

# Querying Flows and Mass Deleting Old Versions

## A Warning in Advance

Via the tooling api, we're going to delete some historic flow versions, this is super useful when you have reached the short limit of 50. However, you can lose useful history that past you might have wanted to save.

## Accessing the Tooling API

You can access the tooling API via the [Salesforce Inspector chrome extension](#), there is a checkbox at the top which points you at the Tooling API:

The screenshot shows the Salesforce Inspector chrome extension interface. At the top, there's a header bar with the following controls:

- Export query** (checkbox)
- ☐ Include deleted and archived records?
- ☒ Use Tooling API?
- Query history (dropdown menu)
- X (close button)

Below the header, there's a section for saved queries:

Saved queries (dropdown menu) + X X X

The main query area contains the following SQL query:

```
SELECT Id, VersionNumber, Status, Description, MasterLabel, CreatedDate
from Flow Where MasterLabel = 'Case Updates' AND Status != 'Active' ORDER BY CreatedDate ASC limit 19
```

Below the query, there's a section for flow fields:

Flow fields: (info icon) (refresh icon)

A green arrow points to the **Export** button.

Below the export button, there's a section for the export result:

**Export result** (Copy (Excel format)) (Copy (CSV)) (Copy (JSON)) (Filter results)

Exported 11 record(s). (Stop button)

	Id	VersionNumber	Status	Description	MasterLabel	CreatedDate
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZN1mAAG</a>	1	Draft		Case Updates	2020-02-10T18:19:43.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZNHGAA4</a>	2	Obsolete		Case Updates	2020-02-11T17:49:09.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZNahAAG</a>	3	Draft		Case Updates	2020-02-14T17:15:30.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZNj0AAG</a>	5	Draft		Case Updates	2020-02-17T15:48:46.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZNI1AAG</a>	8	Obsolete		Case Updates	2020-02-18T07:51:13.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZNI6AAG</a>	9	Obsolete		Case Updates	2020-02-18T08:08:45.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZR7PAAW</a>	11	Obsolete		Case Updates	2020-03-27T10:06:26.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZbQMAA0</a>	12	Obsolete		Case Updates	2020-08-06T13:07:28.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000ZbShAAK</a>	13	Draft		Case Updates	2020-08-06T15:48:41.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000hhNiAAI</a>	15	Obsolete		Case Updates	2021-05-05T08:50:00.000+0000
Flow	<a href="#">3012p000000hhNsAAI</a>	16	Draft		Case Updates	2021-05-05T08:51:42.000+0000

You can also access the Tooling API via the developer console:

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SELECT Id, VersionNumber, Status, Description, MasterLabel, CreatedDate from Flow Where MasterLabel = 'Case Updates' AND Status != 'Active' ORDER BY CreatedDate ASC limit 19

Query Results - Total Rows: 11

Id	VersionNumber	Status	Description	MasterLabel	CreatedDate
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3012p000000ZNahAAG	3	Draft		Case Updates	2020-02-14T17:15:30.000...
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3012p000000ZbShAAK	13	Draft		Case Updates	2020-08-06T15:48:41.000...

Query Grid: Save Rows Insert Row Delete Row Refresh Grid Access in Salesforce: Create New Open Detail Page Edit Page

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from Flow Where MasterLabel = 'Case Updates' AND Status != 'Active' ORDER BY CreatedDate ASC  
limit 19

Any query errors will appear here...

Execute ☒ Use Tooling API

History

Executed

SELECT RecordId, HasReadAccess, HasTr...

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## [Tooling API Developer Documentation](#)

## What versions could I remove?

```
SELECT Id, VersionNumber, Status, Description, MasterLabel, CreatedDate
FROM Flow
WHERE MasterLabel = 'Case Updates' AND Status != 'Active' ORDER BY CreatedDate ASC limit 19
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Generally limit yourself to one flow at a time, for ease this example limits via the Masterlabel, as per the above image, you can see that it returns both drafts and obsolete versions. Beware, you do not want to remove your current draft with changes in it!

## Deleting versions

In Salesforce Inspector, you can simply copy the excel output from the query and paste that into the upload box of a data import window:

☒ Use Tooling API?

**Action** Delete

**Object** Flow

**Format** ☒ Excel ☐ CSV

**Data** Paste Excel data here

**Batch size** 200

**Threads** 6

Import Cancel queued Retry failed

Copy (Excel format) Copy (CSV)

Copy options

**Status** ☒ 11 Queued ☒ 0 Processing ☒ 0 Succeeded ☒ 0 Failed

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Note the Tooling API checkbox at the top, if using the above query, you will need to skip all the other column headers, as the delete operation expects a list of Id's.

It doesn't appear that dev console can delete flows unfortunately.

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