**API – Application Programming Interface**

This term refers to a set of related classes and methods that work together to provide a particular capability.

The API represents the parts of a class that are exposed (through access controls) to code written by others.

**Framework**

Frameworks are collections of interfaces and classes that are designed to work together to handle a particular type of problem.

Frameworks are a special case of **software libraries** that are reusable abstractions of code wrapped in a well-defined Application programming interface (API).

They contain some key distinguishing features that separate them from normal libraries.