

Doorbells for software

Module 06 · Webhooks & Automation · Chapter 01

What you will learn

- ☐ The polling problem webhooks solve
- ☐ Payloads and secrets: how doorbells stay honest
- ☐ Firing your first webhook by hand

Your exercise

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Open webhook.site, copy your unique URL, fire three different curl payloads at it (a payment, a form submission, a "doorbell"). Inspect what arrived: JSON body, headers, method. Then explain to a family member why WhatsApp messages arrive instantly but old email sometimes didn't, one of those is a doorbell now; guess which.

My notes

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Webhook = your URL + another service POSTing event data the moment things happen.
- Push beats polling: instant, efficient, event-driven.
- Payloads are JSON stories of what occurred.
- Public URLs get pranked; signature verification comes in Chapter 4.

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