



Charter

API Working Group

Document Purpose

This document describes the charter for an API working group, operating under the auspices of the Symphony Software Foundation and its Engineering Steering Committee (ESCo).

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Background

The Symphony Foundation intends to offer multiple open source extension points for developers. These include:

- REST API
- Extension API
- Embedding API

These have either been inherited from contributions by founding members of the Symphony LLC or contributed via product development from Symphony LLC after it was founded.

Purpose of the Working Group

In order to ensure high quality extensibility mechanisms through future code contributions to the Symphony Foundation as well as facilitating interoperability across a diverse messaging ecosystem, the purpose of this working group is to help make the APIs more consistent across the Symphony Foundation open source platform

Objective(s)

The initial and primary objective of the Working Group to make APIs more consistent for use by developers is to inform, guide and validate the way future APIs should be published. This includes best practices as well as guidelines on preferred resource naming and default data representation formats. These guidelines will facilitate interoperability across the diverse implementation of messaging services. They will also enable comprehensive language bindings and SDKs to be derived from the APIs.