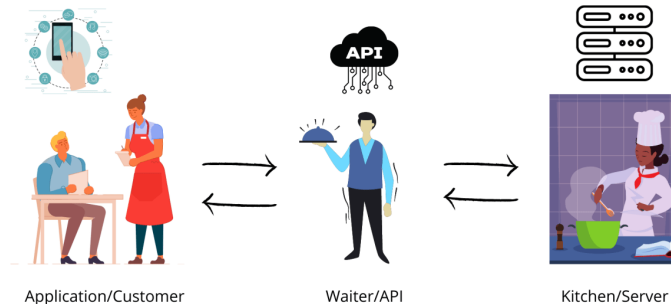


What is an API?

API is the acronym for Application Programming Interface, which is a software intermediary that allows two applications to talk to each other.

APIs are tools. They allow you as a programmer to deliver solid solutions fairly rapidly.

What is API ?



Examples:

Each time you use an app like Facebook, send an instant message, or check the weather on your phone, you're using an API.

Another example is the Apple (iOS) API that's used to detect touchscreen interactions.

REST	RESTful	Web API
It is neither an API nor a framework. It is just an architectural concept.	I believe it is just another buzzword for APIs to say if they comply with REST specifications.	It is an open source framework for writing HTTP APIs. These APIs can be RESTful or not.