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## Create a blog resource

Add custom data to create and manage blog.

If you want to use a single platform for multiple solutions, Commerce Cloud API gives you the ability to use custom data to create a blog. You can manage your content with some light configuration.

### **Prerequisites**

If you want to follow along, you need the following items:

• A Commerce Cloud account and the Client ID and Client Secret of your store

A basic understanding of object-oriented programming or JavaScript

- An access token
- Step-by-step walkthrough Use the Flow API (custom data) to create a new resource: a blog object to store blog content you can surface on your website.
  - 1. Create a new custom Flow that will contain your blog object.
  - 2. Create Fields to create the blog building blocks (date, title, blog post entry, fields, etc.).
  - 3. Create Entries to store the actual content (blog posts).

  - 4. Create relationships to organize data and manage the content. 5. Fetch blog content to display and render it according to your needs on your blog site.

Create a new custom Flow

Create a custom (non-core) Flow. This Flow is going to power a blog website, and is used to store blog content objects.

```
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curl -X POST https://api.moltin.com/v2/flows \
     -H "Authorization: XXXX" \
     -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
     -d $'{
```

Make sure to take note of the Flow ID returned (the id field in the response). You need the generated Flow ID to create relationships between the Flow and its Fields.

### **Create Fields**

Fields will be returned when you call the blog object. Repeat this for every blog feature you'd like to include, such as blog title, blog date, and blog post content. The example below shows how to create fields to store basic blog detail: title.

Each Field must be passed separately.

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Populate the data.relationships.flow.id field with the generated Flow ID.

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   curl -X POST https://api.moltin.com/v2/fields \
        -H "Authorization: XXXX" \
        -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
        -d $'{
```

### Create Entries for a Blog

Entries represent the actual content each Field will contain. Create an Entry for every Field added. In this example, the Title, Date and Content Fields will be a part of the Entry created, as they were all flagged as required.

### The slug forms the end part of the URL. Use it to create human-readable and search-engine-friendly URIs for your blog.

Using slugs

Note that the slug used in the URL is case sensitive.

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curl -X POST https://api.moltin.com/v2/flows/:flow-slug/entries \
     -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
     -d $'{
```

#### Create relationships to organize your data You can use the Commerce Cloud API to manage your content. You would use custom Flows for that. If you have a more robust

Content Management System (CMS) in mind, we recommend plugging in a third-party CMS tool, such as Contentful. Create Fields related to a Flow to adapt a data model to how you want to present it on the frontend, such as posts per author and

posts per category. To create a relationship, take the Flow you want to relate your Fields to, and use its slug in the URL of the request. Then, specify

When fetching the Flow, it will list all Fields that are related to it.

which Field you wish to relate to in the request body, and repeat it for every Field you wish to relate to this Flow.

## Create a Flow

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curl -X POST https://api.moltin.com/v2/flows \
     -H "Authorization:XXXX" \
     -d $'{
```

# Create Related Field

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curl -X POST https://api.moltin.com/v2/fields \
     -H "Authorization:XXXX" \
     -H "Content-Type:application/json" \
     -d $'{
          "default":0,
```

# Fetch the Flow with all related Fields

```
curl -X GET https://api.moltin.com/v2/flows/:flow-id \
        -H "Authorization: XXXX" \
Fetch Blog content to display
```

# Using the Commerce Cloud API, fetch the blog Flow which will now contain the blog post created above.

curl -X GET "https://api.moltin.com/v2/flows/posts/entries" \ -H "Authorization: XXXX" \

```
-H "Content-Type: application/json"
Expected outcome
```

### Your blog is now surfaced on your website. The data you've fetched is in JSON format, and you can render it according to your needs directly on your blog site. You can now expand it by adding photo galleries, comments, reviews, etc.

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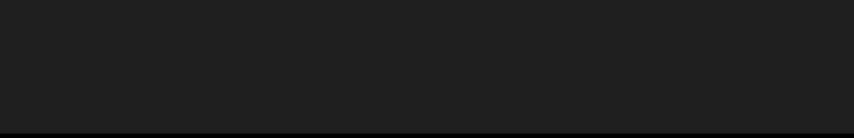
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