**Development and Deployment of Integration Interfaces (APIs/Middleware)**

**Project:** Odoo ERP Integration for Safaricom Telecom  
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**A. Purpose**

To design, develop, test, and deploy robust integration interfaces enabling seamless communication between Odoo ERP and external telecom systems such as OSS/BSS platforms, mobile money gateways, and other third-party applications.

**B. Integration Interface Scope**

* APIs connecting Odoo ERP with OSS/BSS systems for real-time data exchange (billing, customer info, service status).
* Middleware components to orchestrate, transform, and route data between heterogeneous systems.
* Secure interfaces for mobile money platforms (e.g., M-PESA) to facilitate payment processing and reconciliation.
* Batch and real-time data synchronization mechanisms.

**C. Architecture Overview**

| **Component** | **Description** | **Technology/Toolset** |
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| **API Gateway** | Centralized management of APIs for security, rate limiting, and analytics | Kong, Apigee, AWS API Gateway |
| **Middleware / ESB** | Message brokering, transformation, orchestration | Apache Kafka, MuleSoft, Talend |
| **API Development** | RESTful APIs with JSON/XML payloads | Python (Flask, FastAPI), Node.js |
| **Security Layer** | Authentication & authorization, encryption | OAuth2, JWT, TLS |
| **Monitoring & Logging** | Track API usage, errors, and performance | ELK Stack, Splunk, Prometheus |

**D. Development Process**

| **Phase** | **Activities** | **Deliverables** |
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| **Requirements Analysis** | Define API specifications, data contracts, security requirements | API Specification Document (OpenAPI/Swagger) |
| **Design** | Design API endpoints, data models, middleware workflows | Integration Design Documents |
| **Development** | Code RESTful APIs, middleware connectors, data transformation logic | Source Code, Unit Test Cases |
| **Security Implementation** | Implement authentication, authorization, encryption | Security Modules, Penetration Test Reports |
| **Testing** | Conduct unit, integration, performance, and security tests | Test Reports, Defect Logs |
| **Deployment** | Deploy APIs and middleware components to staging and production | Deployment Scripts, Configuration Files |
| **Documentation** | Develop API documentation, integration guides | API Docs (Swagger UI), User Manuals |

**E. Key Integration Interfaces**

| **Interface** | **Protocol** | **Data Format** | **Frequency** | **Security Mechanism** | **Description** |
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| OSS/BSS API | REST/SOAP | JSON/XML | Real-time | OAuth2, TLS | Sync customer and billing data |
| Mobile Money Gateway API | REST | JSON | Real-time | OAuth2, Mutual TLS | Payment processing and transaction status |
| Internal ERP APIs | REST/RPC | JSON | On-demand | Internal IAM | Access ERP modules and services |
| Batch Data Sync | File Transfer / API | CSV/JSON | Scheduled | VPN, Encrypted Transfer | Synchronize large datasets overnight |

**F. Security & Compliance**

* Enforce strict authentication (OAuth2 with JWT tokens).
* Data encryption in transit using TLS 1.2+.
* Implement IP whitelisting and rate limiting at API Gateway.
* Regular security audits and vulnerability scanning.
* Compliance with telecom regulations and Kenya Data Protection Act (KDPA).

**G. Deployment & Environment Strategy**

| **Environment** | **Purpose** | **Tools / Technologies** |
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| Development | Code and unit testing | Local/dev servers, Docker |
| Testing / QA | Integration and system testing | CI/CD pipelines (Jenkins, GitHub Actions) |
| Staging | User acceptance and performance testing | Kubernetes clusters, Cloud sandbox |
| Production | Live operation | Cloud (AWS/Azure/GCP), Kubernetes |

* Use Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tools like Terraform/Ansible for environment setup.
* Automate deployments with CI/CD pipelines.
* Implement blue-green or canary deployments for zero downtime upgrades.

**H. Monitoring & Support**

* Real-time monitoring of API health and performance metrics.
* Alerting on errors, latency spikes, and security incidents.
* Logging for audit trails and troubleshooting.
* Support SLAs and escalation procedures defined with vendors and internal teams.