How to use the Flixby API

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What it is

The Flixby API lets your own app or script see, create and change your Flixby lists. It is live today at `https://flixby.app/api/v1`, and the full technical reference is at flixby.app/developers.

- **Who it's for:** people who write a bit of code, or use tools that can call a web address (a home-server app, a script, a shortcut).
- **What it can do today:** see your lists and what's on them, make lists, rename and reorder them, add and remove films, and publish a list to your profile wall.
- **What it can't do yet:** Saved, Tonight, Watched, ratings and friends aren't in the API yet.
- **It only ever sees your own account.** Each key belongs to one person.

Step 1: make a key

A key is a password for apps. You make it once in Flixby and paste it into the app.

1. Sign in at flixby.app (it works on a phone, but a computer is easier for copying).
2. Open your profile, tap **Settings**, then the **Apps & API** tab. The tab only shows when you're signed in.
3. Under **New key**, give it a name, like the app that will use it ("Radarr", "My movie app").
4. Choose what it may do. It can always *see* your lists. Tick **Change my lists** (on by default) if the app should add or remove films, and **Publish lists to my wall** only if it should put lists on your profile.
5. Tap **Create key**. Flixby shows the key once: it starts with `fbx_` followed by 32 letters and numbers. Copy it now. If you lose it, revoke it and make a new one.

The same page lists your keys with when each was last used. **Revoke** stops a key at once. You can have up to 10 keys.

Step 2: try it

These examples use `curl`, which is built into Mac, Windows 10+ and Linux terminals. Replace `fbx_your_key` with your key. Films are TMDB ids: the number in a film's TMDB address, so `603` is The Matrix (themoviedb.org/movie/603).

Check the key works (shows its name and permissions):

```
curl https://flixby.app/api/v1 -H "Authorization: Bearer fbx_your_key"
```

See your lists, with the films on them:

```
curl "https://flixby.app/api/v1/lists?expand=films" -H "Authorization: Bearer
fbx_your_key"
```

Make a list:

```
curl -X POST https://flixby.app/api/v1/lists \
  -H "Authorization: Bearer fbx_your_key" -H "Content-Type: application/json"
\
  -d '{"name": "Date night", "films": [603, 550]}'
```

The answer includes the list's `id`, for example `k3v9x2mq7a1b`. Use it in the next calls.

Add films (`position: 0` puts them at the top; leave it out to add at the end):

```
curl -X POST https://flixby.app/api/v1/lists/k3v9x2mq7a1b/films \
  -H "Authorization: Bearer fbx_your_key" -H "Content-Type: application/json"
\
  -d '{"films": [13, 680], "position": 0}'
```

Remove a film: `curl -X DELETE https://flixby.app/api/v1/lists/k3v9x2mq7a1b/films/13 -H "Authorization: Bearer fbx_your_key"`

Rename or reorder with `PATCH /api/v1/lists/{id}` and `{"name": "…"}` or `{"films": [...]}` (the whole list in the new order). **Delete** a list with `DELETE /api/v1/lists/{id}`.

Changes show in the Flixby app the next time it syncs, which is when it's opened or brought back to the front.

Step 3: keep an app in sync

For apps that mirror Flixby lists both ways, the API tells you cheaply whether anything changed and stops you overwriting someone's edit.

1. Call `GET /api/v1/lists` and keep the `syncToken` it returns, plus each list's `version`.
2. Next time, send the header `If-None-Match: "<syncToken>"`. A `304` answer means nothing changed, and it costs almost nothing. Otherwise compare versions: fetch the lists whose version changed, add new ones, and drop ids that are gone.
3. When your app changes a list, send `If-Match: "<version>"`. If the list was changed in Flixby since you read it, you get `412` with the current version instead of overwriting. Read it again, merge, retry.

Checking every few minutes is plenty. If the Flixby app and your app change a list at the same moment, Flixby merges both changes rather than losing one.

Radarr and Sonarr

Radarr and Sonarr can't send a key, so they need a link per list instead. Each link carries a private secret that only lets an app read that list; it is not your API key.

In Flixby: Settings → Apps & API → turn on **List links (for Radarr, Sonarr and similar apps)**. It's off by default. Every list, plus Saved and Tonight, then shows a Radarr link (films only) and a Sonarr link (TV shows only) to copy. **Reset links** makes new ones and stops the old ones working.

In Radarr: Settings → Lists → **+** → **Custom Lists**. Paste the Radarr link into List URL, pick a quality profile and root folder, and turn on Enable Automatic Add.

In Sonarr: Settings → Import Lists → **+** → **Custom List**. Paste the Sonarr link into List URL and pick the profile and root folder.

Radarr checks lists every 12 hours and Sonarr every 6, so a film added in Flixby arrives automatically, just not instantly. Treat these links like a password: anyone with one can see that list.

Limits and when something goes wrong

Each key can make 60 requests a minute and 2,000 a day (the day resets at midnight UTC). Errors come back as a plain sentence plus a code, for example `{"error": "There's no list with that id.", "code": "list_not_found"}`.

You see	What it means	What to do
`401 missing_key` / `invalid_key`	No key sent, a typo, or the key was revoked	Check the `Authorization: Bearer fbx_…` header; make a new key if needed
`403 missing_scope`	The key isn't allowed to do that	Make a key with Change my lists (or Publish) ticked
`404 list_not_found`	Wrong list id, or the list was deleted in Flixby	Fetch your lists again
`409 no_profile`	The account has never opened Flixby	Sign in to flixby.app once
`409 busy`	Another device saved at the same moment	Try again
`412 version_mismatch`	The list changed since your app read it	Read it again, then retry
`422 unknown_films`	Some ids aren't TMDB films	Check the ids (the answer lists them)
`429 rate_limited`	Too many requests	Wait the seconds in the `Retry-After` header

Safety: keep keys in the app or on your own machine, never in a public web page or a public code repository. Anyone with a key can do what it allows to your lists.

Message to send testers

Ready to paste:

> Flixby now has an API for your lists. In Flixby, open Settings → Apps & API, make a key and copy it (it's shown once). Then point your app or script at https://flixby.app/api/v1 with the header "Authorization: Bearer <your key>". It can see your lists, make new ones, and add, remove or reorder films. The full guide with examples is at https://flixby.app/developers. To feed lists into Radarr or Sonarr, turn on List links on the same page and paste a list's link into their Custom List setting. Questions: flixby.admin@gmail.com.