Connect NMI to a Site You Built with AI

TacticalPay | For sites built with Claude, ChatGPT or another AI tool

Four steps. About an hour.

Take card payments on a site an AI built. The AI writes the code. You add the keys and test it.

Before You Begin

- Using Shopify, WooCommerce, BigCommerce, Wix or Squarespace? Use your platform's guide at tacticalpay.com/knowledge-base/payments.
- Your site must run server code. Not sure? Ask the AI.
- Your site must be SSL secured (https://).

1 Get Your Keys · about 5 minutes

1. Sign in to your TacticalPay dashboard at tacticalpay.com/login.
2. Go to Online payments → **Codes & guides**.
3. Copy your **API Key** and **Public key**.

On your dashboard	The AI may call it	Keep it
API Key	security key	**Secret.** Server only.
Public key	tokenization key	**Public.** OK on your checkout page.

You won't need your NMI username, password or Gateway ID.

2 Store Your Keys Safely · about 5 minutes

1. Ask the AI where your web host keeps **environment variables** (secrets).
2. Paste your keys there yourself. The AI will tell you what to name them.

> **Important:** never paste a key into the AI chat.

3 Ask the AI to Build Checkout · about 30 minutes

Paste this into the AI. Keep one card form, **pop-up** (easiest) or **fields on my page** (matches your design), and delete the other line.

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Add card checkout to my site using NMI.
- Use NMI's Collect.js so card numbers never touch my site. [pick one:]
    • pop-up: docs.nmi.com/docs/collectjs
    • fields on my page: docs.nmi.com/docs/collectjs-advanced-integration
- Read my keys from environment variables. Never put the API Key in browser code.
- Set prices on the server.
- Send the billing ZIP code and CVV with each sale.
- Mark orders paid only after NMI approves the payment.
- Use my live NMI account, not a sandbox.
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> **Important:** you're responsible for your site's code. Have a web developer review checkout before you launch.

4 Test With a Real Sale · about 15 minutes

1. Buy something small with your own card.
2. Check that the order shows paid, and the sale is in tacticalpay.transactiongateway.com under **Transaction Reports**.
3. Try a wrong card number. It should fail.
4. Right-click your checkout page → **View Page Source**. Search (Ctrl+F) for your API Key. It shouldn't be there.
5. Ask the AI how to check that buyers can't change prices.
6. Void the test sale in NMI the same day. After the nightly batch, refund it instead.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Fix
“Authentication Failed”	The API Key is wrong or swapped with the Public key.
Card fields don't show	The page needs the Public key, not the API Key.
A good card is declined	Tell the AI to send the billing ZIP and CVV.
Paid, but the order isn't marked paid	Tell the AI the payment-confirmation step isn't working.
The AI asks for a webhook signing key	In NMI: Settings → **Webhooks**.
No API Key on your dashboard	In NMI: Settings → Security Keys → **Add a New Key** with API access. Other keys keep working.

Need help? For your keys or NMI account, open a ticket at tacticalpay.com/support. For your site's code, ask your AI tool or a web developer.