



# Kirsten Hunter

A passionate API evangelist with a soft spot for IoT, mashups and a crazy great developer experience. I am curious, creative and consistently excel at developer support. As a speaker, I am dynamic, engaging and inspiring.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Akamai Technologies, Inc.  
API Evangelist

June 2014 – Present

As part of the Developer Relations Group I am committed to developer success.

- Written documentation and tutorials
- Design and delivery of customer bootcamps worldwide
- Development and organization of yearly customer developer training

## WORK EXPERIENCE

API Evangelist / Ninja  
2007-2014

- 3Scale: API Ninja, helped customers with APIs and created API Codex.
- LinkedIn: Developer Advocate and Partner Support Engineer
- Netflix: Partner Integration Engineer

For more information on these positions see my LinkedIn Profile.

## PUBLICATIONS

Irresistible APIs  
Author

Publication date: August, 2016

- Irresistible APIs, my first book, focuses on the process of creating APIs developers love to use.
- My related talk has been given at dozens of conferences, and is highly regarded.
- I'm currently developing a Pluralsight course on the same topic.

## PRESENTATIONS

Quantifying your Fitness

Quantifying your Fitness is an always-entertaining romp through a Rube Goldberg device including Fitbit, MyFitnessPal, Twilio, and a custom remote API client for the Philips Hue lightbulb. The talk inspires and entertains while encouraging attendees to stretch their thinking to create new mashups between systems.

## PRESENTATIONS

Telling your Story: Speaking for Non-Speakers

This presentation is all about helping new or nervous presenters to come at the presentation from a different angle - presenting it as a story where they overcame a problem (or didn't!) rather than trying to go the tougher academic route of attempting to be the smartest person in the room.

## LANGUAGES

Becoming a Polyglot

I am relatively comfortable in several interpreted languages. In fact, I have a talk and repository - Becoming a Polyglot which creates an API engine in Python, Perl, Node.js, PHP and Ruby.

I'm less proficient with compiled languages although I've worked with them in the past. I'm interested in learning more about functional languages and am currently working on learning Go.

## API LOVE

- I created an iPad/iPhone application using the Freebase, Amazon Product Advertising, and Netflix APIs to provide a superior search experience for movies.
- I have created libraries and sample applications for the Netflix, LinkedIn and Fitbit APIs.
- I am constantly seeking out new ways to use and combine existing APIs to provide fun and original new interfaces.

## HARDWARE INNOVATION

- I created an arduino based compass vest with el-wire for a party
- More recently, I made a chained-IoT demo for Gluecon, with a Sphero, Raspberry Pi, Philips Hue lightbulb and a Parrot Drone.

## DEVELOPER EXPERIENCE

For teaching code examples I carefully craft a README and include a docker container for quick startup.

- Becoming a Polyglot
- Irresistible APIs

In my job as an API Evangelist, I create tutorials, guides, example code and blog posts to guide our developers to success. I also present my speaking topics in narrative format so people can understand the topic offline.