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# Connect REST API



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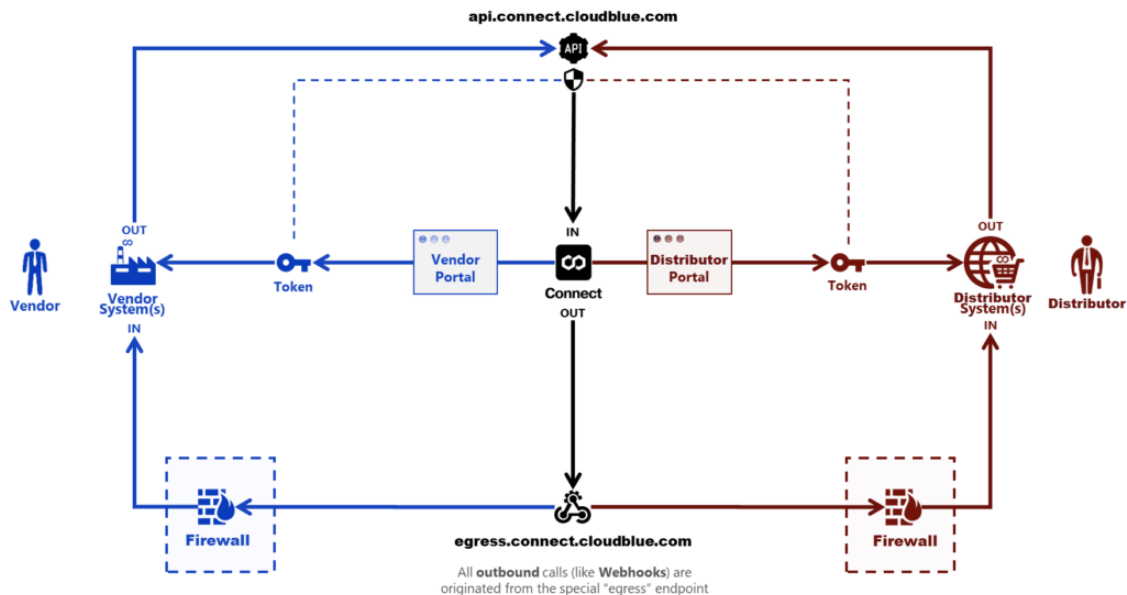
## Introduction

Connect REST API provides you with the lowest-level access to the functionality of the Connect Platform. All other integration methods, like our **Portals**, **SDKs** and **Extensions** are built on top of the REST API layer as schematically illustrated below:

Before building your integration directly with the REST API, please consider integrating using higher-level (and faster to build) options first. It might be simpler for you to work with Connect through one of our **SDKs** and **Extensions**.

## Flows

Connect REST APIs are available Vendors, Resellers, and Distributors as schematically illustrated by the following diagram:



Authentication of all inbound API calls from Vendors, Resellers, and Distributors is performed using account-level tokens (see Tokens overview in the Extensions management module).

All outbound communication from Connect to Vendors, Resellers, and Distributors is initiated from the special endpoint with optional firewall configuration.

## More Information

1. REST API Clients
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