POST Data to an API

This tutorial shows you how to send a request to a Decentralized Oracle Network to call the Countries information GraphQL API . After OCR completes offchain computation and aggregation, it returns the name, capital, and currency for the specified country to your smart contract. Because the endpoint is a GraphQL API, write a function that sends a GraphQL query in a POST HTTP method .

note

Chainlink Functions is a self-service solution. You must ensure that the data sources or APIs specified in requests are of sufficient quality and have the proper availability for your use case. You are responsible for complying with the licensing agreements for all data providers that you connect with through Chainlink Functions. Violations of data provider licensing agreements or the terms can result in suspension or termination of your Chainlink Functions account.

Maximum response size

You can return any number of responses as long as they are encoded in a bytes response. The maximum response size that you can return is 256 bytes.

Side effects

Building non-idempotent requests, such as sending an email or storing data on the cloud, is currently not recommended. An HTTP method is idempotent if the intended effect on the server when you make a single request is the same as the effect when you make several identical requests. Each oracle node runs the same computation in the Offchain Reporting protocol . If your Chainlink Function makes non-idempotent requests, it will cause redundant requests such as sending multiple emails or storing the same data multiple times.

Prerequisites

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You might skip these prerequisites if you have followed one of these guides . You can check your subscription details (including the balance in LINK) in the Chainlink Functions Subscription Manager . If your subscription runs out of LINK, follow the Fund a Subscription guide.

Set up your environment

You must provide the private key from a testnet wallet to run the examples in this documentation. Install a Web3 wallet, configure Node.js , clone the smartcontractkit/smart-contract-examples repository, and configure a .env.enc file with the required environment variables.

Install and configure your Web3 wallet for Polygon Mumbai:

1. Install Deno so you can compile and simulate your Functions source code on your local machine.
2. Install the MetaMask wallet or other Ethereum Web3 wallet.
3. Set the network for your wallet to the Polygon Mumbai testnet. If you need to add Mumbai to your wallet, you can find the chain ID and the LINK token contract address on the LINK Token Contracts page.
4. Polygon Mumbai testnet and LINK token contract
5. Request testnet MATIC from the Polygon Faucet .
6. Request testnet LINK from faucets.chain.link/mumbai .

Install the required frameworks and dependencies:

1. Install the latest release of Node.js 20. Optionally, you can use the nvm package to switch between Node.js versions with nvm use 20.

Note: To ensure you are running the correct version in a terminal, type node -v.

node -v $node -v v20.9.0 2. In a terminal, clone the smart-contract examples repository and change directories. This example repository imports the Chainlink Functions Toolkit NPM package . You can import this package to your own projects to enable them to work with Chainlink Functions.

git clone https://github.com/smartcontractkit/smart-contract-examples.git && \ cd ./smart-contract-examples/functions-examples/ 3. Run npm install to install the dependencies.

npm install 4. For higher security, the examples repository encrypts your environment variables at rest.

1. Set an encryption password for your environment variables.

npx env-enc set-pw 2. Run npx env-enc set to configure a .env.enc file with the basic variables that you need to send your requests to the Polygon Mumbai network.

- POLYGON_MUMBAI_RPC_URL: Set a URL for the Polygon Mumbai testnet. You can sign up for a personal endpoint from Alchemy , Infura , or another node provider service.
- PRIVATE_KEY: Find the private key for your testnet wallet. If you use MetaMask, follow the instructions to Export a Private Key . Note: Your private key is needed to sign any transactions you make such as making requests.

npx env-enc set

Configure your onchain resources

After you configure your local environment, configure some onchain resources to process your requests, receive the responses, and pay for the work done by the DON.

Deploy a Functions consumer contract on Polygon Mumbai

1. Open the FunctionsConsumerExample.sol contract in Remix.

Open in Remix What is Remix? 2. Compile the contract. 3. Open MetaMask and select the Polygon Mumbai network. 4. In Remix under the Deploy & Run Transactions tab, select Injected Provider - MetaMask in the Environment list. Remix will use the MetaMask wallet to communicate with Polygon Mumbai. 5. Under the Deploy section, fill in the router address for your specific blockchain. You can find both of these addresses on the Supported Networks page. For Polygon Mumbai, the router address is 0x6E2dc0F9DB014aE19888F539E59285D2Ea04244C. 6. Click the Deploy button to deploy the contract. MetaMask prompts you to confirm the transaction. Check the transaction details to make sure you are deploying the contract to Polygon Mumbai. 7. After you confirm the transaction, the contract address appears in the Deployed Contracts list. Copy the contract address.

Create a subscription

Follow the Managing Functions Subscriptions guide to accept the Chainlink Functions Terms of Service (ToS), create a subscription, fund it, then add your consumer contract address to it.

You can find the Chainlink Functions Subscription Manager at functions.chain.link .

Tutorial

This tutorial is configured to get the country name, capital, and currency from countries.trevorblades.com in one request. For a detailed explanation of the code example, read the Examine the code section.

You can locate the scripts used in this tutorial in the examples/4-post-data directory .

To run the example:

1. Open the file request.js, which is located in the 4-post-data folder.
2. Replace the consumer contract address and the subscription ID with your own values.

const consumerAddress="0x8dFf78B7EE3128D00E90611FBeD20A71397064D9"// REPLACE this with your Functions consumer address const subscriptionId=3// REPLACE this with your subscription ID 3. Make a request:

node examples/4-post-data/request.js The script runs your function in a sandbox environment before making an onchain transaction:

$ node examples/4-post-data/request.js secp256k1 unavailable, reverting to browser version Start simulation... Performing simulation with the following versions: deno 1.36.3 (release, aarch64-apple-darwin) v8 11.6.189.12 typescript 5.1.6

Simulation result { capturedTerminalOutput: 'Get name, capital and currency for country code: JP\n' + 'HTTP POST Request to https://countries.trevorblades.com/\n' + 'country response { country: { name: "Japan", capital: "Tokyo", currency: "JPY" } }\n', responseBytesHexstring: '0x7b226e616d65223a224a6170616e222c22636170697461616c223a22546f6b796f222c2263757272656e6379223a224a5059227d' } ✅ Decoded response to string:

{"name":"Japan","capital":"Tokyo","currency":"JPY"}

Estimate request costs... Duplicate definition of Transfer (Transfer(address,address,uint256,bytes), Transfer(address,address,uint256)) Fulfillment cost estimated to 0.0 LINK

Make request...

✅ Functions request sent! Transaction hash 0x20e03fdd42fc69f8573b8bcda8f9e8df64caf2fe49712f0f18d3e5db303351ed. Waiting for a response... See your request in the explorer https://mumbai.polygonscan.com/tx/0x20e03fdd42fc69f8573b8bcda8f9e8df64caf2fe49712f0f18d3e5db303351ed

✅ Request 0xbc0df54be8b265b3b3bc9aff644123e905510dbeb486dc585ff607e133afb2f3 fulfilled with code: 0. Cost is 0.000035602577256 LINK. Complete response: { requestId: '0xbc0df54be8b265b3b3bc9aff644123e905510dbeb486dc585ff607e133afb2f3', subscriptionId: 3, totalCostInJuels: 35602577256000n, responseBytesHexstring: '0x7b226e616d65223a224a6170616e222c226361706974616c223a22546f6b796f222c2263757272656e6379223a224a5059227d', errorString: '', returnDataBytesHexstring: '0x', fulfillmentCode: 0 }

✅ Decoded response to string: {"name":"Japan","capital":"Tokyo","currency":"JPY"}The output of the example gives you the following information:

- Your request is first run on a sandbox environment to ensure it is correctly configured.
- The fulfillment costs are estimated before making the request.
- Your request was successfully sent to Chainlink Functions. The transaction in this example is0xbc0df54be8b265b3b3bc9aff644123e905510dbeb486dc585ff607e133afb2f3 and the request ID is0xbc0df54be8b265b3b3bc9aff644123e905510dbeb486dc585ff607e133afb2f3.
- The DON successfully fulfilled your request. The total cost was:0.000035602577256 LINK.
- The consumer contract received a response inbyteswith a value of0x7b226e616d65223a224a6170616e222c226361706974616c223a22546f6b796f222c2263757272656e6379223a224a5059227d. Decoding it offchain tostringgives you a result:

{"name":"Japan","capital":"Tokyo","currency":"JPY"}.

Examine the code

FunctionsConsumerExample.sol

// SPDX-License-Identifier: MITpragmasolidity0.8.19;import{FunctionsClient}from"@chainlink/contracts/src/v0.8/functions/dev/v1_0_0/FunctionsClient.sol";import{ConfirmedOwner}from"@chainlink/contracts/src/v0.8/shared/access/
*** THIS IS AN EXAMPLE CONTRACT THAT USES HARDCODED VALUES FOR CLARITY. * THIS IS AN EXAMPLE CONTRACT THAT USES UN-AUDITED CODE. * DO NOT USE THIS CODE IN PRODUCTION.**
***/contractFunctionsConsumerExampleisFunctionsClient,ConfirmedOwner{usingFunctionsRequestforFunctionsRequest.Request;bytes32publics_lastRequestId;bytespublics_lastResponse**
{}/ * @notice Send a simple request * @param source JavaScript source code * @param encryptedSecretsUrls Encrypted URLs where to fetch user secrets * @param donHostedSecretsSlotID Don hosted secrets slotId * @param donHostedSecretsVersion Don hosted secrets version * @param args List of arguments accessible from within the source code * @param bytesArgs Array of bytes arguments, represented as hex strings * @param subscriptionId Billing ID
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{req.addDONHostedSecrets(donHostedSecretsSlotID,donHostedSecretsVersion);}if(args.length>0)req.setArgs(args);if(bytesArgs.length>0)req.setBytesArgs(bytesArgs);s_lastRequestId=_sendRequest(
** @notice Send a pre-encoded CBOR request * @param request CBOR-encoded request data * @param subscriptionId Billing ID * @param gasLimit The maximum amount of gas the request can consume * @param donID ID of the job to be invoked * @return requestId The ID of the sent request*
/functionsendRequestCBOR(bytesmemoryrequest,uint64subscriptionId,uint32gasLimit,bytes32donID)externalonlyOwnerreturns(bytes32requestId)
{s_lastRequestId=_sendRequest(request,subscriptionId,gasLimit,donID);returns_lastRequestId;}/* *@notice Store latest result/error * @param requestId The request ID, returned by sendRequest() * @param response Aggregated response from the user code * @param err Aggregated error from the user code or from the execution pipeline * Either response or error parameter will be set, but never both* /functionfulfillRequest(bytes32requestId,bytesmemoryresponse,bytesmemoryerr)internaloverride{if(s_lastRequestId!=requestId)
{revertUnexpectedRequestID(requestId);}s_lastResponse=response;s_lastError=err;emitResponse(requestId,s_lastResponse,s_lastError);}} Open in Remix What is Remix? * To write a Chainlink Functions consumer contract, your contract must importFunctionsClient.sol andFunctionsRequest.sol . You can read the API referencesFunctionsClient andFunctionsRequest .

These contracts are available in an NPM package, so you can import them from within your project.

import {FunctionsClient} from "@chainlink/contracts/src/v0.8/functions/dev/v1_0_0/FunctionsClient.sol"; import {FunctionsRequest} from "@chainlink/contracts/src/v0.8/functions/dev/v1_0_0/libraries/FunctionsRequest.sol"; * Use the FunctionsRequest.sol library to get all the functions needed for building a Chainlink Functions request.

using FunctionsRequest for FunctionsRequest.Request; * The latest request id, latest received response, and latest received error (if any) are defined as state variables:

bytes32 public s_lastRequestId; bytes public s_lastResponse; bytes public s_lastError; * We define theResponseevent that your smart contract will emit during the callback

event Response(bytes32 indexed requestId, bytes response, bytes err); * Pass the router address for your network when you deploy the contract:

constructor(address router) FunctionsClient(router) * The three remaining functions are:

- sendRequestfor sending a request. It receives the JavaScript source code, encrypted secretsUrls (in case the encrypted secrets are hosted by the user), DON hosted secrets slot id and version (in case the encrypted secrets are hosted by the DON), list of arguments to pass to the source code, subscription id, and callback gas limit as parameters. Then:
- It uses theFunctionsRequestlibrary to initialize the request and add any passed encrypted secrets reference or arguments. You can read the API Reference forInitializing a request ,adding user hosted secrets ,adding DON hosted secrets ,adding arguments , andadding bytes arguments .

FunctionsRequest.Request memory req; req.initializeRequestForInlineJavaScript(source); if (encryptedSecretsUrls.length > 0) req.addSecretsReference(encryptedSecretsUrls); else if (donHostedSecretsVersion > 0) { req.addDONHostedSecrets(donHostedSecretsSlotID, donHostedSecretsVersion); } if (args.length > 0) req.setArgs(args); if (bytesArgs.length > 0) req.setBytesArgs(bytesArgs); * It sends the request to the router by calling theFunctionsClientsendRequestfunction. You can read the API reference forsending a request . Finally, it stores the request id ins_lastRequestIdthen return it.

s_lastRequestId = _sendRequest(req.encodeCBOR(), subscriptionId, gasLimit, jobId); return s_lastRequestId;Note:_sendRequestaccepts requests encoded inbytes. Therefore, you must encode it usingencodeCBOR . * sendRequestCBORfor sending a request already encoded inbytes. It receives the request object encoded inbytes, subscription id, and callback gas limit as parameters. Then, it sends the request to the router by calling theFunctionsClientsendRequestfunction.Note: This function is helpful if you want to encode a request offchain before sending it, saving gas when submitting the request. * fulfillRequestto be invoked during the callback. This function is defined inFunctionsClientasvirtual(readfulfillRequestAPI reference). So, your smart contract must override the function to implement the callback. The implementation of the callback is straightforward: the contract stores the latest response and error ins_lastResponseands_lastErrorbefore emitting theResponseevent.

s_lastResponse = response; s_lastError = err; emit Response(requestId, s_lastResponse, s_lastError);

JavaScript example

source.js

The Decentralized Oracle Network will run theJavaScript code . The code is self-explanatory and has comments to help you understand all the steps.

note

Functions requests with custom source code can use vanillaDeno . Import statements and imported modules are supported only on testnets. You cannot use any require statements.

It is important to understand that importing an NPM package into Deno does not automatically ensure full compatibility. Deno and Node.js have distinct architectures and module systems. While some NPM packages might function without issues, others may need modifications or overrides, especially those relying on Node.js-specific APIs or features Deno does not support.

This JavaScript source code usesFunctions.makeHttpRequest to make HTTP requests. To request theJPcountry information, the source code calls thehttps://countries.trevorblades.com/URL and provides the query data in the HTTP request body. If you read theFunctions.makeHttpRequest documentation, you see that you must provide the following parameters:

- url:https://countries.trevorblades.com/
- data (HTTP body):

{ query: {\ country(code: "${countryCode}") { \ name \ capital \ currency \ } \ }, }

To check the expected API response:

- In your browser, open the countries GraphQL playground:https://countries.trevorblades.com/
- Write this query:

{ country(code: "JP") { name capital currency } } * Click onplayto get the answer :

{"data":{"country":{"name":"Japan","capital":"Tokyo","currency":"JPY"}}}

The main steps of the scripts are:

- Fetch thecountryCodefromargs.
- Construct the HTTP objectcountryRequestusingFunctions.makeHttpRequest.
- Run the HTTP request.
- Read the country name, capital, and currency from the response.
- Construct a JSON object:

constresult={name:countryData.country.name,capital:countryData.country.capital,currency:countryData.country.currency,} * Convert the JSON object to a JSON string usingJSON.stringify(result). This step is mandatory before encodingstringtobytes. * Return the result as abuffer using theFunctions.stringhelper function.Note: Read thisarticle if you are new to Javascript Buffers and want to understand why they are important.

request.js

This explanation focuses on therequest.js script and shows how to use theChainlink Functions NPM package in your own JavaScript/TypeScript project to send requests to a DON. The code is self-explanatory and has comments to help you understand all the steps.

The script imports:

- path andfs : Used to read thesource file .
- ethers : Ethers.js library, enables the script to interact with the blockchain.
- @chainlink/functions-toolkit: Chainlink Functions NPM package. All its utilities are documented in theNPM README .
- @chainlink/env-enc: A tool for loading and storing encrypted environment variables. Read theofficial documentation to learn more.
- ../abi/functionsClient.json: The abi of the contract your script will interact with.Note: The script was tested with thisFunctionsConsumerExample contract .

The script has two hardcoded values that you have to change using your own Functions consumer contract and subscription ID:

constconsumerAddress="0x8dFf78B7EE3128D00E90611FBeD20A71397064D9"// REPLACE this with your Functions consumer addressconstsubscriptionId=3// REPLACE this with your subscription ID The primary function that the script executes ismakeRequestMumbai. This function consists of five main parts:

1. Definition of necessary identifiers:
2. routerAddress: Chainlink Functions router address on Polygon Mumbai.
3. donId: Identifier of the DON that will fulfill your requests on Polygon Mumbai.
4. explorerUrl: Block explorer url of Polygon Mumbai.
5. source: The source code must be a string object. That's why we usefs.readFileSyncto readsource.jsand then calltoString()to get the content as astringobject.
6. args: During the execution of your function, These arguments are passed to the source code. Theargsvalue is["JP"], which fetches country data for Japan.
7. gasLimit: Maximum gas that Chainlink Functions can use when transmitting the response to your contract.
8. Initialization of etherssignerandproviderobjects. The signer is used to make transactions on the blockchain, and the provider reads data from the blockchain.
9. Simulating your request in a local sandbox environment:
10. UsesimulateScriptfrom the Chainlink Functions NPM package.
11. Read theresponseof the simulation. If successful, use the Functions NPM packagedecodeResultfunction andReturnTypeenum to decode the response to the expected returned type (ReturnType.stringin this example).
12. Estimating the costs:
13. Initialize aSubscriptionManagerfrom the Functions NPM package, then call theestimateFunctionsRequestCost.
14. The response is returned in Juels (1 LINK = 10**18 Juels). Use theethers.utils.formatEtherutility function to convert the output to LINK.
15. Making a Chainlink Functions request:
16. Initialize your functions consumer contract using the contract address, abi, and ethers signer.
17. Call thesendRequestfunction of your consumer contract.
18. Waiting for the response:
19. Initialize aResponseListenerfrom the Functions NPM package and then call thelistenForResponseFromTransactionfunction to wait for a response. By default, this function waits for five minutes.
20. Upon reception of the response, use the Functions NPM packagedecodeResultfunction andReturnTypeenum to decode the response to the expected returned type (ReturnType.stringin this example).