# Connect an exchange with a trade-only key

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Live bots place orders on your own exchange account. The connection is an API key you create at the exchange; Rulemancer verifies it before saving and refuses keys that can withdraw.

## Supported exchanges

| Exchange | Paper | Live | Testnet |
|---|---|---|---|
| Binance | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Bybit | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| OKX | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Kraken | Yes | No | No |
| Coinbase Advanced | Yes | No | No |

## Steps

1. At the exchange, create an API key with **read** and **spot trade** permissions. Leave withdrawals off.
2. If the exchange supports it, bind the key to your server's IP address.
3. In Rulemancer open **Connected Exchanges → Add**, choose the exchange and paste key and secret (plus passphrase for OKX).
4. Save. The platform calls the exchange to confirm the key works and cannot withdraw.

## Testnet first

Binance, Bybit and OKX offer testnet keys that trade play money. Use one for the first live-mode run if you want to see real order plumbing without real funds.

## Related reading

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