

Manage merchants

To allow merchants to make authentication requests via the authentication API, a merchant entity needs to be created and the client certificate for its 3DS Requestor downloaded. Details that are included in an authentication request, and do not change very often, are stored in the database to simplify the API functionality. The **create**, **view**, **edit** and **delete** processes for merchant entities are detailed below.

Create a merchant

To create a merchant, first head to the **Merchants** page on the administration interface and select the **New** button.

On the **New merchant** screen use the fields described below to create a new merchant.

User Access

A user requires the **Business admin** role to create merchants.

Important

When creating a merchant or editing a merchants details, note that the combination of **Merchant name** and **Merchant ID** must be unique.

Details

These are the general merchant details used for authentication requests:

- **Merchant name** - Merchant name assigned by the Acquirer. This should be the same name used in the authorisation message request. *Required, Maximum 40 characters*
- **Merchant ID** - Merchant identifier assigned by the Acquirer. This should be the same name used in the authorisation message request. *Required, Maximum 35 characters*

- **Country** - country that the merchant operates from. As part of an authentication request, ActiveServer will use this entry and convert it to the **Merchant Country Code** and it should match the value used in the authorisation message request. *Required*
- **Default currency** - default currency that will be used in an authentication request. This value can be overwritten in the [browser based init API call](#) by specifying the `purchaseCurrency`. *Required*
- **3DS Requestor URL** - fully qualified URL of the 3DS Requestor website or customer care site. This data element provides additional information to the receiving 3-D Secure system, if a problem arises, and should include contact information. *Required*
- **Status** - status to indicate whether the merchant is **enabled** or **disabled**. Disabling a merchant will not allow authentication API requests for that specific merchant. *Required*
- **Notes** - optional section to allow an admin user to access and edit notes for the merchant.

User Access

A user requires the **Business admin** role to view and edit the **Status** and **Notes** fields.

Card Schemes

These are the card scheme specific details used for authentication requests:

- **Acquirer BIN** - acquiring institution identification code as assigned by the DS that is receiving the AReq message. Can be entered manually or pre-filled by choosing an existing [acquirer](#) from the **drop down list**. *Maximum 11 characters*
- **Requestor ID** - DS assigned 3DS Requestor identifier. Each DS will provide a unique ID to each 3DS Requestor on an individual basis after 3DS2 merchant on boarding is complete. *Maximum 35 characters*
- **Requestor name** - DS assigned 3DS Requestor name. Each DS will provide a unique name to each 3DS Requestor on an individual basis after 3DS2 merchant on boarding is complete. *Maximum 40 characters*
- **Category code** - DS specific code describing the Merchant's type of business, product or service. *Maximum 4 characters*
- **Merchant ID** - Each card scheme can have an override value for Merchant ID. If this value is provided, it will be used instead of the default Merchant ID value in the merchant details only when that specific card scheme is used. *Optional, Maximum 35 characters*

- **Merchant name** - Each card scheme can have an override value for Merchant name. If this value is provided, it will be used instead of the default Merchant name value in the merchant details only when that specific card scheme is used. However, if the `merchantName` field is provided in the Auth API request, the API request field will take precedence. *Optional, Maximum 40 characters*

Warning

All the above card scheme specific details are required to be supplied in an authentication request. If any of them are missing, the authentication request will fail.

View Merchant Details

To view merchant details, [search](#) for the merchant on the **Merchants** page of the administration interface. Select the Merchant in the Merchant list and view the **Details** tab.

New Merchant Fill in fields below to add a new Merchant.
[← Back to Merchant list](#)
[Merchant Statistics](#)



Details

Certificates

Merchant Details

<p>Merchant name * <input type="text" value="Merchant name"/></p> <p>Country * <input type="text" value="Select from the list"/></p> <p>3DS Requestor URL * <input type="text" value="3DS Requestor URL"/></p> <p>Notes <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text" value="Notes"/></p>	<p>Merchant ID * <input type="text" value="Merchant ID"/></p> <p>Default currency * <input type="text" value="Select from the list"/></p> <p>Status * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled</p>
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Card schemes

	Acquirer BIN	Requestor ID	Requestor name	Category code	Merchant ID 	Merchant name 
American Express	<input type="text" value="Enter BIN"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor name"/>	<input type="text" value="Category code"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant name"/>
Discover	<input type="text" value="Enter BIN"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor name"/>	<input type="text" value="Category code"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant name"/>
JCB	<input type="text" value="Enter BIN"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor name"/>	<input type="text" value="Category code"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant name"/>
Mastercard	<input type="text" value="Enter BIN"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor name"/>	<input type="text" value="Category code"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant name"/>
Visa	<input type="text" value="Enter BIN"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor name"/>	<input type="text" value="Category code"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant name"/>
UnionPay	<input type="text" value="Enter BIN"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Requestor name"/>	<input type="text" value="Category code"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant ID"/>	<input type="text" value="Override Merchant name"/>

Create

View Merchant Certificates

The Merchant's **Client Certificate** and **Merchant token**, as well as the server CA certificates, can be accessed from the **Certificates** tab. In addition, the user can manage the **Data Encryption Key** for security purposes.



Tip

Certificate management is only available once the instance has been [activated](#).

The screenshot shows the ActiveServer web interface for managing merchant certificates. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Dashboard, Merchants, Acquirers, Directory Servers, Transactions, Deployment, User Management, Audit Logs, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'Merchant Certificates' and includes a 'Merchant Name' field with a 'Back to Merchant list' button. Below this, there are three sections: 'Client certificate', 'CA certificates', and 'Data encryption key'. The 'Client certificate' section has a 'Merchant token' input field with a copy icon, a 'Download' button for the client certificate, and a 'Revoke' button. The 'CA certificates' section has a 'Download' button. The 'Data encryption key' section shows the 'Current key creation date' as '17/03/2021 15:50:30 (10 months ago)' and a 'Rotate key' button.

Client Certificate

The 3DS Requestor client certificate is required for a merchant to include in the authentication API requests for SSL authentication:

- **Merchant token** - token to be added in HTTP header of an authentication API request. Only required if using a [Master Auth API client certificate](#) to authenticate on behalf of a merchant. This field will only be visible to a user with a **Business admin** role, as this is the only role with access to the [Master Auth API client certificate](#). For information on using the master certificate with the merchant token, refer [here](#).
- **Download** - Allows the user to download a **zip** file containing the 3DS Requestor client certificate in a **.p12** format, which is used for authentication API requests, and a **metadata.txt** file containing the following information:
 - **P12-Filename** - The filename of the P12 file. Example: cert-b1cdf956-a4f4-4ce4-ade6-cd84d68e59f2.p12

- **P12-Password** - The generated secure random password of the P12 file. Length: 16 characters
- **Created-Date** - The date and time in UTC which the P12 file was generated. Format: `yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss` Example: 2023-12-12T10:01:15
- **Expiry-Date** - The date and time in UTC which the client certificate file will be expired. The client certificate file will be invalid after the expiry date, please re-download a new one before the expiry date. Format: `yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss` Example: 2025-12-12T10:01:15

Client certificate expiry

Downloaded client certificates have a **2 year expiry** from date of download for security reasons. Ensure that all certificates are renewed before this expiry date, **otherwise API requests will be rejected due to an expired certificate error.**

For more information on this functionality, see the [API document overview](#).

- **Revoke** - disables the current 3DS Requestor client certificate if there has been a security breach or lost certificate, then re-issues a new certificate which can be downloaded and provided to the merchant.

Warning

Revoking a client certificate will invalidate all instances of the certificate, and the merchant will not be able to initiate API requests until the replacement certificate can be installed.

CA Certificates

- **Download** - allows the download of the servers CA certificates, to be used in authentication API requests. For more information on this functionality, see the [API document overview](#).

Version 1.0.5

CA certificate download was added in the version 1.0.5 release.

 **User Access**

A user requires the **Business admin**, **Merchant admin** or **Merchant** role to download a certificate.
A user requires the **Business admin** or **Merchant admin** role to revoke a certificate.

Data encryption key

There is a key assigned for every merchant which **ActiveServer** uses to encrypt the requests and responses for all authentications prior to saving them in the database. This key is also used to decrypt the account number used for the transaction when [searching for transactions](#).

- **Rotate key** - used for changing the current data encryption key, in use, if required, e.g. for internal or external policies requiring the rotation of encryption keys. Old key will still be available to be used for decrypting/encrypting the old transactions. New key will be used for transactions performed after the rotation.

 **User Access**

A user requires the **Business admin** or **Merchant admin** role to rotate a key.

Edit merchant details

To edit a merchant, [view](#) its profile and edit its available [fields](#).

The merchant profile details available are specific to user roles:

- **Status** - the enabled status is only available to users with the **Business admin** role.
- **Notes** - the notes section is only available to users with the **Business admin** role.

 **User Access**

A user requires the **Business admin**, **Merchant admin** or **Merchant** role to view merchant details.
A user requires the **Business admin** or **Merchant admin** role to edit merchant details.

Delete a merchant

To delete a merchant, first head to the **Merchants** page on the administration interface, [search](#) for the merchant and select the **delete check box** adjacent to the Merchant name, in the search result table. Select the **Delete** button and confirm on the dialogue box.

Important

The default **Test Merchant** cannot be deleted, as it is used for testing purposes.

User Access

A user requires the **Business admin** role to delete merchants.