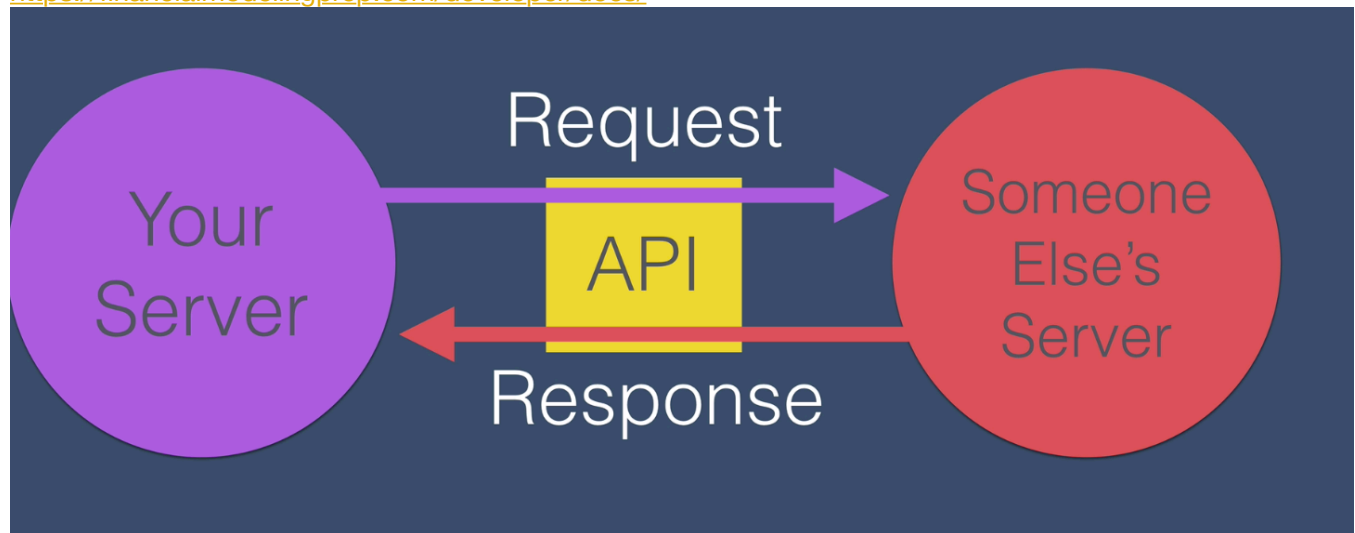


API: an API is a set of commands, functions, protocols and objects that programmers can use to create software or interact with an external system.

For example: finance API

<https://financialmodelingprep.com/developer/docs/>



API :

- Endpoints
- Paths
- Parameters
- Authentication

For example: <https://kanye.rest/>

API endpoint : <https://api.kanye.rest/>

(Make a get request to Kanye server , and send back a quote)

For example : <https://sv443.net/jokeapi/v2/>

EndPoint: <https://sv443.net/jokeapi/v2/joke/>

Add in Path : <https://sv443.net/jokeapi/v2/joke/Programming?blacklistFlags=religious>

(be specific) We specify a specific path after the end point.

Go after the question mark after the url ("?blacklistFlags=religious"), the key is blacklistFlags and after the equal sign is query

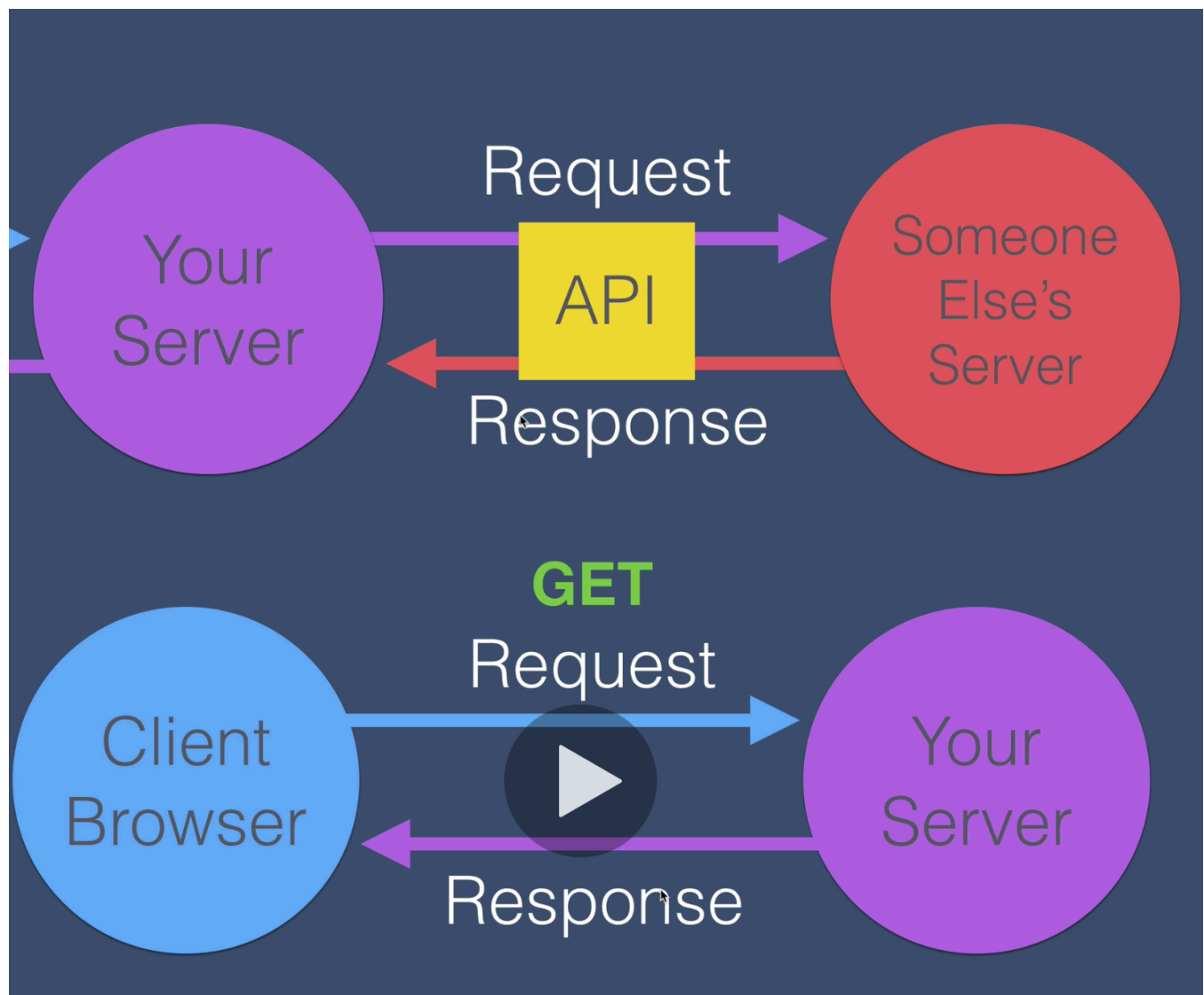
Authentication : they need to identify you as developer and how often you use their data , you will often see the pricing in the data providers.

PostMan : Postman is a collaboration platform for API development. Postman's features simplify each step of building an API and streamline collaboration so you can create better APIs— faster.

Json => javascript object notation!

```
var wardrobe = {  
  doors: 2,  
  drawers: 2,  
  colour: "red"  
}
```

There is also XML, HTML...
Try the Jason awesome chrome add on:



5 Ways to Make HTTP Requests in Node.js:

<https://www.twilio.com/blog/2017/08/http-requests-in-node-js.html>

A general workflow to create a project :

- Create .js/.html/.css file
(Main server is often called "app.js")
- npm init
- npm install express body-parser request

=> Now you can open up your project

Get Mailchamp :<https://mailchimp.com/developer/guides/get-started-with-mailchimp-api-3/>

Now we can't use github page to deploy, or any other server that only support static webpage.

<https://www.heroku.com/>

Is what Angela recommend, you can create up to 5 project for free! They will host for free.

Getting start with heroku:

<https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/getting-started-with-nodejs#define-a-profile>