

IG TRADING API – CODEX CHEAT SHEET

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BASE URLS

Demo: <https://demo-api.ig.com/gateway/deal>

Live: <https://api.ig.com/gateway/deal>

COMMON HEADERS

X-IG-API-KEY: <your_api_key>

CST: <client_session_token> # v1/v2 sessions

X-SECURITY-TOKEN: <account_session_token>

Authorization: Bearer <oauth_access_token> # v3 sessions

IG-ACCOUNT-ID: <account_id> # when using OAuth

Content-Type: application/json

Accept: application/json; charset=UTF-8

Version: <integer_api_version> # defaults to 1 if omitted

AUTHENTICATION / SESSION

POST /session # create session, returns CST/X-SECURITY-TOKEN or OAuth tokens

GET /session # get session details; can request CST/X-SECURITY-TOKEN when using OAuth

PUT /session # switch active account, optionally set default

DELETE /session # log out and invalidate tokens

GET /session/encryptionKey # get AES key + timestamp for encrypting password before login

POST /session/refresh-token # refresh OAuth access token and get new refresh token

ACCOUNT

GET /accounts # list all accounts for logged-in user

GET /accounts/preferences # get preferences for active account

PUT /accounts/preferences # update preferences for active account

Activity & transaction history

GET /history/activity # activity history (latest, supports
paging/filters)

GET /history/activity/{fromDate}/{toDate} # activity history for date range

GET /history/activity/{lastPeriod} # activity history for relative period (e.g.
1D, 1W)

GET /history/transactions # transaction history (default recent window)

GET /history/transactions/{type}/{from}/{to} # transactions by type and date range

GET /history/transactions/{type}/{lastPeriod} # transactions by type and recent period

DEALING (POSITIONS & WORKING ORDERS)

Deal confirmations

GET /confirms/{dealReference} # get asynchronous deal result by reference

Positions

GET /positions # list all open positions on active account

GET /positions/{dealId} # get details for specific open position

POST /positions/otc # open OTC position (create trade)

DELETE /positions/otc # close one or more OTC positions

PUT /positions/otc/{dealId} # update existing OTC position

Working orders

GET /working-orders # list all open working orders on active account

POST /working-orders/otc # create OTC working order

DELETE /working-orders/otc/{dealId} # delete working order

PUT /working-orders/otc/{dealId} # update working order

Repeat dealing

GET /repeat-dealing-window # get repeat-dealing window status for account

MARKETS & PRICES

GET /categories # list top-level instrument categories available

GET /categories/{categoryId}/instruments # list instruments in a given category

(Deprecated navigation - prefer categories)

GET /market-navigation # list top-level nodes in navigation tree

GET /market-navigation/{nodeId} # list child nodes for a given tree node

Market details

GET /markets # get details for multiple markets (by epics query)

GET /markets/{epic} # get details for a single market (multiple versions)

GET /markets?searchTerm={term} # search markets by text

Historical prices

GET /prices/{epic} # default recent prices (e.g. last minutes)

GET /prices/{epic}/{resolution}/{numPoints} # OHLCV series for N points

GET /prices/{epic}/{resolution}/{start}/{end} # OHLCV series for explicit date range

GET /prices/{epic}/{resolution}?startdate=...&enddate=...

same as above with query params

WATCHLISTS

GET /watchlists # list all watchlists on active account
POST /watchlists # create a new watchlist
GET /watchlists/{watchlistId} # get specific watchlist and its markets
PUT /watchlists/{watchlistId} # add a market to watchlist (via epic)
DELETE /watchlists/{watchlistId} # delete entire watchlist
DELETE /watchlists/{watchlistId}/{epic} # remove a market from watchlist

CLIENT SENTIMENT

GET /client-sentiment # sentiment for one or more markets
GET /client-sentiment/{marketId} # sentiment for given market
GET /client-sentiment/related/{marketId} # related markets + sentiment

INDICATIVE COSTS & CHARGES

POST /indicativecostsandcharges/open # estimate costs/charges for opening order
POST /indicativecostsandcharges/close # estimate costs/charges for closing
POST /indicativecostsandcharges/edit # estimate costs/charges for editing order
GET /indicativecostsandcharges/history/from/{from}/to/{to}
costs/charges history over date range
GET /indicativecostsandcharges/durablemedium/{quoteRef}
download generated quote as PDF

GENERAL / APPLICATION MANAGEMENT

GET /operations/application # list apps linked to this account/API key
PUT /operations/application # update application details/limits
PUT /operations/application/disable # disable current API key (can re-enable via web UI)

STREAMING API – CORE PATTERNS (LIGHTSTREAMER)

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CONNECTION

Lightstreamer endpoint: provided in REST /session response
User (identifier): active IG account ID
Password: "CST-<CST>|XST-<X-SECURITY-TOKEN>" # built from REST session tokens

NOTE: Streaming currently requires CST/X-SECURITY-TOKEN even if you use OAuth for REST.
Use GET /session?fetchSessionTokens=true to obtain them when on OAuth.

PRICE STREAMS

Primary price subscription (recommended)

Item: PRICE:{accountId}:{epic}

Mode: MERGE

Fields (subset): BIDPRICE1-5, ASKPRICE1-5, BIDSIZE1-5, ASKSIZE1-5,
HIGH, LOW, MID_OPEN, TIMESTAMP, CURRENCY*, etc.

Deprecated market subscription (older pattern)

Item: MARKET:{epic}

Mode: MERGE

Fields (subset): BID, OFFER, MID_OPEN, HIGH, LOW, CHANGE, CHANGE_PCT,
MARKET_STATE, MARKET_DELAY, UPDATE_TIME, etc.

ACCOUNT STREAMS

Item: ACCOUNT:{accountId}

Mode: MERGE

Fields (subset): PNL, FUNDS, MARGIN, AVAILABLE_TO_DEAL,
EQUITY, EQUITY_USED, DEPOSIT, etc.

TRADE STREAMS

Item: TRADE:{accountId}

Mode: DISTINCT

Key sub-objects:

- CONFIRMS # trade confirmations
- OPU # open position updates
- WOU # working order updates

Fields across these include:

direction (BUY/SELL), epic, size, level, limitLevel, stopLevel,
dealId, dealReference, status, dealStatus, expiry, currency,
guaranteedStop, trailingStopDistance, trailingStep, etc.

CHART (TICK) STREAMS

Item: CHART:{epic}:TICK

Mode: DISTINCT

Fields (subset): BID, OFR, LTP, LTV, TTV, UTM,
DAY_OPEN_MID, DAY_NET_CHG_MID, DAY_PERC_CHG_MID,
DAY_HIGH, DAY_LOW

CHART (CANDLE) STREAMS

Item: CHART:{epic}:{scale}

Mode: MERGE

scale: SECOND, 1MINUTE, 5MINUTE, HOUR

Fields (subset):

LTV, TTV, UTM,

DAY_OPEN_MID, DAY_NET_CHG_MID, DAY_PERC_CHG_MID,

DAY_HIGH, DAY_LOW,

OFR_OPEN/HIGH/LOW/CLOSE,

BID_OPEN/HIGH/LOW/CLOSE,

LTP_OPEN/HIGH/LOW/CLOSE,

CONS_END (1 when candle ends),

CONS_TICK_COUNT (number of ticks in candle)

TYPICAL WORKFLOW (HIGH LEVEL)

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1. POST /session with API key + credentials to obtain CST/X-SECURITY-TOKEN (or OAuth tokens).
 2. For OAuth: use Authorization: Bearer <access_token> and IG-ACCOUNT-ID on REST calls.
 3. For streaming: obtain Lightstreamer endpoint from /session, then connect using accountId + "CST-...|XST-..." as password.
 4. Use REST for one-off operations (search markets, place trades, query history, etc.).
 5. Use Streaming for live prices, account updates, and trade confirmations.