

Akraino API Portal

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Why is an API/Interface portal needed?



Akraino's Release 3 marks another milestone. With several blueprints accepted, a community API portal provides a view inside these blueprints.

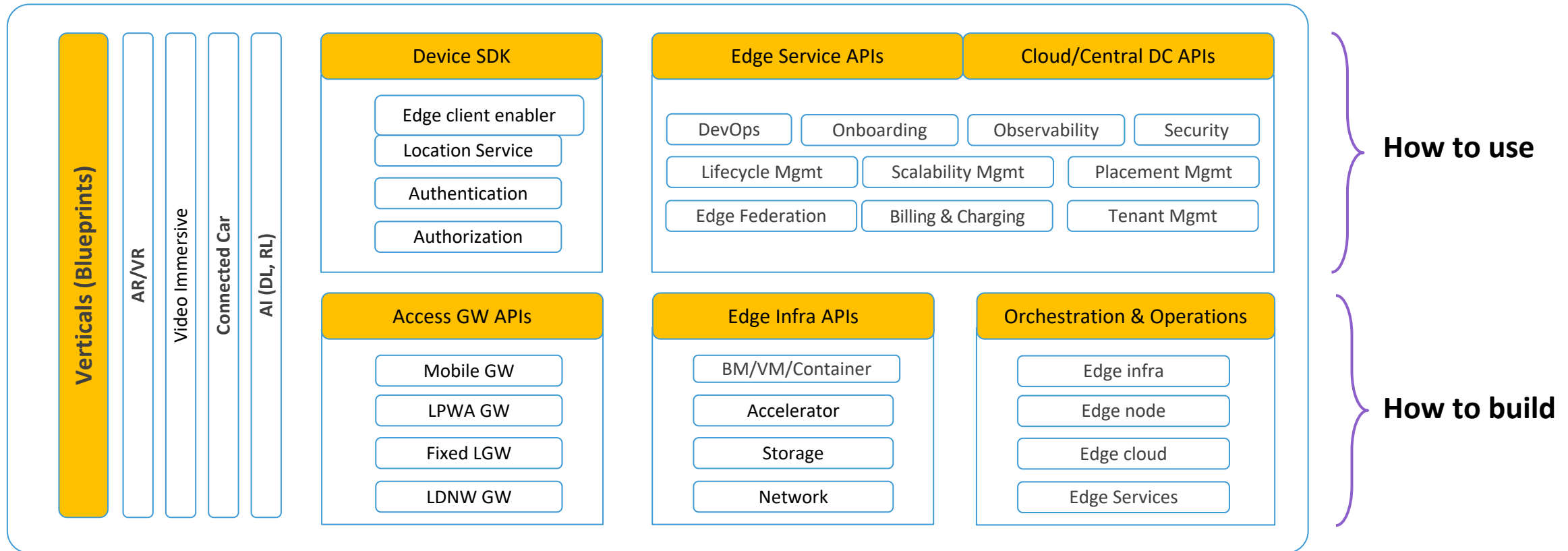
- ***“A blueprint shows it works; APIs show how it works”***
- ***APIs provide a map for customers to navigate Akraino edge stacks and services***
- ***Consistent and well organized APIs will increase Akraino adoption***

As Forbes puts it, “How a business wins or loses is increasingly dependent on how well they connect to external party apps, devices and services.”

What will be included in API Portal?

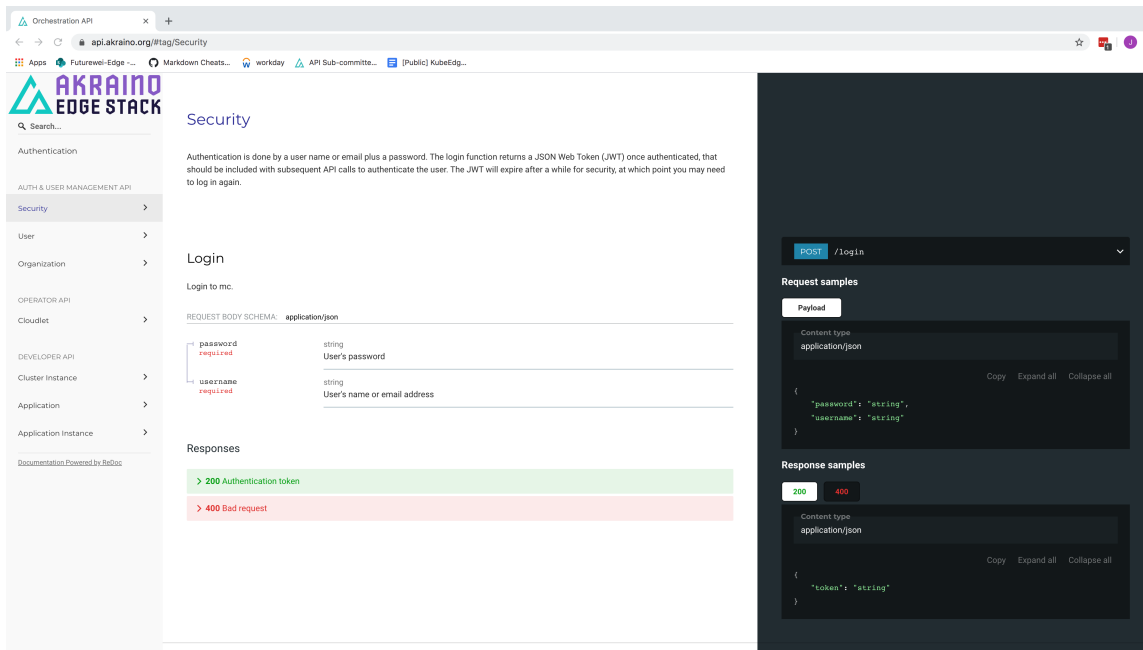
- 2 categories of Edge APIs:
 - **How to build the edge:** BM/VM/Container, networking, storage, mgmt./orchestration
 - **How to use edge as a service:** End user application(device, edge service, cloud service),
- A focus on interfaces, not implementations
- An inclusive approach, highlighting common APIs
- Open, extendable

Proposal on API portal map



What we have now

api.akraino.org



The screenshot displays the REST API documentation for the Security endpoint. The page is titled "Security" and includes a navigation sidebar on the left. The main content area shows the "Login" endpoint with a description: "Authentication is done by a user name or email plus a password. The login function returns a JSON Web Token (JWT) once authenticated, that should be included with subsequent API calls to authenticate the user. The JWT will expire after a while for security, at which point you may need to log in again." Below the description, there is a "Login to mc:" section with a "REQUEST BODY SCHEMA" table. The table lists two required fields: "password" (string) and "username" (string). To the right of the table is a "Payload" section with a "Request samples" dropdown menu. Below this, there is a "Response samples" section with a dropdown menu. The response samples show a 200 status code for a successful login and a 400 status code for a bad request.

- This is REST API based documentation with the focus on application developer interfacing.
- We will continue to include the infrastructure work stream APIs

- Pilot projects:

Volunteer projects are welcome. PCEI, AI Edge, KubeEdge are in the queue

- API portal design:

Categories, format (RESTful, gRPC etc.), versioning etc.

You are welcome to join our Friday 9am weekly meeting to discuss

<https://wiki.akraino.org/display/AK/API+Sub-committee>

- Collaborative validation:

Mock servers, client stubs etc. We need volunteers to test out APIs

Thank You!