

# Automated External Backups (S3)

External backups are stored in your S3 bucket, so **you own your backups** directly. Elestio's external backup service is compatible with AWS S3 and any S3-compatible provider.

To enable external backups from the service dashboard click on the *Backups* tab, then click on *Automated External Backups*.

You will have to provide your S3 details. (endpoint, bucket name, API key, secret key)

Before entering the bucket

### Please update S3 configuration ✕

**Select Provider**  AWS S3  Other compatible S3 providers

**End point**

**API key**

**Secret key**

**Bucket name**

**Prefix (path in your bucket)**

You can click on the "Verify Config" button to validate your settings.

Once activated, you will be able to click on Settings to configure the backups schedule. You can also take an external backup at any time with the "Take a backup" button.

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Enable/Disable backups ⚠ Disable backups will delete existing backups Disable backup

Take a backup Refresh Update S3 Config Setting

Key	Data Size	Backup Time			
..backups_2022-03-08-07.47.14.gz	874 KB	2022-03-08 07:47:15	Restore	Download	Delete
..backups_2022-03-08-06.37.55.gz	874 KB	2022-03-08 06:37:55	Restore	Download	Delete
..backups_2022-03-08-06.36.28.gz	874 KB	2022-03-08 06:36:29	Restore	Download	Delete

If you click on Settings, you can configure the backups schedule and a number of backups to retain.

### Update Backup Cycle ✕

Please indicate your preferred period to take the backup.  
**Select Period**  Every Day  Hourly

Time

Number of backups to retain

Update Setting

If you don't have access to an AWS S3 bucket or an S3 bucket from another provider, you can [deploy Minio](#) to get your own S3 Bucket

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