

Lesson 5: Open Banking and APIs

Module 1: FinTech Fundamentals

Digital Finance

Data Sharing Paradigm

- Customer-permissioned access
- Standardized APIs
- Third-party innovation
- Regulatory mandate (EU, UK)

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Implementation Phases

- 2015: Directive adoption
- 2018: SCA requirements
- 2019: RTS compliance
- 2021: Full enforcement

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Two-Factor Requirement

- Knowledge (password)
- Possession (mobile device)
- Inherence (biometric)
- Exemptions for low-risk

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Account Information Service (AIS)

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Payment Initiation Service (PIS)

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Provider Types

- AISP: Account aggregation
- PISP: Payment initiation
- CBPII: Card balance checks
- Regulatory authorization

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Technical Protocols

- RESTful architecture
- OAuth 2.0 authorization
- OpenAPI specification
- JSON data format

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Consumer Applications

- Multi-bank aggregation
- Automated budgeting
- Alternative credit scoring
- Instant payments

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Account Aggregation Example

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vs Card Payments

- Lower fees (0.1% vs 1.5%)
- Faster settlement
- No chargebacks
- Direct bank transfer

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UK Success Rates (2023)

- API uptime: 99.5%
- Response time: 1.2s avg
- 12M monthly API calls
- 8M active users

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Risk Mitigation

- API credential theft
- Man-in-the-middle attacks
- Excessive data access
- Fraud monitoring systems

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Beyond Banking

- Pension data sharing
- Insurance APIs
- Investment platforms
- Mortgage comparison

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Key Takeaways

- **PSD2:** EU regulatory mandate for bank API access
- **Services:** AIS (aggregation) and PIS (payment initiation)
- **SCA:** Two-factor authentication requirement
- **Benefits:** Lower fees, faster payments, innovation
- **Future:** Expanding to open finance ecosystem