Difference between Plugin and API

Plugin:
also called an extension, a plugin is a software component that makes it possible to modify an existing computer program or platform, for instance, adding new features to it. Such modification does not usually alter the design of the system, which often has a Plugin API defining how the extensions can interact with the whole system.
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API:
 It refers to a set of routines, protocols and tools for building software and applications. An API basically defines how a component interacts with a system, facilitating the communication between them.