

Importance of idempotency

- Ensure nothing changes unless things need to change.
- Idempotency improves auditing and reporting change.
- Reconciliation requires idempotency.
- Idempotency improves the dry-run experience.

Lack of idempotency

- Hides the real changes in a cloud of doubt
- Testing becomes increasingly difficult
- Reduction in agility if changes aren't reconciled