

# What is an API?

API stands for Application Programming Interface, an API lets one piece of software talk to another piece of software, even across disparate operating systems.



## Who would use API?

Any Anglia Customer who has the ability to develop their own software and want to know about Anglia stock and pricing quickly.

## What does it offer?

The Anglia API will allow a customer's software to search for a part number straight from Anglia and then retrieve its stock level, prices and breaks in real-time.



## Real World Example

You're searching for a hotel room from an online travel booking site. Using the site's online form, you select the city you want to **stay in, check-in** and **checkout dates, number of guests, and number of rooms**. Then you click **"SEARCH."**

When you click **"SEARCH,"** the site interacts with each hotel's API, which delivers results for available rooms that meet your criteria, back to the travel booking site for you to see all in one place.

