

Contracts

What is a Contract?

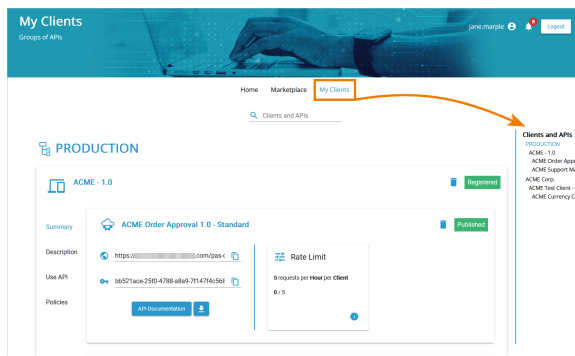
A contract relates a [client](#) to an [API](#), using a [plan](#) - so a contract is a link between a client and an API through a plan offered by that API. A contract is necessary if a client wants to consume a private API, it cannot be created between a client and a public API. API contracts can only be created between clients and published APIs which are offered through at least one plan.

When a client version is created, the system generates a unique API Key. This key is unique per client version and the same for all contracts of this version. All requests made to the API by a client through the gateway must include this API Key to identify the used client version.

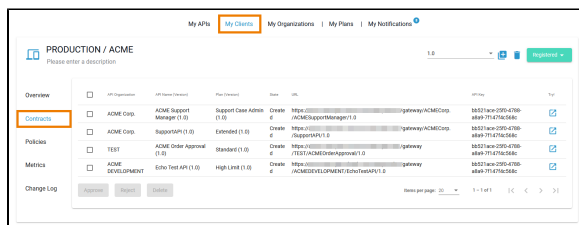


Finding a Contract

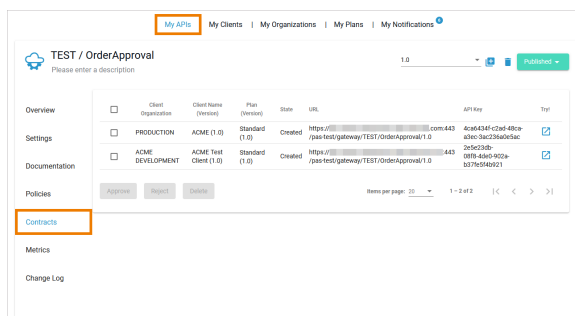
All users can create and manage contracts in the API Developer Portal. If you are looking for the contracts that have been created for your clients, go to tab **My Clients** in the API Developer Portal. It shows a list of contracts that you have created for APIs, sorted by clients:



If your user not only has Developer Portal permission but is also allowed to access API Management, you can also view existing contracts in the **Contracts** tab on the clients details page...



... as well as on the APIs details page:



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