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According to MuleSoft’s methodology – API-led connectivity is a methodical way to connect data to applications through reusable and purposeful APIs. An API-led connectivity approach promotes the identification, publication and discovery of companies’ digital assets – API’s and micro services – to enable higher degrees of reuse.

It implies that API’s become primary building blocks for your internal and external systems integration needs. API led connectivity moves beyond the idea of point-to-point and traditional ESB architecture – instead we build layers of API’s that are responsible for certain systems, processes and end consumer experiences.

API’s expose a company’s digital capabilities, such that they can be reused and recomposed in different and potentially unintended ways to create innovative new services and consumer experiences.

3 layers of API’s

API’s exposed via MuleSoft’s Any point Platform can be broadly categorized into one of three layers:

**Experience API’s**:-

These are designed to make your services and products available to customers via multiple interfaces, smart devices and channels, including third party applications and services. They are a crucial part of delivering a compelling user experience. Experience API’s tend to be updated frequently to ensure that customers can consume services they need via platforms that they prefer.

**Process API’s**:-

They define our business processes, operations and functions. The processes can be as simple as adding a customer to the CRM and updating ERP and loyalty system simultaneously; or more complex (e.g. add customer; take order; fulfil order; provide single view of client). The latter hide the complexity of the multiple systems and applications that lay behind each of these Process APIs for easier consumption.

**System API’s**:-

They unlock our legacy systems, backend and third party applications and expose their data and capabilities, acting as an interface to the core and business critical systems. System APIs are rigorously governed, they have clearly defined security contracts, and SLAs, are robust in execution and change infrequently.

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