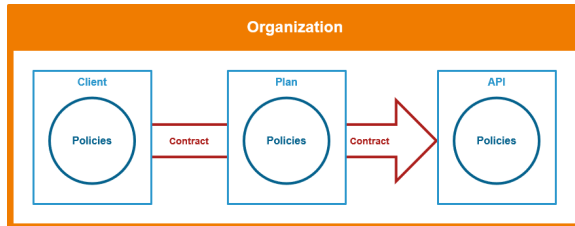


Organizations

What is an Organization?

An organization is a container of other elements: plans, APIs, and clients are defined in the organization. Almost everything in the API Management data model exists in the context of an organization: It contains and manages all elements used by a company, department, etc. within API Management.



Every user must be associated with at least one organization to be able to manage elements in the application. **Scheer PAS API Management** implements role-based access control for users. The organization membership of a user defines the actions he is able to perform and the elements he can manage within the organization. Memberships for each organization can be easily managed in the **Organization** tab.

Before any other actions can be taken, an organization must exist. All other operations take place within the context of an organization. If you want to know how to create a new organization, go to [Creating an Organization](#).



Expert Advice

We recommend the following best practices regarding organizations:

- Create organizations as fine-granular as possible, e.g. one organization for each logical group of APIs (purchase, order processing, billing).
- Use a separate, dedicated organization for testing or development.
- Do not test your API in an organization that holds productive data.

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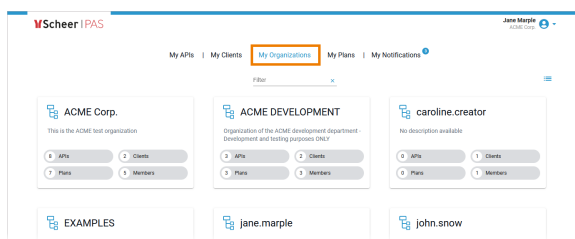
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Finding an Organization

If you are looking for an organization that has already been created, go to tab **My Organizations**. It shows a list of all organizations your user is allowed to see:



To revise the settings of an organization, you need to open its details page (see [Organization Settings](#) for further information).



For detailed information about navigating and filtering the list refer to [Working With the API Management](#).