

# Engage the API Economy with API Connect and System Z

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# Part 1. The Digital Economy

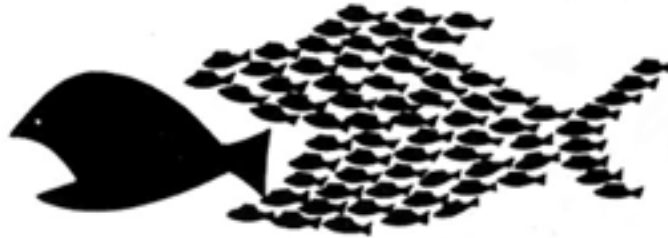


## Enterprises must learn to “Innovate like a Startup”

FROM.....



.....TO



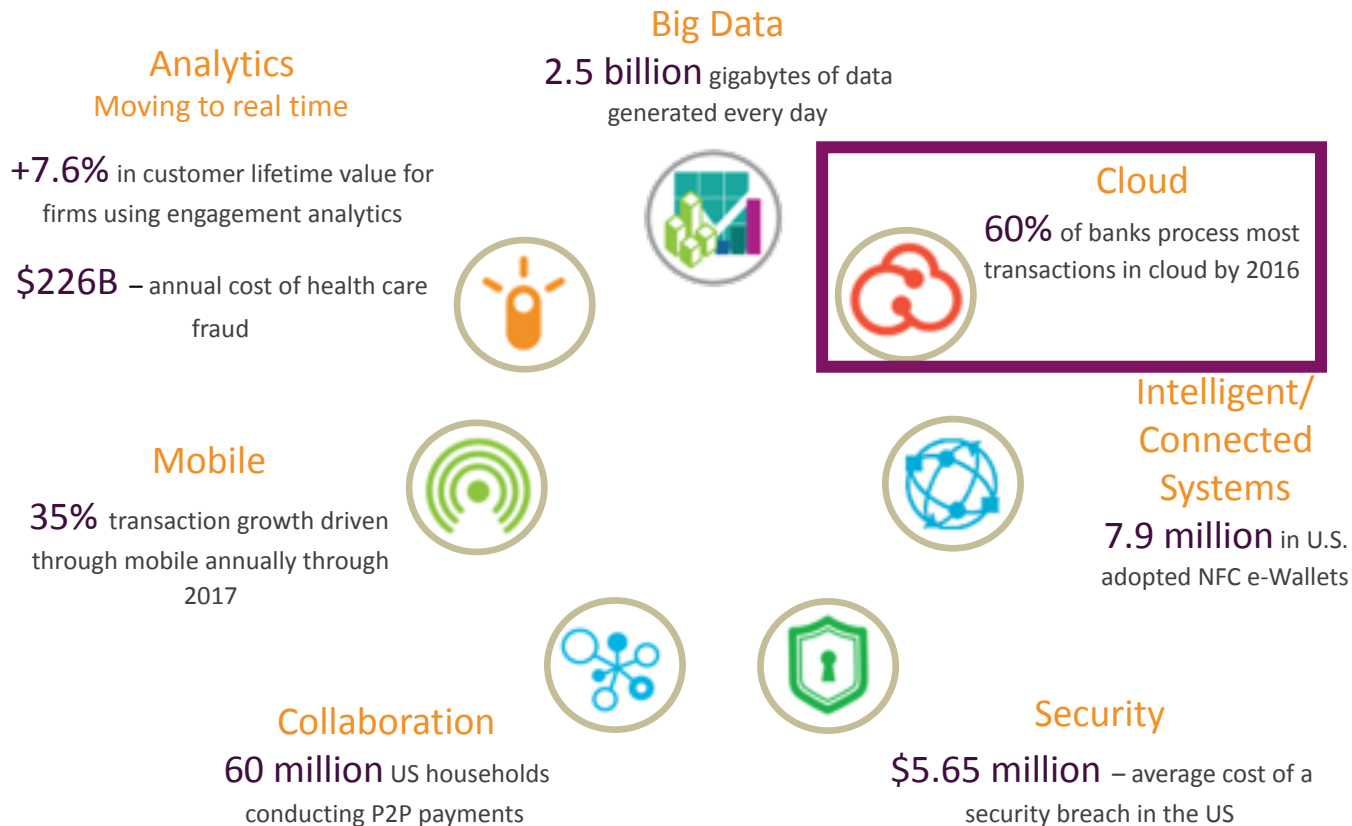
“The ‘Uber syndrome’ – where a competitor with a completely different business model enters your industry and flattens you.”

Judy Lemke, CIO, Schneider, United States

“52% of the Fortune 500 firms since 2000 are gone.” – R. Ray Wang

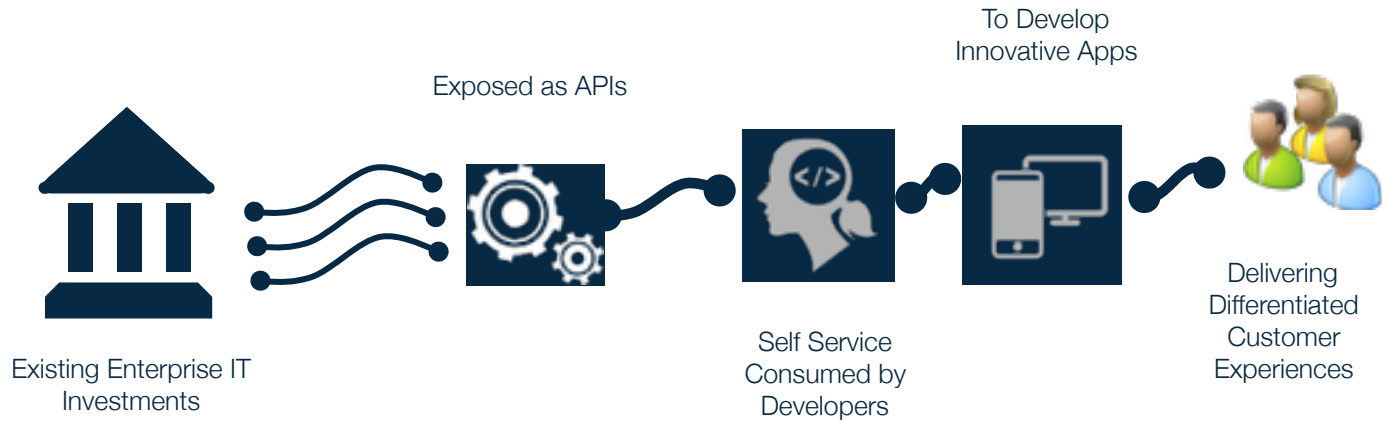
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# Emerging technologies drive business transformation



# The Strategy is Simple...

## *Unleash Enterprise Investments to Disrupt Competitors*



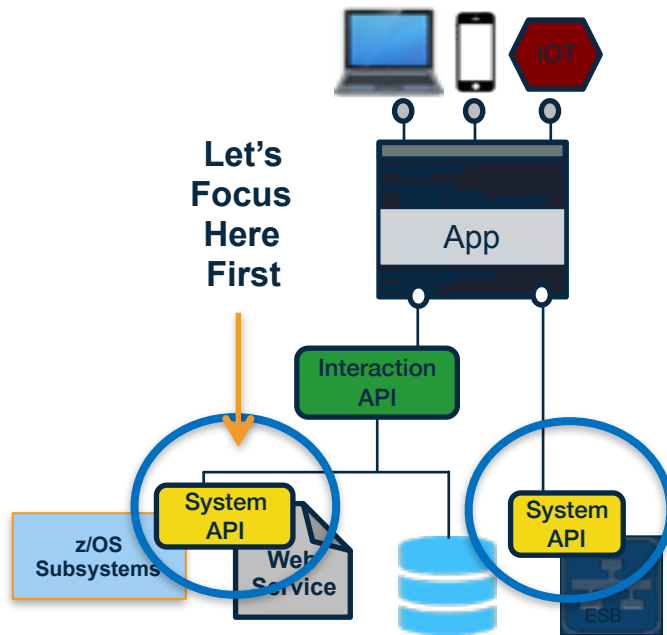
# There are two types of API's

## System APIs:

- APIs that pass through data from a system of record “unchanged”

## Interaction APIs:

- Invoke one or more System API's or data sources, and manipulate the returned data *with new logic*
- Promote reuse across new applications



## Part 2. z Systems relevance in the API economy





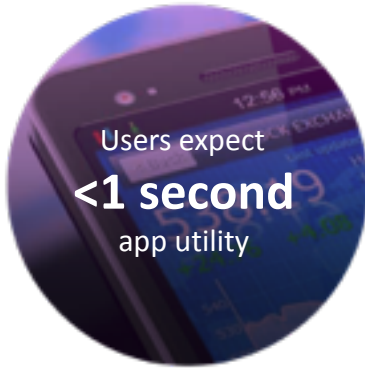
# Client expectations remain daunting for enterprise apps

## Availability



**24x7x365**  
application  
availability

## Response Time




Users expect  
**<1 second**  
app utility

## Personalization



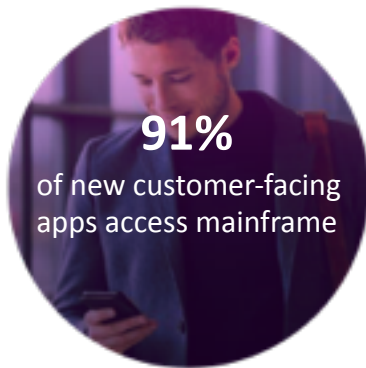
**80%**  
of Marketers send  
the same content to  
all subscribers

## Trust



**70%**  
lack confidence in  
data security

## Integration



**91%**  
of new customer-facing  
apps access mainframe

## Scale



**35%**  
mobile transaction growth  
annually

# Good news! The mainframe can take on this challenge



- *Provides sub-second response time, even under extreme loads*
- *Enables in-transaction analytics*
- *Security – has earned the highest level of security certification*
- *Availability – 24x7x365*
- *Reliability – 99.999% uptime*
- *Scalability – best vertical scalability on the market to support millions of online users*

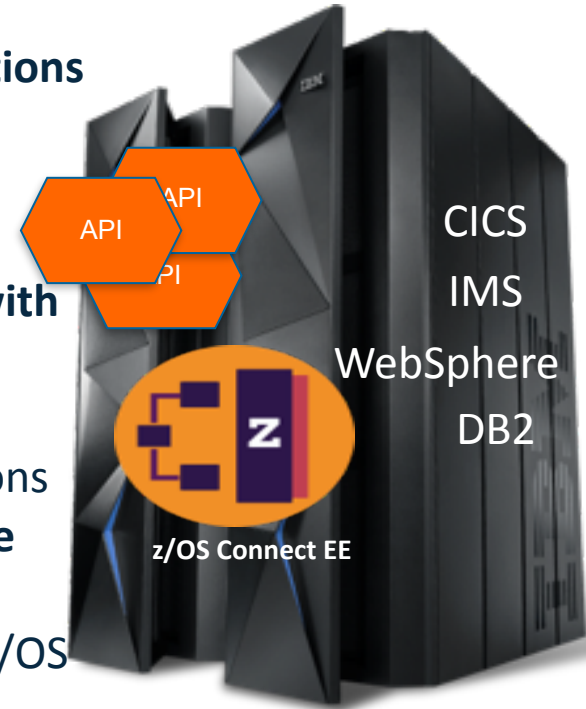
This is necessary, but not sufficient.....

## Part 3. API Connect and z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition



# z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition (EE) V2.0

- Provides “System APIs” creation for z/OS subsystem applications
- Integrates with “IBM API Connect” (more on this later) for enterprise-class API management
  - Create, Run, Secure
- Delivers RESTful APIs as a discoverable, first-class resource with OpenAPI Spec (Swagger 2.0) descriptions
  - Ready for consumption by today's enterprise application developers and integration with API management solutions
- Comprehensive tooling that enables API developers to create RESTful APIs from z/OS-based assets
- Supports standard JSON message format and conversion to z/OS subsystem backend format requirements

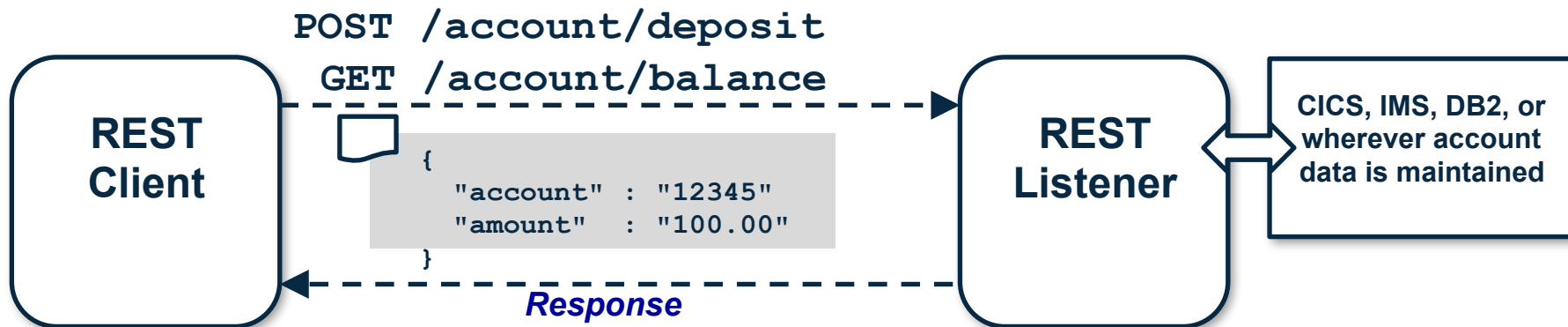


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## Simplified Overview of REST/JSON



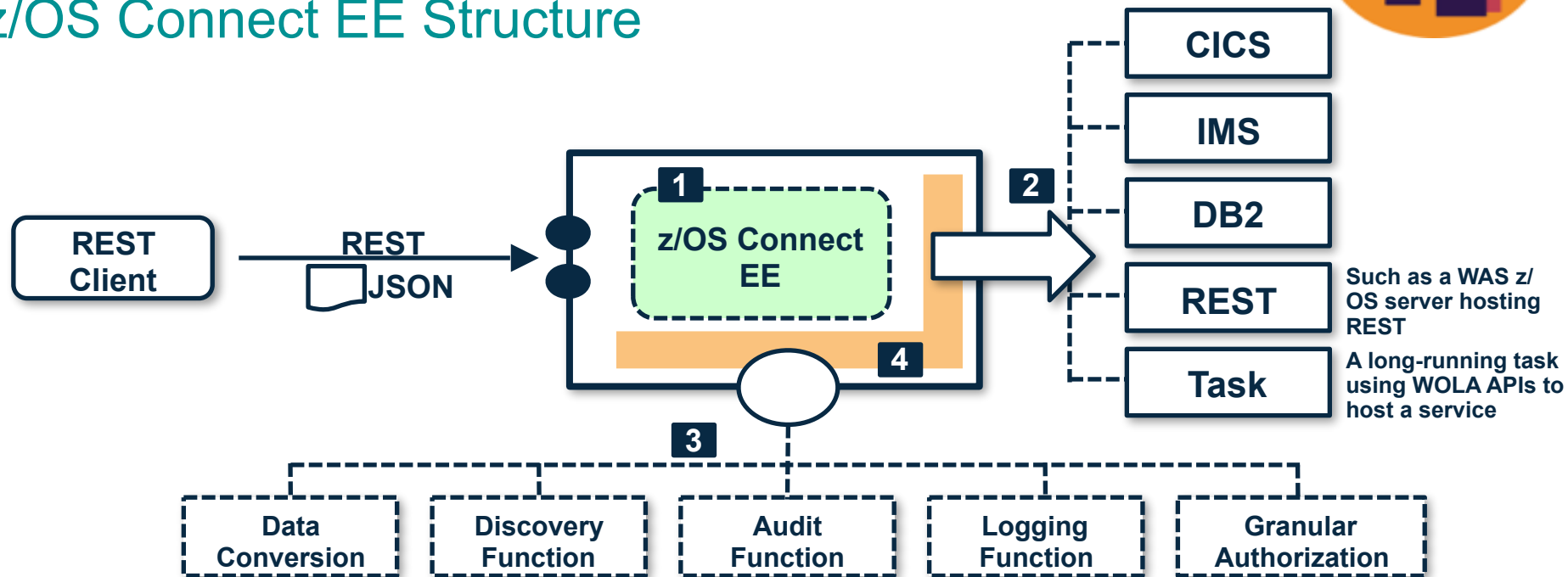
**REST** - “Representational State Transfer” ... which uses HTTP and HTTP verbs to allow a client to interact with a server over the TCP/IP network.

**JSON** - “JavaScript Object Notation” ... a name/value pair representation of data that is relatively lightweight and generally simpler to handle and parse than XML.

**REST is increasingly popular as an integration pattern because it is stateless, relatively lightweight, is relatively easy to program**



## z/OS Connect EE Structure



1. z/OS Connect EE a Java servlet
2. “Service Provider” = backend connectivity
3. “Interceptors” = configurable function
4. Extensible interface = flexibility



## Four categories of new capabilities over prior z/OS Connect

- Full REST support
- Tooling for API creation and data mapping
- Support for API description using OpenAPI Spec (Swagger) 2.0
- API deployment support

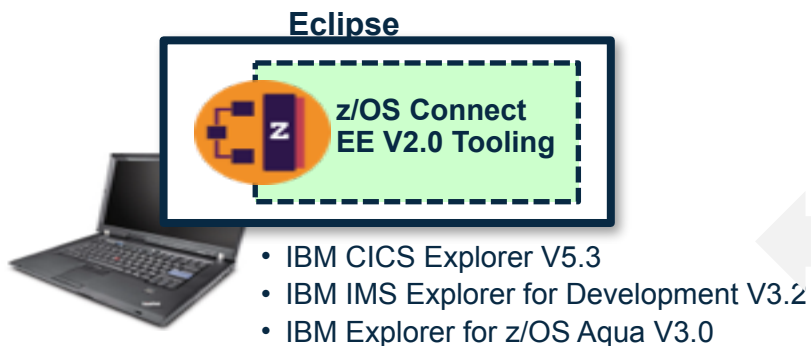


## High-Level Overview of z/OS Connect EE V2.0

### Runtime Server

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- Hosts APIs you define to run
- Connects with backend system
- You may have multiple instances



*Based on  
Liberty z/OS*

- IBM z/OS V2.1+ (V1R13 "known requirement")
- IBM 64-bit SDK for z/OS, Java Technology Edition V7.1.0 or V8.0.0

### Tooling Platform

2

- Integrates with an Eclipse environment
- Define APIs
- Define data mapping
- Deploy APIs to runtime server
- Export API archive for other tools to deploy





# RESTful Support

## z/OS Connect EE V2.0:

**POST**    /account?name=Fred    +  (JSON with Fred's information)

**GET**    /account?number=1234

**PUT**    /account?number=1234    +  (JSON with dollar amount of deposit)

↑  
HTTP Verb conveys the method against the resources; i.e., POST is for create, GET is for balance, etc.

↖  
URI conveys the resource to be acted upon; i.e., Fred's account with number 1234

↑  
The JSON body carries the specific data for the action (verb) against the resource (URI)



# Eclipse-based Tooling for z/OS Connect EE V2.0

The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface for the z/OS Connect EE V2.0 tooling. The left-hand 'Project Explorer' shows a project named 'GoodHealth' with sub-projects 'api', 'patient', 'api-docs', and 'services'. The 'api' project contains files like 'mapping.xml', 'request.map', and 'response.map'. The 'patient' project contains a 'GET' method. The main editor area shows the 'Describe your API' configuration for the 'GET' method. It includes a 'Path' field with the value '/patient/{patid}?userid&zipcode', a 'Methods' dropdown set to 'GET', and a 'Service' field set to 'PatientService'. The 'Description' field contains the text 'CRUD api for patient details, medic threshold data.' Below the 'Methods' dropdown, there are buttons for 'POST', 'GET', 'PUT', and 'DELETE', each with associated 'Service...' and 'Mapping...' buttons. Several green callout boxes with arrows point to specific elements in the interface:

- Eclipse project view, which is familiar to developers who have used Eclipse-tooling for other development projects** (points to the Project Explorer)
- Access query parameters from the URI** (points to the {patid} placeholder in the Path field)
- Assign API function based on HTTP verb** (points to the GET method selection)
- Provide data mapping definitions to the service** (points to the Mapping... button for the GET method)
- API projects can be exported and imported for portability between developers** (points to the api project in the Project Explorer)

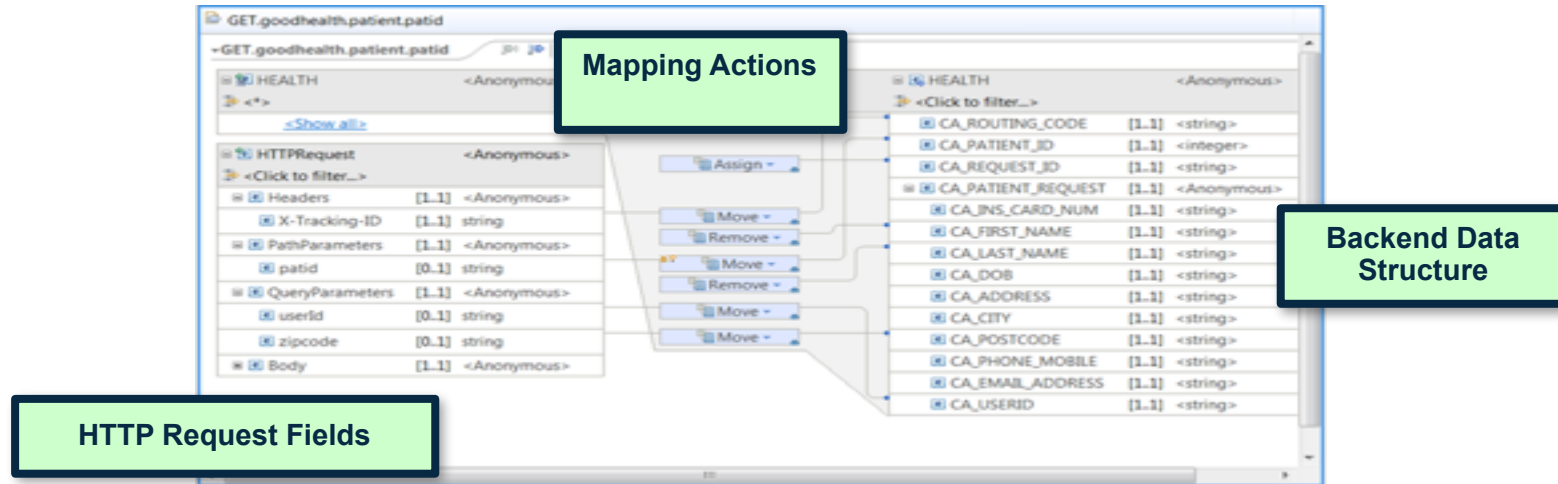
API definitions are created through the tool, which is consistent across backend systems (CICS, IMS, etc.)

YouTube Demo: <https://youtu.be/HjE8wdvX3l0>



# Request Mapping Capabilities

The API mapping model adds a powerful abstraction layer between the API consumer and the underlying z/OS assets.



- Mapping of HTTP headers, path parameters (URI templates), and query parameters to the fields in the request message JSON body.
- Pass-through, redaction, or defaulting of fields in the request or response message JSON body.
- Mapping and defaulting of HTTP headers in the HTTP response message.

# IBM z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition V2.0



<https://developer.ibm.com/mainframe/>

Click on **Download Eclipse Tools** below and follow the installation instructions once you are sure all the prerequisites are met.

## Plug-ins



## Platforms



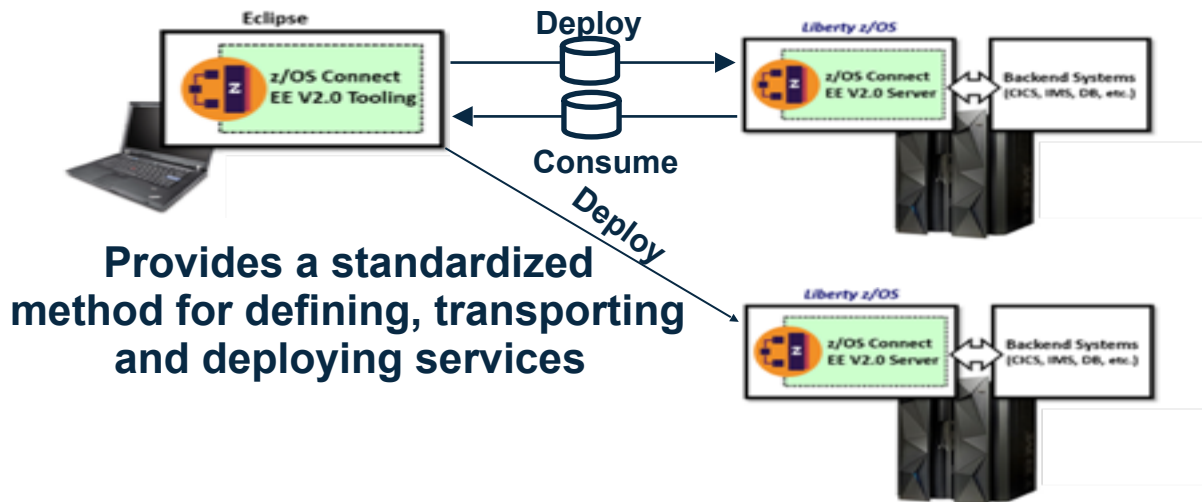


## API Archive (AAR) -- API Packaging



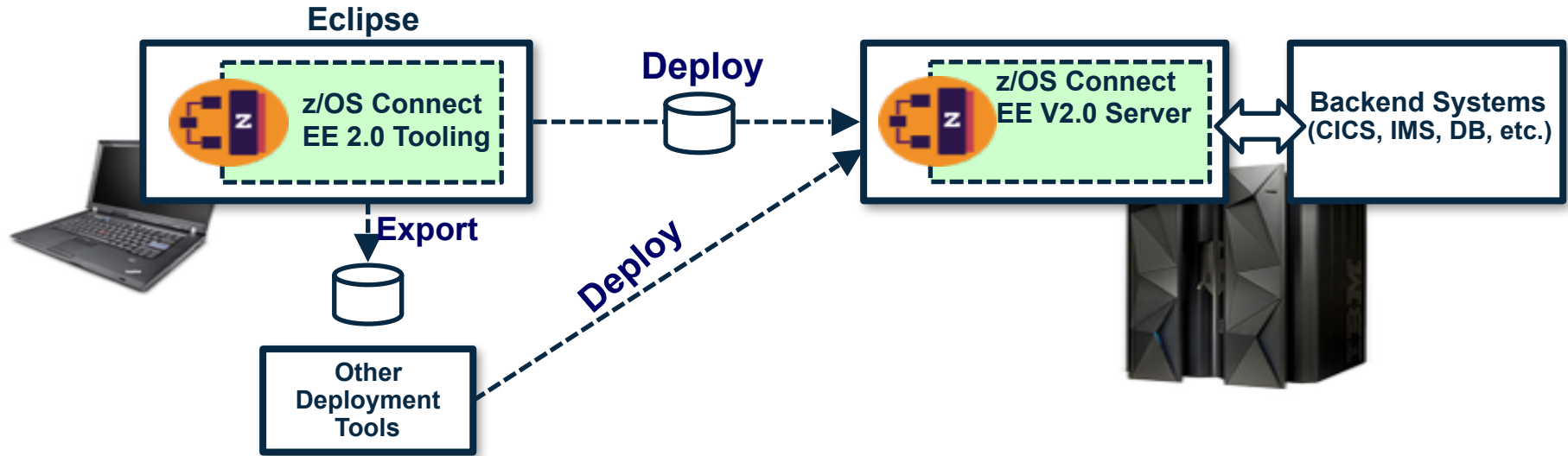
### API Archive (AAR) File

- ZIP-format file
- Contains Swagger documentation of service
- Contains JSON schema and API information
- Produced by tooling
- Exportable to server runtime | Consumable by tooling





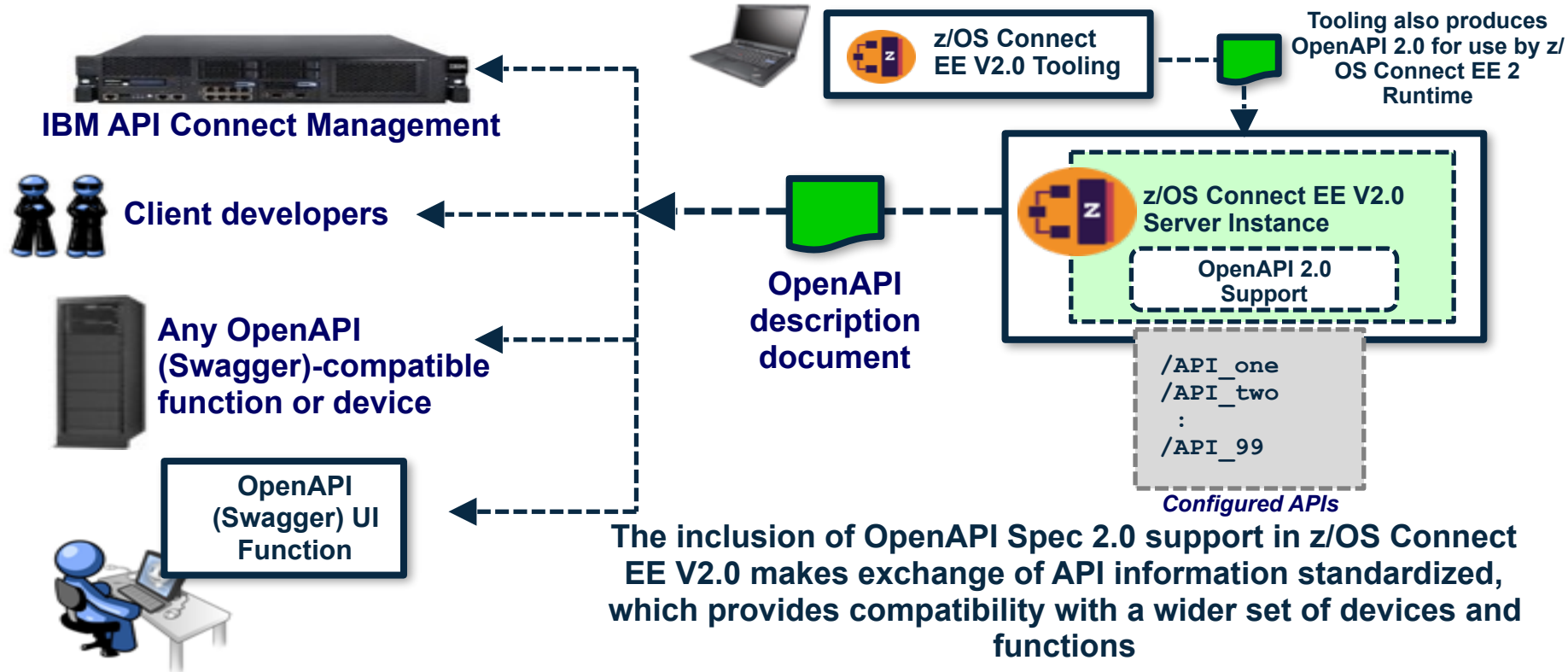
## Deployable Artifact and Automated Tools



**Because the service definitions have been encapsulated into a deployable unit, it becomes eligible for deployment by automated tools. This further enhances productivity.**



# Discoverable APIs with OpenAPI Spec (Swagger) 2.0

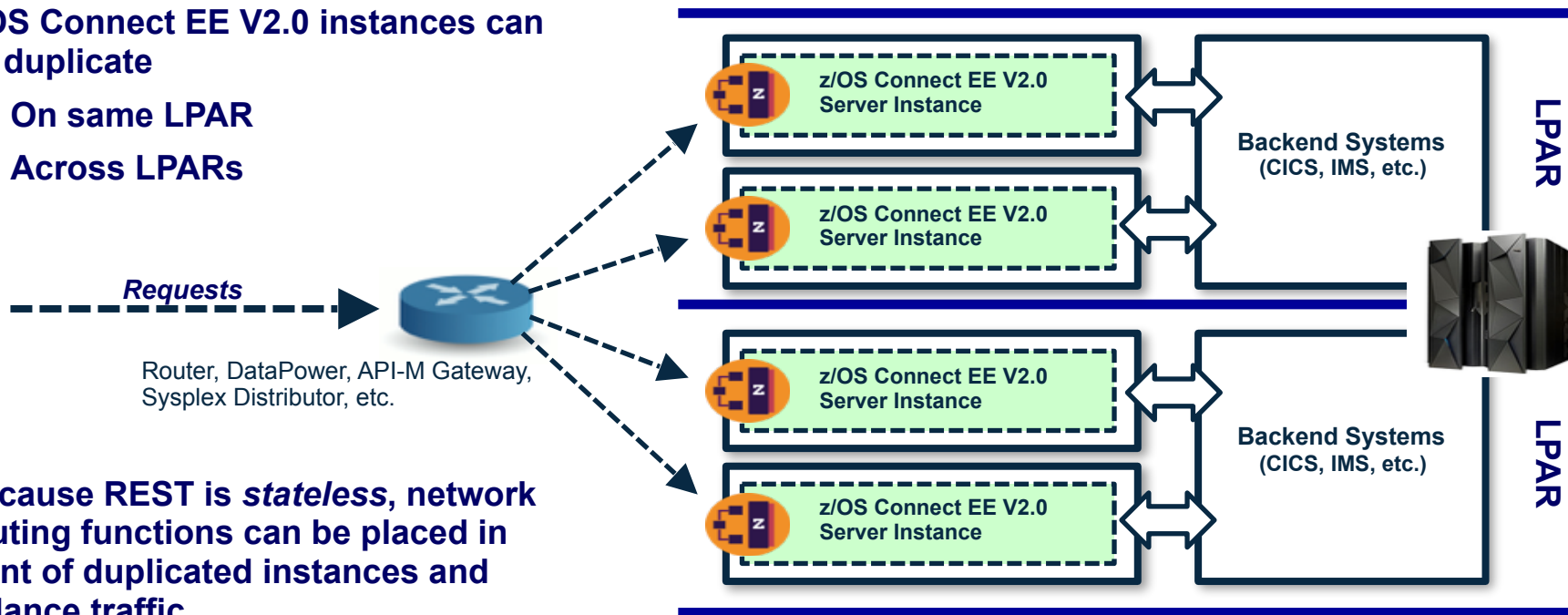




## Achieving a Highly Available Environment

z/OS Connect EE V2.0 instances can be duplicate

- On same LPAR
- Across LPARs

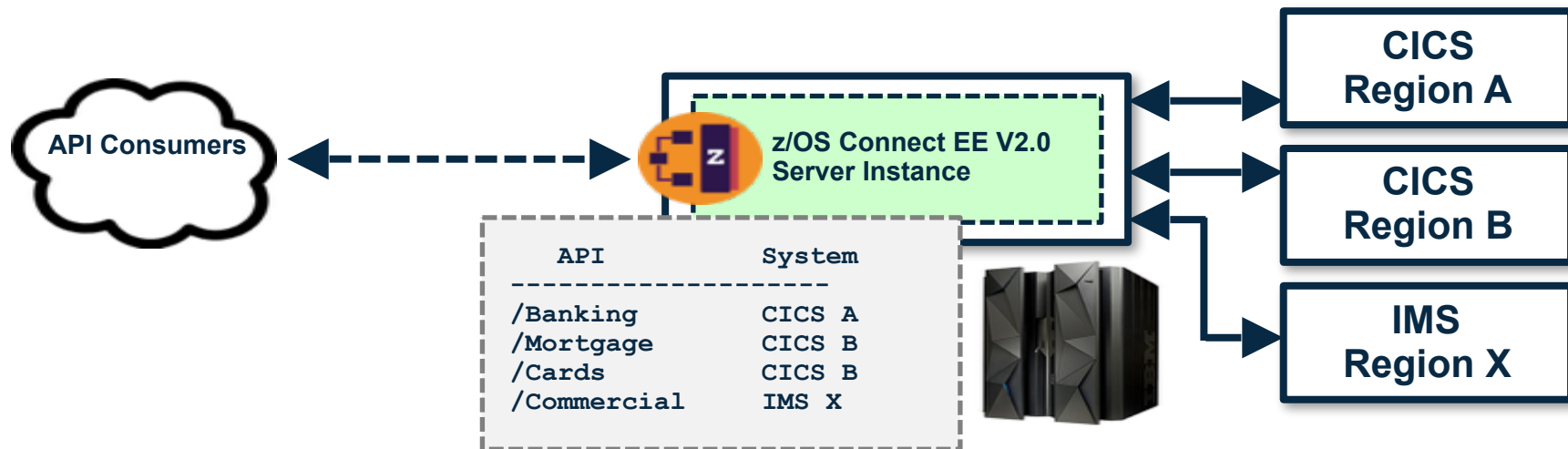


Because REST is *stateless*, network routing functions can be placed in front of duplicated instances and balance traffic





# Support for Concurrent Multiple Backend Systems

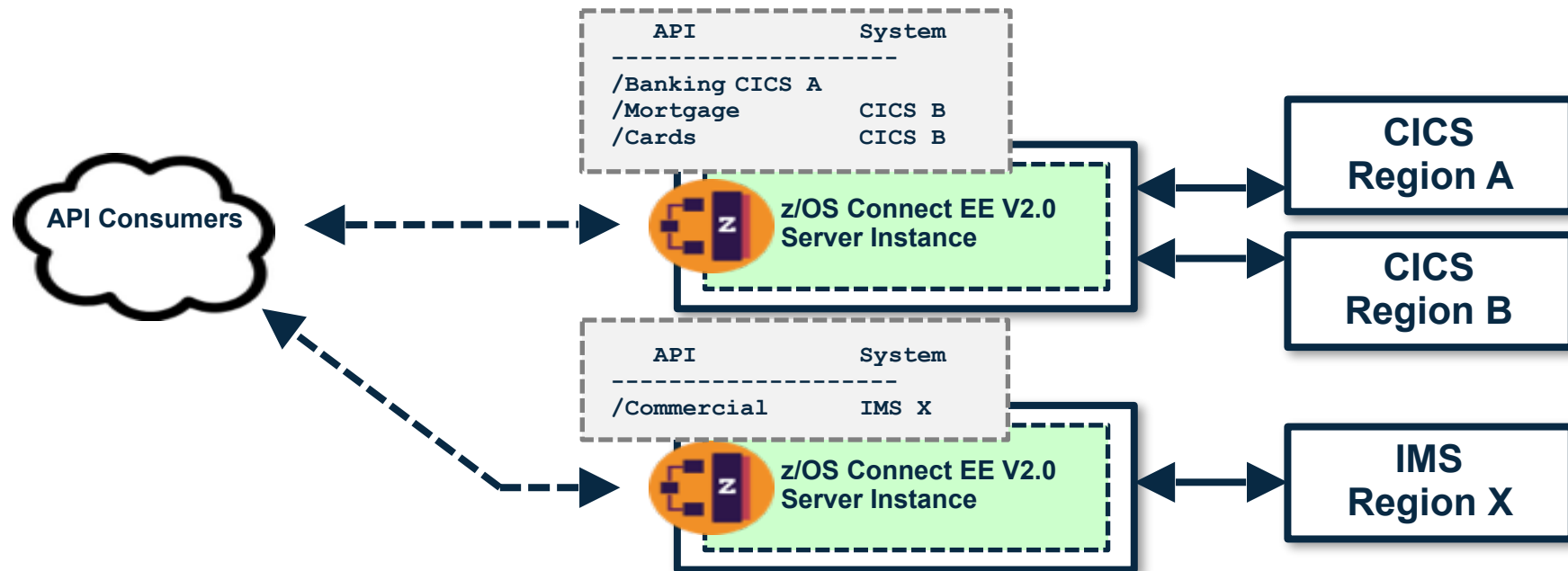


**z/OS Connect EE V2.0 becomes the REST API entry point to the LPAR for access to several backend systems where the data program resides**

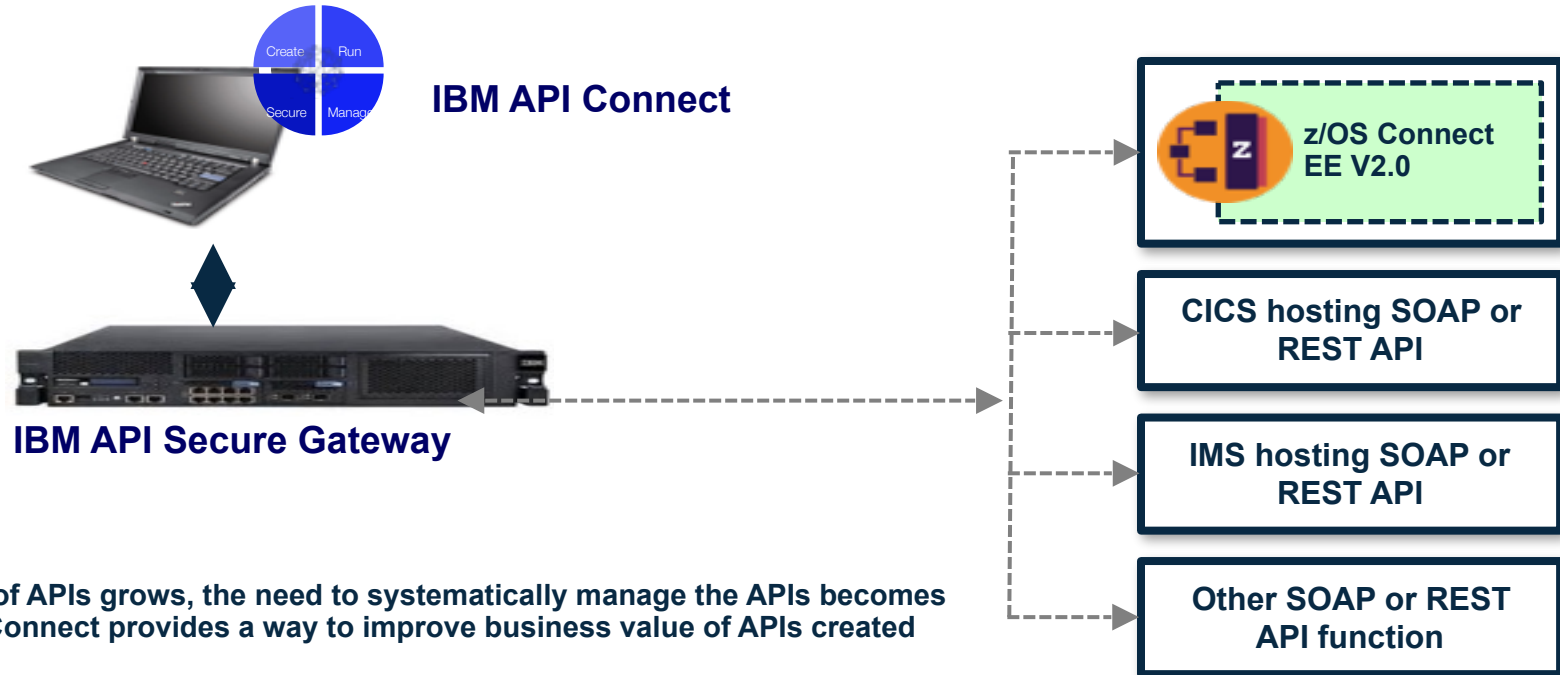
**Duplicate the z/OS Connect EE V2.0 instance for greater availability and/or greater throughput**



## Multiple Server Instances for Different Lines of Business

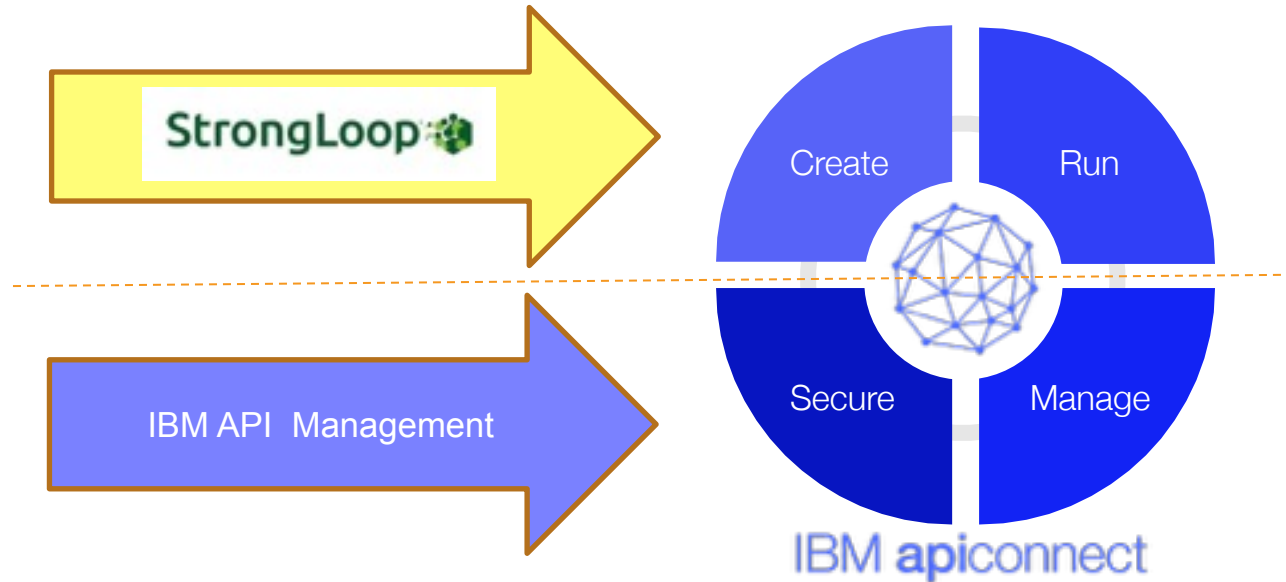


**There are times where the business requires operational separation and isolation. In that case, multiple instances of z/OS Connect EE V2.0 applies.**



To Build Interaction API's, and Manage, Secure and Run all your APIs:

*API Connect V5.0*



# IBM API Connect V5

## *Simplified & Comprehensive API foundation*

### What is API Connect?

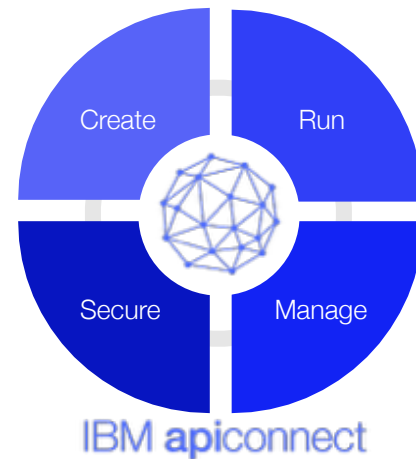
An integrated creation, runtime, management, and security foundation for enterprise grade API's and Microservices to power modern digital applications

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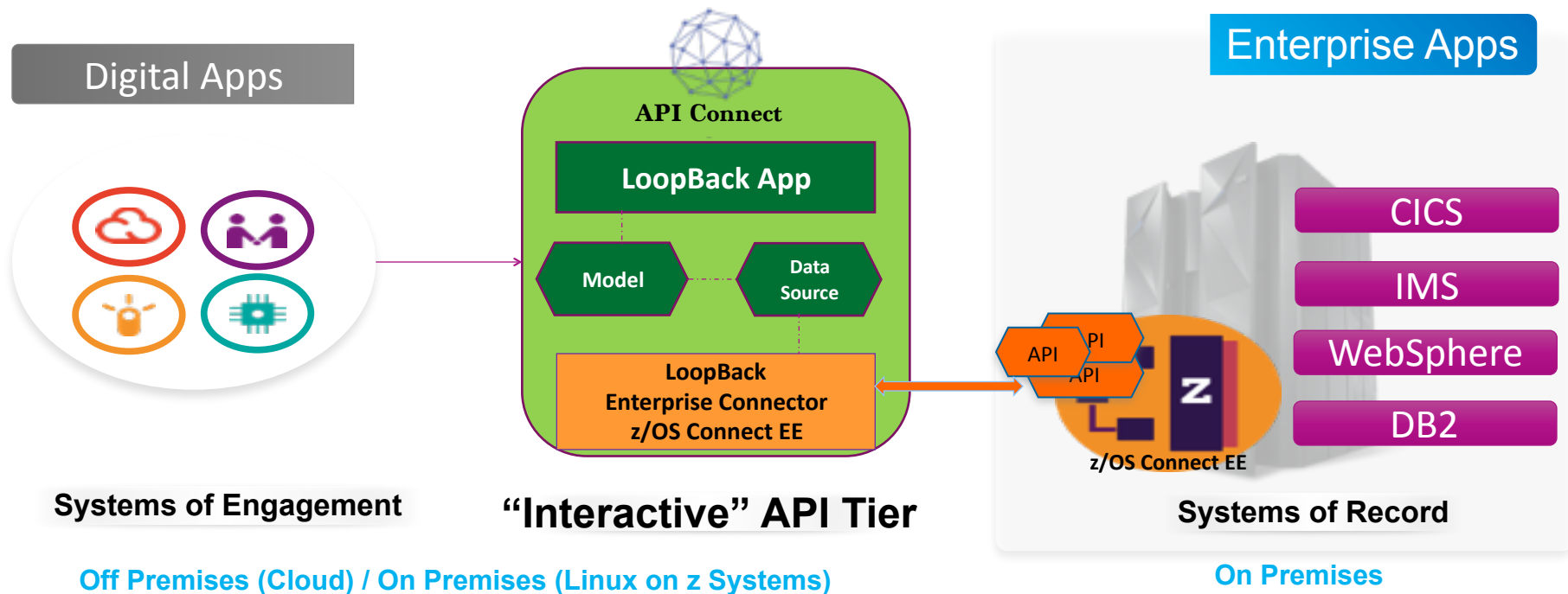
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### What does API Connect provide?

- Automated, visual and coding options for creating APIs
- Node.js and Java support for creating Microservices
- Integrated enterprise grade clustering, management and security for Node.js and Java
- Access control over API's, API Plans and API Products\*
- Advanced API usage analytics
- Customizable, self service developer portal for publishing APIs
- Policy enforcement, security and control



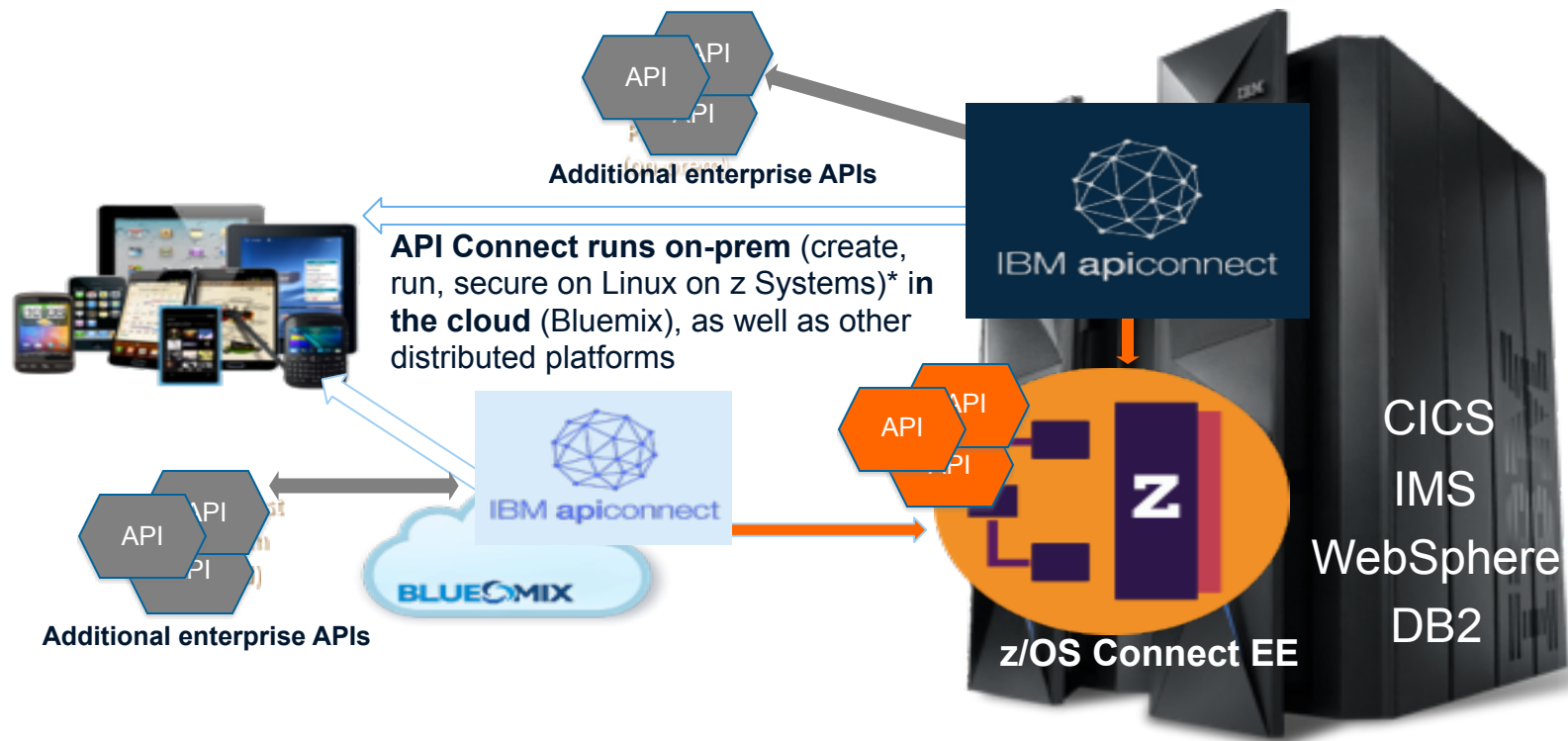
## API Connect (includes StrongLoop)



# LoopBack Connector and z/OS Connect EE

- A LoopBack model abstraction and associated API to work with in your NodeJS application
  - **Ease for developers** already working with LoopBack framework to connect with z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition endpoint using generated Model APIs.
- Customize the Model by extending and creating relations with other user defined models
  - **Ease of building real-world applications** that often would require to work with multiple models and interact with multiple data sources
- Build micro services architecture with the ability to orchestrate or mash-up hybrid backend services
  - **Ease of using Model abstraction** with business logics deployed in the LoopBack environment
- **Swagger documentation** for generated Models / APIs

## z/OS Connect EE along with API Connect provides optimized infrastructure to meet the demands of the API Economy

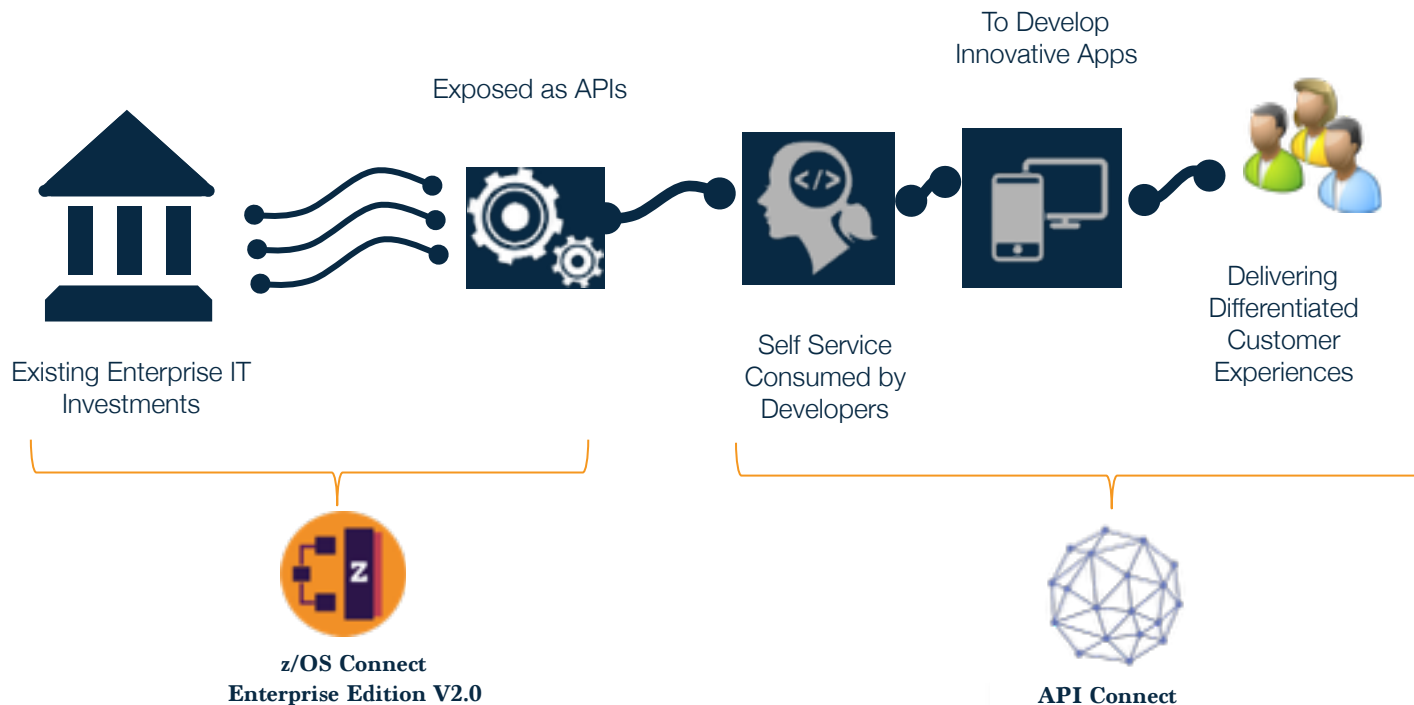


\*The Datapower Manage component does not run on Linux on z Systems



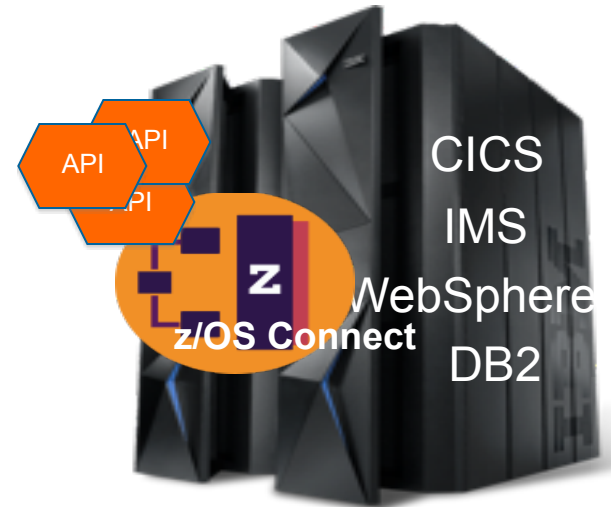
# Designed to work together...

## *Unleash Enterprise Investments to Disrupt Competitors*



# API Connect and z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition

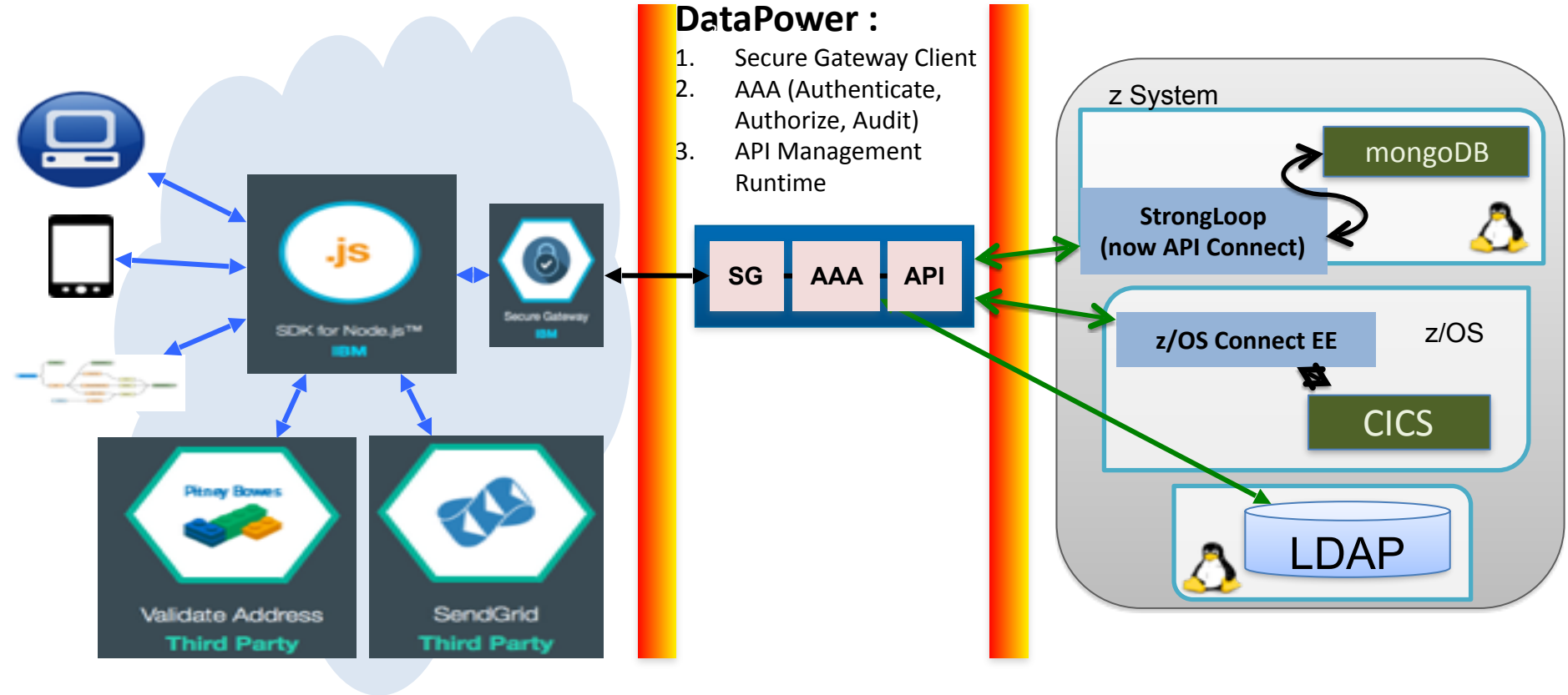
- Create APIs and microservices that consume z Systems APIs
- Manage and secure z System APIs created by z/OS Connect
  - ***Intend to support: connect to and discover z/OS Connect APIs and generate LoopBack models (1Q 2016)***
- Comprehensive tooling that enables API developers to create RESTful APIs from z/OS-based assets
- Delivers APIs as a discoverable resource using the OpenAPI specification (formerly swagger)
  - ***Intend to support: push APIs directly to API Connect catalog (2Q 2016)***



## Part 4. Innovation on z Systems with access via APIs



# Bluemix application architecture



# z/OS Connect Enterprise Edition (EE) V2.0

- Delivers RESTful APIs as a discoverable, first-class resource with Swagger 2.0 descriptions
  - Ready for consumption by today's enterprise application developers and integration with API management solutions
- Comprehensive tooling that enables API developers to create RESTful APIs from z/OS-based assets
- Supports standard JSON message format
- Integrates with IBM API Connect (API Management) for enterprise-class API management
  - Consumer registration, API security controls, and version control.

MobileFirst  
Platform  
(cloud)



Thank  
You

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