

## Best Practices for Digital

# 9 WAYS TO SECURE AND ENHANCE YOUR ARCHITECTURE

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### **Be creative and inventive without putting data at risk**

API access control and policy rules let you be transparent without compromising corporate security and regulatory compliance.

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### **Give developers access to common services for seamless cloud integration**

Implement a consistent API-centric integration layer for cloud-to-ground data exchange, and ensure that existing identity services are extended to new cloud applications.

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### **Know how data and services are being accessed from everywhere**

Use your API platform as a central point for governing the flow of data to and from the cloud and mobile apps, between business applications, with partners, and across customer-facing services.

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### **Prepare for the dreaded IT or security audit**

Use application and API management platforms to maintain irrefutable and actionable information about how your IT services interact with on-premise, cloud and mobile apps and services.

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### **Protect all APIs — even internal APIs — against hijack and attack**

Add security measures to safeguard the API service control layer and block common web API (REST and SOAP) attacks.

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### **Guarantee service-levels for both internal and external customers**

Allow business and technical users to measure, monitor and act on changes in performance or demand.

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### **Think of security as a window, not a wall**

With the right security in place, you can open up data to mobile access, cloud integration and partner collaboration. Use identity management infrastructure along with API-specific identity patterns (OAuth, for instance) to provide safe access to APIs.

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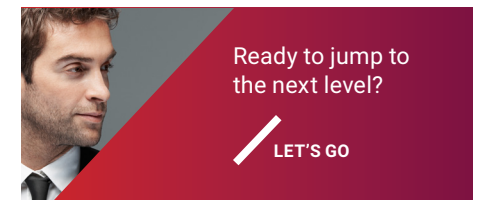
### **Separate service exposure from policy enforcement**

Give API developers a suite of standard and reusable policy rules that can be easily applied to microservices that represent the specific needs of a given application.

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### **Protect back-end services from unusual traffic patterns**

Set limits and expectations for API services and their consumers to manage scale and traffic expectations, and protect back-end services from malicious activity.



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