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Use source-based examples and code snippets to keep your technical documentation accurate, useful, and aligned with your organization's standards. This page explains how to establish a consistent review process for snippets and SDK-related documentation in Atloria.

Overview

Technical documentation can include generated content, imported documentation, and manually added code examples. Governing this content means deciding which examples are appropriate for readers, verifying that examples match the current source, and maintaining a consistent style across documentation.

You need this process when you publish API references, SDK guidance, integration examples, or implementation details for developers. A governed approach helps prevent outdated examples, incomplete setup instructions, and snippets that expose internal-only implementation details.

In Atloria, you can begin technical documentation from the **Technical Docs** area, generate documentation from available source material, import existing content, and add code examples where they improve the reader's understanding. Readers can use **View Source** when source context is available, and can use **Copy** to reuse an approved example.



Screenshot pending: The Technical Docs area showing options to generate documentation, add code examples, or import existing documentation.

Prerequisites

Before you begin, make sure you have:

- Access to the relevant project's **Technical Docs** area.

- Permission to create, update, or publish technical documentation for the project.
- An approved documentation style for code examples, such as compact examples for reference material or more explanatory examples for guides.
- Current source material or a verified implementation to use as the basis for examples.
- A defined review owner for SDK documentation, API examples, and security-sensitive snippets.
- A decision about whether examples should be generated, imported, or added manually.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Open the project where you want to govern technical documentation.
2. Select **Technical Docs** to view the project's technical documentation workspace.
3. Select **Generate Documentation** → when you want Atloria to create documentation from the available source material.
4. Select **Or import existing documentation** when your approved SDK or API documentation already exists outside Atloria.
5. Select **Add code examples** when the documentation needs a source-based example, usage snippet, or SDK implementation sample.
6. Select **Add examples** when you want to include additional examples that clarify a technical concept or implementation pattern.
7. Review each added example for a clear user goal before keeping it in the document.
8. Remove or rewrite examples that do not show a complete, meaningful task for the intended technical audience.
9. Select the available documentation style option, such as **compact**, when you are preparing concise API-reference examples.
10. Use the documentation reader to confirm that the selected style makes the example easy to scan without hiding required context.
11. Select **View Source** for an example when you need to compare the published explanation with its available source context.

12. Verify that names, inputs, expected behavior, and dependencies in the example match the source context you reviewed.
13. Confirm that the example does not reveal credentials, private configuration values, internal addresses, or other sensitive information.
14. Confirm that the example includes only the code needed to demonstrate the documented task.
15. Select **Copy** from the reader to test whether an approved example can be copied cleanly for reader use.
16. Replace any copied output that includes unintended surrounding text, incomplete instructions, or environment-specific values.
17. Select **Export Documentation** when you need to distribute the governed version for review, archival, or publication through another approved channel.
18. Select **View Your Documentation** → to review the documentation as a reader before you consider its examples approved.

 *Screenshot pending: A technical documentation page with a code example, the View Source action, and the Copy action visible.*

Tips and Best Practices

- Base examples on verified source behavior. Use **View Source** as part of your review whenever it is available, especially for API and SDK content.
- Keep examples focused. A snippet should demonstrate one task, such as initializing a client, calling an operation, or handling a result. Split large workflows into separate examples instead of combining unrelated tasks.
- Use the **compact** style for short reference examples. Reserve more detailed surrounding explanation for cases where readers must understand prerequisites, limitations, or expected outcomes.
- Treat generated content as a starting point, not an automatic approval. Select **Generate Documentation** → , then review the resulting examples for accuracy, audience suitability, and sensitive content.
- Use imported documentation carefully. When you select **Or import existing documentation**, confirm that imported SDK versions, terminology, and examples

match the project's current implementation.

- Include realistic values without publishing secrets. Use clearly fictional placeholders for tokens, keys, account identifiers, and URLs.
- Maintain consistency across similar examples. For example, use the same naming conventions, error-handling approach, and setup assumptions throughout one technical documentation set.
- Review documentation after major source changes. Examples can become misleading even when they still look syntactically correct.

 *Screenshot pending: The documentation reader showing a source-based example and the View Source option used to validate it.*

Related Pages

- [Generate Technical Documentation](#)
- [Add Code Examples to Technical Documentation](#)
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Troubleshooting

The generated example does not match the current implementation

Select **View Source** and compare the example with the available source context. Update the example to reflect the verified behavior, then review the reader view again through **View Your Documentation** → .

The example is too long or difficult to understand

Use **Add examples** to separate the content into smaller task-based examples. Keep each snippet focused on one outcome and move background information into the surrounding documentation text.

The copied snippet includes values readers cannot use

Select **Copy** to test the reader experience before approval. Replace internal values, credentials, and environment-specific settings with safe placeholders and explain which values readers must provide.