

# Developing APIs with Google Cloud's Apigee API Platform

## Topics

### Module 1: Apigee Overview

- Understand the placement and role of API management in modern application development.
- Define Apigee API Platform logical components and organizational structure.
- Differentiate between Apigee flexible deployment models.
- Explain API lifecycle.

### Module 2: API First and OpenAPI Specifications

- Describe REST API design.
- Understand the value of API-First development and how to apply it.
- Discuss OpenAPI specification and its use in the context of API-First development.

### API Proxies

- Define the building blocks of APIs and API proxies.
- Describe how APIs proxies work and how capabilities such as flows, policies, route rules, virtual hosts and target servers play a role.
- Understand how APIs are exposed.
- Understand how API proxies connect to backend systems.

### Module 4: API Products

- Define API products and the value behind API product strategy.
- Understand the role of developers, applications, and API keys in API management.
- Describe the API publication process.
- Understand API responses and status codes for REST APIs.

### Module 5: Authentication, Authorization, and OAuth

- Discuss the importance of API Security.
- Understand the value of application identity.
- Understand the role of user authentication and authorization.
- Gain deep understanding of OAuth (Access token, Refresh token, Common pattern for all grant types) and its application in the context of API design and management.
- Discuss federated identity and the use of JSON Web Tokens in your API proxies.

### Module 6: Content, Transport, and Internal Security

- Explore platform capabilities for protecting against content-based attacks and transport security.
- Understand how to protect sensitive data using encrypted KVMs, data masking, private variables.

#### **Module 7: Mediation**

- Understand the out-of-the-box platform capabilities for implementing mediation and fault handling.
- Describe implementation patterns and policies for JSON, XML, and SOAP.
- Understand extensibility options using Service Callouts, JavaScript, Python, and hosted targets.
- Explore development practices and capabilities used to reuse, share, and enforce execution of flows and policies.
- Illustrate out-of-the-box options to invoke Google Cloud services and third-party components using extensions.

#### **Module 8: Traffic Management**

- Describe when and how to use traffic management.
- Evaluate options and applicable use cases for rate limiting with spike arrests and quotas.
- Understand caching strategy and how to apply it.

#### **Module 9: API Publishing**

- Describe API publishing strategy and process.
- Expand understanding of REST API design by discussing API versioning.
- Describe the role of developer portals in the API lifecycle and as a critical part of API strategy.

#### **Module 10: Logging and Analytics**

- Discuss available options for message logging.
- Understand the value and use of API analytics.
- Differentiate between message logging and API analytics.
- Understand the extensibility options available for API analytics using custom metrics and dimensions.

#### **Module 11: Advanced Topics**

- Discuss recommended practices and tooling for Apigee offline development.
- Describe the capabilities offered by management API.
- Evaluate options to leverage CI/CD as part of API lifecycle.
- Explore Apigee Deployment Options.

