Introduction

A web service is a resource that is made available on the internet. Therefore, web services, by definition, require a **network**.

The term "web service" is defined by W3C (the World Wide Web Consortium), so it technically follows a whole host of standards.

To test web services, developers often use Postman.

To install Postman visit https://www.postman.com/

API and Web Services

An API defines the methods and instructions for one software program to interact with another. When this action involves sending data over a network, Web services come into the picture.

An API generally involves calling functions from within a software program.