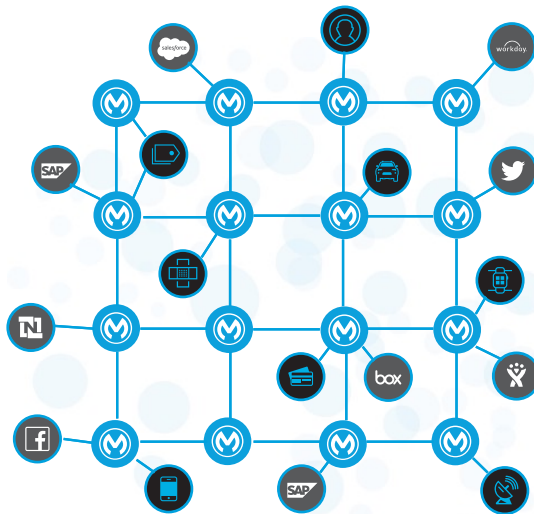




PART 1: Building Application Networks with Anypoint Platform

1

Goal



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

2

2

At the end of this part, you should be able to



- Describe and explain the benefits of application networks & API-led connectivity.
- Use Anypoint Platform as a central repository for the discovery and reuse of assets
- Use Anypoint Platform to build applications to consume assets and connect systems
- Use Anypoint Platform to take an API through its complete development lifecycle

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

3

3

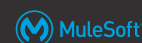


Module 1: Introducing application networks and API-led connectivity

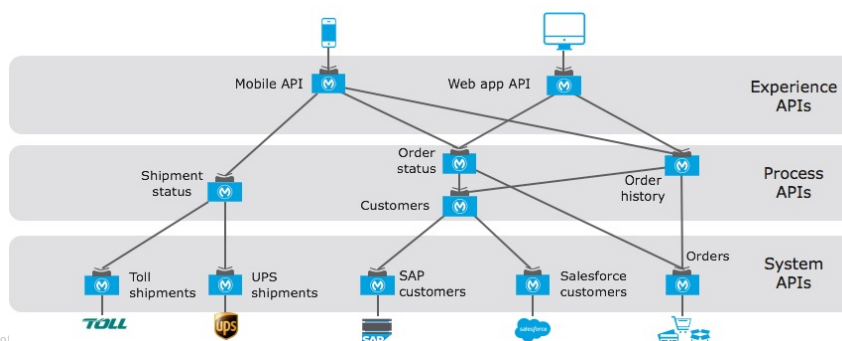


4

At the end of this module, you should be able



- Explain what an application network is and its benefits
- Describe how to build an application network using API-led connectivity
- Explain what web services and APIs are
- Make calls to secure and unsecured APIs



5

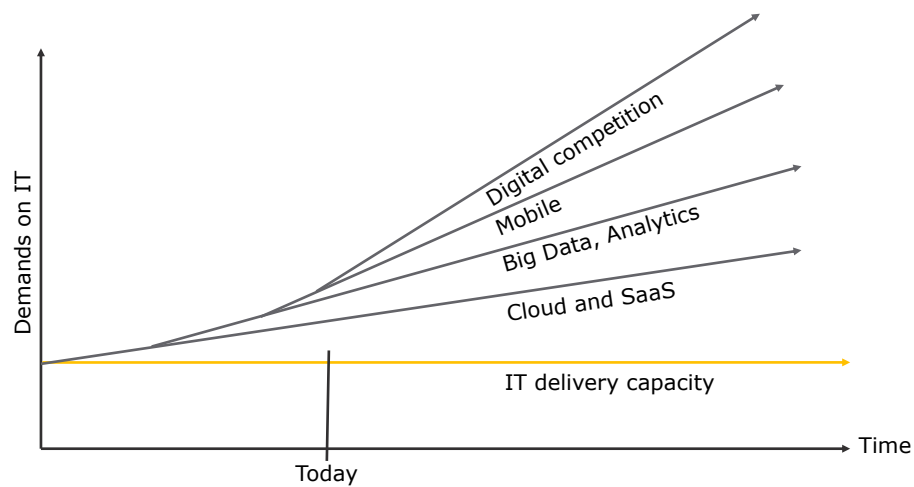
5

Identifying the problems faced by IT today



6

Biggest challenge: IT cannot go fast enough

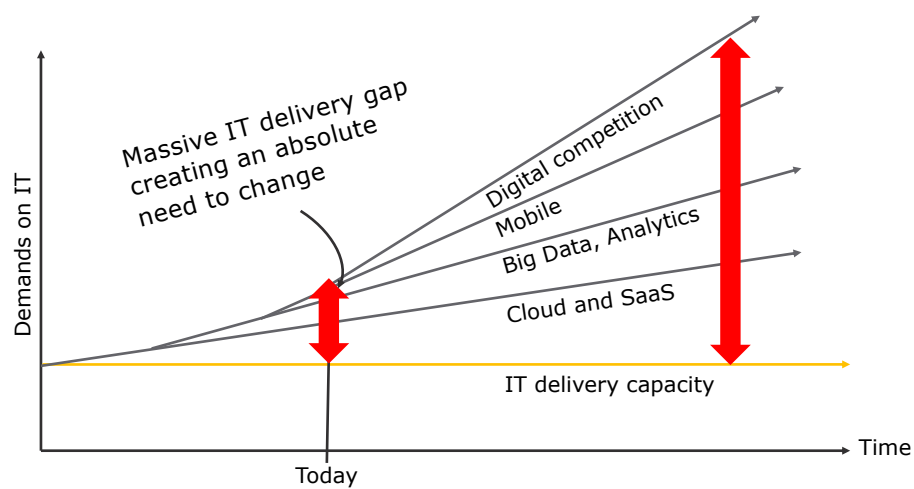


All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

7

7

Digital pressures create a widening IT delivery gap

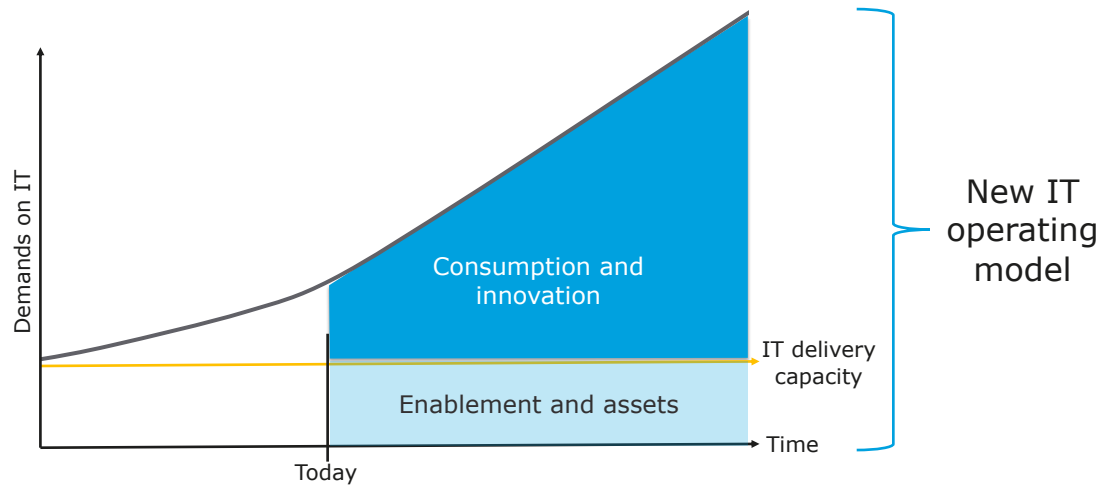


All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

8

8

A new way of working to close the delivery gap

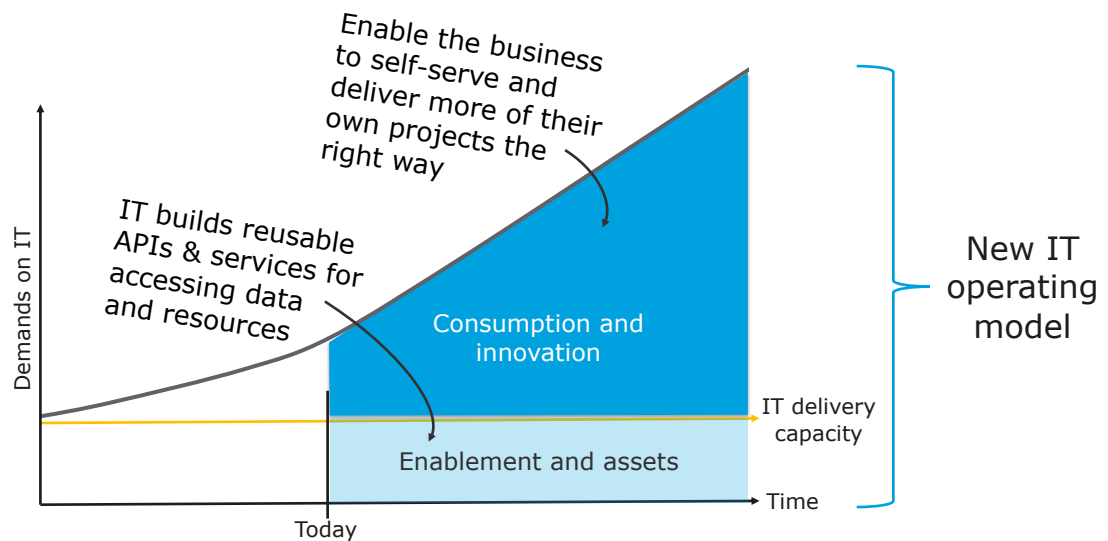


All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

9

9

A new way of working to close the delivery gap



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

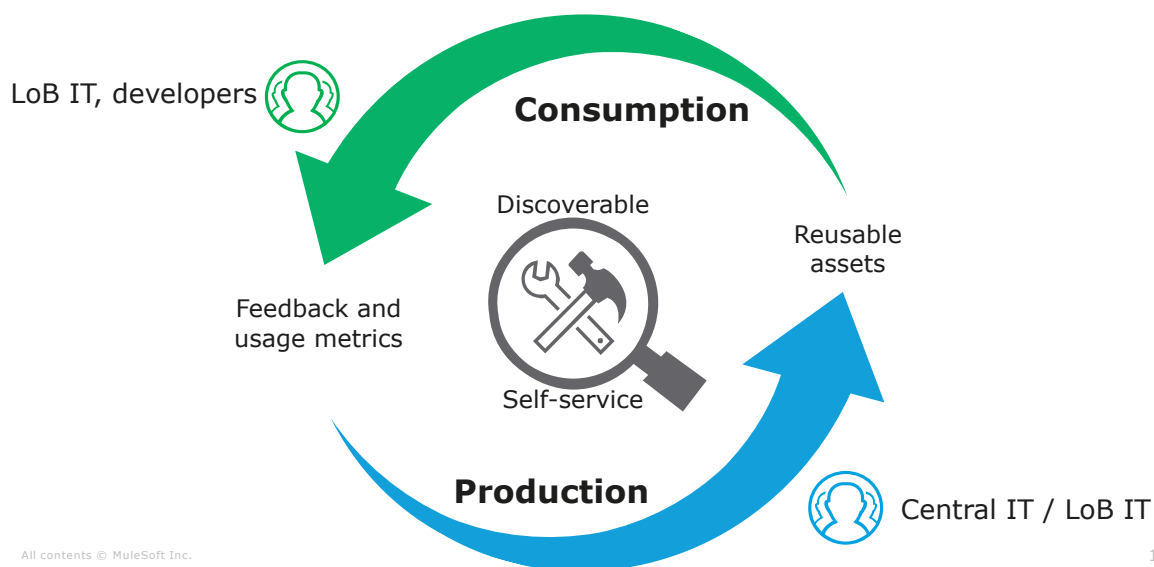
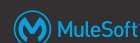
10

10

Introducing a new IT operating model

11

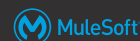
New operating model emphasizes consumption



12

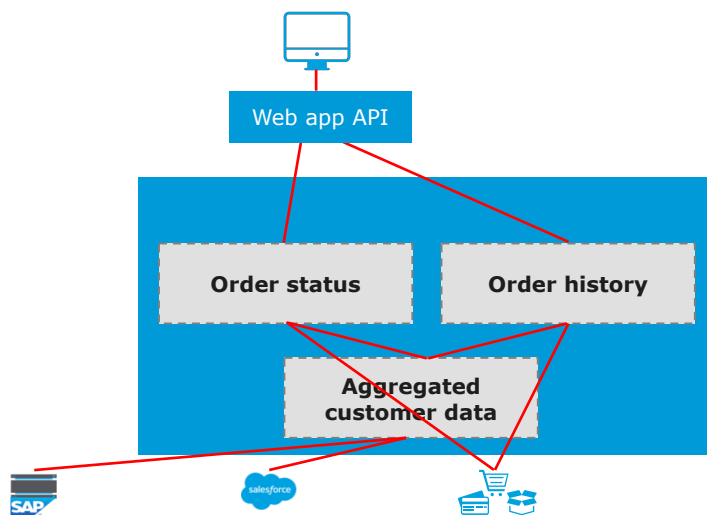
12

A common project-based approach



Project objective: Web app provides real-time order status and order history for sales team engaging with customers

- Order data in eCommerce system
- Inventory data in SAP
- Customer data in SAP, Salesforce



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

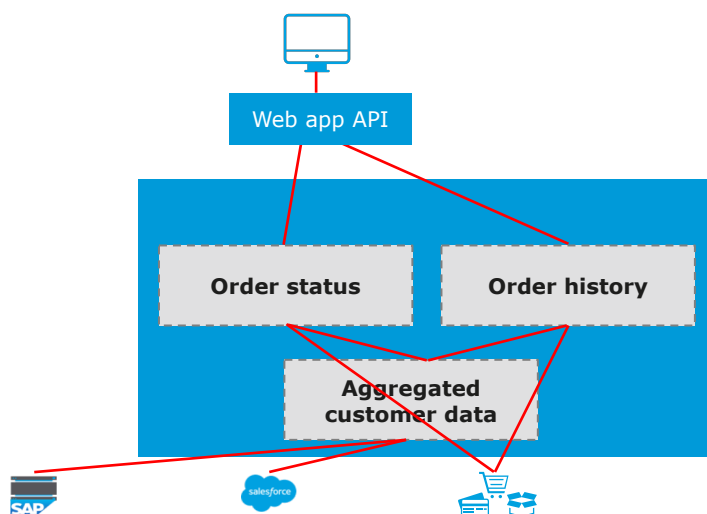
13

13

A common project-based approach



- ✓ On time and within budget
- ✗ Limited opportunity for reuse
- ✗ Tight coupling = brittleness
- ✗ Difficult to govern
- ⚠ Meets business requirements

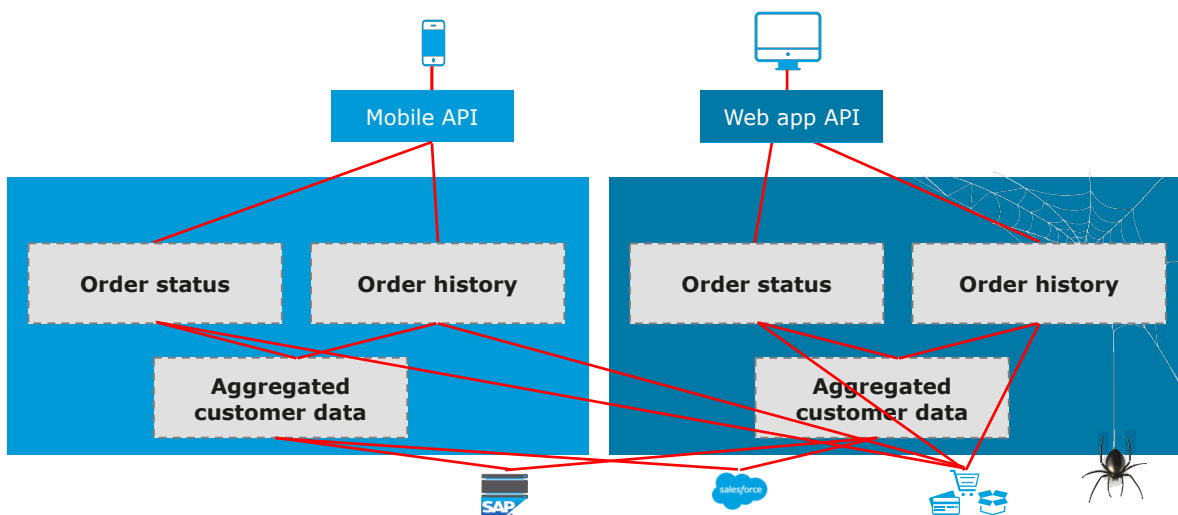
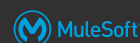


All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

14

14


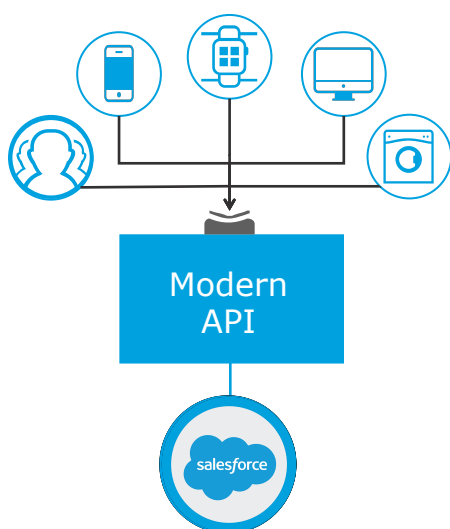
6 months later..



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

15

15

Modern API: The core enabler of a new operating model  MuleSoft

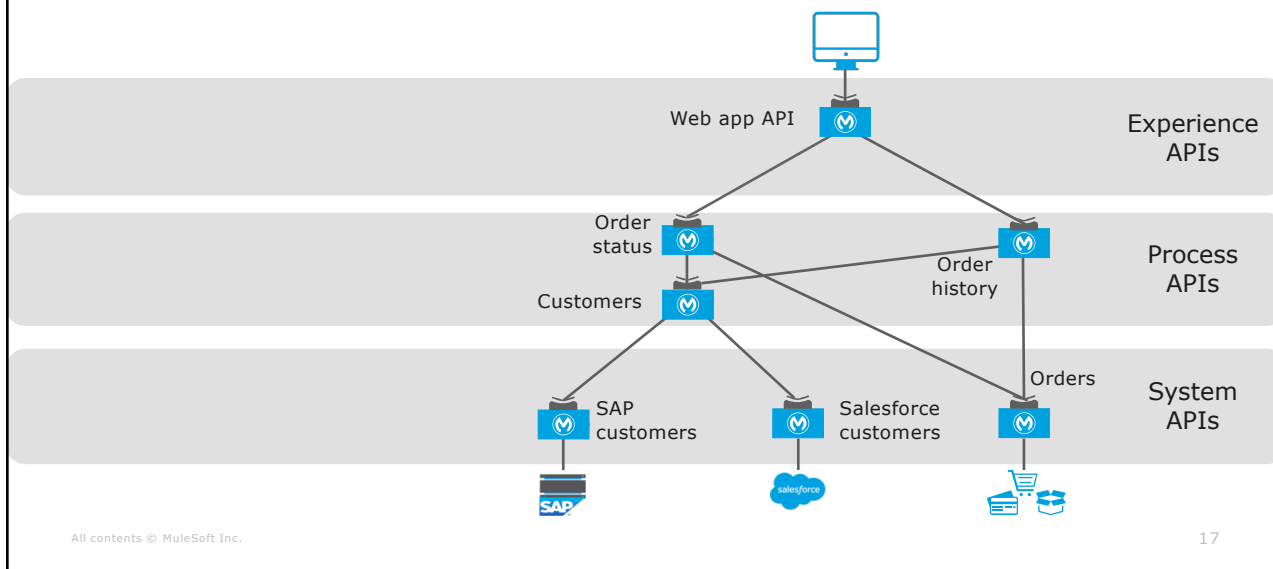
All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

16

16

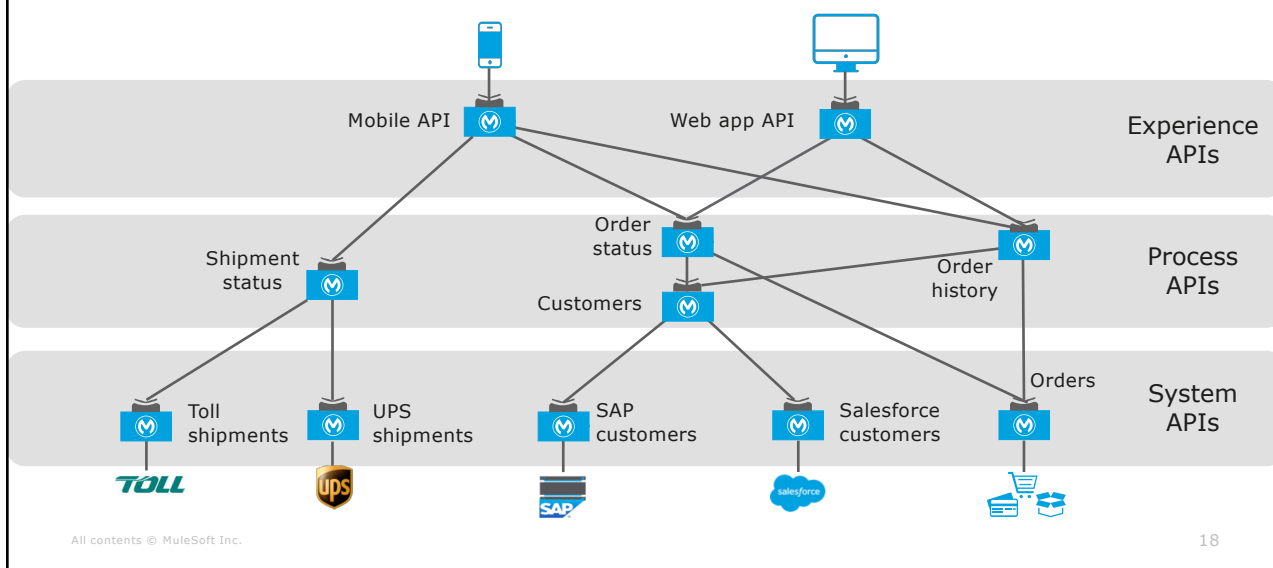
- Discoverable and accessible through self-service
- Productized and designed for ease of consumption
- Easily managed for security, scalability, and performance

The API-led connectivity approach

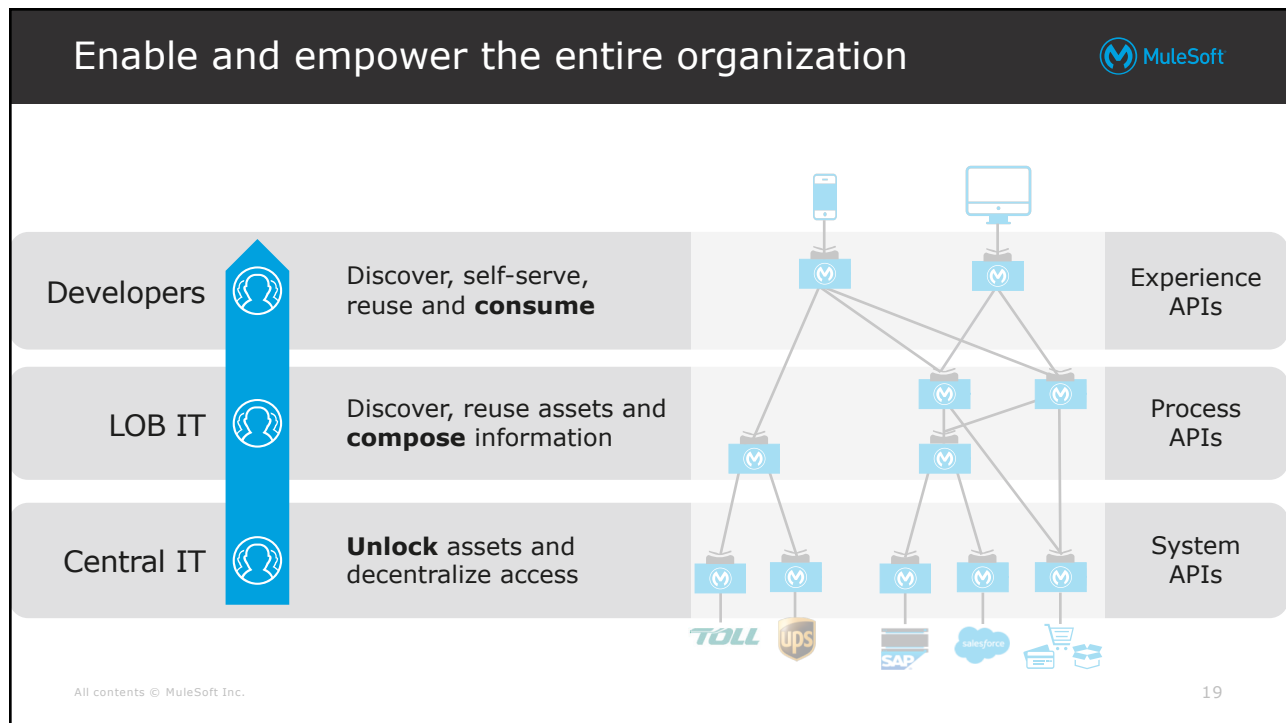


17

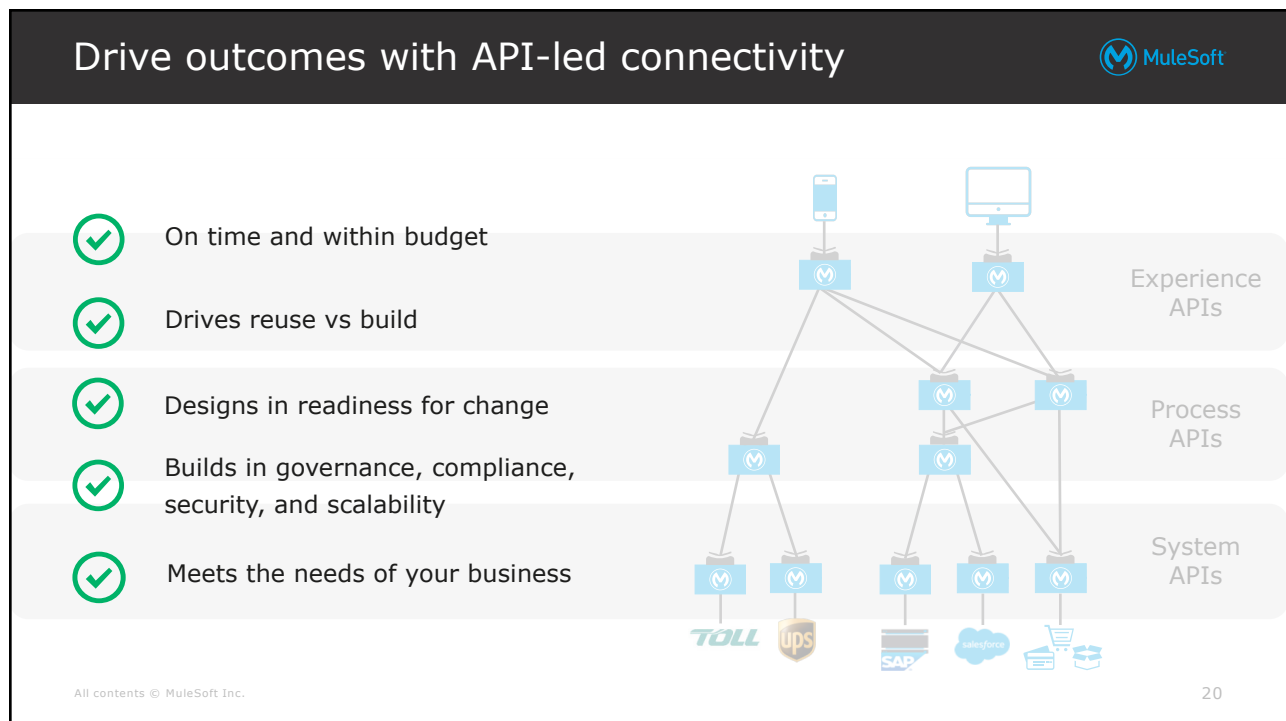
The API-led connectivity approach



18

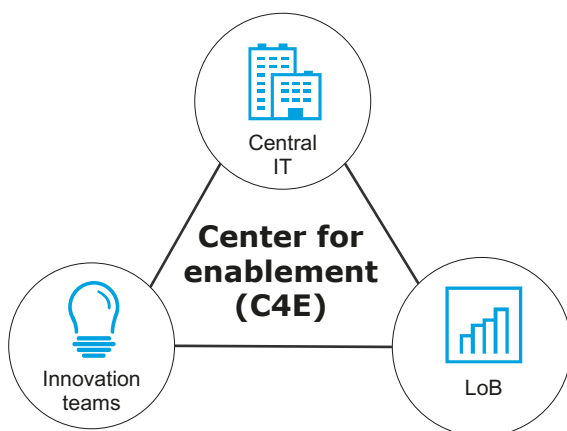


19



20

C4E: Organizing differently to drive API-led connectivity



- C4E is a cross-functional team
- C4E ensures that assets are
 - Productized and published
 - Consumable
 - Consumed broadly
 - Fully leveraged
- Success of C4E measured on asset consumption

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

21

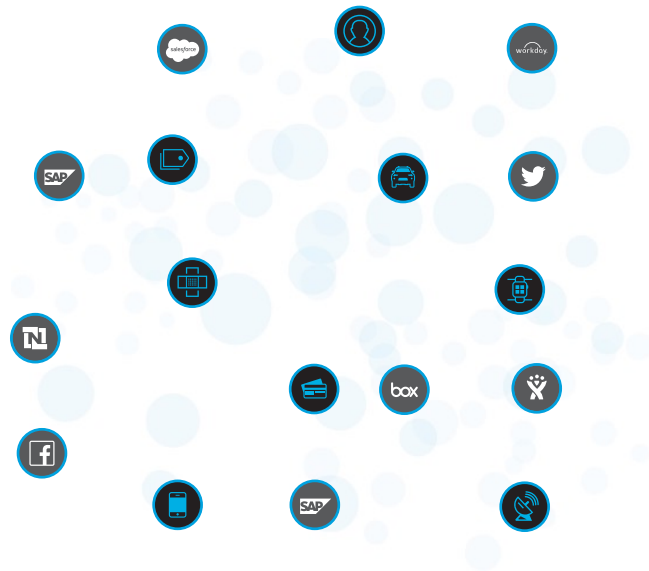
21

Achieving an application network



22

Application landscape



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

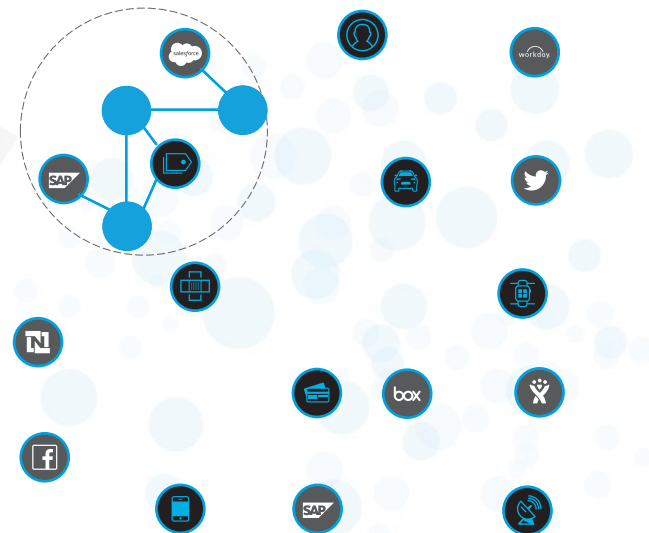
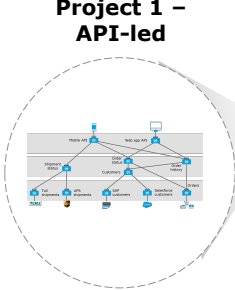
23

23

Every project adds value to the application network



Project 1 – API-led



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

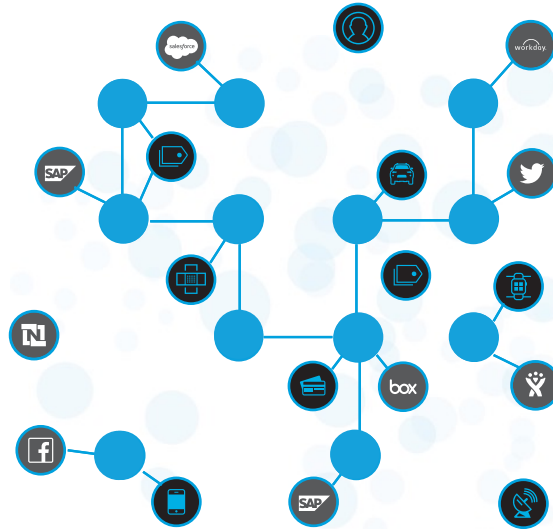
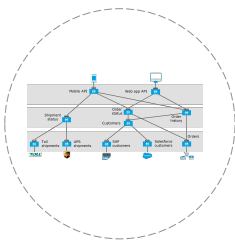
24

24

Every project adds value to the application network



Project 1 – API-led



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

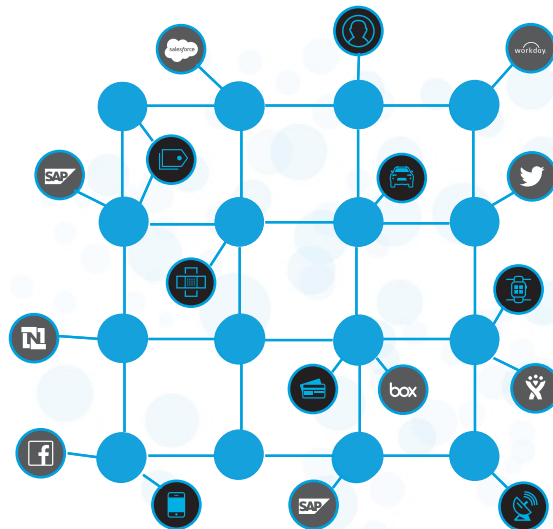
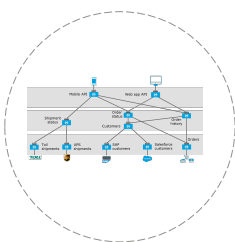
25

25

Every project adds value to the application network

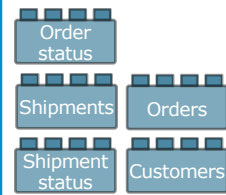


Project 1 – API-led



C4E

Self-serve assets
on the
application network

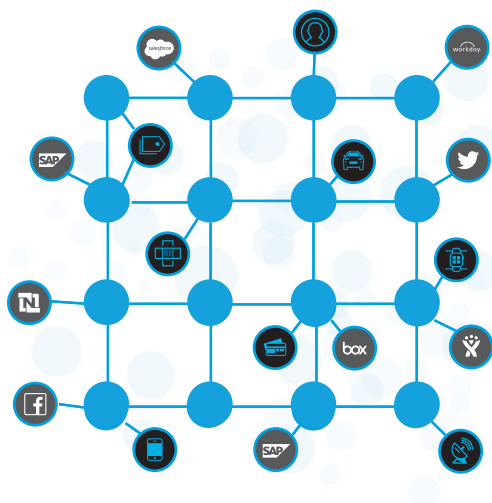
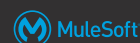


All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

26

26

Speed. Agility. Innovation.



An application network

- Emerges bottoms-up via self-service
- Provides visibility, security and governability at every API node
- Is recomposable: it bends, not breaks – **built for change**

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

27

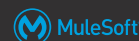
27

Deconstructing APIs



28

What exactly is an API?



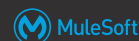
- An **API** is an **A**pplication **P**rogramming **I**nterface
- It provides the info for **how to communicate with a software component**, defining the
 - Operations (what to call)
 - Inputs (what to send with a call)
 - Outputs (what you get back from a call)
 - Underlying data types
- It defines **functionalities independent of implementations**
 - You can change what's going on behind the scenes without changing how people call it

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

29

29

What do people mean when they say API?



They could be referring to a number of things...

- 1. An API interface definition file (API specification)**
 - Defines what you can call, what you send it, and what you get back
- 2. A web service**
 - The actual API implementation you can make calls to or the interface of that API implementation
- 3. An API proxy**
 - An application that controls access to a web service, restricting access and usage through the use of an API gateway

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

30

30



What is a web service?



- Different software systems often need to exchange data with each other
 - Bridging protocols, platforms, programming languages, and hardware architectures
- A **web service** is a method of communication that allows two software systems to exchange data over the internet
- Systems interact with the web service in a manner prescribed by some defined rules of communication
 - How one system can request data from another system, what parameters are required, the structure of the return data, and more

32

16

The parts of a web service



- **The web service API**
 - Describes how you interact with the web service
 - It may or may not (though it should!) be explicitly defined in a file
 - It could be any sort of text in any type of file but ideally should implement some standard API description language (or specification)
- **The web service interface implementing the API**
 - Is the code providing the structure to the application so it implements the API
 - This may be combined with the actual implementation code
- **The web service implementation itself**
 - Is the actual code and application

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

33

33

Two main types of web services



- **SOAP web services**
 - Traditional, more complex type
 - The communication rules are defined in an XML-based WSDL (Web Services Description Language) file
- **RESTful web services**
 - Recent, simpler type
 - Use the existing HTTP communication protocol

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

34

34

Reviewing RESTful web services



35

RESTful web services



- REST stands for **R**epresentational **S**tate **T**ransfer
 - An architectural style where clients and servers exchange representations of resources using the standard HTTP protocol
 - Stateless: The server does not remember any client state from previous requests
 - Clients can cache previous responses to avoid repeated network calls
- Other systems interact with the web service using the HTTP protocol
- The HTTP request method indicates which operation should be performed on the object identified by the URL



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

36

36

Example RESTful web service calls



- Data and resources are represented using URIs
- Resources are accessed or changed using a fixed set of operations
- (GET)/companies
- (GET)/companies?country=France
- (GET)/companies/3
- (POST)/companies with JSON/XML in HTTP body
- (DELETE)/companies/3
- (PUT)/companies/3 with JSON/XML in HTTP body

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

37

37

RESTful web service request methods



- **GET** retrieves the current state of a resource in some representation (usually JSON or XML)
- **POST** creates a new resource
- **DELETE** deletes a resource
- **PUT** replaces a resource completely
 - If the resource doesn't exist, a new one is created
- **PATCH** partially updates a resource
 - Just submitted data



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

38

38

Example RESTful web service response



- JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)
 - A lightweight data-interchange format (without a lot of extra XML markup)
 - Human-readable results (usually JSON or XML)
 - Supports collections and maps

```
{
  "flights": [
    {
      "code": "ER38sd",
      "price": 400,
      "origin": "MUA",
      "destination": "SFO",
      "departureDate": "2015/03/20",
      "planeType": "Boeing 737",
      "airlineName": "United",
      "emptySeats": 0
    },
    {
      "code": "ER39rk",
      "price": 945,
      "origin": "MUA",
      "destination": "SFO",
      "departureDate": "2015/09/11",
      "planeType": "Boeing 757",
      "airlineName": "United",
      "emptySeats": 54
    },
    {
      "code": "ER39rj",
      "price": 954,
      "origin": "MUA",
      "destination": "SFO",
      "departureDate": "2015/02/12",
      "planeType": "Boeing 777",
      "airlineName": "United",
      "emptySeats": 23
    }
  ]
}
```

39

Learning about APIs



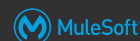
- API documentation
 - Should include the list of all possible resources, how to get access to the API, and more
- API portals
 - Accelerate onboarding by providing developers a centralized place for discovering all the tools they need to successfully use the API, which could include
 - Documentation, tutorials, code snippets, and examples
 - A way to register applications to get access to the API
 - A way to provide feedback and make requests
 - A way to test the API by making calls to it
- Discover APIs in API directories and marketplaces
 - For example, **ProgrammableWeb**, which has over 19,000 APIs

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

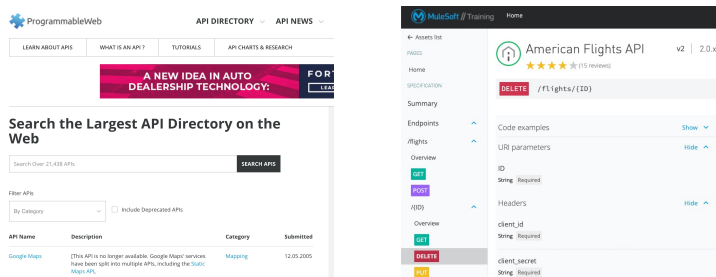
33

40

Walkthrough 1-1: Explore an API directory and an API portal



- Browse the ProgrammableWeb API directory
- Explore the API reference for an API (Vimeo)
- Explore the API portal for an API to be used in the course



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

41

41

Calling RESTful web services

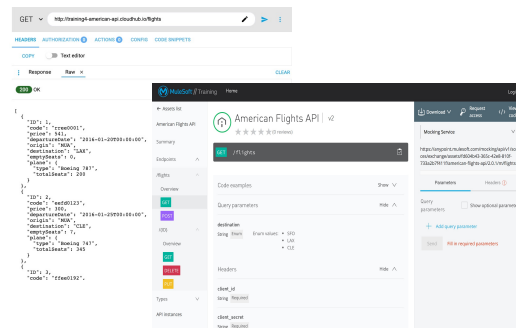


42

Calling RESTful web services



- To call web services, you need to write code or have a tool to make the HTTP requests
 - Need to be able to specify the HTTP method, request headers, and request body
- Example tools include
 - An API portal with an API console
 - Advanced Rest Client
 - Postman
 - A cURL command-line utility

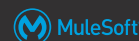


All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

33

43

Making calls to RESTful APIs



- Unsecured APIs**
 - The API may be public and require no authentication
- Secured APIs**
 - The API may be secured and require authentication
 - You may need to provide credentials and/or a token
 - Often a proxy is created to govern access to an API
 - We will call and then later create an API secured by credentials
 - You can also secure an API with other authentication protocols
 - OAuth, SAML, JWT, and more

401 Unauthorized

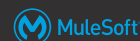
```
{
  "error": "Invalid client id or secret"
}
```

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

44

44

Getting responses from web service calls



- RESTful web services return an HTTP status code with the response
- The status code provides client feedback for the outcome of the operation (succeeded, failed, updated)
 - A good API should return status codes that align with the HTTP spec

```

post:
  body:
    application/json:
      type: AmericanFlight
      examples:
        input: !include examples/AmericanFlight.json
    responses:
      201:
        body:
          application/json:
            example:
              message: Flight added (but not really)

```

201 Created

```

{
  "message": "Flight added (but not really)"
}

```

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

45

45

Common HTTP status codes



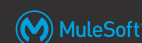
Code	Definition	Returned by
200	OK – The request succeeded	GET, DELETE, PATCH, PUT
201	Created – A new resource or object in a collection	POST
304	Not modified – Nothing was modified by the request	PATCH, PUT
400	Bad request – The request could not be performed by the server due to bad syntax or other reason in request	All
401	Unauthorized – Authorization credentials are required or user does not have access to the resource/method they are requesting	All
404	Resource not found – The URI is not recognized by the server	All
500	Server error – Generic something went wrong on the server side	All

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

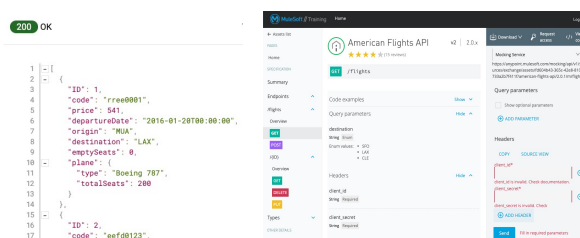
46

46

Walkthrough 1-2: Make calls to an API



- Use ARC to make calls to an unsecured API (an implementation)
- Make GET, DELETE, POST, and PUT calls
- Use ARC to make calls to a secured API (an API proxy)
- Use the API console in an API portal to make calls to a managed API using a mocking service
- Use the API console to make calls to an API proxy endpoint



All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

47

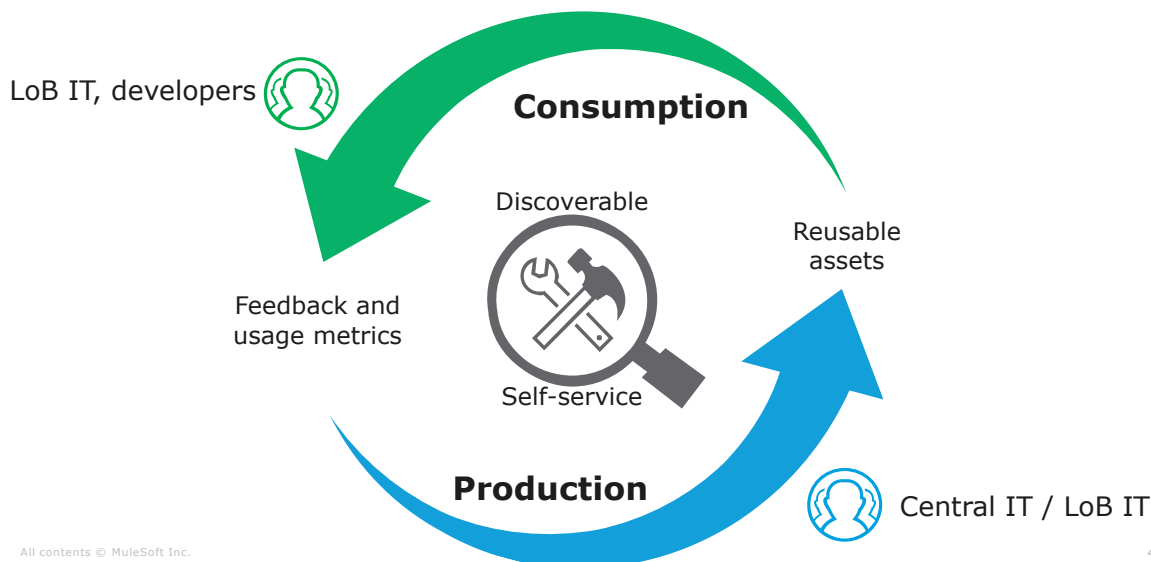
47

Successfully creating application networks using API-led connectivity



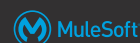
48

Producing discoverable and consumable assets is key



49

Designing for API success

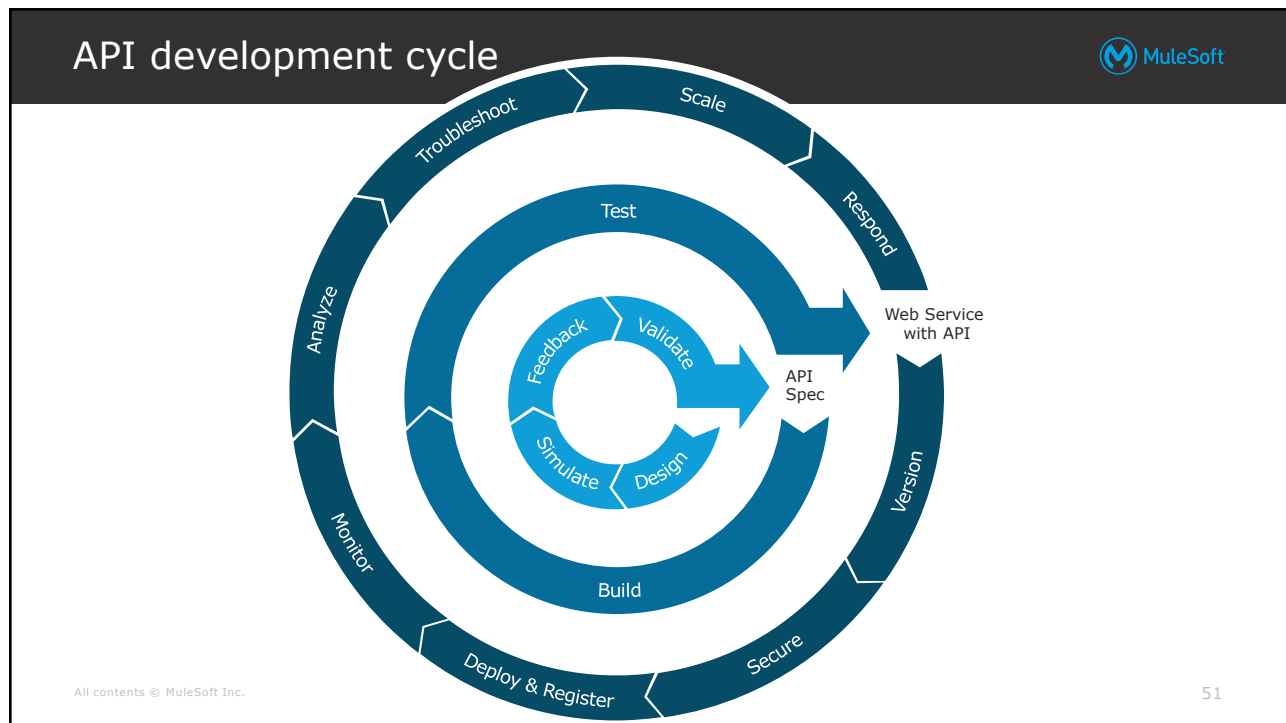


- Create APIs that developers **can find** and **want to use** and share with others
 - Design the API for the business use cases it will fulfill, not to model the backend services or applications they expose
 - Focus on performance of client applications and user experience
- Take an **API design-first approach!**
- **Get API design right** before investing in building it
 - Define it iteratively getting feedback from developers on its usability and functionality along the way
 - Building the implementation of an API is time consuming and expensive to undo

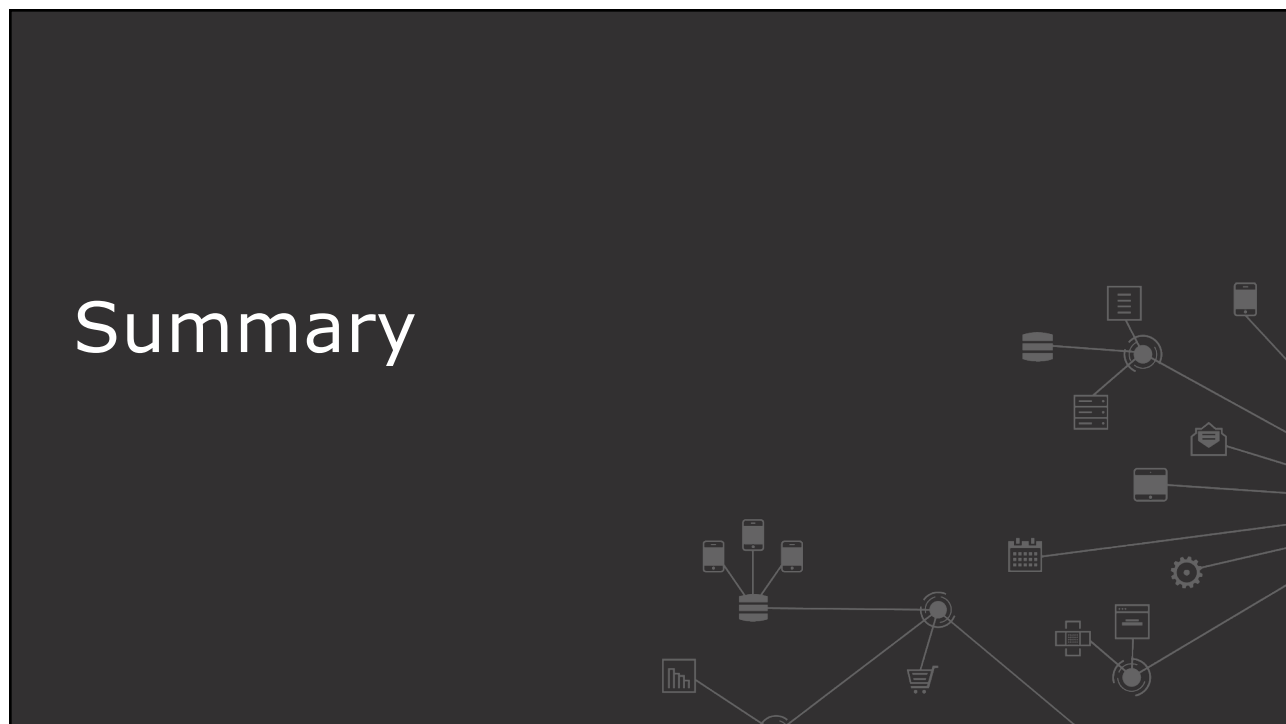
All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

50

50



51



52

Summary



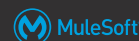
- Companies today need to **rapidly adopt and develop** new technologies in order to stay relevant to customers & keep competitive
- IT needs to be able to rapidly integrate resources and make them **available for consumption**
 - An **API-led connectivity** approach can help achieve this
- To drive API-led connectivity, create a **C4E** (Center for Enablement)
 - A cross-functional team to ensure assets across the organization are productized, published, and widely consumed
- **An application network** is a network of applications, data, and devices connected with APIs to make them pluggable and to create reusable services

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

53

53

Summary



- A **web service** is a method of communication that allows two software systems to exchange data over the internet
- An **API** is an application programming interface that provides info for how to communicate with a software component
- The term **API** is often used to refer to any part of a RESTful web service
 - The web service API (definition or specification file)
 - The web service interface implementing the API
 - The web service implementation itself
 - A proxy for the web service to control access to it
- **RESTful** web services use standard HTTP protocol and are easy to use
 - The HTTP request method indicates which operation should be performed on the object identified by the URL

All contents © MuleSoft Inc.

54

54