



Akamai AI and API Manager

vs. IBM API Connect

HOW AAM COMPARES ON AKAMAI CONNECTED CLOUD

An API gateway should empower developers, not restrict them. Akamai AI and API Manager (AAM) outshines competitors like IBM API Connect by delivering edge-native speed, true multi-cloud flexibility, and unparalleled developer-first features. Unlike rigid, GUI-driven platforms, AAM prioritizes productivity, programmability, and seamless integration, setting a new standard for API management.

Platform Comparison

Feature	 Akamai	IBM API Connect
Edge-native	AAM is optimized for the edge and offers true multi-cloud support.	Not designed for edge, primarily centralized.
Multi-cloud	Fully cloud-agnostic.	Requires AWS or IBM Cloud for reserved instances.
Single-tenancy	By default for all customers.	Only available for Premium and higher tiers.
Rate limiting	Flexible controls by user, IP, or custom rules.	Standard with limited customization.
Developer productivity	Native GitOps, fully programmable.	Relies on a GUI with limited CLI automation.
Monetization	Quickly enable usage-based pricing.	No built-in monetization.
Developer portal	API docs and portal, enhancing developer engagement by 3x.	Standard with limited customization.
Authentication support	Built-in support for OAuth, API keys, and custom authentication.	Provides robust authentication features but with less flexibility.
Operational	Built-in analytics and monitoring provide real-time visibility into API performance, errors, and traffic trends.	Requires additional tools and manual setup for monitoring and analytics.

Say no to rigid, GUI-first control

If you're looking for an API management solution that is flexible, and optimized for developers, AAM is the clear choice. Switch to AAM today and experience the future of API management.