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## **OpenAl Platform**

# Realtime API with SIP

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Connect to the Realtime API using SIP.

<u>SIP</u> is a protocol used to make phone calls over the internet. With SIP and the Realtime API you can direct incoming phone calls to the API.

## Overview

If you want to connect a phone number to the Realtime API, use a SIP trunking provider (e.g., Twilio). This is a service that converts your phone call to IP traffic. After you purchase a phone number from your SIP trunking provider, follow the instructions below.

Start by creating a <u>webhook</u> for incoming calls, at platform.openai.com. Then, point your SIP trunk at the OpenAl SIP endpoint, using the project ID for which you configured the webhook, e.g.,

sip: \$PROJECT\_ID@sip.api.openai.com; transpor
. To find your [\$PROJECT\_ID], go to your [settings] >
General. The page displays the project ID. It should
have a [proj\_] prefix.

When OpenAl receives SIP traffic associated with your project, the webhook that you configured will

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be fired. The event fired will be a realtime.call.incoming event.

This webhook lets you accept or reject the call. When accepting the call, you'll provide the configuration (instructions, voice, etc) for the Realtime API session. Once established, you can set up a web socket and monitor the session as usual. The APIs to accept, reject, and monitor the call are documented below.

## Connection details

URIs used for interacting with Realtime API and SIP:

SIP URI	<pre>sip:\$PROJECT_ID@sip.api.openai.com;trans</pre>
Accept URI	https://api.openai.com/v1/realtime/calls
Reject URI	https://api.openai.com/v1/realtime/calls
Refer URI	https://api.openai.com/v1/realtime/calls
Events URI	wss://api.openai.com/v1/realtime?call_id

Find your \$CALL\_ID in the call\_id field in data object present in the webhook. See an example in the next section.

## Handle the webhook

The following is an example of a

realtime.call.incoming handler. It accepts the call and then logs all the events from the Realtime API.

#### **Python**

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   from flask import Flask, request, Respo
   from openai import OpenAI, InvalidWebhc
   import asyncio
   import json
   import os
   import requests
   import time
8 import threading
   import websockets
   app = Flask(__name__)
   client = OpenAI(
       webhook_secret=os.environ["OPENAI_V
14 )
16 AUTH_HEADER = {
       "Authorization": "Bearer " + os.get
18 }
20 call_accept = {
       "type": "realtime",
       "instructions": "You are a support
       "model": "gpt-4o-realtime-preview-2
24 }
   response_create = {
       "type": "response.create",
       "response": {
            "instructions": (
                "Say to the user 'Thank you
            )
       },
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33 }
  async def websocket_task(call_id):
       try:
           async with websockets.connect(
               "wss://api.openai.com/v1/re
               additional_headers=AUTH_HEA
           ) as websocket:
               await websocket.send(json.d
               while True:
                    response = await websoc
                    print(f"Received from W
       except Exception as e:
           print(f"WebSocket error: {e}")
   @app.route("/", methods=["POST"])
   def webhook():
       try:
           event = client.webhooks.unwrap(
           if event.type == "realtime.call
               requests.post(
                    "https://api.openai.com
                    + event.data.call_id
                    + "/accept",
                   headers={**AUTH_HEADER,
                    json=call_accept,
               )
               threading.Thread(
                    target=lambda: asyncio.
                        websocket_task(ever
                    ),
                   daemon=True,
               ).start()
               return Response(status=200)
       except InvalidWebhookSignatureError
           print("Invalid signature", e)
           return Response("Invalid signat
```

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76 if __name__ == "__main__":
77 app.run(port=8000)
```

## Redirect the call

It's also possible to redirect the call to another number. During the call, make a POST to the refer endpoint:

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Payload JSON with one key target_uri

This is the value used in the Refer-To. You can use tel:+14152909007

Headers Authorization: Bearer YOUR_API_KEY

Substitute YOUR_API_KEY with a standard API
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# **Next steps**

Now that you've connected over SIP, use the left navigation or click into these pages to start building your realtime application.

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