



Mastering the Fundamentals of RESTful API Design

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# **Introduction part**

#### What is an API? (Slide 12-15)



Describe what is an API and also explain why we cannot use APIs as user interfaces.

#### [Your answer]

Application Programming Interface (API) is a software intermediary that allows the creation of new application by accessing the data or features of a certain software application, operating system and other service. It contains procedures and functions that a programmer must follow to build software.

#### What does an API-based solution consist? (Slide 20)



Explain what does an API-based solution consists of and draw a simple diagram with your imaginations placing them in that diagram.

#### API Design Decisions (Slide 22-26)



Very briefly explain different API Design Decisions.

#### API Design vs. API Architecture (Slide 27-28)



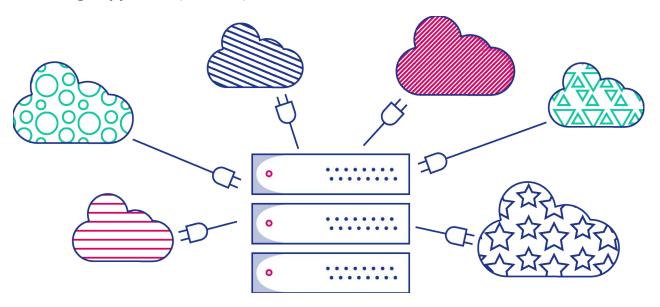
In what way API Design and API Architecture are different?

#### **Consumer-Oriented Design Approaches** (Slide 38-40)



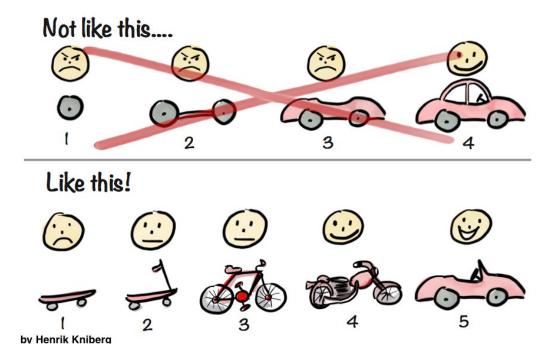
Explain the differences between Outside-in and Inside-out approaches in Consumer-Oriented Design.

#### API Design approach (Slide 44)



Briefly, explain each phase of API Design Approach.

#### **Minimum Viable Product** (Slide 51-52)



Briefly, explain MVP concept.

#### **Related Articles**

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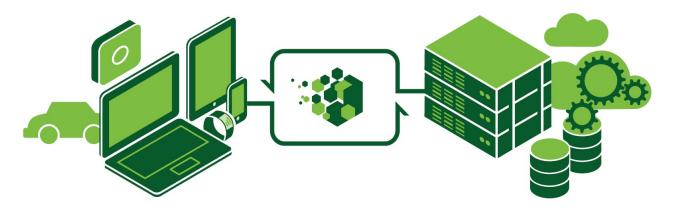


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# Intermediate part

#### **API Description Languages** (Slide 8-19)



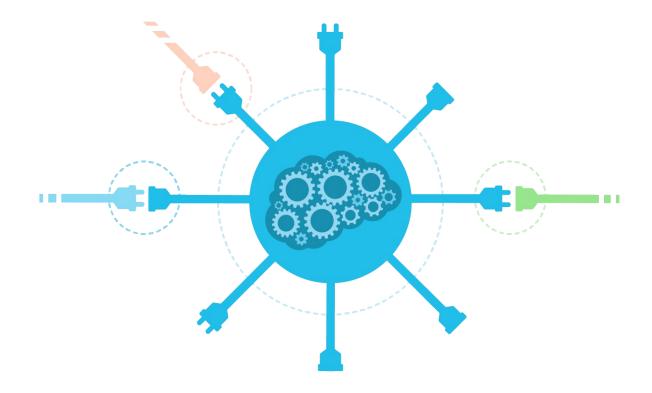
Describe the purpose and usage of API Description Languages comprehensively.

#### **Limitations of API Description Languages** (Slide 20)



Describe the limitations of API Description Languages.

#### API properties (Slide 22)



List API properties and explain one of them by your choice.

#### Different API Styles (Slide 28-30)



Select between RPC and HATEOAS and research from the internet and explain it.

#### Streaming (Slide 31)



Select between a video or chat application using streaming, explain and provide technical information briefly that how they can provide such services.

#### **REST vs. SOAP** (Slide 32)



Fully compare REST with SOAP by researching the internet.

#### Resources (Slide 41-49)



Write an example of the following different types of resources as a return resources of the sample API endpoints (write the JSON object):

1. https://website/api/customers

**Collection Resources** 

#### [Your answer]

2. https://website/api/customers/12

**Instance Resources** 

#### [Your answer]

3. https://website/api/customers/orders

**Sub Resources** 

#### **URI - Recommendations** (Slide 61)



Write "Yes" or "No" for the following URI recommendations:

 _ Use only lower case
 file extension
 Plural names
 capital character
 slash "/" as the last character
 _underscores "_"
 Use hyphens "-" for better readability
hlank

#### API Base URL Naming Tips (Slide 64)



Suggest API Base URL for TechClass Portal considering the naming tips.

**API Endpoints Tips** (Slide 65)

# ENDPOINTS

Suggest the URL of the following endpoints:

List of students:

[Your answer]

List of one student with certain Id:

[Your answer]

List of the photos of one user with certain Id:

[Your answer]

List of Reviewers of one product with certain Id:

[Your answer]

All the products in Electronics category:

#### **Related Articles**



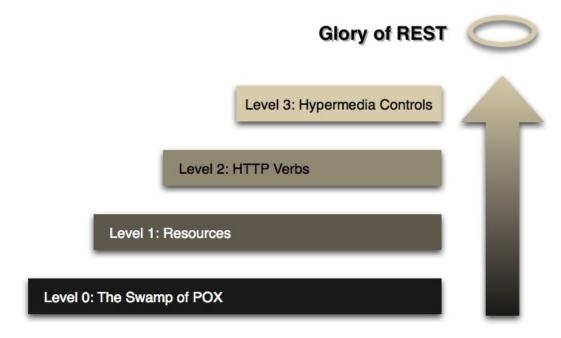
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# **Advanced part**

#### **Richardson Maturity Model** (Slide 8-17)



Explain Richardson Maturity Model and its different levels.

#### **Content Negotiation** (Slide 18-20)



Using the following link, explain Content Negotiation in ASP.NET Web API and provide examples:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/web-api/overview/formats-and-model-binding/content-negotiation

Parameters (Slide 21-28)



Search for the examples for the four different parameter types that we discussed and provide them here.

**Security Concerns** (Slide 41)

# Authentication VS Authorization

By searching online, comprehensively explain Authentication and Authorization and their difference.

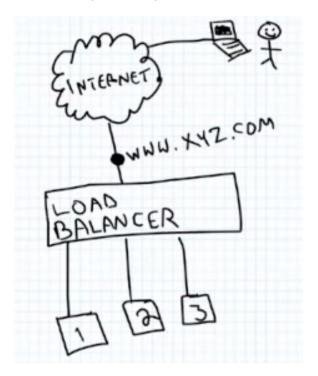
#### **Security Concerns** (Slide 41)



Find an example of a delegation from an App that is using an API and provide a screenshot.

#### Video 1

#### **Traffic Shaping – Load Balancer** (Slide 48)



What the following video and briefly explain what you learned:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHn2G71holk

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