Custom connectors

While Microsoft Power Platform offers more than 200 connectors, you also have the option to build a custom connector. This will allow you to extend your app by calling a publicly available API, or a custom API you are hosting in a cloud provider, such as Azure. API stands for Application Programming Interface and holds a series of functions available for developers. Connectors work by sending information back and forth across these APIs and gathering available functions into Power Apps or Power Automate. Because these connectors are function-based, they will call specific functions in the underlying service of the API to return the corresponding data.

An advantage of building custom connectors is that they can be used in different platforms, such as Power Apps, Power Automate, and Azure Logic Apps.

Creating Custom Connectors

Tip: To open the resource links below, right-click and select "Open in a new tab or window". That way, you can check out the resource and easily return to the module tab to unlock your achievement when done.

You can create custom connectors using 3 different approaches:

- [Using a blank custom connector](#) ⬈
- [From an OpenAPI definition](#) ⬈
- [From a Postman collection](#) ⬈

While the requirements for each approach will vary, they all require Power Apps per app or per user plan. Each link above points to the instructions for each approach.

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