

# Backups and restores

**Elestio** offers a **Backup** section specifically for managing backups.

For clusters, only the backups of the **Primary** node are supported.

If you promote a new node to Primary, a new backup will automatically be created for security purposes, ensuring a healthy backup of your cluster. From that point, new backups will target the new Primary.

## Backups

Backups are created automatically once per day, but you can also create them manually.

To create a manual backup:




1. Go to the **Backups** tab of your cluster.
2. In the **Automated Remote Backups** section, click the + button to expand the section.
3. Click the **Back Up Now** button to create a new backup.

## Restores

To restore a backup:

1. Go to the **Backups** tab of your cluster.
2. Click the + button to display the list of your backups.
3. Find the backup you wish to restore and click the **Restore** button (with a rounded arrow icon).

Backup Time	Restore
2025-01-27 16:01:01	 Restore

A popup will appear to confirm that the restore process is in progress.

**⚠ WARNING: During the restoration process, your cluster will experience temporary downtime in two phases:**

1. **Primary Node Downtime:** The **Primary** node will be **offline** until the restoration process is complete.
2. **Replica Downtime:** Once the **Primary** is fully restored and running, all **Replicas** will be taken **offline** to be reset and synchronized:
  - Each Replica will be **reset from scratch**.
  - After being cleared and reconfigured to point to the **Primary**, each Replica will be restored using a backup directly from the **Primary node** to ensure full synchronization.

Once the process is complete, you will receive an email notifying you that your cluster is active and operational again.

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