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Application Programming interface (API) is a set of functions, classes, libraries, or packages (a.k.a. frameworks)

API allowing developers access an application's services by using the programming languagesž

An API may include specifications for routines, data structures, object classes, and variables Generally speaking, API → specification of how some SW components should be interacting with one another other <u>Tutorial : Click Here</u>



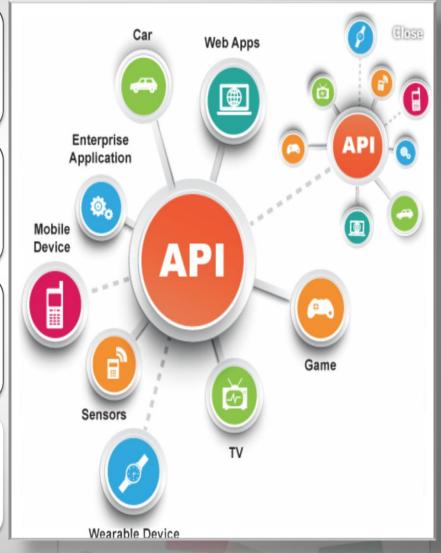
API-APP

An Application Program Interface (API) is code that allows software programs to communicate with each other.

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API-APP : How they Work?

APIs are made up of two related elements.

The first is a specification that describes how information is exchanged between programs, done in the form of a request for processing and a return of the necessary data.

The second is a software interface written to that specification and published in some way for use.

The software that wants to access the features and capabilities of the API is said to call it, and the software that creates the API is said to publish it.



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Local APIs

The original API, created to provide operating system or middleware services to application programs.

Web APIs

Designed to represent widely used resources like HTML pages and are accessed using a simple HTTP protocol. Often called REST APIs or RESTful APIs.

Program APIs

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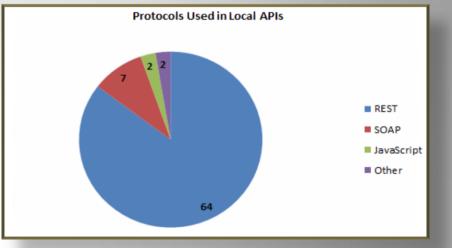
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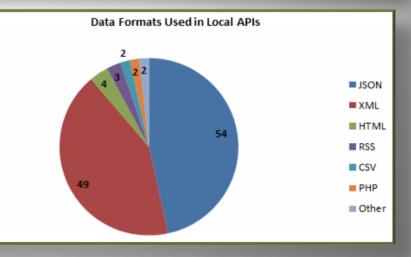
They offer OS or middleware services to application programs.

Example :

Microsoft's .NET APIs, the TAPI <u>(Telephony</u> <u>API)</u> for voice applications, and database access APIs



Local APIs



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Web APIs are designed to represent widely used resources like <u>HTML</u> pages and are accessed using a simple <u>HTTP</u> protocol.

Any web URL activates a web API.

Web APIs are often called <u>REST</u> (representational state transfer) or <u>RESTful</u> because the publisher of REST interfaces doesn't save any data internally between requests.

As such, requests from many users can be intermingled as they would be on the internet.



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Program APIs are based on <u>remote procedure</u> <u>call (RPC)</u> technology that makes a remote program component appear to be local to the rest of the software.

Service oriented architecture (SOA) APIs, such as Microsoft's WSseries of APIs, are program APIs.



API-APPS : EXAMPLES

The following list contains several examples of popular APIs:



Google Maps API: Google Maps APIs lets developers embed Google Maps on webpages using a JavaScript or FlashInterface





YouTube APIs: YouTube API: Google's APIs lets developers integrate YouTube videos and functionality into websites or applications

Flickr API: The Flickr API is used by developers to access the Flick photo sharing community datThe Flickr API consists of a set of callable methods, and some API endpoints

<u>Twitter APIs</u>: Twitter offers two APIs. The REST API and Search API

<u>Amazon Product Advertising API</u>: Amazon's Product Advertising API gives developers access to product selection and discovery

<u>UserEngage</u> : Engagement tool, marketing automation platform that tracts you visitors