

Below is a **rewritten, more detailed, internally explained, and exam-oriented version** of Web API, written in the **same depth, format, and clarity** you've been following.

I've simplified language **without reducing conceptual strength**, and added **internal working + real-world mapping**.

Web API in JavaScript

(Conceptual • Internal • Exam-Ready Explanation)

1 What is a Web API?

A **Web API (Web Application Programming Interface)** is a **set of rules and methods** that allows **software components to communicate over the web**.

 A Web API hides **complex internal logic** and exposes **simple methods** that developers can directly use.

 Important:

- Web API is **NOT limited to JavaScript**
- Any language (Java, Python, C#, etc.) can use Web APIs

2 What is an API? (Before Web API)

API = Application Programming Interface

An API is:

- A **contract**
- A **communication bridge**
- A **predefined interface**

Real-World Analogy 

Think of a **power socket**:

Component	Role
Power station	Internal implementation
Socket	API
Device plug	Client

You only **plug in** and get electricity.

You **don't care** how electricity is generated.

 Same with APIs:

- You call a function
- You get the result
- Backend complexity is hidden

3 What Makes a Web API “Web”?

A **Web API** specifically works **over the web**, usually using:

- HTTP / HTTPS
- URLs
- Requests & Responses

📌 Web APIs allow:

- Browser ↔ Server communication
- App ↔ App communication
- Client ↔ Third-party services

4 Why Do We Need Web APIs?

Without Web APIs:

- Developers would need to write **low-level system code**
- Browsers would expose **unsafe internals**
- Reusability would be impossible

With Web APIs:

- ✓ Simple syntax
- ✓ Secure access
- ✓ Reusability
- ✓ Platform independence

5 Types of Web APIs (VERY IMPORTANT)

Web APIs are mainly classified into **three categories**:

1 Browser API (Client-Side JavaScript API)

What is a Browser API?

Browser APIs are **built-in Web APIs provided by browsers** (Chrome, Firefox, Edge).

They are built **on top of JavaScript**, but **not part of core JavaScript**.

📌 JavaScript alone cannot:

- Access camera
- Read storage
- Fetch network data

- Control browser history

→ Browser APIs make this possible.

Common Browser APIs

API	Purpose
DOM API	Access & manipulate HTML
Storage API	Store data in browser
Fetch API	Make HTTP requests
History API	Navigate browser history
Forms API	Validate form input
Console API	Debugging

Internal Working (Browser API)

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JavaScript Code

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Browser API

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Browser Engine (C++ / Rust)

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OS / Hardware

📌 Browser APIs act as a **safe bridge** between JavaScript and system resources.

2 Server API

What is a Server API?

A **Server API** allows:

- Client apps to interact with **server resources**
- Data exchange between systems

Common formats:

- JSON
- XML

Popular Server APIs

API Type	Description
REST API	Stateless HTTP-based API
JSON API	Returns JSON data
XML API	Returns XML data

Example:

- Login API
- Payment API
- Product API

Internal Flow

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Client (Browser/App)

↓ HTTP Request

Server API

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Database / Logic

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HTTP Response (JSON/XML)

3 Third-Party APIs

What is a Third-Party API?

Third-party APIs are **public APIs provided by external companies**.

You **consume** them instead of building everything yourself.

Popular Third-Party APIs

API	Use
YouTube API	Fetch videos
Facebook API	Access posts
Twitter API	Fetch tweets
Telegram API	Messaging

Pinterest API

Fetch pins

Example:

Instead of building a video platform → use **YouTube API**

6 Creating Your Own Web API

You can also:

- Create your **own API**
- Expose endpoints
- Allow others to consume your data

Example:

text

<https://api.myapp.com/users>

<https://api.myapp.com/products>

7 Fetch API – A Real Web API Example

The **Fetch API** is a **Browser Web API** used to fetch data from servers.

Key Points:

- Uses HTTP
- Returns a **Promise**
- Works asynchronously

Example: Fetching Data

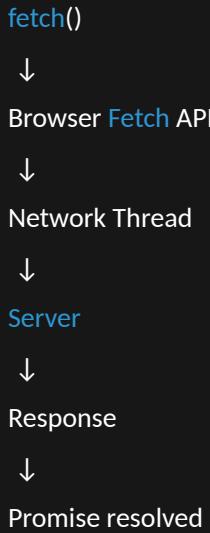
html

```
<script>
const URL = 'https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/todos/5';

fetch(URL)
  .then(response => response.json())
  .then(data => {
    document.getElementById('output').innerHTML =
      JSON.stringify(data);
  });
</script>
```

Internal Working of fetch()

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- ✖ JavaScript **does not block**
- ✖ Network runs in background

8 Common JavaScript Web APIs List (Exam-Important)

Web API	Purpose
Console API	Debugging
Fetch API	HTTP requests
FullScreen API	Fullscreen mode
GeoLocation API	User location
History API	Browser navigation
MediaQuery API	Media queries
Storage API	Local/session storage
Forms API	Form validation

9 One-Line Exam Definitions

◆ API

An API is a set of rules that allows software components to communicate.

- ◆ **Web API**

A Web API is an interface that enables communication between applications over the web using standard protocols.

- ◆ **Browser API**

Browser APIs are built-in web APIs provided by browsers to extend JavaScript capabilities.

10 Key Takeaways

- ✓ Web API ≠ JavaScript
- ✓ Web APIs hide complexity
- ✓ Browser APIs extend JS
- ✓ Fetch API is asynchronous
- ✓ APIs enable modular development

▶ What's Next?

Next logical topics:

- 1 Fetch API (deep internals)
- 2 GeoLocation API
- 3 Storage API (localStorage vs sessionStorage)
- 4 History API internals

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