# APIs in Government

APIs grant automated access to information and services, *moving past one-off, human interactions.*

In other words, **APIs are efficiency**.

# Why APIs?

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# Where is this happening?

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| * dol.gov/developer
* state.gov/developer
 | * whitehouse.gov/developers
* consumerfinance.gov/developers
 | * api.nasa.gov
* ~40% of agencies
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# What is needed?

1. Always build an API.
2. Always build it first.
3. Eat your own dogfood.

# Links:

* Training, Resources, Direct Support - [bit.ly/government-api](http://bit.ly/government-api)
* US Government APIs Google Group - [bit.ly/gov-api-group](http://bit.ly/gov-api-group)
* DC API Meetup - [www.meetup.com/dc-web-api-user-group/](http://www.meetup.com/dc-web-api-user-group/)