

What is an API endpoint?

- Digital location where the API receives data requests on the server
- In the API request, the clients will specify the location at which they want to retrieve the information
- An endpoint is a component of API thus not equivalent
- Usually, endpoints are listed in the API documentation so clients know where to access the resources they need
- Endpoints are URLs

Why are API endpoints important?

- API endpoints allow developers to access data from other systems to create an application without having to create everything from scratch

Why are API endpoints public?

- The scalability of a company realizes that allowing third-party developers to build applications can improve the integration and usage of their platform

Endpoint HTTP Methods

- Get
- Post
- Put
- Patch
- Delete

API Endpoint Examples

- Spotify's API allows developers to access data about a song, artists, users, etc.
- To access an album: `https://api.spotify.com/v1/albums/{id}` where **id** is the album's identifier
- To request a user follow a playlist:
`https://api.spotify.com/v1/playlists/{playlist_id}/followers` (where **{playlist_id}** where **playlist_id** is the playlist's identifier

Source

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