

# Application Programming Interface (API)

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An **Application Programming Interface (API)** is a set of protocols, routines, functions and/or commands that programmers use to develop software or facilitate interaction between distinct systems. APIs are available for both desktop and mobile use and are typically useful for programming [Graphical User Interface \(GUI\)](#) components, as well as allowing a software program to request and accommodate services from another program.

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