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# Overview

**Valkey** is an open-source, high-performance in-memory data store designed for building real-time, scalable applications. Fully compatible with Redis, Valkey continues the legacy of Redis OSS under a community-governed fork, ensuring long-term open development and innovation. Engineered for reliability, flexibility, and ease of deployment, Valkey empowers developers to build responsive, low-latency systems while maintaining compatibility with existing Redis-based tools and workflows. It integrates seamlessly into cloud-native environments with strong support for Docker and Kubernetes.

## Key Features of Valkey:

- **Redis Compatibility:** Maintains full wire-protocol and command compatibility with Redis, making it easy to migrate from Redis or run Valkey alongside Redis deployments without code changes or client modifications.
- **Community-Driven Open Source:** Developed under an open governance model to ensure a fully transparent, vendor-neutral future for Redis OSS users. This promotes continuous innovation and avoids restrictive licensing concerns.
- **Rich Data Structures:** Supports Redis-style data types including strings, hashes, lists, sets, sorted sets, bitmaps, hyperloglogs, geospatial indexes, and streams—ideal for a wide variety of application patterns.
- **Pub/Sub and Streams Support:** Includes robust publish/subscribe messaging and Redis streams (XADD, XREAD, etc.), enabling event-driven architectures, message queues, and real-time data processing pipelines.
- **Replication and High Availability:** Supports asynchronous primary-replica replication for redundancy and failover, with support for Redis Sentinel for automated monitoring and failover management.
- **Persistence Options (RDB and AOF):** Offers both snapshot-based (RDB) and append-only file (AOF) persistence options to balance performance, durability, and recovery speed based on workload needs.
- **Advanced Memory Management:** Employs efficient memory usage and eviction policies (LRU, LFU, etc.) to manage high-volume, memory-constrained workloads effectively.
- **Access Control Lists (ACLs):** Implements Redis-style ACLs for fine-grained access control and user management, enhancing security in multi-tenant or shared deployments.
- **Multiple Databases:** Supports multiple logical databases per instance (default is 16), enabling separation of data for different applications or tenants.
- **Lightweight and Efficient:** Preserves Redis's core design philosophy of minimal resource overhead, delivering high performance and low latency even under demanding workloads.
- **Cross-Platform and Container Support:** Runs on major operating systems with official Docker images and Kubernetes Helm charts, enabling easy deployment in modern, cloud-native environments.

- **Monitoring and Observability:** Exposes detailed metrics and logs compatible with tools like Prometheus, Grafana, and ELK stack for real-time monitoring, alerting, and troubleshooting.
- **Active Community and Ecosystem:** Backed by a growing contributor base and a commitment to long-term OSS sustainability, Valkey integrates with existing Redis clients and tooling without friction.

These features make Valkey a compelling choice for developers and organizations seeking a fully open-source, Redis-compatible solution for real-time data caching, messaging, and persistence, with strong community governance ensuring a future free from licensing uncertainty.

# How to Connect

# Connecting with Node.js


This guide explains how to establish a connection between a Node.js application and a Valkey database using the [redis](#) package. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple Valkey command.

## Variables

To successfully connect to a Valkey instance, you'll need to provide the following parameters. These can typically be found on the Elestio service overview page.

Variable	Description	Purpose
HOST	Valkey hostname (from Elestio service overview)	The address of the server hosting your Valkey instance.
PORT	Valkey port (from Elestio service overview)	The port used for the Valkey connection. The default Valkey port is 6379.
PASSWORD	Valkey password (from Elestio service overview)	Authentication key used to connect securely to the Valkey instance.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.

 **valkey**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_

 Open terminal

🗑️

 Delete cluster

Add node

Overview

Nodes

Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated ☐

Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated ☒

Nodes

2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

Add node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

# Prerequisites

## Install Node.js and NPM

- Check if Node.js is installed by running:

```
node -v
```

- If not installed, download and install it from [nodejs.org](https://nodejs.org).
- Confirm npm is installed by running:

```
npm -v
```

## Install the redis Package

The redis package enables communication between Node.js applications and Valkey.

```
npm install redis --save
```

# Code

Create a new file named `valkey.js` and add the following code:

```
const valkey = require("redis");

// Valkey connection configuration
const config = {
  socket: {
    host: "HOST",
    port: PORT,
  },
  password: "PASSWORD",
};

// Create a Redis client
const client = valkey.createClient(config);

// Handle connection errors
client.on("error", (err) => {
  console.error("Valkey connection error:", err);
});

// Connect and run a test command
(async () => {
  try {
    await client.connect();
    console.log("Connected to Valkey");

    // Set and retrieve a test key
    await client.set("testKey", "Hello Valkey");
    const value = await client.get("testKey");
    console.log("Retrieved value:", value);

    // Disconnect from Valkey
    await client.disconnect();
  } catch (err) {
    console.error("Error:", err);
  }
})();
```

```
} catch (err) {  
  console.error("Valkey operation failed:", err);  
}  
})();
```

To execute the script, open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where `valkey.js` is located. Once in the correct directory, run the script with the command:

```
node valkey.js
```

If the connection is successful, the output should resemble:

```
Connected to Valkey  
Retrieved value: Hello Valkey
```

# Connecting with Python


This guide explains how to connect a Python application to a Valkey database using the [redis](#) library. It walks through the required setup, configuration, and execution of a simple Valkey command.

## Variables

To connect to Valkey, the following parameters are needed. You can find these values in the Elestio Valkey service overview.

Variable	Description	Purpose
HOST	Valkey hostname (from Elestio service overview)	Address of the Valkey server.
PORT	Valkey port (from Elestio service overview)	Port used to connect to Valkey. The default is 6379.
PASSWORD	Valkey password (from Elestio service overview)	Authentication credential for the Valkey connection.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.

 **valkey**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_

Open terminal

🗑️

Delete cluster

Add node

Overview

Nodes

Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated ☐

Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated ☒

Nodes

2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

Add node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

# Prerequisites

## Install Python and pip

- Check if Python is installed by running:

```
python3 --version
```

- If not installed, download and install it from [python.org](https://python.org).
- Check pip (Python package installer):

```
pip --version
```

## Install the redis Package

Install the official redis library using pip:

```
pip install redis
```

# Code

Create a file named `valkey.py` and paste the following code:

```
import redis

config = {
    "host": "HOST",
    "port": PORT, # Example: 6379
    "password": "PASSWORD",
    "decode_responses": True
}

try:
    client = redis.Redis(**config)
    client.set("testKey", "Hello Valkey")
    value = client.get("testKey")
    print("Connected to Valkey")
    print("Retrieved value:", value)

except redis.RedisError as err:
    print("Valkey connection or operation failed:", err)
```

To execute the script, open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where `valkey.py` is located. Once in the correct directory, run the script with the command:

```
python3 redis.py
```

If everything is set up correctly, the output will be:

```
Connected to Valkey
Retrieved value: Hello Valkey
```

# Connecting with PHP


This guide explains how to establish a connection between a PHP application and a Valkey database using the phredis extension. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple Valkey command.

## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a Valkey database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here’s what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
<code>HOST</code>	Valkey hostname, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting your Valkey instance.
<code>PORT</code>	Port for Valkey connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port used to connect to Valkey. The default port is 6379.
<code>PASSWORD</code>	Valkey password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key required to connect securely to Valkey.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below. Make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.

 **valkey**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_ Open terminal

🗑 Delete cluster

Add node

Overview

Nodes

Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated ☐

Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated ☒

Nodes

2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

Add node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

Host	valkey-u7774.vm.elestialo.app	📄
Port	26379	📄
User	root	📄
Password	*****	Show password 📄
CLI	redis-cli -h valkey-u7774.vm.elestialo.app -p 26379 --user default --pass '*****'	Show password 📄

# Prerequisites

- **Install PHP**

- Check if PHP is installed by running:

```
php -v
```

- If not installed, download it from [php.net](https://www.php.net) and install.

- **Install the phredis Extension**

- The phredis extension provides a native PHP interface for Valkey. You can install it using:

```
sudo pecl install redis
```

- Then enable it in your php.ini:

```
extension=redis
```

- To verify it's installed:

```
php -m | grep redis
```

# Code

Once all prerequisites are set up, create a new file named `valkey.php` and add the following code:

```
<?php

$host = 'HOST';
$port = PORT;
$password = 'PASSWORD';

$valkey = new Redis();

try {
    $valkey->connect($host, $port);

    if (!$valkey->auth($password)) {
        throw new Exception('Authentication failed');
    }

    echo "Connected to Valkey\n";

    $valkey->set("testKey", "Hello Valkey");
    $value = $valkey->get("testKey");
    echo "Retrieved value: $value\n";

    $valkey->close();

} catch (Exception $e) {
    echo "Valkey connection or operation failed: " . $e->getMessage() . "\n";
}
```

Open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where `valkey.php` is located. Once in the correct directory, run the script with the command:

```
php valkey.php
```

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display output similar to:

# Connecting with Go


This guide explains how to establish a connection between a Go application and a Valkey database using the go-redis package. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple Valkey command.



## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a Valkey database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here’s what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
<code>HOST</code>	Valkey hostname, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting your Valkey instance.
<code>PORT</code>	Port for Valkey connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port used to connect to Valkey. The default port is 6379.
<code>PASSWORD</code>	Valkey password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key required to connect securely to Valkey.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.


**valkey**

 Valkey
  Cluster
 Running

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**Termination protection**
 Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.
 Protection deactivated ☐

**Auto-Failover**
 Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover
 Auto-Failover activated ☒

**Nodes**
 2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica
 [Add node](#)

**Database Admin**
 Display your database credentials
 [Hide DB Credentials](#)

Host	valkey-u7774.vm.elestialo.app	
Port	26379	
User	root	
Password	*****	<a href="#">Show password</a> 
CLI	redis-cli -h valkey-u7774.vm.elestialo.app -p 26379 --user default --pass '*****'	<a href="#">Show password</a> 

# Prerequisites

## Install Go

Check if Go is installed by running:

```
go version
```

If not installed, download it from [golang.org](https://golang.org) and install.

## Install the go-redis Package

The go-redis package enables Go applications to interact with Valkey. Install it using:

```
go get github.com/redis/go-redis/v9
```

# Code

Once all prerequisites are set up, create a new file named `valkey.go` and add the following code:

```
package main

import (
    "context"
    "fmt"
    "time"

    "github.com/redis/go-redis/v9"
)

func main() {
    opt := &redis.Options{
        Addr:      "HOST:PORT",
        Password:  "PASSWORD",
        DB:        0,
    }

    valkey := redis.NewClient(opt)
    ctx, cancel := context.WithTimeout(context.Background(), 5*time.Second)
    defer cancel()

    err := valkey.Set(ctx, "testKey", "Hello Valkey", 0).Err()
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Println("Valkey operation failed:", err)
        return
    }

    val, err := valkey.Get(ctx, "testKey").Result()
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Println("Valkey operation failed:", err)
        return
    }

    fmt.Println("Connected to Valkey")
    fmt.Println("Retrieved value:", val)

    if err := valkey.Close(); err != nil {
        fmt.Println("Error closing connection:", err)
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

To execute the script, open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where `valkey.go` is located. Once in the correct directory, run the script with the command:

```
go run valkey.go
```

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display output similar to:

```
Connected to Valkey  
Retrieved value: Hello Valkey
```

# Connecting with Java


This guide explains how to establish a connection between a Java application and a Valkey database using the Jedis library. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple Valkey command.

## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a Valkey database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here’s what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
<code>HOST</code>	Valkey hostname, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting your Valkey instance.
<code>PORT</code>	Port for Valkey connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port used to connect to Valkey. The default port is 6379.
<code>PASSWORD</code>	Valkey password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key required to connect securely to Valkey.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the code moving ahead.

 **valkey**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_

Open terminal

🗑️

Delete cluster

Add node

Overview

Nodes

Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated ☐

Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated ☒

Nodes

2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

Add node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

# Prerequisites

## Install Java

Check if Java is installed by running:

```
java -version
```

If not installed, download it from [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com/in/java/technologies/javase-downloads.html) and install.

## Download Jedis and Dependencies

The Jedis library enables Java applications to interact with Valkey. You need to download two JAR files manually:

1. **Jedis JAR** (Jedis 5.1.0):  
<https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/redis/clients/jedis/5.1.0/jedis-5.1.0.jar>
2. **Apache Commons Pool2 JAR** (Required by Jedis):

<https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/org/apache/commons/commons-pool2/2.11.1/commons-pool2-2.11.1.jar>

Place both JAR files in the same directory as your Java file.

# Code

Once all prerequisites are set up, create a new file named Valkey.java and add the following code:

```
import redis.clients.jedis.JedisPooled;

public class Valkey {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String host = "HOST";
        int port = PORT; // e.g., 6379
        String password = "PASSWORD";

        JedisPooled jedis = new JedisPooled(host, port, password);

        try {
            jedis.set("testKey", "Hello Valkey");
            String value = jedis.get("testKey");

            System.out.println("Connected to Valkey");
            System.out.println("Retrieved value: " + value);

        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Valkey connection or operation failed: " + e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

To execute the script, open the terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory where Valkey.java is located. Once in the correct directory, run the following commands:

## On Linux/macOS :

```
javac -cp "jedis-5.1.0.jar:commons-pool2-2.11.1.jar" Valkey.java
java -cp ".:jedis-5.1.0.jar:commons-pool2-2.11.1.jar" Valkey
```

## On Windows :

```
javac -cp "jedis-5.1.0.jar;commons-pool2-2.11.1.jar" Valkey.java  
java -cp ".;jedis-5.1.0.jar;commons-pool2-2.11.1.jar" Valkey
```

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display output similar to:

```
Connected to Valkey  
Retrieved value: Hello Valkey
```

# Connecting with RedisInsight


This guide explains how to establish a connection between RedisInsight and a Valkey database instance. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and connection steps using the official Redis GUI.

## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a Valkey database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here’s what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
<div>HOST</div>	Valkey hostname, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting your Valkey instance.
<div>PORT</div>	Port for Valkey connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port used to connect to Valkey. The default port is 6379.
<div>PASSWORD</div>	Valkey password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key required to connect securely to Valkey.

These values can usually be found in the Elestio service overview details as shown in the image below, make sure to take a copy of these details and add it to the tool moving ahead.

 **valkey**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_

 Open terminal

🗑️

 Delete cluster

Add node

Overview

Nodes

Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated ☐

Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated ☒

Nodes

2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

Add node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

# Prerequisites

## Install RedisInsight

RedisInsight is a graphical tool for managing Redis databases. Download and install RedisInsight from:

<https://redis.com/redis-enterprise/redis-insight/>

RedisInsight is available for Windows, macOS, and Linux.

# Steps

Once all prerequisites are set up, follow these steps to connect:

### 1. Launch RedisInsight

Open the RedisInsight application after installation.

## 2. Add a New Valkey Database

Click on **“Add Valkey Database”**.

## 3. Enter Your Connection Details

Fill in the following fields using your Elestio Valkey service information:

- **Host:** HOST
- **Port:** PORT
- **Password:** PASSWORD

### ADD REDIS DATABASE

Host*	Hostname / IP address / Connection URL of the Redis.
Port*	6379
Name*	Logical name for this redis database.
Username	default
Password	The password for your Redis database
<input type="checkbox"/> Use TLS	

[CANCEL](#) [ADD REDIS DATABASE](#)

## 4. Test and Save the Connection

Click on **“Test Connection”** to verify the details. If successful, click **“Connect”** or **“Add Database”**.

If the connection is successful, RedisInsight will display a dashboard showing key metrics, data structures, memory usage, and allow you to interact directly with Valkey using a built-in CLI or visual browser.

# Connecting with keydb-cli

This guide explains how to establish a connection between valkey-cli and a Valkey database instance. It walks through the necessary setup, configuration, and execution of a simple Valkey command from the terminal.

## Variables

Certain parameters must be provided to establish a successful connection to a Valkey database. Below is a breakdown of each required variable, its purpose, and where to find it. Here’s what each variable represents:

Variable	Description	Purpose
HOST	Valkey hostname, from the Elestio service overview page	The address of the server hosting your Valkey instance.
PORT	Port for Valkey connection, from the Elestio service overview page	The network port used to connect to Valkey. The default port is 6379.
PASSWORD	Valkey password, from the Elestio service overview page	The authentication key required to connect securely to Valkey.

These values can usually be found in the **Elestio service overview** details as shown in the image below. Make sure to take a copy of these details and use them in the command moving ahead.



valkey

Valkey

Cluster

Running

Open terminal

Delete cluster

Add node

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Backups

Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated



Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

Auto-Failover activated



Nodes

2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

Add node

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Hide DB Credentials

Host

valkey-u7774.vm.elestialo.app



Port

26379



User

root



Password

\*\*\*\*\*

Show password



CLI

redis-cli -h valkey-u7774.vm.elestialo.app -p 26379 --user default --pass '\*\*\*\*\*'

Show password



# Prerequisites

## Install valkey-cli

Check if valkey-cli is installed by running:

```
valkey-cli --version
```

If not installed, you can install it via:

- **macOS:**

```
brew install valkey
```

- **Ubuntu/Debian:**

```
sudo apt-get install valkey-tools
```

- **Windows:**

Use **Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)** or [download the CLI binaries from the Valkey GitHub releases page](#).

# Command

Once all prerequisites are set up, open the terminal or command prompt and run the following command:

```
valkey-cli -h HOST -p PORT -a PASSWORD
```

Replace HOST, PORT, and PASSWORD with the actual values from your Elestio Valkey service.

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display a Valkey prompt like this:

```
127.0.0.1:6379>
```

## Test the Connection

You can then run a simple command to test the connection:

```
set testkey "Hello Valkey"  
get testkey
```

## Expected output:

```
OK  
"Hello Valkey"
```

If the connection is successful, the terminal will display output similar to the above.

# How-To Guides

# Creating a Database

Valkey is a high-performance fork of Redis that emphasizes open governance and continued compatibility while introducing community-driven enhancements. Setting up Valkey correctly is essential for achieving low-latency performance and ensuring durability in modern applications. This guide walks through various methods to run and connect to Valkey: using the Valkey CLI, running inside Docker containers, and integrating with scripting workflows. It also outlines best practices to follow during configuration and operation.

## Creating Using valkey-cli

Valkey provides a built-in command-line interface tool called **valkey-cli**. It allows direct interaction with a Valkey server and supports both local and remote connections. All standard Redis-compatible commands can be executed through this tool, along with any features supported by Valkey.

### Connect to Valkey

If you have a local Valkey instance running, either from a package manager or inside Docker, you can start the CLI with no extra arguments:

```
valkey-cli
```

To connect to a remote Valkey instance, provide the host, port, and authentication details if configured:

```
valkey-cli -h <host> -p <port> -a <password>
```

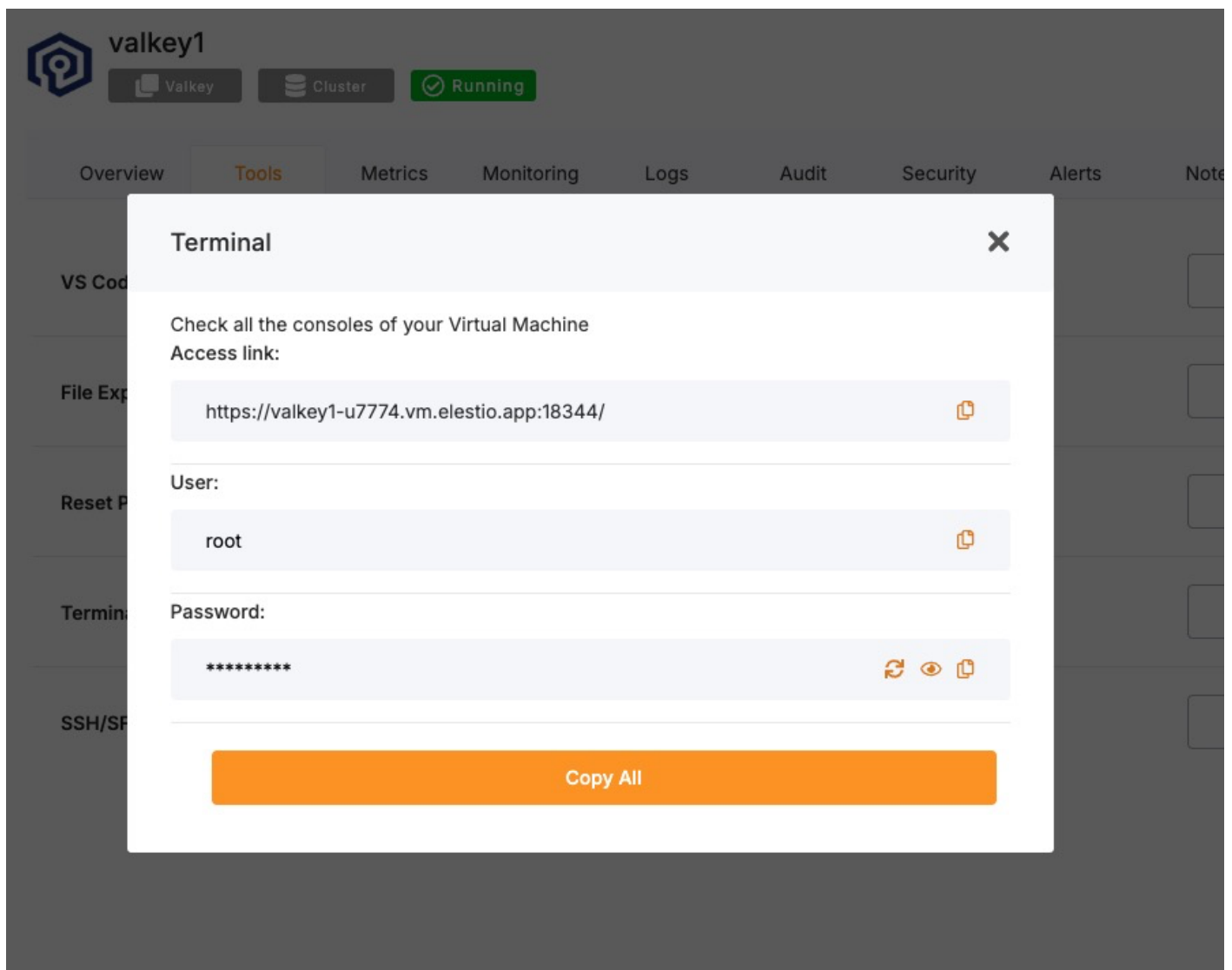
After executing the command, you will be placed in the Valkey shell, where you can interactively issue commands.

## Running Valkey Using Docker

Valkey can be containerized using Docker to ensure consistent environments across local development, testing, and production systems. This is a convenient way to isolate dependencies and manage deployment configurations.

### Access Elestio Terminal

If you are using Elestio to host your Valkey service, log in to the Elestio dashboard. Navigate to your Valkey instance, then open **Tools > Terminal**. This will provide a browser-based shell within the server environment that has access to your containerized services.



Once inside the terminal, switch to the application directory:

```
cd /opt/app/
```

## Access the Valkey Container Shell

Elestio services use Docker Compose for container orchestration. To enter the Valkey container and interact with its runtime environment, use the following command:

```
docker-compose exec valkey bash
```

This starts a bash session inside the running Valkey container.

## Access Valkey CLI from Within the Container

The **valkey-cli** tool is available within the container and can be used to run commands directly against the Valkey server. If authentication is required, supply the password using the `-a` flag:

```
valkey-cli -a <password>
```

You'll now be connected to the Valkey instance running inside the container.

## Test Connectivity

To confirm the Valkey instance is functional, run a test by setting and retrieving a key:

```
set testkey "Hello Valkey"  
get testkey
```

### Expected output:

```
"Hello Valkey"
```

This confirms that read/write operations are working correctly inside the containerized Valkey environment.

# Connecting Using valkey-cli in Scripts

The **valkey-cli** command can also be used non-interactively, which is useful for shell scripts, cron jobs, or CI/CD workflows that require interaction with the Valkey server.

To set a key via a script:

```
valkey-cli -h <host> -p <port> -a <password> SET example_key "example_value"
```

This will set the specified key in a single command without launching the interactive shell.

# Best Practices for Setting Up Valkey

## Use Meaningful Key Naming Conventions

To ensure readability and manageability, adopt consistent naming conventions. Use namespaces separated by colons to logically group related keys:

```
user:1001:profile  
session:2025:token
```

This simplifies debugging, metric tracking, and migration efforts.

## Follow Consistent Data Structures

Valkey supports Redis-compatible data structures including strings, hashes, sets, sorted sets, lists, and streams. Always choose the most efficient type based on access patterns and data lifecycle. For example, hashes are ideal for storing grouped attributes, while sets work well for unique lists.

Inconsistent structure usage can lead to inefficient memory use and unexpected command behavior.

## Enable Authentication and TLS

Security should not be overlooked in production systems. Always configure a strong password using the `requirepass` directive in `valkey.conf`. Additionally, enable TLS for encrypted traffic if the database is accessible over the internet or across networks.

### Example `valkey.conf` settings:

```
requirepass strong_secure_password  
tls-port 6379  
tls-cert-file /etc/ssl/certs/cert.pem  
tls-key-file /etc/ssl/private/key.pem
```

These settings help secure both access and data transmission.

## Configure Persistence Options

Valkey supports both Redis-style persistence mechanisms: RDB snapshots and AOF logging. These ensure data durability in the event of process restarts or hardware failure.

### Recommended settings in `valkey.conf`:

```
save 900 1  
appendonly yes  
appendfsync everysec
```

Use AOF for greater durability, RDB for faster restarts, or both for a balanced setup.

## Monitor and Tune Performance

Monitor performance using built-in Valkey commands like `INFO`, `MONITOR`, and `SLOWLOG`. These provide insights into memory usage, command execution times, and system health. You can also

integrate external monitoring tools like Prometheus, RedisInsight, or Grafana for real-time visualization.

Proper monitoring allows you to proactively tune memory limits, max clients, and replication settings.

# Common Issues and Their Solutions

Issue	Cause	Solution
NOAUTH Authentication required	Connecting to an instance that requires a password without one	Use the -a flag or send the AUTH command before other commands
ERR Client sent AUTH, but no password is set	Authentication is attempted on a server that does not require it	Remove the -a option or check the requirepass directive
Cannot connect to Valkey on 'localhost'	The server is not running or bound to another address/port	Check service status and inspect valkey.conf and Docker port mappings
Docker Valkey container refuses connections	Network misconfiguration or the container is still initializing	Use docker-compose logs valkey and verify exposed ports
Data not persisted after restart	Persistence settings are disabled	Enable RDB and/or AOF in the configuration file

# Upgrading to Major Version


Upgrading a database service on Elestio can be done without creating a new instance or performing a full manual migration. Elestio provides a built-in option to change the database version directly from the dashboard. This is useful for cases where the upgrade does not involve breaking changes or when minimal manual involvement is preferred. The version upgrade process is handled by Elestio internally, including restarting the database service if required. This method reduces the number of steps involved and provides a way to keep services up to date with minimal configuration changes.

## Log In and Locate Your Service

To begin the upgrade process, log in to your Elestio dashboard and navigate to the specific database service you want to upgrade. It is important to verify that the correct instance is selected, especially in environments where multiple databases are used for different purposes such as staging, testing, or production. The dashboard interface provides detailed information for each service, including version details, usage metrics, and current configuration. Ensure that you have access rights to perform upgrades on the selected service. Identifying the right instance helps avoid accidental changes to unrelated environments.

## Back Up Your Data

Before starting the upgrade, create a backup of your database. A backup stores the current state of your data, schema, indexes, and configuration, which can be restored if something goes wrong during the upgrade. In Elestio, this can be done through the **Backups** tab by selecting **Back up now** under Manual local backups and **Download** the backup file. Scheduled backups may also be used, but it is recommended to create a manual one just before the upgrade. Keeping a recent backup allows quick recovery in case of errors or rollback needs. This is especially important in production environments where data consistency is critical.

 valkey

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_ Open terminal

Delete cluster

Add node

OverviewNodesBackupsAudit

Manual local backups


Back up now

Data Size	Backup Time			
255	2025-07-04 13:21:42	Restore	Delete	Download

Automated snapshots

## Select the New Version

Once your backup is secure, proceed to the **Overview** and then **Software > Update config** tab within your database service page.

 valkey1

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_ Open terminal

OverviewToolsMetricsMonitoringLogsAuditSecurityAlertsNotes

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated

Database Admin

Display your database credentials

Display DB Credentials

Redis Insight

Display your Redis Insight credentials

Display Redis Insight

Software

Valkey, version: latest

View app logs

Update config

Restart

Service plan

Server type: MEDIUM-2C-4G (2 VCPU s - 4 GB RAM - 40 GB storage)  
Provider: hetzner

Upgrade plan

Here, you'll find an option labeled **ENV**. In the **ENV** menu, change the desired database version to `SOFTWARE_VERSION`. After confirming the version, Elestio will begin the upgrade process automatically. During this time, the platform takes care of the version change and restarts the

database if needed. No manual commands are required, and the system handles most of the operational aspects in the background

Update App Stack Config

X

ENV

Docker Compose

1 SOFTWARE\_VERSION\_TAG=latest

2 SOFTWARE\_PASSWORD=

3 REDIS\_INTERNAL\_PORT=6379

4 INSIGHT\_INTERNAL\_IP=172.17.0.1

5 INSIGHT\_INTERNAL\_PORT=8001

6 DOMAIN=valkey1-u7774.vm.elestio.app

Cancel

Update & Restart

## Monitor the Upgrade Process

The upgrade process may include a short downtime while the database restarts. Once it is completed, it is important to verify that the upgrade was successful and the service is operating as expected. Start by checking the logs available in the Elestio dashboard for any warnings or errors during the process. Then, review performance metrics to ensure the database is running normally and responding to queries. Finally, test the connection from your client applications to confirm that they can interact with the upgraded database without issues.

# Installing and Updating an Extension

Valkey supports Redis-compatible modules to extend core database functionality with custom data types, specialized algorithms, and advanced operations. These modules are compiled as shared object (.so) files and must be loaded at server startup. Examples include RedisBloom, RedisJSON, and RedisTimeSeries all of which are supported in Valkey just as in Redis.

In Elestio-hosted Valkey instances or any Docker Compose based setup, modules can be mounted and loaded via configuration in **docker-compose.yml**. This guide outlines how to install, load, and manage Valkey modules using Docker Compose, including verification steps, update methods, and best practices.

## Installing and Enabling Valkey Modules

Modules in Valkey must be loaded at server startup using the `--loadmodule` directive. These are .so binaries typically mounted into the container from the host file system. The process is nearly identical to Redis module integration.

### Update docker-compose.yml

To use a module such as **RedisBloom** in a Valkey Docker setup, mount the module file and add the `--loadmodule` directive to the container command.

```
services:
  valkey:
    image: valkey/valkey:latest
    volumes:
      - ./modules/redisbloom.so:/data/redisbloom.so
    command: ["valkey-server", "--loadmodule", "/data/redisbloom.so"]
    ports:
      - "6379:6379"
```

### Explanation:

- ./modules/redisbloom.so is the local path on your host machine.
- /data/redisbloom.so is the path where the module will be accessible inside the container.

Ensure that the .so file exists locally before running the container.

## Restart the Valkey Service

After updating the Docker Compose configuration, apply changes by restarting the container:

```
docker-compose down  
docker-compose up -d
```

This reloads Valkey and ensures the module is initialized during startup.

## Verify the Module is Loaded

Once Valkey is running, connect to the containerized service:

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli -a <yourPassword>
```

Run the following command to check for loaded modules:

```
MODULE LIST
```

### Expected output (for RedisBloom):

```
1) 1) "name"  
   2) "bf"  
   3) "ver"  
   4) (integer) 20207
```

This confirms that the module (in this case, bf for Bloom filters) has been loaded successfully.

# Checking Module Availability & Compatibility

Valkey modules must match the container's runtime architecture and the Valkey version. Many Redis modules work out-of-the-box with Valkey, but always check official documentation or test in a controlled environment first.

To inspect module metadata and compatibility:

To confirm the current Valkey version and platform:

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-server --version
```

If a module fails to load, check container logs for detailed error output:

```
docker-compose logs valkey
```

Most load failures are caused by missing binaries, unsupported formats, or incorrect file paths.

# Updating or Unloading Modules

Valkey does **not** support dynamic unloading of modules while the server is running. To update or remove a module, the server must be stopped and restarted with the revised configuration.

Stop the container:

```
docker-compose down
```

Edit **docker-compose.yml** as needed:

- Update the .so path to reference the new module version.
- Remove the --loadmodule line to disable the module entirely.

Start the container again:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

Always test updated modules in staging before deploying to production environments.

# Troubleshooting Common Module Issues

Issue	Cause	Resolution
Valkey fails to start	Invalid module path or incompatible binary	Check docker-compose logs valkey and verify path and architecture

Issue	Cause	Resolution
MODULE command not recognized	Image does not include module support	Use an image like valkey/valkey:latest or valkey/valkey:alpine
“Can’t open .so file” error	Volume not mounted or file permission denied	Confirm that the .so file exists and has readable permissions
Module not listed in MODULE LIST	Silent module load failure	Review container logs and validate command syntax
Module commands not recognized	Module did not load correctly	Ensure Valkey version and module binary compatibility

# Security Considerations

Modules execute **native code** within the Valkey process and inherit its permissions. As such, only load **trusted** .so files compiled from official or reviewed source code. Avoid uploading or using third-party binaries without auditing.

In Elestio-managed or containerized environments, use Docker’s file and user isolation to reduce risk:

- Set **read-only** permissions on mounted .so files.
- Use **non-root users** inside containers when possible.
- Monitor module behavior with **SLOWLOG**, **INFO**, and command auditing.

Improperly configured or malicious modules can cause crashes, memory leaks, or worse. Treat modules as **privileged extensions** and keep them versioned and tested across environments.

# Creating Manual Backups

Regular backups are essential when running a Valkey deployment, especially if you're using it for persistent workloads. While Elestio provides automated backups for managed services by default, you may still want to create manual backups before major configuration changes, retain local archives, or test automation workflows. This guide covers several methods for creating Valkey backups on Elestio via the dashboard, CLI, or Docker Compose. It also explains retention strategies and automated backups using cron jobs.

## Manual Service Backups on Elestio

If you're using Elestio's managed Valkey service, the simplest and most reliable way to perform a full backup is through the Elestio dashboard. This creates a snapshot of your current Valkey dataset and stores it in Elestio's infrastructure. These snapshots can later be restored directly from the dashboard, which is helpful when testing configuration changes or performing disaster recovery.

### To trigger a manual Valkey backup on Elestio:

- Log in to the [Elestio dashboard](#).
- Navigate to your Valkey service or cluster.
- Click the Backups tab in the service menu.
- Choose **Back up now** to generate a manual snapshot.

The screenshot shows the Elestio dashboard for a Valkey service. At the top, the service is labeled 'valkey' with a status of 'Running'. Navigation tabs include 'Overview', 'Nodes', 'Backups' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Audit'. Below the tabs, there are buttons for 'Open terminal', 'Delete cluster', and 'Add node'. The 'Manual local backups' section contains a 'Back up now' button (highlighted with a red box). Below this is a table with columns for 'Data Size', 'Backup Time', and actions. The table shows a backup of size 255 at 2025-07-04 13:21:42, with 'Restore', 'Delete', and 'Download' (highlighted with a red box) actions. The 'Automated snapshots' section is at the bottom.

Data Size	Backup Time	Restore	Delete	Download
255	2025-07-04 13:21:42	<a href="#">Restore</a>	<a href="#">Delete</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>

# Manual Backups Using Docker Compose

For Valkey instances deployed using Docker Compose (e.g., in Elestio self-hosted environments), you can create manual backups by copying the internal persistence files RDB snapshots and optionally AOF logs.

## Access Elestio Terminal

From the Elestio dashboard:

- Go to your deployed Valkey service.
- Navigate to **Tools > Terminal** and authenticate.

## Locate the Valkey Container Directory

```
cd /opt/app/
```

This is the standard project directory on Elestio-managed hosts where your **docker-compose.yml** file resides.

## Trigger an RDB Snapshot (Optional)

By default, Valkey creates periodic snapshots based on configuration. To force an immediate one:

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli SAVE
```

This generates a **dump.rdb** file in the container's **/data** directory.

## Copy Backup Files from the Container

Use docker cp to extract the RDB snapshot file (and AOF if enabled) to your host machine:

```
docker cp $(docker-compose ps -q valkey):/data/dump.rdb ./backup_$(date +%F).rdb
```

If AOF persistence is enabled (appendonly yes in **valkey.conf**), back it up as well:

```
docker cp $(docker-compose ps -q valkey):/data/appendonly.aof ./appendonly_$(date +%F).aof
```

You now have point-in-time backups that can be restored later.

# Backup Storage & Retention Best Practices

Valkey backup files can be small (RDB) or large (AOF), depending on data size and write frequency. It's important to manage them properly.

### Recommendations:

- Use clear, timestamped names like valkey\_backup\_2025\_06\_24.rdb.
- Store backups off-site or in the cloud (e.g., S3, Backblaze, or a secure remote server).
- Retention policy: Keep 7 daily, 4 weekly, and 3-6 monthly backups.
- Automate old backup cleanup with cron or shell scripts.
- Optionally compress with gzip, xz, or zstd.

## Automating Valkey Backups (cron)

To automate Valkey backups, use cron to schedule daily backup tasks on Linux servers. This helps maintain consistency and reduces the chance of human error.

### Example: Daily Backup at 3 AM

Edit your crontab:

```
crontab -e
```

Add the following entry:

```
0 3 * * * docker-compose -f /opt/app/docker-compose.yml exec valkey valkey-cli SAVE && \
docker cp $(docker-compose -f /opt/app/docker-compose.yml ps -q valkey):/data/dump.rdb
/backups/valkey_backup_$(date +%F).rdb
```

Make sure `/backups/` exists and has write permissions for the cron user.

## Optional Compression + Upload

You can compress the file and upload it to cloud storage in the same cron job:

```
gzip /backups/valkey_backup_$(date +%F).rdb
rclone copy /backups/ remote:daily-valkey-backups
```

# Backup Format and Restore Notes

Format	Description	Restore Method
dump.rdb	Binary snapshot of full dataset	Stop Valkey, replace dump.rdb, and restart the container
appendonly.aof	Command log (if enabled)	Stop Valkey, replace AOF file, and restart the container

## To Restore a Backup

See [Elestio's Redis restore guide](#), which applies to Valkey as well:

- Stop Valkey:

```
docker-compose down
```

- Replace the backup file in your volume mount (e.g., `/data/dump.rdb` or `appendonly.aof`).
- Restart the service:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

# Restoring a Backup

Restoring Valkey backups is critical for disaster recovery, staging environment replication, or rolling back to a known good state. Elestio supports restoration via its web dashboard and manual methods using Docker Compose and command-line tools. This guide covers how to restore Valkey backups from RDB or AOF files, for both full and partial restore scenarios, and includes fixes for common errors during the process.

## Restoring from a Backup via Terminal

This method assumes you already have a backup file such as **dump.rdb** or **appendonly.aof**. Restoring involves stopping the container, replacing the data file(s), and restarting Valkey so it can load the new data at boot time.

### Stop the Valkey Container

Cleanly stop the container to prevent data corruption:

```
docker-compose down
```

### Replace the Backup File

Move the desired backup file into the volume directory that maps to the Valkey container's **/data**.

#### Example for RDB:

```
cp ./backup_2025_06_24.rdb /opt/app/data/dump.rdb
```

Ensure your **docker-compose.yml** contains the correct volume mapping:

```
volumes:  
  - ./data:/data
```

#### For AOF-based persistence:

```
cp ./appendonly_2025_06_24.aof /opt/app/data/appendonly.aof
```

## Restart Valkey

Bring the container back up:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

Valkey will automatically load **dump.rdb** or **appendonly.aof** depending on its configuration in **valkey.conf** or Docker entrypoint.

# Restoring via Docker Compose Terminal

If you prefer working inside the container environment, you can directly inject the backup file into the Valkey container using Docker commands.

## Copy the Backup File into the Container

**For RDB:**

```
docker cp ./backup_2025_06_24.rdb $(docker-compose ps -q valkey):/data/dump.rdb
```

**For AOF:**

```
docker cp ./appendonly_2025_06_24.aof $(docker-compose ps -q valkey):/data/appendonly.aof
```

## Restart the Valkey Container

```
docker-compose restart valkey
```

Valkey will now reload the updated data file(s) during startup.

# Partial Restores in Valkey

Valkey, like Redis, does not support partial data restoration out of the box. However, workarounds exist to selectively restore key-value pairs or subsets of data.

## Restore Selected Keys via CLI

If you've exported a list of keys and their values, you can restore them using a script with **valkey-cli**:

```
cat keys_to_restore.txt | while read key; do
    value=$(cat dump.json | jq -r ".\"$key\"")
    valkey-cli SET "$key" "$value"
done
```

This method is useful when working with pre-filtered exports in JSON, CSV, or key dumps.

## Restore from a Partial AOF

If your backup is a trimmed-down AOF file (for example, created by filtering certain operations), Valkey will replay it entirely at startup:

- Replace the existing **appendonly.aof** file.
- Restart the container.

Valkey will process only the included operations, effectively performing a partial restore.

# Common Errors & How to Fix Them

Restoring Valkey may occasionally fail due to configuration mismatches, permission issues, or corrupted backup files. Below are common errors and their solutions.

## 1. NOAUTH Authentication Required

### Error:

```
(error) NOAUTH Authentication required.
```

**Cause:** The Valkey instance requires authentication for any CLI interaction.

### Fix:

```
valkey-cli -a yourpassword
```

### In scripts:

```
valkey-cli -a "$VALKEY_PASSWORD" < restore_script.txt
```

## 2. Valkey Fails to Start After Restore

### Error:

```
Fatal error loading the DB: Invalid RDB format
```

**Cause:** The backup file is corrupted or incompatible with the Valkey version.

**Fix:**

- Make sure the backup was created with the same or a compatible Valkey version.
- If necessary, downgrade or upgrade the container image to match the backup version.

### 3. Data Not Restored

**Cause:** Valkey is configured to use a different persistence method than the one you restored.

**Fix:**

Check your persistence mode in **valkey.conf** or Docker entry:

```
appendonly yes    # for AOF
appendonly no     # for RDB
```

Ensure the right file (**dump.rdb** or **appendonly.aof**) exists at **/data**.

### 4. Permission Denied When Copying Files

**Error:**

```
cp: cannot create regular file '/opt/app/data/dump.rdb': Permission denied
```

**Fix:**

Use sudo if your shell user doesn't have write access:

```
sudo cp ./backup_2025_06_24.rdb /opt/app/data/dump.rdb
```

Or adjust directory permissions as needed.

```
sudo chown $USER:$USER /opt/app/data
```

# Identifying Slow Queries

Slow commands can impact Valkey performance, especially under high concurrency or when inefficient data access patterns are used. Whether you're running Valkey on Elestio via the dashboard, inside a Docker Compose setup, or accessing it through the CLI, Valkey includes powerful introspection tools like the slow log and latency tracking.

This guide shows how to detect slow operations using Valkey's built-in slowlog, analyze latency issues, and optimize performance through configuration tuning and query best practices.

## Inspecting Slow Commands from the Terminal

Valkey supports the Redis-compatible SLOWLOG feature to record commands that exceed a configured execution time threshold. These logs are useful to spot expensive operations and server stalls.

### Connect to Your Valkey Instance via Terminal

Use `valkey-cli` or `redis-cli` to connect to your Valkey instance:

```
valkey-cli -h <host> -p <port> -a <password>
```

Replace `<host>`, `<port>`, and `<password>` with the credentials available in your Elestio dashboard.

### View the Slowlog Threshold

Check what execution time (in microseconds) is considered "slow":

```
CONFIG GET slowlog-log-slower-than
```

The default is 10000 (10 milliseconds). Commands slower than this will be logged.

### View the Slow Query Logs

To retrieve recent slow operations:

```
SLOWLOG GET 10
```

This shows the 10 most recent slowlog entries, each with:

- The command that was executed
- The timestamp
- Execution duration in microseconds
- Any arguments passed to the command

# Analyzing Inside Docker Compose

If you're running Valkey via Docker Compose, you can inspect slow queries from within the container environment.

## Access the Valkey Container

Launch a shell in your container:

```
docker-compose exec valkey bash
```

Connect to Valkey using:

```
valkey-cli -a $VALKEY_PASSWORD
```

Ensure that VALKEY\_PASSWORD is defined in your .env file or Compose environment variables.

## Adjust Slowlog Settings

You can view or modify the slowlog threshold dynamically:

```
CONFIG SET slowlog-log-slower-than 5000
```

This temporarily changes the threshold to 5 milliseconds, which is useful for debugging under lower latency conditions.

## Increase the Number of Stored Entries

Check how many slowlog entries are retained:

```
CONFIG GET slowlog-max-len
```

To store more slowlog entries:

```
CONFIG SET slowlog-max-len 256
```

This helps in long-running investigations or during load testing.

# Using the Latency Monitoring Feature

Valkey inherits Redis's latency monitoring tools, providing additional insights beyond command duration such as fork stalls, I/O blocks, or memory pressure.

## Enable Latency Monitoring

Latency tracking is often enabled by default. Run:

```
LATENCY DOCTOR
```

This provides a high-level diagnostic report of system latency spikes and potential root causes, including slow commands, AOF rewrites, and blocking operations.

## View Latency History for Specific Events

Track the latency of specific operations like:

```
LATENCY HISTORY command
```

Other event categories include:

- fork – Background save or AOF rewrite delays
- aof-write – Append-only file sync lag
- command – General command execution delays

# Understanding and Resolving Common Bottlenecks

Valkey performance can degrade due to specific patterns of usage, large keys, blocking commands, or non-optimized pipelines.

## Common Causes of Slowness

- Large keys: Commands like LRANGE, SMEMBERS, or HGETALL on large datasets.
- Blocking commands: Such as BLPOP, BRPOP, or long-running Lua scripts.
- Forking delays: Caused by SAVE or AOF background rewriting.

## Best Practices for Performance

- Use SCAN instead of KEYS to iterate large keyspaces safely.
- Limit range queries: Use LRANGE 0 99 instead of fetching full lists.
- Enable pipelining: Reduce round trips by batching commands.
- Avoid multi-key ops: Especially in clustered deployments, where they can cause performance issues or fail.

# Optimizing with Configuration Changes

Valkey performance can be significantly tuned by adjusting memory and persistence-related settings.

## Common Tuning Examples

```
CONFIG SET maxmemory-policy allkeys-lru  
CONFIG SET save ""
```

These adjust eviction and persistence behaviours. Use these with caution:

- Disabling RDB/AOF improves speed but removes durability.
- LRU/TTL policies control memory usage under load.

# Detect and terminate long-running queries

Optimizing memory usage in Valkey is essential for maintaining performance, especially in production environments like Elestio. Without proper memory control, large datasets, long-lived keys, or inefficient operations can lead to high memory pressure, slowdowns, or even server crashes. This guide explains how to optimize memory usage, monitor for memory-related issues, and configure automatic cleanup using Docker Compose environments.

## Understanding Valkey Memory Behaviour

Valkey allocates memory based on data structure usage and background operations like persistence or replication. It is important to monitor key memory indicators such as used memory, memory fragmentation, peak memory, and memory policy to understand how your instance behaves under load.

## Monitoring Valkey Memory in Real Time

To inspect memory statistics from the command line, use the INFO MEMORY command:

```
valkey-cli -a <password> INFO MEMORY
```

This command returns a detailed report including `used_memory`, `used_memory_rss`, `mem_fragmentation_ratio`, and `maxmemory`. A high fragmentation ratio may indicate inefficient memory usage or a need to tune your allocator.

If you are running Valkey in a Docker Compose environment, connect to the container first:

```
docker-compose exec valkey bash
```

Once inside, run:

```
valkey-cli -a $VALKEY_PASSWORD
```

This gives you full access to execute monitoring and configuration commands.

# Setting Maximum Memory and Eviction Policy

To avoid out-of-memory errors, it is crucial to set a memory cap and enable eviction. Edit your `valkey.conf` or set these at runtime:

```
CONFIG SET maxmemory 512mb
CONFIG SET maxmemory-policy allkeys-lru
```

The `maxmemory` setting defines the upper limit of memory usage. The `maxmemory-policy` determines how keys are evicted when that limit is reached. Recommended policies include:

- `allkeys-lru`: Evicts the least recently used keys across all keys
- `volatile-lru`: Evicts LRU keys with expiration set
- `noeviction`: Rejects writes when memory is full (not recommended in production)

## Analyzing Memory Usage with MEMORY STATS

Use the built-in `MEMORY STATS` command for a high-level breakdown of memory usage by component:

```
MEMORY STATS
```

This provides statistics on memory overhead, allocator efficiency, and usage by data structure types.

## Cleaning Up Expired or Unused Keys

Expired keys in Valkey are removed passively upon access or through background expiration cycles. To force cleanup manually or test expiration behavior:

```
MEMORY PURGE
```

This clears internal allocator caches and triggers background memory cleanup without deleting live keys. Use this cautiously in production environments.

## Listing Keys Consuming the Most Memory

You can use the `MEMORY USAGE` command to inspect which keys consume the most memory. For example:

```
MEMORY USAGE mykey
```

To automate finding the top memory-consuming keys, use a loop with SCAN and MEMORY USAGE:

```
SCAN 0 COUNT 100
```

Then evaluate MEMORY USAGE per key manually or using a script.

## Best Practices for Valkey Memory Management

Minimize memory pressure by following these recommendations:

- **Avoid large keys:** Break large values into smaller hashes or lists to reduce memory footprint and allow efficient partial retrieval.
- **Expire non-essential keys:** Always set TTLs on cache data or temporary states using `EXPIRE` or `SETEX`.
- **Avoid full dataset scans:** Replace commands like `KEYS *` with `SCAN` to prevent memory spikes.
- **Limit big lists or sets:** Use commands like `LRANGE mylist 0 99` instead of fetching entire datasets with `LRANGE mylist 0 -1`.
- **Use lazy data loading:** Design applications to load only required data in batches.

## Monitoring Memory Growth Over Time

Track historical memory usage using the `INFO MEMORY` and `LATENCY DOCTOR` commands periodically, and export metrics to Prometheus or another monitoring system if needed.

Consider integrating Valkey with monitoring tools like:

- Grafana with Prometheus Exporter
- Elestio's built-in monitoring agent

These help you visualize and react to memory growth trends in real time.

Optimizing Valkey's memory usage is essential to running reliable, responsive services. By configuring `maxmemory`, choosing an appropriate eviction policy, monitoring key memory metrics, and cleaning up expired data, you can ensure predictable performance under load. Combine these strategies with external monitoring for long-term stability in Docker Compose environments like Elestio.



# Preventing Full Disk

Running out of disk space in a Valkey environment can result in failed writes, background save errors, and degraded availability. Valkey, like Redis, uses disk storage for persistence (RDB and AOF), temporary files, and logs especially when persistence is enabled. On managed hosting platforms like Elestio, while infrastructure maintenance is handled, it is up to the user to monitor disk space, configure retention settings, and perform regular cleanups. This guide walks through how to monitor disk usage, configure alerts, remove unnecessary data, and apply best practices for avoiding full disk issues in a Valkey setup under Docker Compose

## Monitoring Disk Usage

Disk usage monitoring helps identify abnormal growth patterns and prevents outages due to insufficient storage. In Docker Compose environments, both host-level and container-level monitoring are essential.

### Inspect the host system storage

Run the following command on the host to check overall disk usage and determine which mount point is filling up:

```
df -h
```

This displays disk usage statistics across volumes. Locate the mount point corresponding to your Valkey data volume—typically something like `/var/lib/docker/volumes/valkey_data/_data`.

### Check disk usage from inside the container

To get insight into the container's internal disk usage, first enter the container shell:

```
docker-compose exec valkey sh
```

Once inside the container, assess the size of the data directory with:

```
du -sh /data
```

This reveals the total size used by Valkey data files, such as `appendonly.aof`, `dump.rdb`, and temporary files. You can also list file-level details with:

```
ls -lh /data
```

This helps identify which files are occupying the most space.

# Configuring Alerts and Cleaning Up Storage

Monitoring disk usage is not enough; you must also set up alerts and take action to reclaim space. On the host system, analyze Docker resource usage with:

```
docker system df
```

This provides insights into how much space is consumed by images, volumes, and containers.

## Identify unused Docker volumes

To list all volumes on the host, run:

```
docker volume ls
```

If you find a volume that is unused and safe to delete, remove it with:

```
docker volume rm <volume-name>
```

Make sure you do not delete the volume mapped to your Valkey data directory unless it is backed up and verified to be unused.

## Trigger AOF file compaction

When using AOF persistence, the append-only file may grow large over time. You can reduce its size by triggering a background rewrite:

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli BGREWRITEAOF
```

This creates a compacted version of the AOF file with the same dataset.

## Clean up old snapshots

RDB snapshots accumulate over time if not managed. They are stored in the /data directory inside the container. To list them, run:

```
docker-compose exec valkey ls -lh /data
```

Remove old .rdb files with:

```
docker-compose exec valkey rm /data/dump-<timestamp>.rdb
```

Ensure that any snapshot you remove is not needed for recovery.

# Managing and Optimizing Temporary Files

Valkey creates temporary files during fork operations, such as when saving snapshots or rewriting AOF files. These are typically stored in /tmp inside the container.

## Monitor temporary file usage

You can inspect the size of the temporary directory with:

```
docker-compose exec valkey du -sh /tmp
```

If this directory becomes full, forked operations like BGSAVE or BGREWRITEAOF may fail. To mitigate this, you can change the temporary directory path in valkey.conf to use a volume-backed location like /data:

```
dir /data
```

Restart the container after making this configuration change.

# Best Practices for Disk Space Management

Effective disk space management in Valkey depends on adopting a forward-looking configuration and consistent housekeeping.

- Avoid storing large binary blobs directly in Valkey. Instead, keep files like PDFs, images, and other large media in external object storage and only store metadata or keys in Valkey.
- If persistence is not required, disable it entirely to reduce disk usage. This is useful for cache-only workloads:

```
appendonly no
save ""
```

- To avoid uncontrolled AOF file growth, configure rewrite thresholds in `valkey.conf`:

```
auto-aof-rewrite-percentage 100
auto-aof-rewrite-min-size 64mb
```

- Set up log rotation if your container logs to files such as `/var/log/valkey/valkey-server.log`. This can be managed using `logrotate` on the host system, or via Docker logging options in `docker-compose.yml`:

```
logging:
  driver: "json-file"
  options:
    max-size: "10m"
    max-file: "3"
```

- Always use TTLs for cache or session keys to avoid indefinite storage growth. For example:

```
SET session:<id> "data" EX 3600
```

- Track memory and persistence statistics with:

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli INFO memory
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli INFO persistence
```

Backup files stored in `/data` should be offloaded to a remote location. Use Elestio's built-in backup options or mount a dedicated remote volume using your `docker-compose.yml` to ensure backups do not consume host disk space indefinitely.

# Checking Database Size and Related Issues

As your Valkey data grows especially when using persistence modes like RDB or AOF it's essential to monitor how disk and memory resources are consumed. Uncontrolled growth can result in full disks, write failures, longer restarts, and issues with snapshot backups. While Elestio handles infrastructure hosting, managing storage cleanup and optimization is the user's responsibility. This guide shows how to inspect keyspace usage, analyze persistence files, detect memory bloat, and tune your Valkey deployment under Docker Compose.

## Checking Keyspace Usage and Persistence File Size

Like Redis, Valkey doesn't have schemas or tables but provides insights through built-in commands and memory metrics.

### Check total memory used by Valkey

Connect to the container:

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli INFO memory
```

Look at `used_memory_human` and `maxmemory` to understand current usage and configured limits.

### Inspect key count and TTL stats

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli INFO keyspace
```

You'll see entries like:

```
db0:keys=2400,expires=2100,avg_ttl=36000000
```

This helps identify how many keys are temporary and whether the dataset will grow indefinitely.

### View on-disk file sizes

Valkey writes persistence files to `/data` inside the container:

```
docker-compose exec valkey sh -c "ls -lh /data"
```

Check the size of dump.rdb, appendonly.aof, and any temporary files.

## Detecting Bloat and Unused Space

Valkey supports Redis commands and adds community-focused improvements, but it can still suffer from memory inefficiencies if not monitored properly.

### Estimate memory usage by key pattern

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli --bigkeys
```

This reveals large keys by data type, helping you spot high-memory structures like oversized lists or sets.

### Analyze memory per key (manual sample)

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli MEMORY USAGE some:key
```

This helps profile storage-heavy keys by prefix or type.

### Check memory fragmentation

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli INFO memory | grep fragmentation
```

If mem\_fragmentation\_ratio is over 1.2, it may indicate inefficient memory allocation.

## Optimizing and Reclaiming Valkey Storage

Once you've identified bloated memory areas or oversized persistence files, you can apply optimizations.

### Compact the AOF file

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli BGREWRITEAOF
```

This rewrites and reduces the size of appendonly.aof.

### Delete unused keys or apply TTLs

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli DEL obsolete:key  
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli EXPIRE session:1234 3600
```

To bulk-delete keys by pattern (use with caution):

```
docker-compose exec valkey valkey-cli --scan --pattern "temp:*" | xargs -n 100 valkey-cli DEL
```

## Configure eviction policies

In your mounted valkey.conf:

```
maxmemory 1gb  
maxmemory-policy allkeys-lru
```

Restart the container to apply these changes. This ensures automatic cleanup when memory thresholds are exceeded.

# Best Practices for Valkey Storage Management

- Use TTLs on non-permanent keys: Set expiration on cache/session data to avoid unbounded key growth.
- Avoid storing binary files in Valkey: Keep large files (images, documents, etc.) in object storage. Use Valkey only for metadata.
- Rotate container logs: In your docker-compose.yml:

```
logging:  
  driver: "json-file"  
  options:  
    max-size: "10m"  
    max-file: "3"
```

- Use compact data structures: Favor HASH, SET, or ZSET over storing entire JSON blobs as STRING.
- Monitor and control AOF size: Configure AOF rewrite frequency in valkey.conf:

```
auto-aof-rewrite-percentage 100  
auto-aof-rewrite-min-size 64mb
```

- Archive old analytical data: Periodically move old metrics, logs, or time-series entries to cold storage.
- Externalize backups: Use Elestio's backup features or configure external volumes/cloud storage to avoid accumulating snapshots on the same disk used for live data.

# Database Migration

# Database Migration Service for Valkey

Elestio provides a structured approach for migrating Valkey databases from various environments, such as self-hosted servers, on-premises infrastructure, or other cloud platforms, to its managed services. This process ensures data integrity and minimizes downtime, facilitating a smooth transition to a high-performance, Redis-compatible environment.

## Key Steps in Migrating to Elestio

### Pre-Migration Preparation

Before initiating the migration process, it's essential to undertake thorough preparation to ensure a smooth transition:

- **Create an Elestio Account:** Register on the Elestio platform to access their suite of managed services. This account will serve as the central hub for managing your Valkey instance and related infrastructure.
- **Deploy the Target Valkey Service:** Set up a new Valkey instance on Elestio to serve as the destination for your data. Ensure the configuration and Redis protocol version of the target instance match your source to avoid compatibility issues during data transfer. Detailed prerequisites and guidance can be found in Elestio's migration documentation.

### Initiating the Migration Process

With the preparatory steps completed, you can proceed to migrate your Valkey database to Elestio:

- **Access the Migration Tool:** Navigate to the overview of your Valkey service on the Elestio dashboard. Click on the "Migrate Database" button to initiate the migration process. This tool is designed to streamline the procedure by guiding you through each stage.
- **Configure Migration Settings:** A modal window will appear, prompting you to verify that your target Valkey instance has adequate disk space to accommodate your current dataset. Adequate storage helps prevent interruptions or data truncation. Once confirmed, click on the "Get started" button to proceed.
- **Validate Source Database Connection:** Provide the connection details for your existing Valkey or Redis-compatible database, including:
  - **Hostname:** The address of your current Valkey or Redis server.
  - **Port:** The port number used by your Valkey service (default is 6379).

- **Password (if applicable):** The password used for authenticating access to your database.
- **Database Number (Optional):** If you are using numbered databases (e.g., db 0, db 1, etc.), indicate which one you wish to migrate.

After entering the necessary details, click on “Run Check” to validate the connection. This step ensures that Elestio can securely and accurately connect to the source database. These details can also be found in your existing hosting or container environment settings.

Database Admin		Display your database credentials	Hide DB Credentials
Host	valkey-u7774.vm.elestio.app		
Port	26379		
User	root		
Password	*****	Show password	
CLI	redis-cli -h valkey-u7774.vm.elestio.app -p 26379 --user default --pass '*****'	Show password	

## Execute the Migration

If all checks pass without errors, initiate the migration by selecting “Start migration.” Monitor the progress via real-time logs displayed on the dashboard. This transparency helps you detect and resolve any issues immediately, ensuring uninterrupted and consistent data transfer.

## Post-Migration Validation and Optimization

After completing the migration, it’s essential to perform a series of validation and optimization tasks to ensure the integrity and performance of your database in the new environment:

- **Verify Data Integrity:** Run data integrity checks to confirm successful migration. This may include comparing key counts, verifying TTLs (time-to-live), or querying sample keys to ensure consistency between the source and target.
- **Test Application Functionality:** Ensure all applications depending on Valkey can connect and operate normally with the new Elestio instance. Update any environment variables, DNS records, or connection URIs to reflect the new service endpoint.
- **Optimize Performance:** Leverage Elestio’s monitoring dashboard to tune performance. Enable slow log tracking, monitor memory usage, and adjust max memory policies or eviction strategies if needed. Elestio’s infrastructure is optimized for low latency and high throughput.
- **Implement Security Measures:** Review and update security configurations. This includes setting a strong access password, enabling TLS if supported, and managing firewall rules to limit access. Use the Elestio dashboard to rotate credentials and enforce

access restrictions.

# Benefits of Using Elestio for Valkey

Migrating your Valkey database to Elestio offers several advantages:

- **Simplified Management:** Elestio automates essential database maintenance tasks such as service restarts, backups, updates, and uptime monitoring. The platform provides a real-time dashboard for CPU usage, memory utilization, disk I/O, and more. Users can update environment variables, scale services, and view system logs from a unified interface.
- **Security:** Elestio keeps Valkey instances secure by applying timely security patches and enforcing best practices. All deployments are protected by randomly generated access credentials, and backups are encrypted to safeguard data at rest and in transit. Users can define firewall rules to control inbound traffic and enable TLS-based access where needed.
- **Performance:** Valkey on Elestio is pre-configured for high performance. The platform leverages Valkey's Redis-compatible architecture to deliver fast, predictable response times even under heavy load. This setup supports a variety of workloads, from caching layers and session stores to real-time Pub/Sub systems.
- **Scalability:** Elestio allows dynamic scaling of your Valkey service to match evolving resource needs. You can upgrade CPU, RAM, and disk space with minimal downtime. Additionally, Elestio supports persistent volume resizing and load-based scaling to meet future growth demands.

# Cloning a Service to Another Provider or Region

Migrating or cloning services across cloud providers or geographic regions is a critical part of modern infrastructure management. Whether you're optimizing for latency, preparing for disaster recovery, meeting regulatory requirements, or simply switching providers, a well-planned migration ensures continuity, performance, and data integrity. This guide outlines a structured methodology for service migration, applicable to most cloud-native environments.

## Pre-Migration Preparation

Before initiating a migration, thorough planning and preparation are essential. This helps avoid unplanned downtime, data loss, or misconfiguration during the move:

- **Evaluate the Current Setup:** Begin by documenting the existing Valkey instance's configuration. This includes runtime environments (Valkey version, memory policies), persistence settings (RDB, AOF, or both), custom configurations (valkey.conf), authentication credentials, and client connection settings. Make note of the current deployment region, storage volumes, instance sizing, and IP/firewall rules.
- **Define the Migration Target:** Choose the new cloud provider or region you plan to migrate to. Confirm that Valkey is supported in the target environment with equivalent or better resources. Validate compatibility in terms of Valkey version, persistence format, and disk I/O performance. Ensure the target region meets your latency and compliance requirements, and verify that TLS, backup policies, and access controls can be replicated in the new environment.
- **Provision the Target Environment:** Set up a new Valkey service in the desired target region or provider. This involves deploying a new instance with the same resource allocation, runtime version, and configuration as the original. If you're using Elestio, simply create a new Valkey service and select the same software version. Configure access credentials, private/public networking, and any required firewall or IP rules at this stage.
- **Backup the Current Service:** Always create a full backup of the current Valkey data before migration. For RDB-based persistence, this involves triggering a BGSAVE operation and extracting the dump.rdb file from the instance. If AOF is enabled, copy the appendonly.aof file to ensure complete recovery. Use tools like scp or rsync over SSH to securely transfer these files to the target environment. If the instance is containerized, use persistent volume snapshots or mounted volume copies to extract backup data. This

backup serves as a rollback point and is essential for recovery in case of data corruption or migration failure.

# Cloning Execution

The cloning process begins with restoring the backed-up data into the new Valkey environment. Connect to the target instance and stop the Valkey process temporarily to allow safe file replacement. Move the `dump.rdb` or `appendonly.aof` file into the correct storage location, typically `/var/lib/valkey/`, ensuring that file permissions match the expected user and group settings. Once the data is in place, restart the Valkey service and monitor logs to confirm a successful startup and key load.

After restoring data, verify the integrity and structure of the new instance. Use `redis-cli` or an equivalent client to query the dataset, confirm key counts, TTLs, and persistence settings. If your service uses custom modules, Lua scripts, or pub/sub channels, ensure they are functioning as expected. Review the configuration files (`valkey.conf`) to confirm replication, memory limits, eviction policies, and authentication are all consistent with the original service. For TLS-enabled instances, validate certificate paths, key permissions, and client connection behavior.

Test the service in isolation to validate correctness. This includes read/write operations, key expiration, background tasks, or pub/sub behavior. Simulate application queries and ensure that memory allocation, CPU usage, and persistence behavior match your expectations. Use observability tools to monitor performance and identify discrepancies. This is also the stage to update client configurations or environment variables if the connection endpoint or credentials have changed.

Once validation is complete, route live traffic to the new Valkey instance. This may involve updating DNS records to point to the new IP address, reconfiguring load balancers, or modifying firewall rules. If you're using managed DNS with short TTLs, the switchover can be nearly instantaneous. For high-availability environments, consider running both instances in parallel temporarily and shifting client traffic gradually. Monitor logs, metrics, and connected clients throughout the transition to detect and resolve issues early.

# Post-Migration Validation and Optimization

Once the new environment is live and receiving traffic, focus on optimizing and securing the setup:

- **Validate Application Functionality:** Ensure that all applications relying on the Valkey instance function correctly. Check integration with authentication systems, session stores, queues, or caching logic. Review logs for connection failures, timeouts, or permission

errors. Confirm that all services have been updated to use the new endpoint and that no application is attempting to write to the old instance.

- **Monitor Performance:** Track memory usage, CPU load, disk I/O, and connection counts on the new instance. Valkey performance characteristics may vary across cloud providers or instance types, so tune your memory policy, eviction settings, and save intervals accordingly. Enable alerts for key metrics to proactively detect performance degradation. If autoscaling is supported in your environment, configure thresholds to manage traffic spikes.
- **Secure the Environment:** Enforce access controls via IP allowlists, firewall settings, and encrypted transport. Rotate access credentials or ACL tokens post-migration to eliminate any risk associated with exposed keys. If TLS was not previously enabled, consider enabling it on the new instance to improve data-in-transit security. Review Valkey-specific security hardening such as disabling dangerous commands and isolating the instance from public access.
- **Cleanup and Documentation:** Once the migration is stable, decommission the old Valkey instance and revoke any associated credentials. Ensure all monitoring, backups, and failover routines are redirected to the new service. Update internal documentation to reflect the new region, access endpoints, and runtime configuration. Log the migration steps and outcomes for future reference and audit trails.

## Benefits of Cloning

Cloning a Valkey service enables safer testing, faster failover, and region-based redundancy. Teams can use cloned environments to stage changes, simulate workloads, or test application compatibility with newer Valkey versions without impacting production. Clones are also useful for development and QA workflows that require access to near-real datasets without write permission to production.

In disaster recovery planning, a cloned instance in a separate region can act as a ready-to-promote failover node. If the primary region becomes unavailable, DNS can be redirected to the backup instance with minimal delay. Additionally, analytics or reporting workloads can run against a cloned read-only copy to isolate them from critical workloads, ensuring consistent performance for real-time applications.

Additionally, rather than building a new environment from scratch, you can clone the database into another provider, validate it, and cut over with minimal disruption. This helps maintain operational continuity and reduces the effort needed for complex migrations.

# Manual Migration Using valkey-cli and Dump Files

Manual migrations using Valkey's native tools are ideal for users who prefer full control over data export and import, particularly during provider transitions, environment duplication, or when importing an existing self-managed Valkey dataset into Elestio's managed environment. This guide walks through the process of performing a manual migration to and from Elestio Valkey services using command-line tools, ensuring that your data remains portable, auditable, and consistent.

Valkey is fully compatible with Redis tooling, including valkey-cli, valkey-server, and snapshot formats (dump.rdb, appendonly.aof). For clarity, this guide uses valkey-cli and valkey-server where applicable. If you're using a Redis-compatible CLI, the commands remain the same.

## When to Use Manual Migration

Manual migration using valkey-cli is well-suited for scenarios where full control over the data export and import process is required. This method is particularly useful when migrating from an existing Valkey or Redis-compatible setup whether self-hosted, on-premises, or on another cloud provider into Elestio's managed Valkey service. It allows for one-time imports without requiring continuous connectivity between source and target systems.

This approach also supports version upgrades (via snapshot restore into newer versions), selective key imports, and offline backup archiving ideal when Elestio's built-in tools aren't applicable.

## Performing the Migration

### Prepare the Environments

- **Source:** Ensure your Valkey server (valkey-server) is running with RDB or AOF persistence and remote TCP connections permitted.
- **Target (Elestio):** Provision a Valkey service. From the Dashboard → Database Admin tab, collect hostname, port, and password. Make sure your IP is allowed via *Cluster Overview* → *Security* → *Limit access per IP*.

### Create a Backup Dump

To generate a snapshot file:

```
valkey-cli -h <source_host> -p <source_port> SAVE
```

Alternatively, to write dump.rdb directly:

```
valkey-cli --rdb dump.rdb
```

These commands create a portable, version-aware RDB snapshot (). If the source uses AOF, disable AOF temporarily to force a clean RDB dump.

## Transfer the Dump File to the Target

Use secure transfer methods to move the snapshot file:

```
scp dump.rdb user@your_workstation:/path/to/local/
```

Elestio doesn't require uploading the file to its servers; restore happens over the network or locally via Docker.

## Create the Target Container or Instance

To inspect or stage the dataset locally before final import, run:

```
docker run -v /path/to/backup:/data --name valkey-restore -p 6379:6379 valkey/valkey
```

This container auto-loads the RDB on start for verification or live sync to Elestio.

## Restore the Data into Elestio

Connect to Elestio using:

```
valkey-cli -h <elestio_host> -p <elestio_port> -a <elestio_password>
```

You can import via --pipe or use live replication:

1. Make your local container replicate to Elestio:

```
valkey-cli -h localhost -p 6379 SLAVEOF <elestio_host> <elestio_port>
```

1. Authenticate as needed (Elestio may require AUTH).
2. When sync completes, stop replication:

```
valkey-cli -h localhost -p 6379 SLAVEOF NO ONE
```

This is ideal for large datasets or when direct file upload isn't available.

## Validate the Migration

After syncing, connect to the Elestio instance:

```
valkey-cli -h <elestio_host> -p <elestio_port> -a <elestio_password>
```

Run these checks:

```
DBSIZE
KEYS *
GET some_key
TYPE some_key
```

Validate TTLs and data structures. Ensure your application can read/write without errors. Enable automated backups post-migration to secure the restored dataset.

## Benefits of Manual Migration

- **Compatibility and Portability:** Snapshot files from any Valkey/Redis source can be imported.
- **Version-Safe Upgrades:** RDB restores across Valkey versions seamlessly.
- **Offline Archiving:** Store snapshots for disaster recovery or historical analysis.
- **Platform Independence:** Uses Valkey-native tools no vendor lock-in.

This method complements Elestio's automated features by offering a transparent, full-control migration workflow.

# Cluster Management

# Overview

Elestio provides a complete solution for setting up and managing software clusters. This helps users deploy, scale, and maintain applications more reliably. Clustering improves performance and ensures that services remain available, even if one part of the system fails. Elestio supports different cluster setups to handle various technical needs like load balancing, failover, and data replication.

## Supported Software for Clustering:

Elestio supports clustering for a wide range of open-source software. Each is designed to support different use cases like databases, caching, and analytics:

- **MySQL:**

Supports Single Node, Primary/Replica, and Multi-Master cluster types. These allow users to create simple setups or more advanced ones where reads and writes are distributed across nodes. In a Primary/Replica setup, replicas are updated continuously through replication. These configurations are useful for high-traffic applications that need fast and reliable access to data.

- **PostgreSQL:**

PostgreSQL clusters can be configured for read scalability and failover protection. Replication ensures that data written to the primary node is copied to replicas. Clustering PostgreSQL also improves query throughput by offloading read queries to replicas. Elestio handles replication setup and node failover automatically.

- **Redis/KeyDB/Valkey:**

These in-memory data stores support clustering to improve speed and fault tolerance. Clustering divides data across multiple nodes (sharding), allowing horizontal scaling. These tools are commonly used for caching and real-time applications, so fast failover and data availability are critical.

- **Hydra and TimescaleDB:**

These support distributed and time-series workloads, respectively. Clustering helps manage large datasets spread across many nodes. TimescaleDB, built on PostgreSQL, benefits from clustering by distributing time-based data for fast querying. Hydra uses clustering to process identity and access management workloads more efficiently in high-load environments.

## Create Cluster

- 1 Select service
- 2 Select provider, region & service plan
- 3 Select Support & advanced setting

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### PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL is a powerful, open-source object-relational database system, known for reliability, data integrity and performance.



### MySQL

MySQL is an Oracle-backed open-source RDBMS that runs on almost all platforms.



### Redis

Redis is an open-source, in-memory database, cache and message broker.



### Valkey

A flexible distributed key-value datastore that supports both caching and beyond caching workloads.

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### KeyDB

KeyDB is both your cache and database, for cloud-optimized solutions.



### TimescaleDB

TimescaleDB is the leading open-source relational database with support for time-series data.



### ClickHouse

ClickHouse is an open-source, column-oriented DBMS for online analytical processing.



### Hydra

Hydra is an open-source alternative to enterprise data warehouses and it's simple, fast, and adaptable to your needs.

**Note:** Elestio is frequently adding support for more clustered software like OpenSearch, Kafka, and ClickHouse. Always check the Elestio catalogue for the latest supported services.

## Cluster Configurations:

Elestio offers several clustering modes, each designed for a different balance between simplicity, speed, and reliability:

- **Single Node:**

This setup has only one node and is easy to manage. It acts as a standalone Primary node. It's good for testing, development, or low-traffic applications. Later, you can scale to more nodes without rebuilding the entire setup. Elestio lets you expand this node into a full cluster with just a few clicks.

- **Primary/Replica:**

One node (Primary) handles all write operations, and one or more Replicas handle read queries. Replication is usually asynchronous and ensures data is copied to all replicas. This improves read performance and provides redundancy if the primary node fails. Elestio manages automatic data syncing and failover setup.

## Cluster Management Features:

Elestio's cluster dashboard includes tools for managing, monitoring, and securing your clusters. These help ensure stability and ease of use:

- **Node Management:**

You can scale your cluster by adding or removing nodes as your app grows. Adding a node increases capacity; removing one helps reduce costs. Elestio handles provisioning and configuring nodes automatically, including replication setup. This makes it easier to scale horizontally without downtime.

- **Backups and Restores:**

Elestio provides scheduled and on-demand backups for all nodes. Backups are stored securely and can be restored if something goes wrong. You can also create a snapshot before major changes to your system. This helps protect against data loss due to failures, bugs, or human error.

- **Access Control:**

You can limit access to your cluster using IP allowlists, ensuring only trusted sources can connect. Role-based access control (RBAC) can be applied for managing different user permissions. SSH and database passwords are generated securely and can be rotated easily from the dashboard. These access tools help reduce the risk of unauthorized access.

- **Monitoring and Alerts:**

Real-time metrics like CPU, memory, disk usage, and network traffic are available through the dashboard. You can also check logs for troubleshooting and set alerts for high resource usage or failure events. Elestio uses built-in observability tools to monitor the health of your cluster and notify you if something needs attention. This allows you to catch problems early and take action.

# Deploying a New Cluster


Creating a cluster is a foundational step when deploying services in Elestio. Clusters provide isolated environments where you can run containerized workloads, databases, and applications. Elestio's web dashboard helps the process, allowing you to configure compute resources, choose cloud providers, and define deployment regions without writing infrastructure code. This guide walks through the steps required to create a new cluster using the Elestio dashboard.

## Prerequisites


To get started, you'll need an active Elestio account. If you're planning to use your own infrastructure, make sure you have valid credentials for your preferred cloud provider (like AWS, GCP, Azure, etc.). Alternatively, you can choose to deploy clusters using Elestio-managed infrastructure, which requires no external configuration.

## Creating a Cluster

Once you're logged into the Elestio dashboard, navigate to the **Clusters** section from the sidebar. You'll see an option to **Create a new cluster** clicking this will start the configuration process. The cluster creation flow is flexible but simple for defining essential details like provider, region, and resources in one place.



Current Clusters

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### Start by Creating a cluster

Select your clusters, cloud provider, region, and other specs.

+ Deploy my first cluster

Now, select the database service of your choice that you need to create in a cluster environment. Click on **Select** button as you choose one.

## Create Cluster

1 Select service


2 Select provider, region & service plan

3 Select Support & advanced setting

Databases Development Hosting & Infra All


Search service by name

Filter Services




### PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL is a powerful, open-source object-relational database system, known for reliability, data integrity and performance.




### MySQL

MySQL is an Oracle-backed open-source RDBMS that runs on almost all platforms.



### Redis


Redis is an open-source, in-memory database, cache and message broker.



### Valkey


A flexible distributed key-value datastore that supports both caching and beyond caching workloads.

Details Select




### KeyDB

KeyDB is both your cache and database, for cloud-optimized solutions.




### TimescaleDB

TimescaleDB is the leading open-source relational database with support for time-series data.



### ClickHouse

ClickHouse is an open-source, column-oriented DBMS for online analytical processing.



### Hydra

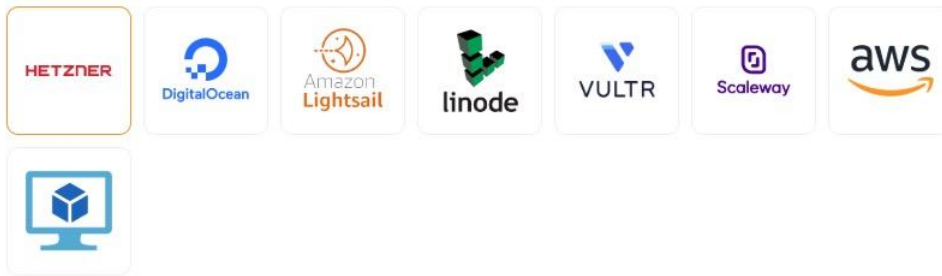
Hydra is an open-source alternative to enterprise data warehouses and it's simple, fast, and adaptable to your needs.

During setup, you'll be asked to choose a hosting provider. Elestio supports both managed and BYOC (Bring Your Own Cloud) deployments, including AWS, DigitalOcean, Hetzner, and custom configurations. You can then select a region based on latency or compliance needs, and specify the number of nodes along with CPU, RAM, and disk sizes per node.

## Create Cluster

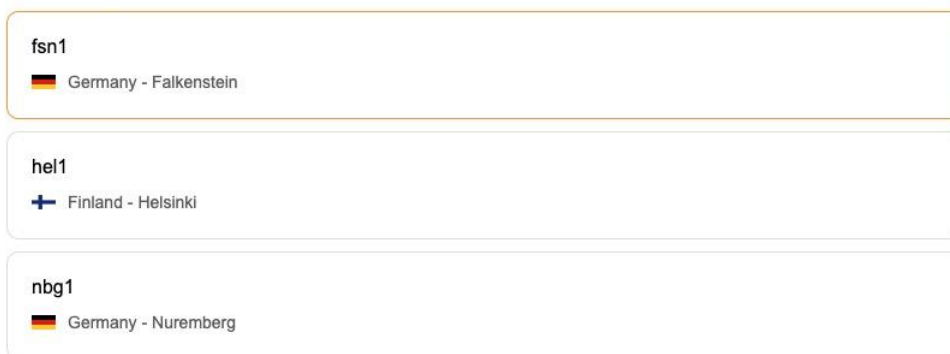
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### 1. Select Service Cloud Provider



### 2. Select Service Cloud Region

Europe North America Asia



Service  
Valkey

Version

latest (10-07-2024)

Provider

Hetzner Cloud

Region

Europe, Germany  
Falkenstein

Plan

MEDIUM-2C-4G

2 CPU  
4 GB RAM  
40 GB Storage  
20 TB Bandwidth  
No Volume  
No Snapshots  
7 Remote Backups  
Intel Xeon  
Fully Managed

Support

Level1

Estimated Hourly Price\*

\$0.0205

If you're setting up a high-availability cluster, the dashboard also allows you to configure cluster-related details under **Cluster configuration**, where you get to select things like replication modes, number of replicas, etc. After you've configured the cluster, review the summary to ensure all settings are correct. Click the **Create Cluster** button to begin provisioning.

▼ Open Advanced Configuration

4. Cluster configuration (Optional)

When a node is chosen, a certain number of virtual machines (VMs) are created, and the billing is based on the number of VMs created.

Replication mode:

☐ Single Node

☒ Primary/Replica

Number of Replicas

1

▼

Selected cluster configuration

1 Primary Node + 1 Replica Node

5. Select Service Support

Paid support plans can be changed once a month.

Level 1 Support

✓ 7 Days of remote backup retention

✓ No Service snapshot included

✓ Email support channel

Level 2 Support

✓ 14 Days of remote backup retention

✓ 2 Services snapshots included

✓ Email support channel

Level 3 Support

✓ 30 Days of remote backup retention

✓ 4 Services snapshots included

✓ Email & Phone supports

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\$0.0411

(2 Nodes \* \$0.0205)

\*Estimated monthly price is \$30 based on 730 hours of usage.

Create Cluster

Elestio will start the deployment process, and within a few minutes, the cluster will appear in your dashboard. Once your cluster is live, it can be used to deploy new nodes and additional configurations. Each cluster supports real-time monitoring, log access, and scaling operations through the dashboard. You can also set up automated backups and access control through built-in features available in the cluster settings.

# Node Management

Node management plays a critical role in operating reliable and scalable infrastructure on Elestio. Whether you're deploying stateless applications or stateful services like databases, managing the underlying compute units nodes is essential for maintaining stability and performance.

## Understanding Nodes

In Elestio, a **node** is a virtual machine that contributes compute, memory, and storage resources to a cluster. Clusters can be composed of a single node or span multiple nodes, depending on workload demands and availability requirements. Each node runs essential services and containers as defined by your deployed applications or databases.

Nodes in Elestio are provider-agnostic, meaning the same concepts apply whether you're using Elestio-managed infrastructure or connecting your own cloud provider (AWS, Azure, GCP, etc.). Each node is isolated at the VM level but participates fully in the cluster's orchestration and networking. This abstraction allows you to manage infrastructure without diving into the complexity of underlying platforms.

## Node Operations

The Elestio dashboard allows you to manage the lifecycle of nodes through clearly defined operations. These include:

- **Creating a node**, which adds capacity to your cluster and helps with horizontal scaling of services. This is commonly used when load increases or when preparing a high-availability deployment.
- **Deleting a node**, which removes underutilized or problematic nodes. Safe deletion includes draining workloads to ensure service continuity.
- **Promoting a node**, which changes the role of a node within the cluster typically used in clusters with redundancy, where certain nodes may need to take on primary or leader responsibilities.

Each of these operations is designed to be safely executed through the dashboard and is validated against the current cluster state to avoid unintended service disruption. These actions are supported by Elestio's backend orchestration, which handles tasks like container rescheduling and load balancing when topology changes.

# Monitoring and Maintenance

Monitoring is a key part of effective node management. Elestio provides per-node visibility through the dashboard, allowing you to inspect **CPU**, **memory**, and **disk utilization** in real time. Each node also exposes **logs**, **status indicators**, and **health checks** to help detect anomalies or degradation early.

In addition to passive monitoring, the dashboard supports active maintenance tasks. You can **reboot a node** when applying system-level changes or troubleshooting, or **drain a node** to safely migrate workloads away from it before performing disruptive actions. Draining ensures that running containers are rescheduled on other nodes in the cluster, minimizing service impact.

For production setups, combining resource monitoring with automation like scheduled reboots, log collection, and alerting can help catch issues before they affect users. While Elestio handles many aspects of orchestration automatically, having visibility at the node level helps teams make informed decisions about scaling, updates, and incident response.

Cluster-wide resource graphs and node-level metrics are also useful for capacity planning. Identifying trends such as memory saturation or disk pressure allows you to preemptively scale or rebalance workloads, reducing the risk of downtime.

# Adding a Node

As your application usage grows or your infrastructure requirements change, scaling your cluster becomes essential. In Elestio, you can scale horizontally by adding new nodes to an existing cluster. This operation allows you to expand your compute capacity, improve availability, and distribute workloads more effectively.

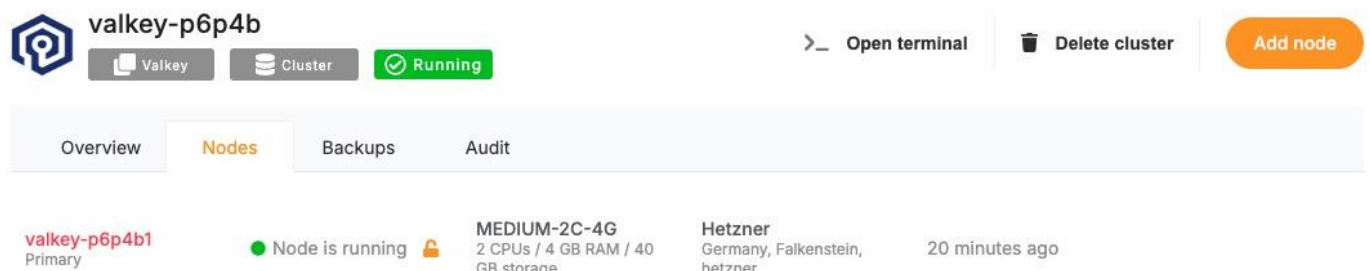
## Need to Add a Node

There are several scenarios where adding a node becomes necessary. One of the most common cases is **resource saturation** when existing nodes are fully utilized in terms of CPU, memory, or disk. Adding another node helps distribute the workload and maintain performance under load.

In clusters that run **stateful services** or require **high availability**, having additional nodes ensures that workloads can fail over without downtime. Even in development environments, nodes can be added to isolate environments or test services under production-like load conditions. Scaling out also gives you flexibility when deploying services with different resource profiles or placement requirements.

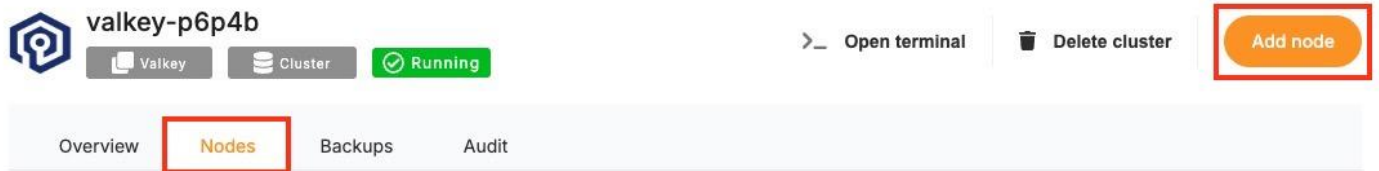
## Add a Node to Cluster

To begin, log in to the [Elestio dashboard](#) and navigate to the **Clusters** section from the sidebar. Select the cluster you want to scale. Once inside the cluster view, switch to the **Nodes** tab. This section provides an overview of all current nodes along with their health status and real-time resource usage.

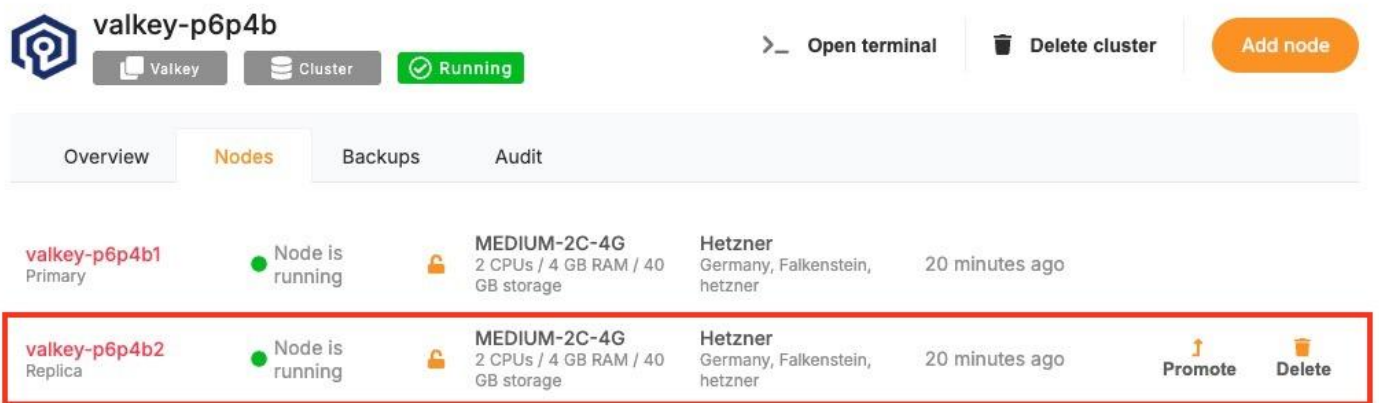


The screenshot displays the Elestio dashboard interface for a cluster named 'valkey-p6p4b'. At the top, there are tabs for 'Valkey', 'Cluster', and 'Running' (highlighted in green). To the right, there are buttons for 'Open terminal', 'Delete cluster', and 'Add node' (highlighted in orange). Below the cluster name, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Nodes' (highlighted in orange), 'Backups', and 'Audit'. The 'Nodes' tab shows a list of nodes. The first node is 'valkey-p6p4b1', which is the 'Primary' node and is 'Node is running' (indicated by a green dot). Its specifications are 'MEDIUM-2C-4G' (2 CPUs, 4 GB RAM, 40 GB storage) on 'Hetzner' (Germany, Falkenstein) and it was added '20 minutes ago'.

To add a new node, click the **“Add Node”** button. This opens a configuration panel where you can define the specifications for the new node. You’ll be asked to specify the amount of **CPU**, **memory**, and **disk** you want to allocate. If you’re using a bring-your-own-cloud setup, you may also need to confirm or choose the cloud provider and deployment region.



After configuring the node, review the settings to ensure they meet your performance and cost requirements. Click **“Create”** to initiate provisioning. Elestio will begin setting up the new node, and once it’s ready, it will automatically join your cluster.



Once provisioned, the new node will appear in the node list with its own metrics and status indicators. You can monitor its activity, verify that workloads are being scheduled to it, and access its logs directly from the dashboard. From this point onward, the node behaves like any other in the cluster and can be managed using the same lifecycle actions such as rebooting or draining.

## Post-Provisioning Considerations

After the node has been added, it becomes part of the active cluster and is available for scheduling workloads. Elestio’s orchestration layer will begin using it automatically, but you can further customize service placement through resource constraints or affinity rules if needed.

For performance monitoring, the dashboard provides per-node metrics, including CPU load, memory usage, and disk I/O. This visibility helps you confirm that the new node is functioning correctly and contributing to workload distribution as expected.

Maintenance actions such as draining or rebooting the node are also available from the same interface, making it easy to manage the node lifecycle after provisioning.

# Promoting a Node

Clusters can be designed for high availability or role-based workloads, where certain nodes may take on leadership or coordination responsibilities. In these scenarios, promoting a node is a key administrative task. It allows you to change the role of a node. While not always needed in basic setups, node promotion becomes essential in distributed systems, replicated databases, or services requiring failover control.


## When to Promote a Node?

Promoting a node is typically performed in clusters where role-based architecture is used. In high-availability setups, some nodes may act as leaders while others serve as followers or replicas. If a leader node becomes unavailable or needs to be replaced, you can promote another node to take over its responsibilities and maintain continuity of service.

Node promotion is also useful when scaling out and rebalancing responsibilities across a larger cluster. For example, promoting a node to handle scheduling, state tracking, or replication leadership can reduce bottlenecks and improve responsiveness. In cases involving database clusters or consensus-driven systems, promotion ensures a clear and controlled transition of leadership without relying solely on automatic failover mechanisms.

## Promote a Node in Elestio

To promote a node, start by accessing the **Clusters** section in the [Elestio dashboard](#). Choose the cluster containing the node you want to promote. Inside the cluster view, navigate to the **Nodes** tab to see the full list of nodes, including their current roles, health status, and resource usage. Locate the node that you want to promote and open its action menu. From here, select the **“Promote Node”** option.

 **valkey-p6p4b**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

> Open terminal

🗑 Delete cluster

Add node

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<b>valkey-p6p4b1</b> Primary	<div>Node is running</div>	<div>🔒</div> MEDIUM-2C-4G 2 CPUs / 4 GB RAM / 40 GB storage	Hetzner Germany, Falkenstein, hetzner	20 minutes ago	
<b>valkey-p6p4b2</b> Replica	<div>Node is running</div>	<div>🔒</div> MEDIUM-2C-4G 2 CPUs / 4 GB RAM / 40 GB storage	Hetzner Germany, Falkenstein, hetzner	20 minutes ago	<div>Promote</div> <div>Delete</div>

You may be prompted to confirm the action, depending on the configuration and current role of the node. This confirmation helps prevent unintended role changes that could affect cluster behavior.

Promote current node

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Do you really want to promote this node?

Promoting this Node will Make it the New Primary: Up to 2 Minutes of Downtime Expected.

Please type **valkey-p6p4b2** to confirm.

Cancel

Promote

Once confirmed, Elestio will initiate the promotion process. This involves reconfiguring the cluster's internal coordination state to acknowledge the new role of the promoted node. Depending on the service architecture and the software running on the cluster, this may involve reassigning leadership, updating replication targets, or shifting service orchestration responsibilities.

After promotion is complete, the node's updated role will be reflected in the dashboard. At this point, it will begin operating with the responsibilities assigned to its new status. You can monitor its activity, inspect logs, and validate that workloads are being handled as expected.

## Considerations for Promotion

Before promoting a node, ensure that it meets the necessary resource requirements and is in a stable, healthy state. Promoting a node that is under high load or experiencing performance issues can lead to service degradation. It's also important to consider replication and data

synchronization, especially in clusters where stateful components like databases are in use.

Promotion is a safe and reversible operation, but it should be done with awareness of your workload architecture. If your system relies on specific leader election mechanisms, promoting a node should follow the design patterns supported by those systems.

# Removing a Node

Over time, infrastructure needs change. You may scale down a cluster after peak load, decommission outdated resources, or remove a node that is no longer needed for cost, isolation, or maintenance reasons. Removing a node from a cluster is a safe and structured process designed to avoid disruption. The dashboard provides an accessible interface for performing this task while preserving workload stability.

## Why Remove a Node?

Node removal is typically part of resource optimization or cluster reconfiguration. You might remove a node when reducing costs in a staging environment, when redistributing workloads across fewer or more efficient machines, or when phasing out a node for maintenance or retirement.


Another common scenario is infrastructure rebalancing, where workloads are shifted to newer nodes with better specs or different regions. Removing an idle or underutilized node can simplify management and reduce noise in your monitoring stack. It also improves scheduling efficiency by removing unneeded targets from the orchestration engine.

In high-availability clusters, node removal may be preceded by data migration or role reassignment (such as promoting a replica). Proper planning helps maintain system health while reducing reliance on unnecessary compute resources.

## Remove a Node

To begin the removal process, open the [Elestio dashboard](#) and navigate to the **Clusters** section. Select the cluster that contains the node you want to remove. From within the cluster view, open the **Nodes** tab to access the list of active nodes and their statuses.

Find the node you want to delete from the list. If the node is currently running services, ensure that those workloads can be safely rescheduled to other nodes or are no longer needed. Since Elestio does not have a built-in drain option, any workload redistribution needs to be handled manually, either by adjusting deployments or verifying that redundant nodes are available. Once the node is drained and idle, open the action menu for that node and select **“Delete Node”**.



valkey-p6p4b

Valkey

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The dashboard may prompt you to confirm the operation. After confirmation, Elestio will begin the decommissioning process. This includes detaching the node from the cluster, cleaning up any residual state, and terminating the associated virtual machine.

Delete cluster and backups

You can use this function to delete your cluster and backups.

By default, in case the cluster deletion is unintentional, we will take a backup immediately prior to cluster deletion and retain it, for free, for 15 days after which the backup will be permanently deleted. If you want to opt out of this (so both the cluster and all backups will be permanently deleted with immediate effect), please tick this box: ☐

Please type **valkey-p6p4b2** to confirm.

Cancel

Delete

Once the operation completes, the node will no longer appear in the cluster's node list, and its resources will be released.

# Considerations for Safe Node Removal

Before removing a node in Elestio, it's important to review the services and workloads currently running on that node. Since Elestio does not automatically redistribute or migrate workloads during node removal, you should ensure that critical services are either no longer in use or can be

manually rescheduled to other nodes in the cluster. This is particularly important in multi-node environments running stateful applications, databases, or services with specific affinity rules.

You should also verify that your cluster will have sufficient capacity after the node is removed. If the deleted node was handling a significant portion of traffic or compute load, removing it without replacement may lead to performance degradation or service interruption. In high-availability clusters, ensure that quorum-based components or replicas are not depending on the node targeted for deletion. Additionally, confirm that the node is not playing a special role such as holding primary data or acting as a manually promoted leader before removal. If necessary, reconfigure or promote another node prior to deletion to maintain cluster integrity.


# Backups and Restores

Reliable backups are essential for data resilience, recovery, and business continuity. Elestio provides built-in support for managing backups across all supported services, ensuring that your data is protected against accidental loss, corruption, or infrastructure failure. The platform includes an automated backup system with configurable retention policies and a straightforward restore process, all accessible from the dashboard. Whether you're operating a production database or a test environment, understanding how backups and restores work in Elestio is critical for maintaining service reliability.

## Cluster Backups

Elestio provides multiple backup mechanisms designed to support various recovery and compliance needs. Backups are created automatically for most supported services, with consistent intervals and secure storage in managed infrastructure. These backups are performed in the background to ensure minimal performance impact and no downtime during the snapshot process. Each backup is timestamped, versioned, and stored securely with encryption. You can access your full backup history for any given service through the dashboard and select any version for restoration.

You can utilize different backup options depending on your preferences and operational requirements. Elestio supports **manual local backups** for on-demand recovery points, **automated snapshots** that capture the state of the service at fixed intervals, and **automated remote backups using Borg**, which securely stores backups on external storage volumes managed by Elestio. In addition, you can configure **automated external backups to S3-compatible storage**, allowing you to maintain full control over long-term retention and geographic storage preferences.

 **valkey-p6p4b**

Valkey

Cluster

Running

>\_ Open terminal

🗑 Delete cluster

Add node

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Automated snapshots

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Automated remote backups (Borg)

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Automated external backups (S3)

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# Restoring from a Backup

Restoring a backup in Elestio is a user-initiated operation, available directly from the service dashboard. Once you're in the dashboard, select the service you'd like to restore. Navigate to the **Backups** section, where you'll find a list of all available backups along with their creation timestamps.

To initiate a restore, choose the desired backup version and click on the **"Restore"** option. You will be prompted to confirm the operation. Depending on the type of service, the restore can either overwrite the current state or recreate the service as a new instance from the selected backup.

Manual local backups

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Back up now

Data Size	Backup Time			
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The restore process takes a few minutes, depending on the size of the backup and the service type. Once completed, the restored service is immediately accessible. In the case of databases, you can validate the restore by connecting to the database and inspecting the restored data.

# Considerations for Backup & Restore

- Before restoring a backup, it's important to understand the impact on your current data. Restores may **overwrite existing service state**, so if you need to preserve the current environment, consider creating a manual backup before initiating the restore. In critical environments, restoring to a new instance and validating the data before replacing the original is a safer approach.
- Keep in mind that restore operations are not instantaneous and may temporarily affect service availability. It's best to plan restores during maintenance windows or periods of low traffic, especially in production environments.
- For services with high-frequency data changes, be aware of the backup schedule and retention policy. Elestio's default intervals may not capture every change, so for high-volume databases, consider exporting incremental backups manually or using continuous replication where supported.

## Monitoring Backup Health

Elestio provides visibility into your backup history directly through the dashboard. You can monitor the **status**, **timestamps**, and **success/failure** of backup jobs. In case of errors or failed backups, the dashboard will display alerts, allowing you to take corrective actions or contact support if necessary.

It's good practice to periodically verify that backups are being generated and that restore points are recent and complete. This ensures you're prepared for unexpected failures and that recovery options remain reliable.

# Restricting Access by IP

Securing access to services is a fundamental part of managing cloud infrastructure. One of the most effective ways to reduce unauthorized access is by restricting connectivity to a defined set of IP addresses. Elestio supports IP-based access control through its dashboard, allowing you to explicitly define which IPs or IP ranges are allowed to interact with your services. This is particularly useful when exposing databases, APIs, or web services over public endpoints.

## Need to Restrict Access by IP

Restricting access by IP provides a first layer of network-level protection. Instead of relying solely on application-layer authentication, you can control who is allowed to even initiate a connection to your service. This approach reduces the surface area for attacks such as brute-force login attempts, automated scanning, or unauthorized probing.

Common use cases include:

- Limiting access to production databases from known office networks or VPNs.
- Allowing only CI/CD pipelines or monitoring tools with static IPs to connect.
- Restricting admin dashboards or internal tools to internal teams.

By defining access rules at the infrastructure level, you gain more control over who can reach your services, regardless of their authentication or API access status.

## Restrict Access by IP

To restrict access by IP in Elestio, start by logging into the [Elestio dashboard](#) and navigating to the **Clusters** section. Select the cluster that hosts the service you want to protect. Once inside the **Cluster Overview** page, locate the **Security** section.



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Valkey

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Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated



Auto-Failover

Enabled. In case of failure, the cluster will automatically attempt to recover

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2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

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Limit access per ip

Within this section, you'll find a setting labeled **"Limit access per IP"**. This is where you can define which IP addresses or CIDR ranges are permitted to access the services running in the cluster. You can add a specific IPv4 or IPv6 address (e.g., 203.0.113.5) or a subnet in CIDR notation (e.g., 203.0.113.0/24) to allow access from a range of IPs.

## Restrict Cluster Access to Specific IP Addresses ✕

To limit access to your cluster, please enter the IP addresses in the list below one at a time and press Enter. If no IPs are provided, your cluster will remain open to public access.

Enter IP or CIDR (hit 'Enter' to add)

Cancel

Update

After entering the necessary IP addresses, save the configuration. The changes will apply to all services running inside the cluster, and only the defined IPs will be allowed to establish network connections. All other incoming requests from unlisted IPs will be blocked at the infrastructure level.

# Considerations When Using IP Restrictions

- When applying IP restrictions, it's important to avoid locking yourself out. Always double-check that your own IP address is included in the allowlist before applying rules, especially when working on remote infrastructure.
- For users on dynamic IPs (e.g., home broadband connections), consider using a VPN or a static jump host that you can reliably allowlist. Similarly, if your services are accessed through cloud-based tools, make sure to verify their IP ranges and update your rules accordingly when those IPs change.
- In multi-team environments, document and review IP access policies regularly to avoid stale rules or overly permissive configurations. Combine IP restrictions with secure authentication and encrypted connections (such as HTTPS or SSL for databases) for layered security.

# Cluster Resynchronization

In distributed systems, consistency and synchronization between nodes are critical to ensure that services behave reliably and that data remains accurate across the cluster. Elestio provides built-in mechanisms to detect and resolve inconsistencies across nodes using a feature called **Cluster Resynchronization**. This functionality ensures that node-level configurations, data replication, and service states are properly aligned, especially after issues like node recovery, temporary network splits, or service restarts.

## Need for Cluster Resynchronization

Resynchronization is typically required when secondary nodes in a cluster are no longer consistent with the primary node. This can happen due to temporary network failures, node restarts, replication lag, or partial service interruptions. In such cases, secondary nodes may fall behind or store incomplete datasets, which could lead to incorrect behavior if a failover occurs or if read operations are directed to those nodes. Unresolved inconsistencies can result in data divergence, serving outdated content, or failing health checks in load-balanced environments. Performing a resynchronization ensures that all secondary nodes are forcibly aligned with the current state of the primary node, restoring a clean and unified cluster state.

It may also be necessary to perform a resync after restoring a service from backup, during infrastructure migrations, or after recovering a previously offline node. In each of these cases, resynchronization acts as a corrective mechanism to ensure that every node is operating with the same configuration and dataset, reducing the risk of drift and maintaining data integrity across the cluster.

## Cluster Resynchronization

To perform a resynchronization, start by accessing the [Elestio dashboard](#) and navigating to the **Clusters** section. Select the cluster where synchronization is needed. On the **Cluster Overview** page, scroll down slightly until you find the “**Resync Cluster**” option. This option is visible as part of the cluster controls and is available only in clusters with multiple nodes and a defined primary node.



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Clicking the **Resync** button opens a confirmation dialog. The message clearly explains that this action will initiate a request to resynchronize **all secondary nodes**. During the resync process, **existing data on all secondary nodes will be erased and replaced with a copy of the data from the primary node**. This operation ensures full consistency across the cluster but should be executed with caution, especially if recent changes exist on any of the secondaries that haven't yet been replicated.

## Resync Cluster



These actions will submit a request to resync all secondary nodes, and you will be alerted via email when request is finished.

**NOTE** Replication will erase existing data on all secondary nodes and replace it with a copy of the primary node.

Cancel

Resync

You will receive an email notification once the resynchronization is complete. During this process, Elestio manages the replication safely, but depending on the size of the data, the operation may take a few minutes. It's advised to avoid making further changes to the cluster while the resync is in progress.

# Considerations Before Resynchronizing

- Before triggering a resync, it's important to verify that the primary node holds the desired state and that the secondary nodes do not contain any critical unsynced data. Since the resync **overwrites** the secondary nodes completely, any local changes on those nodes will be lost.
- This action is best used when you're confident that the primary node is healthy, current, and stable. Avoid initiating a resync if the primary has recently experienced errors or data issues. Additionally, consider performing this operation during a low-traffic period, as synchronization may temporarily impact performance depending on the data volume.
- If your application requires high consistency guarantees, it's recommended to monitor your cluster closely during and after the resync to confirm that services are functioning correctly and that the replication process completed successfully.

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# Database Migrations

When managing production-grade services, the ability to perform reliable and repeatable database migrations is critical. Whether you're applying schema changes, updating seed data, or managing version-controlled transitions, Elestio provides a built-in mechanism to execute migrations safely from the dashboard. This functionality is especially relevant when running containerized database services like PostgreSQL, MySQL, or similar within a managed cluster.

## Need for Migrations

Database migrations are commonly required when updating your application's data model or deploying new features. Schema updates such as adding columns, modifying data types, creating indexes, or introducing new tables need to be synchronized with the deployment lifecycle of your application code.

Migrations may also be needed during version upgrades to introduce structural or configuration changes required by newer database engine versions. In some cases, teams use migrations to apply baseline datasets, adjust permissions, or clean up legacy objects. Running these changes through a controlled migration system ensures consistency across environments and helps avoid untracked manual changes.

## Running Database Migration

To run a database migration in Elestio, start by logging into the [Elestio dashboard](#) and navigating to the **Clusters** section. Select the cluster that contains the target database service. From the **Cluster Overview** page, scroll down until you find the **"Migration"** option.



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Audit

Termination protection

Disabled. VM can be powered off and terminated.

Protection deactivated



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2 Nodes: 1 Primary, 1 Replica

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Clicking this option will open the migration workflow, which follows a **three-step process**: **Configure**, **Validation**, and **Migration**. In the **Configure** step, Elestio provides a migration configuration guide specific to the database type, such as MySQL. At this point, you must ensure that your target service has sufficient **disk space** to complete the migration. If there is not enough storage available, the migration may fail midway, so it's strongly recommended to review storage utilization beforehand.

## Migrate database



### Valkey migration configuration guide

Before you start the migration, you need to ensure that your target service has enough disk space to migrate your database.

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Once configuration prerequisites are met, you can proceed to the **Validation** step. Elestio will check the secondary database details you have provided for the migration.

## Migrate database



Please provide the connection details from your source database

Enter hostname

Enter port

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Run check

If the validation passes, the final **Migration** step will become active. You can then initiate the migration process. Elestio will handle the actual data transfer, schema replication, and state synchronization internally. The progress is tracked, and once completed, the migrated database

will be fully operational on the target service.

# Considerations Before Running Migrations

- Before running any migration, it's important to validate the script or changes in a staging environment. Since migrations may involve irreversible changes such as dropping columns, altering constraints, or modifying data careful review and version control are essential.
- In production environments, plan migrations during maintenance windows or low-traffic periods to minimize the impact of any schema locks or temporary unavailability. If you're using replication or high-availability setups, confirm that the migration is compatible with your architecture and will not disrupt synchronization between primary and secondary nodes.
- You should also ensure that proper backups are in place before applying structural changes. In Elestio, the backup feature can be used to create a restore point that allows rollback in case the migration introduces issues.

# Deleting a Cluster

When a cluster is no longer needed whether it was created for testing, staging, or an obsolete workload deleting it helps free up resources and maintain a clean infrastructure footprint. Elestio provides a straightforward and secure way to delete entire clusters directly from the dashboard. This action permanently removes the associated services, data, and compute resources tied to the cluster.

## When to Delete a Cluster

Deleting a cluster is a final step often performed when decommissioning an environment. This could include shutting down a test setup, replacing infrastructure during migration, or retiring an unused production instance. In some cases, users also delete and recreate clusters as part of major version upgrades or architectural changes. It is essential to confirm that all data and services tied to the cluster are no longer required or have been backed up or migrated before proceeding. Since cluster deletion is irreversible, any services, volumes, and backups associated with the cluster will be permanently removed.

## Delete a Cluster

To delete a cluster, log in to the [Elestio dashboard](#) and navigate to the **Clusters** section. From the list of clusters, select the one you want to remove. Inside the selected cluster, you'll find a **navigation bar** at the top of the page. One of the available options in this navigation bar is **"Delete Cluster."**



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Clicking this opens a confirmation dialog that outlines the impact of deletion. It will clearly state that deleting the cluster will **permanently remove** all associated services, storage, and configurations. By acknowledging a warning or typing in the cluster name, depending on the service type. Once confirmed, Elestio will initiate the deletion process, which includes tearing down all resources associated with the cluster. This typically completes within a few minutes, after which the cluster will no longer appear in your dashboard.

## Delete cluster and backups



You can use this function to delete your cluster and backups.

By default, in case the cluster deletion is unintentional, we will take a backup immediately prior to cluster deletion and retain it, for free, for 15 days after which the backup will be permanently deleted. If you want to opt out of this (so both the cluster and all backups will be permanently deleted with immediate effect), please tick this box: ☐

Please type **valkey-p6p4b** to confirm.

Cancel

Delete

# Considerations Before Deleting

Deleting a cluster also terminates any linked domains, volumes, monitoring configurations, and scheduled backups. These cannot be recovered once deletion is complete, so plan accordingly before confirming the action. If the cluster was used for production workloads, consider archiving data to external storage (e.g., S3) or exporting final snapshots for compliance and recovery purposes.

Before deleting a cluster, verify that:

- All required data has been backed up externally (e.g., downloaded dumps or exports).
- Any active services or dependencies tied to the cluster have been reconfigured or shut down.
- Access credentials, logs, or stored configuration settings have been retrieved if needed for auditing or migration.