Session 9
Using Responsive APIs in JavaScript

Objectives

By the end of this session, students will learn to:

- Define Responsive API
- Describe how an API works
- Explain the uses of APIs in JavaScript
- Describe how to use responsive APIs

Overview of Responsive APIs

A set of tools, routines, and protocols

Used to import a complex functionality

Communicate with other software easily

Help improve productivity of developers

Available commonly for many popular applications

APIs in JavaScript

Many APIs available for JavaScript are built on core JavaScript language.

Browser APIs

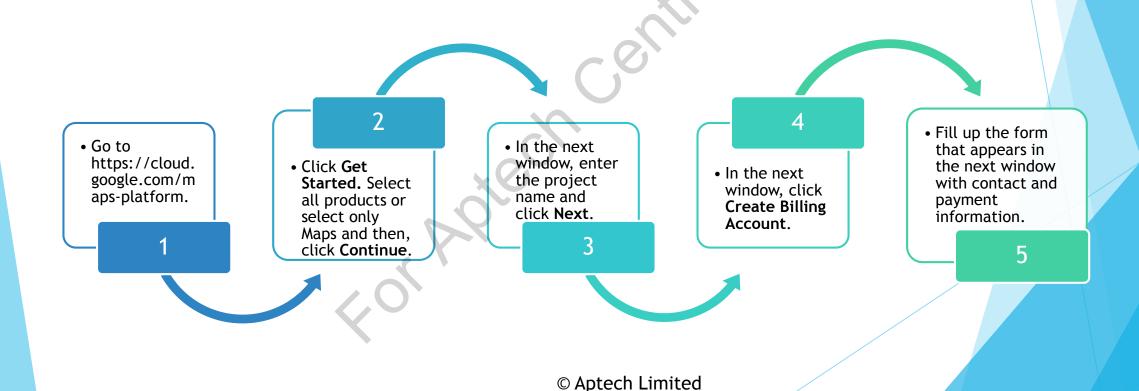
 The Geolocation API is one good example of a browser API.

Third-Party APIs

 A counter used in Websites to count the number of visitors is an example for third-party APIs.

How Do APIs Work?

- JavaScript code interacts with APIs using JavaScript objects. Objects that act as containers for API data and methods are used to implement functionalities.
- To create an account and retrieve the API key, follow these steps:



Using Responsive APIs

Responsive APIs play an important role in providing an improved user experience and performance. Few responsive APIs are explained as follows:

Page Visibility API

Online/Offline API

Device Orientation API

Navigation Timing

Session Summary

- APIs are used to implement complex functionalities such as importing a map, identifying the orientation of the device used to access the Web page, and so on.
- APIs are available as built-in functionality in browsers as well as provided by third parties.
- Geolocation API provided by Google helps to find location of a device.
- Responsive APIs improve performance of Web pages that are particularly accessed on mobile devices.
- Many responsive APIs are available for JavaScript such as Page Visibility, Page online/offline, Device orientation, and Navigation Timing.