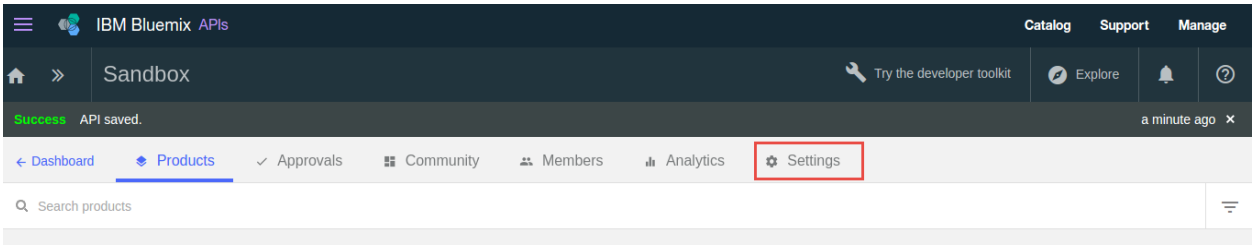

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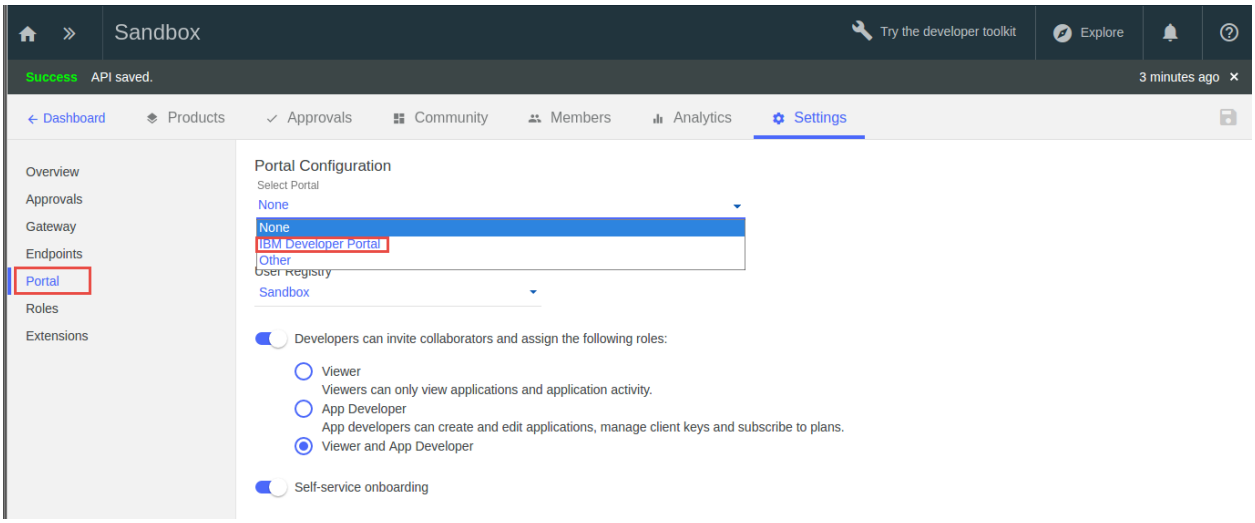

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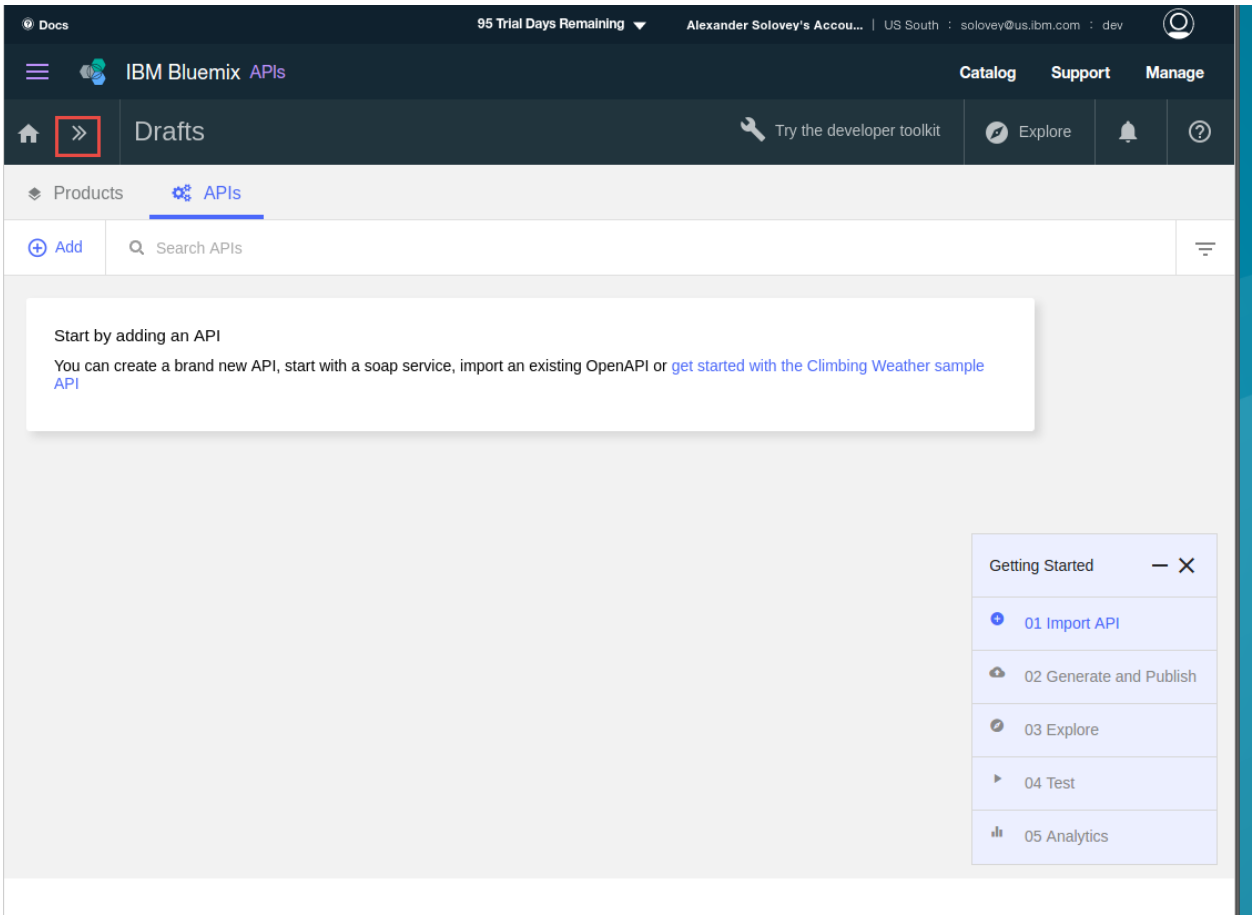

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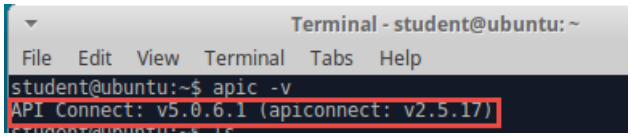

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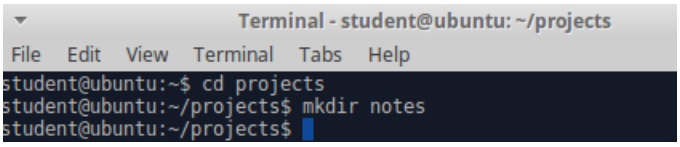
Create empty dir projects then notes (forgot)



1.1 - Creating a notes Application

See Lab 1 sections 1.1 – 1.3 from PoT Lab instructions at:

https://ibm-apiconnect.github.io/pot/lab1.html#creating-a-notes-application

We will use the API Connect Developer Toolkit command line interface to create the initial application and explore the created artifacts.

From the terminal command line type:

apic loopback

This command starts the application generator, Yeoman, to help scaffold the new project. Just press enter for first two questions and then select notes for the kind of application.

```
student@ubuntu:~/projects$ apic loopback
? What's the name of your application? notes
? Enter name of the directory to contain the project: notes
? What kind of application do you have in mind? (Use arrow keys)
  empty-server (An empty LoopBack API, without any configured models or datasour
ces)
? What kind of application do you have in mind?
  empty-server (An empty LoopBack API, without any configured models or datasour
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? What kind of application do you have in mind? notes (A project containing a ba
sic working example, including a memory database)
    Created common
    Created common/models
    Created common/models/note.js
    Created common/models/note.json
    Created package.json
    Created server
    Created server/boot
    Created server/boot/authentication.js
    Created server/boot/root.js
    Created server/config.json
    Created server/datasources.json
    Created server/middleware.development.json
    Created server/middleware.json
    Created server/model-config.json
    Created server/server.js


Running npm install for you to install the required dependencies. If this fails,
 try running the command yourself.
```

This creates an application named “notes” in a directory of the same name. The application is a basic Notes application. You will see a lot of messages printed to the command line window. It is creating a few resources for you and installing the various node modules. Once the node modules are loaded you’ll notice that the process creates swagger and product definitions for you. Finally, the process displays some hints about what to do next. Since we’ve been given such lovely suggestions about what to do next, we may as well follow the first one at least.

```
Updating swagger and product definitions
Created /home/student/projects/notes/definitions/notes.yaml swagger description
Created notes-product.yaml product definition [notes:1.0.0]

Next steps:

  Change directory to your app
    $ cd /home/student/projects/notes

  Create a model in your app
    $ apic create --type model

  Compose your API, run, manage, enforce and deploy it with API Connect
    $ apic edit

  Run the app
    $ apic start

student@ubuntu:~/projects$
```

Change directories to the project directory:

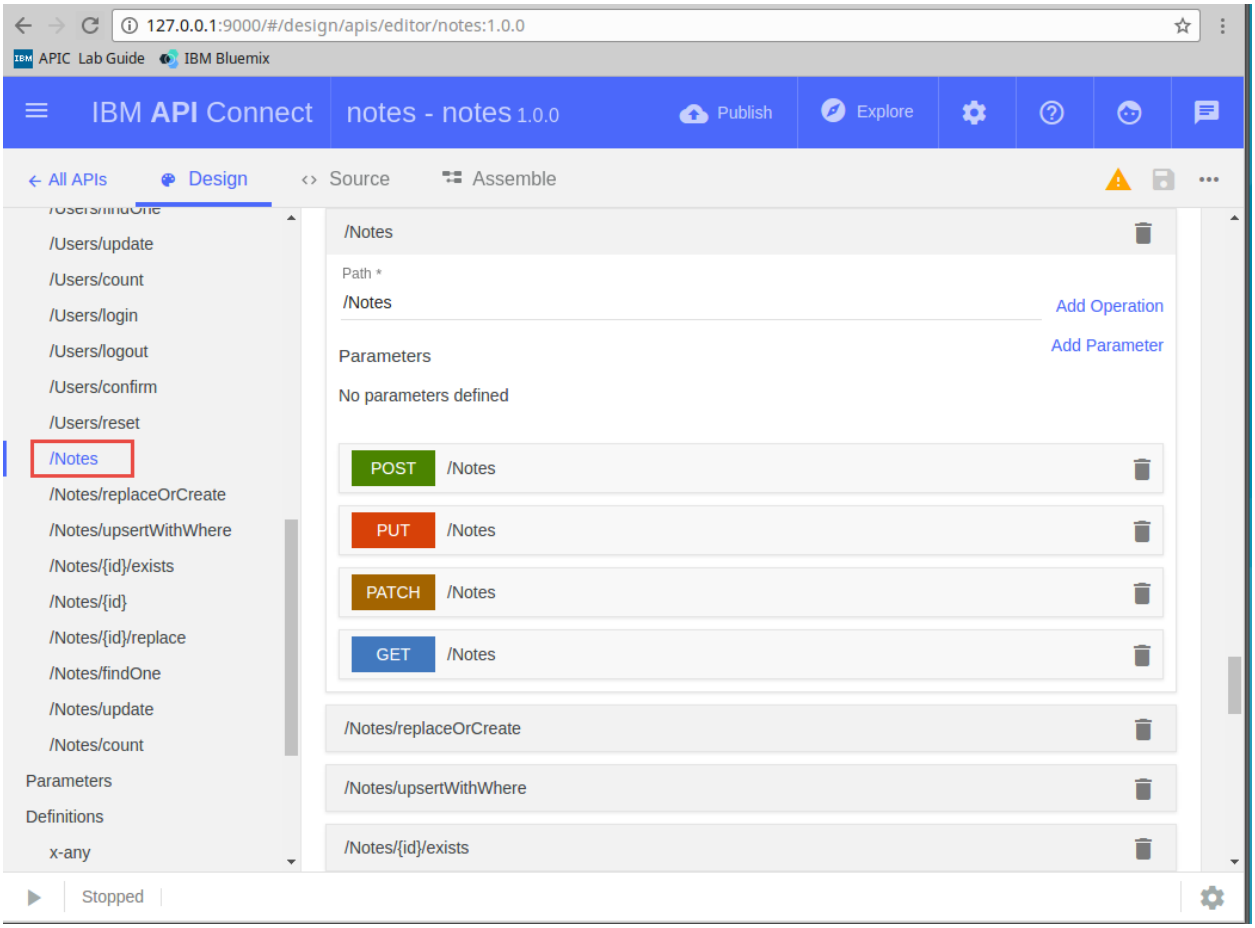
cd notes

1.2 - Launching the notes Application

Now that we’ve explored what is created by the application generator, let’s move on to the API Designer. From the command line:

apic edit

Next, click on the start button located on the bottom panel of the API Designer to launch the notes application.



On a Windows environment, you might see 2 node windows pop up on your screen. Minimize, but do not close these windows.

Once start completes, you should see a screen similar to this:

Notice that once the application is up and running, stop and restart buttons will appear on the bottom side of the screen:

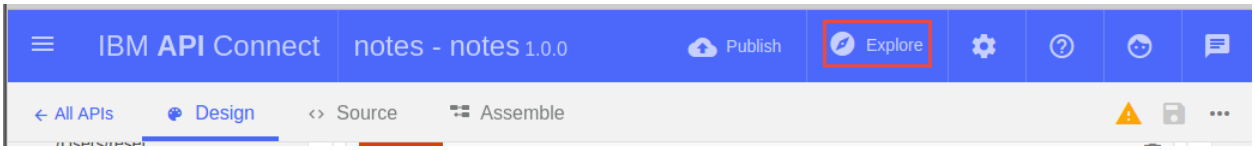
At this point we're ready to Explore and test our services.

Note:

We used the web-based editor to launch the application. There's also a command provided with the API Connect Developer Toolkit that can be utilized from the terminal to lauch the application: apic start

1.3 - Testing the notes Application

Click the Explore button to switch to the API Explorer view.



You will see all the exposed service paths displayed.

Now we're going to test the services using the GUI presented on the explore screen. You'll notice that on the left several REST services are defined for us. In particular, take a look POST /notes and GET /notes.

If you're not familiar with GET and POST, they are HTTP methods (sometimes called verbs). The POST method is used for creation calls to the service. The GET method is used to retrieve information from a service. In this case, we see that both methods are used against the /notes path. So, POST will create a note and GET will retrieve all the notes that have been created.

Start by creating a couple of notes. Click the POST /notes link in the left column. The other columns will scroll so that you're looking at information and controls pertaining to the POST /notes service.

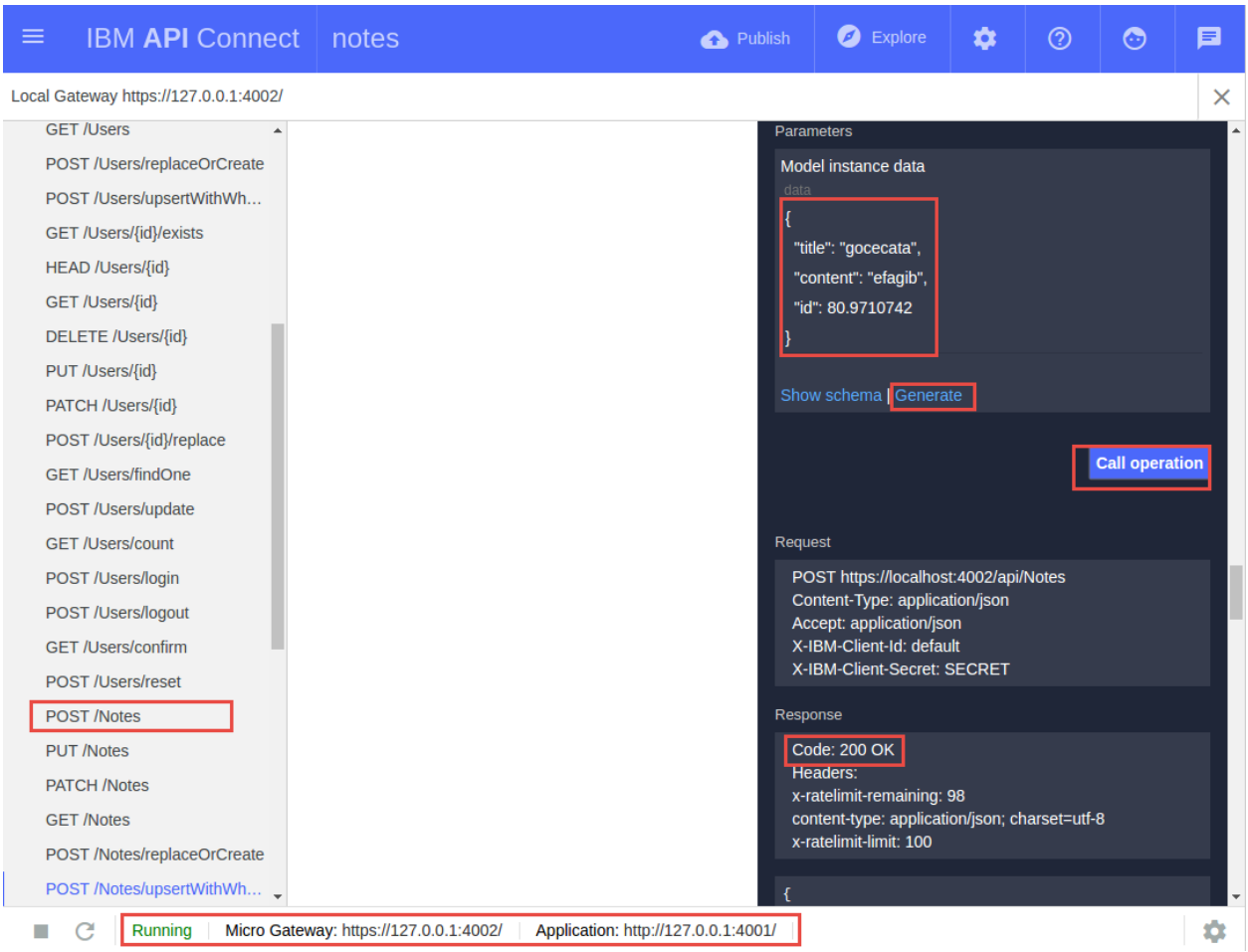
To test creation of a note, scroll down in the right hand column until the Call operation button is visible at the bottom. Just above the Call operation button you'll see a Generate link. This link will generate dummy data for you to create a test call to this service.

Press the Generate link to generate some sample data.

Your data will look different, but you're ready to test the service.

Go ahead and press the Call operation button and scroll down to the Response section to see the results.

In the results, you should see a Code: 200 OK which indicates that a new note was created. If you received a different response, see the troubleshooting steps below.



Troubleshooting:

You may see an error displayed that mentions a CORS issue. This has to do with certificates in your browser. Go ahead an click the given link to rectify this, accept any certificate, close the opened tab, and press the Call operation button again. Additionally, be sure not to skip step 5, as doing a POST operation without generating payload will cause an error.

Troubleshooting:

If you see a 500 error like the one below, make sure you press the Generate button before you press the Call operation button again. Otherwise, you're trying to create a duplicate note.

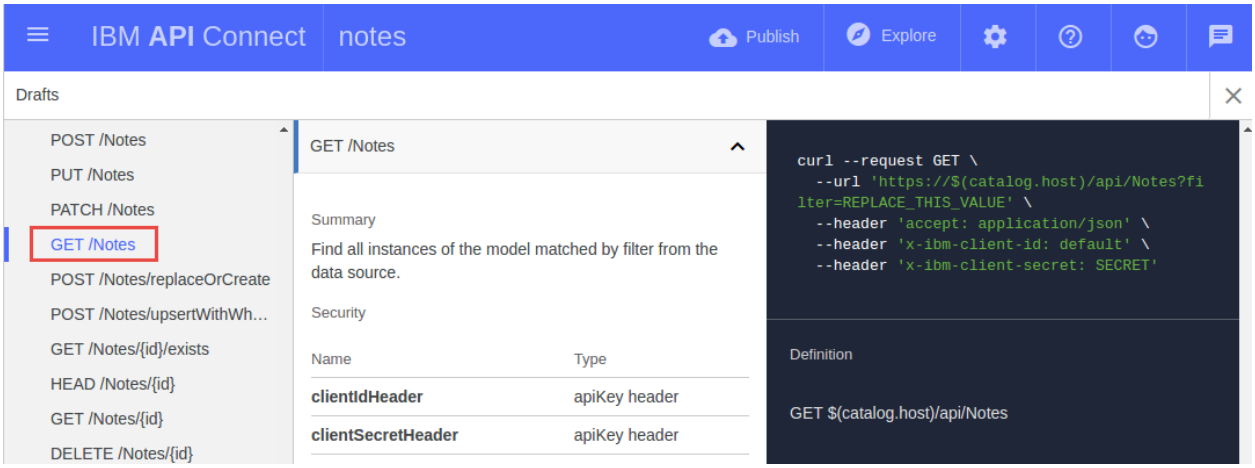
Once you have created one note, go ahead and create another one or two.

Note:

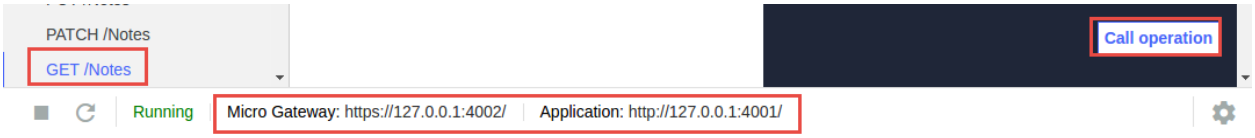
It should be noted that you don't need to use the Generate link. You can type data directly into the Parameters. You can also use Generate to create a template for you to use and then change the

generated parameters. You may also notice that not all the parameters are always generated. This is because only the title parameter is required. Try pressing Generate several times to get a feel for how it works.

Finally, let's test the GET /notes service. We should have two, three, or more notes created at this point. In the left hand column click the GET /notes link.



Scroll down to the Call operation button and press it. Then scroll down to the results.

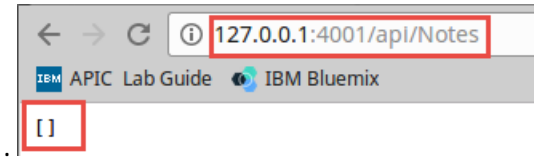


You should see all the notes that you generated in the result set.

Or use this url http://127.0.0.1:4001/api/Notes in the browser

Important:

If you see an empty array, [], as your result, then you've not successfully created any notes. This is also true if you stop the application and restart it. With the notes example, we're using an in-memory database which means that nothing is persisted to disk. So, it is lost when the server is stopped and restarted



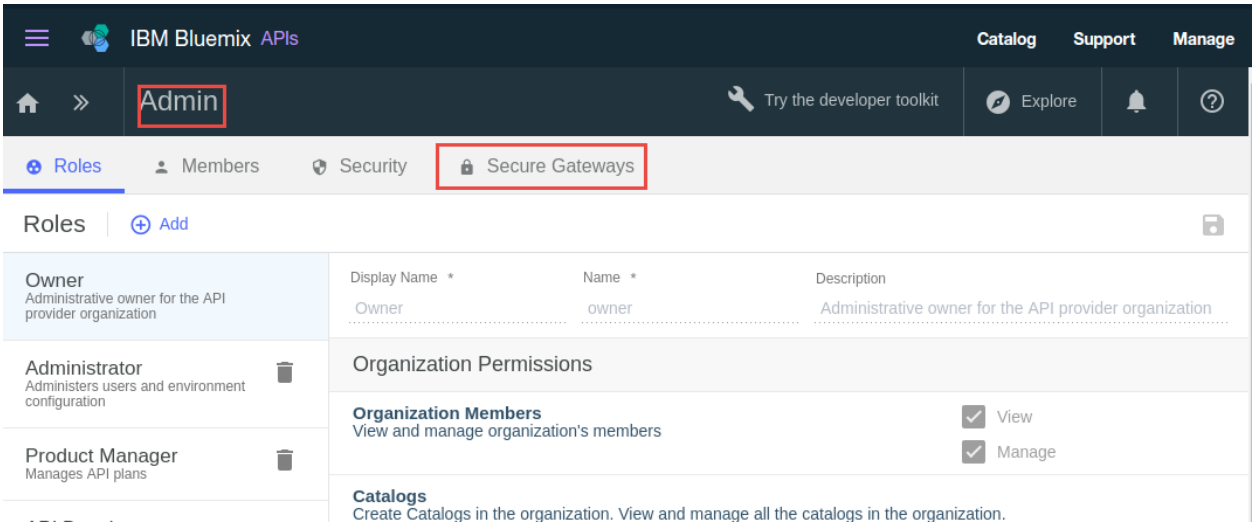
At this point, we are done testing the app locally.

API Connect Secure Gateway Integration Part 2 : Leveraging on-premise API resources

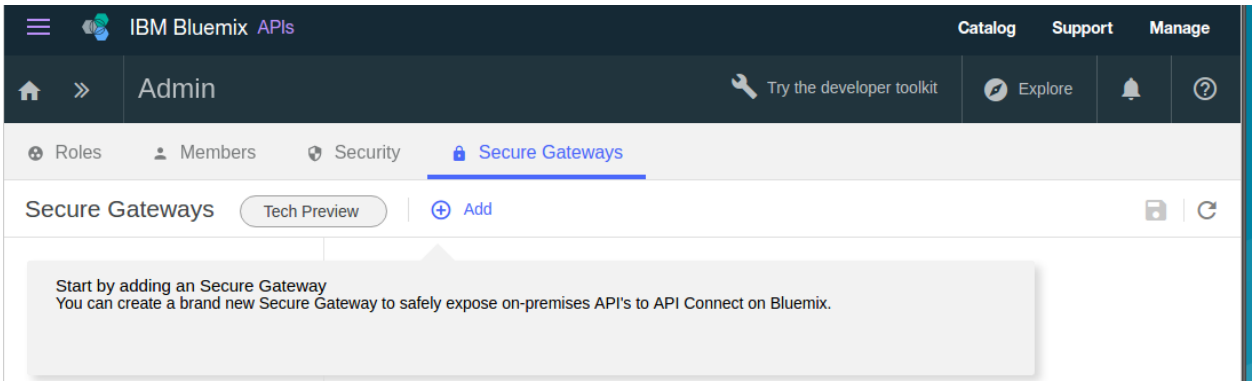
https://developer.ibm.com/apiconnect/2017/01/13/api-connect-secure-gateway-integration-part-2-leveraging-on-premise-api-resources/

In part 2, we will expose this newly created on-premise API securely using the Secure Gateway functionality integrated into API Connect.

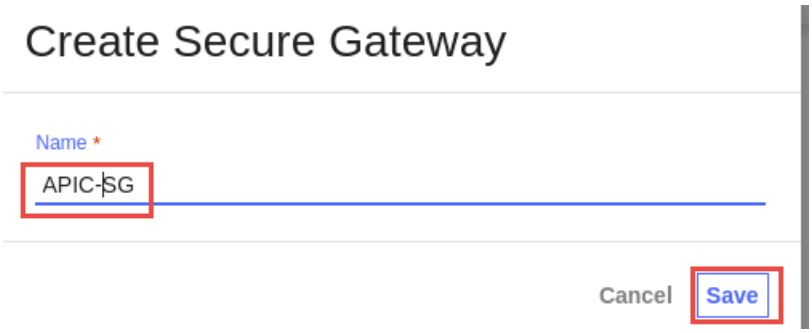
We first log into our Bluemix Region where API Connect is provisioned and navigate to the Admin section. From there we will select the Secure Gateways tab.



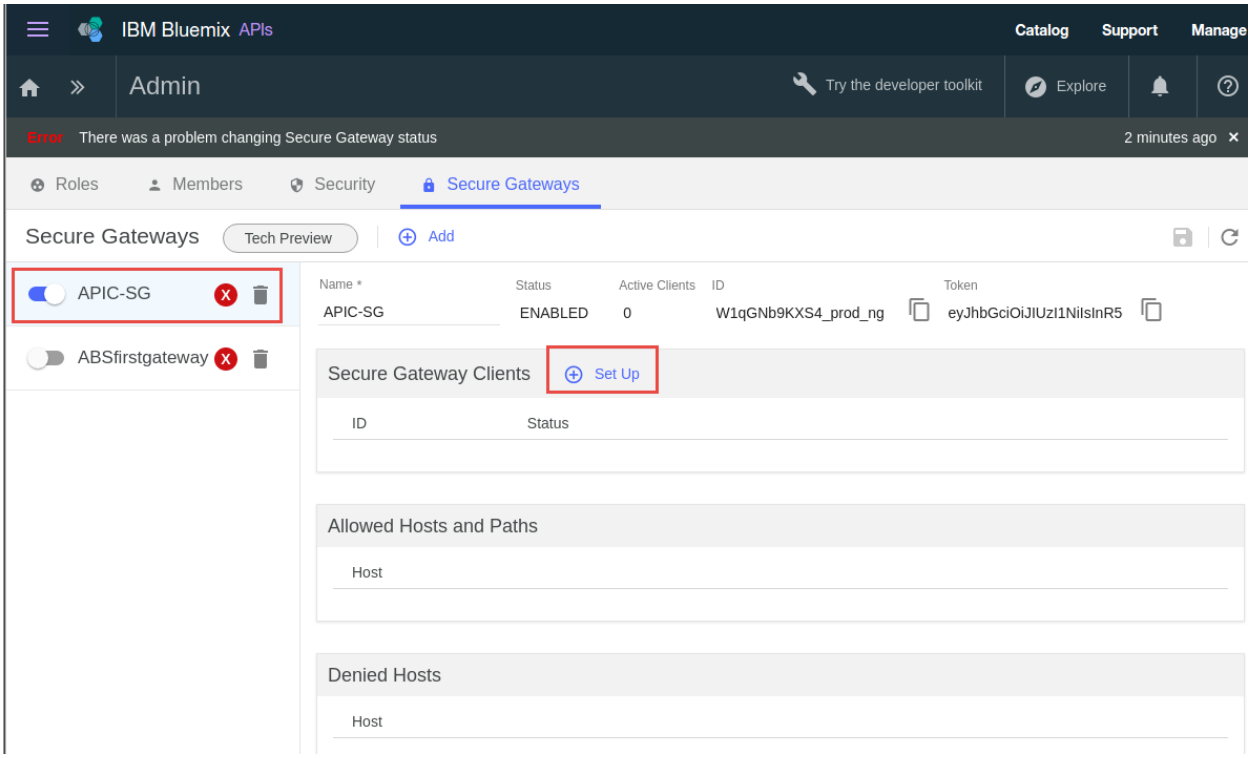
Click the “Add” link to create our first Secure Gateway.



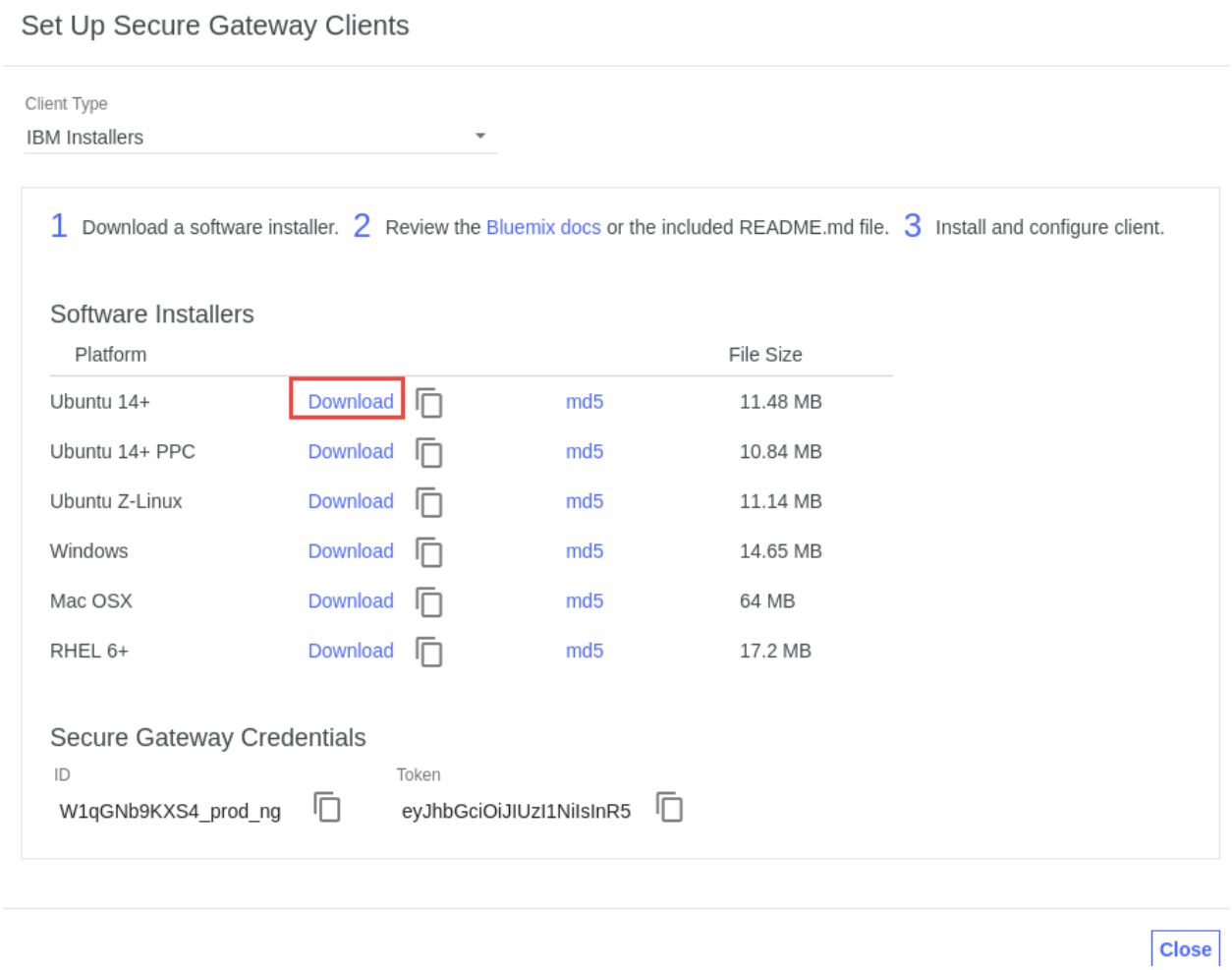
Give it a name and click Save



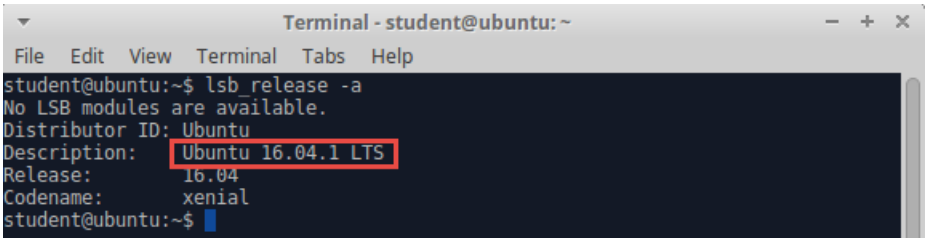
After creating the gateway we need to set up the Secure Gateway client. This will be our connection between the on-premise API and API Connect. From the Secure Gateway Tab we will select the “Set Up” link.



This will bring up the page to download the Secure Gateway Client.

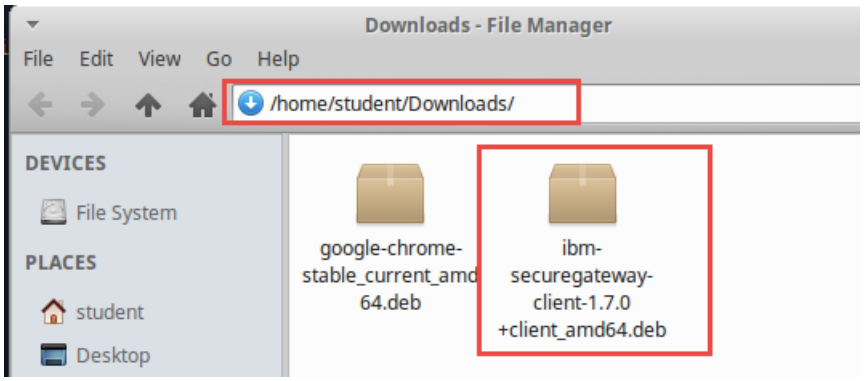


Check Ubuntu version of PoT VM



Select the installer you wish to use and copy the ID and token for the gateway. You can use the following guide for a more detail explanation of how to setup a Secure Gateway Client:
https://console.ng.bluemix.net/docs/services/SecureGateway/sg_021.html#sg_021

Show downloaded file in finder:



Installing the client - Ubuntu

You require root or administrative privileges to install the client on an Ubuntu operating system.

Install the Secure Gateway client. For example, using a Debian package manager, if you are trying to install version 1.4.1 issue the following command.

sudo dpkg -i ibm-securegateway-client-1.4.1+client_amd64.deb

When the client installer starts, you are prompted for the following information:

Note: You do not have to answer the prompts. They will all take the defined default, or be left blank in thesgenvironment.conf file. This allows the installation process to run without user interaction.

```
options@0.0.6
ultron@1.0.2

npm WARN ibm-bluemix-secure-gateway-client@1.7.0 No repository field.
/sbin/init: unrecognized option '--version'
[postinst] INFO: securegateway_client may or may not be running...
[postinst] INFO: Should we start or restart it? No
[postinst] WARNING: User had requested not to start the securegateway_client process,
[postinst] WARNING: it has to be started manually.
[postinst] WARNING: Use the following command: /usr/bin/sudo /bin/systemctl start securegateway_client
[postinst] INFO: +-PLEASE NOTE----------------------------------------------------+
[postinst] INFO: | To run the client using a different gateway ID and other values you |
[postinst] INFO: | can update the /etc/ibm/sgenvironment.conf upstart environment file.|
[postinst] INFO: +----------------------------------------------------------------+
[postinst] INFO: +-PLEASE NOTE----------------------------------------------------+
[postinst] INFO: | The installer automatically enables auto-start daemon capability for|
[postinst] INFO: | systems that are supported. To disable, or enable it on systems that|
[postinst] INFO: | are not automatically supported, see the README markdown file. . . .|
[postinst] INFO: +----------------------------------------------------------------+
[postinst] INFO: You can change the language for Secure Gateway client service logs in /etc/ibm/sgenvironment.conf
[postinst] ================================================================================
[postinst] Completed with SUCCESS
[postinst] Ended on: Monday - April 10, 2017 - 08:00:04.796431616
[postinst] ================================================================================
[postinst]
[postinst]
student@ubuntu:~/Downloads$
```

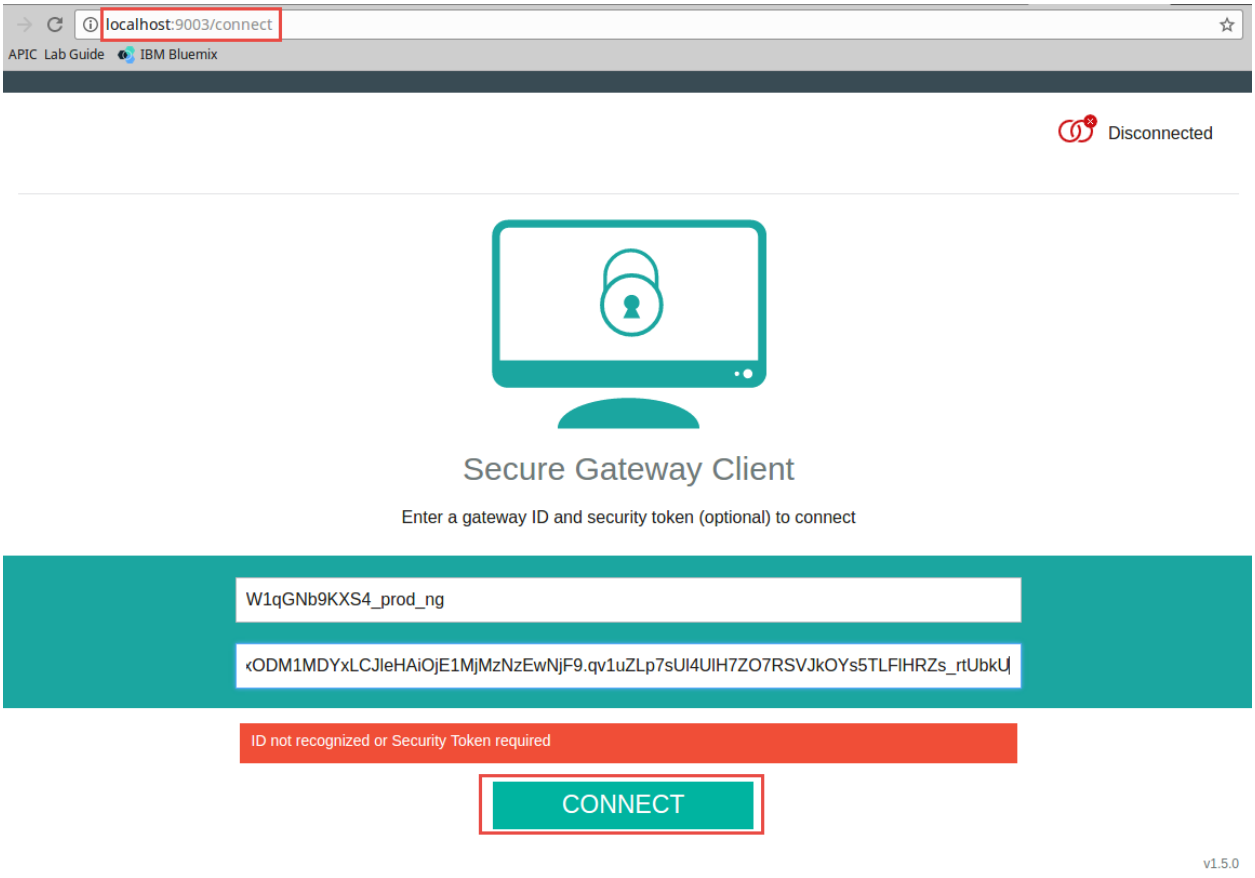
Start the client

```
student@ubuntu:~/Downloads$ cd ..
student@ubuntu:~$ /usr/bin/sudo /bin/systemctl start securegateway_client
student@ubuntu:~$
```

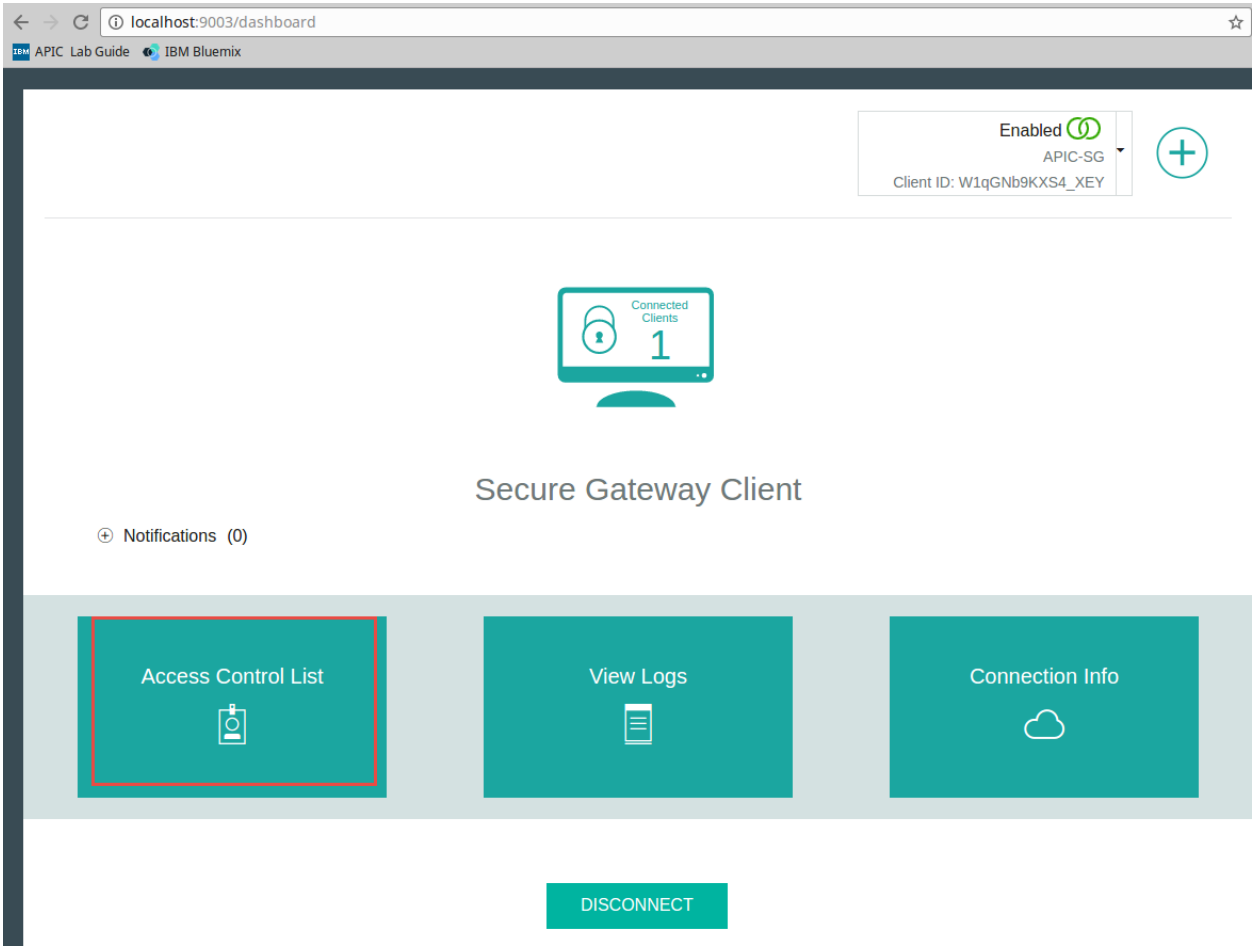
Configure client ACL

Once the install of the client is finished, you'll need to ensure the hostname and port for the on-premise API is added to the Access Control List of the Secure Gateway Client. This can be accomplished via the Secure Gateway Client's UI:

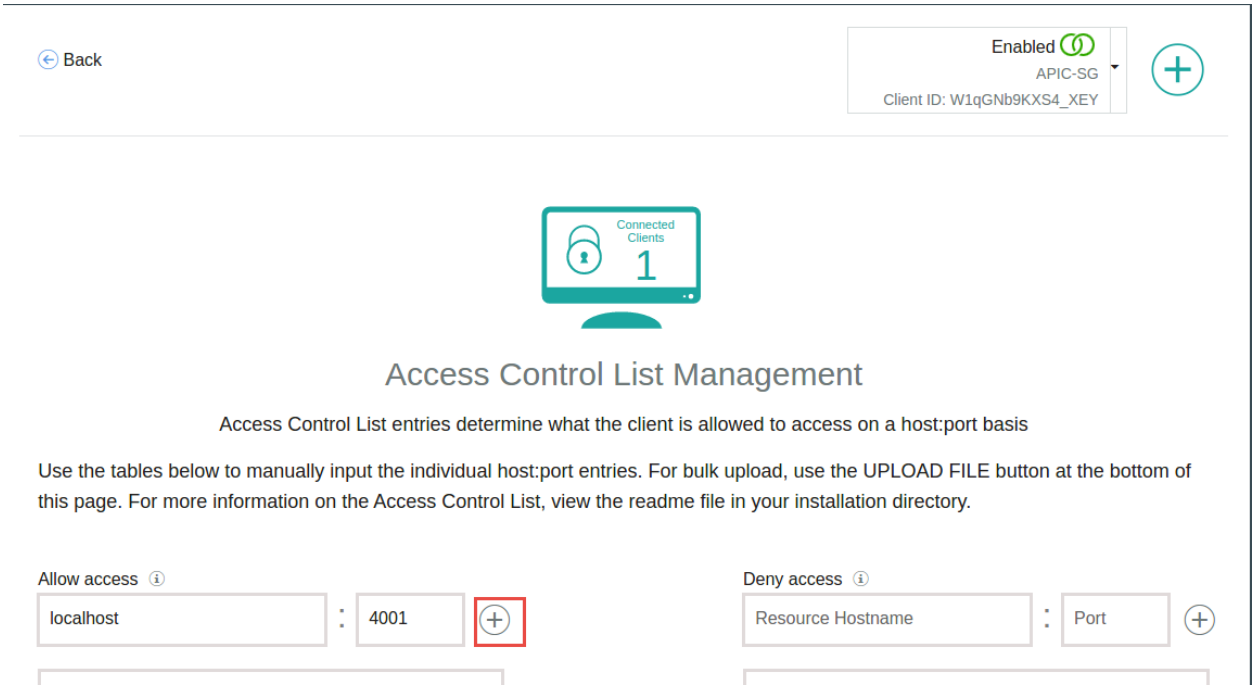
http://localhost:9003/dashboard



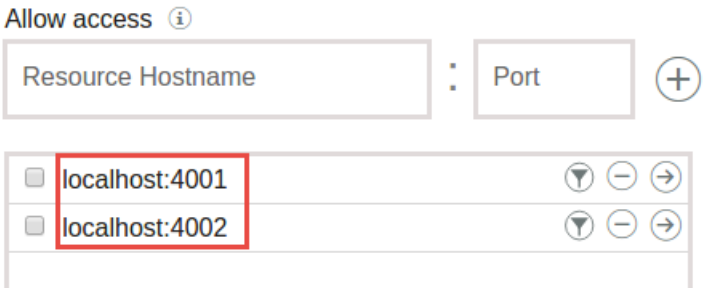
On Dashboard click ACL



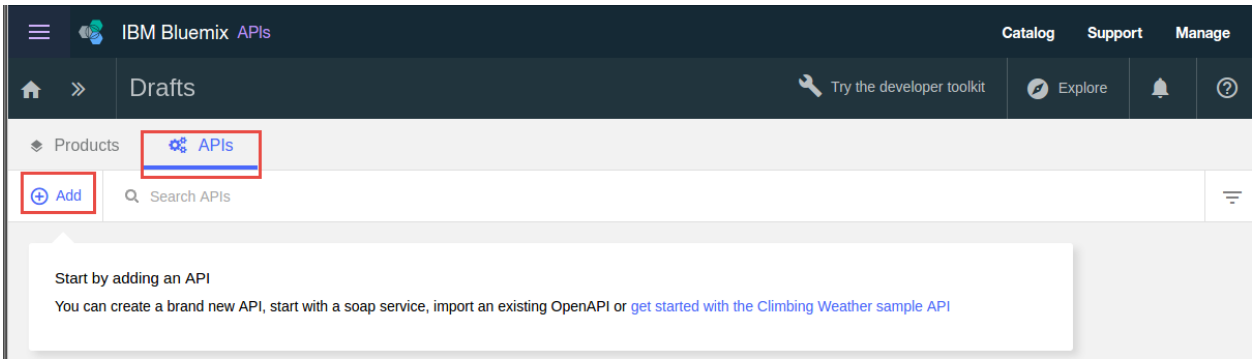
Add localhost:4001



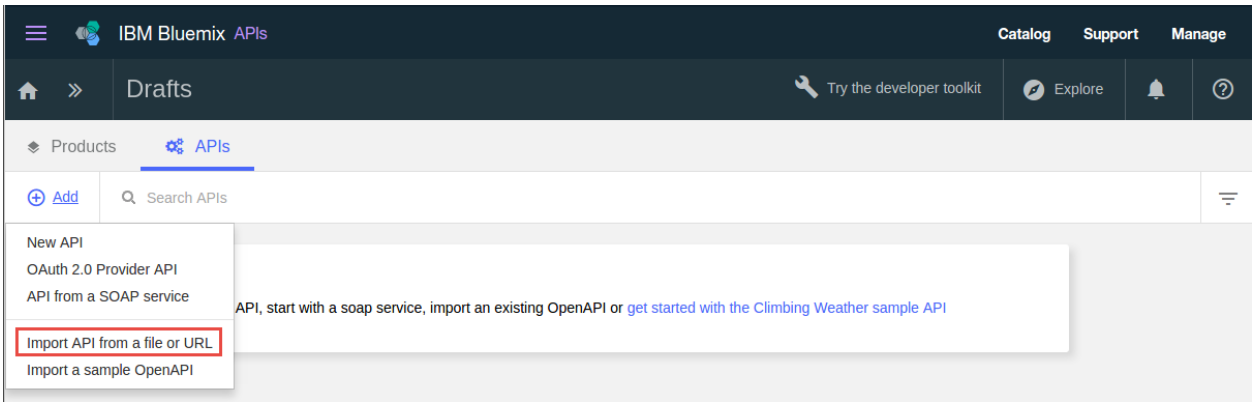
Add localhost:4002. See results:



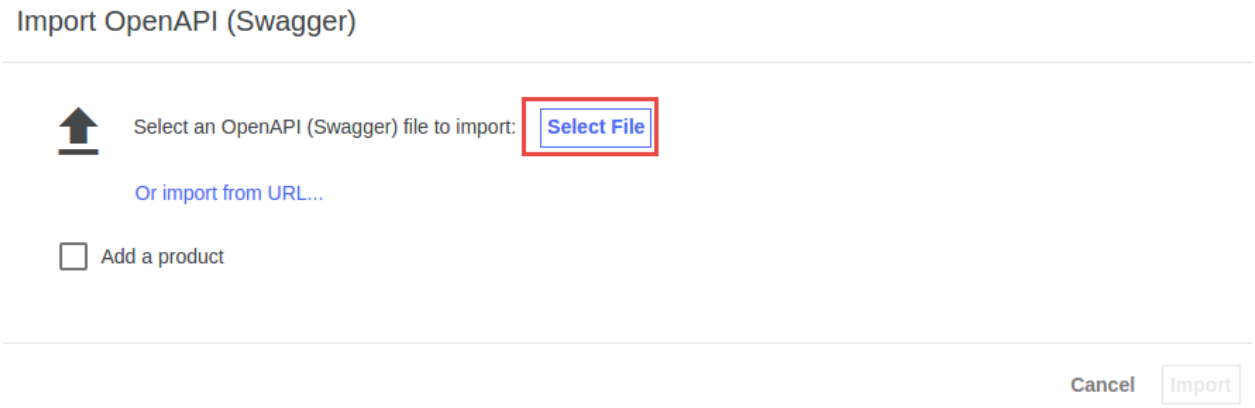
After the client is successfully configured, we can import the on-premise API into API Connect. First we go into the Drafts mode and select the APIs tab.



Then click the “Add” link and select “Import an existing OpenAPI” from the drop down.



The file we want to import is located in the $(project_workspace)/mysql-project/definitions directory from the API we created in the first part of the blog. There will be two files within that directory: the API definition file and the product definition file. Select the API definition file.



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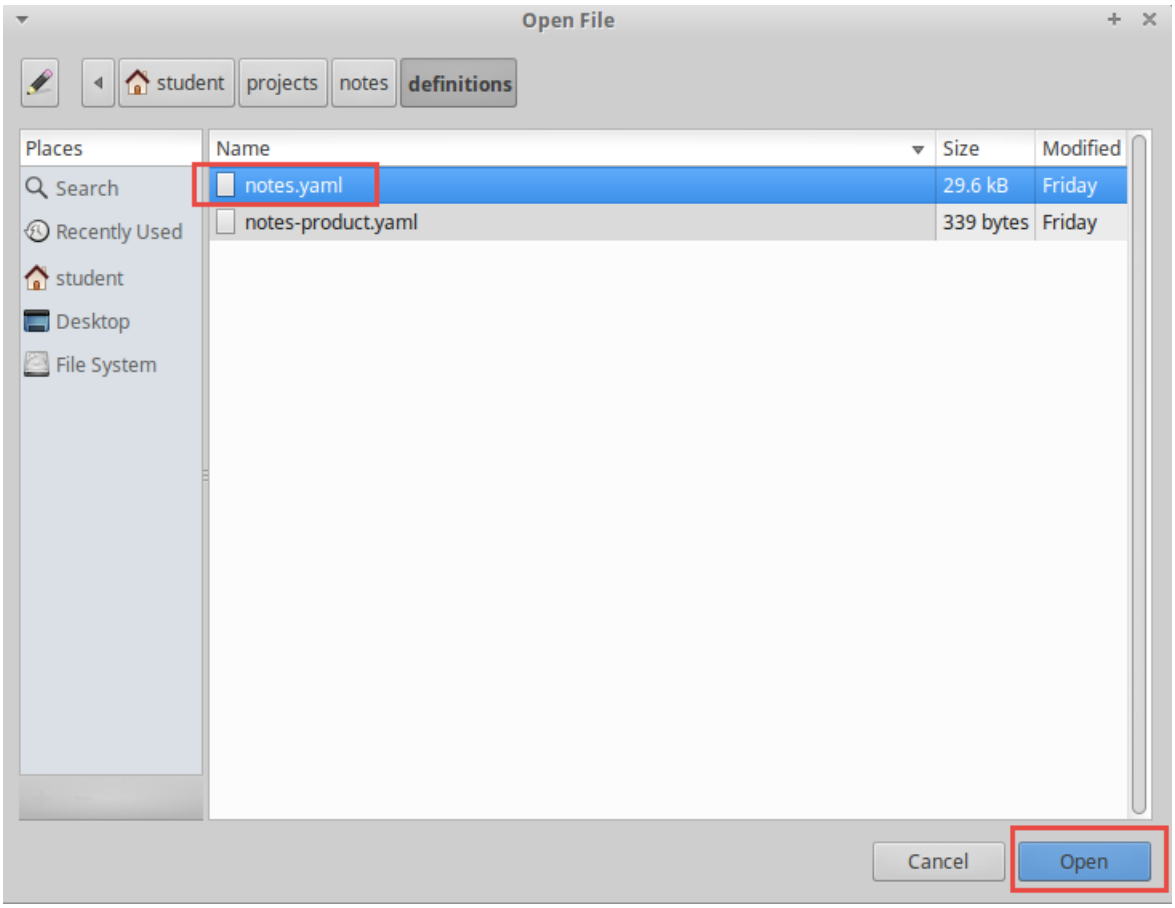
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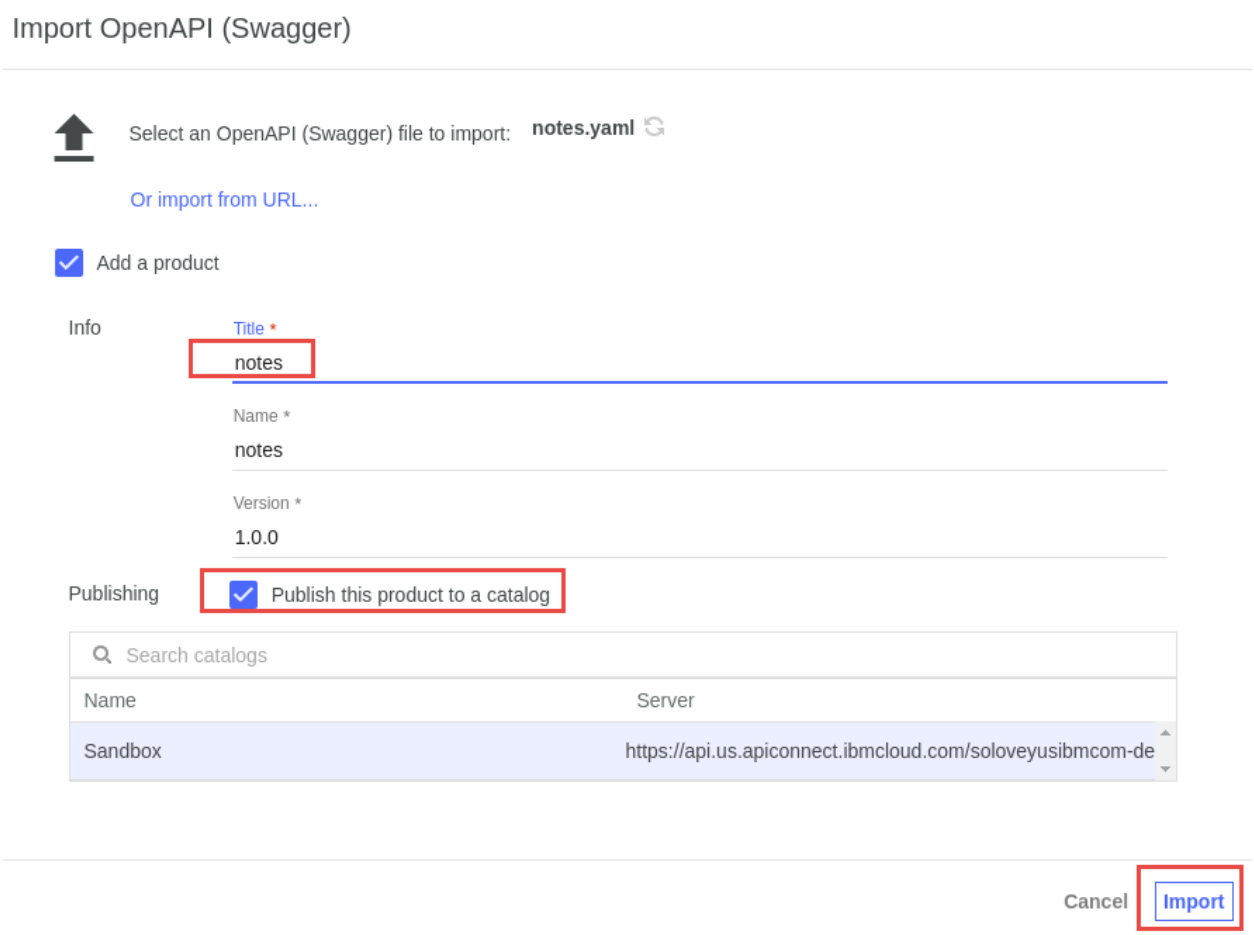
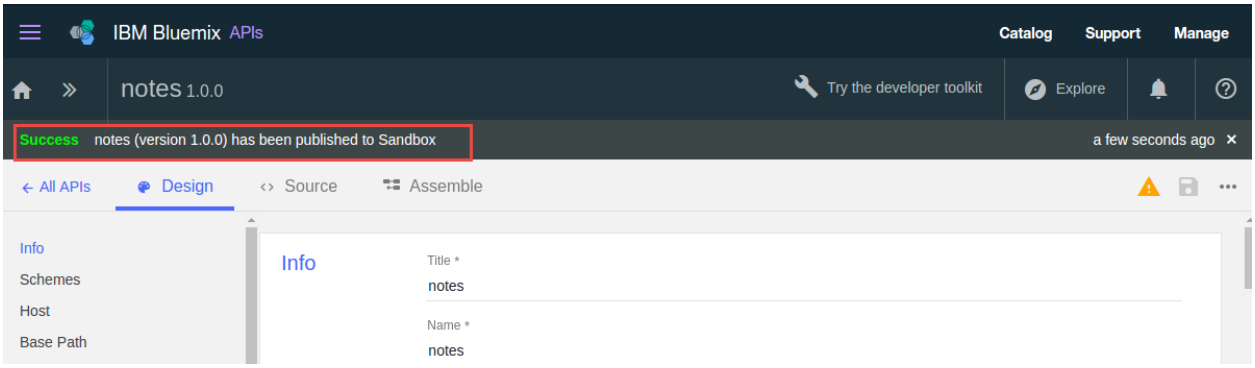
After selecting the file, make sure to check the box for “Add a product” to create a product for the imported API definition.

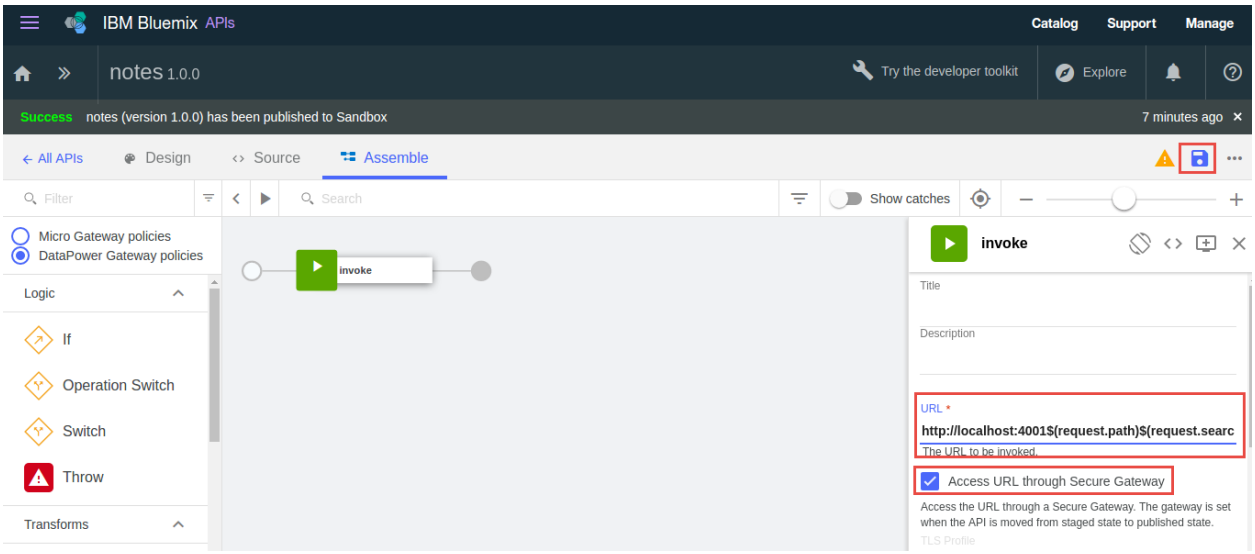


Now we have the API and product imported into API Connect.

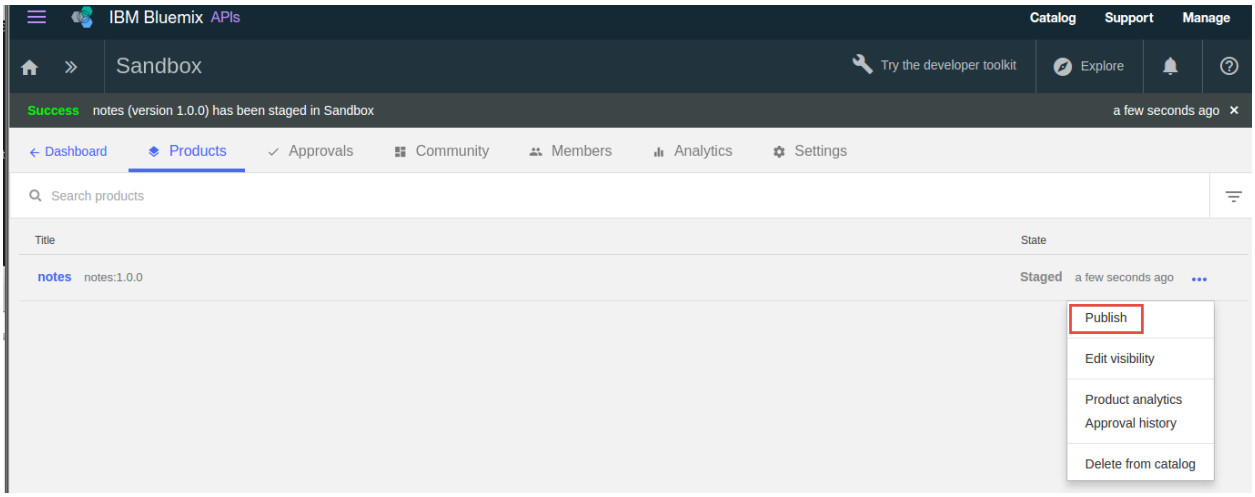


Next we will make this API a Secure Gateway API. Within the Drafts mode, navigate to the Assemble tab of the API and select the invoke policy. In the right handle menu, check the box to “Access URL through Secure Gateway” and change the URL to the hostname and port of the machine hosting the on-premise API.

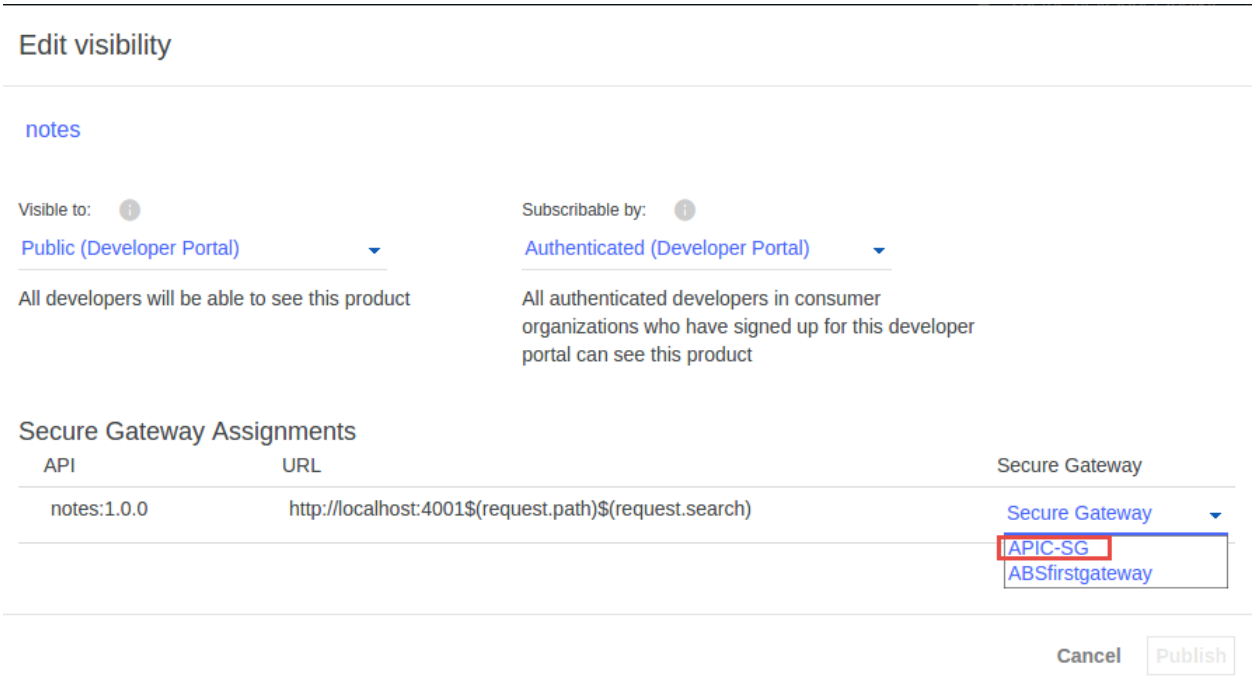
For our example, the Secure Gateway client is running on the same machine as the on-premises API, so the URL is http://localhost:4001$(request.path)$(request.search)



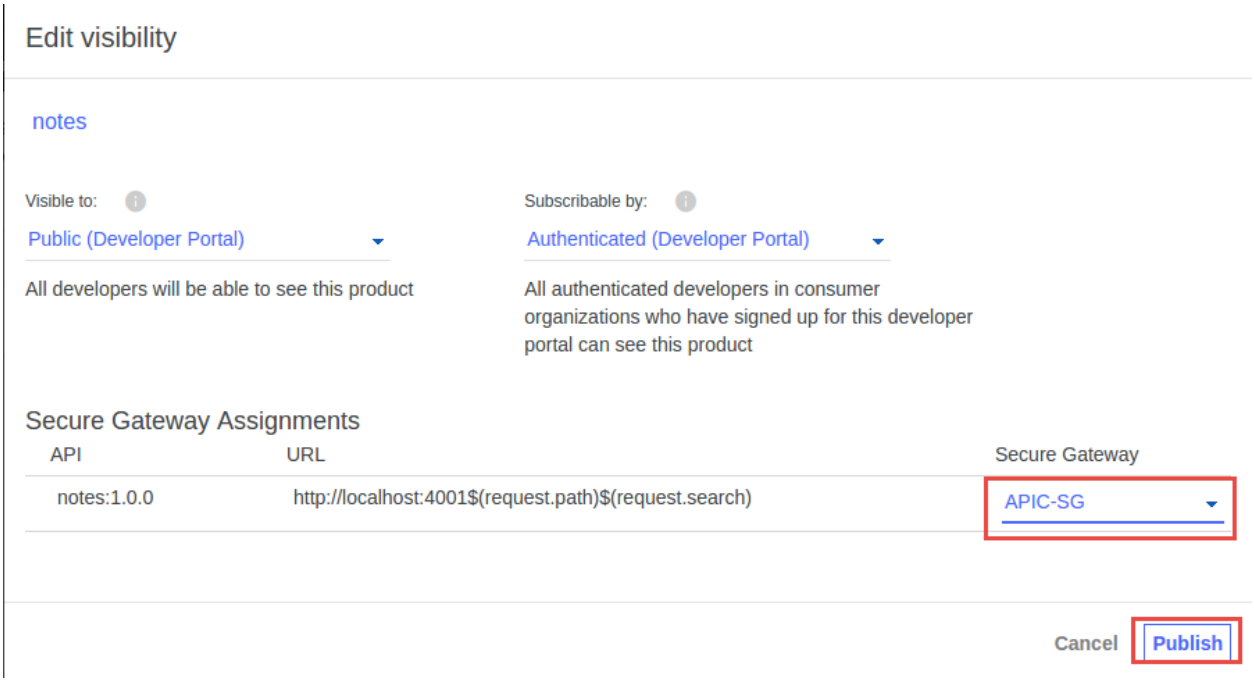
After saving the changes, you can stage the product to a catalog and publish the product.



When you publish the product, a new section will be present to configure which gateway to use for the product.



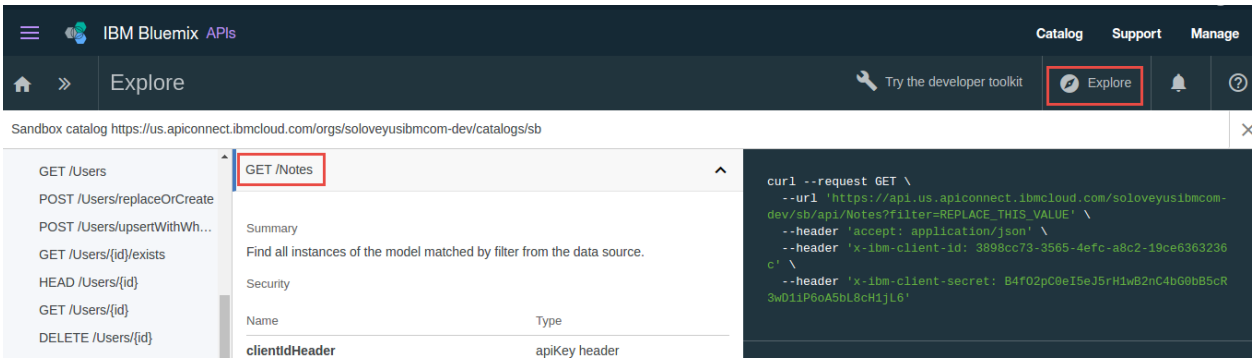
Select the gateway created earlier and publish the API.



Testing API from APIC Management server

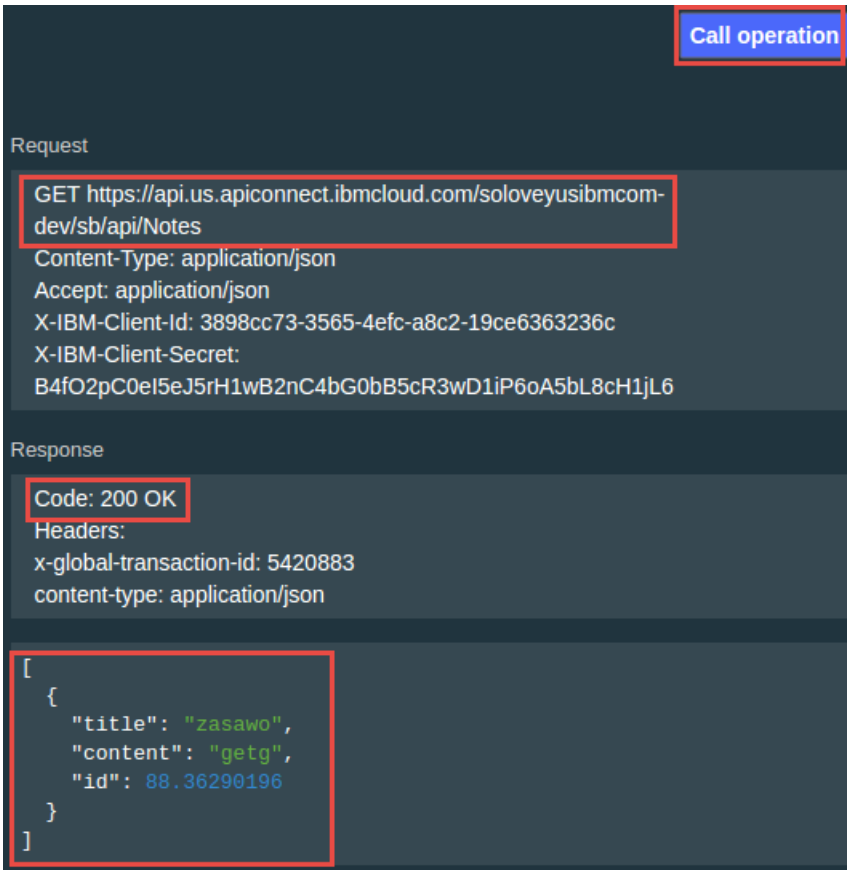
All that is left to do is test the newly published Secure Gateway API. You can use curl to make a request to the API Connect endpoint or use the built in test tool available within API Connect.

Select notes API and click Explore then select GET /Notes operation on the left



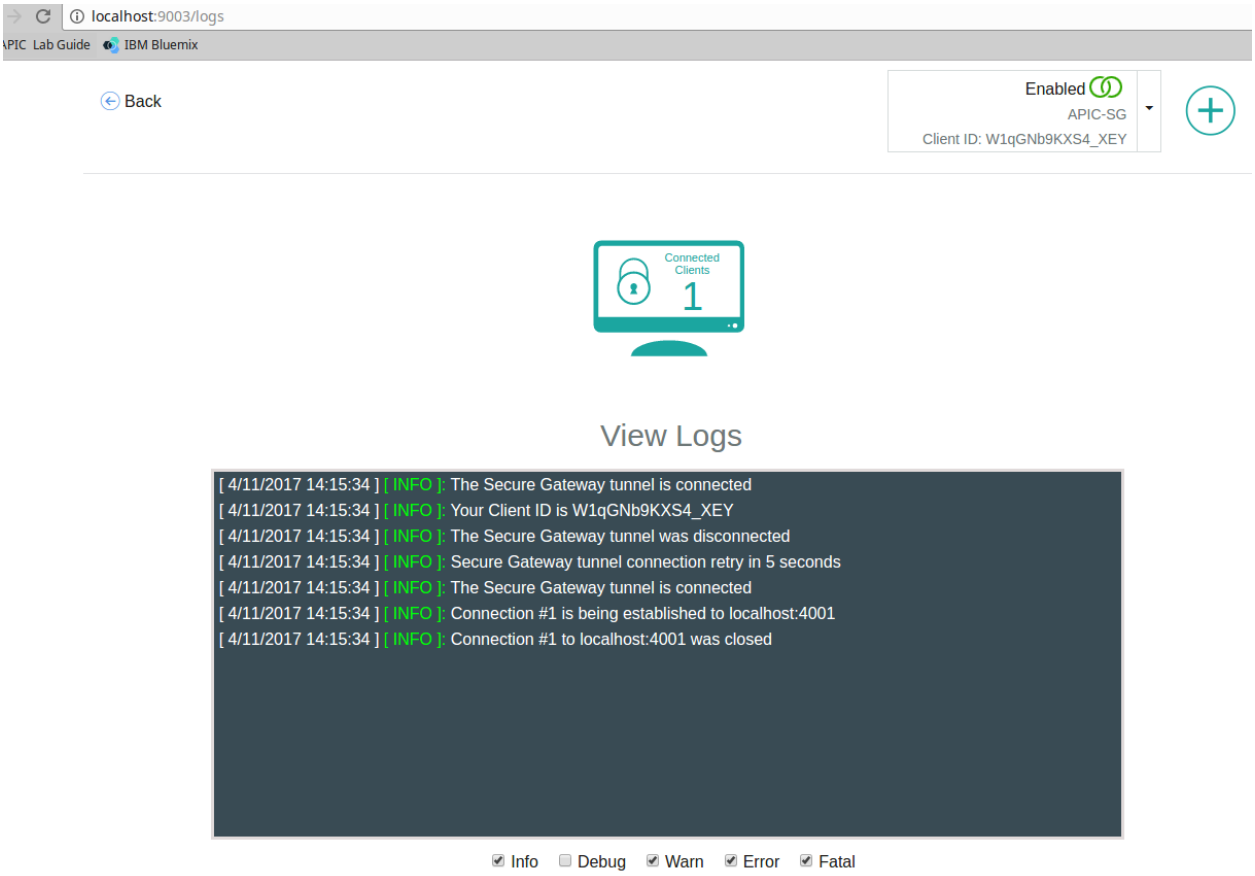
Scroll down on the right section and click “Call operation”

Review Request URL and result (same as running localhost on VM):

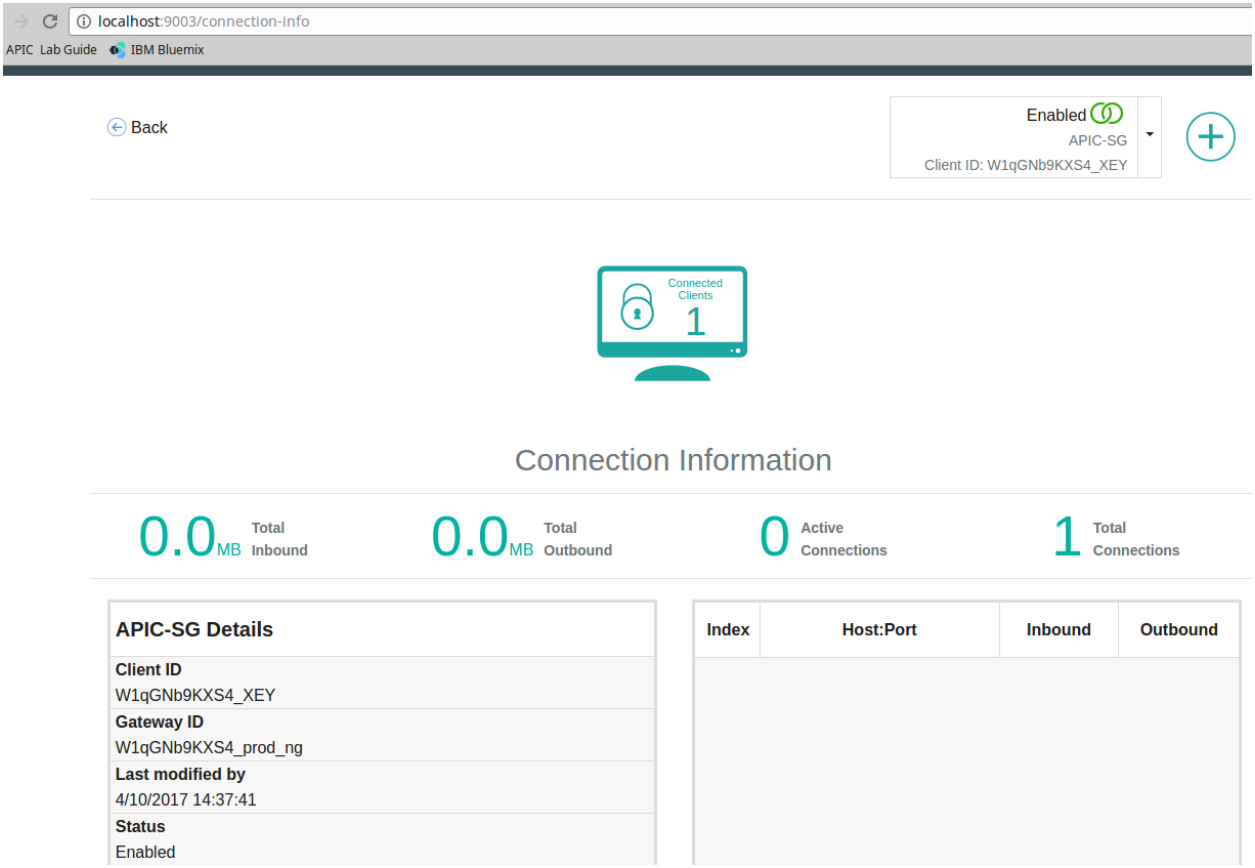


Now you have successfully published your first Secure Gateway enabled API. With the new Secure Gateway Integration within API Connect, you will be able to quickly and securely create APIs to access on-premises resources.

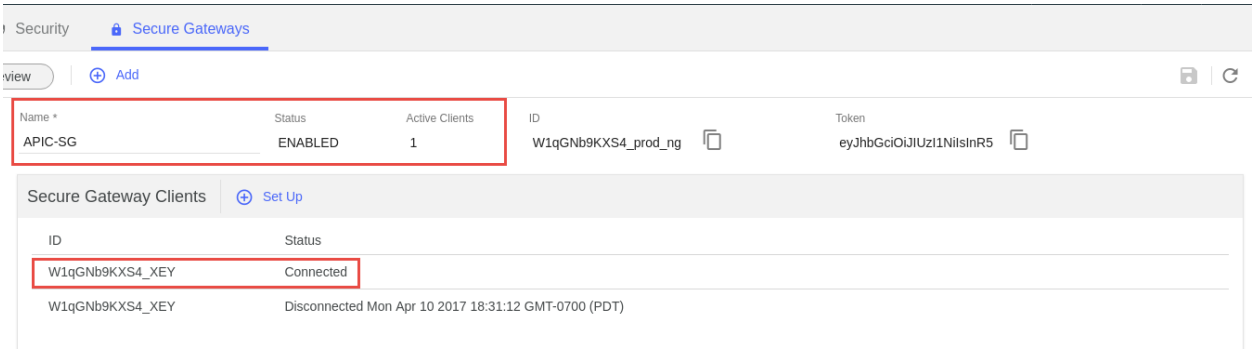
Review SG client logs



Client connection info

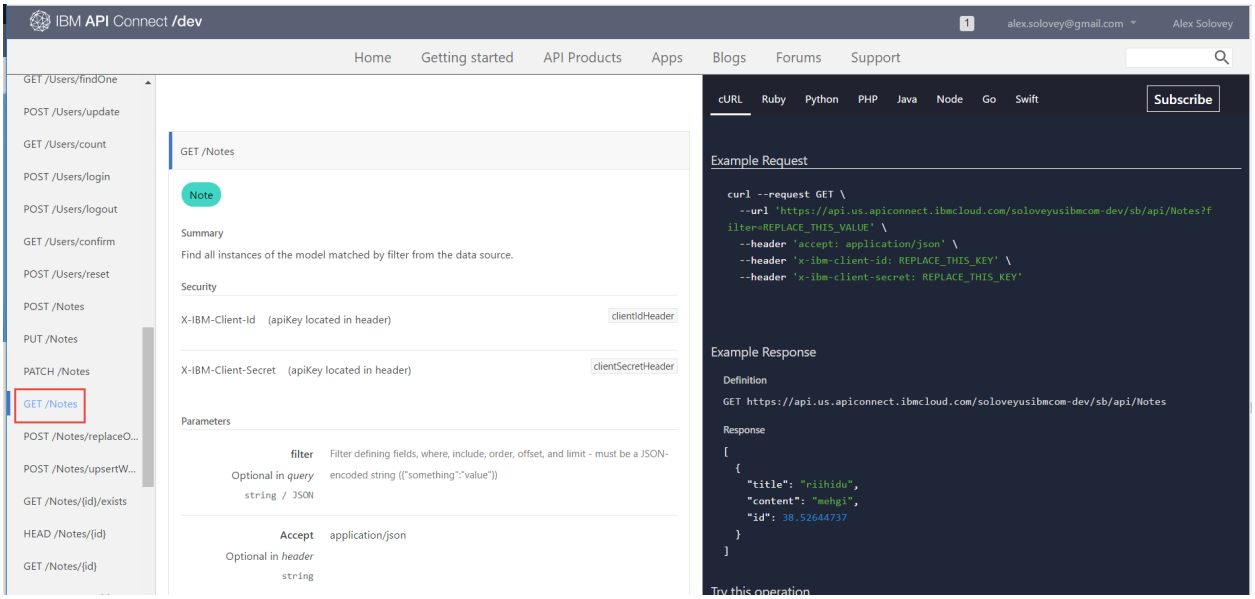


Review SG server in APIC Admin Secure Gateways tab

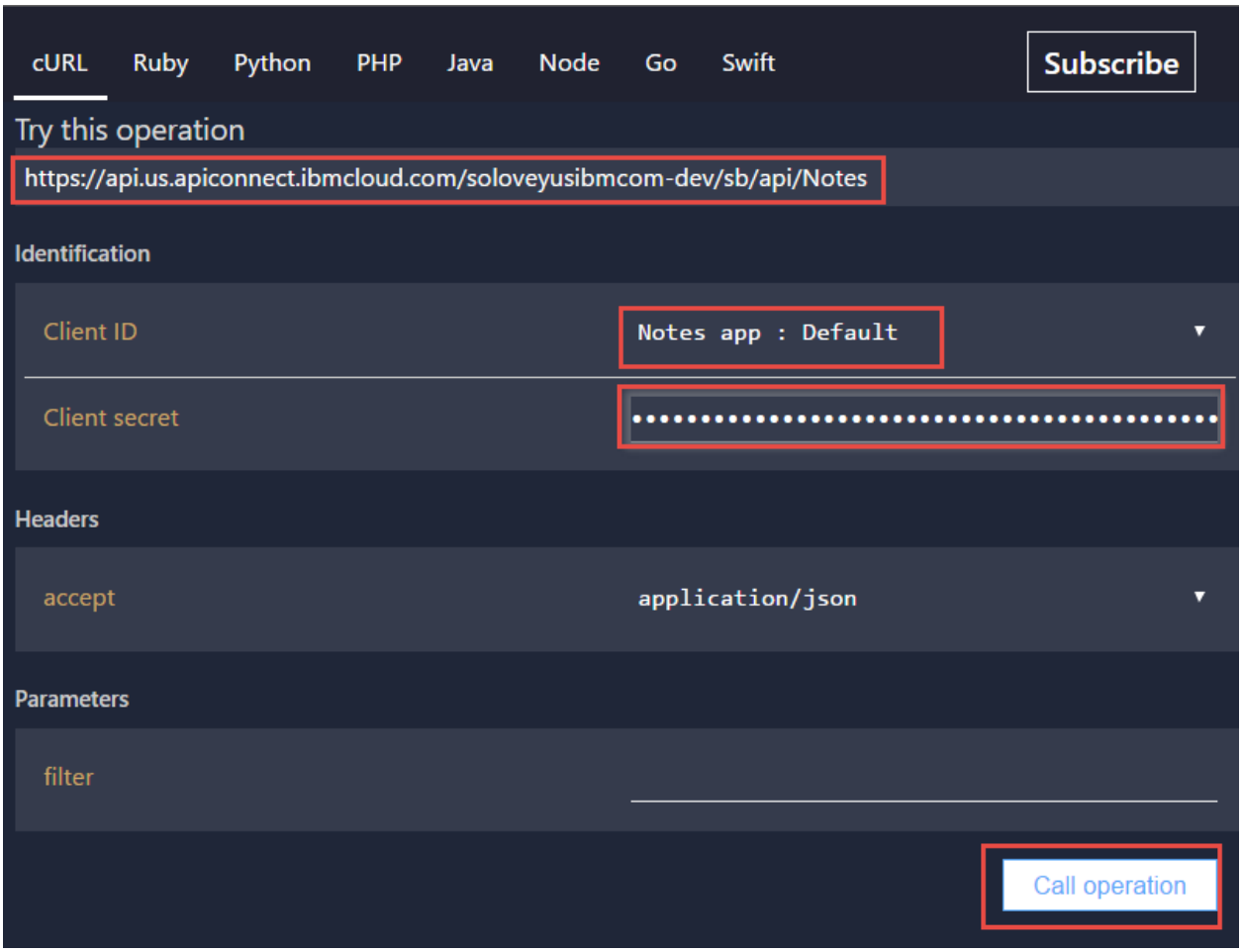


Testing from APIC Developer Portal

Sign into Dev Portal, create an app and subscribe to notes API. Select GET /Notes



Copy and paste Client secret and select Notes App for Client Id. Call Operation.



Get the same result as before