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## A user accidentally deleted an S3 bucket. How will you find out who did it and when?

I'd use **CloudTrail logs** to investigate:

1. Go to the **CloudTrail console**
2. Use the **Event history** search
3. Filter by:
  - **Event name:** DeleteBucket
  - **Resource type:** AWS::S3::Bucket
  - Specify the **time window** when the deletion likely happened

The event log will show:

- **Who** performed the action (user or role)
- **When** it happened (timestamp)
- **Source IP**, region, and user agent (e.g., AWS CLI)

### Example:

I once used this to trace accidental deletion of a test bucket during cleanup by a developer who had wildcard permissions on S3. We later added resource-level conditions to prevent it.

**Follow up:** what action will you take ? 1. Version S3, recover 2. If not, then version, backup 3. Check if that guy really need delete permission, remove permission, give only min IAM permission.

A user reports that an S3 bucket has been accidentally deleted. Which AWS service will help you identify *who deleted the bucket and when*?

- A. AWS Config
- B. AWS CloudTrail
- C. S3 Server Access Logs
- D. AWS Trusted Advisor

Answer: ☒ B. AWS CloudTrail

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After confirming a developer accidentally deleted a non-critical test bucket, what is the **best corrective action** to prevent similar incidents in the future?

- A. Enable S3 versioning for the bucket
- B. Revoke s3:DeleteBucket from IAM policies and enforce least privilege
- C. Use S3 server access logs for all buckets
- D. Enable AWS Trusted Advisor for bucket monitoring

**Answer:**  **B. Revoke s3:DeleteBucket and enforce least privilege**

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