

API Design and Management

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Understanding APIs

Definition wikipedia

Application programming interface (API) is a way for two or more computer programs or components to communicate with each other. It is a type of software interface, offering a service to other pieces of software.

Definition ChatGPT

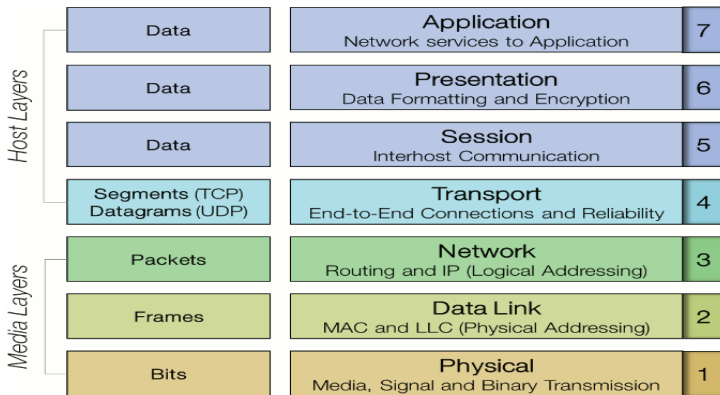
API (Application Programming Interface) is a set of rules, protocols, and tools for building software applications. It specifies how software components should interact and is used to enable the integration between different software systems.

History wikipedia

The term "application program interface" is first recorded in a paper called Data structures and techniques for remote computer graphics in 1968. The authors use the term to describe the interaction of an application "Graphics Program" with the rest of the computer system.

Understanding APIs OSI Model

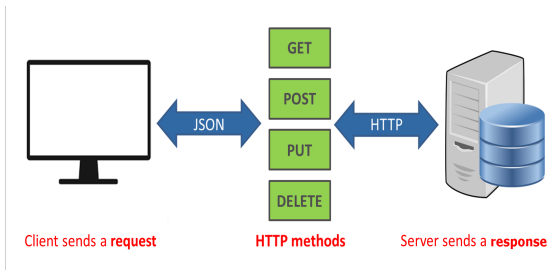
The open systems interconnection (OSI) model is a conceptual model created for Standardization which enables diverse communication systems to communicate using standard protocols.



source: coengodegebure.com/osi-model



Understanding APIs Example



source: phpenthusiast.com/blog/what-is-rest-api



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The types can be designed and developed using two ways

- 1 API Architectural Style,
- 2 API Standard Protocol.



Understanding APIs (API Architecture vs API Protocols)

API Architecture Style

It refers to the high-level structural design of the API. It encompasses the standards, and best practices governing how the API is developed, how it interacts with other systems, and how it exposes its functionality and data.

Example: REST

No Restrictions

Architectural style is sensitive to change and enhancement; it relies more on human experience.

API Protocol

It refers to a set of rules and standards used for communication between various software components. The protocol dictates how requests and responses are formatted and transmitted, and what are the restrictions of the communication.

Example: SOAP



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```
1  <?xml version="1.0"?>
2  <soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
3    <soap:Header>
4      <!-- header information here -->
5    </soap:Header>
6    <soap:Body>
7      <m:GetPrice xmlns:m="http://www.example.org/stock">
8        <m:StockName>IBM</m:StockName>
9      </m:GetPrice>
10   </soap:Body>
11   <soap:Fault>
12     <!-- fault information here -->
13   </soap:Fault>
14 </soap:Envelope>
```



Understanding APIs (Other Protocols)

- gRPC
- REST
- GraphQL

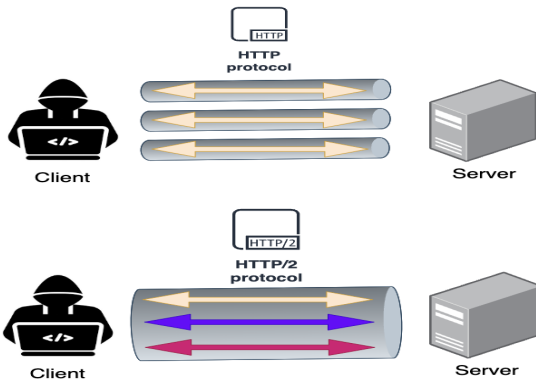


source: [REST vs GraphQL vs gRPC: Comparing Three Modern API Technologies](#)



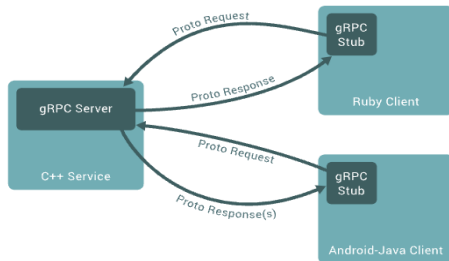
Understanding APIs (HTTP1 vs HTTP2)

HTTP/1.1	HTTP/2
Text-Based Protocol: Data is sent in a text-based format.	Binary Protocol: More efficient binary protocol, easier to parse.
One Request Per Connection: Each TCP connection allows only one request-response cycle at a time.	Multiplexing: Multiple requests and responses can be handled over a single TCP connection in parallel.
Headers Uncompressed: Headers are sent in plain text and can be quite large.	Header Compression: Uses HPACK compression to reduce overhead.
No Push Capabilities	Server Push



Understanding APIs (gRPC Protocol)

- gRPC is a modern open source high performance Remote Procedure Call (RPC) framework that was developed in Google.
- gRPC can use **protocol buffers** as its underlying message interchange format.
- gRPC is based around the idea of defining a service, specifying the methods that can be called remotely with their parameters and return types.
- On the server side, the server implements this interface and runs a gRPC server to handle client calls.
- On the client side, the client has a stub (referred to as just a client in some languages) that provides the same methods as the server.



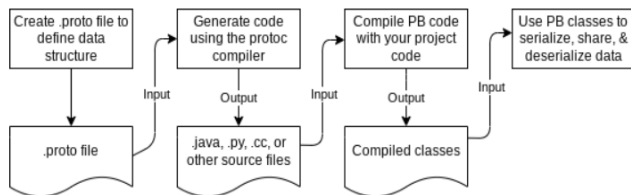
source: [Introduction to gRPC](#)



Understanding APIs (Protocol Buffers)

- Protocol Buffers are a language-neutral, platform-neutral extensible mechanism for serializing structured data.
- The file that includes the definition is `.proto` file

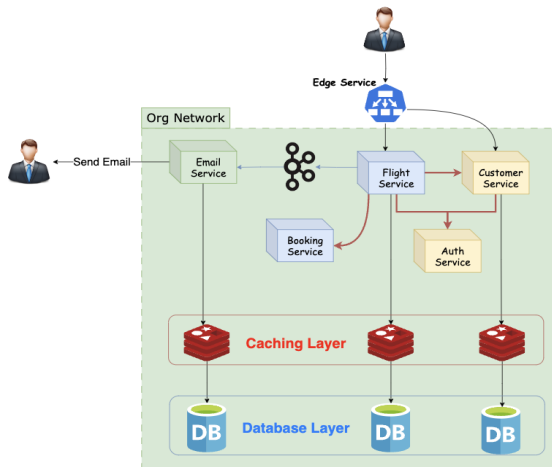
```
1  message Person {  
2      string name = 1;  
3      int32 id = 2;  
4      bool has_kids = 3;  
5      optional string email = 4;  
6  }
```



source: [protobuf overview](#)



Understanding APIs (gRPC)



gRPC
Service to Service Integration

source: [gRPC Official doc](#)



Understanding APIs (gRPC)

```
1  syntax = "proto3";
2  package observer;
3
4  service ObserverStatusService {
5      rpc getServiceStatus (SystemStatusRequest)
6          returns (SystemStatusResponse) {}
7  }
8
9  message SystemStatusRequest {
10     optional string uuid = 1;
11     string service_name = 2;
12 }
13
14 message SystemStatusResponse {
15     string uuid = 1;
16     string status = 2;
17     string component = 3;
18     optional string service_name = 4;
19 }
```



API Design Principles

- Fundamentals of Good API Design
- Designing for Scalability and Performance
- API Versioning Strategies



RESTful API Design

- RESTful Architecture Principles
- Designing RESTful Services (Endpoints, HTTP Methods, Status Codes)
- Best Practices in RESTful API



Advanced API Protocols

- Introduction to GraphQL and Its Advantages
- Implementing gRPC for Microservices
- Comparison of Different API Styles



API Documentation and Specification

- Importance of Comprehensive API Documentation
- Tools for API Documentation (Swagger, OpenAPI Specification)
- Maintaining and Versioning API Documentation



API Security

- Authentication and Authorization Mechanisms (OAuth, JWT)
- Securing API Endpoints
- Handling Sensitive Data and Privacy Concerns



API Testing and Quality Assurance

- Writing Effective API Tests
- Tools and Frameworks for API Testing
- Performance Testing and Load Testing for APIs



API Management and Lifecycle

- The Lifecycle of API Development
- API Deployment Strategies
- Monitoring and Analytics for APIs



Conclusion

- Recap of Key Learnings
- Emerging Trends in API Development

