Stream:

A stream is a**Java interface** that takes a source, conducts a set of operations to extract specific data, then provides that data to the application for use. Essentially, it allows you to extract specialized data from a collection of generalized data. A stream pipeline always begins with a source.

API

**Application Programming Interface** (API) is a software interface that allows two applications to interact with each other without any user intervention. API is a collection of software functions and procedures.