



## Document Structure

An AsyncAPI document is a JSON or YAML file containing the following root elements:

```
asyncapi: 3.0 # The spec version
info: {} # API and document info, tags, ...
servers: {} # List of available servers
channels: {} # List of addressable channels
operations: {} # List of operations
components: {} # Reusable objects ($ref)
```

## General Information

```
info:
  title: Your Awesome API
  version: 1.2.14
  description: What our API does is...
  tags: {} # Define the logical grouping tags

servers:
  production:
    host: example.com
    pathname: /ws
    protocol: websocket
    security: []
  staging:
    ...
```

## Security

Define the APIs Security Schemes, then apply them globally per server or per operation using the security keyword.

### Define security schemes

```
components:
  securitySchemes: # Define for use later
    ApiKey: # Arbitrary name
      type: http
      scheme: bearer
```

### Apply security schemes (in server or operation objects)

```
operations:
  onSignup: # Apply on this operation only
    action: send
    security:
      - $ref: '#/components/securitySchemes/ApiKey'
```

### Allowed types

userPassword, apiKey, X509, httpApiKey, http, oauth2, openIdConnect, scramSha256, scramSha512, ...

## Channels

Think of channels as data pipelines delivering the intended messages to the right participants.

```
channels:
  userSignedUp:
    address: 'user.signedup'
    messages:
      userData:
        $ref: '#/components/messages/userData'
```

## Operations

Relation between an action, a channel and the allowed messages.

```
operations:
  onUserSignUp:
    title: User sign up
    description: It updates this and remove that...
    action: receive # Either send or receive
    messages:
      - $ref: '#/channels/userSignedUp/messages/userData'
    channel:
      $ref: '#/channels/userSignedUp'
```

## Messages

Describe data structures that can be exchanged in your API, either at the channel or operation level.

```
userData:
  description: This message is used to...
  payload: {} # schema or multiFormat schema object
  headers: {} # A map of key-value pairs schema
  correlationId: {} # Identifier for tracing
```

## Schemas

Schemas define input and output data types. JSON Schema is the default format, but you can use other formats (Avro, RAML, ...).

### JSON Schema

```
type: object
title: User
properties:
  id:
    type: string
    format: uuid
```

### Avro

```
schemaFormat: ...avro;version=1.9
schema:
  type: record
  name: User
  namespace: example.avro
  fields:
    - name: id
      type: string
      logicalType: uuid
```

## Protocol Bindings

Provide additional context and configuration options for the protocols used by your API. Depending on the protocol, bindings can be defined at server, channel, operation or message level.

```
bindings:
  ws:
    headers:
      properties:
        Authorization:
          type: string
    method: GET
```

Full list: [github.com/asyncapi/bindings](https://github.com/asyncapi/bindings)

## Reuse Elements

Avoid duplicating elements by defining reusable components:

```
components:
  servers: {}
  channels: {}
  operations: {}
  messages: {}
  schemas: {}
  securitySchemes: {}
  ...
```

Use your components with the \$ref keyword:

```
channels:
  userSignedUp:
    messages:
      userData:
        $ref: '#/components/messages/userData'
```

Components can be reached:

internally: `#/components/schemas/User`  
through a remote URL: `https://example.com/user.yml`  
on file system: `./user.yml#/components/schemas/User`

## Polymorphism

### AsyncAPI traits

`traits: []` You can define traits to reuse specific properties across multiple messages and operations.

### In JSON Schema

`oneOf:` Exactly one of the schemas (XOR)  
`anyOf:` One or more of the schemas (OR)  
`allOf:` All the schemas (AND)

### In Avro

`type: []` One or more of the schemas (OR)