

Discovering the Value of IBM API Connect

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Overview

This IBM API Connect (APIC) Proof of Technology (PoT) provides insight to a complete solution which helps

you:

- Quickly configure your API management solution and rapidly create new APIs.
- Manage your APIs with business-level controls by setting varying levels of consumption/entitlements and the ability to manage an application developer portal.
- Transform and grow your business with insights through detailed analytics with structured filtered searches and navigation capabilities.
- Acquire partners and innovative application developers, both internally and externally; through an attractive developer portal which can be tailored to your brand.
- Use leading standard industry practices to help secure, control, and optimize access to your APIs.
- Reduce resolution time with supplied operational monitoring and debugging capabilities and investments.

Introduction

To be a successful business and provide increased value to clients, employees, citizens, members or patients, one needs to continue to innovate while achieving cost optimization. To innovate while optimizing costs, you have an opportunity to expose key business services to business partners to drive new forms of collaboration, increase revenue opportunities, and provide higher value services to your customers. You can also expose your internal services to your internal developer communities, to drive application development consistency, reduce IT costs, and promote standard use of enterprise-approved services across your organization.

The expansion of the number of mobile devices, such as smart phones and tablets, as well as the growth of social media presents new and additional business opportunities to create new channels with customers and partners. To address these emerging opportunities, you require easy-to-use tools to define, assemble, secure, limit and monitor services, while providing a self-service experience for rapid developer on-boarding.

Business services are exposed with APIs. An API management solution is imperative to the success of externalizing the core services by providing easy assembly of new APIs, enabling security and different levels of service, providing management and insight to developers and business users, and socializing those APIs to developers, through communities and portals. This enables organizations to participate in the API economy, with rapid, highly secure connections between API providers and API consumers.

This new release of IBM API Connect delivers a complete solution across the Create + Run + Secure + Manage set of capabilities that can be deployed on-premise in an enterprise's data center, or in the cloud. API Connect allows businesses as API providers to integrate the most important features that are necessary to enable the three most significant players in the API economy: application developers, business owners, and IT personnel.

API Connect provides capabilities for creating new applications and APIs, SDLC management, proxying, assembling, securing and scaling the APIs. This solution also provides detailed analytics and operational

metrics to the business owner and a customizable developer portal to socialize the APIs and manage applications that can be used by the developers. The developer portal enables self-service registration and provides links to social communities.

Requirements

To complete the labs in this workbook, you'll need the following:

- A network attached workstation with sufficient memory (16GB min).
- VMware Workstation v9 for Windows or VMWare Fusion v8 for OSX to run the supplied student VMware images.
- Access to the API Connect POT Stack – which includes
 - IBM DataPower Gateway Appliance (Physical or virtual) with Firmware 7.5.0.0 or greater
 - IBM API Management Hypervisor, version 5 or higher.
 - Developer Portal, version 5.0.0.0 or higher
 - Primary host OS VM for the POT running on Xubuntu Linux

The following symbols appear in lab guides at places where additional guidance is available.

Icon	Purpose	Explanation
	Important!	This symbol calls attention to a particular step or command. For example, it might alert you to type a command carefully because it is case sensitive.
	Information	This symbol indicates information that might not be necessary to complete a step, but is helpful or good to know.
	Troubleshooting	This symbol indicates that you can fix a specific problem by completing the associated troubleshooting information.

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Lab 1 - Introduction to IBM API Connect

In this lab, you'll gain a high level understanding of the architecture, features, and development concepts related to the IBM API Connect (APIC) solution. Throughout the lab, you'll get a chance to use the APIC command line interface for creating LoopBack applications, the intuitive Web-based user interface, and explore the various aspects associated with solution's configuration of RESTful based services as well as their operation.

Lab 1 - Objective

In the following lab, you will learn:

- How to create a simple LoopBack application
 - How to create a Representational State Transfer (REST) API definition
 - How to test a REST API
 - How to publish an API to the Developer Portal
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Lab 1 - Case Study Used in This Tutorial

In this tutorial, you will create the default Hello World LoopBack application. We will look at the created artifacts to get a better understanding of what is created for you. The hello-world application is a simple RESTful service that holds a set of "notes" in memory. In this lab we may be creating a new RESTful service and API, but in future labs you'll be creating APIs with existing services.

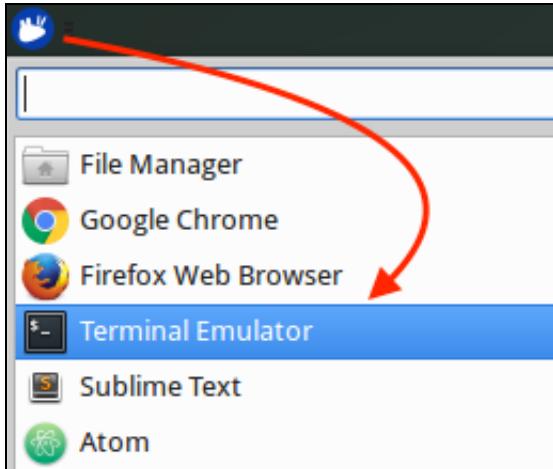
Lab 1 - Before You Begin

For this lab, you will be using a VMWare image running Xubuntu that is pre-installed with the API Connect Developer Toolkit. Ensure the image is up and running before starting. If you have any questions, please consult your lab instructor.

Lab 1 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

1.0 - Update Host Image

1. The Xubuntu host image may require a quick patch to update some support scripts. To run the update script, launch the terminal emulator application:



2. In the terminal, type:

```
update-pot -v 5010 -c patch -c labs - c consumer -c services
```

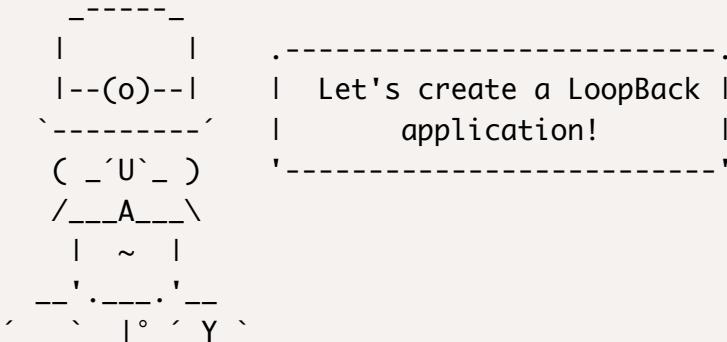
3. The update pulls down a clone of our git repo and moves the support files to the proper locations. The update will take a few minutes, please be patient while the update completes.

1.1 - Creating a notes Application

1. We will use the API Connect Developer Toolkit command line interface to create the initial application and explore the created artifacts.
2. From the terminal command line type:

```
apic loopback
```

This command starts the application generator, Yeoman, to help scaffold the new project. Just press enter for each of the three questions.



```
? What's the name of your application? notes
? Enter name of the directory to contain the project: notes
  create notes/
    info change the working directory to hello-world

? What kind of application do you have in mind?
> notes (A project containing a basic working example, including a memory database)
```

This creates an application named `notes` in a directory of the same name. The application is a simple notes application which allows you to create, update, read and delete text notes. You will see a lot of messages printed to the command line window. It is creating a few resources for you and installing the various node modules. Once the node modules are loaded you'll notice that the process creates swagger and product definitions for you. Finally, the process displays some hints about what to do next. Since we've been given such lovely suggestions about what to do next, we may as well follow the first one at least.

3. Change directories to the project directory:

```
cd notes
```

4. List the directory:

```
$ ls
client  common  definitions  node_modules  package.json  server
```

If you're familiar with LoopBack or Node.js applications, some of the directories may be familiar to you. If not, here is a description of some of what is created.

Directory or file	Description

client	If the application has a front end, this is where the HTML, CSS, JavaScript, etc would be located. For our sample application there is only a stubbed out README.md.
common	Files common to both the server and the client application.
common/models	This sub-directory contains all the model JSON and JavaScript files. By model we're referring to a data model.
common/models/note.js	Custom script for the note data model. This file contains the implementation of the methods defined by the model definition file.
common/models/note.json	The note model definition file. This file contains the definition of the properties and methods for this model.
definitions	This directory contains the definitions for the APIs and the product contained in this application.
definitions/hello-world-product.yaml	YAML file for the the hello-world product. Which includes default plans for testing locally.
definitions/hello-world.yaml	Swagger definition file for the hello-world API. Includes information about the REST paths and operations, schemas for data models, security requirements, etc.
node_modules	Directory containing all the required node modules for the default application.
package.json	Standard Node.js package specification. Most importantly it contains the application package dependencies.
server	This directory contains the Node.js application and configuration files. We'll not look at them all in this tutorial, but here are a few.
server/server.js	The main application script for this application. Note: this is defined in the package.json file.
server/config.json	This file contains the global application settings, such as REST API root, hostname and port.
server/model-config.json	This file binds models to data sources and specifies whether a model is exposed over REST, among other things.
server/datasources.json	This file is the data source configuration file.



* .md files, such as that found in the client directory, are markdown files used for internal documentation.

1.2 - Launching the notes Application

1. Now that we've explored what is created by the application generator, let's move on to the API Designer. From the command line:

```
apic edit
```

2. To test our notes services, click on the `run` button to open the application launcher.



3. Once start completes, you should see a screen similar to this:



At this point we're ready to Explore and test our services.

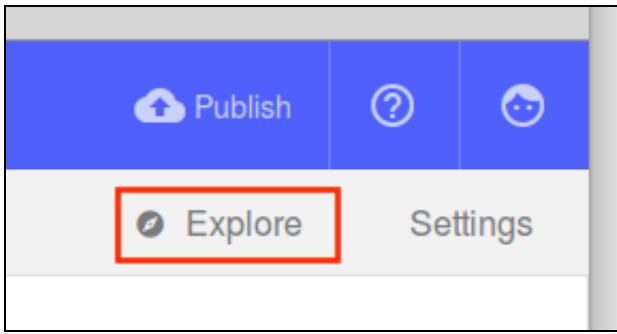


We used the web-based editor to launch the application. There's also a command provided with the API Connect Developer Toolkit that can be utilized from the terminal to lauch the application:

```
apic start
```

1.3 - Testing the notes Application

1. Click the `Explore` button to switch to the API Explorer view.



You will see all the exposed service paths displayed.

- Now we're going to test the services using the GUI presented on the explore screen. You'll notice that on the left several REST services are defined for us. In particular, take a look `POST /notes` and `GET /notes`.

If you're not familiar with GET and POST, they are HTTP methods (sometimes called verbs). The POST method is used for creation calls to the service. The GET method is used to retrieve information from a service. In this case, we see that both methods are used against the `/notes` path. So, POST will create a `note` and GET will retrieve all the `notes` that have been created.

- Start by creating a couple of notes. Click the `POST /notes` link in the left column. The other columns

will scroll so that you're looking at information and controls pertaining to the `POST /notes` service.

4. To test creation of a note, scroll down in the right hand column until the `Call operation` button is visible at the bottom. Just above the `Call operation` button you'll see a `Generate` link. This link will generate dummy data for you to create a test call to this service.
5. Press the `Generate` link to generate some sample data.

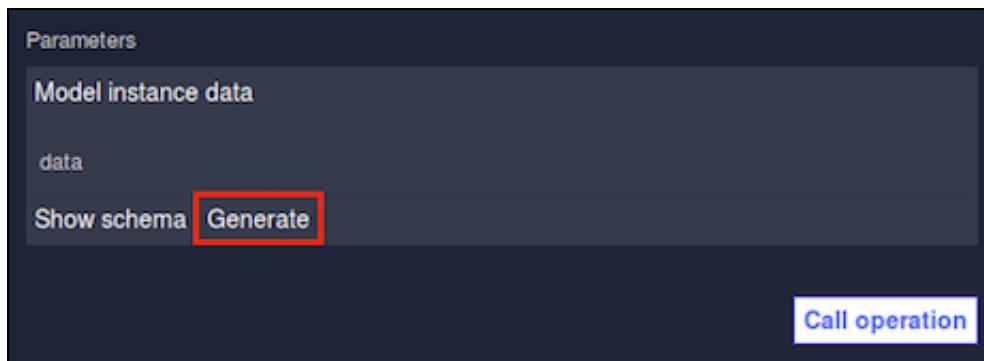
Parameters

Model instance data

data

Show schema **Generate**

Call operation



Parameters

Model instance data

data

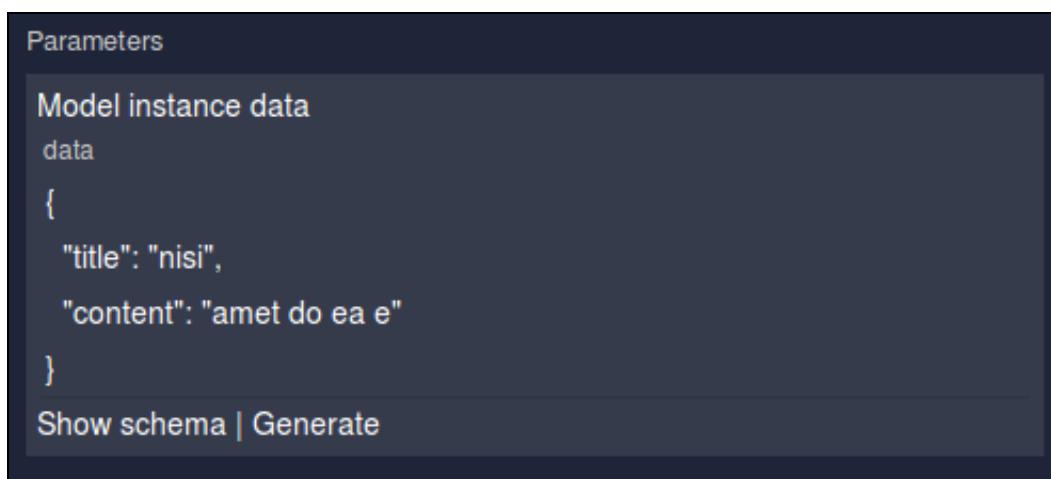
{

 "title": "nisi",

 "content": "amet do ea e"

}

Show schema | Generate



Your data will look different, but you're ready to test the service.

6. Go ahead and press the `Call operation` button and scroll down to the `Response` section to see the results.



You may see an error displayed that mentions a CORS issue. This has to do with certificates in your browser. Go ahead and click the given link to rectify this, accept any certificate, close the opened tab, and press the `Call operation` button again. Additionally, be sure not to skip step 5, as doing a `POST` operation without generating payload will cause an error.

Response

Code: -1

No response received. Causes include a lack of CORS support on the target server, the server being unavailable, or an untrusted certificate being encountered.

Clicking the link below will open the server in a new tab. If the browser displays a certificate issue, you may choose to accept it and return here to test again.

<https://localhost:4002/api/Notes>

In the results, you should see a `Code: 200 OK` which indicates that a new `note` was created. If you received a different response, see the troubleshooting steps below.

Response

Code: 200 OK

Headers:

content-type: application/json; charset=utf-8
x-ratelimit-limit: 100
x-ratelimit-remaining: 99
x-ratelimit-reset: 3599999

```
{  
  "title": "nisi",  
  "content": "amet do ea e",  
  "id": 1  
}
```



If you see a 500 error like the one below, make sure you press the `Generate` button before you press the `Call operation` button again. Otherwise, you're trying to create a duplicate note.

Response

Code: 500 Internal Server Error

Headers:

content-type: application/json; charset=utf-8
x-ratelimit-reset: 3594231
x-ratelimit-limit: 100
x-ratelimit-remaining: 98

```
{  
  "error": {  
    "name": "Error",  
    "status": 500,  
    "message": "Duplicate entry for note.id",  
    "stack": "Error: Duplicate entry for note.id\nat Memory._createSync (/Users/tcat/Documents/data/gigs")  
}
```

- Once you have created one note, go ahead and create another one or two.



It should be noted that you don't need to use the `Generate` link. You can type data directly into the `Parameters`. You can also use `Generate` to create a template for you to use and then change the generated parameters. You may also notice that not all the parameters are always generated. This is because only the `title` parameter is required. Try pressing `Generate` several times to get a feel for how it works.

- Finally, let's test the `GET /notes` service. We should have two, three, or more notes created at this point. In the left hand column click the `GET /notes` link.

hello-world 1.0.0

POST /notes

PUT /notes

`GET /notes`

GET /notes/{id}/exists

HEAD /notes/{id}

- Scroll down to the `Call operation` button and press it. Then scroll down to the results.

Response

Code: 200 OK

Headers:

content-type: application/json; charset=utf-8

x-ratelimit-reset: 3571999

x-ratelimit-limit: 100

x-ratelimit-remaining: 95

```
[  
 {  
   "title": "test test test",  
   "id": 1  
 },  
 {  
   "title": "quia itaque est minima",  
   "content": "molestiae iure nostrum magnam",  
   "id": 2  
 }]
```

You should see all the notes that you generated in the result set.



If you see an empty array, `[]`, as your result, then you've not successfully created any notes. This is also true if you stop the application and restart it. With the hello-world example, we're using an in-memory database which means that nothing is persisted to disk. So, it is lost when the server is stopped and restarted. Lab 2 will walk through how to connect to your application to a persistent data source.

10. At this point, we are done testing the app locally. Click on the `Run` button again to return to the application launch screen.
11. Click on the `Stop` button to stop the application.



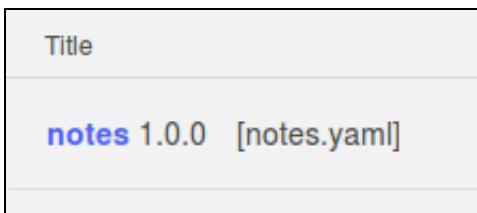
1.4 - Prepare the API for Publishing

In the previous steps, you started the new application along with a MicroGateway locally on your developer work station. Our API Connect infrastructure uses DataPower as the gateway though, and not the MicroGateway. In order to publish the API definition to the API Connect servers, we'll need to change the Gateway Policies to utilize DataPower.

1. Click on the **APIs** option from the menu bar.



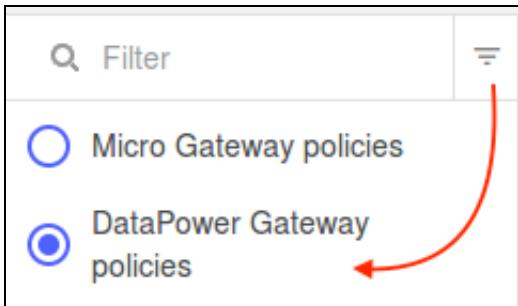
2. Click on the **notes** API from the list.



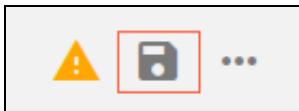
3. Click on the **Assemble** option from the API menu bar.



4. Click on the filter arrow to display the option to select the set of gateway policies and choose the option for **DataPower Gateway Policies**.

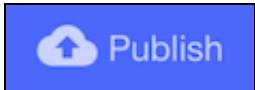


5. Click on the Save icon to save the API.



1.5 - Publishing the API to the Developer Portal

1. Click the **Publish** icon.



2. Select **Add and Manage Targets** from the menu.
3. Select **Add a different target**.



4. Provide connection information to sign into the IBM API Connect management server, then click the **Sign in** button:

API Connect host address: `mgr.think.ibm`

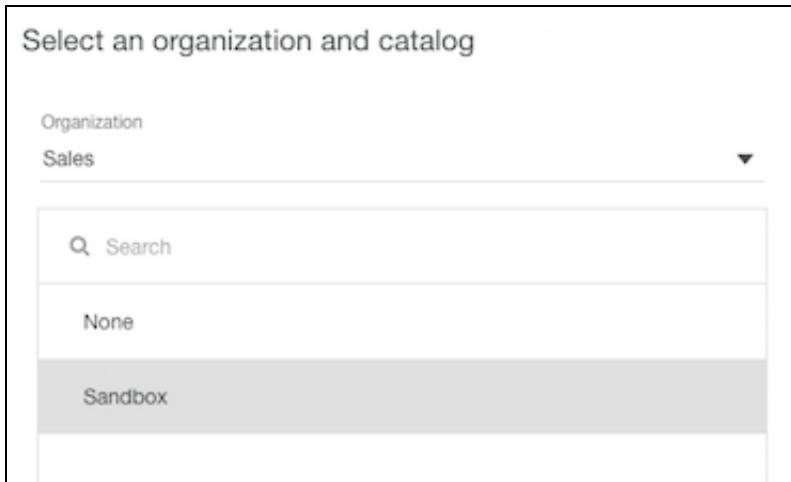
Username: `student@think.ibm`

Password: `Passw0rd!`

API Connect host address	<code>mgr.think.ibm</code>
Username	<code>student@think.ibm</code>
Password	Passw0rd!

Back Cancel Sign in

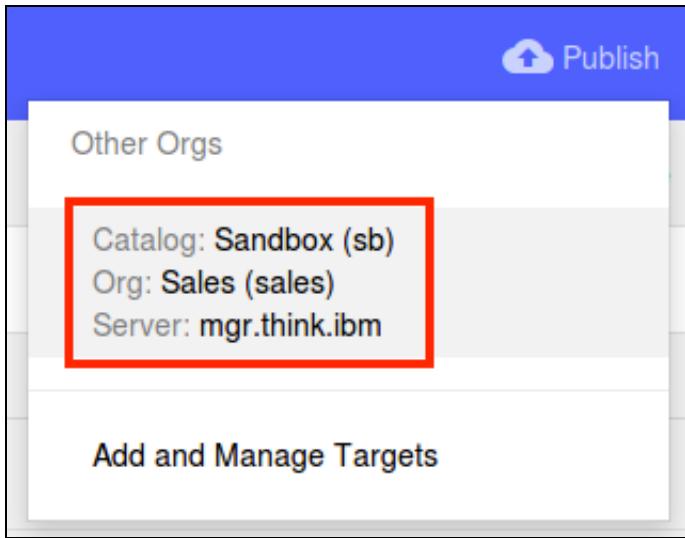
5. On the "Select an organization and catalog" screen, choose the **Sandbox** catalog and click the **Next** button.



6. On the "Select an App" screen, choose **None** application and click the **Save** button.

Our offline toolkit environment is now configured to speak to the central management server.

7. Click **Publish** button once more and select our target, indicated by the grey highlighting:



8. Here we have the opportunity to select what gets published. If we were working on multiple API products as part of this project, we could choose specific ones to publish.

Also, the option exists to only Stage the product. A Stage-only action implies that we'll push the configuration to the Management server, but not actually make it available for consumption yet. The reason for doing this may be because your user permissions only allow staging, or that a different group is in charge of publishing Products.

Click the **Publish** button:

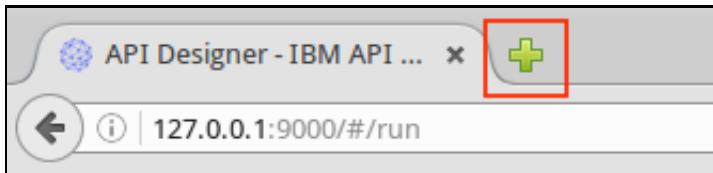


9. Click the **Publish** button to make the API available in the Developer Portal.
10. Wait a moment while the Product is published, a Success message will appear letting you know the step is complete:



1.6 - Browsing the API in the Developer Portal

1. Open a new tab in the Firefox web browser by clicking on the new tab **+** button.



2. A bookmark is already saved for the **Portal**, click on the bookmark to open the portal home page.



3. Click on the **API Products** link to see the available products published to the portal.

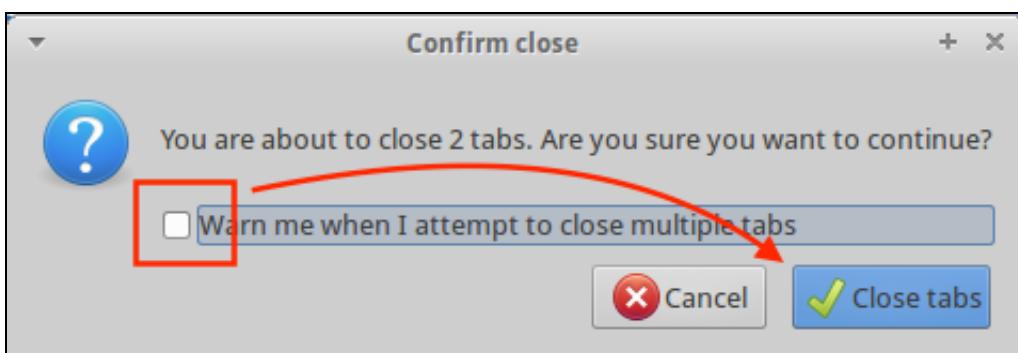


4. You should see the published **notes** API in the list of products.



TODO: Update screenshot

5. Close the `Firefox` web browser. If a warning is presented about closing multiple tabs, deselect the option to notify you in the future and click the `Close Tabs` button.



6. In the terminal, use the `control+c` keyboard command to quit the API Designer program.

Lab 1 - Conclusion

Congratulations! You have developed and published your first API!

In this lab you learned:

- How to create a simple LoopBack application
- How to create a Representational State Transfer (REST) API definition
- How to test a REST API
- How to publish an API to the Developer Portal

Proceed to [Lab 2 - Create a LoopBack Application](#)

Lab 2 - Create a Loopback Application

In this lab, you'll gain a high level understanding of the architecture, features and development concepts related to the IBM API Connect (APIC) solution. Throughout the lab, you'll get a chance to use the APIC command line interface for creating LoopBack applications, the intuitive web-based user interface, and explore the various aspects associated with the solution's configuration of RESTful based services as well as their operation.

At the end of this lab you will have created an new application which provides access to product inventory via a set of API resource operations.

Lab 2 - Objective

In the following lab, you will learn:

- How to create a multi-model Loopback application
 - How to create a Representational State Transfer (REST) API definition using IBM Connect API Designer
 - How to create a Representational State Transfer (REST) API definition using IBM Connect Command Line
 - How to use the Loopback MySQL Connector
 - How to use the Loopback MongoDB Connector
 - How to test a REST API
 - How to create relationships between models
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Lab 2 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

ThinkIBM is a company which sells historical and rare IBM machinery. **ThinkIBM** wants to create easier access to their inventory database through a collection of APIs. Additionally, the application should also support the ability for buyers to leave reviews. As an application developer, you will create the application that provides access to product inventory.

Lab 2 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

2.1 - Create a Working Directory

1. Return to the `Terminal Emulator` by selecting it from the task bar, or if you closed it previously you can re-launch it from the favorites menu.
2. Create a project directory in the student's home folder called ThinkIBM. In the terminal, type:

```
mkdir ~/ThinkIBM
```

3. Change to the new `ThinkIBM` directory by typing:

```
cd ~/ThinkIBM
```

2.2 - Create the Inventory App

To create your Inventory Application you will use LoopBack technology that comes with the API Connect Developer Toolkit. LoopBack enables you to quickly compose scalable APIs, runs on top of the Express web framework and conforms to the Swagger 2.0 specification. LoopBack is a highly-extensible, open-source Node.js framework that enables you to:

- Create dynamic end-to-end REST APIs with little or no coding.
- Access data from Relational and NoSQL Databases, SOAP and other REST APIs.
- Incorporates model relationships and access controls for complex APIs.

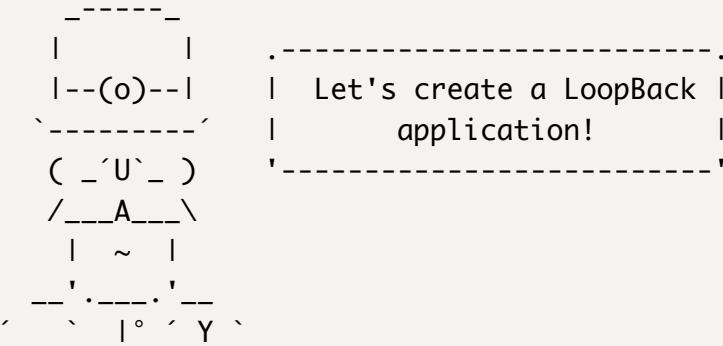
LoopBack consists of:

- A library of Node.js modules.
- Yeoman generators for scaffolding applications.

1. From the command line terminal, type the following command to create the `inventory` application:

```
apic loopback
```

2. You will be asked to name your application. Call it `inventory` and press the `Enter` or `Return` key.



? What's the name of your application? (ThinkIBM) inventory

3. Next you will be asked to supply the name of the directory where the application will be created.

LoopBack will default the project directory name to the name of the application.

Press the `Enter` or `Return` key to accept the default value of `inventory`.

4. Next you will be asked to select the type of application.

Use the arrow keys to select the `empty-server` option and press the `Enter` or `Return` key.

➤ `empty-server` (An empty LoopBack API, without any configured models or datasources)

5. At this point, the project builder will install the core dependencies for our Node.js application.

Please wait until you see the `Next steps:` section.

6. Change to the newly created `inventory` directory:

```
cd inventory
```

2.3 - Create a Data Source Connector to MySQL

The datasource is what allows the API to communicate with the backend data repository. In this case we will be using MySQL to store the inventory item information.

There are two parts to this. First is the definition of how to connect to the backend system. They second is downloading the actual loopback connector for MySQL. The connector is akin to an ODBC or JDBC connector.

1. In your terminal ensure that you are in the `~/ThinkIBM/inventory` directory. Your prompt should be

```
student@xubuntu-vm:~/ThinkIBM/inventory .
```

Optionally, you can type `pwd` in your terminal and it should return
`/home/student/ThinkIBM/inventory` .

2. In your terminal, type:

```
apic create --type datasource
```

The terminal will bring up the configuration wizard for our new datasource. The configuration wizard will prompt you with a series of questions. Some questions require text input, others offer a selectable menu of pre-defined choices.

Answer the questions with the following data:

```
? Enter the data-source name: mysql-connection
? Select the connector for mysql-connection:
  > MySQL (supported by StrongLoop)
? Connection String url to override other settings (eg: mysql://user:pass@host/db):
? host: mysql.think.ibm
? port: 3306
? user: student
? password: Passw0rd!
? database: think
? Install loopback-connector-mysql@^2.2 (Y/n) Y
```



By typing Y (Yes) to the question `Install loopback-connector-mysql@^2.2`, the MySQL Connector will be downloaded and saved to your project automatically. This will create a connection profile in the `~/ThinkIBM/inventory/server/datasources.json` file. It is effectively the same as running the following to install the connector:

```
npm install loopback-connector-mysql --save
```

For more information on the LoopBack Connector for MySQL, see:

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/loopback-connector-mysql>

2.4 - Launch the API Connect Designer

1. Ensure you're in the `~/ThinkIBM/inventory` directory, then type the following command:

```
apic edit
```

The Firefox web browser will launch and automatically load the designer screen.

2. Now that the API Designer is running, you should see the start page with your `inventory` API.



This API was created as a result of the generation of our LoopBack application.

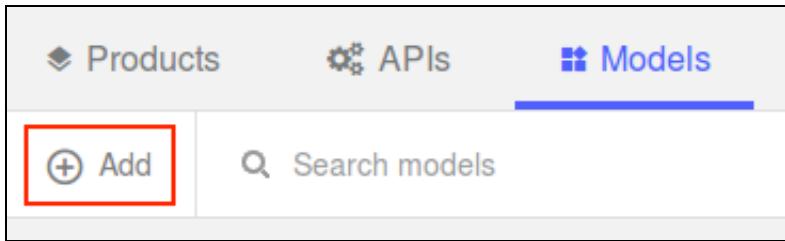
2.5 - Create a Model for the Inventory Items

In this section, you will define the `item` data model for our `inventory` API and attach it to the MySQL data source. LoopBack is a data model driven framework. The properties of the data model will become the JSON elements of the API request and response payloads.

1. Click the `Models` tab.

A screenshot of the IBM API Connect Designer interface. The top navigation bar shows 'IBM API Connect' and the project name 'inventory'. Below the bar, there are four tabs: 'Products', 'APIs' (which is underlined in blue), 'Models' (which has a red box around it), and 'Data Sources'. Under the 'APIs' tab, there are buttons for '+ Add' and 'Search APIs'. A search bar labeled 'Title' is present. At the bottom, a status bar shows 'inventory 1.0.0 [inventory.yaml]'. The main content area is currently empty.

2. Click the `+ Add` button.



3. In the New LoopBack Model dialog, enter `item` as the model name, then click the `New` button.

A screenshot of the 'New LoopBack Model' dialog. It has a title 'New LoopBack Model'. There is a single input field labeled 'Name' containing the value 'item'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'New', with 'New' being highlighted by a red box.

4. When the Model edit page for the item model displays, select the `mysql-connection` Data Source:

A screenshot of the 'Model edit page' for the 'item' model. It shows several configuration fields:

- Name: item
- Plural: (empty)
- Base Model: PersistedModel
- Data Source: mysql-connection (highlighted with a red box)
- Public

2.6 - Create Properties for the `item` Model

The item table in the MySQL database has 6 columns that will need to be mapped as well. To start creating properties for the item model:

1. Click the `+` button in the **Properties** section.
2. The `item` data model consists of six properties. Use the data below to add each of the properties:

Required: `yes`

Property Name: `name`

Type: `string`

Description: `item name`

Required: `yes`

Property Name: `description`

Type: `string`

Description: `item description`

Required: `yes`

Property Name: `img`

Type: `string`

Description: `location of item image`

Required: `yes`

Property Name: `img_alt`

Type: `string`

Description: `item image title`

Required: `yes`

Property Name: `price`

Type: `number`

Description: `item price`

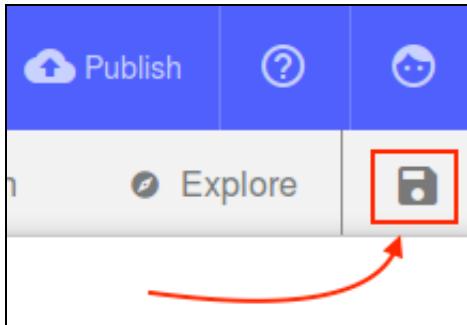
Required: `no`

Property Name: `rating`

Type: `number`

Description: `item rating`

3. Scroll to the top of the page and click the `Save` button to save the data model.



4. Click the `All Models` link to return to the main API Designer page.

2.7 - Verify API

To confirm that the API has been correctly mapped and can interface with the MySQL datasource, you will run the server and test the API.

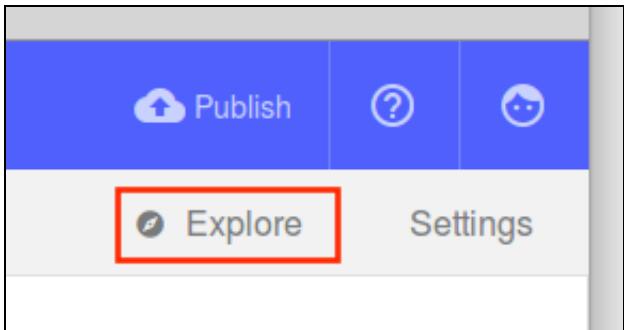
1. Click the `Run` button to start the `inventory` LoopBack application



2. Wait a moment while the servers are started. Proceed to the next step when you see the following:



3. Click the `Explore` button to review your APIs.



4. On the left side of the page, notice the list of paths for the `inventory` API. These are the paths and operations that were automatically created for you by the LoopBack framework simply by adding the `item` data model. The operations allow users the ability to create, update, delete and query the data model from the connected (MySQL) data source.
5. Click the `GET /items` operation.

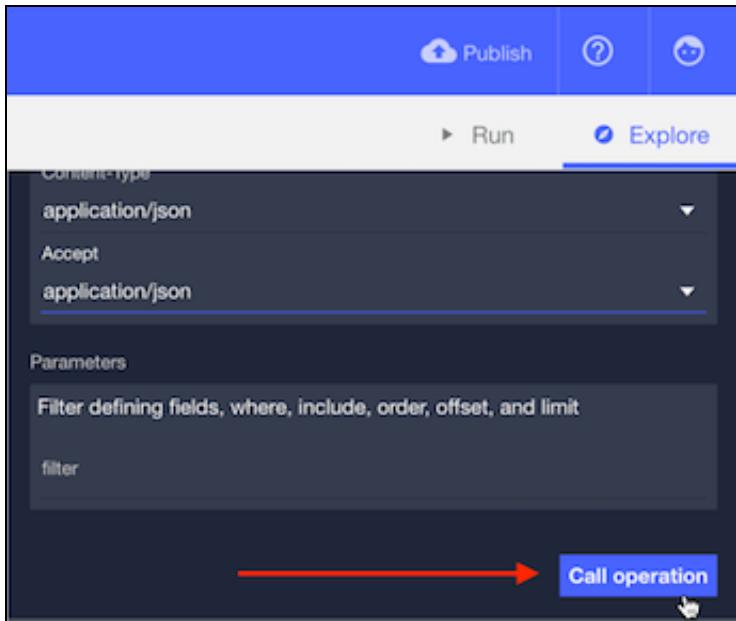


6. By clicking the `GET /items` operation, your screen will auto-focus to the correct location in the window. In the center pane you will see a summary of the operation, as well as optional parameters and responses.

On the right side you will see sample code for executing the API in various programming languages and tools such as cURL, Ruby, Python, PHP, Java, Node, Go, and Swift.

In addition to the sample code, if you look further down the page you will see an example response, URL, API identification information, and API parameters.

7. Scroll down slowly to locate the `Call operation` button.



8. Click the `Call operation` button to invoke the API.



The first time you invoke the API, you may receive an error. The error occurs because the browser does not trust the self-signed certificate from the MicroGateway. To resolve the error, click on the link in the response window and accept the certificate warning.

Response

Code: -1

No response received. Causes include a lack of CORS support on the target server, the server being unavailable, or an untrusted certificate being encountered.

Clicking the link below will open the server in a new tab. If the browser displays a certificate issue, you may choose to accept it and return here to test again.

<https://localhost:4002/api/items>

9. Once complete, return to the API explorer and click on the `Call operation` button again.
10. Scroll down to see the `Request` and `Response` headers.

Request

```
GET https://localhost:4002/inventory/items
APIm-Debug: true
Content-Type: application/json
Accept: application/json
X-IBM-Client-Id: default
X-IBM-Client-Secret: SECRET
```

Response

```
Code: 200 OK
Headers:
content-type: application/json; charset=utf-8
x-ratelimit-limit: 100
x-ratelimit-remaining: 99
x-ratelimit-reset: 3599999
```

11. Scroll further and the payload returned from the GET request is displayed.

```
[  
  {  
    "name": "Dayton Meat Chopper",  
    "description": "Punched-card tabulating machines and time clocks...",  
    "img": "images/items/meat-chopper.jpg",  
    "img_alt": "Dayton Meat Chopper",  
    "price": 4599.99,  
    "rating": 0,  
    "id": 5  
  },  
  ...  
]
```

12. Test the `GET /items/count` operation by following the same process above. You should receive a count of 12 inventory items.

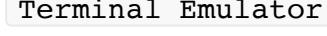
```
{  
  "count": 12  
}
```

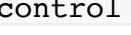
2.8 - Create a MongoDB Data Source

So far, we have created a LoopBack application which provides APIs around our inventory items stored in a MySQL database.

In the next section, you will create the data model for item reviews which will use MongoDB to store the review data.

First you must create a data source entry for the MongoDB.

1. Click the  button on the Firefox tab or window to close the browser.
2. Select the  from the taskbar to open the command line.
3. Even though we closed the browser, the API Designer application itself is still running.

Hold the  key and press the  key to end the API Designer session:

```
control+c
```

This will return you to the command line prompt.

4. Also, our  LoopBack app is still running. In the terminal, type:

```
apic stop
```

5. Type the following command to create a data source for MongoDB:

```
apic create --type datasource
```

6. The terminal will bring up the configuration wizard for our new datasource. The configuration wizard will prompt you with a series of questions. Some questions require text input, others offer a selectable menu of pre-defined choices.

Answer the questions with the following data:

```
? Enter the data-source name: mongodb-connection
? Select the connector for mongodb-connection:
  > MongoDB (supported by StrongLoop)
? Connection String url to override other settings: <leave blank>
? host: mongo.think.ibm
? port: 27017
? user:
? password:
? database: think
? Install loopback-connector-mongodb@^1.4 (Y/n) Y
```



By typing Y (Yes) to the question Install loopback-connector-mongo@^1.4, the MongoDB Connector will be downloaded and saved to your project automatically. This will create a connection profile in the `~/ThinkIBM/inventory/server/datasources.json` file.

It is effectively the same as running the following to install the connector

```
npm install loopback-connector-mongodb --save
```

For more information on the LoopBack Connector for MongoDB, see:

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/loopback-connector-mongodb>

2.9 - Create Model for Reviews

The `review` data model will be used to store item reviews left by buyers. The reviews will be stored in a MongoDB.

In the earlier steps, you used the API Designer User Experience to create a data model. This time you will use the command line to create the `review` model.

1. Type the following command to create the `review` data model:

```
apic create --type model
```

2. Enter the properties for the `review` model:



You will **not** expose the review mode as a REST API. This is because you create a relationship between item and review later that will create the REST APIs you will use.

```
? Enter the model name: review
? Select the data-source to attach review to:
  > mongodb-connection (mongodb)
? Select models base class:
  > PersistedModel
? Expose review via the REST API? (Y/n): N
? Common model or server only?
  > common
```

3. Continue using the wizard to add properties for the `review` model:
4. The first property is the `date` property:

```
Enter an empty property name when done.
? Property name: date
? Property type:
  > date
? Required? Y
? Default value [leave blank for none]: <leave blank>
```

5. Next add the `reviewer_name` property:

```
Let's add another review property.
Enter an empty property name when done.
? Property name: reviewer_name
? Property type:
  > string
? Required? N
? Default value [leave blank for none]: <leave blank>
```

6. Next add the `reviewer_email` property:

Let's add another review property.
Enter an empty property name when done.
? Property name: reviewer_email
? Property type:
 > string
? Required? N
? Default value [leave blank for none]: <leave blank>

7. Next add the `comment` property:

Let's add another review property.
Enter an empty property name when done.
? Property name: comment
? Property type:
 > string
? Required? N
? Default value [leave blank for none]: <leave blank>

8. Finally add a property for the item `rating`:

Let's add another review property.
Enter an empty property name when done.
? Property name: rating
? Property type:
 > number
? Required? Y
? Default value [leave blank for none]: <leave blank>

9. To close the wizard, the next time it asks you to add another review property, just press `Enter` or `Return` to exit.

2.10 - Create a Relationship Between the `item` and `review` Data Models

The next step in this lab is to create a relationship between the `item` model and the `review` model. Even though the models reference entities in entirely different databases, API Connect provides a way to create a logical relationship between them. This logical relationship is then exposed as additional operations for the item model.

1. In the terminal session, type the following command:

```
apic loopback:relation
```

2. Enter the details for the relationship as follows:

- ? Select the model to create the relationship from:
 - > item
- ? Relation type:
 - > has many
- ? Choose a model to create a relationship with:
 - > review
- ? Enter the property name for the relation: reviews
- ? Optionally enter a custom foreign key: <leave blank>
- ? Require a through model? No

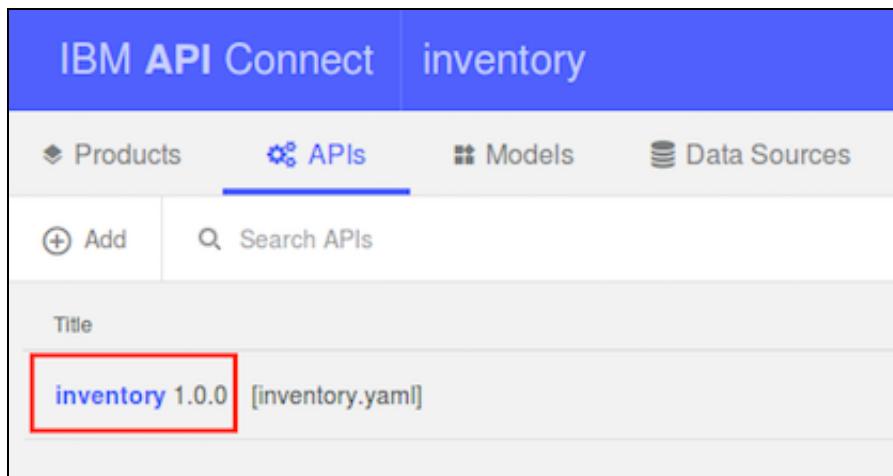
2.11 - Verify the Relationship

To verify that the relationship has been created, you will open the API Connect Designer and view the operations on the Explore page.

1. In the terminal session, type the following command to launch the API Connect Designer window:

```
apic edit
```

2. Click on the [inventory](#) link from the APIs tab.



3. Scroll down to the [Paths](#) section of the API definition.

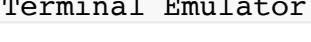
Notice how three new API paths have been created which allow access to item review data:

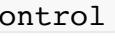
Paths

- /items/{id}/reviews/{fk}
- /items/{id}/reviews
- /items/{id}/reviews/count

/items

/items/{id}/exists

4. Click the  button on the Firefox tab or window to close the browser.
5. Select the  from the taskbar to open the command line.
6. Even though we closed the browser, the API Designer application itself is still running.

Hold the  key and press the  key to end the API Designer session:

```
control+c
```

This will return you to the command line prompt.

Lab 2 - Validation

Using both the CLI and the API Designer, a lot of files have been created and updated. Before moving on to the next lab, a simple script has been provided for you which will validate your source files against those of a completed lab. These next steps will help ensure that easily made typing errors do not cause problems down the line.

1. From the , type:

```
validate-lab 2
```

2. The script will execute a series  commands against specific files in your project folder ()

```
student@xubuntu-vm:~/ThinkIBM/inventory$ validate_lab 2
Running validation check on file: common/models/item.json
... Looks good!

Running validation check on file: common/models/review.json
... Looks good!

Running validation check on file: definitions/inventory.yaml
... Looks good!

Running validation check on file: server/datasources.json
... Looks good!
```

3. If your output looks the same as the image above, then everything matches up and you may continue to lab 3. However, if a discrepancy was found with one of the files, we can look a little closer to see if it is something that will cause a problem.
4. In the example below, an issue was found in the `server/datasources.json` file.

```
Running validation check on file: server/datasources.json
12c12
<      "host": "mongo.thinkibm",
---
>      "host": "mongo.think.ibm",
```

5. The first line specifies the line numbers of the two files where the differences occur. In this example that comes out to line 12 of both files.
6. Next, you will notice a block that specifies what the differences were.

Any lines that begin with a `<` sign belong to your source files.

And, any lines that begin with a `>` sign belong to files from our correct sources.

7. In the example provided, the host for the MongoDB server was mistyped. This will cause a problem later when your application attempts to connect to the incorrect host address.
8. For this lab, there are four key files that need validation.

- `common/models/item.json` **and** `review.json`
 - Key elements in these files are the element names and data types.
- `definitions/inventory.yaml`

- Discrepancies in the item.json or review.json files will show up here in the data model definitions.
 - server/datasources.json
 - Most elements in this file must be accurate.
9. If you have differences in one or more of your files, the good news is they are easy to fix. Run the following command to merge the corrected changes into your source files:

```
merge-lab 2
```

Lab 2 - Conclusion

Congratulations! In this lab you learned:

- How to create a multi-model LoopBack application
- How to create a Representational State Transfer (REST) API definition using IBM Connect API Designer
- How to create a Representational State Transfer (REST) API definition using IBM Connect Command Line
- How to use the LoopBack MySQL Connector
- How to use the LoopBack MongoDB Connector
- How to test a REST API
- How to create relationships between models

Lab 3 will build on what you have already created to enable processing hooks and publish the APIs to the API Manager.

Proceed to [Lab 3 - Customize and Deploy an Application](#)

Lab 3 - Customize and Deploy the Inventory Application

In this lab, you will add capabilities into the LoopBack application which was created in Lab 2. You will add custom javascript code which will alter the default behavior of the application. Once your edits are complete, you will package the application and publish it to a WebSphere Liberty runtime collective where it will be managed and enforced by the API Connect solution.

Lab 3 - Objective

In the following lab, you will learn:

- About LoopBack remote hooks
 - How to create a remote hook
 - How to publish a LoopBack application to a Liberty runtime collective
-

Lab 3 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

At this point, you have: created a basic application template, added an `item` data model backed by a MySQL datasource, added a `review` data model backed by a MongoDB data source, added a relationship between the `item` and `review` models.

In this tutorial you will extend the `inventory` application by adding a remote hook. Remote hooks allow you to provide pre- and post-processing to an API call, such as adding additional header information to a remote service or calculating a value, which is what you will do in this lab.

Then, you will publish your LoopBack Inventory application to the Liberty Collective. Making it generally available for consumption.

For more information on [Liberty Collectives](#) see here:

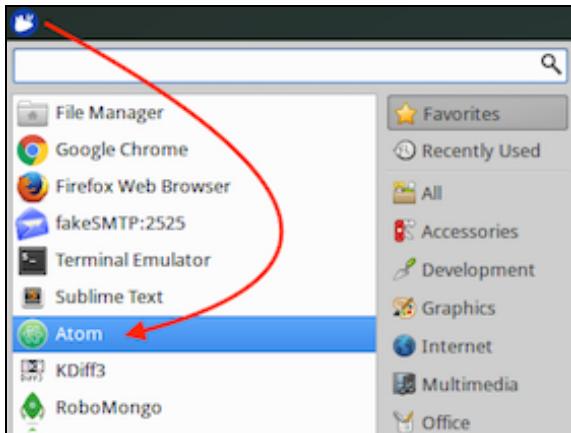
https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSD28V_8.5.5/com.ibm.websphere.wlp.nd.doc/ae/cwlp_collective_arch.html

Lab 3 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

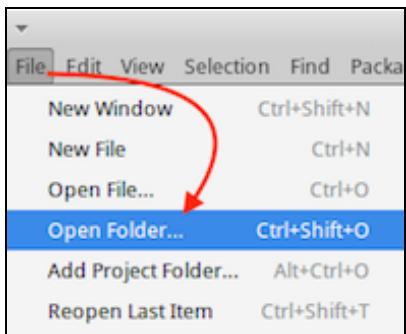
Lab 3.1 - Edit the Application Configuration

Before publishing the API for our application, the configuration file that was generated for you needs to be edited. By default, the generated application uses a base path of `/api`. In the next few steps, you will modify the base path to listen on `/inventory`.

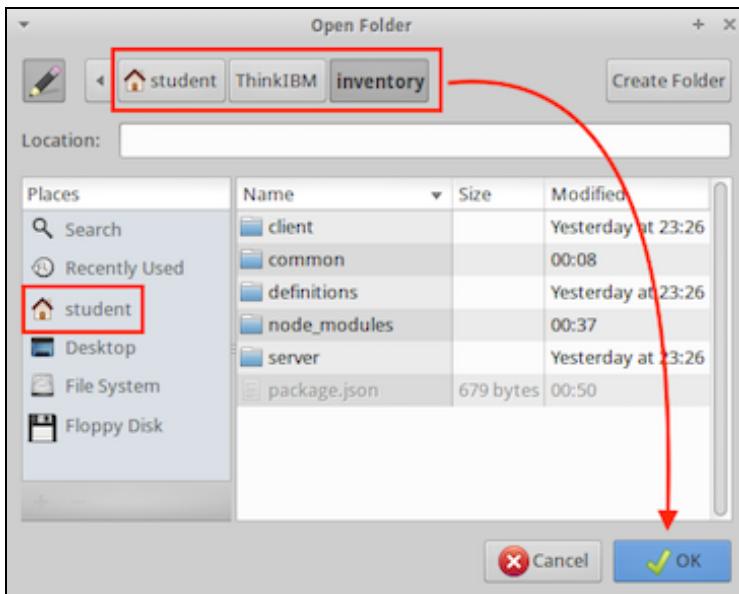
1. Click on the application favorites menu and open the `Atom` text editor.



2. From the `Atom` menu, click on `File > Open Folder`.

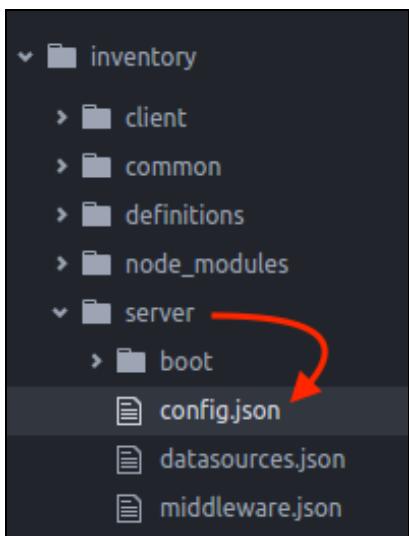


3. Click on the `student` location from the Places menu, then navigate to the `ThinkIBM > inventory` folder and click the `OK` button.



LoopBack applications use a series of configuration files which drive the application runtime. For more information about these files, review the table in Lab 1.

4. From the folder tree menu, expand the `server` folder and click on the `config.json` file to view the source.



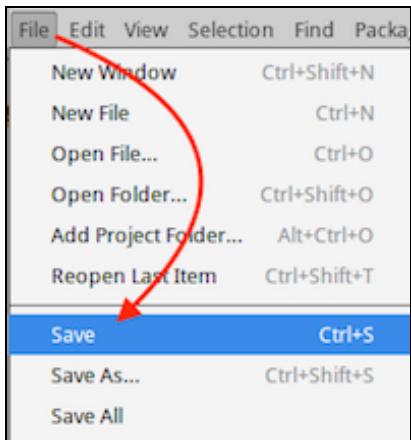
5. Edit line 2 of the `config.json` file. Change `/api` to `/inventory`.

A screenshot of the Atom code editor showing a file named "config.json". The file contains the following JSON configuration:

```
1 {  
2   "restApiRoot": "/inventory",  
3   "host": "0.0.0.0",  
4   "port": 3000,  
5 }
```

The "restApiRoot" key and its value are highlighted with a red rectangular box.

6. Use the **Atom** file menu to save the changes.



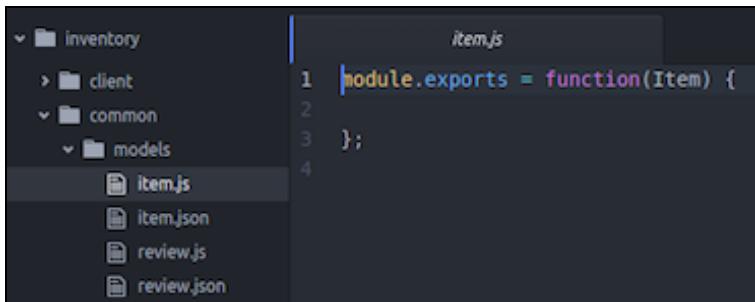
Lab 3.2 - Create a Remote Hook

Remote hooks are custom javascript code that execute before or after calling an operation on a LoopBack application.

For more information on Remote Hooks please see:

<https://docs.strongloop.com/display/public/LB/Remote+hooks>

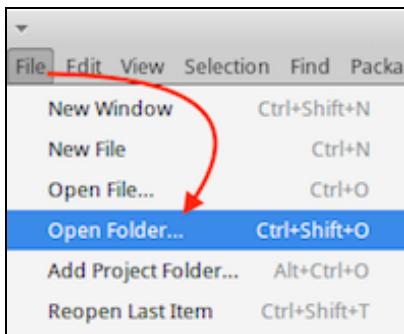
1. In the **Atom** editor, expand the directory structure for the **common/models** location and select the **item.js** file.



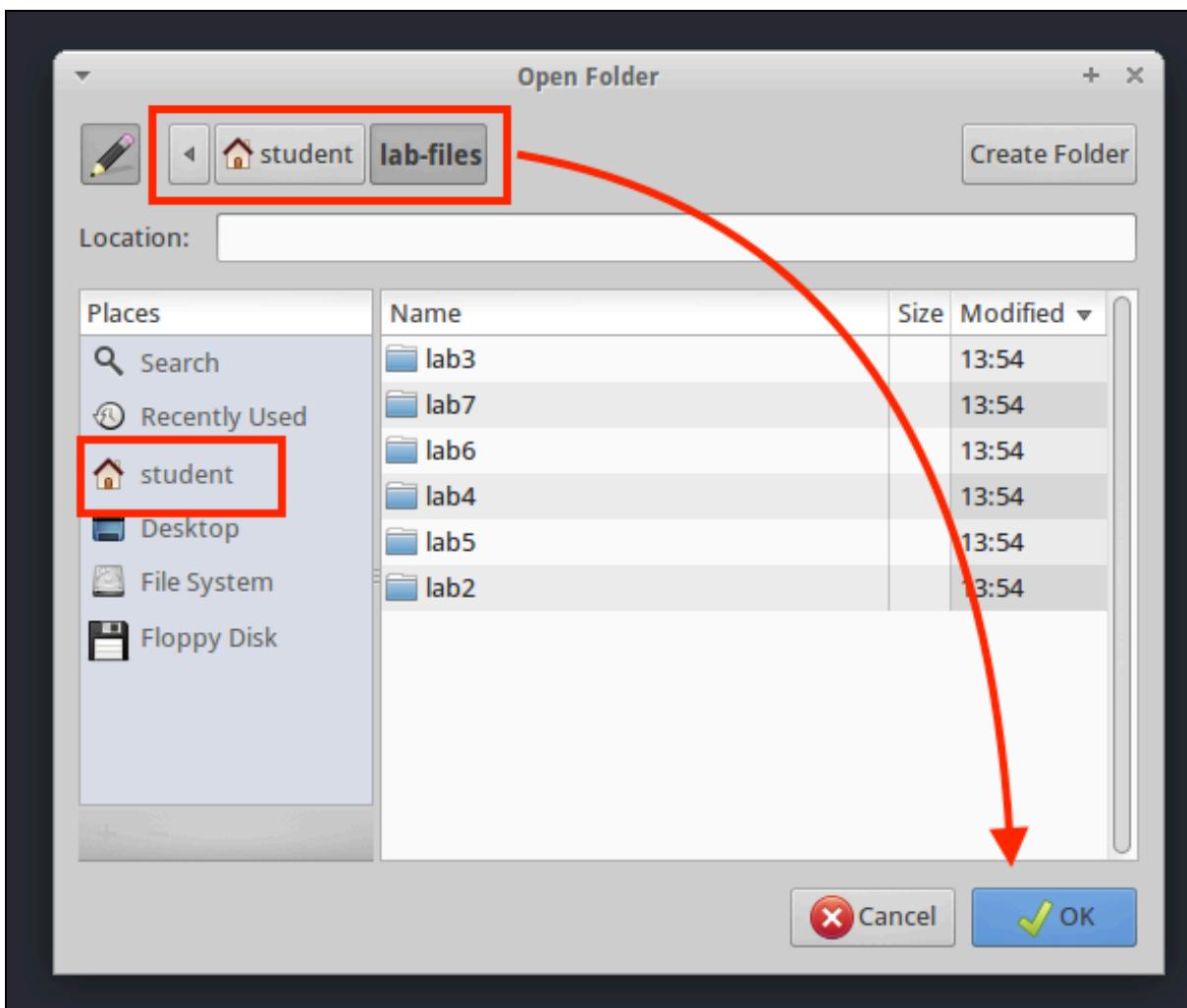
2. You are going to update this file to include a new remote hook function which will run *after* a new review is submitted for an item. The function will take an average of all reviews for that item, then update the item rating in

the MySQL data source.

3. From the `Atom` menu, click on `File > Open Folder`.



4. Click on the `student` location from the Places menu, then navigate to the `lab-files` folder and click the OK button.



5. Expand the `lab-files/lab3` folder and select the example `item.js` file.

The screenshot shows the Atom code editor interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Selection, Find, Packages, and Help. The left sidebar displays a file tree under 'lab-files'. A red box highlights the 'lab3' folder, which contains a 'complete' folder and an 'item.js' file. The main code editor window on the right is titled 'item.js' and contains the following code:

```
1 module.exports = function (Item) {
2
3     Item.afterRemote('prototype')
4         var itemId = remoteMethod
5
6             console.log("calculating")
7
8         var searchQuery = {includ
9 }
```

6. Use the menu option for `Edit > Select All` to highlight all of the text.
7. Use the menu option for `Edit > Copy` to copy the file contents your clipboard.
8. Return to the other `Atom` application. **Remove** everything in the `item.js` file. Then paste (`control+v` or `Edit > Paste`) the contents of your clipboard to update the file.

```
item.js
1 module.exports = function (Item) {
2
3   Item.afterRemote('prototype.__create__reviews', function (ctx, remoteMethodOutput, next) {
4     var itemId = remoteMethodOutput.itemId;
5
6     console.log("calculating new rating for item: " + itemId);
7
8     var searchQuery = {include: {relation: 'reviews'}};
9
10    Item.findById(itemId, searchQuery, function findItemReviewRatings(err, findResult) {
11      var reviewArray = findResult.reviews();
12      var reviewCount = reviewArray.length;
13      var ratingSum = 0;
14
15      for (var i = 0; i < reviewCount; i++) {
16        ratingSum += reviewArray[i].rating;
17      }
18
19      var updatedRating = Math.round((ratingSum / reviewCount) * 100) / 100;
20
21      console.log("new calculated rating: " + updatedRating);
22
23      findResult.updateAttribute("rating", updatedRating, function (err) {
24        if (!err) {
25          console.log("item rating successfully updated");
26        } else {
27          console.log("error updating rating for item: " + err);
28        }
29      });
30
31      next();
32    });
33
34  });
35}
```

```

module.exports = function (Item) {
  Item.afterRemote('prototype.__create__reviews', function (ctx, remoteMethodOutput, next) {
    var itemId = remoteMethodOutput.itemId;

    console.log("calculating new rating for item: " + itemId);

    var searchQuery = {include: {relation: 'reviews'}};

    Item.findById(itemId, searchQuery, function findItemReviewRatings(err, findResult) {
      var reviewArray = findResult.reviews();
      var reviewCount = reviewArray.length;
      var ratingSum = 0;

      for (var i = 0; i < reviewCount; i++) {
        ratingSum += reviewArray[i].rating;
      }

      var updatedRating = Math.round((ratingSum / reviewCount) * 100) / 100;

      console.log("new calculated rating: " + updatedRating);

      findResult.updateAttribute("rating", updatedRating, function (err) {
        if (!err) {
          console.log("item rating successfully updated");
        } else {
          console.log("error updating rating for item: " + err);
        }
      });
      next();
    });
  });
};

```



You can scroll to the right within the `Atom` text editor to view the code comments describing what each line is doing.

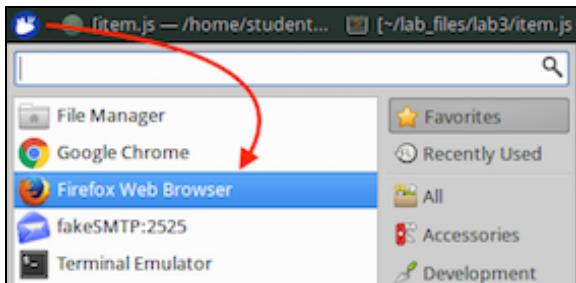
9. Use the `File > Save` menu option to save the changes.

Lab 3.3 - Publish App to a Collective

In this section, you will publish the `inventory` application to a Liberty runtime collective for general consumption.

3.3.1 - Register the App with API Connect

1. Use the favorites menu to launch the **Firefox Web Browser**:



2. Click on the **API Manager** bookmark:



3. Enter the following credentials and then click the **Sign in** button:

Username: **student@think.ibm**

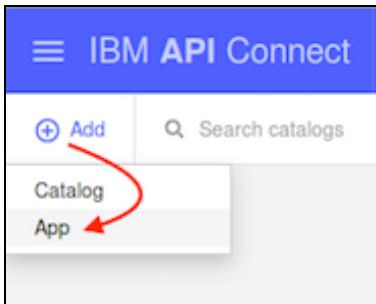
Password: **Passw0rd!**



Username and Password may already be saved for you by the browser, you can re-use these saved credentials.

A screenshot of the IBM API Connect API Manager login page. It features a blue header with the text 'IBM API Connect' and 'API Manager'. Below the header are two input fields: 'Username' containing 'student@think.ibm' and 'Password' containing several asterisks. At the bottom are a 'Sign in' button and a 'Forgot password?' link.

4. Now that the API Manager Dashboard is open, click the **+ Add** button and select **App** from the list:



5. Fill out the **Add App** form with the following details:

Display Name:

Name:

Collective:

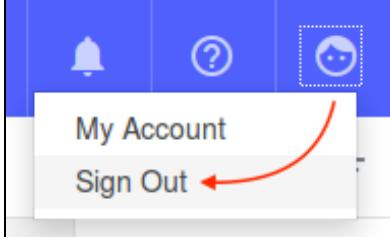
Add App

Display Name

Name

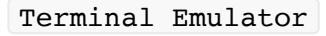
Collective

6. Click the **Add** button to link the application between our API Connect server and the Liberty Collective server. This step creates a registration that allows app management from API Connect once the application is published.
7. Click on the user profile icon and select **Log Out**.



8. Close the Firefox browser by clicking the  on the tab or browser window.

3.3.2 - Configure the Developer Toolkit to Communicate with API Connect

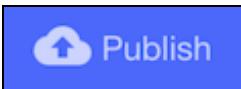
1. Return to your  session, or open a new one if you had closed it previously.
2. Ensure you are in the  project folder by typing the following command:

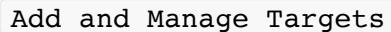
```
cd ~/ThinkIBM/inventory
```

3. Launch the API Designer:

```
apic edit
```

4. Click the  icon.



5. Select  from the menu.

6. Select .



7. Provide connection information to sign into the IBM API Connect management server, then click the  button:

API Connect host address: 

Username: 

Password: 

Sign in to IBM API Connect

API Connect host address
mgr.think.ibm

Username
student@think.ibm

Password

[Back](#) [Cancel](#) [Sign in](#)



8. On the "Select an organization and catalog" screen, choose the **Sandbox** catalog and click the **Next** button.

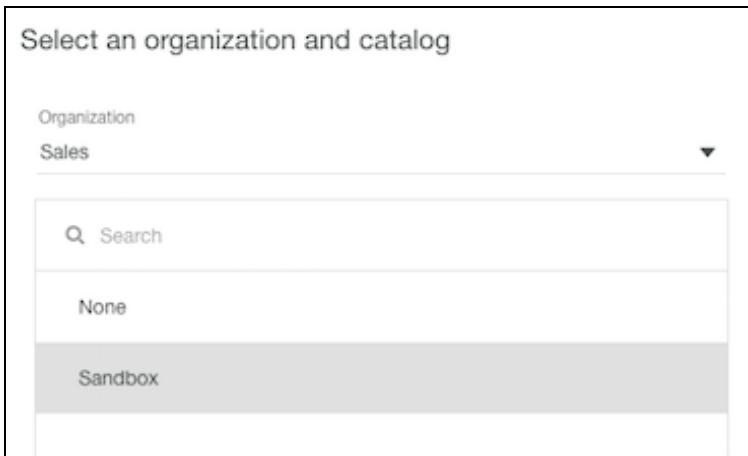
Select an organization and catalog

Organization
Sales

Search

None

Sandbox



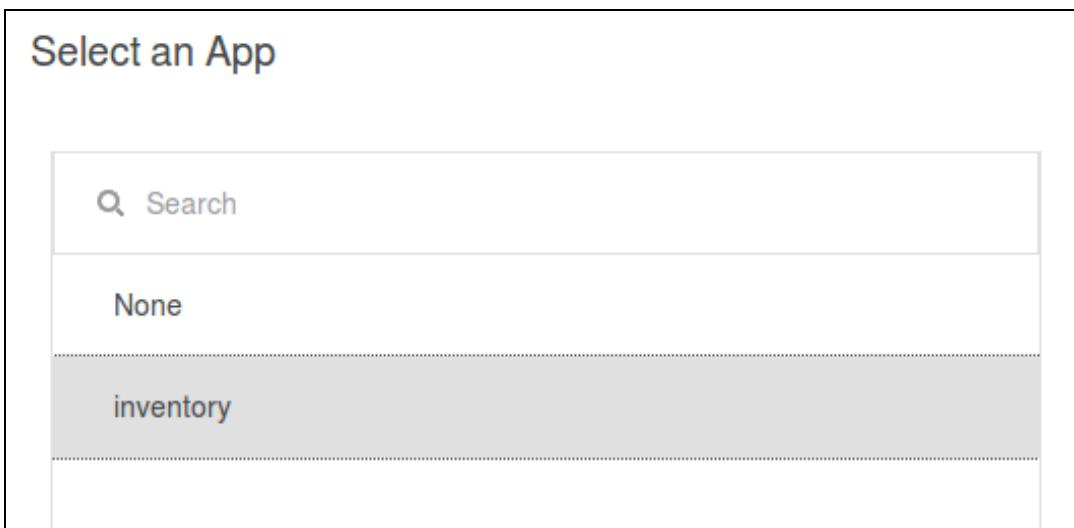
9. Select the **inventory** application, then click **Save**.

Select an App

Search

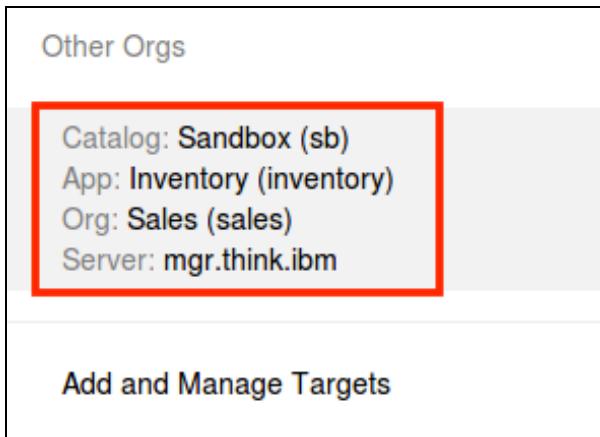
None

inventory



3.3.3 - Publish the Application

1. Click **Publish** button once more and select our target, indicated by the grey highlighting:



2. Click the check box to select **Publish application**, then click the **Publish** button.



The Developer Toolkit will package up our Node.js StrongLoop application and deploy it to the runtime collective.

We used the web UI in the previous few steps to publish the application. However, we could have also used the API Designer CLI to accomplish the same task.

3. Wait for the application publish process to complete:

Success Successfully published application

4. Close the Firefox browser by clicking the **x** on the tab or browser window.

5. Return to the terminal editor. Stop the API Designer process:

control+c

- Notice that logs were generated during the application publishing process:

```
student@xubuntu-vm:~/ThinkIBM/inventory$ apic apps:publish
...preparing project
...building package for deploy
...uploading packages to appsvr.think.ibm:9443, scale: 1
Upload successful: inventory-5745df51e4b046e5b9ec4e01-1464197095315-package.tgz
Upload successful: inventory-5745df51e4b046e5b9ec4e01-1464197095315.deploy.xml
Upload successful: apic.inventory-5745df51e4b046e5b9ec4e01-1464197095315.scalingPolicy.xml

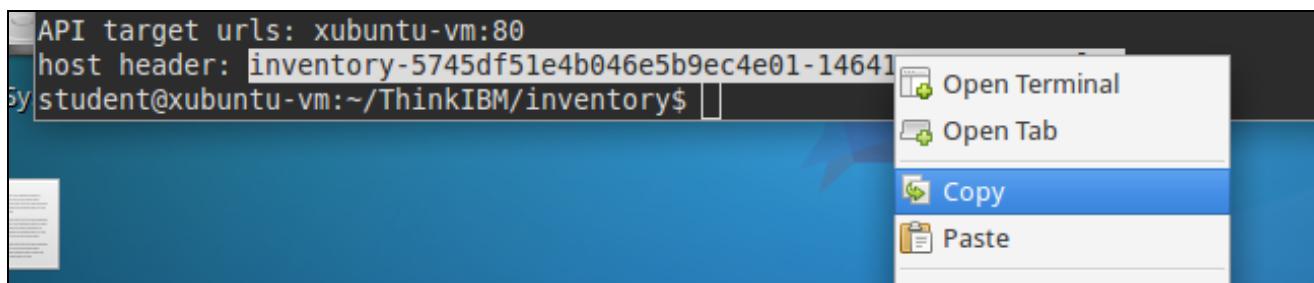
Upload to liberty server completed successfully.
Applications may take a few minutes to update and start.

Collectives admin center: https://appsvr.think.ibm:9443/adminCenter.

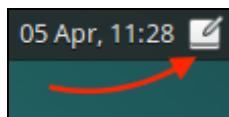
Please update your swagger with:
API target urls: xubuntu-vm:80
host header: inventory-5745df51e4b046e5b9ec4e01-1464197095315.sales
student@xubuntu-vm:~/ThinkIBM/inventory$
```

- You will need the `host` header that is returned in the next lab.

Highlight the `host header:` value and then **right-mouse-click** to show the menu and select `Copy`.



- Open the `Notes` application by clicking on the notepad icon in the task bar:



- Paste (use the `control+v` keyboard command) the host header into the `Notes` window. Add a label so that you know what the value is:

Notes - Notes

Host header:

inventory-5745df51e4b046e5b9ec4e01-1464197095315.sales

Lab 3 - Validation

Using both the CLI and the API Designer, a lot of files have been created and updated. Before moving on to the next lab, a simple script has been provided for you which will validate your source files against those of a completed lab. These next steps will help ensure that easily made typing errors do not cause problems down the line.

1. From the `Terminal Emulator`, type:

```
validate-lab 3
```

2. The script will execute a series `diff` commands against specific files in your project folder (`~/ThinkIBM/inventory`)
3. If the output of the `validate_lab` script includes discrepancies, you may merge the corrected changes into your source files by typing:

```
merge-lab 3
```

Lab 3 - Conclusion

In this lab you learned:

- How to create a remote hook
- How to test the remote hook
- Publish App to Liberty Collective

Proceed to [Lab 4 - Configure and Secure an API](#)

Lab 4 - Configure and Secure an API

In this lab, you will learn how to configure and secure the `inventory` API created during loopback application generation. Using the graphical design tools in API Designer, you will create an OAuth 2.0 provider API called `oauth` and then update the `inventory` API to use this provider. You will use the API Editor assembly view to specify the API's runtime behavior.

Lab 4 - Objective

In the following lab, you will learn:

- How to create an OAuth 2.0 Provider, specifically using the Resource Owner Password grant type.
 - How to secure an existing API using the newly created OAuth 2.0 Provider.
 - How to add catalog-specific properties to an API.
 - How to assemble an API implementation using the activity-log, set-variable and invoke policies
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Lab 4 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

In this tutorial, you will secure the Inventory API to protect the resources exposed by **ThinkIBM**. Consumers of your API will be required to obtain & provide a valid OAuth token before they can invoke the Inventory API.

Lab 4 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

4.1 - Working with the Inventory API in API Designer

1. First, launch API Designer by typing the following commands from your project directory:

```
cd ~/ThinkIBM/inventory/  
apic edit
```

API Designer will open in your browser. You may see an informational message about Draft APIs. (This

message appears the very first time you launch the API Designer.) If so, click the `Got it!` button, when you are ready to proceed to creating an API.

You should see the APIs view, and a single API listed. The `inventory` API was automatically created during loopback app generation. We will edit this API at a later step.

The screenshot shows the IBM API Connect interface. At the top, there's a blue header bar with the text "IBM API Connect" on the left and "inventory" in the center. On the right side of the header are several icons: "Publish", a question mark, and a gear icon. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with tabs: "Products", "APIs" (which is currently selected and highlighted in blue), "Models", and "Data Sources". To the right of these tabs are "Run" and "Explore" buttons. Underneath the navigation bar is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the placeholder text "Search APIs". Below the search bar is a table with three columns: "Title", "Last Modified", and "Type". A single row is visible in the table, representing the "inventory" API. The "Title" column shows "inventory 1.0.0 [inventory.yaml]", the "Last Modified" column shows "3 minutes ago", and the "Type" column has a small trash can icon. There are also "+" and "Add" buttons on the left side of the table.

4.2 - Adding a New OAuth 2.0 Provider API

1. Click the `+ Add` button and select `OAuth 2.0 Provider API` from the menu.
2. Specify the following properties and click the `Add` button to continue.

Title: `oauth`

Name: `oauth`

Add to an existing product: `inventory 1.0.0`

Add a new OAuth 2.0 provider

Provide a title and base path for the new OAuth 2.0 provider.

Title

oauth

Name

oauth

Version

1.0.0

Add to a new product

Add to an existing product

inventory

1.0.0

Don't add to a product

Cancel

Add

3. The API Editor will launch. If this is your first time using the API Editor, you will see an informational message. When you are ready to proceed, click the `Got it!` button to dismiss the message.

The API Editor opens to the newly created `oauth` API. The left hand side of the view provides shortcuts to various elements within the API definition: Info, Host, Base Path, etc. By default, the API Editor opens to the `Design` view, which provides a user-friendly way to view and edit your APIs. You may notice additional tabs labeled `Source` and `Assemble`. We will work with these views as well.

4. Navigate to the `Host` section of the API. Remove `$(catalog.host)` from the Host field, as we want to keep this blank.

NOTE: LETS SEE IF THIS IS REQUIRED

5. Navigate to the `OAuth 2` section.

Over the next several steps, we will set up OAuth-specific options, such as client type (public vs confidential), valid access token scopes, supported authorization grant types, etc. The [OAuth 2.0 Specification](#) has detailed descriptions of each of the properties we are configuring here.

6. For the Client type field, click the drop down twisty and select `Confidential`.
7. Three scopes were generated for you when the OAuth API Provider was generated: `scope1`, `scope2`, `scope3`.
8. Modify the values for `scope1`, set the following fields:
 - Name: `inventory`
 - Description: `Access to Inventory API`
9. Delete `scope2` and `scope3` by clicking the trashcan icons to the right of the scope definitions.
10. We want to configure this provider to *only* support the Resource Owner Password Credentials grant type. Deselect the `Implicit`, `Application` and `Access Code` Grants, but leave `Password` checked.

Grants

Implicit Password Application Access Code

11. Set the remaining OAuth 2 settings as follows:

Collect credentials using: `basic`

Authenticate application users using: `Authentication URL`

Authentication URL: `https://services.think.ibm:1443/auth`

Turn off the `Enable revocation` option

When complete, your settings should look like this:

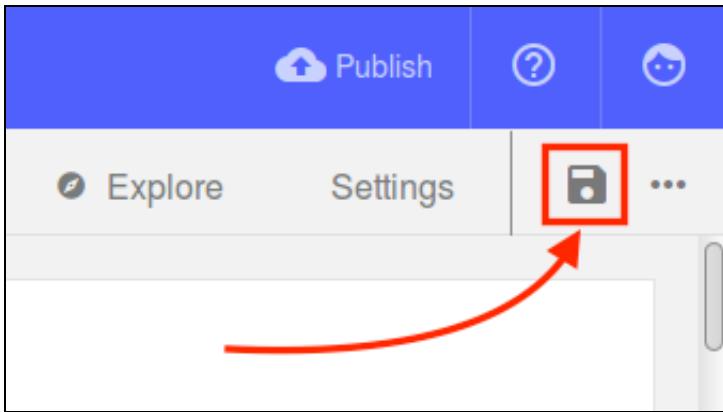
The screenshot shows the OAuth 2 configuration page with several fields highlighted by red boxes:

- Client type:** Client type is set to "Confidential".
- Scopes:** A scope named "inventory" is defined with a description "Access to Inventory API".
- Grants:** The "Password" grant type is selected.
- Identity extraction:** Credentials are collected using "Basic".
- Authentication:** Application users are authenticated using "Authenticating" and the URL "https://services.think.ibm:1443/auth".
- Authorization:** Application users are authorized using "Authenticated".
- Tokens:** Access tokens have a time-to-live of 3600 seconds. Refresh tokens are enabled. The "Enable revocation" option is highlighted with a red box.



The scope defined here must be identical to the scope that we define later when telling the `inventory` API to use this OAuth config. A common mistake is around case sensitivity. To avoid running into an error later, make sure that your scope is set to all **lowercase**.

12. Click the `Save` icon in the top right corner of the editor to save your changes.



4.3 - Configuring and Securing the Inventory API

1. Click the `All APIs` link at the top left of the API Editor to return to list of APIs.
2. Click the `inventory` link.

The inventory API will open in the API Editor, where we can make the necessary configuration changes. Over the next several steps you will set this API up to use the OAuth provider you just created.

3. Click on the `trashcan` icon for the `x-any` Definition to remove it. Confirm the removal by clicking the `OK` button in the prompt.
4. Navigate to the `Base Path` section.

Change the base path from `/api` to `/inventory`.

5. Navigate to the `Host` section of the API. **Remove** the `$(catalog.host)` value.

As with the OAuth API Provider we just created, we want this value to remain empty.

NOTE: LETS SEE IF THIS IS NECESSARY

6. Navigate to the `Security Definitions` section.

Click the `+` icon in the **Security Definitions** section and select `OAuth` from the menu.

Security Definitions

clientIdHeader (API Key)

Name: clientIdHeader

+ API Key
Basic
OAuth

A new security definition is created for you, called `oauth-1 (OAuth)`.

7. Scroll down slightly to edit the newly created security definition.

Set it to have the following properties:

Name: `oauth`

Description: `Resource Owner Password Grant Type`

Flow: `Password`

Token URL: `https://api.think.ibm/sales/sb/oauth20/token`

8. Click the `+` icon in the **Scopes** section to create a new scope. Set the following properties:

Scope Name: `inventory`

Description: `Access to all inventory resources`

oauth (OAuth)

Name: `oauth`

Description: `Resource Owner Password Grant Type`

Flow: `Password`

Token URL: `https://api.think.ibm/sales/sb/oauth20/token`

Scopes

Scope Name: `inventory`

Description: `Access to all inventory resources`

9. Navigate to the `Security` section and check the `oauth (OAuth)` checkbox.

Security

Define security requirements for the API. Multiple alternative sets can be defined, any one of which can be satisfied to access the API.

Option 1

oauth (OAuth)

clientIdHeader (API Key)

clientSecretHeader (API Key)

Now that the API is secured using our OAuth provider, we can define how the API should behave when called. In the next two sections, we will configure the `inventory` API to call our inventory application which was published at the end of Lab 3.

4.4 - Adding API Properties

Before we add and configure the `inventory` API processing policies, we need to set up a couple of API properties. These are used to hold parameters needed by the API, whose values vary based on which Catalog the API is running in.

For example, we will configure the `inventory` API to invoke a backend service. We want to be able to call different instances of that service based on which Catalog the API is deployed to.

1. Navigate to the `Properties` section and click the `+ Add` icon to create a new property. Give it the following attributes:

Name: `app-server`

Description: `Catalog-specific app server URL`

Default Value: `http://localhost/`

2. Add additional catalog-specific values by clicking the `Add value` link. Specify the following catalog name and value:

Catalog: `Sandbox`

Value: `http://appsvr.think.ibm`

app-server

Property Name app-server	<input type="checkbox"/> Encode
Description Catalog-specific app server host	
Define catalog specific values for this property below	
Add value	
Catalog	Value
Default	http://localhost/
Sandbox	http://appsvr.think.ibm



The Catalog and Value fields are strict. They are case-sensitive and must be typed exactly as shown. You will note that the catalog drop down list will have a default entry there for `sb`. It is important that you type in the `Sandbox` name in the Catalog as indicated above, otherwise you will encounter issues.

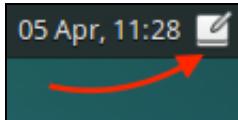
3. Create another property by clicking on the `+` icon, named `app-id`:

Name: `app-id`

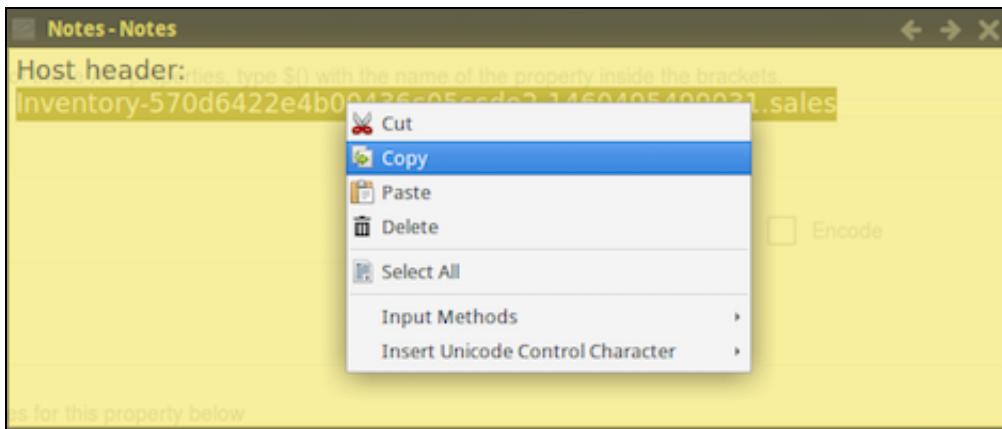
Description: `Inventory application id`

Default Value: `null`

4. Click on the Notepad icon in the top-righthand corner of the OS task bar.



5. Copy the `Host header` from the notepad.



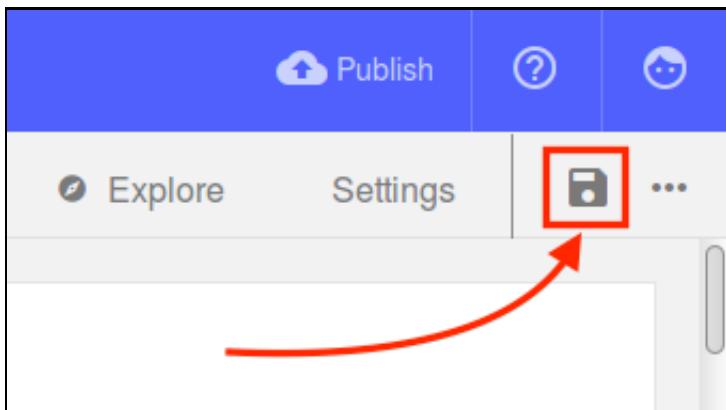
6. Add a new value to the `app-id` property:

Catalog: Sandbox

Value: paste the value of the `app-id` here

The screenshot shows the configuration of the `app-id` property. The property name is `app-id`. The description is "Inventory application id". The catalog is set to "Sandbox" and the value is "Inventory-56fd690de4b05067e9d466d8-1459802913785.sales". The "Value" field for the "Sandbox" catalog entry is highlighted with a red box.

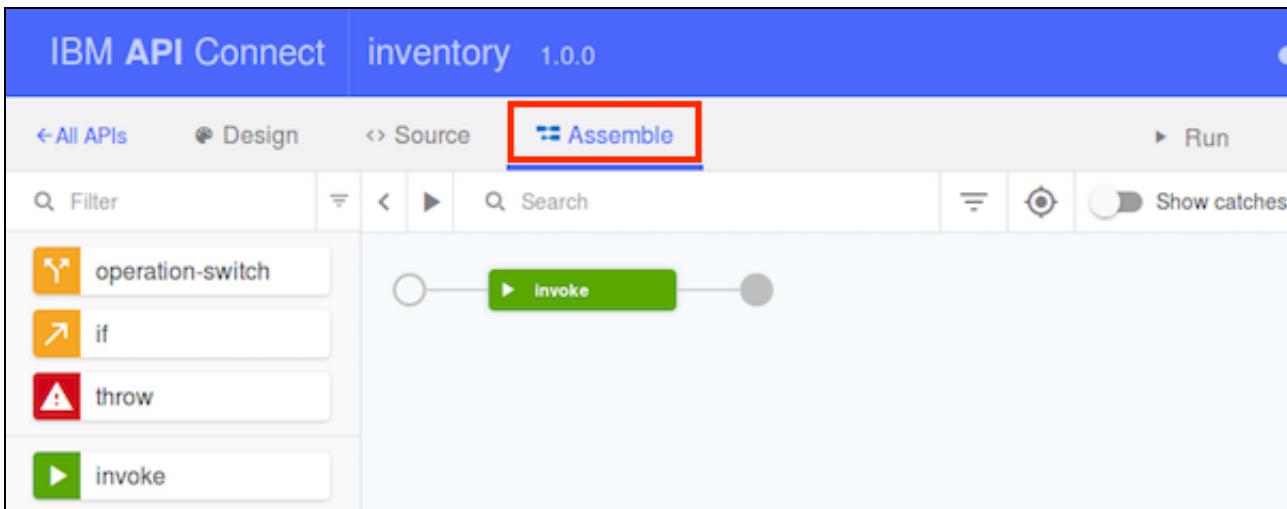
7. Save your changes.



4.5 - Defining API Processing Behavior

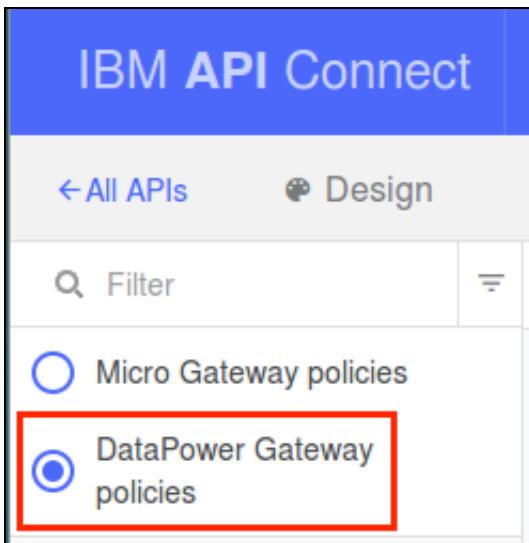
An API Assembly provides collection of policies which are enforced and executed on the API Gateway. Policies include actions like modifying the logging behavior and altering the message content or headers. Additionally, if the out of the box policies do not meet your specific needs, you may opt to create your own policy and have it available for API designers through the API Connect UI.

1. Switch to the `Assemble` tab. A simple assembly has been created for you.



2. Modify your assembly to use DataPower Gateway policies.

Select the `DataPower Gateway policies` radio button.



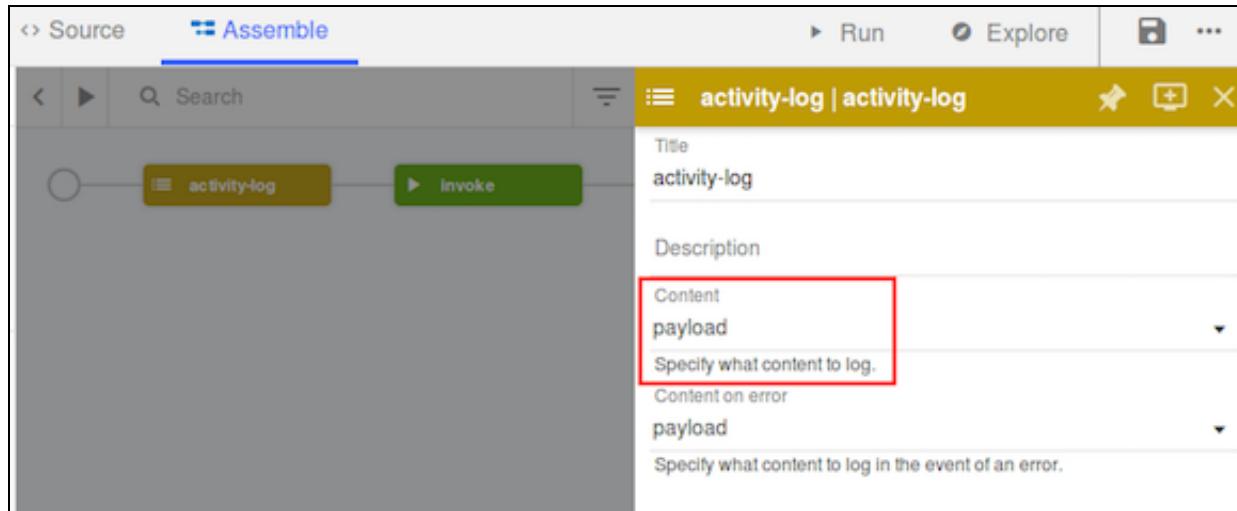
3. Add an `activity-log` policy to the assembly and configure it to log API payload.

Drag the `activity-log` policy from the list of available policies to the left of the `invoke` policy

already created in your assembly.

4. Select the newly added `activity-log` step. A properties menu will open on the right of your screen.

Under `Content` select `payload` from the drop-down list.



5. Click on the `x` to close the activity-log editor menu.
6. Add a `set-variable` policy to the assembly, to the right of the activity-log step.
7. Click on the `set-variable` policy to access the editor and set the `Host` header for our request. The `Host` header is used by the liberty runtime to properly route the request to our Inventory application.
8. Click the `+ Action` button.

Edit the action properties to set the header value:

Action: `Set`

Set: `message.headers.Host`

Type: `string`

Value: `$(app-id)`

set-variable | set-variable

Title
set-variable

Description

Action
Set

Set, Add, or Clear a runtime variable.

Set
message.headers.Host

The name of the variable to be set.

Type
string

The type of the value to set. This can be string, number or boolean.

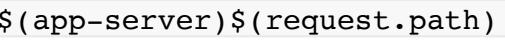
Value
\$(app-id)

The value that the variable will be set to.

9. Click on the  to close the set-variable editor menu.

10. Click on the  policy to bring up the editor.

11. Replace the default  path.

Update the URL to be: 

Invoke URL

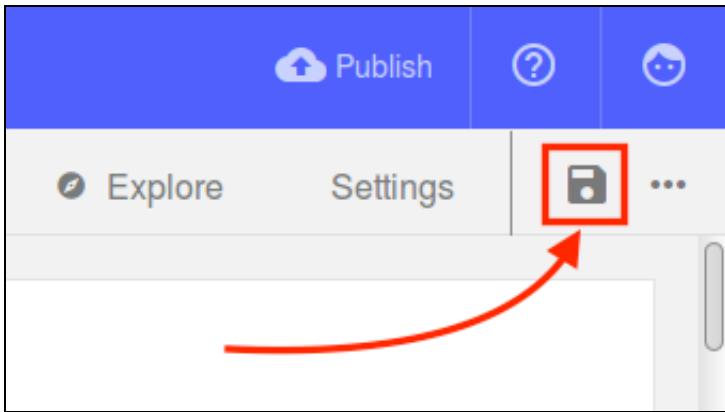
 \$(app-server)\${request.path}

The Invoke URL to be used.

The  variable will automatically remove the organization and catalog components of the full API Connect request path. Additionally, the leading slash  is already included in the variable value.

12. Click on the  to close the invoke policy editor menu.

13. Save your changes.



14. Close the Firefox browser by clicking the `x` on the tab or browser window.
15. Return to your `Terminal Emulator` session.
16. Even though we closed the browser, the API Designer application itself is still running.

Hold the `control` key and press the `c` key to end the API Designer session:

```
control+c
```

This will return you to the command line prompt.

Lab 4 - Validation

Using both the CLI and the API Designer, a lot of files have been created and updated. Before moving on to the next lab, a simple script has been provided for you which will validate your source files against those of a completed lab. These next steps will help ensure that easily made typing errors do not cause problems down the line.

1. From the `Terminal Emulator`, type:

```
validate-lab 4
```

2. The script will execute a series `diff` commands against specific files in your project folder (`~/ThinkIBM/inventory`)
3. If the output of the `validate_lab` script includes discrepancies, you may merge the corrected changes into your source files by typing:

```
merge-lab 4
```

Lab 4 - Conclusion

Congratulations! You have successfully configured and secured the inventory API. You will consume this API in a later step.

Proceed to [Lab 5 - Advanced API Assembly](#)

Lab 5 - Advanced API Assembly

In this lab, you will learn how to create advanced API assemblies. Using the graphical design tools and source editor, you will create a new API called `financing` which will expose an existing SOAP service as a RESTful API. Additionally, you will create another API called `logistics` which connects to existing public services and uses the assembly tools to map responses into a desired format.

Lab 5 - Objective

In the following lab, you will learn:

- How to create a new API, including object definitions and paths
 - How to configure an API to access an existing SOAP service
 - How the source editor can be used to import an existing API definition
 - How to map data retrieved from multiple API calls into an aggregate response
 - How to use gatewayscript directly within an API assembly
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Lab 5 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

In this tutorial, you will expand the product offerings for **ThinkIBM**. In addition to the Inventory API, **ThinkIBM** wishes to provide API's that offer financing and shipping logistics to consumer applications. Your goal is to utilize existing enterprise and public assets to create these API offerings.

Lab 5 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

5.1 - Create the Financing API (REST to SOAP)

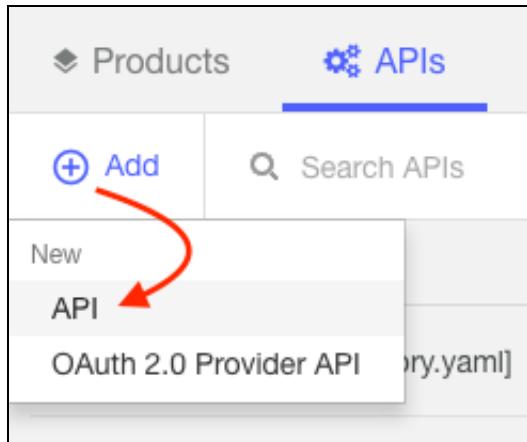
1. If the API Designer screen has not already been launched, open a terminal and start the designer by issuing the following commands:

```
cd ~/ThinkIBM/inventory  
apic edit
```

2. Otherwise, click the [All APIs](#) link to return to the main Designer screen.

5.1.1 - Create the API Definition

1. Click on the [+ Add](#) button and select [API](#).



2. Fill in the form values for the API, then click the [Next](#) button to continue.

Title:

Name:

Version:

Add to an existing product:

Add a new API

Please provide a title and base path for the new API

Title

financing

Name

financing

Version

1.0.0

Add to a new product

Add to an existing product

inventory

1.0.0

Don't add to a product

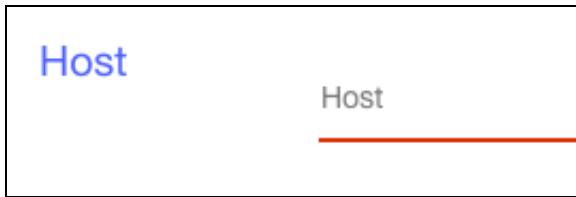
Cancel

Add

3. Keep the selected default to `Don't add to a product` and click the `Add` button.
4. API Connect will generate a new swagger definition file for the `financing` API and automatically load the API editor screen. Notice that the API does not contain any paths or data definitions. We will be adding these in the following steps.
5. Click on `Host` from the API editor menu. Remove `$(catalog.host)` from the Host field. We will keep this blank.



The host field will show a red line indicating that the field is required. You may ignore this message.

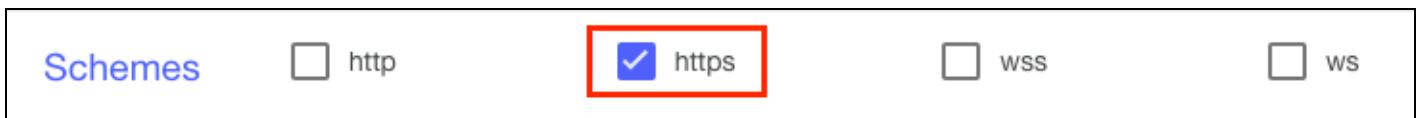


NOTES: LETS SEE IF THIS IS NECESSARY

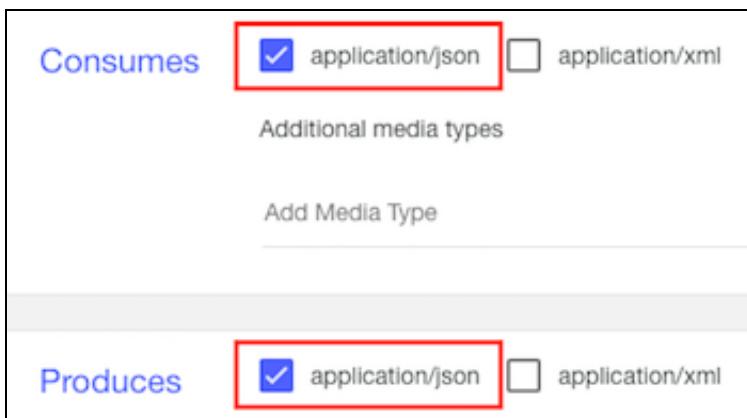
6. Click on `Base Path` menu option and set the base path to `/financing`.



7. Click on the `Schemes` menu option, or select it from the API editor menu. Enable the `https` scheme.



8. Click on the `Consumes` menu option. For both "Consumes" and "Produces", choose `application/json`.



9. Next, we need to create the model definition for our new API. These definitions are used in a few places. Their primary role is to serve as documentation in the developer portal on expected input and output parameters; however, they can also be used for data mapping actions. Click on `Definitions` from the API Designer menu.

10. Click the `+` icon in the **Definitions** section to create a new definition. Then, click on `new-definitions-1` to edit the new definition.

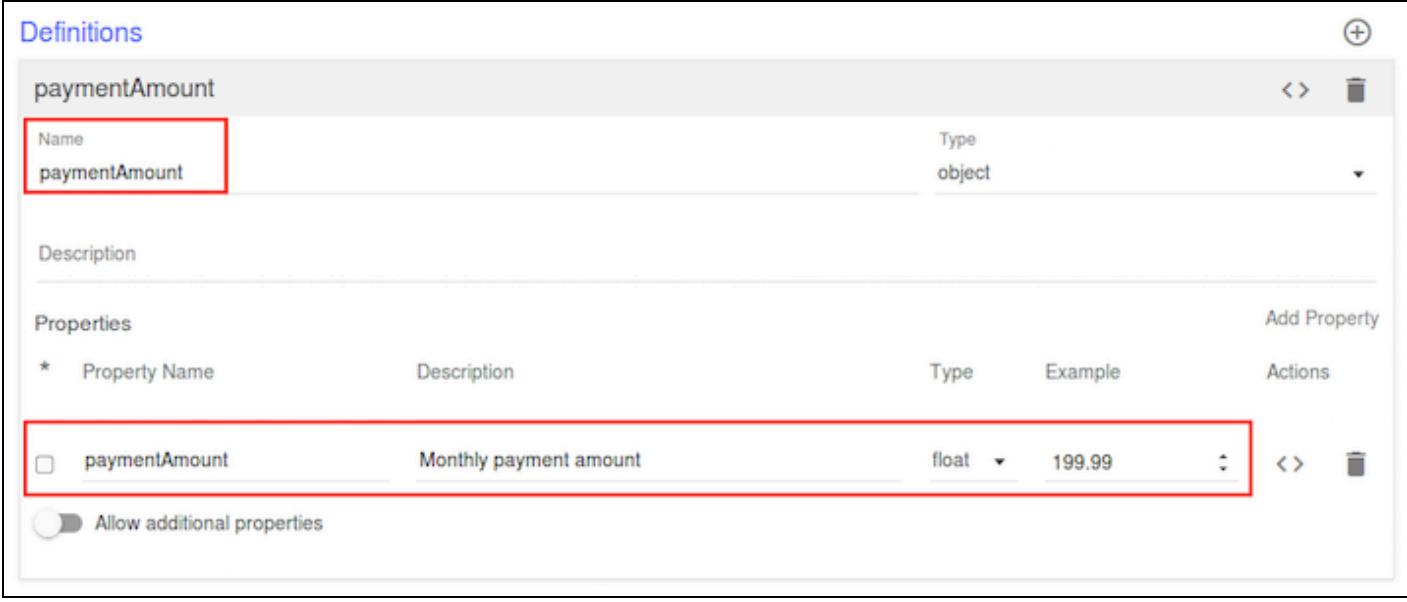
11. Edit the `Name` of the definition, set it to `paymentAmount`.
12. The new definition already adds in a sample property called `new-property-1`. Edit the property values:

Property Name: `paymentAmount`

Description: `Monthly payment amount`

Type: `float`

Example: `199.99`


13. Now that we have a definition, we'll create a path. Click on `Paths` from the API Designer menu.
14. Click on the `+` button to create a new path. The template will generate the path and a GET resource under the path. This is sufficient for our needs, but we could also add other resources and REST verbs to our path if needed.
15. Edit the default path location to be `/calculate`.
 - Recall that our Base Path for this API is `/financing`. This new path will be appended to the base, creating a final path of `/financing/calculate`.
16. Click on the `GET` operation to expand the configuration options for the resource.
17. Next, we have the option of adding request parameters to the operation. This defines the input to the API request. Since this is a GET request, we'll add the required request parameters to the query component of the URI.

Click on the **Add Parameter** link to create a new query parameter. Then, select **Add new parameter** from the sub-menu.

18. We're actually going to need three total parameters for this operation, so go ahead and click on the **Add Parameter** link two more times to add the parameter templates.

Parameters					Add Parameter
Name	Located In	Description	Required	Type	
api_parameter-1	Query		<input type="checkbox"/>	string	
api_parameter-2	Query		<input type="checkbox"/>	string	
api_parameter-3	Query		<input type="checkbox"/>	string	

19. Edit the parameters to set the values:

Name: **amount**

Located In: **Query**

Description: **amount to finance**

Required: *selected*

Type: **float**

Name: **duration**

Located In: **Query**

Description: **length of term in months**

Required: *selected*

Type: **integer**

Name: **rate**

Located In: `Query`

Description: `interest rate`

Required: *selected*

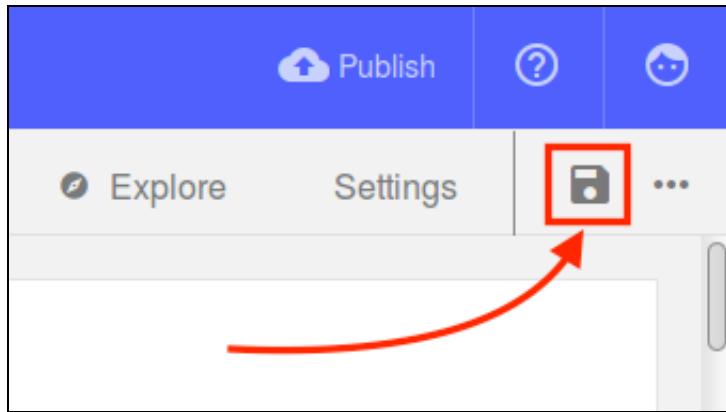
Type: `float`

Parameters					Add Parameter
Name	Located In	Description	Required	Type	
amount	Query	amount to finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	float	
duration	Query	length of term in months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	integer	
rate	Query	interest rate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	float	

20. Next we'll set the schema for the response. Since we already defined the `paymentAmount` definition, we will select it from the drop down list. You will find the `paymentAmount` definition at the top of the list.

Responses			Add Response
Status Code	Description	Schema	
200	200 OK	<code>paymentAmount</code>	

21. Save the API definition.

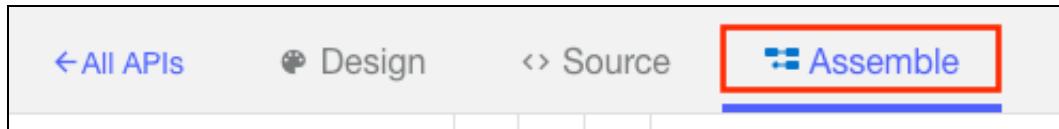


22. You have completed the creation of the new API definition. The path and model data will be presented to

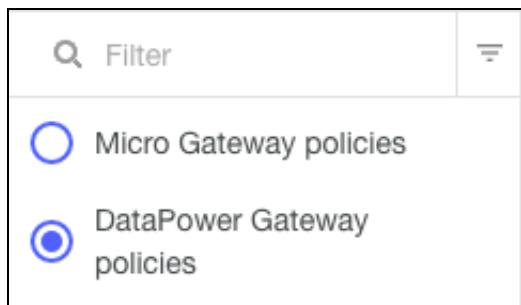
our consumers on the developer portal once it's published.

5.1.2 - Build the Financing API Assembly

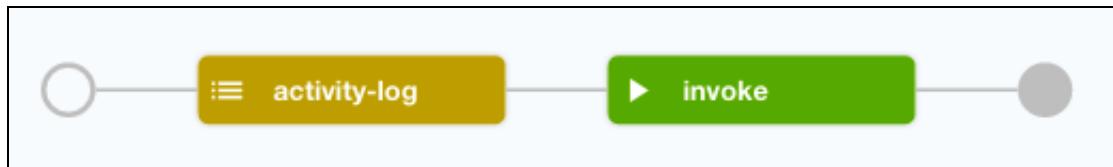
1. Click on the **Assemble** tab to access the assembly editor.



2. Select the **DataPower Gateway policies** filter.



3. In the policy list, click and drag the **activity-log** policy to the front of the processing pipeline.



4. Click on the **activity-log** action resting on the pipeline to open the configuration options for the policy.
5. Change the selected item for the Content field from **activity** to **payload**.

The configuration dialog shows the following fields:

- Title: activity-log
- Description: (empty)
- Content (dropdown): payload (highlighted with a red box)
- Specify what content to log: (empty)
- Content on error (dropdown): payload
- Specify what content to log in the event of an error: (empty)

6. Click the  to close the policy editor window to return to the assembly processing pipeline.
7. Now we are going to add the remaining policies required for mapping our REST API into SOAP.
8. Between the `activity-log` and `invoke` policies, add a `map` policy.
9. After the `invoke` policy, add a `gatewayscript` policy and then a `xml-to-json` policy.



10. In order to consume a SOAP-based service from our REST-based API, we need to map the query parameter inputs that we defined as part of the `GET /calculate` operation to a SOAP payload. To do so, click on the `map` policy on our pipeline to open the map editor.

11. Click on the  icon to make the editor window fill the screen.



12. On the **Input** column, click on the  icon to bring up the input editor.



13. Recall that our GET operation has three required query parameters: `amount`, `duration` and `rate`. Click on the  button three times to add the entries to the input table.
14. Fill in the values for each of the input parameters:

Context variable: `request.parameters.amount`

Name: `amount`

Content type: `none`

Definition: `float`

Context variable: `request.parameters.duration`

Name: `duration`

Content type: `none`

Definition: `integer`

Context variable: `request.parameters.amount`

Name: `rate`

Content type: `none`

Definition: `float`

Context variable	Name
<code>request.parameters.amount</code>	<code>amount</code>
<code>request.parameters.duration</code>	<code>duration</code>
<code>request.parameters.rate</code>	<code>rate</code>

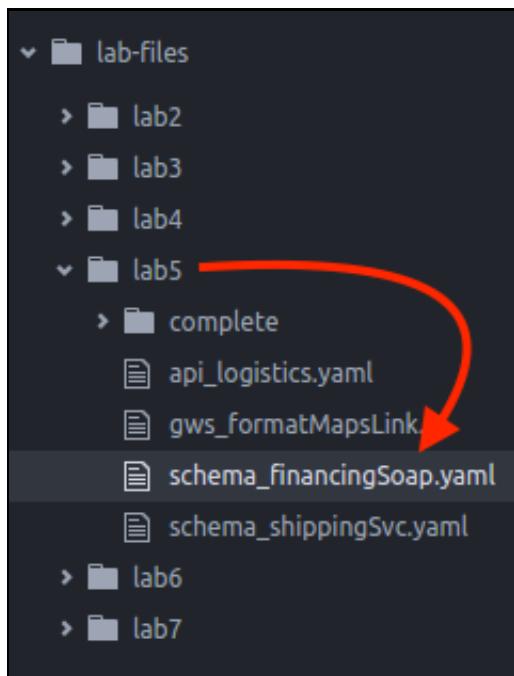
Content type	Definition
<code>none</code>	<code>float</code>
<code>none</code>	<code>integer</code>
<code>none</code>	<code>float</code>

+ input Done

15. Click on the `Done` button to return to the map editor.
16. Next, in the **Output** column, click on the `pencil` icon to add an output definition.
17. Click on `+ output`.
18. Set the `Content type` to `application/xml`.
19. For the `Definition` field, click on the drop down menu and scroll to the bottom to select `Inline schema`.
20. In the interest of time, and to avoid typing errors, a sample schema file has been provided for you.

Select the `Atom` application from the system task bar if it was left open, or open it using the favorites menu.

21. Make sure you're in the `Atom` instance that is opened to browse the `lab-files` folder. If you need to open the `lab-files` folder, use the file menu and select `File -> Open Folder...` and choose `student -> lab-files`.
22. Use the file tree menu to open the `lab5/schema_financingSoap.yaml` file:



23. Copy the contents of the `schema_financingSoap.yaml` file to the system clipboard.

```
$schema: 'http://json-schema.org/draft-04/schema#'  
id: 'http://services.think.ibm'  
type: object  
properties:  
  Envelope:  
    type: object  
    xml:  
      prefix: soapenv  
      namespace: 'http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/'  
    properties:  
      Body:  
        type: object  
        properties:  
          financingRequest:  
            type: object
```

```

xml:
  prefix: ser
  namespace: 'http://services.think.ibm'
properties:
  amount:
    id: 'http://services.think.ibm/Envelope/Body/financingRequest/amount'
    type: number
    name: amount
  duration:
    id: 'http://services.think.ibm/envelope/body/financingRequest/duration'
    type: integer
    name: duration
  rate:
    id: 'http://services.think.ibm/envelope/body/financingRequest/rate'
    type: number
    name: rate
  additionalProperties: false
required:
  - amount
  - duration
  - rate
  name: financingRequest
additionalProperties: false
required:
  - financingRequest
  name: Body
additionalProperties: false
required:
  - Body
  name: Envelope
additionalProperties: false
required:
  - Envelope
title: output

```

24. Switch back to the `Firefox` browser and paste (`control+v`) the SOAP schema definition into the schema editor window, then click the `Done` button.

Provide a schema

Enter YAML or switch to JSON

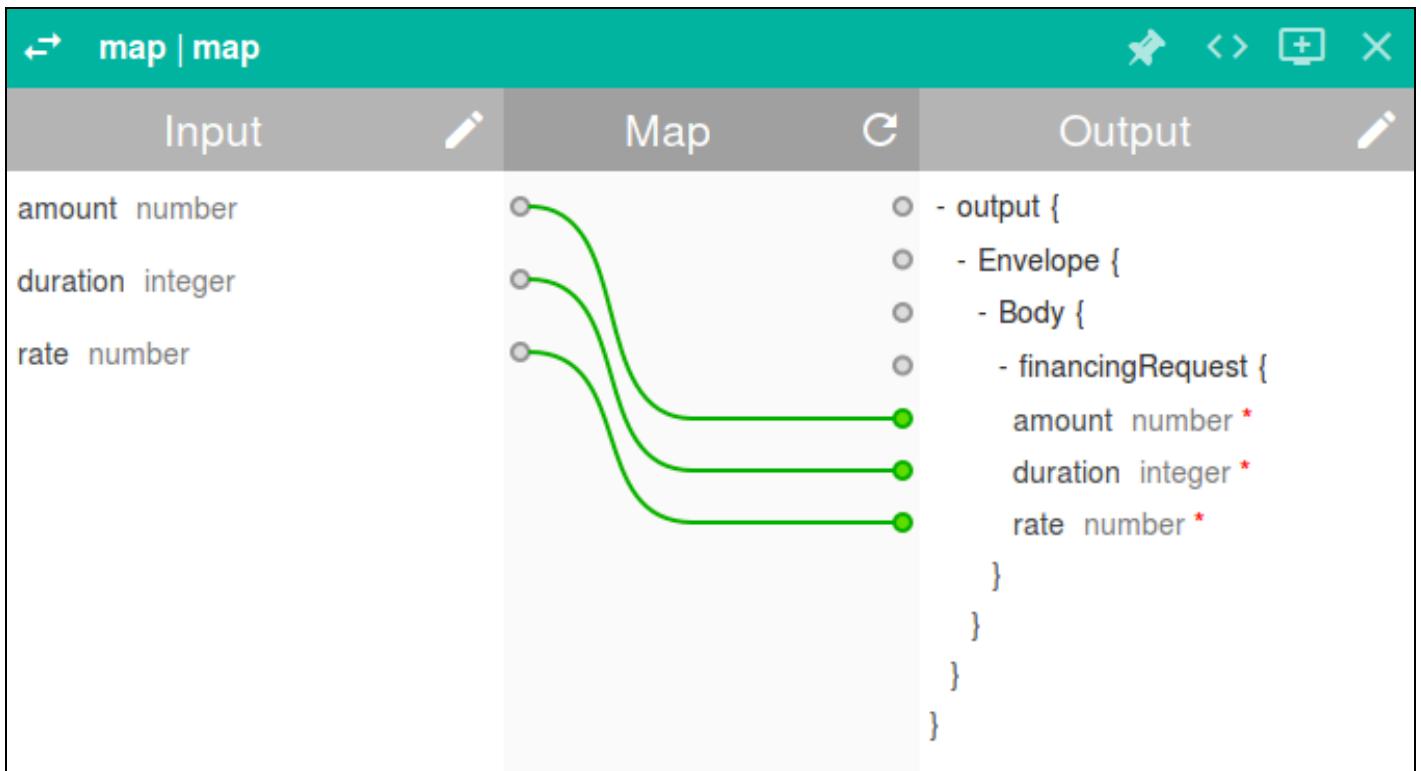
```
30      type: number
31      name: rate
32      additionalProperties: false
33      required:
34        - amount
35        - duration
36        - rate
37      name: financingRequest
38      additionalProperties: false
39      required:
40        - financingRequest
41      name: Body
42      additionalProperties: false
43      required:
44        - Body
45      name: Envelope
46      additionalProperties: false
47      required:
48        - Envelope
49      title: output
50
```

[Done](#)

[Cancel](#)

25. Click the [Done](#) button in the output editor window to return to the map editor.
26. For each of the [Input](#) query parameters, map them to their respective SOAP [Output](#) elements.

To map from an input field to an output field, click the circle next to the *source* element once, then click the circle next to the *target* element. A line will be drawn between the two, indicating a mapping from the source to the target.



27. Click the **X** button in the map editor to return to the policy pipeline.
28. Click the **invoke** policy to open its editor.
29. Set the **URL** to: `https://services.think.ibm:1443/financing/calculate`.

► invoke

Title
Description
URL <code>https://services.think.ibm:1443/financing/calculate</code>
The URL to be invoked.
TLS Profile
The TLS Profile to use for the secure transmission of data.

30. Scroll down and set the **HTTP Method** to **POST**.

HTTP Method

POST



The HTTP Method to use for the Invoke. The default value is 'GET'.

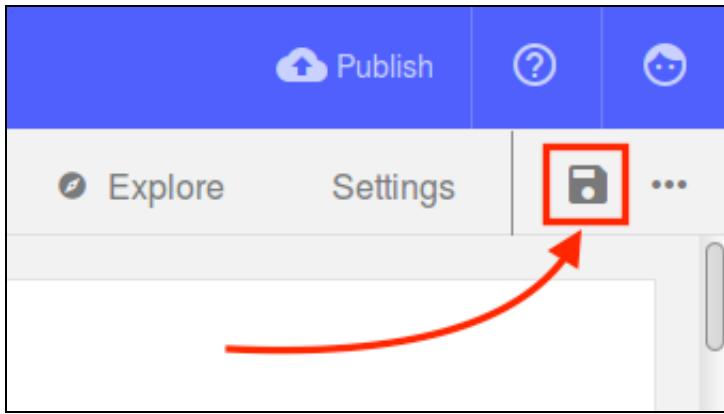
31. Click the button to return to the policy pipeline.
32. Click on the `gatewayscript` policy to open the editor. Add the following line:

```
session.name('_apimgmt').setVar('content-type', 'application/xml');
```

The screenshot shows the Policy Editor interface with a red header bar. The title bar says "gatewayscript | gatewayscript". Below the header, there are two sections: "Title" containing "gatewayscript" and "Description" which is empty. In the main content area, there is a code editor window with the following code:

```
1 session.name('_apimgmt').setVar('content-type', 'application/xml');
```

33. You are now finished with the assembly for the `financing` API. The assembly takes the following actions:
 - Logs requests.
 - Maps the REST query parameters into a SOAP body.
 - Sets the SOAPAction header.
 - Invokes the SOAP service.
 - Transforms the SOAP service's response into JSON.
34. Save the API definition.



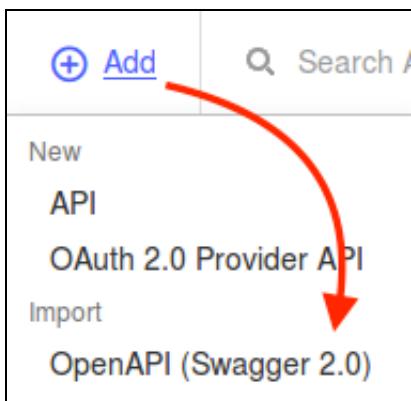
5.2 - Add Logistics API (Advanced Assembly)

In this lab section, we will be adding a new API called `logistics` which will provide helper services around calculating shipping rates and locating nearby stores.

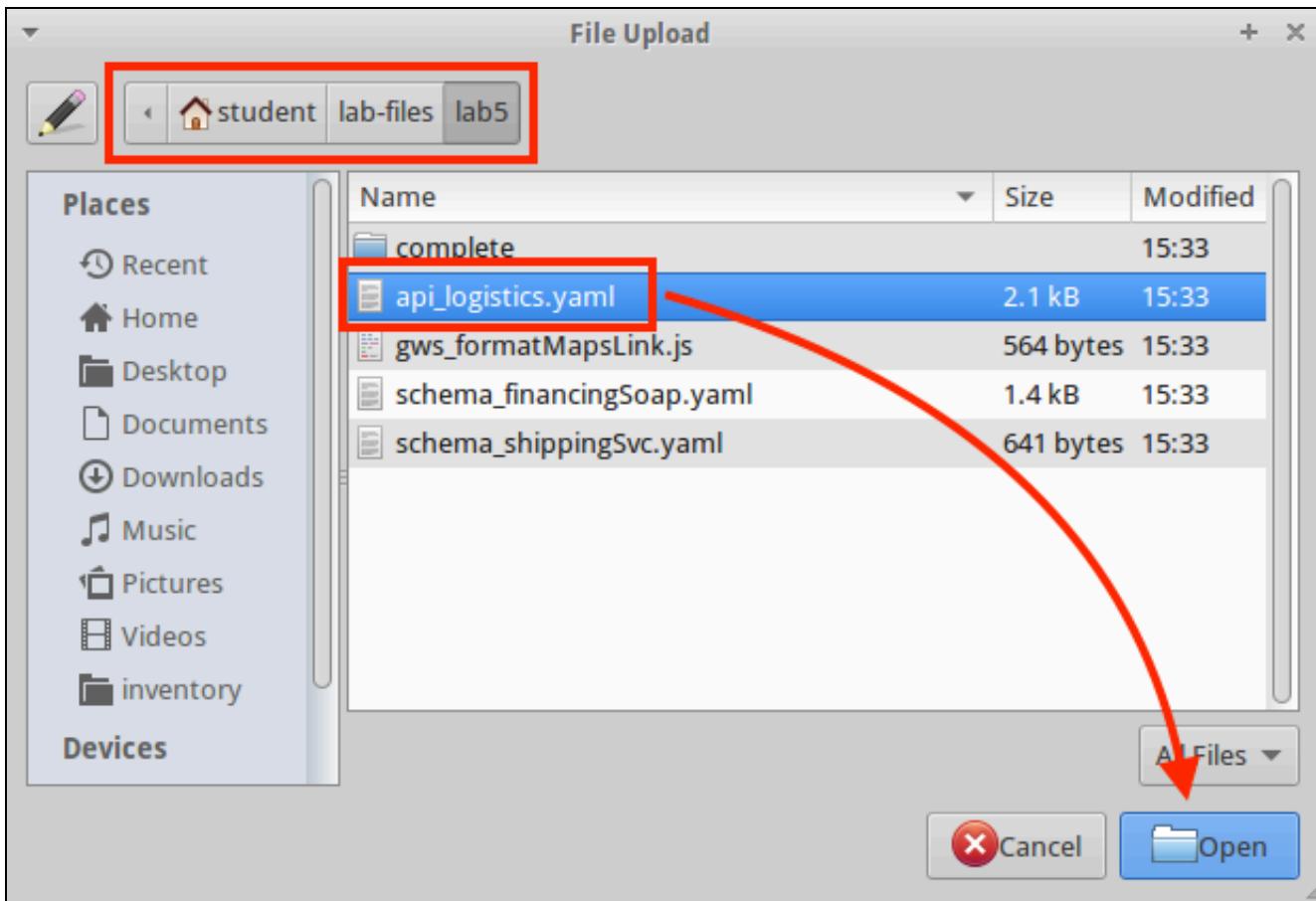
Rather than require you to build the entire API from scratch again, you will see how you can use the source editor to paste in an API definition that has already been started for you.

5.2.1 - Import Predefined API Definition

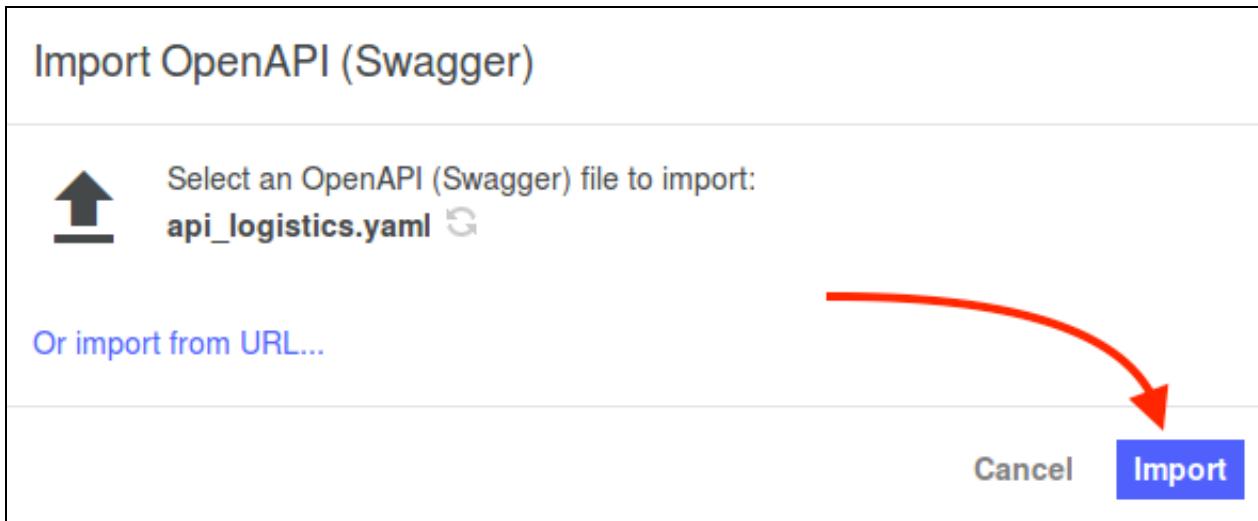
1. Click on the `All APIs` link to return to the main API Designer screen.
2. Click on the `+ Add` button to import a new `OpenAPI (Swagger 2.0)`.



3. Click on the `Select File` button to open the file browser. Navigate to the `~/home/student/lab-files/lab5` folder and choose the `api_logistics.yaml` file.



4. Click the `import` button to import the `logistics` API definition template.



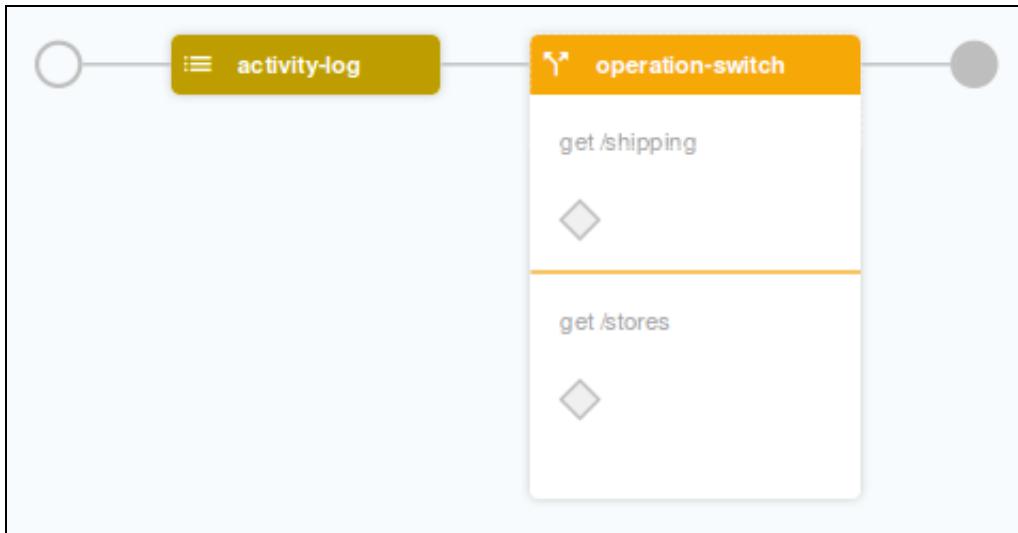
5. Click on the `logistics 1.0.0` API from the list to browse the API definition.

Title
financing 1.0.0 [financing_1.0.0.yaml]
inventory 1.0.0 [inventory.yaml]
logistics 1.0.0 [..api_logistics.yaml]
oauth 1.0.0 [oauth_1.0.0.yaml]

5.2.2 - Create the Logistics API Assembly

1. Switch to the `Assemble` tab and click the `Create assembly` button.
2. Add an `activity-log` policy to the assembly pipeline.
3. Click the `activity-log` policy to open editor, configure it to log the `payload` for the **Content** field.
4. Add an `operation-switch` policy to the right of the activity-log step.
5. Click on the `operation-switch` policy to launch the editor. A single case `case 0` is created by default.
6. Click `search operations...` to bring up the drop-down list of available operations.
7. Select the `get /shipping` operation.
8. Click the `+ Case` button to add a second case for the `get /stores` operation.
9. Click the `x` to close the operation switch configuration editor.

You should see two new processing pipelines created on your `operation-switch` step - one for each case:



5.2.2.1 - Configure the `get /shipping` Case:

This operation will end up invoking two separate back-end services to acquire shipping rates for the respective companies, then utilize a map action to combine the two separate responses back into a single, consolidated message for our consumers.

1. Add an invoke policy to the `get /shipping` case with the following properties:

Title: `invoke_xyz`

URL: `$(shipping_svc_url)?company=xyz&from_zip=90210&to_zip={zip}`

Response object variable (scroll to the bottom): `xyz_response`

▶ **invoke_xyz | invoke** ✖️ + >

Title <code>invoke_xyz</code>	
Description	
Invoke URL <code>\$(shipping_svc_url)?company=xyz&from_zip=90210&to_zip={zip}</code>	
<small>The Invoke URL to be used.</small>	

Response object variable

xyz_response

The name of a variable that will be used to store the response data from the request. This can then be referenced in other actions, such as 'Map'.



The `{zip}` parameter provided here is a reference to the `zip` parameter defined as input to the operation. The `{zip}` portion of the URL will get replaced by the actual zip code provided by then API consumers.

2. Hover over the `invoke_xyz` policy and click on the `clone` button to add another invoke action:



3. Edit the new invoke policy with the following properties:

Title: `invoke_cek`

URL: `$(shipping_svc_url)?company=cek&from_zip=90210&to_zip={zip}`

Response object variable: `cek_response`

► **invoke_cek | invoke** ✎

Title
invoke_cek

Description

Invoke URL
\$(shipping_svc_url)?company=cek&from_zip=90210&to_zip={zip}

The Invoke URL to be used.

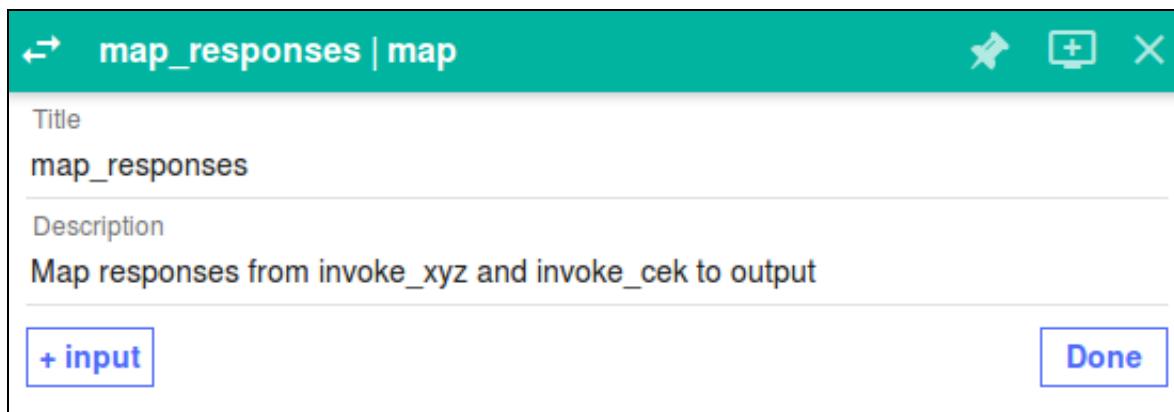
Response object variable
cek_response

The name of a variable that will be used to store the response data from the request. This can then be referenced in other actions, such as 'Map'.

4. Add a `map` policy after the last invoke, then click it to open the editor.
5. Click the `pencil` icon next to `Input` and specify the following map properties:

Title: `map_responses`

Description: `Map responses from invoke_xyz and invoke_cek to output`



6. Click the `+ input` button to add an input. Specify the following input configuration:

Context variable: `xyz_response.body`

Name: `xyz`

Content type: `application/json`

Definition: `Inline schema`

7. After you select `Inline schema`, you will be prompted to "Provide a schema".

Use the `Atom` editor to open the

`/home/student/lab-files/lab5/schema_shippingSvc.yaml` file.

Copy the contents to your clipboard and paste them into the schema editor window.

8. Click `Done` to close the Schema window

Provide a schema

Enter YAML or switch to JSON

```
    type: object
8     name: company
9     rates:
10    id: 'http://jsonschema.net/rates'
11    type: object
12    properties:
13    next_day:
14      id: 'http://jsonschema.net/rates/next_day'
15      type: string
16      name: next_day
17    two_day:
18      id: 'http://jsonschema.net/rates/two_day'
19      type: string
20      name: two_day
21    ground:
22      id: 'http://jsonschema.net/rates/ground'
23      type: string
24      name: ground
25    name: rates
26    required:
27    - company
28    - rates
```

[Done](#)

[Cancel](#)

9. Click the [+input](#) button again to add another input. Specify the following input configuration:

Context variable: `cek_response.body`

Name: `cek`

Content type: `application/json`

Definition: [Inline schema](#)

10. Paste the same schema definition that was used for the previous input (for our lab purposes, the responses from the shipping service are in the same format, thus using the same schema)
11. You now have two inputs assigned to the [map](#) policy:

The screenshot shows the 'map_responses' interface with two input fields highlighted by red boxes:

- Input 1:** Context variable xyz_response.body, Name xyz, Content type application/json, Definition inline.
- Input 2:** Context variable cek_response.body, Name cek, Content type application/json, Definition inline.

At the bottom left is a blue '+ input' button, and at the bottom right is a blue 'Done' button.

12. Click the `Done` button to return to the editor.
13. Click the `pencil` icon next to `Output`, then click the `+ output` button to add an output field with the following properties:

Context variable: `message.body`
 Name: `output`
 Content type: `application/json`
 Definition: `#/definitions/shipping`

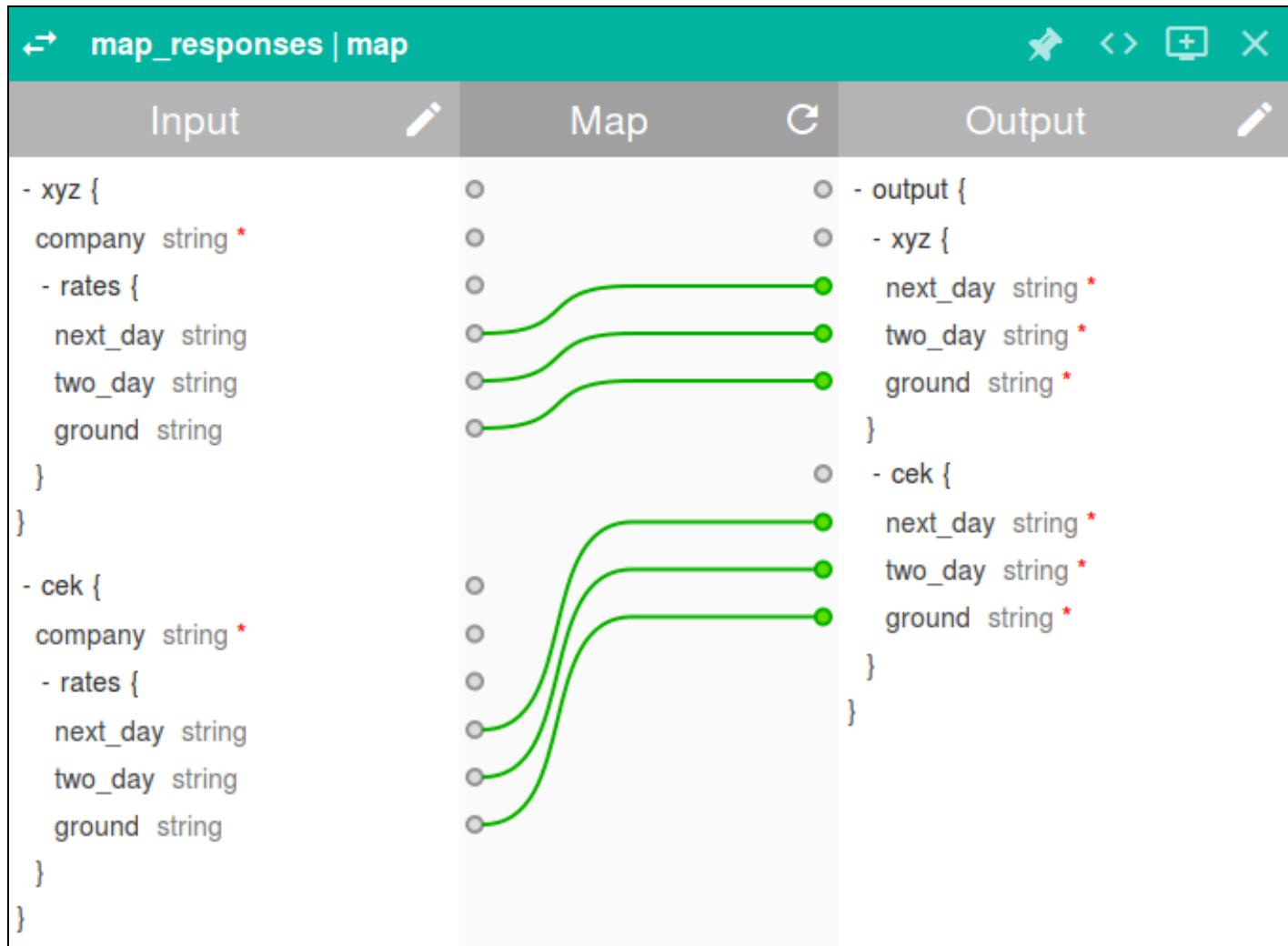
The screenshot shows the 'map_responses' interface with one output field highlighted by a red box:

- Output:** Context variable message.body, Name output, Content type application/json, Definition #/definitions/shipping.

At the bottom left is a blue '+ output' button, and at the bottom right is a blue 'Done' button.

14. Click the `Done` button to return to the editor.
15. Complete the mapping. To map from an input field to an output field, click the circle next to the `source` element once, then click the circle next to the `target` element. A line will be drawn between the two,

indicating a mapping from the source to the target.

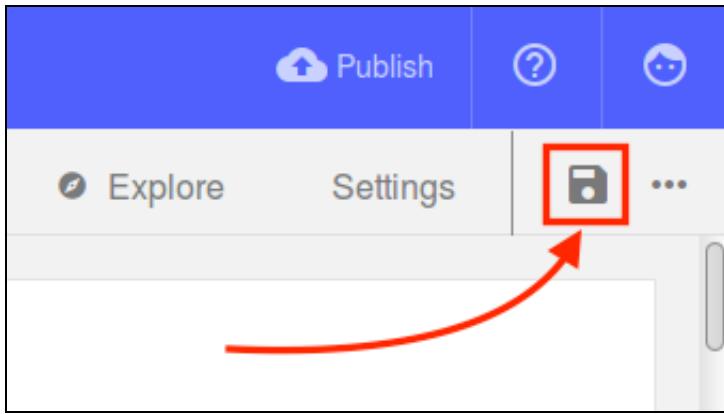


16. Click the to close the map editor.

Your assembly policy for the `shipping.calc` operation is now complete.



17. Save your changes.



5.2.2.2 - Configure the `get /stores` Case:

This operation will call out to the Google Geocode API to obtain location information about the provided zip code, then utilize a simple gatewayscript to modify the response and provide a formatted Google Maps link.

1. Add an invoke policy to the `get /stores` case with the following properties:

Title: `invoke_google_geolocate`

URL: `https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?address={zip}`

Response object variable (scroll to the bottom): `google_geocode_response`

► **invoke_google_geolocate | invoke** ✖️

Title
`invoke_google_geolocate`

Description

Invoke URL
`https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?address={zip}`

The Invoke URL to be used.

Response object variable
`google_geocode_response`

The name of a variable that will be used to store the response data from the request. This can then be referenced in other actions, such as 'Map'.

2. Add a `gatewayscript` policy with the following properties:

Title: gws-format-maps-link

Paste the contents of /home/student/lab-files/lab5/gws_formatMapsLink.js into the code section of the policy.

gws-format-maps-link | gatewayscript

Title
gws-format-maps-link

Description

```
1 // Require API Connect Functions
2 var apic = require('local:///isp/policy/apim.custom.js');
3
4 // Save the Google Geocode response body to variable
5 var mapsApiRsp = apic.getvariable('google_geocode_response.body');
6
7 // Get location attributes from geocode response body
8 var location = mapsApiRsp.results[0].geometry.location;
9
10 // Set up the response data object, concat the latitude and longitude
11 var rspObj = {
12   "google_maps_link": "https://www.google.com/maps?q=" + location.lat + "," + location.lng
13 };
14
15 // Save the output
16 apic.setvariable('message.body', rspObj);
```

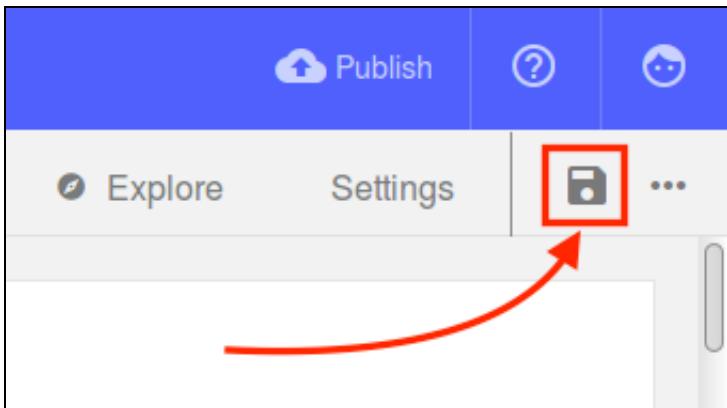


Take a quick look at line 5. Notice how our gateway script file is reading the body portion of the google_geocode_response variable which was assigned to the output of the invoke action.

- Click the X to close the gatewayscript editor.
- Your assembly for the logistics API will now include two separate operation policies:



5. Save your changes.



6. Close the Firefox browser by clicking the `x` on the tab or browser window.
7. Return to your `Terminal Emulator` session.
8. Even though we closed the browser, the API Designer application itself is still running.

Hold the `control` key and press the `c` key to end the API Designer session:

```
control+c
```

This will return you to the command line prompt.

Lab 5 - Validation

Using both the CLI and the API Designer, a lot of files have been created and updated. Before moving on to the next lab, a simple script has been provided for you which will validate your source files against those of a completed lab. These next steps will help ensure that easily made typing errors do not cause problems down the line.

1. From the `Terminal Emulator`, type:

```
validate-lab 5
```

2. The script will execute a series `diff` commands against specific files in your project folder (`~/ThinkIBM/inventory`)
3. If the output of the `validate_lab` script includes discrepancies, you may merge the corrected changes into your source files by typing:

merge-lab 5

Lab 5 - Conclusion

Congratulations! You have successfully configured two new API's with advanced assemblies. In the next lab, you will bundle the API's into a Product and publish it to the consumer portal.

Proceed to [Lab 6 - Working with API Products](#)

Lab 6 - Working with API Products

API's published by API Connect are bundled into an object called a **Product**. The Product combines one or more API's with one or more Plans.

A **Plan** is effectively a contract between the API Provider and API Consumer which specifies the allowed rate of API calls over a given period of time.

Lab 6 - Objective

In the following lab, you will learn:

- How to create a Product
 - How to attach APIs to a Product
 - How to create a Plan
 - How to publish a Product
-

Lab 6 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

Your work as an Application Developer / API Designer is now complete. It's time to switch roles and become an API Product Manager. The role of the API Product Manager is to take the developed assets and bundle them together using a go-to-market strategy.

In the case of **ThinkIBM**, you will publish all of our API's together as a single product offering to API Consumers. Additionally, you will create two plans which have different levels of access to your APIs.

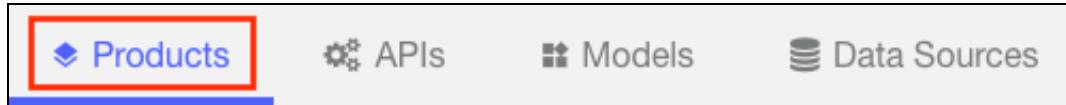
Lab 6 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

6.1 - Creating an API Product

1. If the API Designer screen has not already been launched, open a terminal and start the designer by issuing the following commands:

```
cd ~/ThinkIBM/inventory  
apic edit
```

2. Switch to the **Products** tab



3. Click the link for the **inventory** product.



This product was automatically created during creation of the Inventory LoopBack application.

4. Edit the Product Info & Contact details:

Title:

Name:

Description:

Contact Name:

Contact Email:

Contact URL:

Info	Title	think
	Name	think
	Version	1.0.0
	Description	The "think" product will provide really awesome APIs to your application.
Contact	Name	Thomas Watson
	Email	thomas@think.ibm
	URL	http://www.ibm.com

5. Specify a License and Terms of Service:

License Name: `The MIT License (MIT)`

License URL: `https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT`

Terms of Service: paste the contents of the `/home/student/lab-files/lab6/license.txt` file

License	<p>Name The MIT License (MIT)</p> <p>URL https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT</p>
Terms of Service	<p>Terms of Service Copyright (c) 2016+ IBM</p> <p>Permission is hereby granted, free of charge, to any person obtaining a copy of this software and associated documentation files (the "Software"), to deal in the Software without restriction, including without limitation the rights to use, copy, modify, merge, publish, distribute, sublicense, and/or sell copies of the Software, and to permit persons to whom the Software is furnished to do so, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>The above copyright notice and this permission notice shall be included in all copies or substantial portions of the Software.</p> <p>THE SOFTWARE IS PROVIDED "AS IS", WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NONINFRINGEMENT. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE AUTHORS OR COPYRIGHT HOLDERS BE LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIM, DAMAGES OR OTHER LIABILITY, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, ARISING FROM, OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOFTWARE OR THE USE OR OTHER DEALINGS IN THE SOFTWARE.</p>

6. Modify the Visibility so that the `think` product is only visible to `Authenticated users`:

Visibility

Visible to: [?](#)

Authenticated users

All authenticated developers in consumer organizations who have signed up for this developer portal can see this product

Subscribable by: [?](#)

Authenticated users

All authenticated developers in consumer organizations who have signed up for this developer portal can see this product

7. Navigate to the APIs section. Click the `+` button to add all of our new APIs to this product.
8. Check the checkboxes next to `financing`, `logistics` and `oauth`, ensuring that `inventory` is left selected.

Select APIs

Select the APIs to include in this product. Any APIs removed from this list will also be removed from the plans in this product.

Search APIs

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> financing	1.0.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> inventory	1.0.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> logistics	1.0.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> oauth	1.0.0

9. Click the **Apply** button.
10. Navigate to the Plans section. Modify the default plan by selecting it and specifying the following properties:

Title: **Silver**

Name: **silver**

Description: **Limited access to these APIs**

Plans

<input type="checkbox"/> Title Silver	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Name silver	<input type="checkbox"/> Description Limited access to these APIs
Rate limit (calls / time interval) <input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited 100 / 1 Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Enforce hard limit	
Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Require subscription approval	

11. Click the **+** button to create a new plan. Give it the following properties:

Title: **Gold**

Name: gold

Description: Unlimited access to these APIs for approved users

Rate limit: Unlimited

Approval: check Require subscription approval

Plans

Title	Description
Gold	Unlimited access to these APIs for approved users

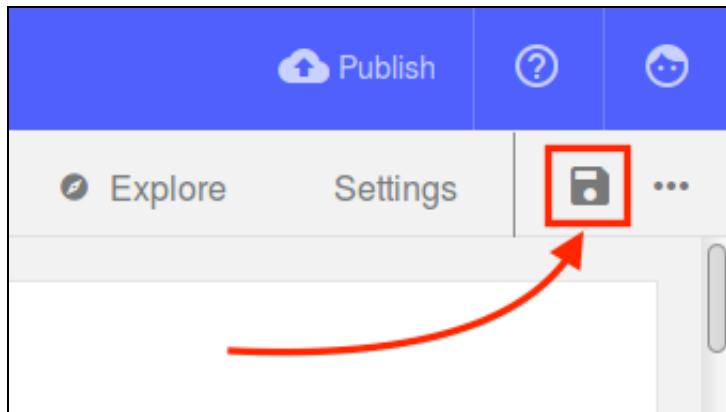
Name: gold

Description: Unlimited access to these APIs for approved users

Rate limit (calls / time interval): Unlimited

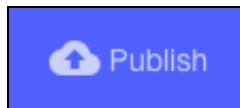
Approval: Require subscription approval

12. Save your changes.



6.2 - Publishing the API Product

1. Click the Publish icon.



2. Select our target:

Other Orgs

Catalog: Sandbox (sb)
App: Inventory (inventory)
Org: Sales (sales)
Server: mgr.think.ibm

Add and Manage Targets

3. Check the box to Stage or Publish products :

Publish

Publish application
 Stage or Publish products
 Stage only
 Select specific products



Here we have the opportunity to select what gets published. If we were working on multiple API products as part of this project, we could choose specific ones to publish.

Also, the option exists to only Stage the product. A Stage-only action implies that we'll push the configuration to the Management server, but not actually make it available for consumption yet. The reason for doing this may be because your user permissions only allow staging, or that a different group is in charge of publishing Products.

4. Click the Publish button to make the API available in the Developer Portal and enforced on our API Gateway.
5. Wait a moment while the Product is published, a Success message will appear letting you know the step is complete:

Success Successfully published products

6. Close the Firefox web browser.
7. In the `Terminal Emulator`, use the `control+c` keyboard command to quit the API Designer process.

Lab 6 - Validation

Using both the CLI and the API Designer, a lot of files have been created and updated. Before moving on to the next lab, a simple script has been provided for you which will validate your source files against those of a completed lab. These next steps will help ensure that easily made typing errors do not cause problems down the line.

1. From the `Terminal Emulator`, type:

```
validate-lab 6
```

2. The script will execute a series `diff` commands against specific files in your project folder (`~/ThinkIBM/inventory`)
3. If the output of the `validate_lab` script includes discrepancies, you may merge the corrected changes into your source files by typing:

```
merge-lab 6
```

4. If a merge was necessary, you will also need to re-publish the API Product in order to update the API Connect server with the latest changes.
5. Run the `apic edit` command to launch the API Designer, then repeat the steps from a moment ago to re-publish the product.

Lab 6 - Conclusion

Congratulations! You have completed Lab 6.

In this lab, you learned:

- About API Products
- How to publish an API Product

Proceed to [Lab 7 - Consumer Experience](#)

Lab 7 - Consumer Experience

In this lab, you will learn the consumer experience for APIs that have been exposed to your developer organization.

Using the developer portal, you will first login in as the admin user to load a Think IBM custom theme. You will then login as a developer to register your application and then subscribe to an API and test that API.

Lab 7 - Objective

In the this lab, you will learn:

- How to add a custom theme to change the overall look and feel of the developer portal.
 - How to register an application with the developer portal.
 - How to subscribe to a plan in order to consume an API.
 - How to test an API from the developer portal.
 - How to consume an API from a sample test application.
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Lab 7 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

In this tutorial, **ThinkIBM** wishes to brand their developer portal to their own look and feel. They also want to provide a self-service experience to application developers who are potential consumers of their APIs.

Lab 7 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

7.1 - Customize the Developer Portal

In this section, you will leverage a custom prebuilt theme. A theme file is packaged as a zip file that contains a set of predefined files. The theme zip file is what is loaded into the developer portal. The best method for creating a custom theme is to obtain an existing custom theme, rename it and change the files as explained in the table below to meet your customization needs.



Filename	Description
<code>overrides.css</code>	This style sheet overrides the fonts, colors and other defaults from the inherited base IBM API Connect theme. The name of this css file is specified in the theme.info file.
<code>screenshot.png</code>	The file contains a screenshot of the home page for the custom theme and is used in the appearance settings so you can easily find the theme you want to enable and set as the default theme. When you are finishing completing the edits to the overrides.css and have set up the welcome banner to your satisfaction, you should take a screen shot of the developer portal home page and capture it with Snagit or some other screen capture tool and place the file in the top level directory of the theme file. The name of this screenshot file is specified in the theme.info file.
<code>templete.php</code>	The template.php file contains your sub-theme's functions to manipulate Drupal's default markup. It is one of the most useful files when creating or modifying Drupal themes. With this file you can modify any theme hooks variables or add your own variables, using preprocess or process functions. Override any theme function: that is, replace a module's default theme function with one you write. Call hook alter functions, which allow you to alter various parts of Drupal's internals, including the render elements in forms. See http://api.drupal.org for more information about these functions.
<code>thinkibm_connect_theme.info</code>	The .info file is a static text file for defining and configuring a theme. Each line in the.info file is a key-value pair with the key on the left and the value on the right, with an "equals sign" between them (e.g. name = my_theme). The info file naming conventions needs to have the theme name specified as part of the filename. The project key in the .info file contains the name of the theme.
	Drupal themes get a number of configurable settings options for free. For example, most provide toggle switches for the search box, site slogans, user pictures, and so on. Similarly, most provide file uploading widgets to add a custom logo or favicon. These settings are easy: Drupal will add them to the

<code>theme-settings.php</code>	<p>theme's configuration page by default, so it takes no extra work. We want to create our own custom setting, however; one that adds a hidden field that contains the current release information to the Theme configuration form. To do that, we'll need to add a new file to the theme:</p> <p><code>theme-settings.php</code>. The function name specified within this file needs to be prefixed with the theme name: <code>thinkibm_connect_theme</code>.</p>
<code>thinkibm_welcome_banner.png</code>	<p>This file provides the image that shows up in the welcome banner. Although the welcome banner does not need to be part of the theme zip file contents, it is useful to place the welcome banner with other theme files.</p>
<code>favicon.ico</code>	<p>In web development, you can provide a small logo for your site that appears near the address bar and in the bookmarks folder in a visitor's browser. This logo is called the favicon. Drupal provides a default one, which is the recognizable water drop logo. Using the Drupal logo as the favicon is fine but if you really want to make your site stand out, you should provide your own. Favicon files are in the .ico format and are extremely small in dimensions. The default Drupal favicon is 32 pixels high by 32 pixels wide, many browsers use a 16 x 16 pixel version that can be included in the same file. This is because the favicon is only an icon that shows up in the address bar and favorites (bookmarks) list and typically there is not a lot of room there. Any favicon that you create should be just as small.</p>
<code>logo.png</code>	<p>The default logo that appears at the top left-hand side of the developer portal page.</p>

7.1.1 - Install and Configure a Custom Theme

Now that we have explained the contents of a custom theme file, it is time to load the custom theme.

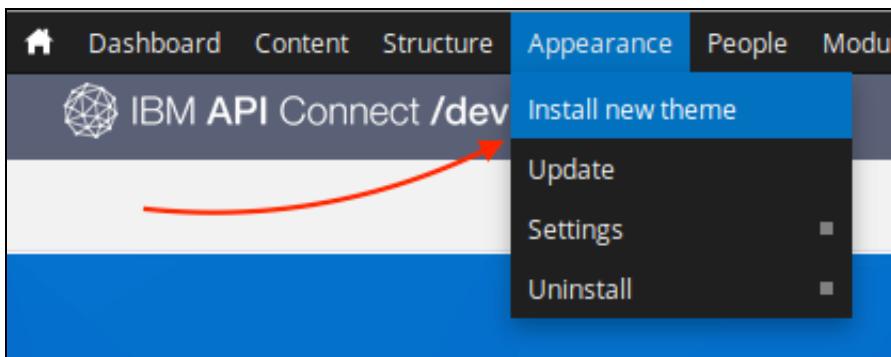
1. From the Firefox browser, click the `Portal` bookmark on the toolbar to lauch the developer portal.



2. Login into the developer portal as an administrator using a username of `admin` and a password of `Passw0rd!`.

The screenshot shows the 'User login' page of the IBM API Connect /dev interface. At the top, there are links for 'Create new account', 'Log in' (which is highlighted with a red box), and 'Request new password'. Below these are fields for 'Username *' (containing 'admin') and 'Password *' (containing '*****'). Each field has a corresponding placeholder text below it. At the bottom left is a 'Log in' button, which is also highlighted with a red box.

3. From the Administrator menu, select `Appearance` and then `Install new theme`.



4. Click the `Browse` button and navigate to the `/home/student/lab_files/lab7/` directory and select the `think_ibm_connect_theme.zip file`, then click the `Open` button.
5. Click the `Install` button to install the **ThinkIBM** custom theme.

You can find [modules](#) and [themes](#) on [drupal.org](#). The following file extensions are supported: `zip tar tgz gz bz2`.

Install from a URL

For example: <http://ftp.drupal.org/files/projects/name.tar.gz>

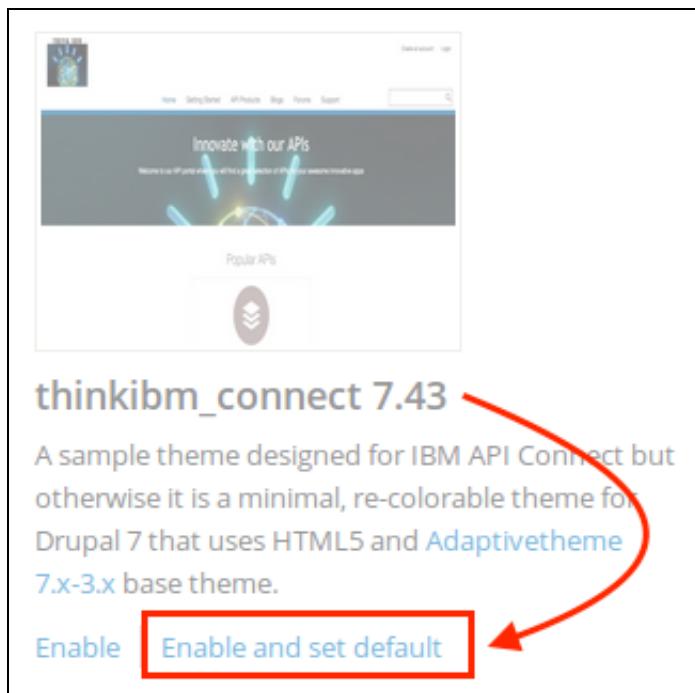
Or

Upload a module or theme archive to install

 think_ibm_connect_theme.zip

For example: `name.tar.gz` from your local computer

6. The installation of the custom theme completes. Click the `Enable newly added themes` link.
7. Scroll down the list of themes to find the `thinkibm_connect 7.43` theme. Click the `Enable and set default link` link.



8. We need to go into settings for the theme and save the configuration. Click the `Settings` link under the theme.

thinkibm_connect 7.43 (default theme)

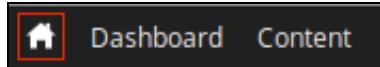
A sample theme designed for IBM API Connect but otherwise it is a minimal, re-colorable theme for Drupal 7 that uses HTML5 and [Adaptivetheme 7.x-3.x](#) base theme.

[Settings](#)

9. Scroll down to the bottom of the settings page to find the **Toggle Display** section. Expand the **Toggle** click the **Save Configuration** button at the bottom of the screen:

The screenshot shows the 'thinkibm_connect' theme settings page. The 'Toggle display' section is expanded, showing checkboxes for various site elements. The 'Site name' and 'Site slogan' checkboxes are highlighted with a red box. Other checked items include 'Logo', 'User pictures in posts', 'User pictures in comments', 'User verification status in comments', and 'Shortcut icon'. Below this, there are sections for 'Logo image settings' and 'Shortcut icon settings'. At the bottom, there is a 'jQuery Update' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Site default (1.8)' and a 'Save configuration' button.

10. Click the **Home** icon to return to the home page.



7.1.2 - Customize the Welcome Banner

Now we want to change the default Welcome banner to use our custom Welcome banner image.

1. Navigate to the blocks content page by selecting **Content > Blocks** from the admin menu.

The screenshot shows the Trisul UI interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Dashboard, Content (which is highlighted with a red box), Structure, Appearance, People, Modules, Configuration, Subscriptions, Reports, Support ticketing system, and Help. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with a logo and three main categories: Add Block, Blocks (which is also highlighted with a red box), and Comments. To the right of the sidebar, there are several links: Home, Getting Started, API Products, Apps, Blogs, Forums, and Support.

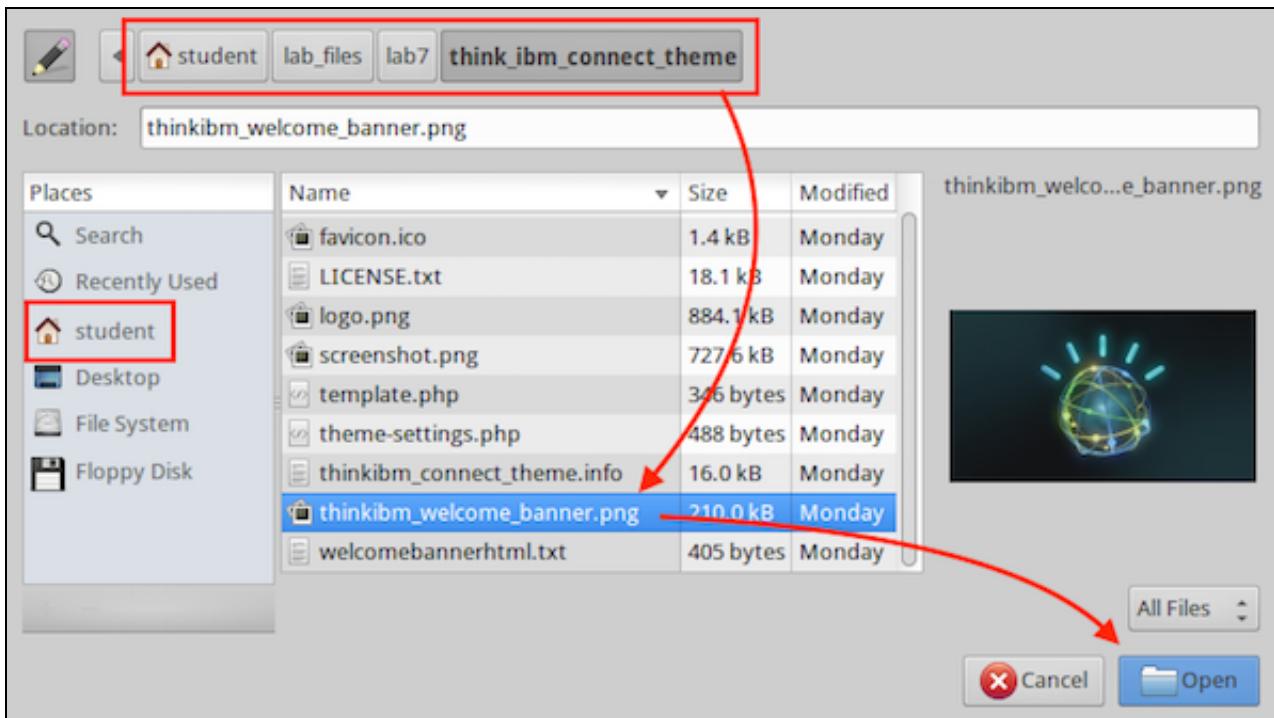
2. Underneath operations select **Edit** to the right of the Welcome banner block.

The screenshot shows the Content management page. At the top left, there is a breadcrumb navigation: Home » Administration » Content. Below this, there is a search bar with the placeholder "Search content" and a "Clear" button. On the left side, there is a sidebar with an "Add Block" button and a "Filters" section. The "Filters" section includes a dropdown menu for "Type" with options: Banner, Popular API, Popular Product, and Social Block. There is also a "Items Per Page" dropdown set to 50, and "Filter" and "Reset" buttons. The main content area displays a table of blocks:

Title	Type	Operations
Welcome Banner	banner_block	Edit Delete
11	popularproduct_block	Edit Delete
socialblock	socialblock_block	Edit Delete

The "Welcome Banner" row is highlighted, indicating it is selected for editing. The "Edit" link in this row is highlighted with a red box.

3. Scroll down the banner edit page, click the **Browse** button underneath **Image** to launch the file explorer.
4. Navigate to the `/home/student/lab_files/lab7/think_ibm_connect_theme` directory and select the `thinkibm_welcome_banner.png` file. Then, click the **Open** button.



5. Click the **Upload** button to upload the new welcome banner image.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the **Save** button.

Image

thinkibm_welcome_banner.png (205.1 KB)[Remove](#)

Background Image

View Mode *

Edit the view mode of the Bean

[Create new revision](#)

[Set Revision as default](#)

Log message

Provide an explanation of the changes you are making. This will help other authors understand your motivations.

Save Delete

7. Close the content block settings.

Content

Home » Administration » Content

Add Block

Filters

Type: Banner, Popular API, Popular Product, Social Block

Items Per Page: 50, Filter, Reset

Title	Type	Operations
Welcome Banner	banner_block	Edit Delete
11	popularproduct_block	Edit Delete
socialblock	socialblock_block	Edit Delete

7.1.3 - Change the Region Settings for the Content Blocks

The region settings for some of the content blocks have been reset, so we will set these back.

1. Navigate to the region settings for block content page by selecting **Structure > Blocks** from the admin menu.



2. Locate the **Sidebar first** block. You will see entries for **Navigation**, **Support** and **User login**.
3. For **both** the **Navigation** and **User Login** entries, select **- None -** from the drop down menu.

Add block Add taxonomy menu block

Block	Region
Sidebar first	
+ Navigation	 <input type="button" value="Sidebar first"/> - None - Sidebar first Sidebar second Top menu bar Header Menu Bar etc.
+ Support	
+ User login	

4. The only entry left in the section should be .

Block	Region
Sidebar first	
+ Support	<input type="button" value="Sidebar first"/>
Sidebar second	
No blocks in this region	

5. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click the button.

+ User login	<input type="button" value="- None -"/>	configure
+ socialblock	<input type="button" value="- None -"/>	configure
<input type="button" value="Save blocks"/>		

6. Click close on the block region settings.

Content

Home » Administration » Content

Add Block

Filters

Type: Banner, Popular API, Popular Product, Social Block

Items Per Page: 50, Filter, Reset

Title	Type	Operations
Welcome Banner	banner_block	Edit Delete
11	popularproduct_block	Edit Delete
socialblock	socialblock_block	Edit Delete

7. You are finished with customizing the developer portal. There is a lot more that can be customized than what we have time for in this lab. Log out of the developer portal.

Dashboard Content Structure Appearance People Modules Configuration Subscriptions Reports Support ticketing system Help admin Logout

7.2 - Register an Application as a Developer

In this section, you will log into the portal as a user in the application developer role, then register an application that will be used to consume APIs.

1. Login into the developer portal as an application developer using a username of `developer@consumer.ibm` and a password of `Passw0rd!`.

THINK IBM

Create an account

Home Getting Started API Products Blogs Forums Support

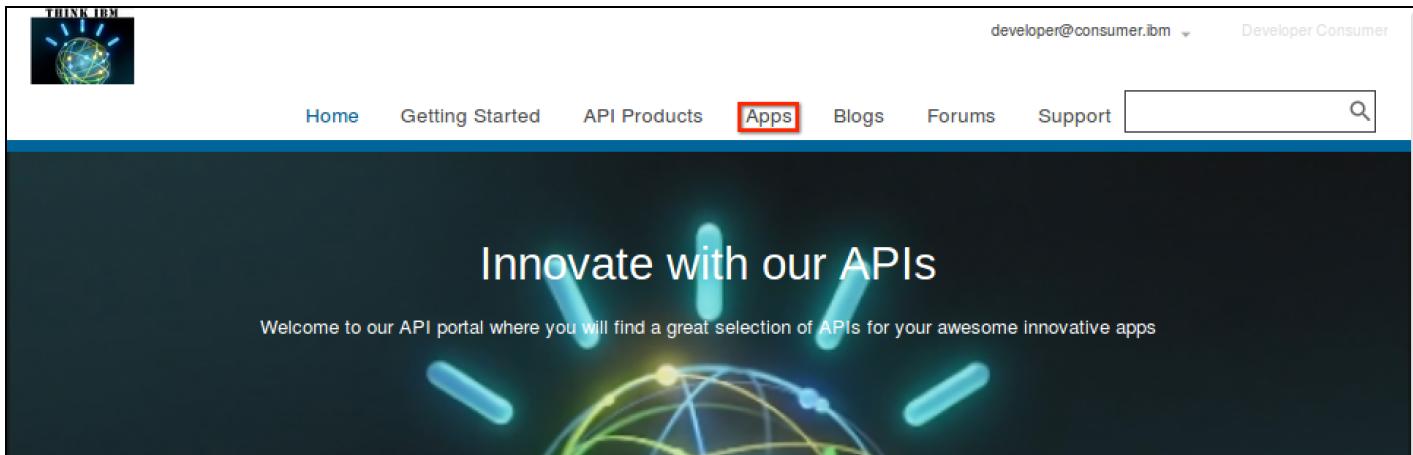
User login

[Create new account](#) [Log in](#) [Request new password](#)

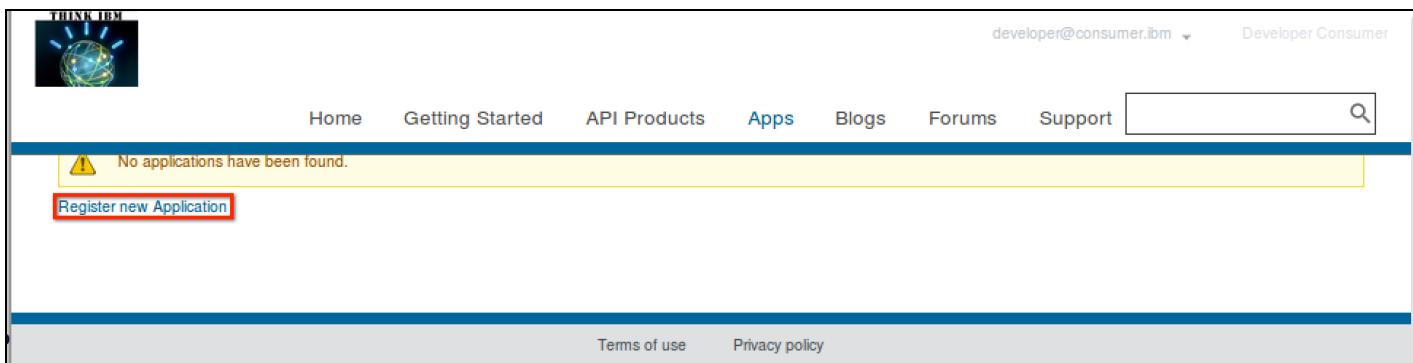
Username *
Enter your developer.think.ibm username.

Password *
Enter the password that accompanies your username.

2. Click the **Apps** link.



3. Click the **Register new Application** link.



4. Enter a title and description for the application as shown below and click the **Submit** button.

THINK IBM



developer@consumer.ibm Developer Consumer

Home Getting Started API Products Apps Blogs Forums Support

Register application

Title *

Description

OAuth Redirect URI

The URL authenticated OAuth flows for this application should be redirected to.

5. We need to capture the Client Secret and Client ID in a text editor for later use by our web application. Select the Show Client Secret checkbox next to Client Secret at the top of the page and the Show checkbox next to Client ID.

 • Application created successfully.
• Your client secret is:
`mX4qQ8aY8dT6rD7gW4kK6uA0wG8pL5uD2dO8jM2pR2mD0dH7IS` Show Client Secret

< Back to Apps



Think IBM Web Consumer

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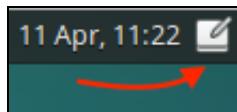
Description
Think IBM Web Consumer that will access APIs to view inventory items and comment on inventory items.

Client Credentials

Client ID Show

Client Secret

6. Launch the **Notes** application as shown below.



7. Navigate back to the browser and copy/paste both the Client ID and Client Secret into the Notes application window as shown below. Add a notation above each item so you know which value is the Client ID and which is the Client Secret. Do not exit the Notes application as we will need these values later in this lab.

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud dashboard with a successful application creation message. In the 'Client Credentials' section, the 'Client Secret' and 'Client ID' fields are highlighted with red boxes. Red arrows point from these highlighted fields to their respective counterparts in a separate 'Notes - Notes' application window, indicating where to paste the copied values.

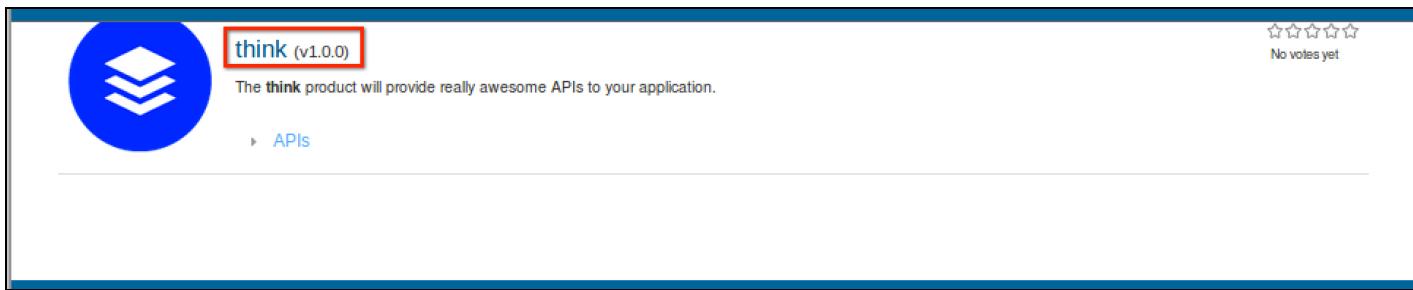
7.3 - Subscribe to a Plan for the ThinkIBM APIs

In this section, we will subscribe to a plan for the ThinkIBM APIs using the Think IBM Web Consumer application.

1. Click the **API Products** link.

The screenshot shows the Think IBM Web Consumer application's navigation bar. The 'API Products' link is highlighted with a red box. Other menu items include Home, Getting Started, Apps, Blogs, Forums, and Support.

2. Click the **think (v1.0.0)** API product link.



3. Click the **Plans** link on the left-hand navigation menu and then click the **Subscribe** button under the **Silver** plan as shown below.

	Gold	Silver
inventory 1.0.0	unlimited	100 per hour
financing 1.0.0	unlimited	100 per hour
logistics 1.0.0	unlimited	100 per hour
oauth 1.0.0	unlimited	100 per hour



The Gold plan requires approval by the API provider for any subscription requests and allows unlimited requests for a given time period. The Silver plan is limited to 100 requests per hour and does not require approval by the API provider for subscription requests.

4. Select the **Think IBM Web Consumer** toggle and click the **Subscribe** button.

Application

Select an application to sign up to this plan.

Think IBM Web Consumer

Subscribe

- The **Think IBM Web Consumer** Web application is now subscribed to the Silver plan for the **think** API product.

 Subscription request for this plan has been submitted for approval.

 **think** (v1.0.0)

The **think** product will provide really awesome APIs to your application.

▶ [APIs](#)

- Let's validate that we subscribed to the Silver plan for the **think v1.0.0** API product. Click the **Apps** link.



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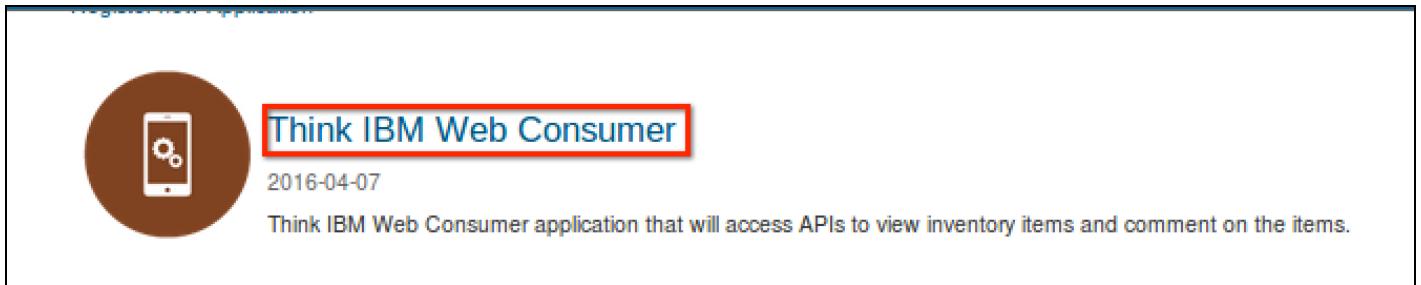
Home Getting Started API Products **Apps** Blogs Forums Support 

Innovate with our APIs

Welcome to our API portal where you will find a great selection of APIs for your awesome innovative apps



- Click the **Think IBM Web Consumer** application link.



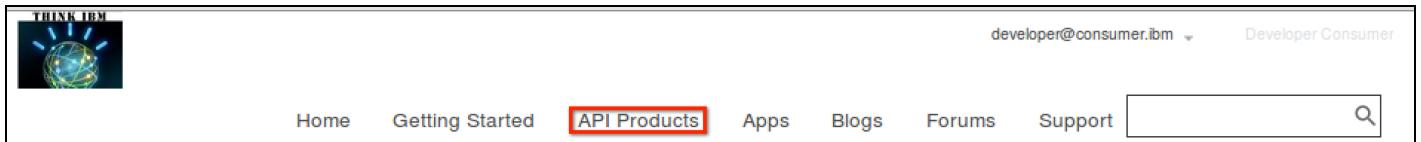
8. The `Think IBM Web Consumer` application is subscribed to the Silver plan for the `think` product as shown below.

A screenshot of the "Subscriptions" section for the "Think IBM Web Consumer" application. It shows a list of products and their versions: "think (v1.0.0) silver" (highlighted with a red box), "inventory (v1.0.0)", "financing (v1.0.0)", and "logistics (v1.0.0)". There is also a "Unsubscribe" link next to the selected product.

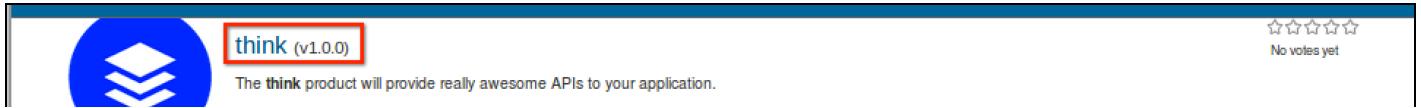
7.4 - Test `think` Product APIs from the Developer Portal

In this section, we will use the developer portal to test one of the `think` product APIs. This is useful for application developers to *try out* the APIs before their application is fully developed or to simply see the expected response based on inputs they provide the API. Later in this lab, you will run an actual application that is already developed and uses these same APIs. We will test the `logistics` API from the developer portal.

1. Click the `API Products` link.



2. Click the `think (v1.0.0)` API product link.



Lab 8 - Analytics in API Connect

In this lab, you will gain a high level understanding of how analytics are used to visualize the information captured by the gateway node. You can filter, sort and aggregate your API event data; then present the results within correlated charts, tables and maps to help you manage service levels, set quotas, establish controls, set up security policies, manage communities and analyze trends.

API Analytics is built on the Kibana V4.3 open source analytics and visualization platform, which is designed to work with the Elastic Search real-time distributed search and analytics engine.

Lab 8 - Objective

In this lab, you will learn:

- How to view the analytics for a catalog inside of API Manager
 - How to create a custom dashboard
 - How to add visualizations to a dashboard
 - How to customize and arrange visualizations in the dashboard
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Lab 8 - Case Study Used in this Tutorial

In this tutorial, you will simulate a good amount of traffic passing through the API Connect platform by executing a script that will invoke a series of `curl` commands that will hit a dummy API. Upon that script finishing, you will go into the API Manager and get some hands on experience with customizing a dashboard and viewing the analytics for traffic run on the system.

Lab 8 - Step by Step Lab Instructions

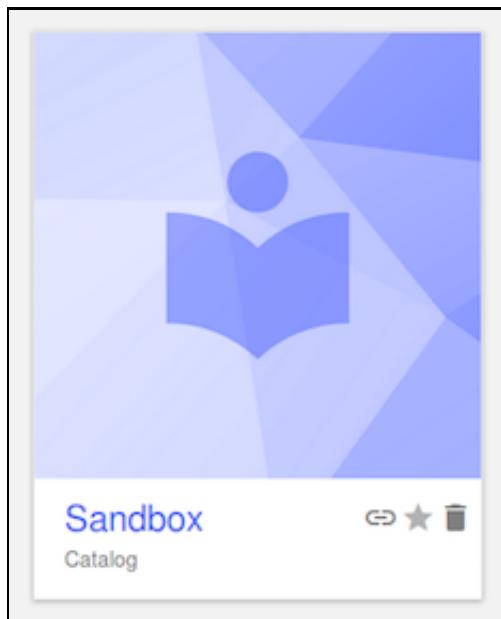
8.1 - Stage the API Calls to Populate the Analytics Data in API Connect

1. If not already open, launch the **Firefox Web Browser** from the favorites menu.
2. Click on the **API Manager** bookmark.
3. Log in to the **API Manager** server with the following credentials:

Username: **student@think.ibm**

Password: **Passw0rd!**

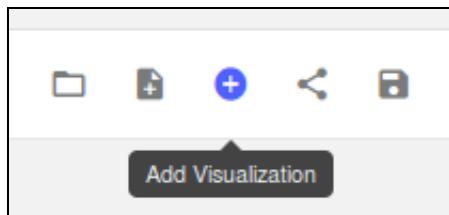
4. Click on the **Sandbox** catalog tile:



5. From the **Sandbox** catalog configuration screen, click on the **Analytics** tab:



6. The default dashboard gives some general information like the 5 most active Products and 5 most active APIs. This information is interesting, but we can see much more information by customizing the dashboard. Add a new visualization by clicking on the **+ Add Visualization** icon:

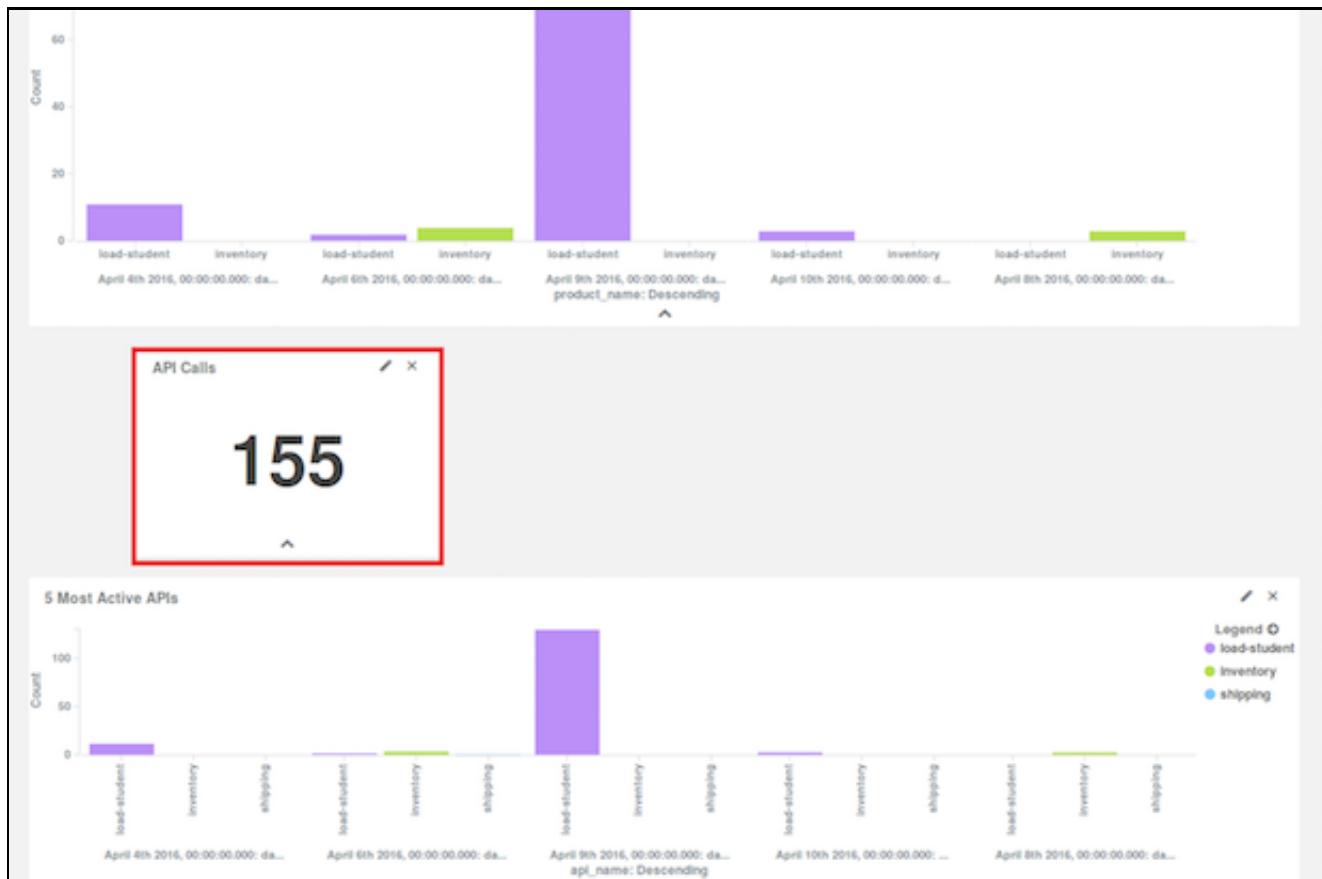


- This will bring a list of some of the standard visualizations. You can then type in a string to filter through visualizations or use the arrows to page through the list.
- Add the **API Calls** visualization to the dashboard by simply clicking on it. The new visualization will be added to the bottom of our dashboard.

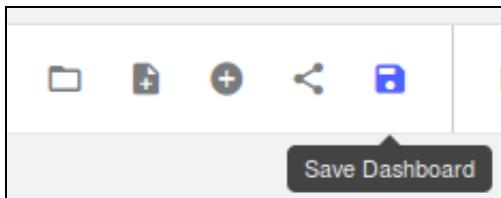
The screenshot shows a list of visualizations on a dashboard. At the top right, there are buttons for 'Create visualizations' and 'Manage visualizations'. Below this, there is a search bar labeled 'Visualization Filter' and a count of '18 visualizations'. The list includes several items: '5 Most Active APIs', '5 Most Active Products', 'API Calls' (which is highlighted with a red border), 'API Calls per Day', 'Apps per Plan', and others. At the bottom, there are navigation arrows labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, >.

- Scroll down to find the new visualization. You can adjust the size by clicking and dragging the border from the lower right. Additionally, you can adjust its position by clicking and dragging the box to where you want it.

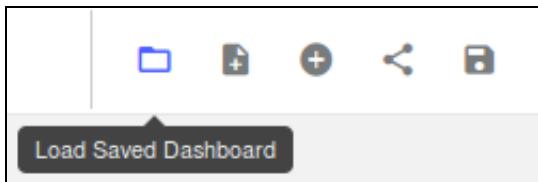
Move the **API Calls** box in between the 5 Most Active Products and 5 Most Active API windows.



10. Feel free to play around with the other visualizations by adding them to the Dashboard. You can also save the dashboard by clicking on the `Save Dashboard` button:



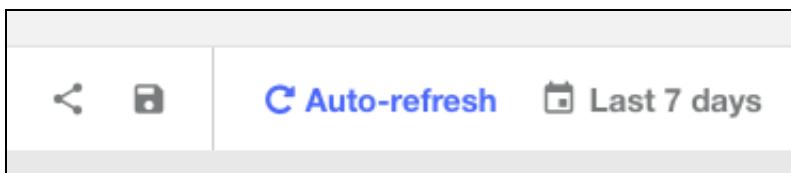
11. There are also several out of the box Dashboards that you can play with by clicking on the `Load Saved Dashboard` icon. Go ahead and open the `api default` Dashboard.



12. Here you will see some interesting visualizations that show graphs and charts with information about the API Traffic that was processed.
13. Analytics data can be filtered over different time periods, and the widgets can even be automatically refreshed. Click on the calendar icon which specifies the default time period of `Last 7 days`.



14. Click on `Auto Refresh`.



15. Set the refresh period to `5 seconds`.

Off	5 seconds	1 minute	1 hour
	10 seconds	5 minutes	2 hour
	30 seconds	15 minutes	12 hour
	45 seconds	30 minutes	1 day

16. Return to the consumer application in the Chrome web browser. Navigate around the site and test out some of the features in order to generate some additional API calls.
 17. Return back to the analytics view and notice how the data is refreshed automatically.
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Lab 8 - Completion

Congratulations! You have completed all of the labs!