



Akamai AI and API Manager

vs. Azure API Management

HOW AAM COMPARES ON AKAMAI CONNECTED CLOUD

Akamai AI and API Manager (AAM) simplifies API management with faster deployments, global scalability, and developer-friendly features. Unlike Azure API Management, AAM offers a unified, edge-native platform that eliminates complexity and accelerates innovation.

Platform Comparison

Feature		Azure API Management
GitOps Enabled	Version-controlled gateway configurations enable seamless GitHub integration and environment setups.	Requires complex pipelines and additional tools for GitHub integration.
Deployment Speed	Deploy globally to Akamai's edge data centers in seconds with serverless scalability and no startup delays.	Azure or custom on-premises deployments take hours and require significant manual effort.
Scalability	Auto-scales dynamically and globally, handling billions of API calls per month without downtime.	Manual scaling relies on costly servers or limited features in the consumption tier.
Multi-Cloud Flexibility	Connect securely to backends in any cloud or on-premises environment, outperforming native cloud solutions.	Limited to Azure-specific environments.
Unified Gateway Product	Includes all features in one unified package with no compromises.	Split between tiers, requiring trade-offs between serverless compute and feature availability.
Reliability	Gateways run autonomously, ensuring operation even during platform disruptions.	Depends on multiple Azure services for operation.
Developer Experience	Easily create custom policies using familiar languages, designed to run seamlessly on our platform.	Uses outdated hybrids of XML and C# Script for custom logic.
Secure Tunneling	Built-in WireGuard tunneling ensures secure API connections across all clouds and private environments.	Limited to Azure-specific VPC connectivity.



AI and API Manager
Built into Akamai Connected Cloud

Fully managed

Edge-native

Multi-cloud

SOC 2 Type 2