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# Better API governance with Azure API Center

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Building an API program is complex

IDEA conception

API Strategy and Design

Security

Scalability & Performance

Testing & QA

Documentation

Observability & Analytics

Developer Experience

Delivery & Ops

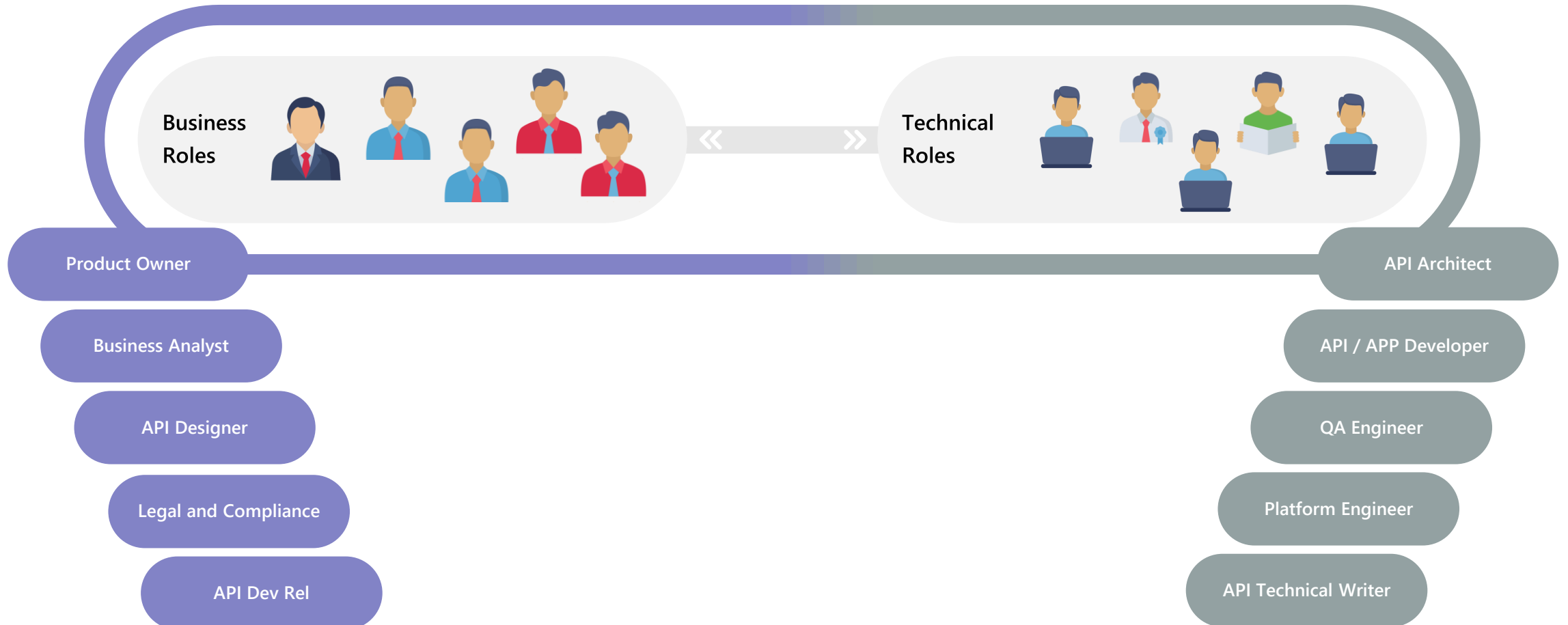
Governance & Lifecycle Management

Compliance & Legal



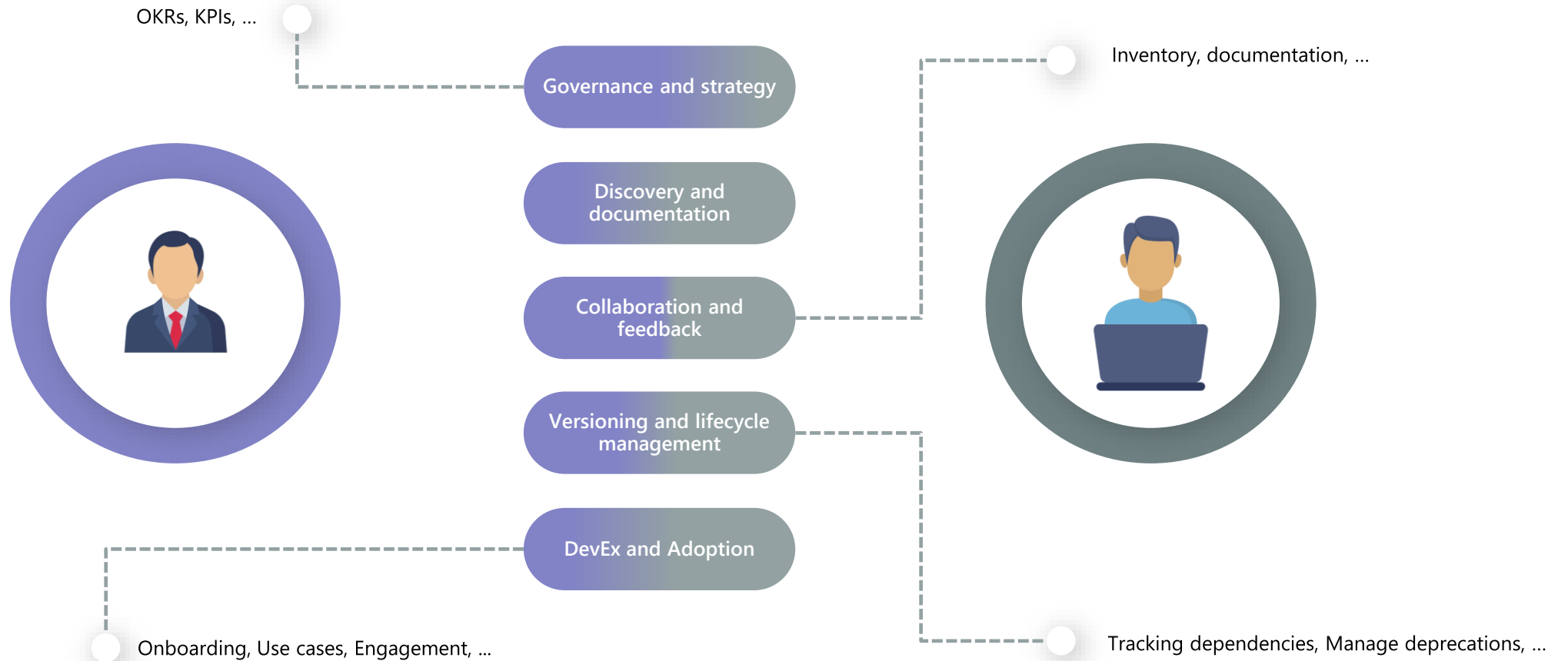


# Roles involved in an API program





# Roles and objectives





# Working towards a shared goal : a better API Governance

## consistency and standardization

follow the same set of standards (e.g. style guidelines)

## security

protect APIs and data from unauthorized access (e.g. OWASP top 10 API)

## compliance

respect a specific industry or country regulations (e.g. GDPR)

## agility

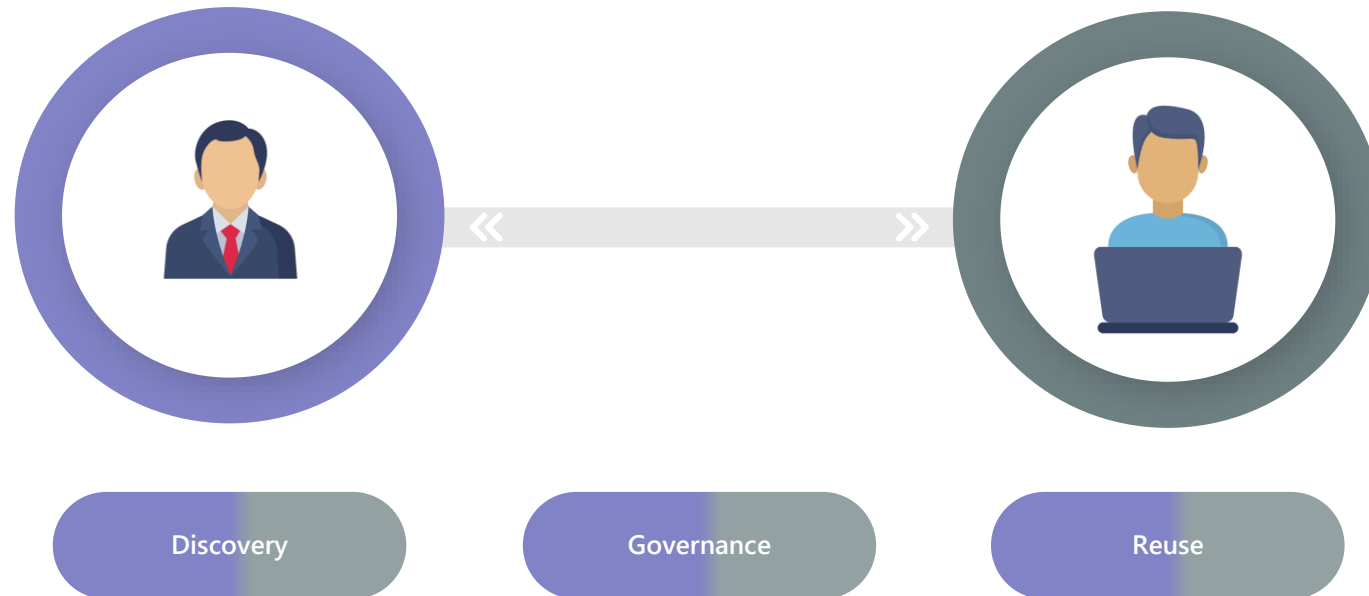
well-defined versioning and change management (innovate without impact on consumers)





# The need for an API catalog

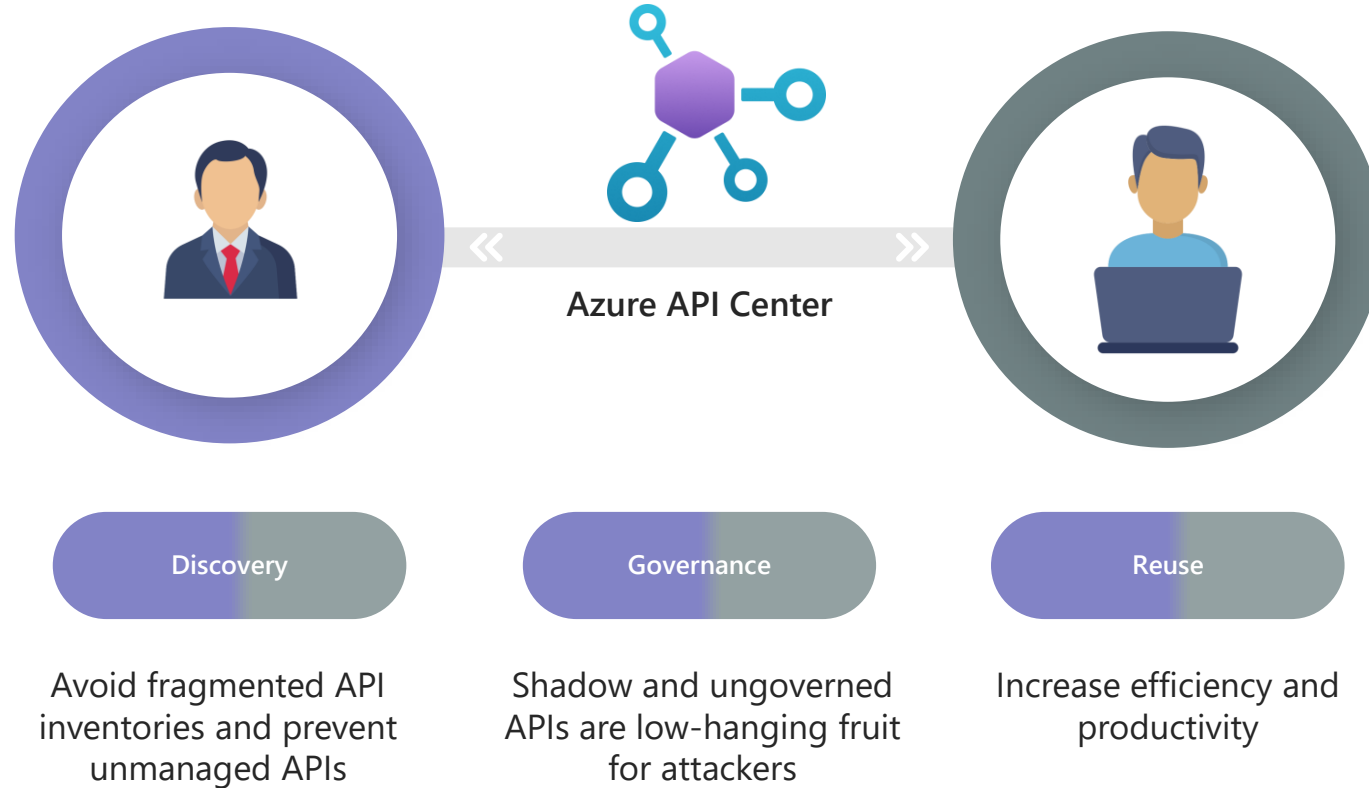
Bring together the people, technology and process

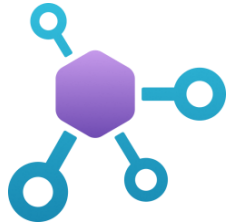




# The need for an API catalog

Bring together the different roles involved in an API program





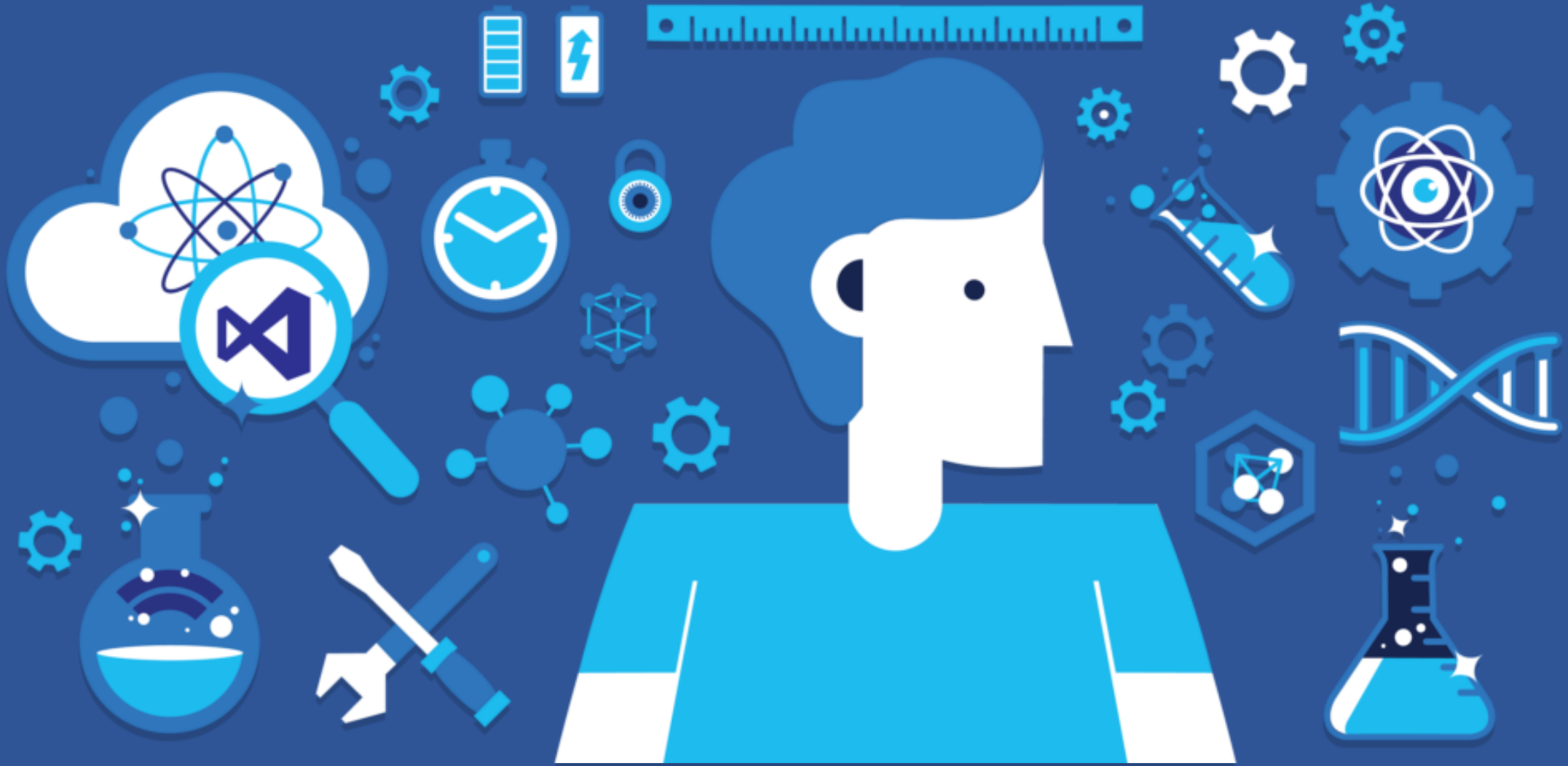
# Welcome Azure API Center

- Create API Inventory no matter where are located
- Track information you need according to your governance model
- Discover the different initiatives in your organization
- Maximise the developer productivity



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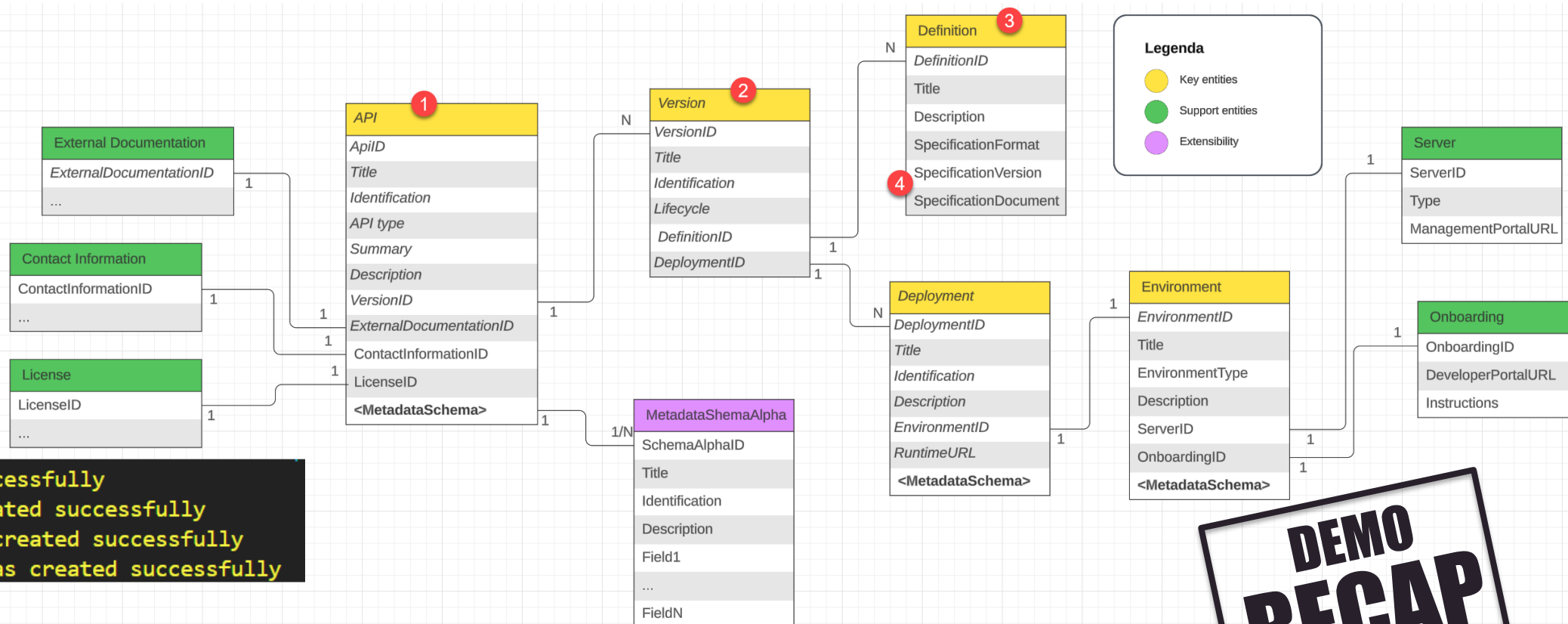
# Demo : API Center first sight





# First look : az apic api register

```
massi api-sdlc-with-apicenter main ≡ +1 ~1 az apic api register`  
>> --api-location 'design\conferenceapi\openapi_conferenceapi.json'`  
>> --resource-group 'rg-apicenter'`  
>> --service 'myapicatalog'`
```



1 API was created successfully  
2 API version was created successfully  
3 API definition was created successfully  
4 API specification was created successfully

**DEMO  
RECAP**



# Let's focus on two personas

API Product Manager



make sure all the moving parts  
come together as expected

API Developer



reduce the time to market  
(discover, select, build, run)

# Linda

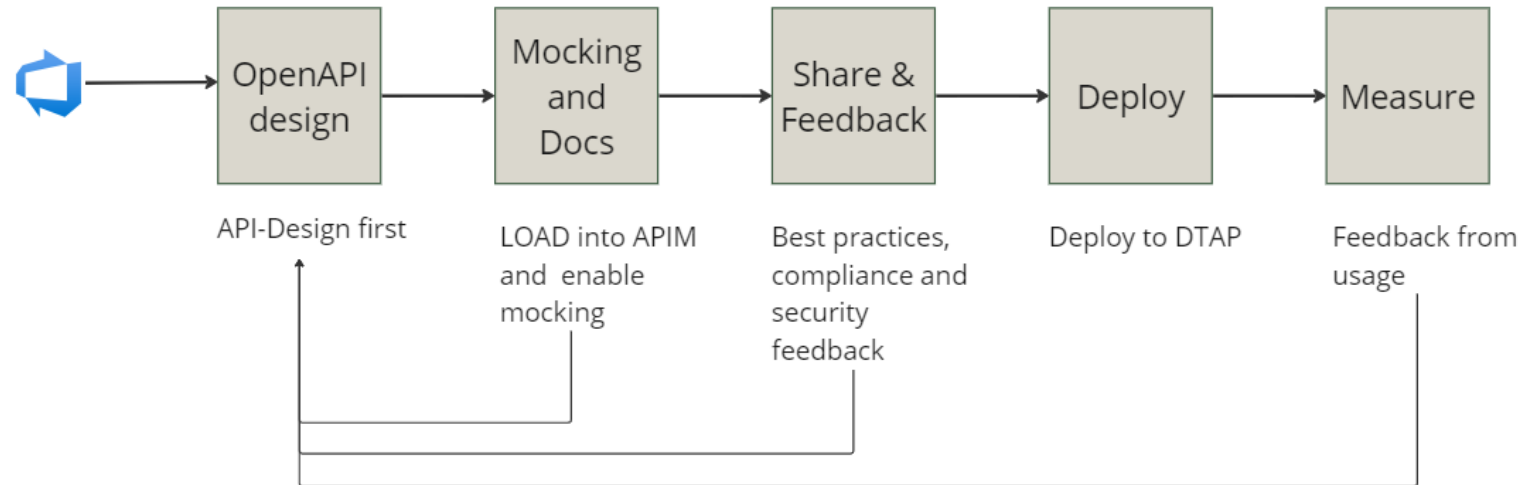
API Product Manager





# API Design-First workflow and API Center

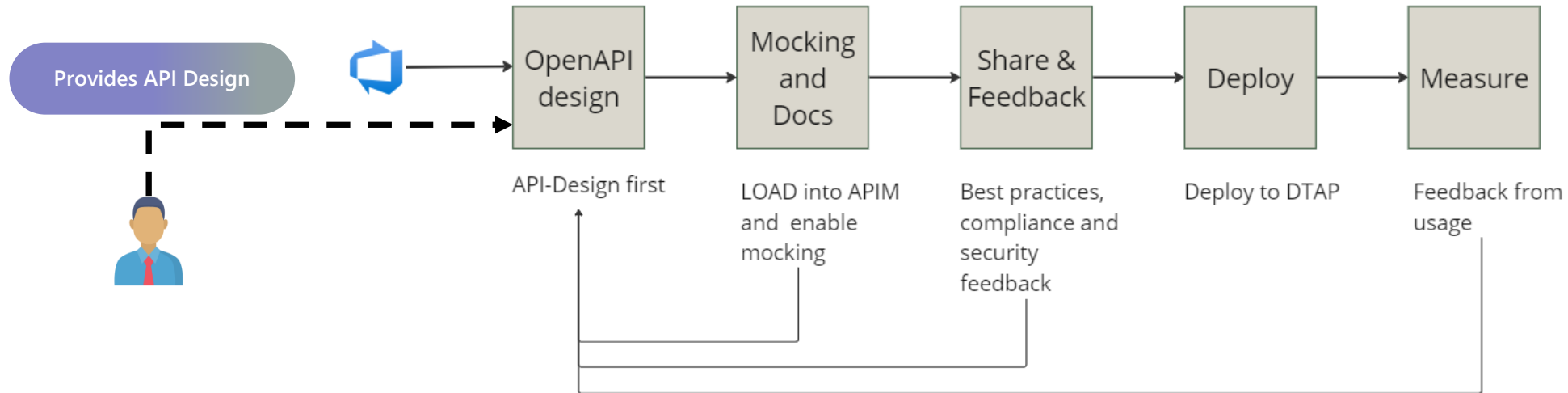
Open API as source of truth, closing the feedback loop and using API Center to govern the lifecycle





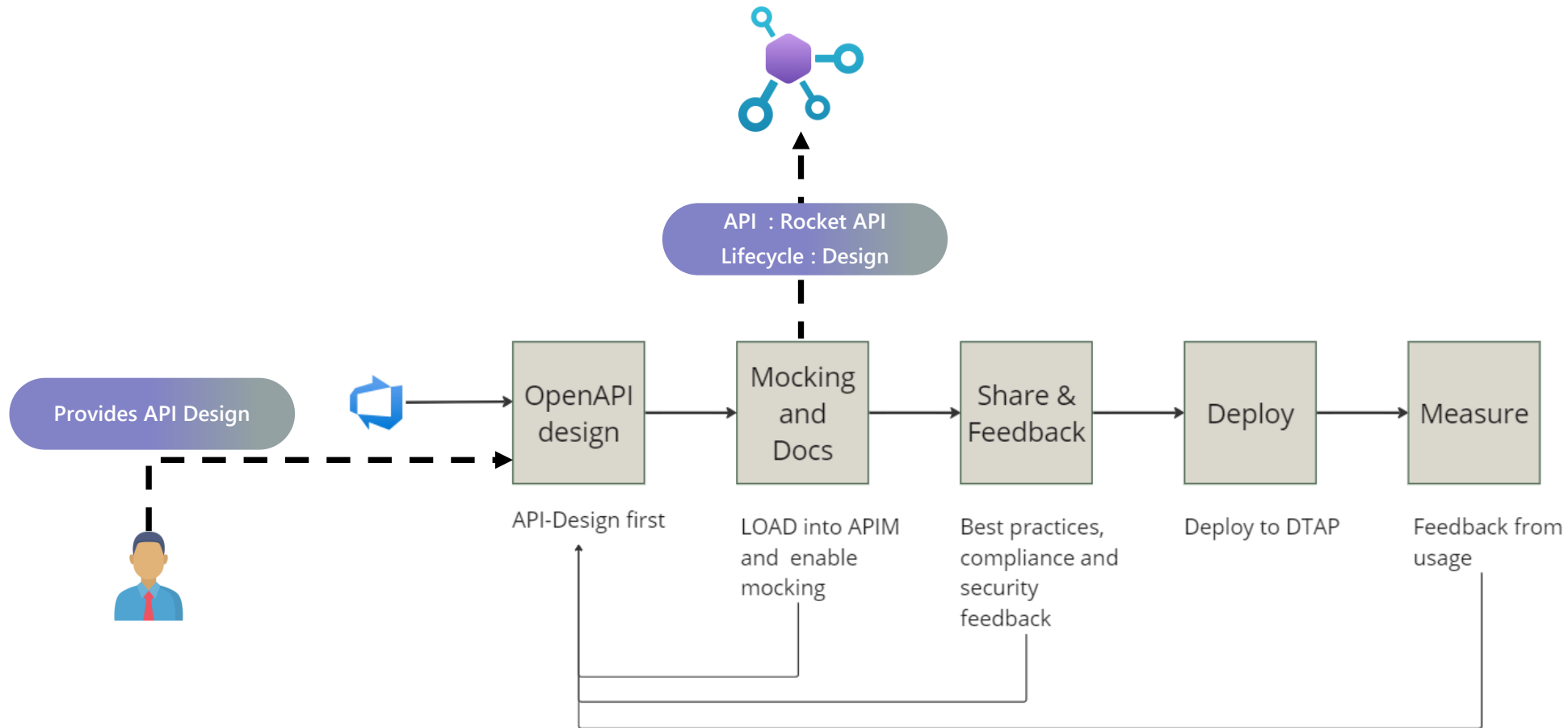


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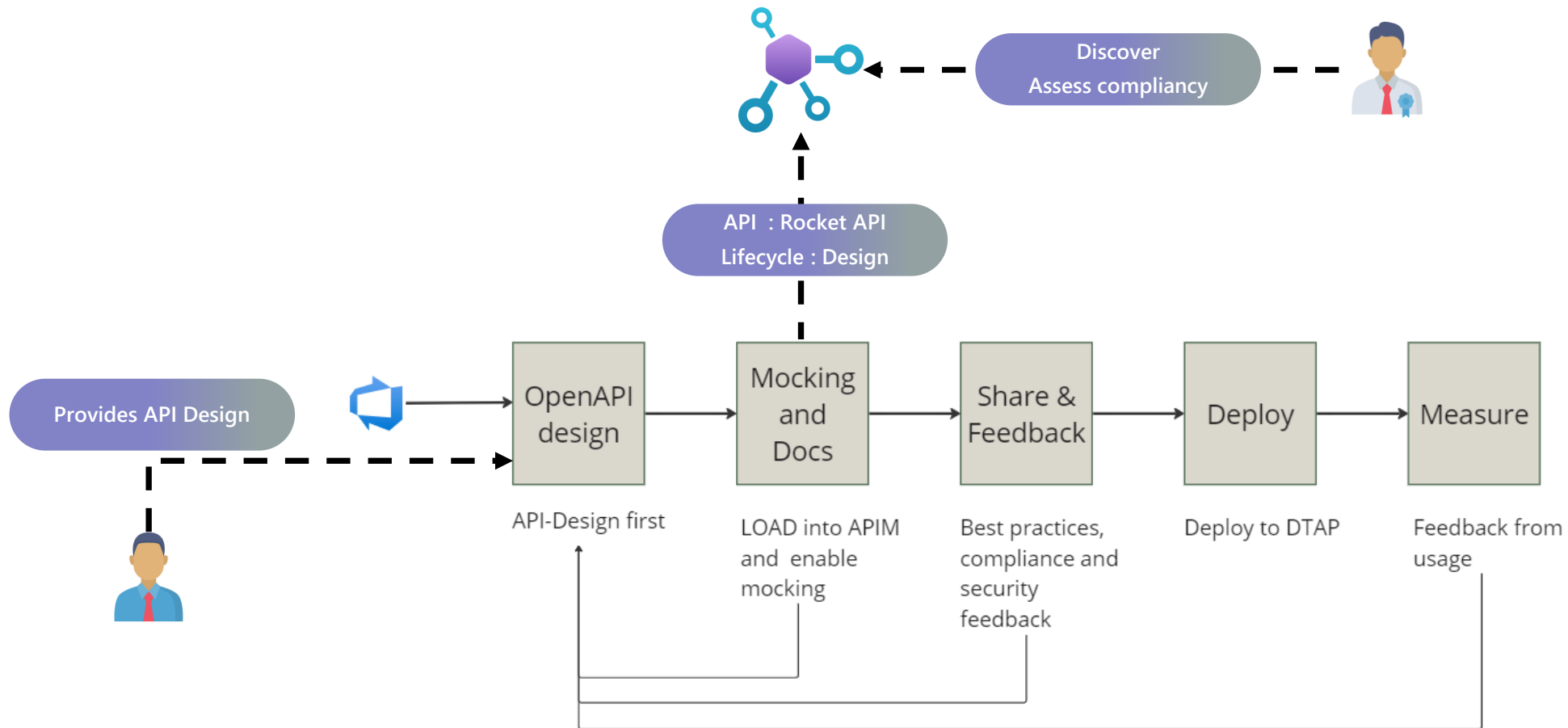


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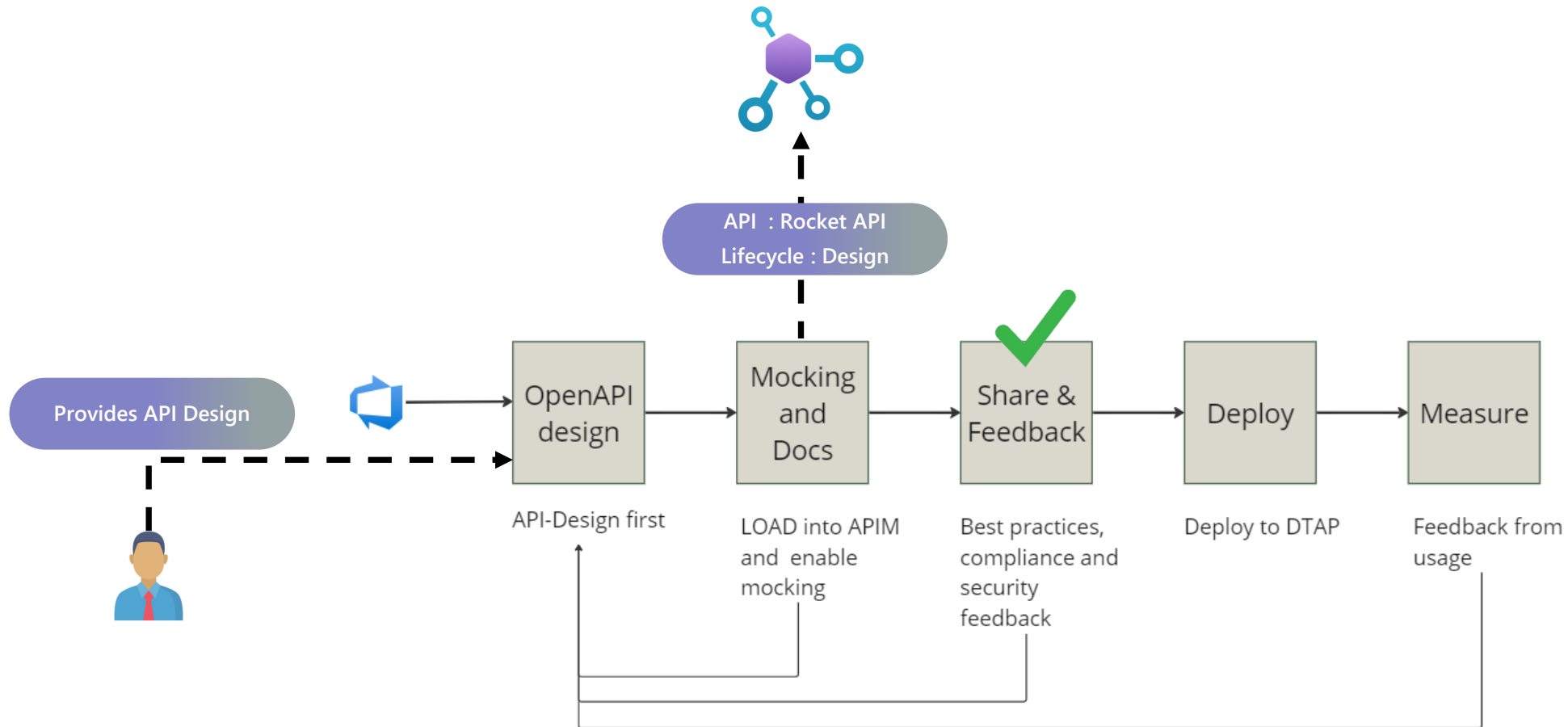


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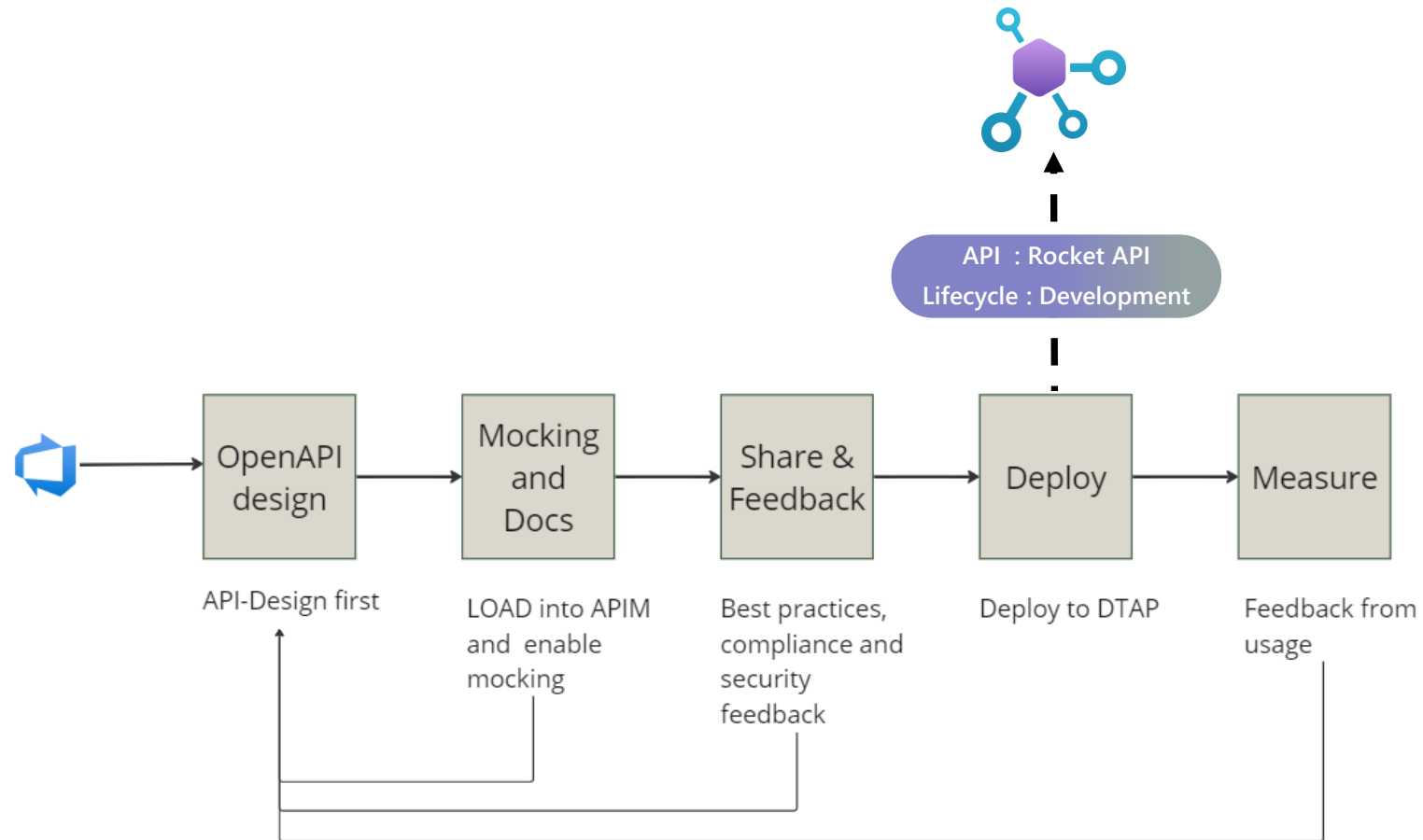


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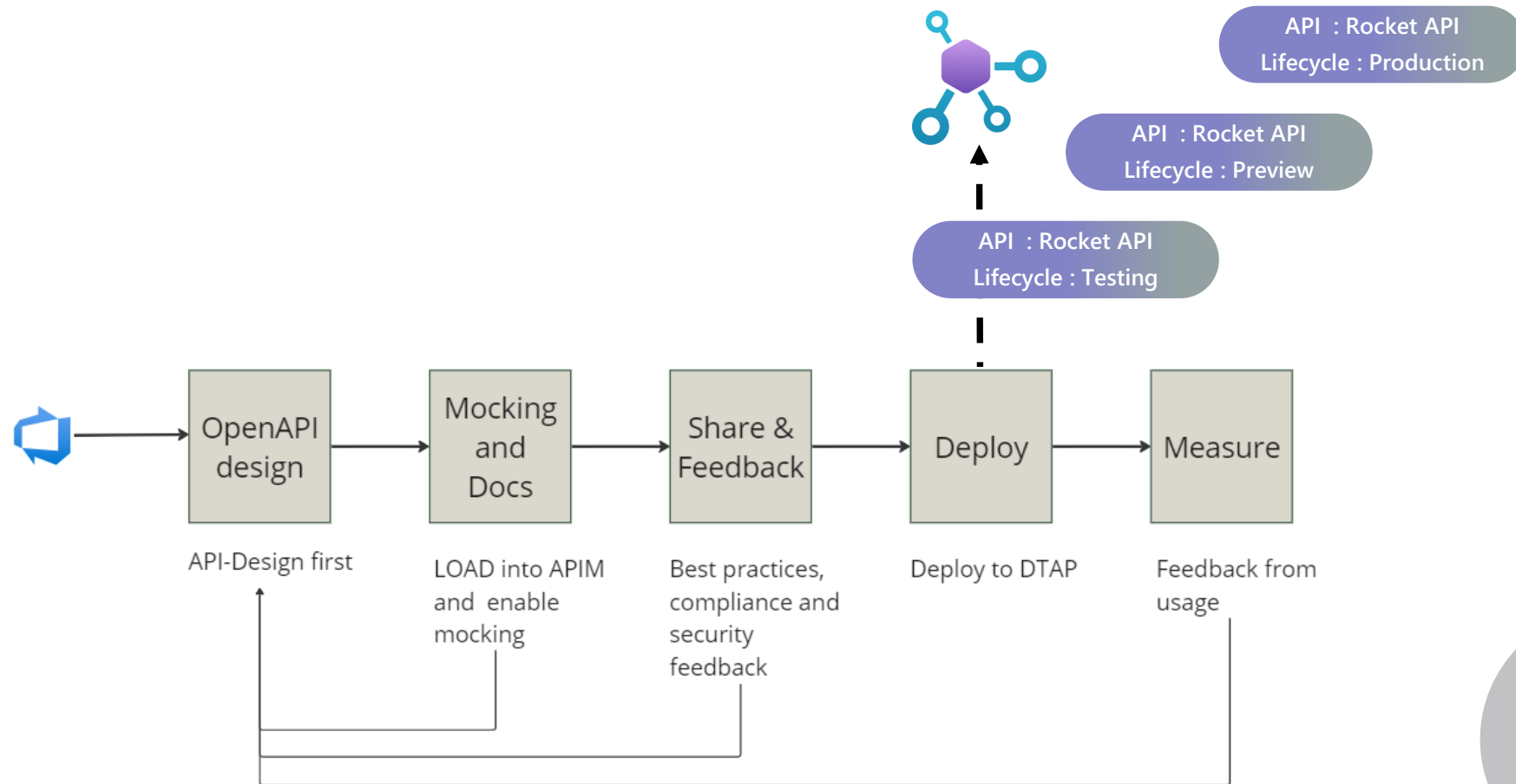


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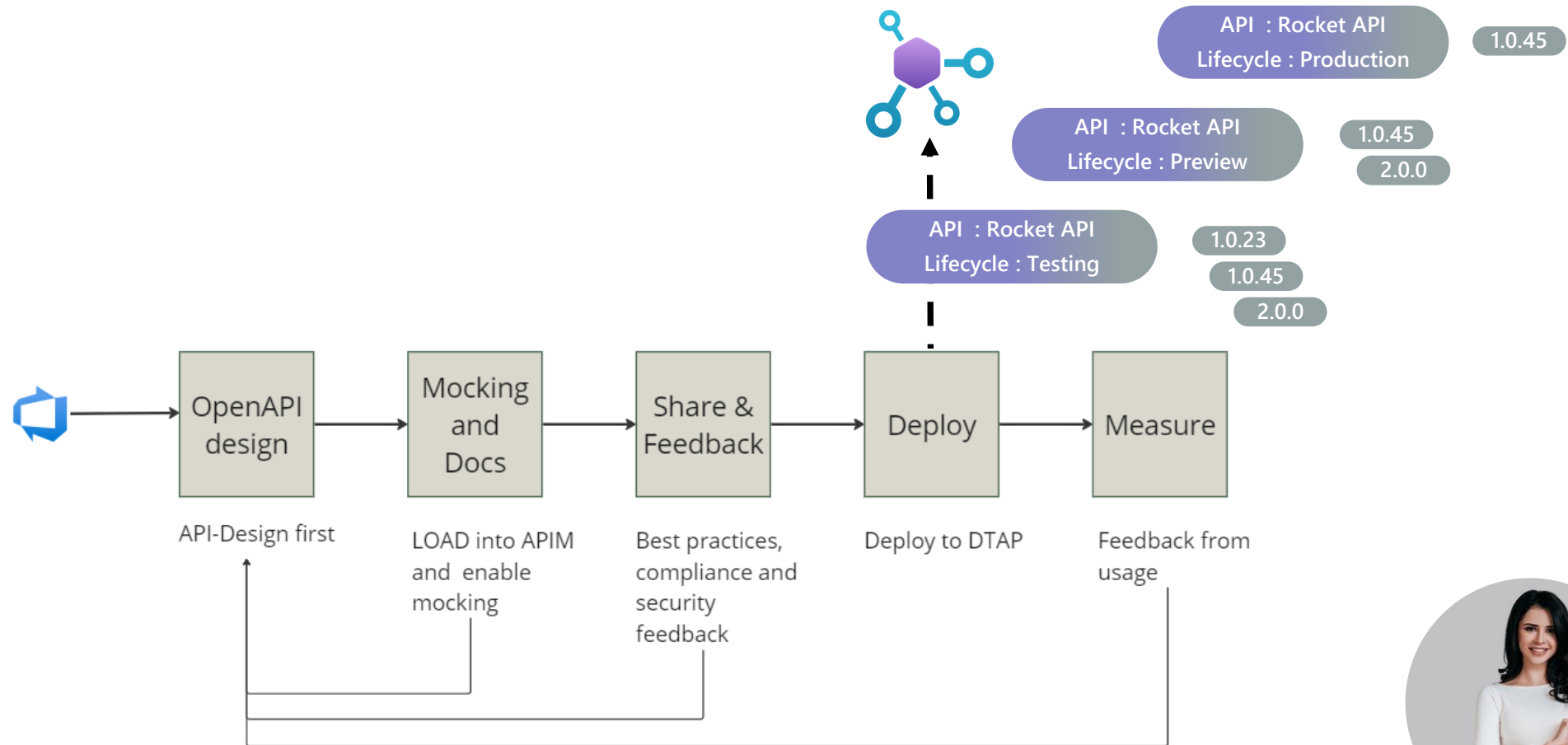


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# Versioning & Open API

OpenAPI, the description document, the API or the implementation?

```
openapi: 3.0.1
info:
  title: Swiss NextGen Banking API-Framework
  version: "1.3.4_2019-07-17v1 - Swiss edition 1.3.4.3-CH"
  x-logo:
    url: "https://openbankingproject-ch.github.io/obp-apis/swiss-ng-logo.png"
    backgroundColor: "#FFFFFF"
    altText: "Swiss OpenBanking Project Logo"
  description: |
    # Summary
    The **Swiss NextGen API** is based on the NextGenPSD2 *Framework Version 1.3.4* of the Berlin Group which offers
    Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) as the safest and most efficient way to provide data securely.
    The NextGen Framework reduces XS2A complexity and costs, addresses the problem of multiple competing standards
    in Europe and, aligned with the goals of the Euro Retail Payments Board,
  contact:
    name: Open Banking Project Switzerland
    url: https://www.openbankingproject.ch
    email: info@obp.ch

servers:
  - url: https://api.openbankingproject.ch
    description: Open Banking Project Switzerland Developer Portal

paths:
  #####
  # Payment Information Service
  #####
  /v1/{payment-service}/{payment-product}:
    post:
```

The language to describe the API

The version of the API description document

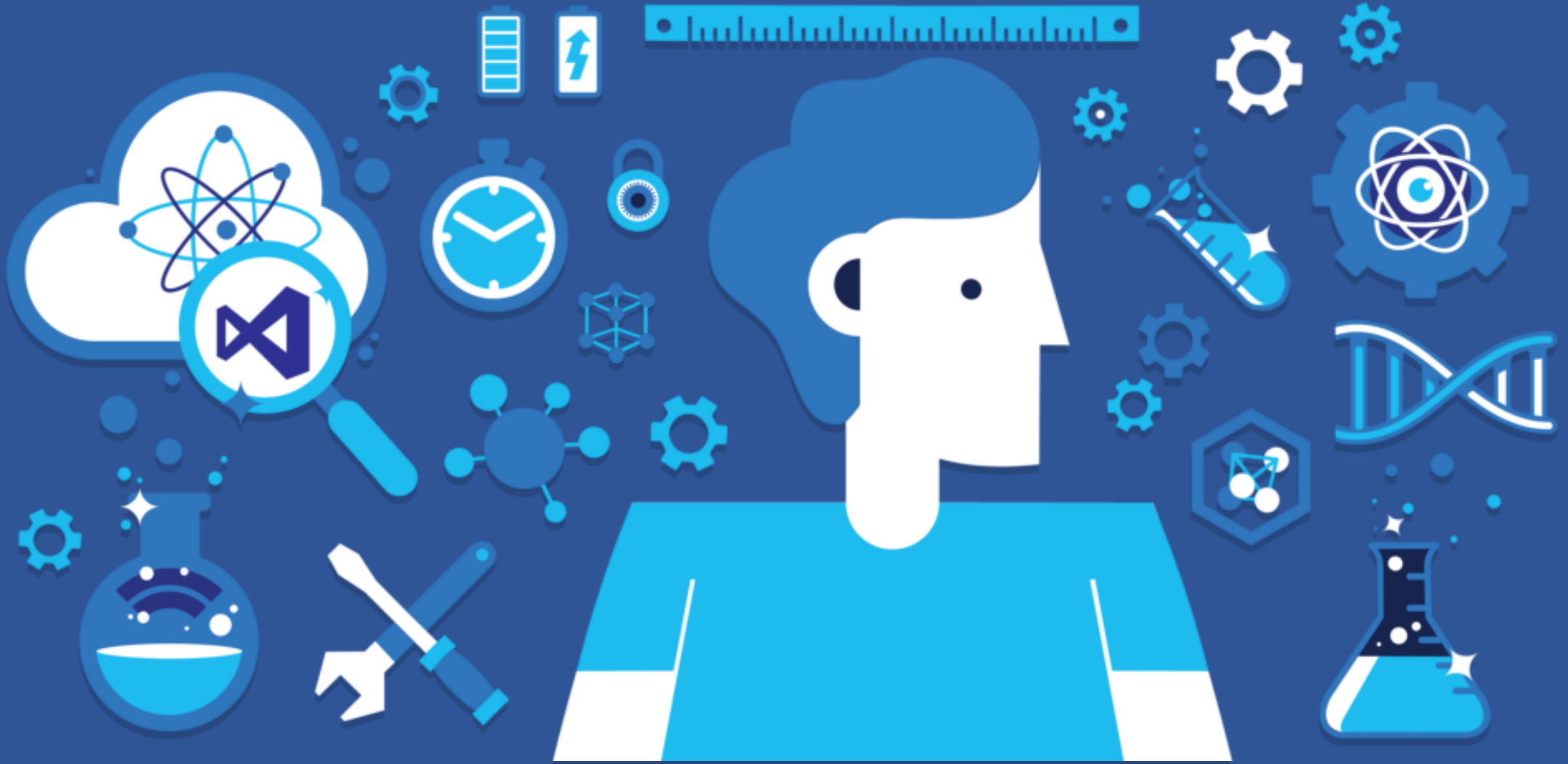
The API version. Note there is no explicit field for the version (unless using extension) (paths and server can contain the version)





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# Demo : API Governance with API Center



# Add API to the catalog & register a deployment



```
... ***** Print API CREATE command *****  
az apic api create --api-id petstore-api -g rg-apicenter -s myapicatalog --title 'Petstore API' --type rest --description 'Everything about your Pets' --summary 'Everything about your Pets'
```

```
... ***** Print API VERSION CREATE command *****  
az apic api version create --api-id petstore-api -g rg-apicenter -s myapicatalog --version-id 20240610-04 --title '20240610-04' --lifecycle-stage design
```

```
... ***** Print DEFINITION CREATE command *****  
az apic api definition create --api-id petstore-api -g rg-apicenter -s myapicatalog --version-id 20240610-04 --definition-id 'xdef2024' --title 'OpenAPI xdef2024'
```

```
... ***** Print DEFINITION IMPORT-SPECIFICATION command *****  
az apic api definition import-specification --api-id petstore-api --definition-id 'xdef2024' --format  
link --value 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/MassimoC/api-sdlc-with-apicenter/main/design/petstore/openapi\_petstore.json' --specification '{name:openapi,version:3.0.1}' --version-id 20240610-04 -g rg-apicenter -s myapicatalog
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```
... ***** Print DEPLOYMENT CREATE command *****  
az apic api deployment create -g rg-apicenter -s myapicatalog --deployment-id development-20240610-04 --title development-20240610-04 --description development-20240610-04 --api-id 'petstore-api' --environment-id
```

```
... ***** Print VERSION UPDATE command *****  
az apic api version update -g rg-apicenter -s myapicatalog --api-id petstore-api --version-id 20240610-04 --lifecycle-stage development
```





# About applying quality checks

Three options you can combine to see what works best for you

## Shift-left to developers

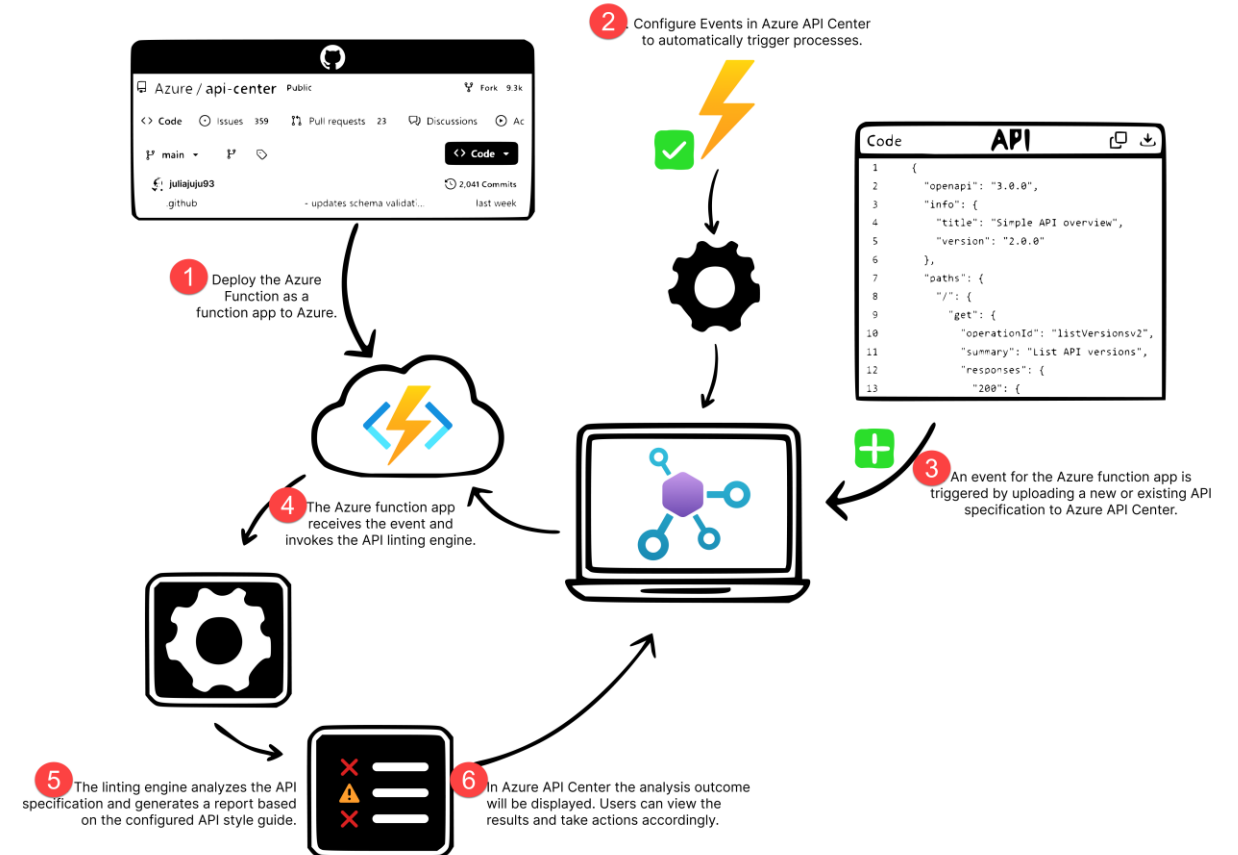
Get the company rules and linting in VSCode

## Continuous check in CICD

Linting in pipelines (what we saw in the demo)

## Check across entire API Catalog

EventGrid integration and API Analyzer



# Emma

## API Developer

(API consumer standpoint)





# SDKs are the developers' painkiller



**"I do not waste my time in serialization and deserialization code"**

**"Please abstract me away  
from your complex authentication mechanism"**



**"I Love it!  
It's so easy to understand, easy to use"**



**I do not want to learn a new SDK  
every time a new API integration is needed**

**“the SDK is not available in my language of choice”**

**“it is out of date”**



**“it is poorly implemented”**

**“I do not want to intake dependencies on libraries from dozens of API producers”**



**“I want a single tool to get consistent experience across APIs no matter the API provider”**

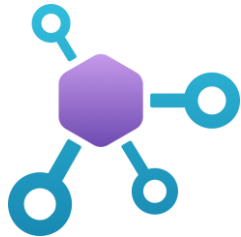
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# API Center extension for VS Code

Discover APIs, get the documentation, generate SDKs and more ...



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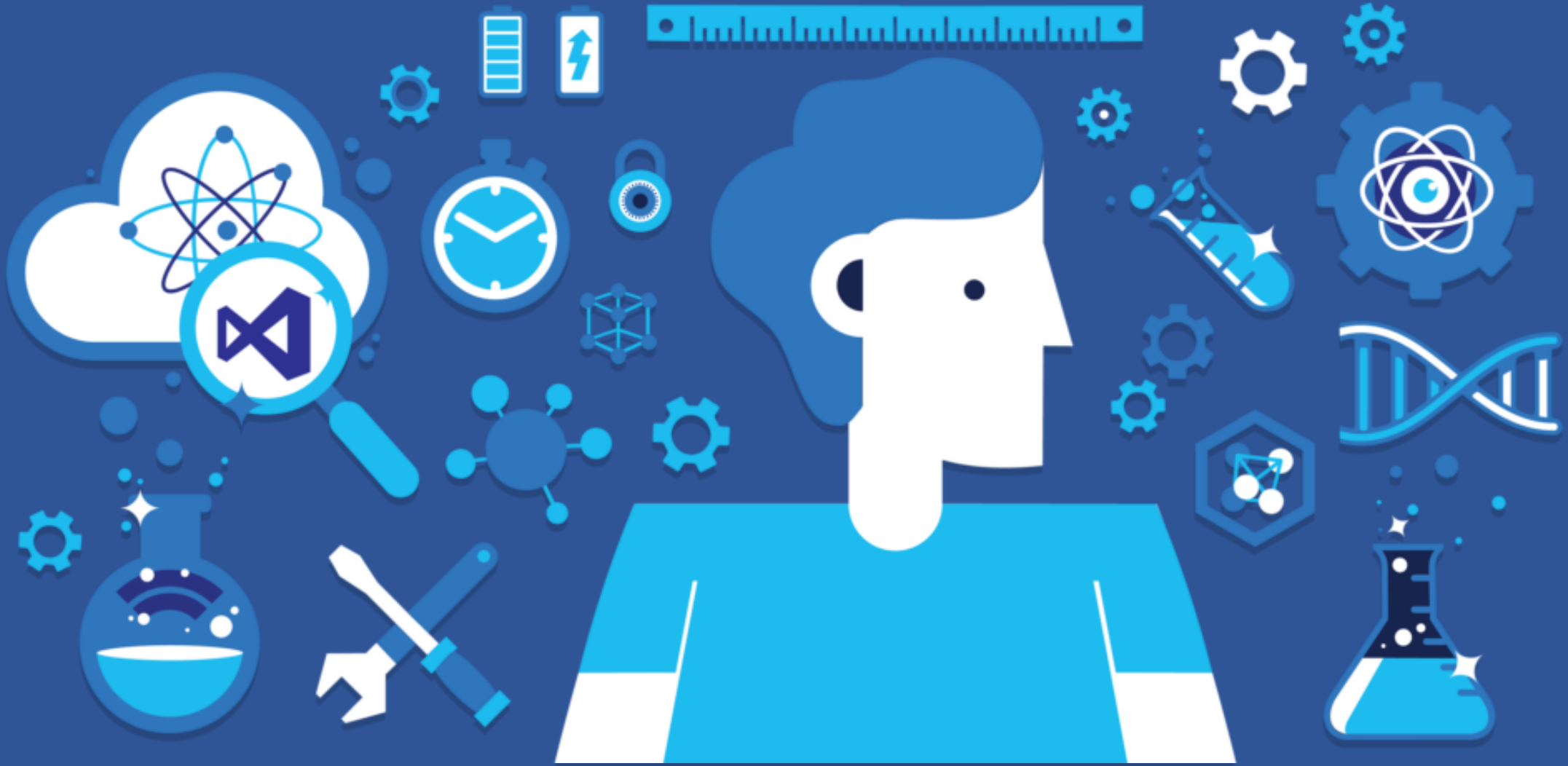
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# Demo : Discover and consume APIs



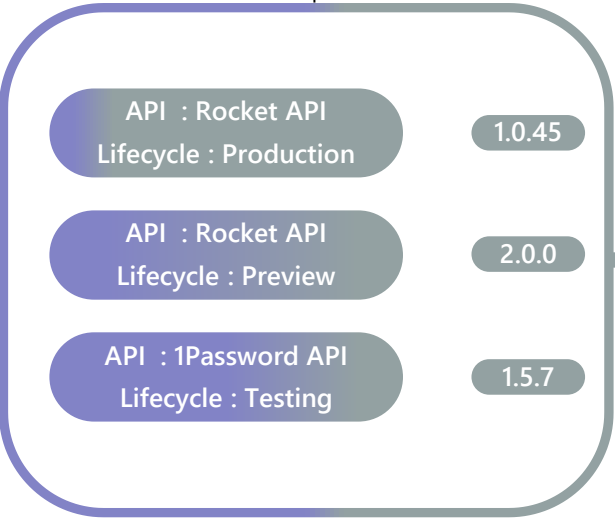
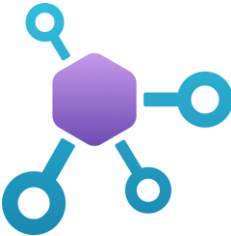


# Towards an API Catalog standardization ?

Fully automated API discovery



(Focus on how to describe a collection of APIs)



Workgroup: Network Working Group  
Internet-Draft:  
draft-ietf-httpapi-api-catalog-02  
Published: 4 March 2024

## api-catalog IETF draft

(Define the location where to find the api-catalog)  
<https://apis.example.com/.well-known/api-catalog>





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