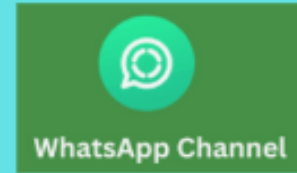


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How and why do you replicate S3 objects across regions?

How to Replicate Objects Across Regions in Amazon S3

To replicate objects across AWS regions in S3, **S3 Cross-Region Replication (CRR)** is used. Here's how to set it up:

Steps to Set Up Cross-Region Replication (CRR)

1. Enable Versioning on Both Buckets:

- Both the source and destination buckets must have versioning enabled.

2. Create IAM Role:

- AWS automatically creates a role when setting up replication, or you can provide a custom IAM role with permissions to read from the source and write to the destination.






3. Set Up Replication Configuration:

- Go to the source bucket in the S3 console.
- Choose **Management > Replication > Add rule**.
- Define the rule scope (entire bucket or prefix-based).
- Select the **destination bucket** (in another region).
- Optionally:
 - Choose whether to replicate delete markers.
 - Add **replication metrics** and **event notifications**.

4. Enable SSE-KMS Permissions (if using KMS encryption):

- Ensure both buckets and IAM roles have the correct KMS permissions if server-side encryption is used.
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Use Cases and Scenarios for S3 Cross-Region Replication








1.  **Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity:**
 - Replicate critical data to a bucket in another region to protect against region-level outages.
 2.  **Low-Latency Access in Global Applications:**
 - Serve users in different geographical locations with faster access to data by storing it closer to them.
 3.  **Compliance and Regulatory Requirements:**
 - Certain regulations (e.g., GDPR, financial regulations) might require storing copies of data in specific countries or regions.
 4.  **Testing and Analytics in Separate Regions:**
 - Use production data in another region for data analytics, machine learning, or testing, without impacting the source environment.
 5.  **Backup and Archival:**
 - Automatically maintain a backup copy in a different region for long-term storage or archival.
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<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/userguide/replication.html>




Key Points to Note

- **Replication is not retroactive:** Only new objects added after the rule is created are replicated.
- **Latency:** Replication happens asynchronously and can take minutes. When you upload a file to the original S3 bucket, **it is not copied to the other region immediately.** Instead, AWS **schedules it to be copied in the background**, and **it might take a few minutes** for the file to appear in the destination bucket.
- **Costs:**
 - Data transfer costs apply.
 - You pay for storage in both regions.
- **Delete Operations:** By default, delete actions are not replicated unless explicitly configured.




General Benefits of S3 Replication

-  **Retain metadata** like version IDs and creation time during replication.
 -  **Replicate to different storage classes**, including Glacier and Deep Archive.
 -  **Change object ownership** at the destination using "owner override".
 -  **Distribute data across multiple AWS Regions** for compliance or redundancy.
 -  **S3 RTC replicates most objects within 15 minutes** for predictable timing.
 -  **Sync buckets using Batch Replication** for existing or failed objects.
 -  **Two-way replication** ensures data consistency across regions during failover.
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When to Use Cross-Region Replication (CRR)

-  **Meet compliance requirements** needing data in distant Regions.
 -  **Minimize latency** for global users by storing data closer to them.
 -  **Increase efficiency** for compute clusters across Regions.
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When to Use Same-Region Replication (SRR)

-  **Aggregate logs** into one bucket for easier processing.
 -  **Sync between production and test accounts** in the same Region.
 -  **Comply with data sovereignty laws** by replicating in-country only.
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When to Use Two-Way Replication

-  **Build shared datasets** with synced metadata (tags, ACLs, locks).
 -  **Sync data across Regions** during failover scenarios.
 -  **Maintain high availability** with active-active bucket replication.
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When to Use S3 Batch Replication

-  **Replicate existing objects** (before replication rules were set).
-  **Retry failed replications** for objects with `FAILED` status.
-  **Replicate already replicated objects** to new destinations.
-  **Replicate replicas** created from previous replication rules.

1:

What is the AWS feature used to replicate objects across regions in S3?

- A. S3 Lifecycle Management
- B. S3 Versioning
- C. S3 Cross-Region Replication (CRR)
- D. S3 Transfer Acceleration

☒ **Answer:** C. S3 Cross-Region Replication (CRR)

2:

Which of the following must be enabled on both source and destination buckets to use Cross-Region Replication (CRR)?

- A. Logging
- B. Encryption
- C. Versioning
- D. Lifecycle Policy

☒ **Answer:** C. Versioning

3:

What does it mean when S3 replication is “asynchronous”?

- A. Files are copied immediately in real-time
- B. Files are not copied at all
- C. Files are copied after manual approval
- D. Files are copied in the background and may take a few minutes to appear

☒ **Answer:** D. Files are copied in the background and may take a few minutes to appear

4:

Which of the following is NOT a valid use case for S3 Cross-Region Replication?


- A. Disaster recovery
- B. Faster data access for global users
- C. Reducing S3 storage costs
- D. Meeting compliance requirements

☒ **Answer:** C. Reducing S3 storage costs

5:

What happens to existing objects when you enable Cross-Region Replication?

- A. They are automatically copied to the destination
- B. They remain in the source only unless manually copied
- C. They are deleted from the source bucket
- D. They are archived in Glacier

 **Answer:** B. They remain in the source only unless manually copied