

# Deleting your database in Amazon Lightsail

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Delete your managed database in Amazon Lightsail if you no longer need it. You stop incurring charges for the database as soon as it's deleted.

## Note

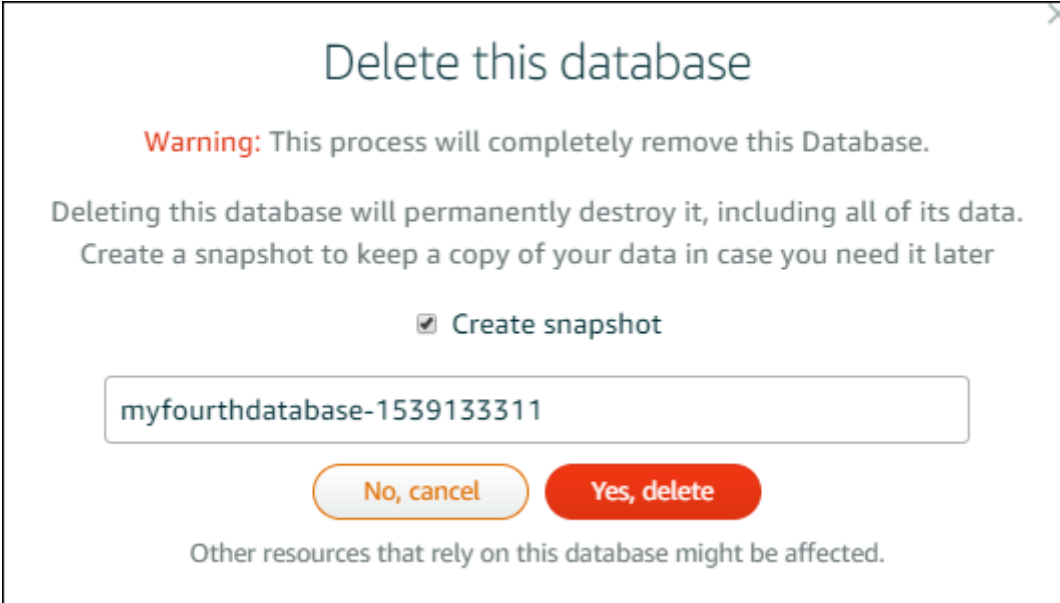
You can't recover a deleted database. You can create a final snapshot of your database as part of the steps covered in this guide, or you can create a snapshot separately from the deletion process. For more information, see [Creating a snapshot of your database in Amazon Lightsail](#).

## To delete your database

1. Sign in to the [Lightsail console](#).
2. On the Lightsail home page, choose the **Databases** tab.
3. Choose the name of the database that you want to delete.
4. Choose the **Delete** tab.
5. Add a checkmark next to **Create snapshot before deletion** to create a final snapshot before deleting the database. Then enter a name for your snapshot.

Resource names:

- Must be unique within each AWS Region in your Lightsail account.
  - Must contain 2 to 255 characters.
  - Must start and end with an alphanumeric character or number.
  - Can include alphanumeric characters, numbers, periods, dashes, and underscores.
6. Choose **Delete database**.
  7. Choose **Yes, delete** to confirm the deletion.



The screenshot shows a modal dialog titled "Delete this database". It contains a warning message: "Warning: This process will completely remove this Database." Below this, it states: "Deleting this database will permanently destroy it, including all of its data. Create a snapshot to keep a copy of your data in case you need it later". There is a checkbox labeled "Create snapshot" which is checked. Below the checkbox is a text input field containing the text "myfourthdatabase-1539133311". At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "No, cancel" and "Yes, delete". Below the buttons, it says "Other resources that rely on this database might be affected."

If you opted to create a snapshot before deleting, you can view it on the **Snapshots** tab of the Lightsail home page.