

## Use access tokens

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## Use access tokens

## Create access tokens

You can create an access token to authenticate with the REST API or command line interface (CLI) in place of a username and password.



Tokens do not have passwords, so you must manage them carefully.

#### Steps

- 1. Select Settings > Access Management.
- 2. Select the Access Tokens tab.
- 3. Select **View/Edit Access Token Settings**. In the dialog box, make sure that the **Enable access tokens** checkbox is selected. Click **Save** to close out the dialog box.
- 4. Select Create Access Token.
- 5. In the dialog box, select the duration for the token to be valid.



After the token expires, the user's authentication attempts will fail.

- 6. Click Create.
- 7. In the dialog box, select one of the following:
  - Copy to save the token text to the clipboard.
  - Download to save the token text to a file.



Be sure to save the token text. This is your only opportunity to see the text before closing the dialog.

- 8. Click Close.
- 9. Use the token as follows:
  - **Rest API**: To use a token in a REST API request, add an HTTP header to your requests. For example: Authorization: Bearer <access-token-value>
  - **Secure CLI**: To use a token in the CLI, add the token value on the command line or use the path to a file containing the token value. For example:
    - Token value on the command line: -t access-token-value
    - Path to a file containing the token value: -T access-token-file



The CLI prompts the user for an access token value on the command line if no username, password, or token is specified.

### Edit access token settings

You can edit settings for access tokens, which includes the expiration times and the ability to create new tokens.

#### Steps

- 1. Select Settings > Access Management.
- 2. Select the Access Tokens tab.
- 3. Select View/Edit Access Token Settings.
- 4. In the dialog box, you can perform one or both of these tasks:
  - Enable or disable token creation.
  - Change the expiration of existing tokens.



When you de-select the **Enable access tokens** setting, it prevents both token creation and token authentication. If you later re-enable this setting, unexpired tokens can be reused. If you want to permanently revoke all existing tokens, see Revoke access tokens.

5. Click Save.

### **Revoke access tokens**

You can revoke all access tokens if you determine that a token has been compromised or if you want to perform a manual key rotation for the cryptographic keys used to sign and validate the access tokens.

This operation regenerates the keys used to sign the tokens. Once the keys are reset, *all* issued tokens are immediately invalidated. Because the storage array does not track tokens, individual tokens cannot be revoked.

#### Steps

- 1. Select Settings > Access Management.
- 2. Select the Access Tokens tab.
- 3. Select Revoke All Access Tokens.
- 4. In the dialog box, click Yes.

After revoking all tokens, you can create new tokens and use them immediately.

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