

Getting Started

This section provides an overview of how to get starting with developing a LightWave Server application. If you have not done so already, please read the [Introduction to LightWave Server](#) section before continuing.

- Read section [Working with Dictionaries](#). Dictionaries are derived from DDL and contain the interprocess message type definitions needed by LightWave Server to map JSON to IPM and vice-versa.
- User-defined APIs are for exposing a NonStop Server application as a service. Read section [Working with User-Defined APIs](#)
- If your application will require transactions, read [Working with Transactions](#).
- Define your application interprocess messages or file records. If you're using an existing server or file, this step may already be completed.
- When you're ready to make your application available to clients, deploy it as a service. See [Deploying APIs as Services](#).
- Build your client application.

 **Tip**

Visit the [NuWave GitHub site](#) for sample applications.