ONE-PAGE EXPLAINER

How AI agents will pay *websites*

x402 in one page

A plain-words look at an open standard that uses the web's old HTTP 402 Payment Required code.

Agent Pay by PayZiip & AIplusAPI

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The short version

Today, an AI agent that wants paid content has to sign up for an account first. x402 is an open standard for a simpler path: the website asks for payment right in the web request, the agent pays, and the website serves the content. It uses HTTP status code 402, Payment Required.

Status: our Agent Pay work is on testnet. It is not for sale. Coming soon means we are building toward it, nothing more.

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The 6-step *flow*

AI AGENT (CLIENT)		WEBSITE (SERVER)
1 Requests a page or API The agent asks for a resource.	→ request	
	← 402 Payment Required + payment requirements	**2 Replies 402** Says what it costs and how to pay.
3 Pays Meets the requirements.	↓	
4 Retries with proof Sends the request again with payment proof.	→ request + proof	
		5 Verifies Checks the payment proof.
	← resource served	**6 Serves the resource** The agent gets what it asked for.

What site owners should think about

What to charge for

Pick the things an agent would actually want: an API call, a data lookup, a report, a premium page. Keep free what you want found.

Pricing per call

Decide a clear price for each request. Start simple: one price per kind of resource. Make the price easy to read in the 402 response.

Safeguards

Set limits so one bad actor cannot run up work. Use rate limits and logs. Test on a testnet before anything real. Ask a qualified professional about tax, legal and accounting questions.

Follow along

We are building toward websites that charge AI agents through the open x402 standard. It is on testnet and not for sale. Follow our progress.

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