

# Deleting an API

Deleting an API will erase the API including all its information from the API Management.



### Expert Advice

Do not delete APIs, plans, or clients and recreate them if you want to change policies or settings. Instead:

- As concerns APIs and clients: Retire the old version, so it will not be callable anymore. Alternatively, skip this step if you want both versions - old and new - to be available.
- Create a new version of the element you want to change.
- Re-publish or re-register the API or client.

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If you really want to remove an API, click **Delete** on top right of the API details page:



## Confirm API Deletion

Are you sure you want to delete this API?

- All active versions will be retired
- All active contracts can no longer use this API

☒ I confirm that I want to delete this API.

Delete

Cancel

Since an API includes several important information such as versions, policies, contracts and change logs, you will have to confirm, that you want to delete the API.

Option **Delete** is only enabled if you activate the checkbox.



API deleted successfully

A toast message indicates successful deletion.