

The Future of Integration

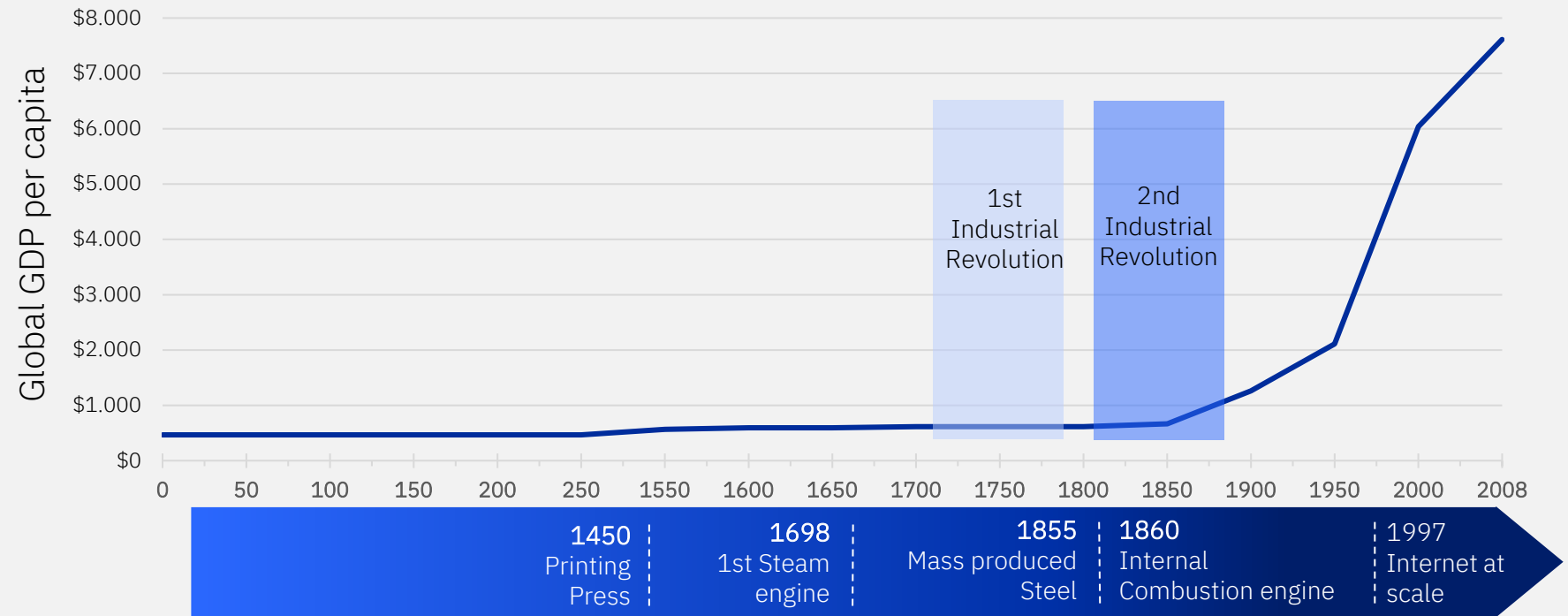
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Macro trends

Technology accelerated per capita growth in the last 250 years



Many businesses have a common problem

Enterprises need to be able to connect and integrate their data and applications in an automated and secure way to drive business outcomes

20%

higher revenue growth rate

for tech-adopting businesses
with more efficient systems for moving
and accessing data

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Source: IBM Institute for Business Value, Extending Digital Acceleration, October 2021

An increasingly digital world makes it a difficult problem to solve

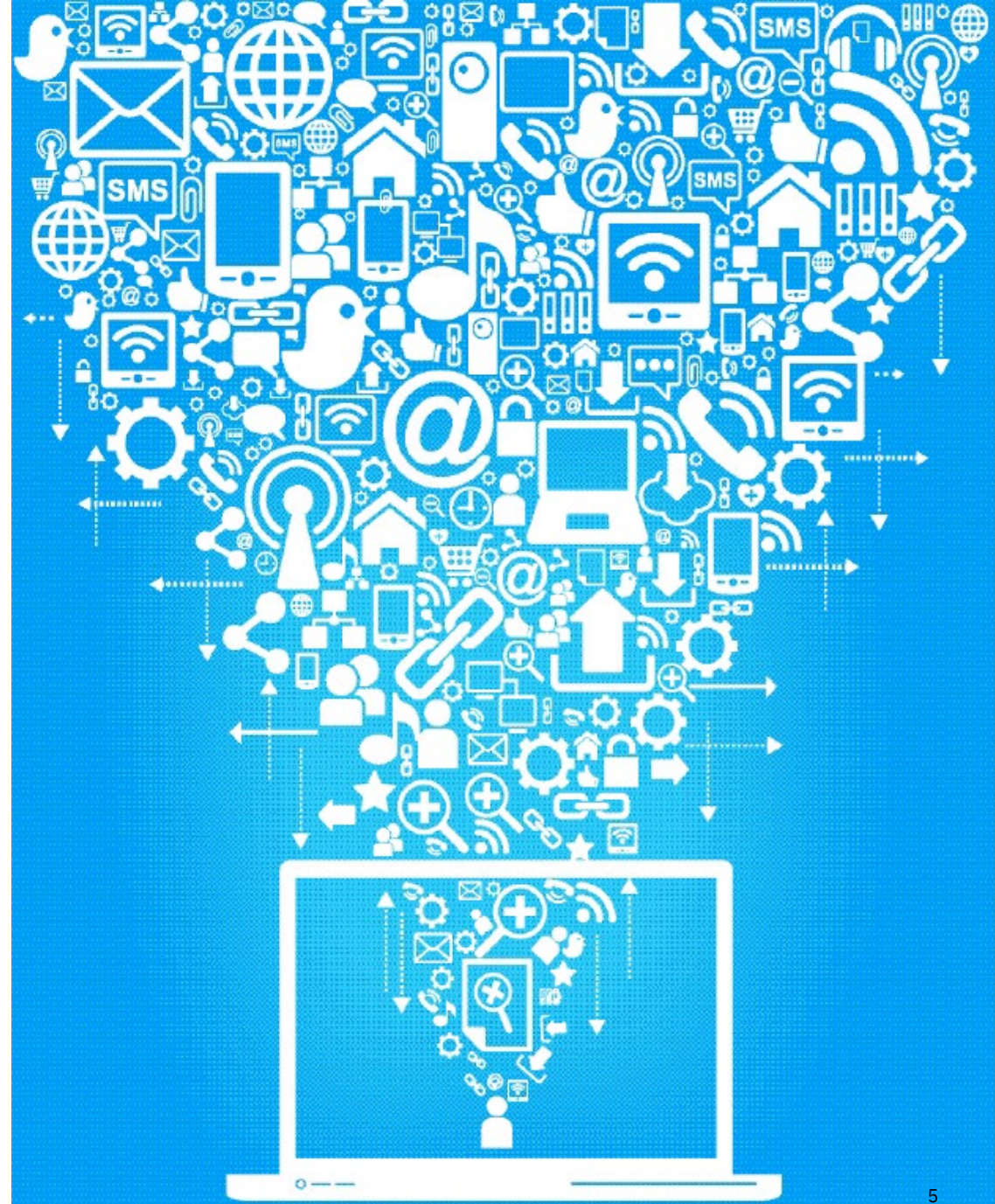
The amount of data and applications are rapidly growing and reaching a tipping point

100+
applications

Over 50% of organizations estimate they have more than 100 applications in their portfolio today.

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Source: [IDC's 2022 Worldwide Application Services Survey](#)



In addition, there is a labor and skills shortage adding to the difficulty

Top 5
hardest-to-find
tech skill

Integration architecture is one of the top 5 hardest-to-find tech skills

80%
non-IT developers

By 2026, developers outside IT will account for 80% of the user base of low-code dev tools

Source: Gartner Forecast Analysis: Low-code Dev, Technologies, Oct 2022; Future of Work Trends: Tinkerers Become Mechanics

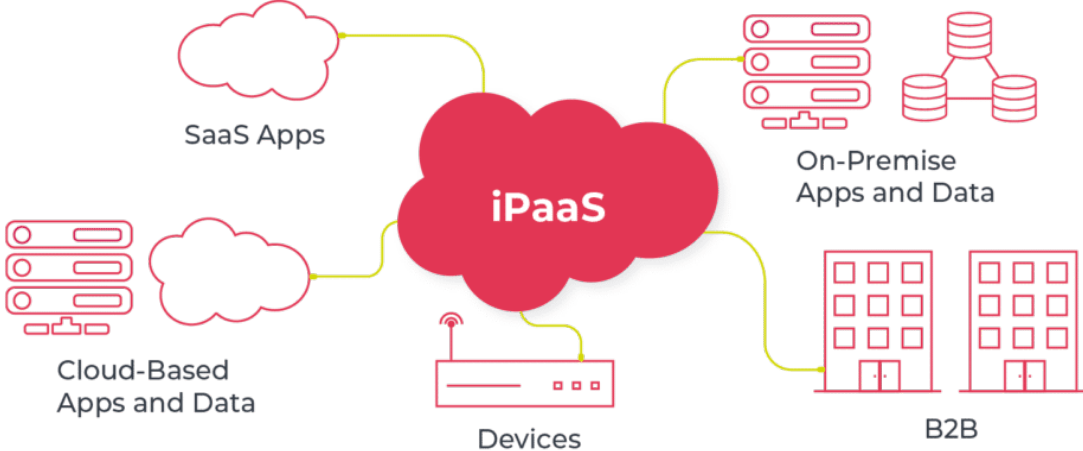
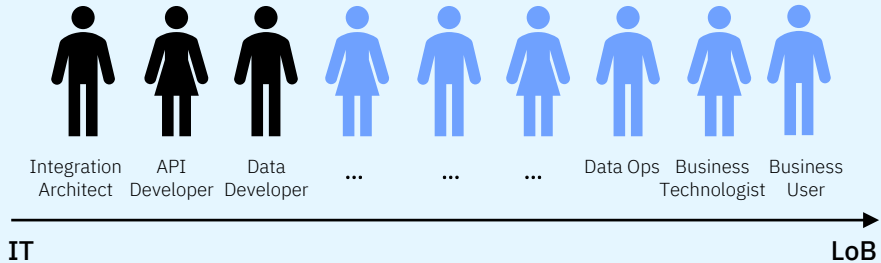


Technology trends

The market is moving to Integration Platform as a Service (iPaaS) with the future of integration modernization based on APIs

80%

Low-code users will be outside of formal IT departments



iPaaS offerings contain a mix of:

- App Integration
- Data Integration
- B2B integration
- Process Automation

APIs are a key enabler of digital transformation & integration

API-led integration is a modern way to integrate applications and data through reusable APIs.

It replaces the overly complex point-to-point integration style to enable a more flexible, scalable and agile architecture.



Reduce cost by leading with APIs as the building blocks of integration

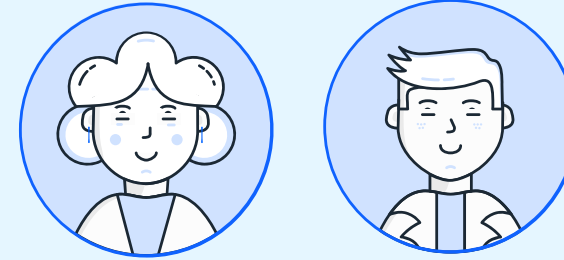


Quickly adapt to changing business needs by leveraging OpenAPI standards

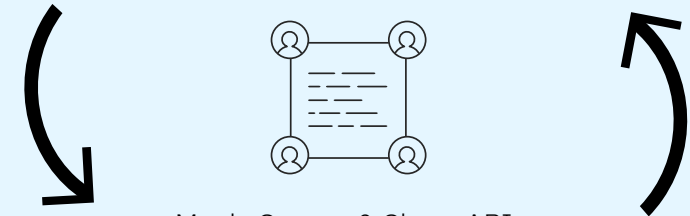


Manage, secure, & share your APIs more efficiently & effectively

Business & IT Integrators



Design, Implement, Deploy APIs & Flows



Mock, Secure & Share APIs



API Developers

Three key trends driving changes in the API market



Graph APIs – flexible federated access to data

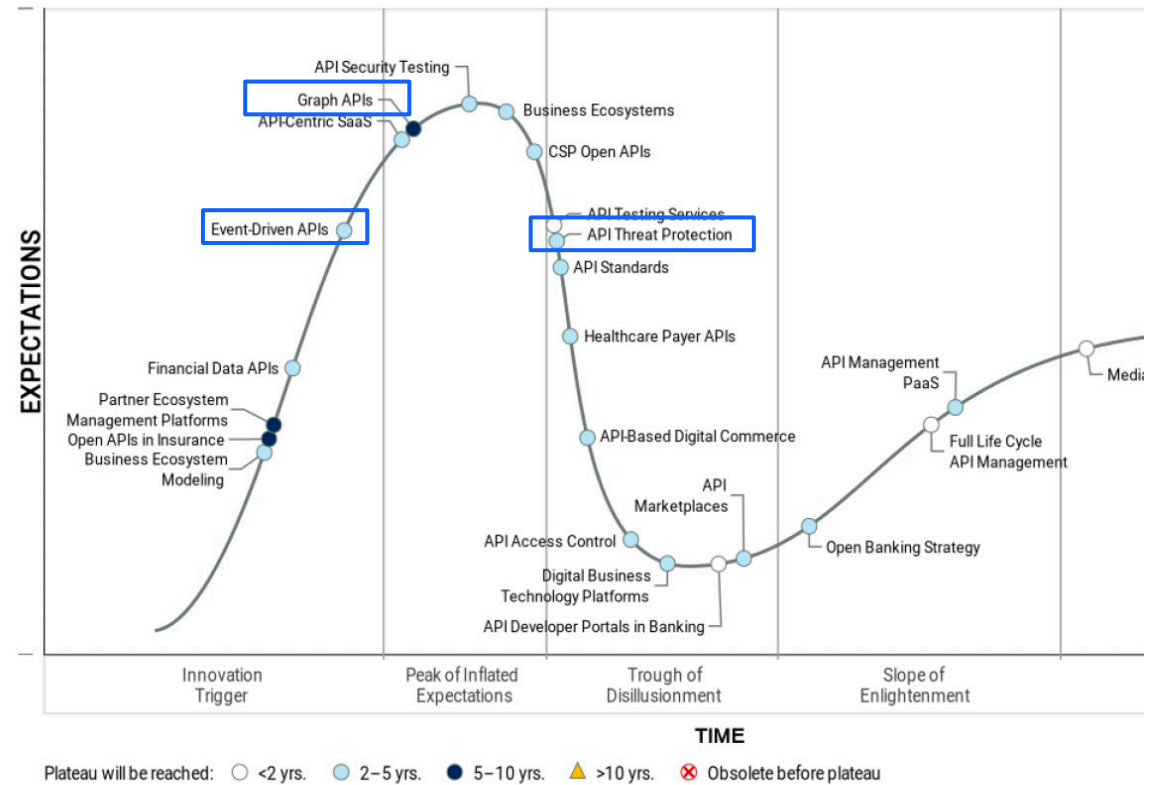


Event-driven APIs – real-time notification of changes to data and application state

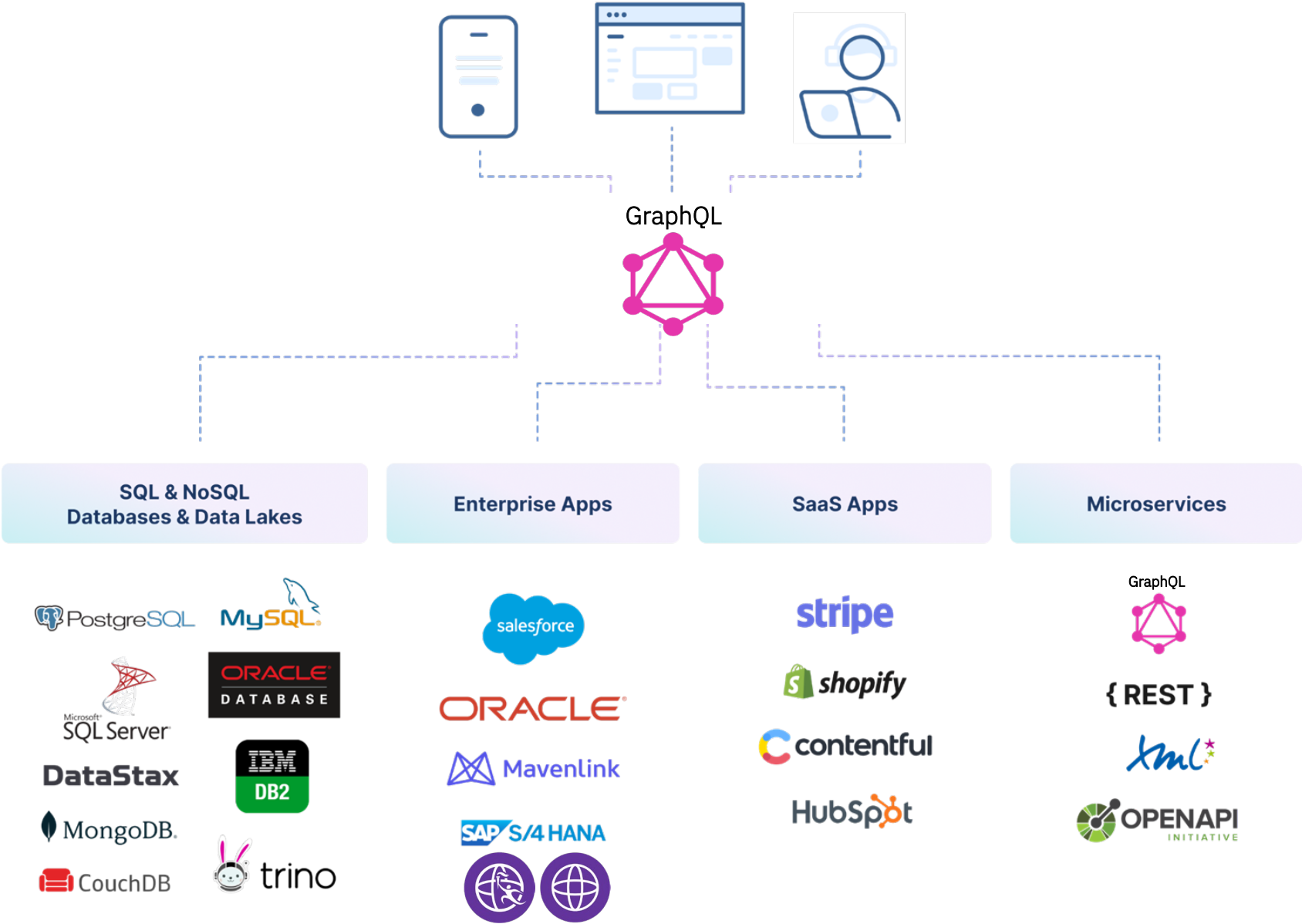


Advanced API Security – APIs are easy to expose, but difficult to defend. Traditional network and web protection tools do not protect against all the security threats facing APIs

Hype Cycle for APIs, 2022

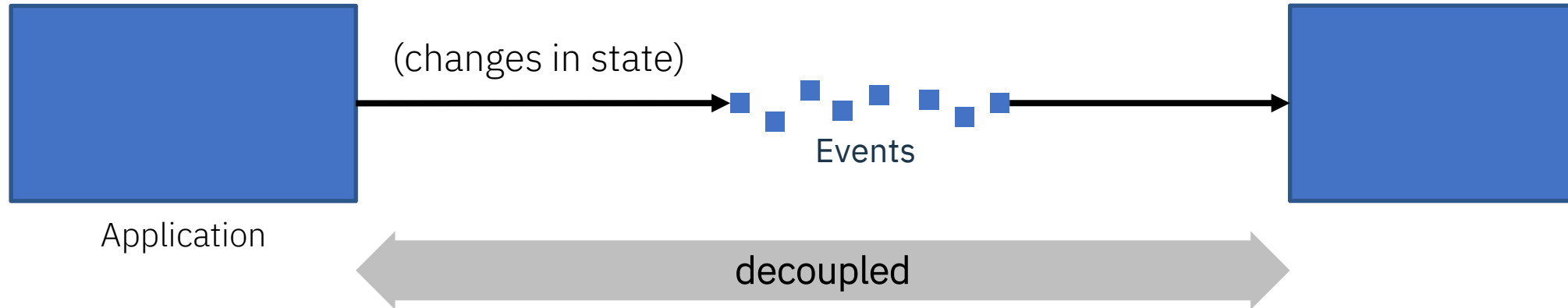


GraphQL APIs enable access to diverse sources



Event Driven Architecture (EDA)

Focuses on “changes in state”, rather than “current state”



EDA is not new! Conceptually EDA has been present in computing since the very beginning. It can be underpinned by any mechanism that enables event data to be stored and read at independent times. Queues (e.g. MQ), logs (e.g. Kafka), database tables, files etc.

Modern day EDA moves well beyond this, increasingly making use of **event processing** to gain insight directly from the event streams rather than just processing them at the target system.

Advanced API Security

INTENSIFYING THREATS

Malicious actors look to exploit vulnerabilities and leverage an increased dependency on digital infrastructures.

Attacks on web applications increased to make up 39% of all breaches in 2021.

MORE DIRECTED AT APIS

Use of APIs is growing exponentially due to digitization and cloud-native development.

2/3 of analyzed cloud incidents are due to misconfigured APIs

SINGLE GREATEST THREAT

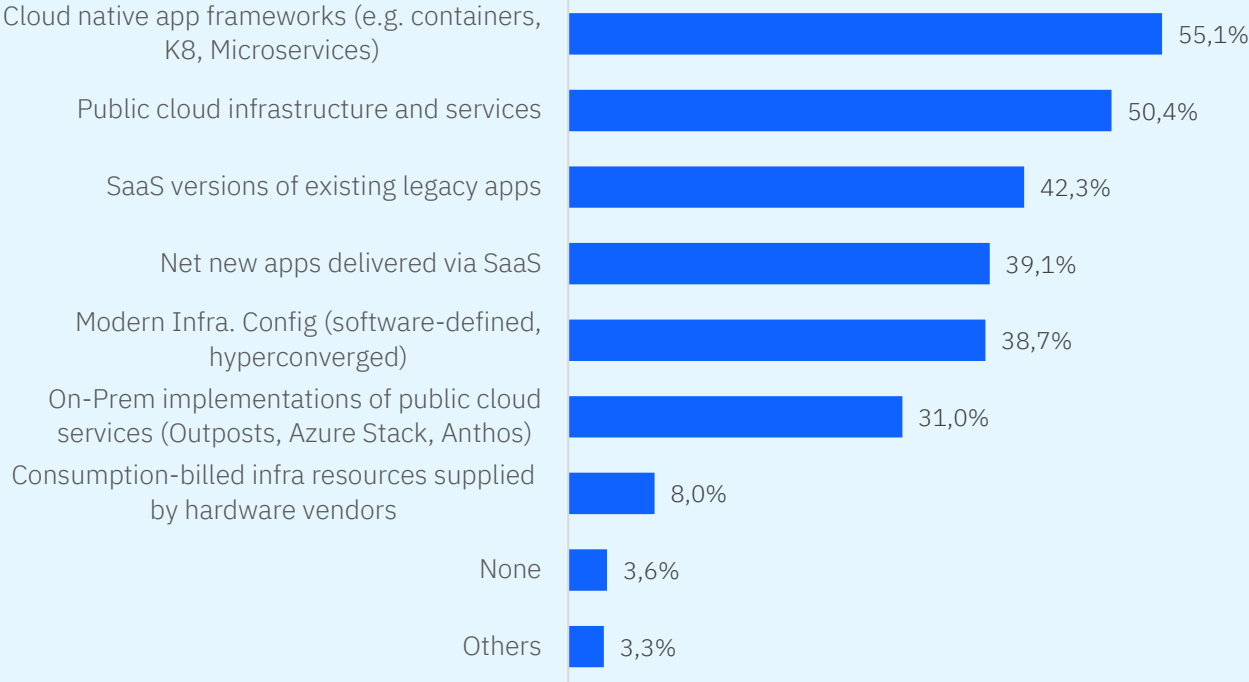
Popularity has resulted in more attention from malicious actors.

By 2022, API abuses will be the most-frequent attack vector for web apps

Enterprises are supporting a broad and diverse range of development and runtime execution platforms

- Business logic and data is widely distributed across an increasingly diverse hybrid IT landscape
- Secure Web Gateway market emerging as a much broader offering with capabilities including: threat protection, access control, data protection, Domain Name System security, and antivirus protection

Hybrid IT Platforms Used in Enterprise Modernization

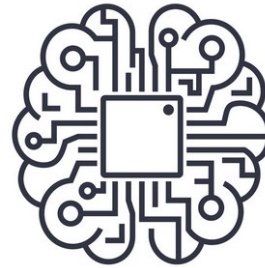


Sources: IDC Market Analysis Perspective Integration Software, Total Integration: The future of hybrid IT interoperability, Hype Cycle for Application Architecture and Integration, Worldwide Integration and API Management Software Forecast, 2021-2025, MI Analysis

Organizations are growing their use of AI in integration with increasing reliability to drive productivity

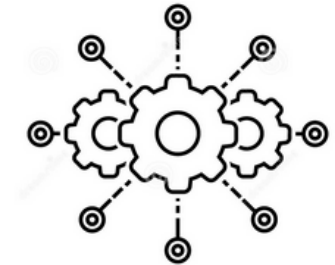
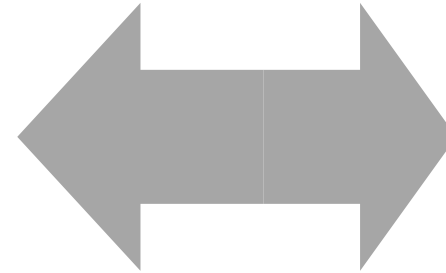
33%

increase
in AI-based intelligent
process automation
engagements (2020-2021)



AI

AI makes integration development faster and more resilient with diagnostic tools and conversational and generative AI capabilities



Integration

Integration is key for building stronger and smarter AI models to improve how they make suggestions or decisions

IBM's Point of View

IBM Integration

Our strategy is to provide the **most comprehensive** set of **automated**, **secure**, and **scalable** integration capabilities to enable your organization to digitally transform and grow your business.



API management



Application integration



End-to-end security



Enterprise messaging



Event streaming



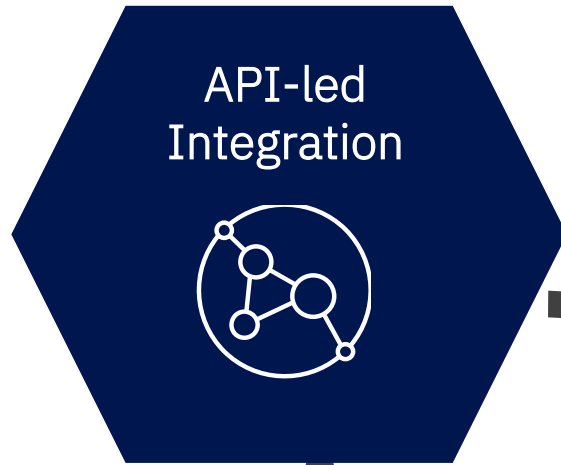
High-speed data transfer

IBM Integration: Usage patterns

Integrate by building, managing and sharing APIs

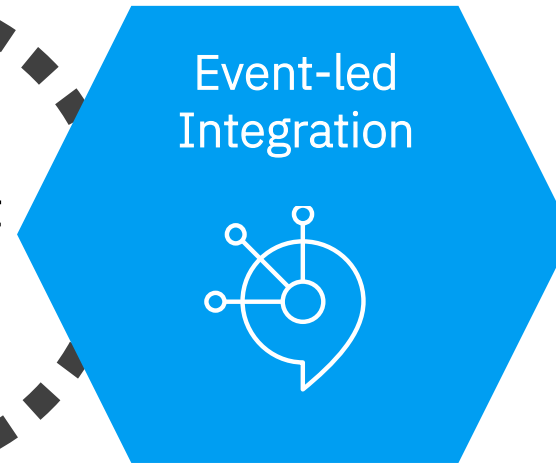
Primary products:

- API Connect
- App Connect
- DataPower (API Gateway)



API-led
Integration

Management
& Security



Event-led
Integration

Unleash real-time insights to drive data-driven actions

Primary products:

- Event Streams
- Event Endpoint Management
- Event Gateway

Connect to anything quickly, securely and at scale

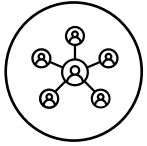
Primary products:

- MQ
- App Connect
- Aspera
- DataPower



Messaging &
Connectivity

We are tackling iPaaS and modernization of integration head on with App Connect Enterprise



Leverage your data more effectively

- An API-Led experience for integration (Unified Authoring)
- 100s of new connectors
- Develop your own custom connectors (CDK)
- Connector community with ability to consume & contribute connectors



Integrate & automate faster with AI

- AI field mapping (map assist)
- AI data mapping (data assist)
- Create flows using natural language

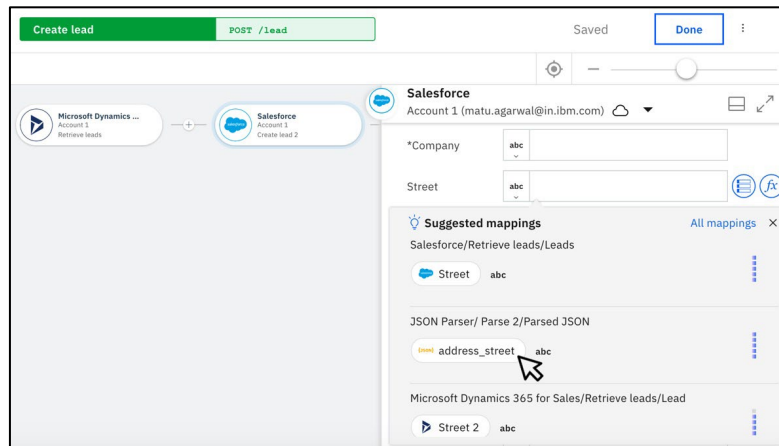


Consuming integration solutions on cloud

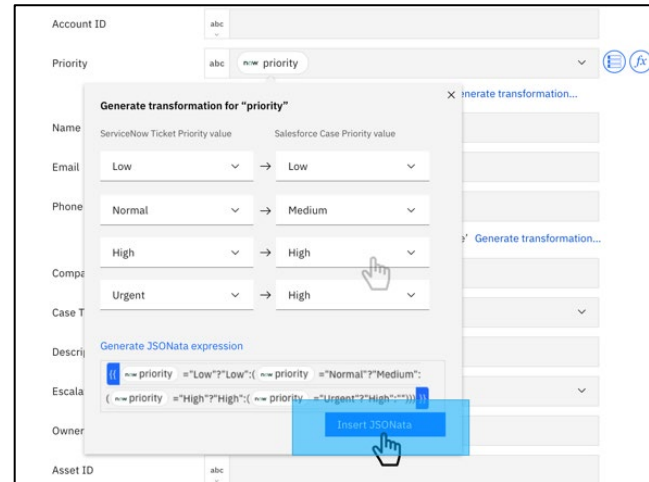
- Brand new App Connect Enterprise SaaS (iPaaS)
- Optimized integration runtimes in containers
- Purchase and deploy on more public clouds and from marketplaces (AWS, Azure and beyond)

App Connect Enterprise utilizes AI capabilities to integrate and automate faster

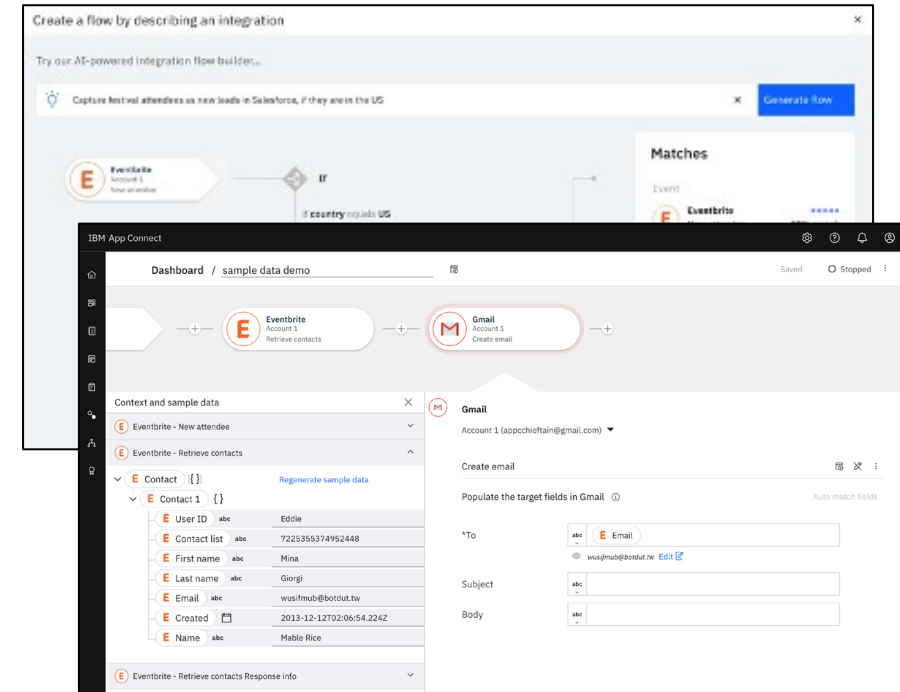
Receive suggested mappings with **Mapping Assist**



Quickly transform data with **Data Assist**



Generate flows via natural language with **Goal-Orient Flow Assist**



- Simplify field mapping between applications
- Easily transform data to and from JSON, XML and flat files
- Inline guidance and recommendations
- Generate flows using natural language to accelerate creation

IBM acquired StepZen, a GraphQL company, in February 2023

StepZen is a GraphQL engine

- Build GraphQL APIs declaratively (no code)
- Introspect diverse backends to easily surface data and services new apps need
- GraphQL server runtime
- Optimizes the hard problems for you

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Developer GraphQL-izes backends, *easily*

2

Developer “stitches” the GraphQL-ized backends, *easily*

3

StepZen does the hard things, *transparently*



Optimization
Protection
Scale & Low
Latency
Deployment
Caching
Geo Distribution

StepZen + IBM API Connect



Create

Build APIs your consumers will love:
declaratively build GraphQL APIs.



Manage, Secure & Socialize

Package, publish, promote and socialize.
Control and mediate delivery with API Gateway.



Build here



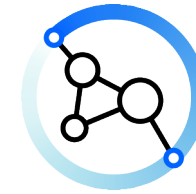
SOFTWARE
DEVELOPER

Build and consume
APIs with multiple
languages & devices



Manage there

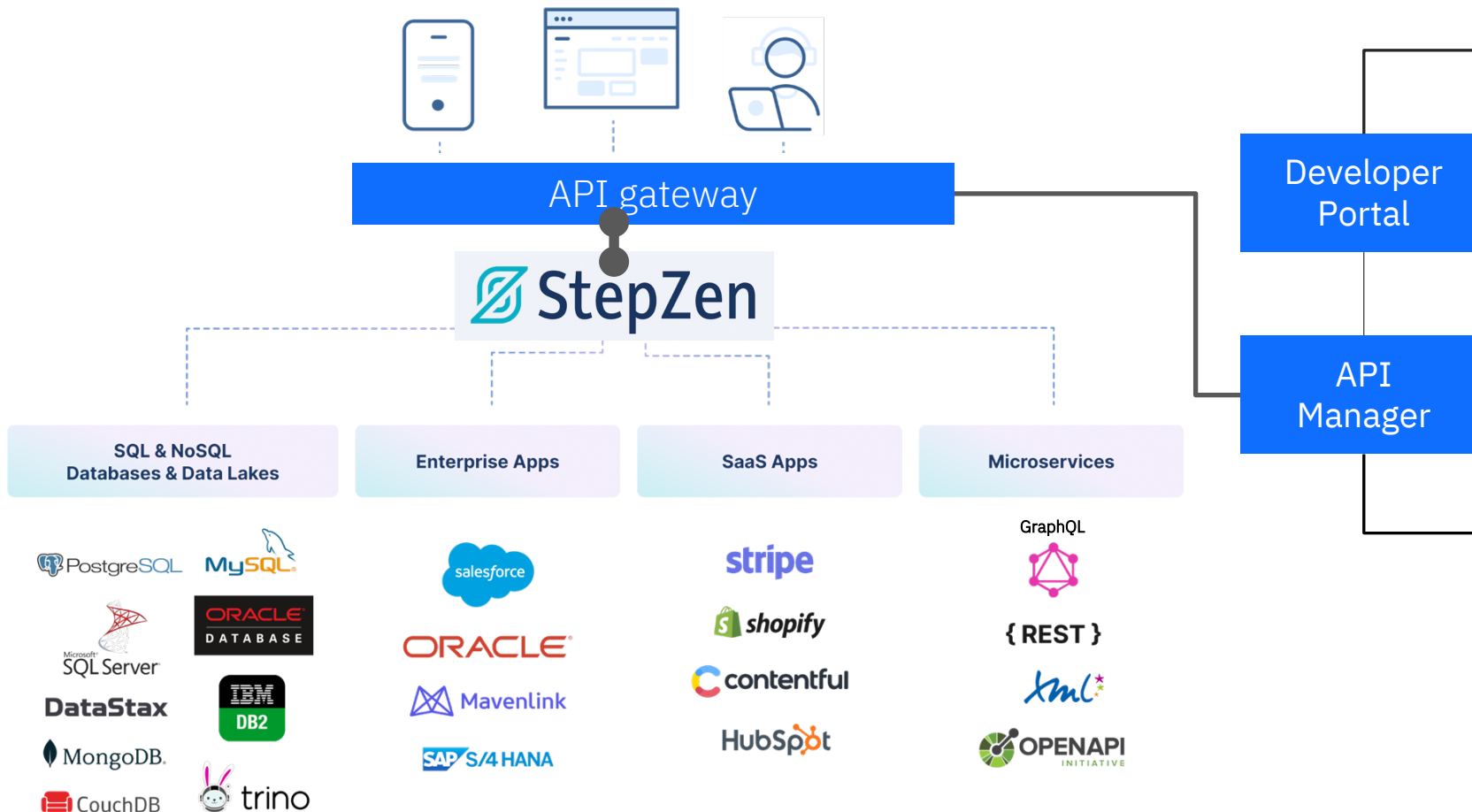
API Management across the API estate



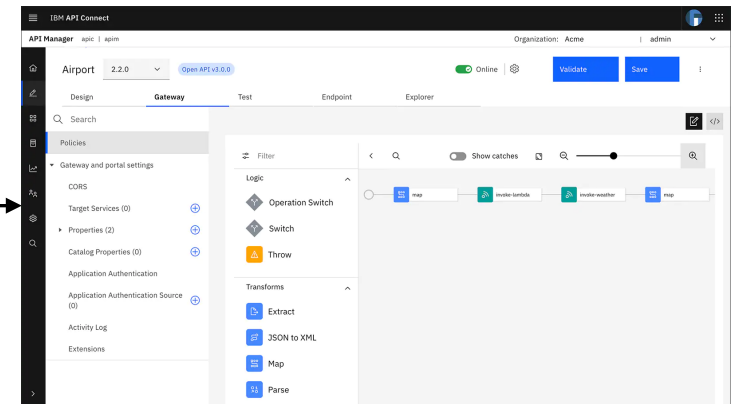
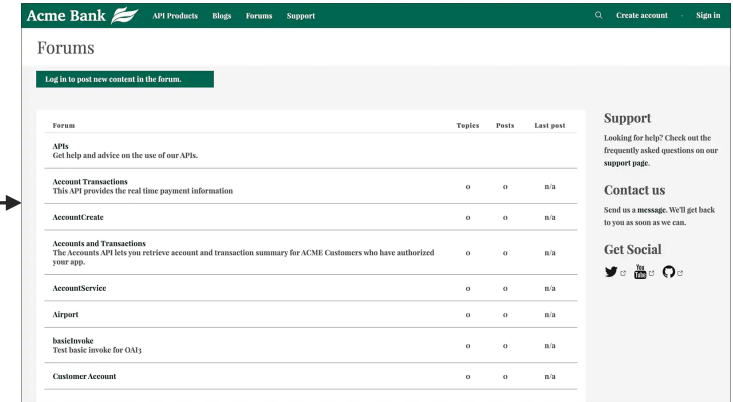
IBM API Connect

Consistently access, manage, secure and socialize

StepZen-built GraphQL APIs alongside the rest of your APIs



Share your API estate through developer portal



Secure and govern APIs with out of the box and custom policies

Improve API developer productivity, quality, and consistency with test automation

Cleverly generate, schedule and test APIs during its creation

- Improve developer productivity and API quality
- Send 1000s of requests to auto-test APIs during its creation
- “Biased Random” request generation, strongly biased towards correct requests unlike plain random requests
- Customize testing parameters (like error injection)

Start testing with just OpenAPI document with API endpoint

- Easily set up without requiring production data
- Semantic validation to test specific characteristics of fields
- Syntactic validation against Open API Specification

Seamlessly integrate with existing testing capabilities

- Complements Automated test generation with early detection of errors within the Open API specification
- Complements AI powered Insights geared production use cases

Comprehensive reports on coverage and results

- Drill down on errors for quick debugging

The screenshot displays the IBM Automation API Management Test APIs interface. The main heading is 'Unauthorized 401 on POST'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Profile', 'General', and 'Report'. The 'Report' tab is active, showing a table of test results. The table has columns for 'Endpoint', '2XX', '4XX', '5XX', and 'Total'. The data is as follows:

Endpoint	2XX	4XX	5XX	Total
▼ /books	17	29	0	46
POST	17	29	0	46
▼ /books/{book_id}	25	65	0	90
DELETE	17	21	0	38
GET	8	11	0	19
PUT	0	33	0	33
▶ /customers	51	10	1	62
▶ /customers/{customer_id}	65	47	2	114
▶ /customers/{customer_id}/orders	13	31	0	44
▶ /customers/{customer_id}/orders/{order_id}	9	85	1	95

At the bottom of the table, there is a pagination control showing 'Items per page: 100' and '1 - 100 of 1,228 items'. The interface also includes a search bar, a filter icon, and a 'Show more' link.

New Noname Advanced API Security for IBM

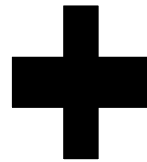
Automatically discover APIs, provide insights into API behavior, and ensure compliance with best practices and policies.



API Connect



DataPower



- ✓ Market-leading API Management
- ✓ Enterprise-grade API runtime protection

- ✓ Analyze, Detect, Notify & Remediate Threats with AI
- ✓ Discover the unmanaged APIs across your landscape
- ✓ Inventory & report API security posture

IBM's Event Integration strategy

Event Distribution

Built on open technologies, an **enterprise-grade packaging of Apache Kafka** with value-add services to assist connectivity and deployment across organizations at scale.

Event Discovery

Enable existing events to be **discovered and consumed by any user**, and manage your event sources like APIs to securely reuse them across the enterprise.

Event Processing

Make working with events intuitive and simple so users can understand and react to real-time business situations.
Remove the need to write SQL and increase productivity.

Wrap up

IBM recognized as a market leader

Forrester Wave: 3Q 2022

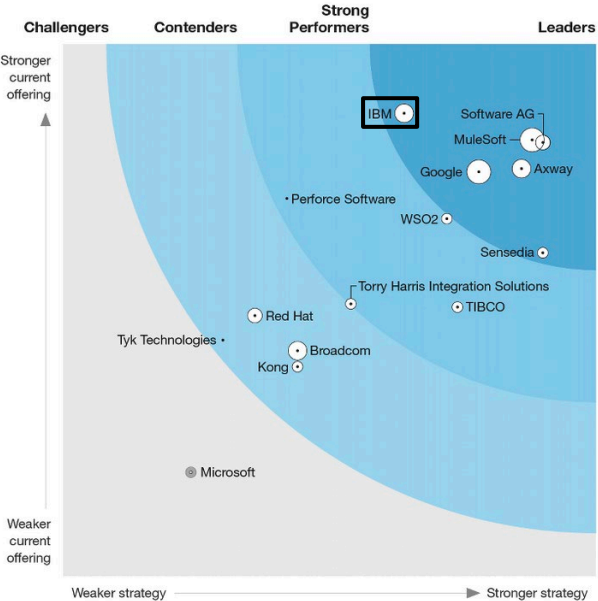
IBM Ranking: Leader

Gartner MQ: 3Q 2022

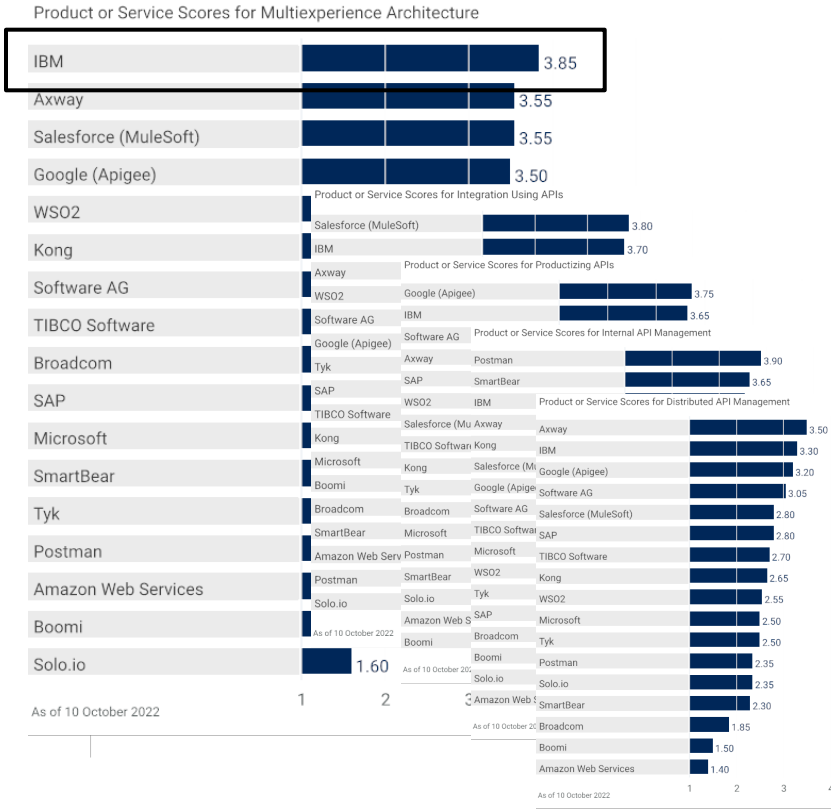
IBM Ranking: Leader 7 years in a row!

Gartner Critical Capabilities: 3Q 2022

Only vendor to rank in top 3 across all 5 use cases!



Source: Gartner (November 2022)



Full reports available: <https://www.ibm.com/products/api-connect>



IBM Integration customers acknowledge our innovation and value

IBM App Connect

★★★★☆ 4.3 / 5 stars

"Great App integration software, connects your data quickly and very well."

IBM MQ

★★★★☆ 4.4 / 5 stars

"IBM Messaging Queue Service is reliable, robust and secure."

IBM API Connect

★★★★☆ 4.2 / 5 stars

"Very friendly web interface for configuration of APIs, we learned very quickly how to configure and deploy our APIs at secure manner."

IBM Cloud Pak for Integration

★★★★☆ 4.4 / 5 stars

"The best part about IBM Cloud Pak for Integration is that you get all the integration tools under one [solution] be it IBM App Connect or API Connect or Datapower. This really eases life of a developer."

"The most helpful is the platform agility. Such flexibility help us to recommend to propose the best and easiest way to start with integration."

"Easy to deploy everywhere and easy to access."

Source: Based on G2's 2022 Spring Reports

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