

Detach and delete a block storage disk in Lightsail

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If you no longer need a block storage disk, you can detach it from your stopped Lightsail instance, and then delete it. This topic describes how to back up your data and safely delete a disk.

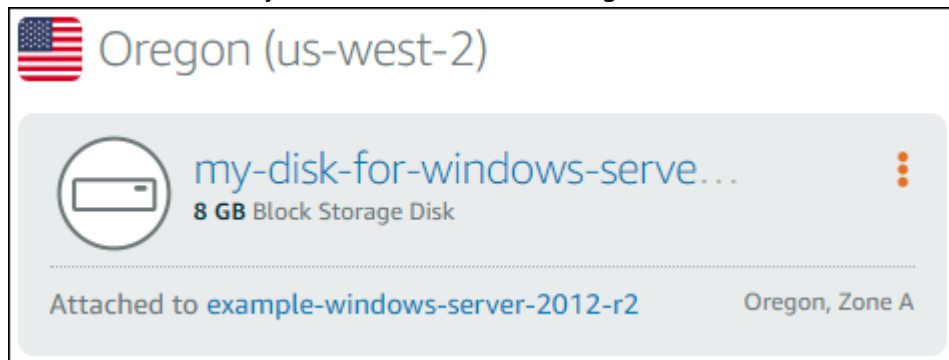
Prerequisites

- Stop your instance from running. You have to do this before you can detach and then delete your disk. [Learn how to stop your instance](#)
- (Optional) We recommend that you create a snapshot of your disk. That way, you have a backup in case you change your mind. For more information, see [Creating a snapshot of your database in Amazon Lightsail](#)

Detach and delete your disk

Once you stop your Lightsail instance, you can safely detach and delete your disk.

1. On the home page, choose **Storage**.
2. Choose the name of your attached disk to manage it.



3. On the disk management page, choose **Detach**.

After a few seconds, the disk is detached and ready to be deleted or reattached.

4. Choose the **Delete** tab.
5. Choose **Delete disk**, and then confirm by choosing **Yes, delete. Important**
This is a permanent operation and can't be undone. You will lose all data on the disk when you delete it.