

PlainID Named as a Sample Vendor in the Gartner® Hype Cycle™ for APIs, 2026

As AI agents become the dominant class of API consumers, PlainID believes standard gateways alone can no longer govern what they access.

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June 2nd, 2026 -PlainID announced it has been named as a Sample Vendor

in the [API Access Control](#) category in the Gartner report "Hype Cycle for APIs, 2026," authored by Shameen Pillai and Mark O'Neill and published May 22, 2026.

The 2026 report covers how Generative AI, MCP, and agentic protocols are revolutionizing API creation, management, and security. As AI agents become primary consumers, organizations must embrace contextual docs, federated management, and modern portals leaving legacy tools behind.

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"In our view, what the Gartner Hype Cycle for APIs highlights is not just a change in API tooling, but the shift in who is calling and consuming the APIs. AI agents will gradually become the primary API consumers in many enterprises, acting autonomously, at machine speed, across systems that were never designed with agent authorization in mind. Standard API gateways manage traffic; they were not designed for identity-aware, context-driven access decisions at the moment of access. That gap is exactly where Authorization Management Platforms

operate. At PlainID, we enforce what each agent is permitted to do at runtime, with what scope, in what context, dynamically, at the point of every API call, enforcing zero standing privileges." said Gal Helemski, Co-founder and CTO, PlainID

According to Gartner, "AI agents and large language models (LLMs) are rapidly becoming the dominant class of API consumers."Gartner adds, "There is a lack of advanced identity and access management (IAM) capabilities delivered with API gateways (e.g., advanced adaptive access and support for evolving identity standards). This has increased demand for specialized access control for APIs delivered by AM, authorization management platforms (AMPs), and other IAM and API security specialist tools." According to Gartner, "there is a lack of tooling that enables



scaling centralized policy authoring and continuous policy life cycle management to an increasingly diverse set of API targets and mediators that enforce these policies."

PlainID provides [centralized policy management](#) with distributed runtime enforcement across human, non-human, and [AI agent identities](#), delivering the IAM depth required for the evolving enterprise landscape. The platform evaluates access decisions using identity, context, and intent at the moment of access, ensuring agent actions are scoped to the task at hand and governed by policy, not by standing credentials. PlainID gives enterprises the centralized policy authoring and continuous lifecycle management required to govern an increasingly diverse set of API targets and enforcement points.

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PlainID is the identity leader built for the AI era. It is the only runtime authorization platform that controls what every human, non-human, and AI agent can access, do, and expose in real time. By enforcing Zero Standing Privileges, PlainID ensures access is granted only when needed and dynamically adapts as context changes, securing applications, APIs, data, and agentic AI workflows at scale. To learn more visit: plainid.com

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