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In general, your client interacts with the threat defense device using the following iterative process:

1. Obtain an access token to authenticate your API calls. See [Overview of the API Client Authentication Process](#).
2. Except when simply reading data, build a JSON payload.
3. Transmit the JSON payload using an HTTPS call for the Universal Resource Locator (URL) for the resource.
4. Consume the returned JSON response.
5. If you make configuration changes, deploy the changes. See [Deploying Configuration Changes](#).

