

Akamai AI and API Manager

vs. MuleSoft

HOW AAM COMPARES ON AKAMAI CONNECTED CLOUD

Akamai AI and API Manager's (AAM) cloud-native SaaS simplifies API management through openness, flexibility, and developer-first controls. MuleSoft's Mule Gateway and Anypoint Flex Gateway demand significant infrastructure investment, advanced Kubernetes knowledge, and reliance on proprietary tools, locking users into their ecosystem.

Platform Comparison

Feature	 Akamai	MuleSoft
Performance	Edge-native with near-zero latency and global distribution.	Highly dependent on your chosen infrastructure setup (e.g., CloudHub, on-premises, or private cloud).
Policy Lock-in	Portable, YAML-based custom policies.	Policies are not interchangeable between Mule and Flex gateways, and require proprietary DSLs and SDKs.
Unified Experience	One gateway for all API types.	Separate gateways for Mule-created APIs and external APIs, increasing complexity.
Rate limiting	Highly customizable by user, IP, or any other custom rules.	Standard, additional customization requires complex configurations.
GitOps Support	Native GitOps with full infrastructure-as-code (IaC).	Flex integrates with CI/CD but requires local hosting and lacks native gitops support.
OpenAPI Support	OpenAPI-native, embracing open standards.	Requires use of proprietary Mule domain-specific language (DSL).
Multi-protocol Support	REST and GraphQL APIs natively supported.	Only supports HTTP/REST APIs.
Developer Portal	Stripe-like API docs, highly customizable.	Standard API portals with limited customization.

Choose openness and flexibility over proprietary lock-ins

> Operational Overhead

AAM delivers fully managed API gateway controls. MuleSoft demands significant infrastructure setup and maintenance. Accelerate time to value with AAM.

> Edge-native Performance

AAM's edge-optimized platform handles scale and real-time demands. MuleSoft's shared responsibility model puts performance and reliability on your team.

