

Charles Schwab Reinforces Its Commitment to Customer Data Protection

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Signs API agreements with several Third Party financial technology companies

Today Charles Schwab announced agreements with Intuit (maker of QuickBooks, TurboTax and Mint), eMoney Advisor (a financial planning software provider), and Envestnet | Yodlee (a leading financial data aggregation and analytics platform), to use Schwab's "API" (application programming interface) connections.

The use of APIs are a best practice in the industry and take a token-based approach which enables clients to authorize third parties to download requested account information on their behalf in an encrypted form, without storing their usernames and passwords. Through Schwab's API connection, Intuit, eMoney, and Envestnet | Yodlee will continue to have client-authorized access to account information in a protected environment specifically designed for such information sharing. In turn, clients will have greater control over and better transparency into what data they share and with whom they share their data.

"These new partnerships underscore the continuing need to ensure our clients' valuable financial data is protected," said Linda Alborno, Senior Vice President of Digital Cross-Enterprise Platforms at Charles Schwab. "Not only are we granting our clients increased control and visibility into how their data is being used but also providing them greater connectivity across their financial accounts, so they can continue using the apps they enjoy."

Alborno added, "Third-party financial technology companies are an important part of our ecosystem and provide a valuable service but our responsibility and obligation to provide clients with account-data access controls for managing their personal and financial information has never been more essential. We believe it's important for our industry to take steps to ensure clients are provided with clear disclosures and transparency into how their information may be used by third parties."

With the agreements announced today, Charles Schwab is enhancing its ability to actively manage and provide an alternative to the process of "screen scraping", by which third-parties access valuable client data by using the clients' own log-in credentials. Through its API development and the migration of third-party financial technology companies to its API network, Schwab provides a more secure, client-controlled authentication process, and moves one step closer to its vision of completely eliminating screen-scraping of Schwab sites in the future.

Here's how the API works to protect Charles Schwab clients:

- **Protection** – The API issues a token to third parties for client data to ensure client account credentials are safe. Available multi-factor authentication provides an added layer of user identification.
- **Data Privacy** – Through the Schwab API, clients can choose to grant access to specific accounts and specific third parties to ensure the right data is selected. Consent to allow access to data through explicit disclosures is logged and archived.
- **Transparency and Control** – Clients have higher visibility and transparency into linked accounts, including which third parties are accessing their data and the type of data through the Schwab Security Center. Clients can easily view and change access at any time.

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