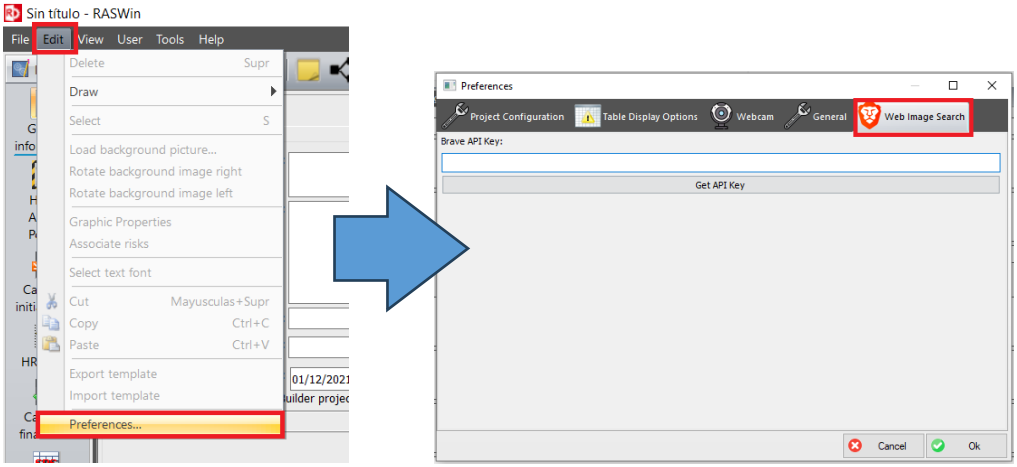
Configure Search Image function

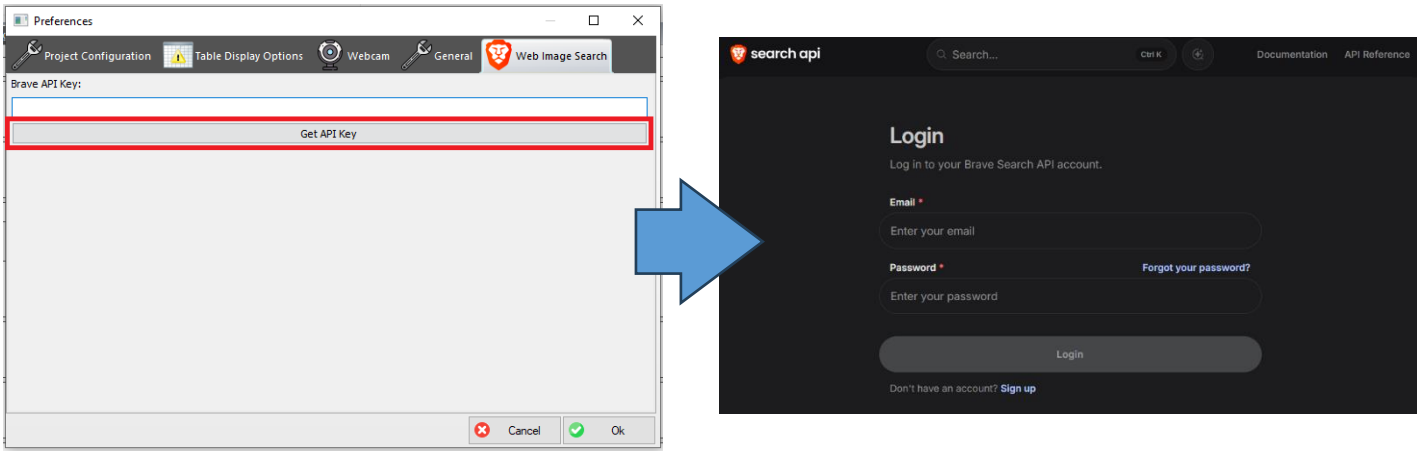
To use the Search Image function of RASWin, you must first configure it. You need an API key provided by Brave; otherwise, the functionality is disabled.

Limitations: Brave's free tier is limited to 1,000 image queries per month. If you need more queries, you will have to purchase a higher plan. This limit is imposed by Brave, not by RASWin.

To begin with, within RASWin go to Edit > Preferences and click on the "Web Image Search" tab.

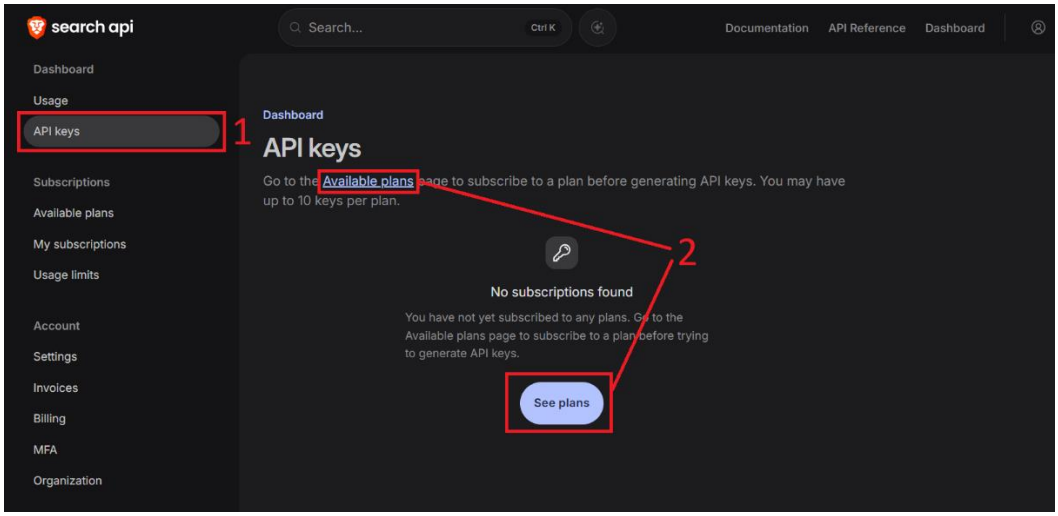


1. The current API key is empty. Click on the "Get API Key" button, which will open a web page where you will need to log in (or create a new account). Alternatively, you can go directly to this page: https://api-dashboard.search.brave.com/app/keys.

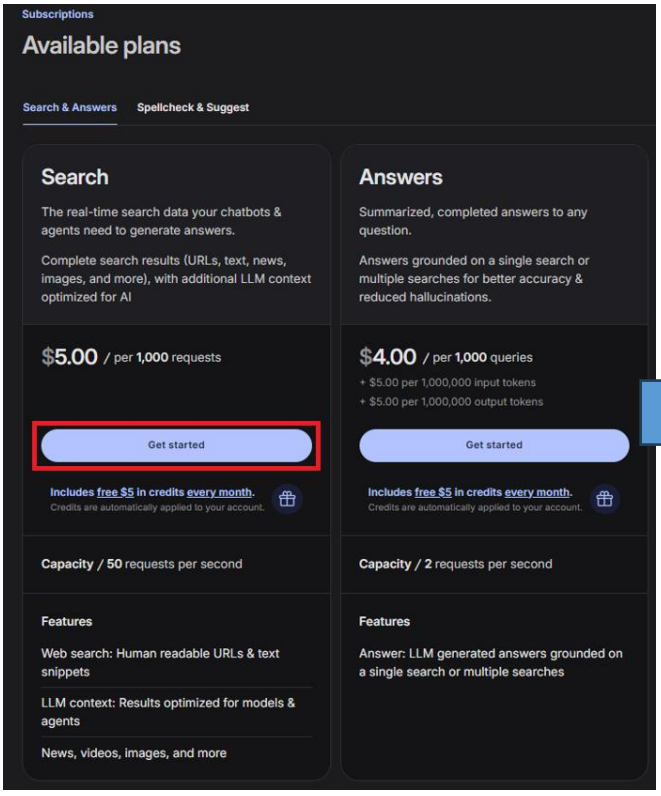


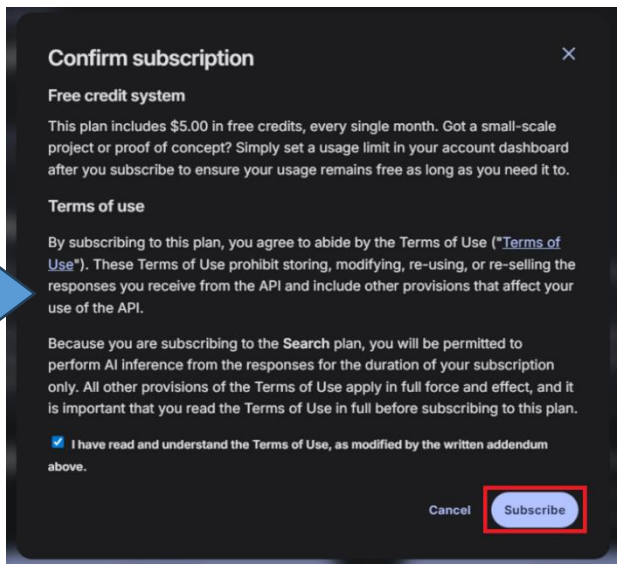
Get API Key

1. Once you are logged in, you will need to subscribe to Brave's "Search" plan. On the API Keys tab, go to "Available plans" or "See plans".

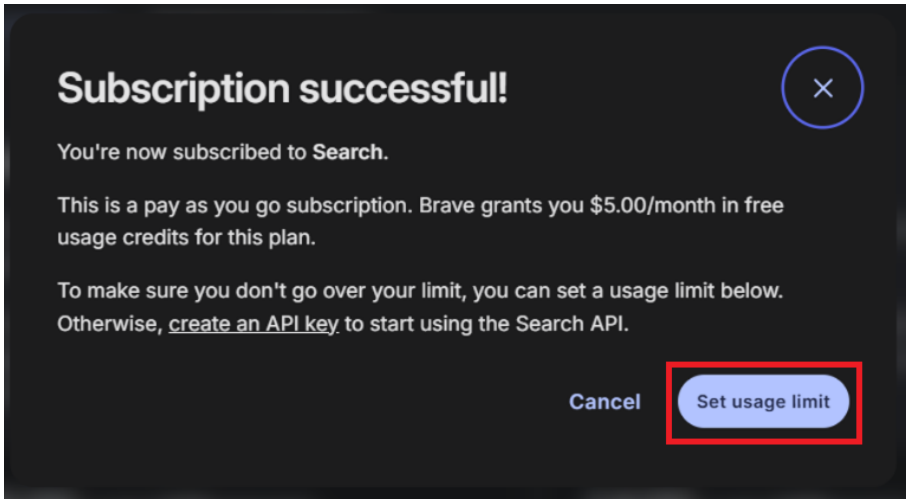


2. In the "Available plans" window, find the "Search" plan and click "Get started" and then "Subscribe". You will need to enter a payment method, which will incur a $0 charge. Don't worry about potential charges for exceeding the free rate; later in this guide you will learn how to limit usage, including restricting it to just the free tier.

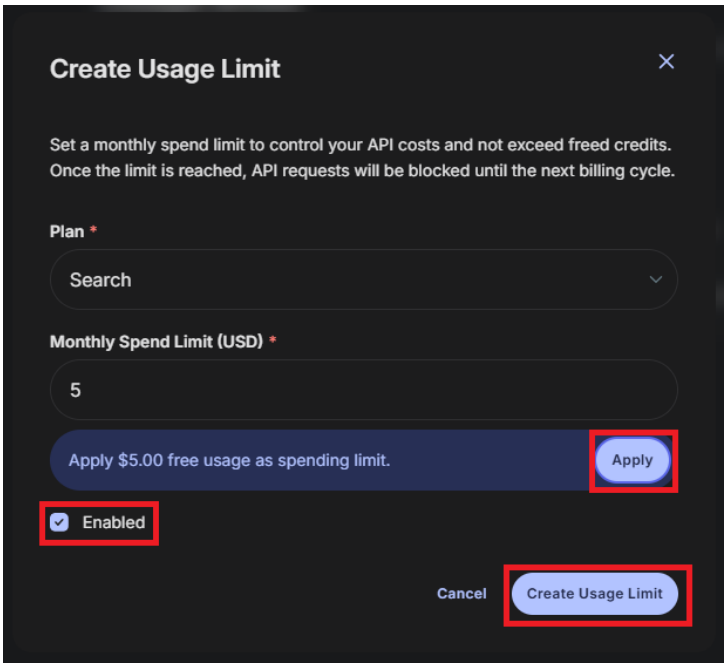




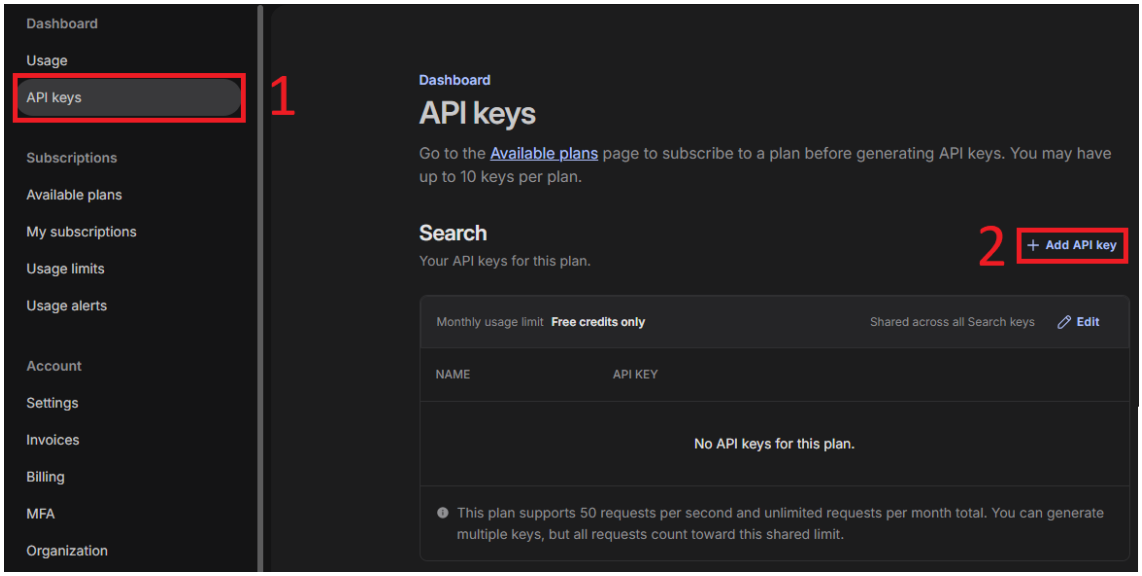
3. Once you have subscribed, click on “Set usage limit”.



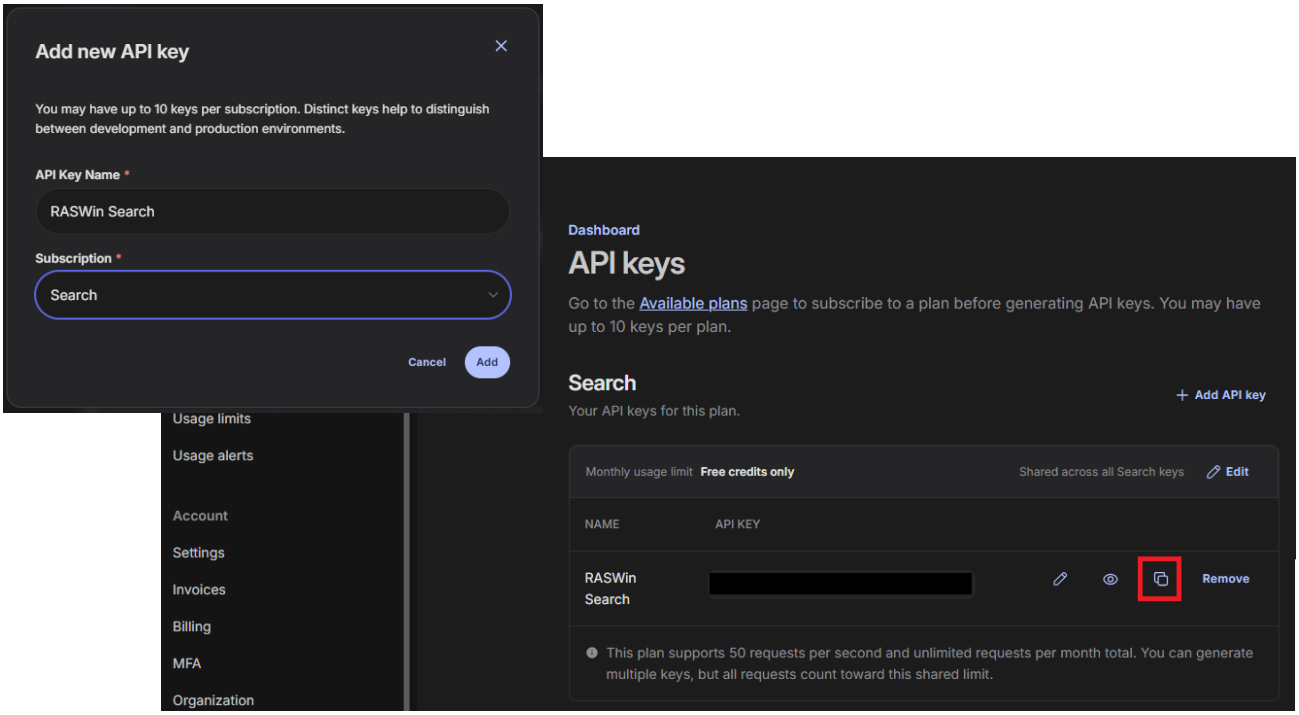
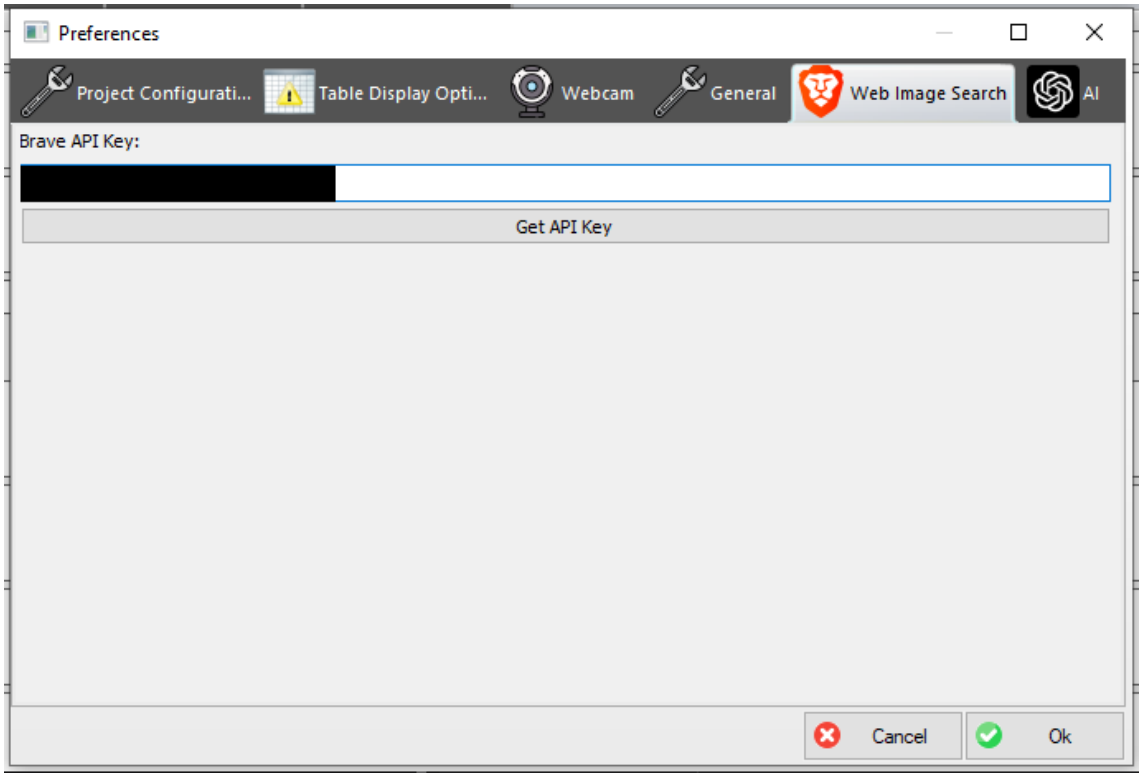
4. Here you can configure the usage limit. To use only the free quota, click “Apply” next to “Apply $5.00 free usage as spending limit”, make sure the usage limit is Enabled, and click “Create Usage Limit”.



5. Once the subscription is configured, return to the “API Keys” tab; your Search subscription should appear. Then click “Add API Key”.



6. Once you’re in “Add new API Key”, give it a name, make sure “Search” is selected in the subscription section, and click “Add”. The new API key should then appear in the list; from there you can copy it.



7. Now paste it into RASWin and the Search Image function will be available.