
Question

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Seeking Clarification between REST Web Service and a API call

I am trying to explore some new possibilities outside of the normal day to day HL7 interfacing we do. I have only done 1 other Web Service interface but it was using a SOAP proxy wizard. Now I am tasked with trying to make a call to an external API

<https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov/api/>

but I am a bit confused about how to go about doing it. Since they don't have a wsdl, this means it is a REST web service correct? or is it considered an API call? When I read the documentation it feels like it is more geared to building REST services/operations within Ensemble then connecting to one on the outside, am I missing something here.

Can someone help clarify this for me?

Is a API considered a Web Service?

Am I missing something in the Documentation?

Thanks

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