

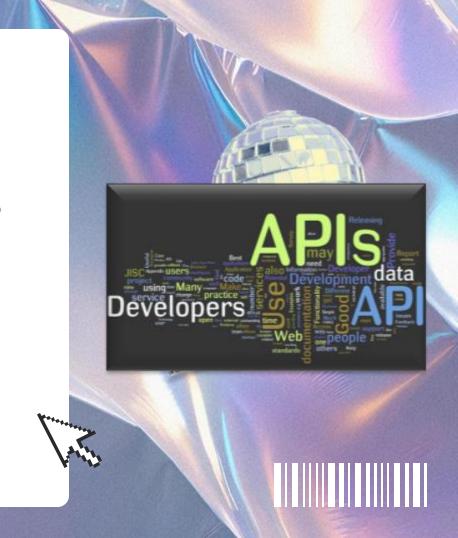
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 - Playing games, watching movies, listening to music
 - Mountain biking and snowboarding
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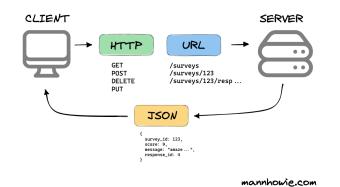
What is an API?

- Stands for Application Programming
 Interface
- AWS Definition: "Mechanisms that enable two software components to communicate with each other using a set of definitions and protocols"
- Two computers talking to each other & exchanging data
- For today's sake: Method in which a user can programmatically interact with an application of their choosing, often beyond what is possible in a provided user interface





WHAT IS A REST API?



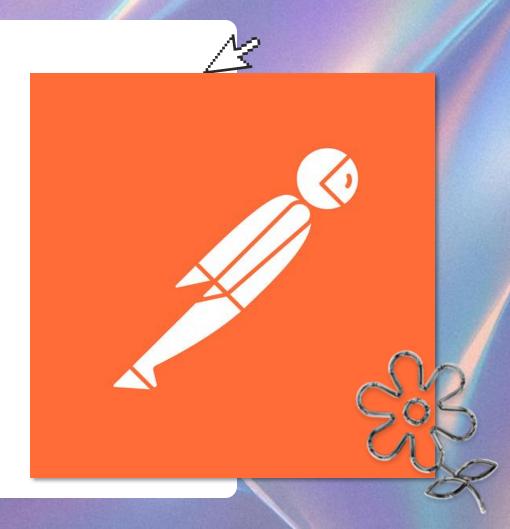
What is a REST/RESTful API?

- Red Hat Definition: "A REST API...follows the design principles of the REST architectural style"
- For today's sake: An API that is accessed via an HTTP request, indexed via URI "endpoints", and return data in some format (typically JSON)
- Example:
 - Request: GET https://api.example.com/users?id=shmem
 - Response:

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user_id: "shmem",
followers: 33,
posts: {...}
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What is Postman?

- <u>Postman</u> is a no-code tool that lets us make HTTP requests in an easy-to-use GUI
- You will need to code to automate these requests, but Postman provides a great template for testing and getting all ducks in a row before writing code
- For un-automated requests, Postman is a great tool to send HTTP requests



Postman Rundown

