

# Getting started

## Installation

Install the package with npm in your terminal:

```
npm install @makerdao/dai
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Once it's installed, import the module into your project as shown below.

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Copy import Maker from '@makerdao/dai'; // or const Maker = require('@makerdao/dai');
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Multi-Collateral Dai support in Dai.js is implemented as a [plugin](#). This may change in the future. The MCD Plugin is also available as an [npm](#) package and its source code can be found on [Github](#).

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npm install @makerdao/dai-plugin-mcd
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Copy import { McdPlugin } from '@makerdao/dai-plugin-mcd'; // or const { McdPlugin } = require('@makerdao/dai-plugin-mcd');
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(Note the default at the end of the line when using require.)

## UMD

This library is also usable as a [UMD module](#), which you can build with `npm run build:frontend`.

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## Quick Examples

Look up information about a vault

This code uses [getCdpIds](#) to look up a vault that was created in the [Oasis Borrow](#) UI. Since this code is only reading data, not creating any transactions, it is not necessary to provide a private key or connect a wallet.

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Copy // you provide these values const infuraKey = 'your-infura-api-key'; const ownerAddress = '0xf00...';
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const maker = await Maker.create('http', { plugins: [McdPlugin], url: 'https://mainnet.infura.io/v3/' + infuraKey });
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const manager = maker.service('mcd:cdpManager');
const proxyAddress = maker.service('proxy').getProxyAddress(ownerAddress);
const data = await manager.getCdpIds(proxyAddress); // returns list of { id, ilk } objects
const vault = await manager.getCdp(data[0].id);
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console.log([ vault.collateralAmount, // amount of collateral tokens vault.collateralValue, // value in USD, using current price
feed values vault.debtValue, // amount of Dai debt vault.collateralizationRatio, // collateralValue / debt vault.liquidationPrice //
vault becomes unsafe at this price ].map(x => x.toString());
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## Create a vault

The code below opens a Vault, locks ETH into it, and draws out Dai.

Since this code sends transactions, it requires an account that can sign transactions. The simplest way to do this is to provide a `privateKey` configuration option as shown below, but you can also connect to Metamask or other browser-based providers, or connect to hardware wallets.

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Copy importMakerfrom '@makerdao/dai'; import { McdPlugin, ETH, DAI } from '@makerdao/dai-plugin-mcd';

// you provide these values const infuraKey = 'your-infura-api-key'; const myPrivateKey = 'your-private-key';

const maker = await Maker.create('http', {
  plugins: [McdPlugin],
  url: 'https://mainnet.infura.io/v3/' + infuraKey,
  privateKey: myPrivateKey
});

// verify that the private key was read correctly console.log(maker.currentAddress());

// make sure the current account owns a proxy contract; // create it if needed. the proxy contract is used to // perform multiple
operations in a single transaction await maker.service('proxy').ensureProxy();

// use the "vault manager" service to work with vaults const manager = maker.service('mcd:cdpManager');

// ETH-A is the name of the collateral type; in the future, // there could be multiple collateral types for a token with // different
risk parameters const vault = await manager.openLockAndDraw('ETH-A', ETH(50), DAI(1000));

console.log(vault.id); console.log(vault.debtValue); // '1000.00 DAI'

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In the next section, learn more about how to configure the Maker instance with `Maker.create`. Or jump to learning more about [accounts](#), [vaults](#), [proxies](#), and [currency units](#).

## Integration Examples

For larger examples of integrating this library, check out this [repo](#) and the [Dai react template](#).

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