



Welcome back to StrongLoop's newsletter, where we share information on LoopBack, API Microgateway, the Open API Initiative, and API developer news and tutorials, as well as announcements and events.

We've been quiet for a while, but we thought since we just refreshed our site it would be a good time to return. We'll wrap up each month with a summary of our its content and any news we think you'll want to know!

## A New Look for StrongLoop

If you've visited the StrongLoop site before, you may be thinking that things look a little bit different today. While its not radically different, you're probaby noticing that shades of blue have replaced the prior various shades of green. We've planned this visual revision for a while now. With a new version of LoopBack successfully launched and a new year well started, the time was right for the change - six years after we announced StrongLoop back in February 2013.

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## LoopBack 4 February 2019 Milestone Update

It feels like 2019 just started, but we are somehow already in March. February flew by, but while the month was short, the list of things the LoopBack team accomplished in the month was the opposite. In February, we tackled authentication and authorization, spikes on migration from LoopBack 3 to LoopBack 4, preparation for events, and others. Read more to see the details of our progress in February.

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# LoopBack 3 Receives Extended Long Term Support

This past October, we announced LoopBack 4 GA is ready for production use and updated the Long Term Support (LTS) schedule in our LTS page. Due to popular requests, LoopBack 3 now receives an extended long term support with updated timeline as shown in the table below.

The extended period gives more time for our users to move to the new version which is a different programming model and language. It also allows us to improve the migration experience and migration guide.

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## In The Loop, March 20

In each “In the Loop” article we list recent news, updates or opinions for Node.js, OpenAPI Spec, Microgateway, LoopBack and other open source solutions. We list them in no particular order, and any opinions expressed in the linked posts do not necessarily reflect those of the StrongLoop or IBM team.

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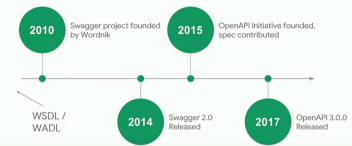
## Experimenting with Plain JS Programming in LoopBack 4

We didn't want to leave our JavaScript users behind and decided to explore the possibilities of creating a JavaScript interface to LoopBack 4.

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### *OpenAPI Spec News*

A brief history...



OpenAPI is a vendor neutral, portable, open specification for designing, describing, and deploying APIs. Watch this video from Cloud Next '18 and learn why OpenAPI is useful throughout the API lifecycle.

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### *Node News*



After six months of careful consideration and an immense amount of community feedback and collaboration, the Node.js Foundation and the JS Foundation are merging to form the OpenJS Foundation.

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