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Thread: [How to get free Shodan APIs?](#)

Pickle Daddy - May 18, 2026, 6:32 am

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Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 6:40 am

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Mastercarder - May 18, 2026, 7:04 am

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DramaKing - May 18, 2026, 7:36 am

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Censys and Thingful will be paid, too. Servers cost money.

simonq - May 18, 2026, 7:43 am

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