# Microservices, Serverless, OpenShift
## Module 3 Glossary: ORM: Microservices with Serverless

| Term | Definition |
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| API Gateway | An API management tool that sits between a client and a backend service. An API gateway accepts all application programming interface (API) calls, aggregates services required to fulfill them, and returns results. |
| Blocking Invocation | A function that invokes an action and waits for a result. |
| Event Source | The entity that generated the event. |
| Feed | A special type of action that monitors a specified Cloudant instance and fires triggers when changes are made to documents, allowing actions to react and perform work. |
| Non-Blocking Invocation | A function that invokes an action immediately but does not wait for a response. |
| Rate Limiting | A strategy for limiting the number of incoming requests in a given time period. |
| RESTful API | The Representational State Transfer API, also known as a RESTful API, conforms to the REST architectural style and allows interaction with RESTful web services. |
| Routing | The process of selecting a path for an incoming request within a network of services. |
| Web Action | An action that a user takes from one web page to another. They can be invoked from anywhere without defining a trigger or a rule. The can be accessed through a REST interface without credentials. They support all content types on an HTTP response so that functions can return HTML, XML, SVG, PNG, and others, with intelligent defaults for JSON. They also support all HTTP methods. |