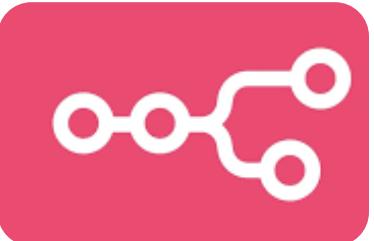
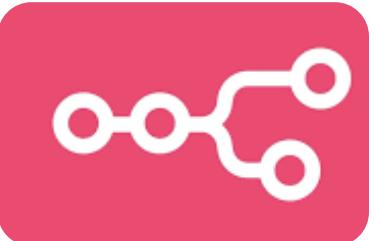


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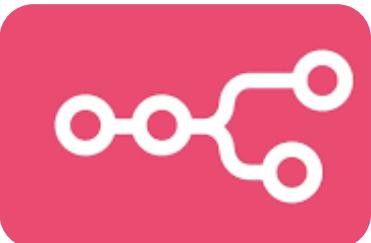


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What is an API?

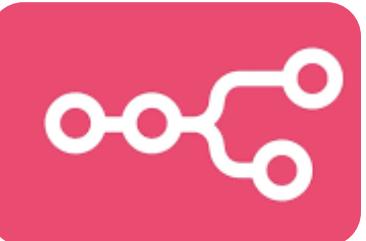


- API is a bridge that allows two apps to talk to each other
- It lets one app ask for data and another app send data back
- API saves us from doing work manually
- You don't see the API — you only see the result.





Real-Life Examples of API





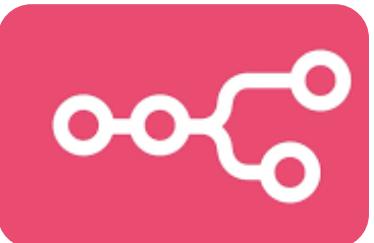
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Food Delivery App

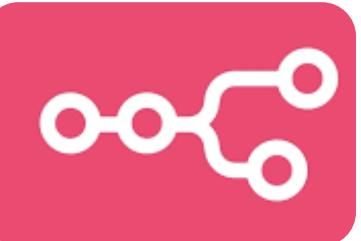


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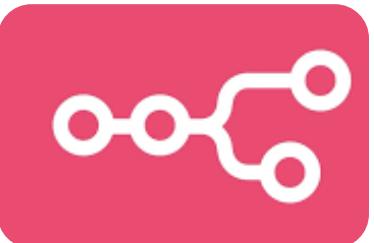


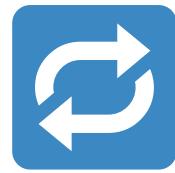


Why API is So Important in n8n?

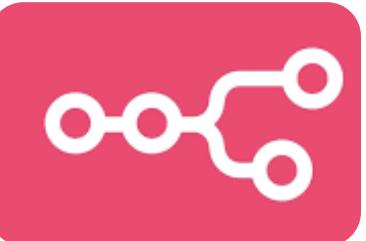


- n8n connects apps using APIs
- Google Sheets, Slack, OpenAI, WhatsApp — all work via APIs
- Without APIs, n8n cannot automate anything
- APIs are the fuel of automation workflows

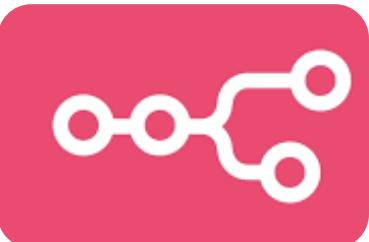




When Do We Use APIs?

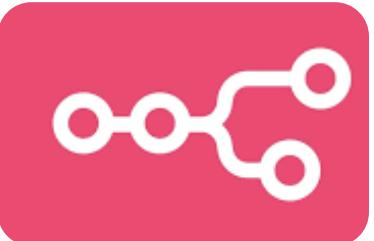


- We use APIs when we want to:
- Get data from another app
- Send data to another app
- Trigger actions automatically
- Sync systems without manual work

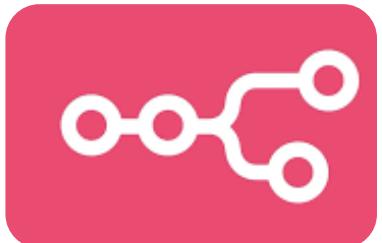




What Actually Happens in an API Call?

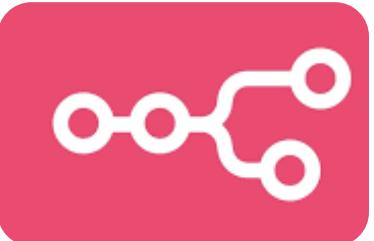


- Every API interaction has 3 basic things:
- Request – What you are asking for
- Data – Information you send or receive
- Response – The answer you get back
- You don't need to know coding at first,
just understand who is asking what from
whom.

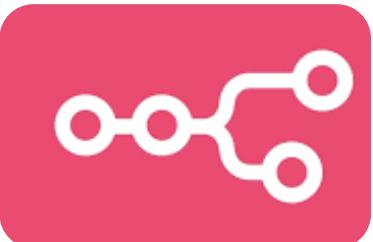




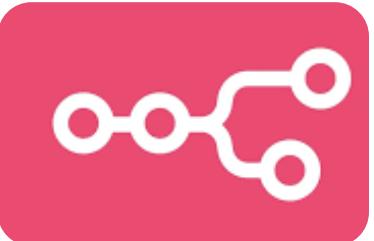
Is API Safe?



- APIs use keys or tokens for security
- Only authorized apps can access data
- n8n handles this securely using credentials



API vs Webhook



- API = You ask for data
- Webhook = Data comes to you automatically

