# An API-FIRST Approach

The Best Approach for API Development

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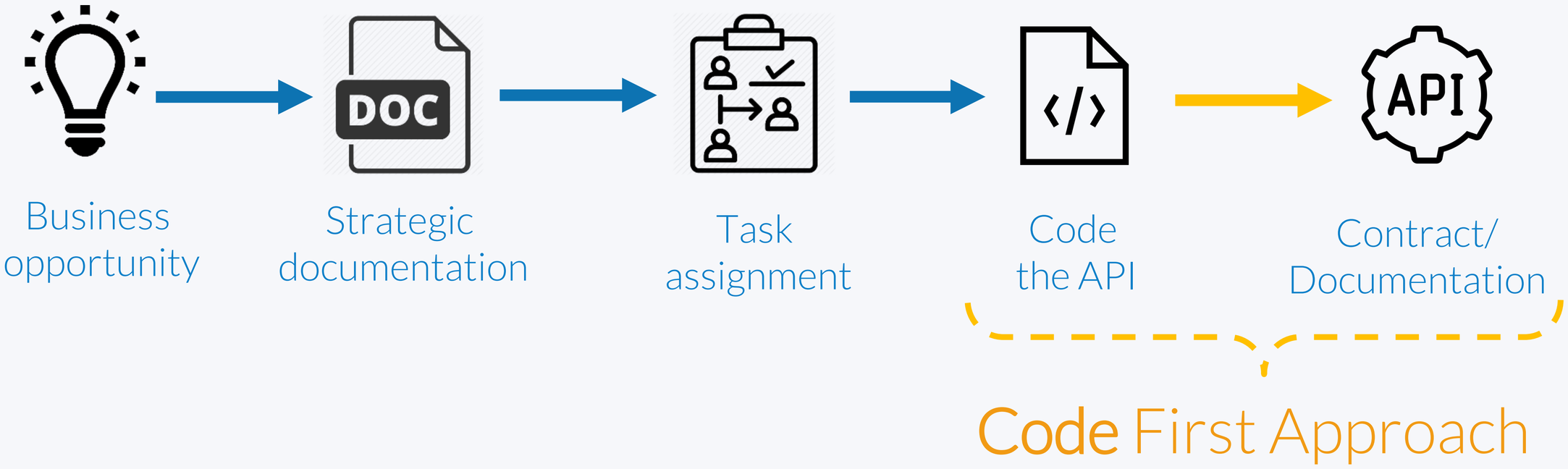
# Problems in API development

1. **Code-first** approach (current approach)
2. The **problem** with code-first approach

# Code First Approach





# The **Problem** with **Code First** approach



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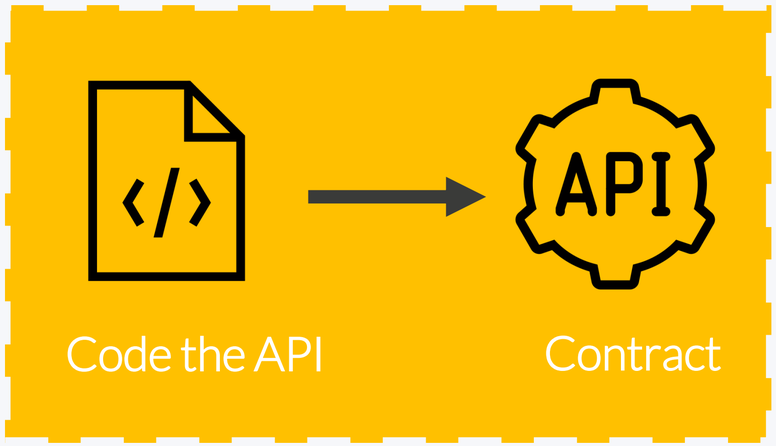



Issues

Team interdependence

Late detection of issue

Inconsistency in design

Error-prone

Labor-intensive

Breaking capacity

# Lab



- Use your LLM and try to find out what http://ec2-54-188-50-153.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com:9966/petclinic/v3/api-docs is doing.

- Ask for the functionality and the overall purpose of that REST API.
- Look at http://ec2-54-188-50-153.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com:9966/petclinic for visualization.

# Lab



- Use lab-s3 for further labs.

- Open the lab and use Copilot for understand what the software solution is doing.
- Let Copilot create a step-by-step guide of how to get the system up and running and execute the test suite.

- When a test fails,
  1. ask Copilot why the test is failing.
  2. After that ask copilot to create a bug report and simple reproduction scenario.
     - If you have an existing report template, use it. Modify if not suitable.
  3. Finally ask for a potential fix for the problem (don’t fix it, just evaluate what has been proposed and if its useful or not)

# Lab

- Select one tag (endpoint group) of the API and ask copilot to provide 30 edge cases / test boundaries for it.

- Review what has been created.
- Understand the quality and get a personal meaning of the code that has been generated.

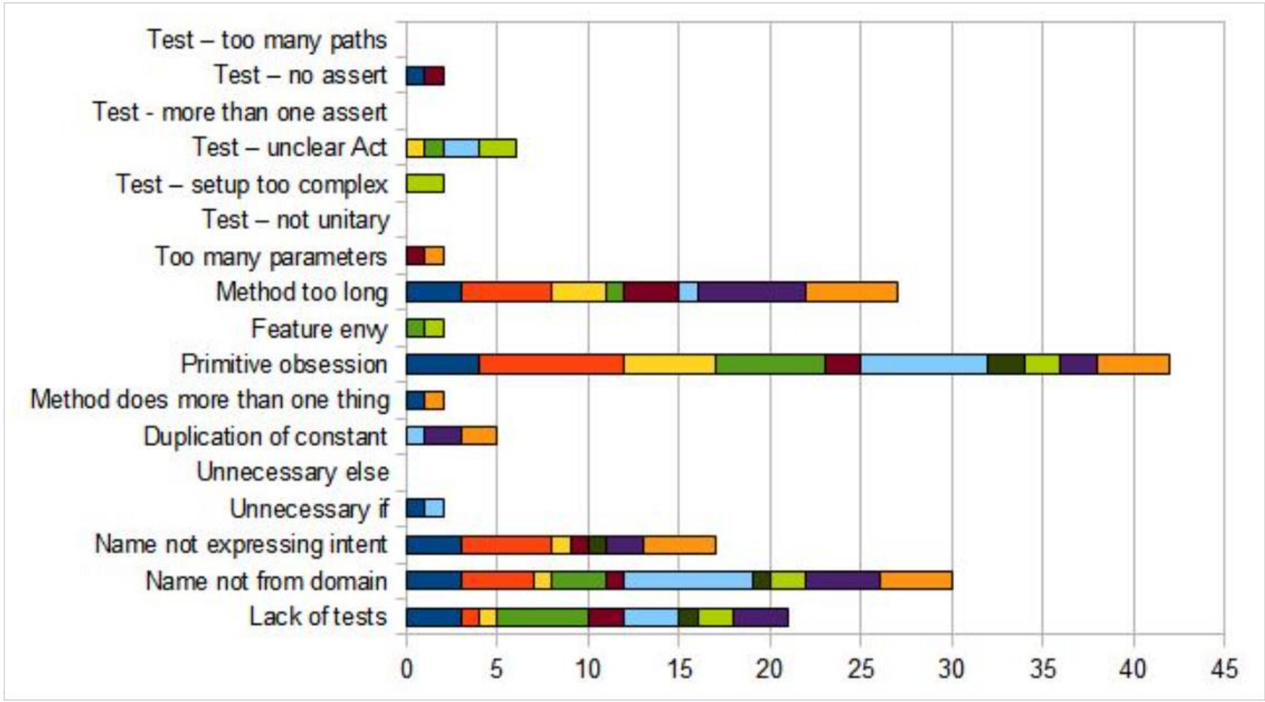
- Ask Github copilot to refactor the existing test suites following fundamental and basic coding principals.

Change the current approach

# Identify Code Smells


| | Code.Smell | Smells | archtype |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Magic Number | 182160 | 0 |
| 2 | Long Statement | 139749 | 0 |
| 3 | Unutilized Abstraction | 136004 | 0 |
| 4 | Complex Method | 47296 | 0 |
| 5 | Long Parameter List | 41432 | 0 |
| 6 | Broken Hierarchy | 41200 | 0 |
| 7 | Cyclic-Dependent Modularization | 38274 | 0 |
| 8 | Deficient Encapsulation | 31199 | 0 |
| 9 | Insufficient Modularization | 21515 | 0 |
| 10 | Complex Conditional | 20351 | 0 |

General code smells




Testing related code smells

# Code Smells



- Ask Copilot to list the top 10 common code smells for unit-testing.

- Tell Copilot to compare the top 10 smells with your current code base (from lab-s3) and list the findings in an prioritized order.

- Ask Copilot how to fix the two most critical findings.
- Tell Copilot to fix it.

- After that, ask for a list of best-practices and further improvements and repeat the previous steps.

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# How to Resolve the problem?

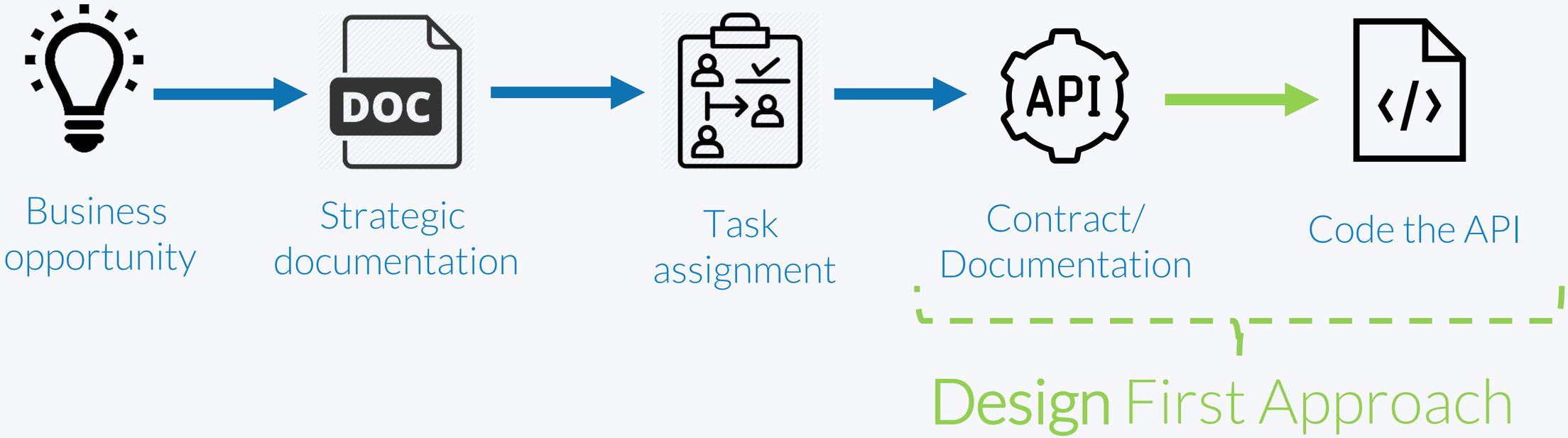
1. **Change** the current **approach**
2. Use **new technologies**

# 2.1 Change the current approach

- Using **design-first** approach
- Code-first vs **design-first**
- The **benefits** of design-first approach

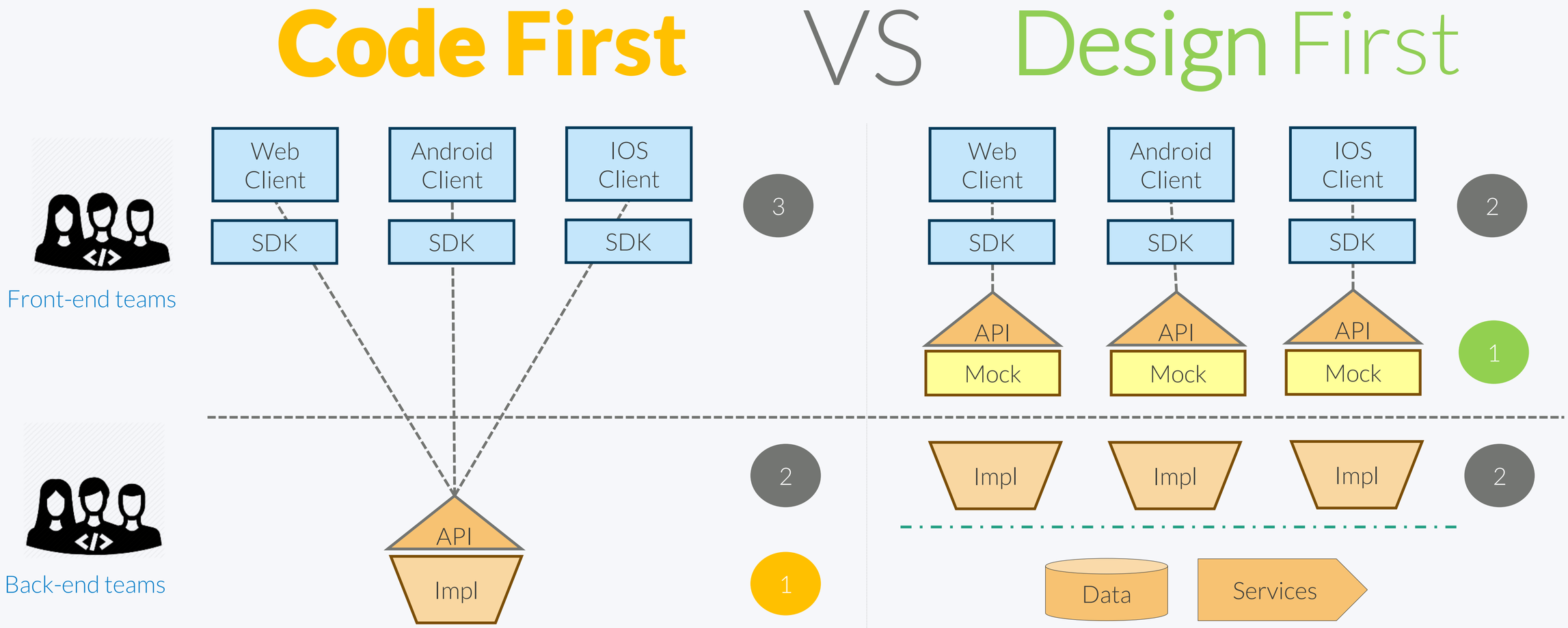
Change the current approach

# Using **design-first** approach



# Code First vs Design First





# The **Benefits** of **Design First** Approach



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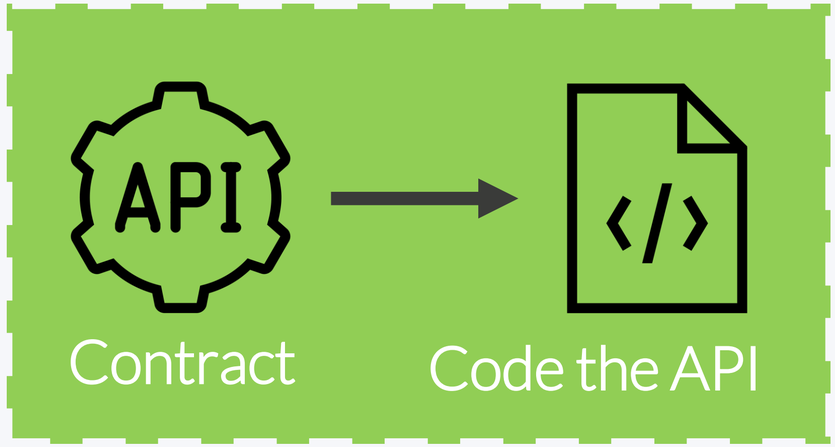



Issues

Provide **Feedback**

**Consistent** Design

Immediately **Interact**

**Identifying** Issues

# 2.2 Use new technologies

- Swagger Editor
- Swagger Codegen
- Swagger UI
- Swagger Inspector

Use new technologies

# Swagger Tools

Design

Swagger Editor

Build

Swagger Codegen

Document

Swagger UI

Test

Swagger Inspector

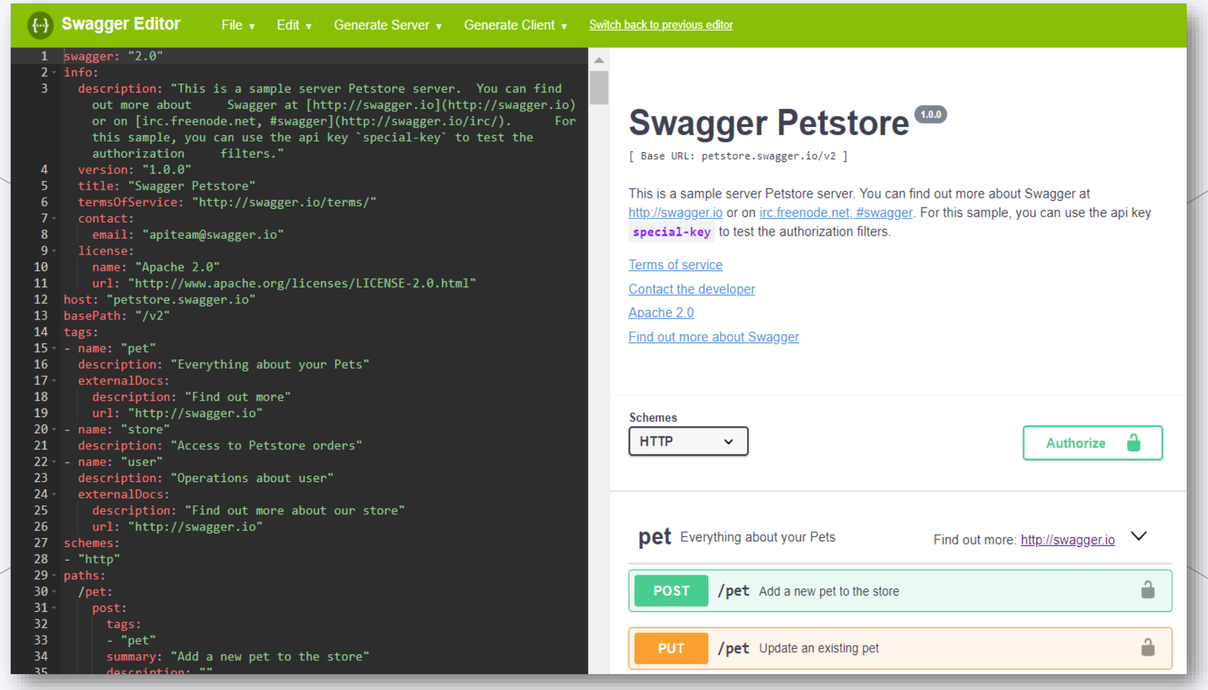
Design & model APIs → Generate client & server code → Visualize & Interact with the API's → API Testing & Documentation Tool

# Swagger Editor



## Smart Feedback

## Easy-to-use




## Runs Anywhere

## Intelligent Auto-completion

**Visually design** your API without coding knowledge

# Swagger Codegen



## 1 Generate **Client** SDKs

## 2 Generate **Servers**

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Available Clients: [ akka-scala,
  android, async-scala,clojure,cpprest,csharp,CsharpDotNet2,
  cwiki,dart,dynamic-html,flash,go,groovy,html,
  html2,java,javascript,javascript-closure-angular,
  jaxrs-cxf-client,jmeter,objc,perl,php,python,
  qt5cpp,ruby,scala,swagger,swagger-yaml,swift,
  swift3,tizen,typescript-angular,typescript-angular2,
  typescript-fetch,typescript-node],

Available Servers: [ aspnet5,aspnetcore,
  erlang-server,go-server,haskell,inflector,
  jaxrs,jaxrs-cxf,jaxrs-cxf-cdi,jaxrs-resteasy,
  "jaxrs-spec","lumen","msf4j","nancyfx","nodejs-server",
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  slim,spring,undertow]
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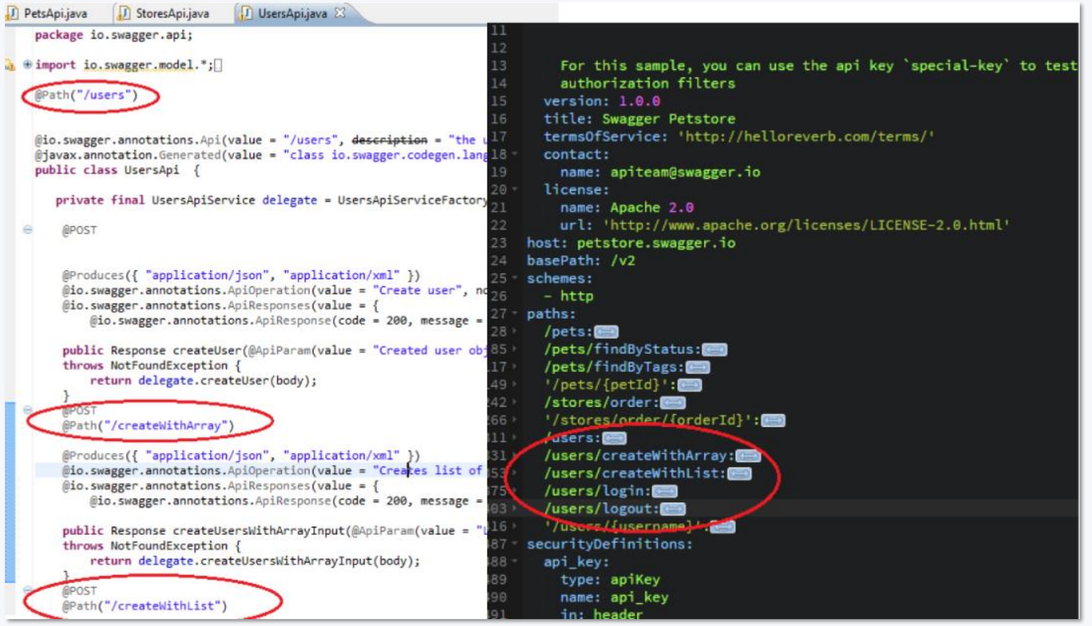


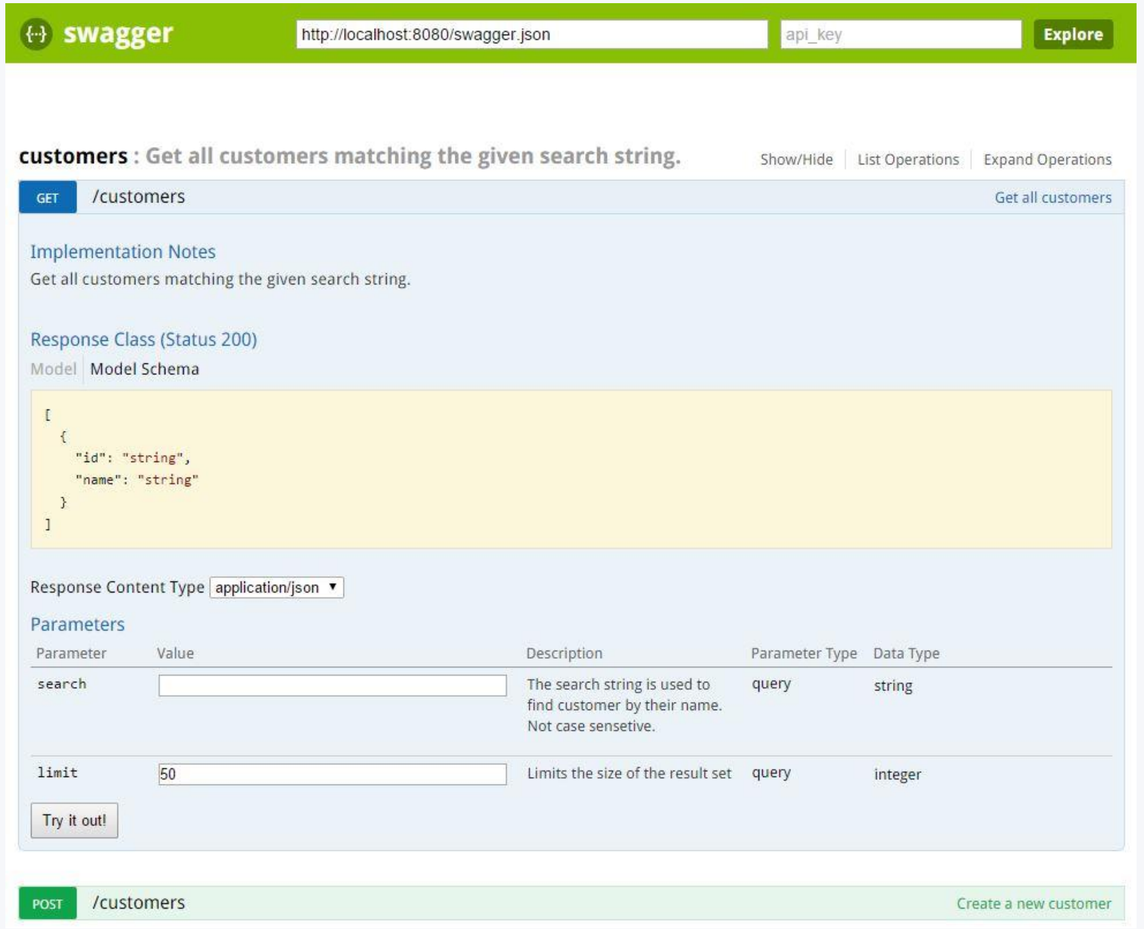

Generating Server's and Client's code form spec

# Swagger UI



Human **Friendly**

Easy to **Navigate**



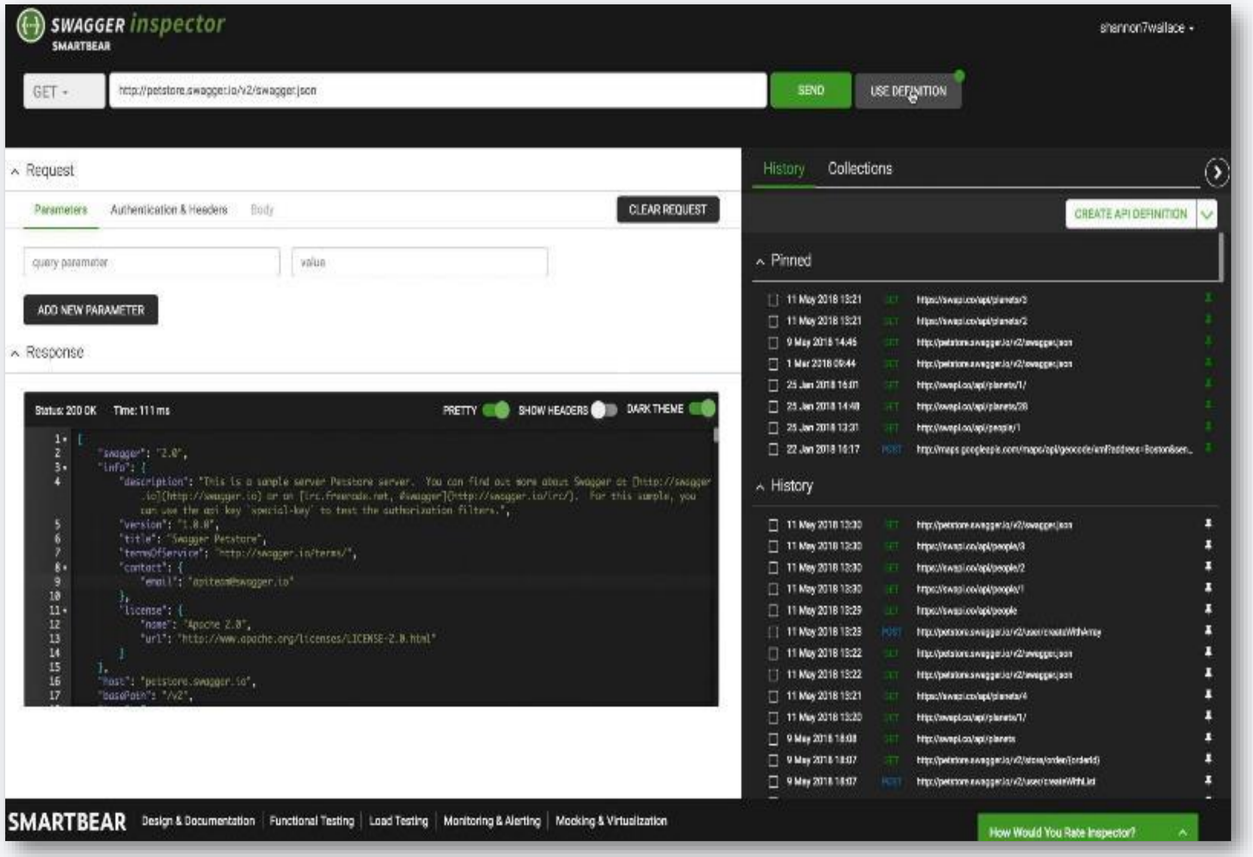

Dependency **Free**

All **Browser** Support

Automatically generated from your API Specification

# Swagger Inspector






1 **Validate** Functionality During Development

2 **Explore** API Capabilities

3 **Automating** API Testing In SoapUI

**Test** without testing your patience