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API Fortress Helps API Managers Reach Their Full Potential

API Managers enable companies to expose critical functionality and data inside and outside their organization, introducing essential functionalities like caching, authentication and limits. As a result, they have been a major driver in transforming APIs into business critical assets by direct monetization and increasing the speed of innovation.

Every API manager offers varying degrees of differentiating features, but ultimately, they deliver baseline value in Building, Deploying, Securing, and Documenting APIs. These platforms are at the core of the innovation push at many companies today, and they expedite that innovation at scale.

With that said, every API platform is missing key components that are pivotal to **decreasing RISK** and **increasing SPEED**. While API management platforms are excellent with enforcing policies to expose data securely, and in throttling APIs as needed, API managers were not designed to test and monitor API functionality - an essential piece of API health. Let alone the validation of APIs using end-to-end tests that resemble actual user flows.

The 10 Most Popular API Managers Are:

Axway

TIBCO Mashery

Oracle API Cloud Platform

Google Apigee

Salesforce Mulesoft

AWS API Gateway

Microsoft Azure

IBM API Connect

KONG

WSO2

If you break down all the steps in the process of creating and releasing APIs at speed and with quality, it goes like this:

	Design	Build	Mock	Test	Performance Monitoring	Functional Monitoring	Analyze	Publish	Integrate
API Manager	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
API Fortress			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓

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The huge gaps for assessing and maintaining continuous API health expose you to great risk when deploying new APIs. Closing those gaps is why many API management platforms work with us when it comes to the question of testing.

Some of our current relationships:

- Partnerships with Oracle, TIBCO Mashery, and Axway
- Exclusive testing connectors with Mulesoft and Kong
- Integrations with API designers such as Apiary and Postman

"Functional testing is very important for a successful API strategy. API Fortress expands testing from interface testing to deep-level testing of the APIs. Using API Fortress, you can validate not only the interfaces of the APIs but also the message structures. This further reduces risk as changes to the service implementation that can break your consumers are caught with API Fortress and you are alerted."

—Robert Wunderlich Product Strategy Director

API Fortress has become the response when an API manager team answers an RFP with a question about testing.

That's because API Fortress is a continuous testing platform that helps test APIs automatically as part of deployments. Enterprises partner with API Fortress to automate hundreds of thousands of API tests every month. For years, API Fortress has partnered with API managers and system integrators to close the gaps of API testing, allowing API management customers to maintain familiar user experiences while API Fortress seamlessly tests across the entire API lifecycle.

Innovation is a critical piece for companies to remain competitive, but that innovation does not need to come with bottlenecks that slow the testing process, or an increase in risk. That is what API Fortress does - a single platform to close the loop on releasing new APIs at scale with quality.

"FSI organizations should standardize API testing on a single end-to-end platform to help maintain control over the financial data exposure. When combining Axway with API Fortress business owners can deliver new APIs quicker, safer, and with more confidence."

–Axel Grosse, VP Innovation

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