# AWS Immersion Day – Data Protection Day

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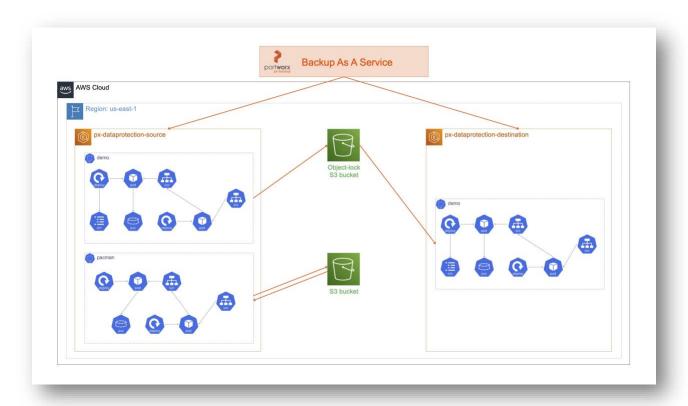
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### Lab Overview

This lab guide is built for the <u>Kubernetes Data Protection Day</u> ran by Portworx and AWS, to help users get hands-on experience with an industry leading Kubernetes data protection solution. As part of this lab, users will use an <u>AWS Event Engine</u> AWS account. As part of this lab, we will go through and deploy a couple of Amazon EKS clusters, S3 buckets, containerized applications on the Amazon EKS cluster and also create a sandbox trial account for the Portworx Backup As A Service (BaaS) solution. The applications used in this lab are stateful applications using MongoDB and PostgreSQL as the backend databases respectively. As part of the lab, we will create backup jobs and restore these applications to the same Amazon EKS cluster or a different Amazon EKS cluster using object local enabled backup bucket, to simulate scenarios like accidental deletions and ransomware attacks respectively.

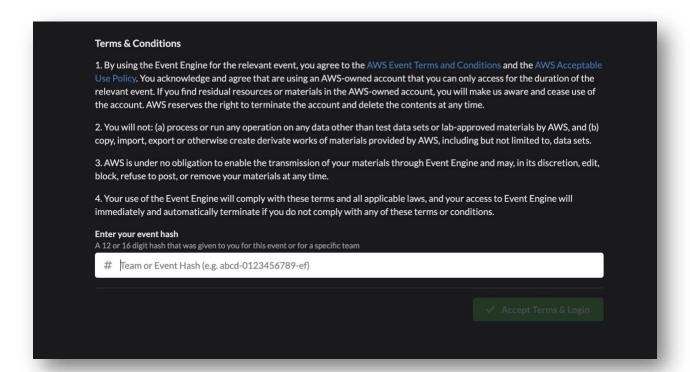


# Lab Setup

## Accessing AWS Account

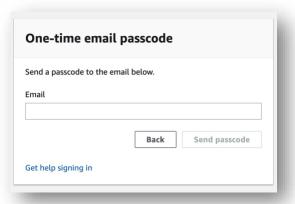
1. Navigate to the event engine platform using the link (<a href="https://dashboard.eventengine.run/login">https://dashboard.eventengine.run/login</a>) and enter your 12- or 16-digit event hash.

**Note**: Use an incognito window to ensure that you aren't using your existing AWS account for this lab.

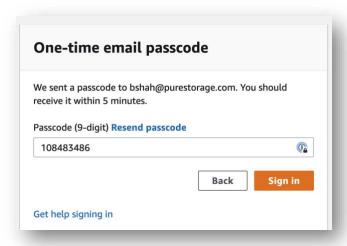


- 2. After entering your event hash, click "Accept Terms & Login".
- 3. Next, click on "Email One-Time Password (OTP)" and enter your email address and hit "Send Passcode" to receive the OTP.

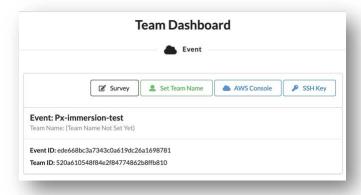




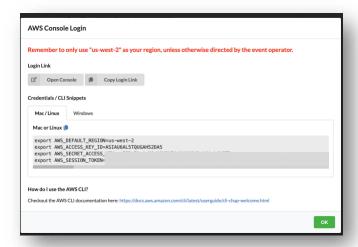
4. Check your email for the OTP. Copy the passcode and enter it in the Event Engine platform and hit "Sign In".



5. Next, from the event engine dashboard, click on "AWS Console".



6. Next, click on Open Console to access the AWS Management console.

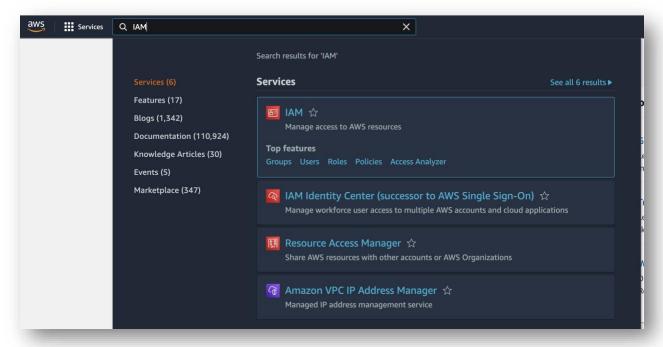


At this point, you have an AWS account that can be used for this Immersion Day workshop.

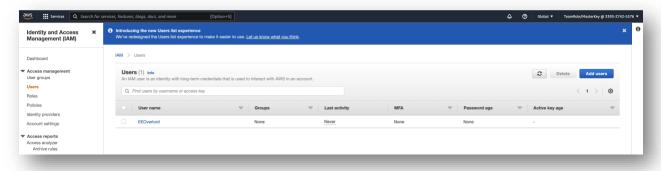
#### Create AWS IAM User

Once you have access to your AWS account using the Event Engine platform, we will go ahead and create an IAM user called "workshop", whose credentials will be used to deploy Amazon EKS clusters and S3 buckets needed for the workshop.

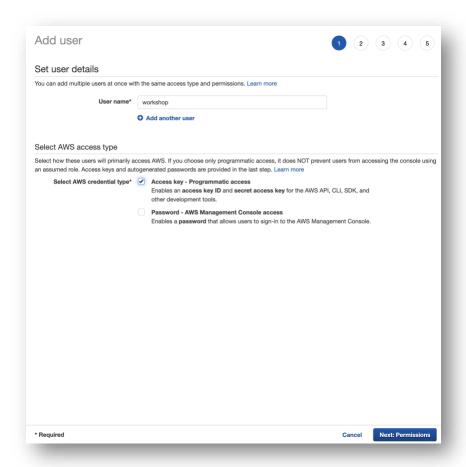
1. From the AWS Console, navigate to Services  $\rightarrow$  IAM.



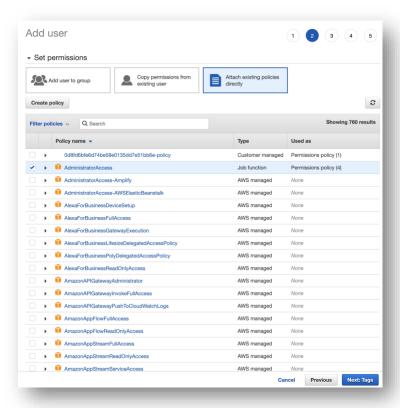
2. Click on Users in the left pane and click "Add Users".



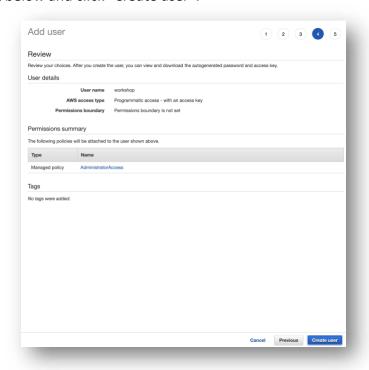
3. Enter "workshop" as the user name, select the "Access Key – Programmatic Access" checkbox, and click "Next: Permissions".



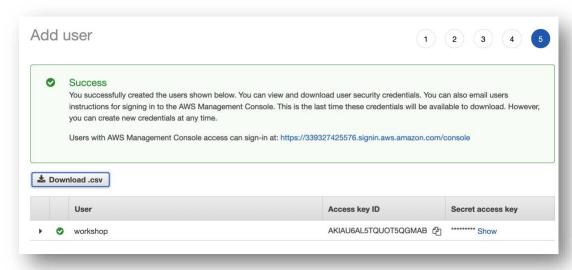
4. Select "Attach existing policies directly" and select "AdministratorAccess" in the list of policies and click "Next: Tags".



- 5. We won't assign any tags for this workshop, so click "Next: Review".
- 6. Verify that the user name, AWS access type and permission boundary matches the screenshot below and click "Create user".



7. Copy the Access Key ID and Secret Access Key locally and download the csv file.

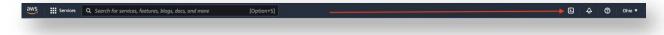


8. Once you have saved your Access Key ID and Secret Access Key, hit Close.

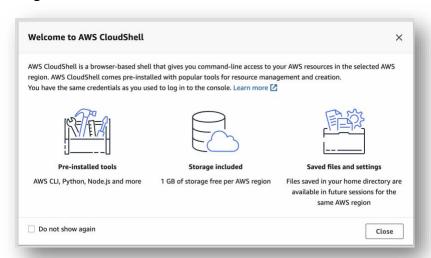
### **Deploying AWS Resources**

Once you have created a new IAM user (workshop), let's navigate to the AWS console and use the steps below to complete the pre-regs for the lab:

1. Open an AWS CloudShell session from the top right of the AWS management console or, you can also search for CloudShell in the main search box on the left.



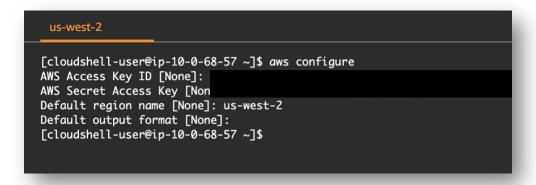
2. Read through the Welcome to AWS CloudShell box and click close.



**Note:** It takes a couple of minutes for the CloudShell session to become responsive.

3. Next, use the following command to configure your AWS credentials using the AWS user **(workshop)** that you created in the previous step. Enter us-west-2 as the default region.

aws configure



4. Clone the PX-DataProtection repository on to your CloudShell session using the following command:

```
git clone https://github.com/bhavin04890/PX-DataProtection.git
```

5. Once you have the repo cloned, we will go ahead and change directories and update the permissions on a few files.

```
cd PX-DataProtection

chmod 755 pre-req.sh cleanup.sh deletepacman.sh encryptlogo.sh
chmod 755 connect-source-eks.sh connect-destination-eks.sh
```

6. Next, let's run the pre-req.sh file, which will deploy the source and destination Amazon EKS clusters, applications that we need for the lab and an S3 bucket to use for storing our application snapshots.

```
./pre-req.sh
```

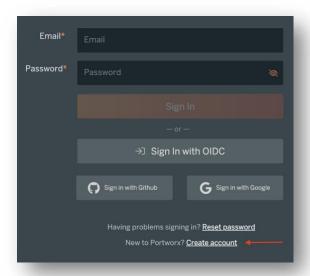
7. Enter a unique name for your S3 bucket when the script prompts you to. Remember this name as we will use it later in the guide!

While we wait for these resources to be deployed, we can proceed and create our BaaS accounts, to complete the pre-reg steps.

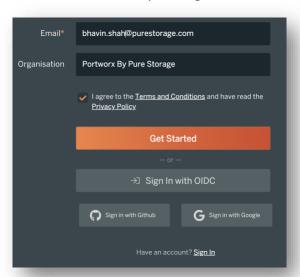
#### Create Backup As A Service account

1. Navigate to Portworx Central (<a href="https://central.portworx.com/">https://central.portworx.com/</a>) and create a new account.

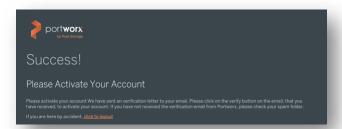
Note: Skip this to Step 6 if you already have a Portworx Central account.



2. Enter your email address and name of your organization.



3. Activate your account by clicking the link in the email.



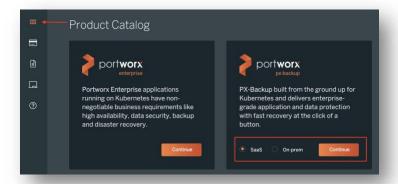
4. Check your email and verify your account by clicking "Start using Portworx". **Note:** It might take a couple of minutes to get the email.



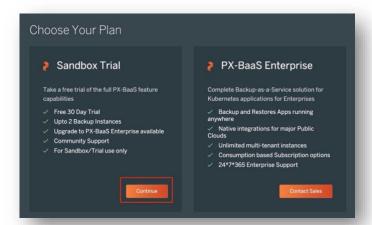
5. Set a new password for Portworx Central and click "Sign In".



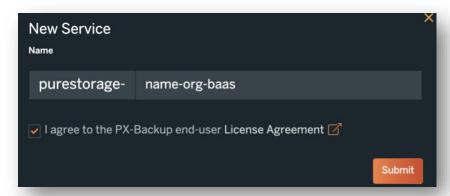
6. Navigate to the "Product Catalog" tab on the left pane and select Portworx PX-Backup – SaaS option and click "Continue".



7. Select the "Sandbox Trial" and click Continue.



8. Enter a name for your service. Ideally use "name-organization-baas", check the box for EULA and hit "Submit".



At this point, the pre-requisites for the AWS Immersion Day are done, and we will proceed to the slides portion and then come back for the hands-on lab again.

# Portworx Backup As A Service (BaaS) overview

Portworx BaaS allows users to leverage a managed Kubernetes data protection tool to protect their containerized applications running on Amazon EKS clusters. As part of this section, we will go ahead and add our cloud accounts, backup targets, auto-discover Amazon EKS clusters.

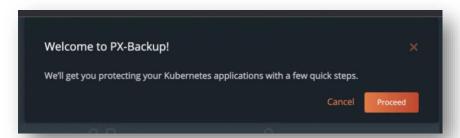
#### Configure cloud credentials

Credentials allow BaaS to authenticate with clusters for the purpose of taking backups and restoring to them, as well as with backup locations where backup objects are stored. To add cloud credentials, use the following steps:

1. Log into Portworx Central (<a href="https://central.portworx.com/">https://central.portworx.com/</a>) and navigate to your BaaS instance.



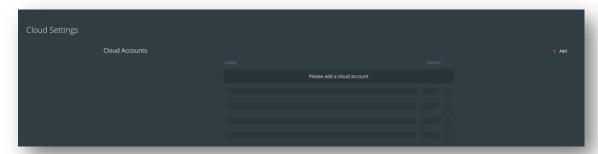
**Note:** Cancel and close out any tool tip suggestions from the BaaS Interface, like the screenshot below:



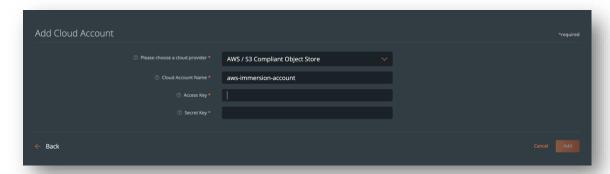
2. From the dashboard, click on "Settings" on the top right, and click "Cloud Settings".



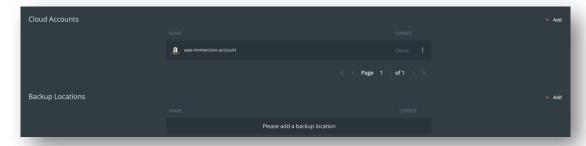
3. Click on "+ Add" on the right to add a Cloud Account.



4. Select "AWS / S3 Compliant Object Store" as the Cloud Provider and give a name (awsimmersion-account) for to the cloud account. This name is just used for managing credentials inside BaaS.

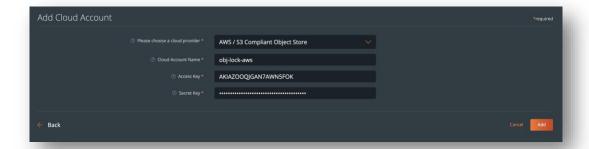


5. Enter the Access Key and Secret Key for the AWS IAM user **(workshop)** and click Add. Once complete, you should see your account listed under Cloud Accounts.

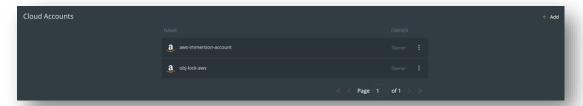


6. Repeat steps 3-5 above, to add another cloud account **(obj-lock-aws)**. This second cloud account will be used to store immutable application snapshots in an object lock enabled S3 bucket. Use the following credentials to access add the cloud account.

Access Key ID: AKIAZOOQJGAN7AWN5FOK
Secret Access key: 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



- 7. At this point, you have two AWS Cloud Accounts:
  - a. aws-immersion-account: Used to add Amazon EKS clusters and non-object lock enabled backup repository
  - b. obj-lock-aws: Used to add object lock enabled S3-bucket as the backup repository.



#### Adding Backup targets

Backup locations are S3-compatible object storage bucket locations that can be added to BaaS and used to store end-to-end application snapshots of your containerized applications running on Amazon EKS.

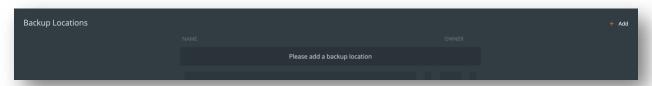
There are two type of backup targets / locations.

- 1. Object Lock enabled backup location These backup locations can be used to store Write Once Read Many (WORM) snapshot copies. Since, any backup snapshots stored in these backup buckets are immutable, they help organizations protect and recover from Ransomware attacks. During a Ransomware attack, hackers will try to manipulate your backup snapshots. So, having an immutable backup snapshot, allows organizations to always have a golden copy of their application stored in a backup repository that can be used to recover applications to new Amazon EKS clusters.
- 2. non-Object lock enabled backup locations These are standard backup locations that allow users to configure custom retention periods for their backup snapshots using BaaS. These backup locations can help organizations protect their applications from accidental corruption or data loss issues and allows them to restore applications quickly from a snapshot.

Organizations can typically choose to build a custom backup policy, where they can have an hourly backup, storing snapshots in a non-object lock enabled bucket with custom retention period, and maybe use the object-lock enabled bucket to store daily application snapshots

The steps to add an object lock enabled and a non-object lock enabled bucket to BaaS instance are the same. To add backup targets to your BaaS instance, use the following steps:

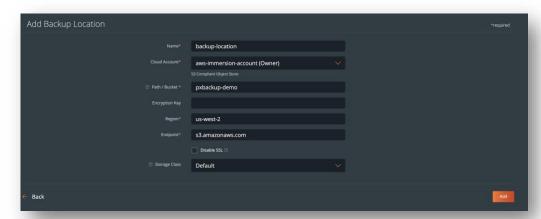
1. Click on "+ Add" on the Backup Locations section.



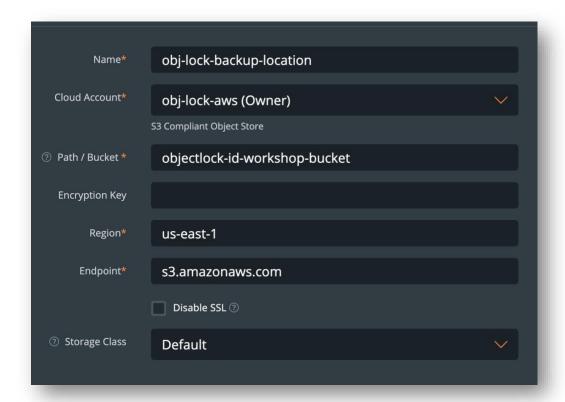
- 2. Enter a name for the backup location, select the Cloud Account (aws-immersion-account) that we added in the previous step, enter the name of the bucket, and the region where the bucket is available.
  - a. Name: backup-location
  - b. Cloud Account: aws-immersion-account (Owner)
  - c. Path / Bucket: << name of the bucket your created as part of pre-req>>

Note: To get the name of your S3 bucket, go to AWS CloudShell and use the cmd "aws s3 ls"

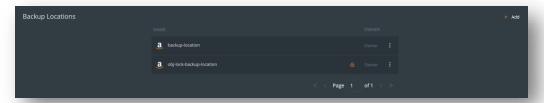
- d. **Region:** us-west-2
- e. **Endpoint:** s3.amazonaws.com
- f. Storage Class: Default



- 3. Click **Add** to add the backup location.
- 4. Repeat steps 2-4 to add another backup location. This time we will add the object lock enabled S3-bucket (name: objectlock-id-workshop-bucket) using the second cloud account (obj-lock-aws).
  - a. Name: obj-lock-backup-location
  - b. Cloud Account: obj-lock-aws (Owner)
  - c. Path / Bucket: objectlock-id-workshop-bucket
  - d. Region: us-east-1
  - e. Endpoint: s3.amazonaws.com
  - f. Storage Class: Default



5. Once the backup location has been added, you can look at all the available backup locations from the Cloud Settings page. The object lock backup location will be listed with the lock icon on the right. This helps users differentiate between the two types of backup targets supported by BaaS.

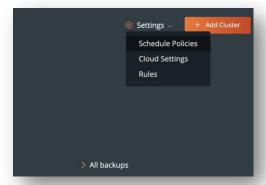


#### Schedule Policies

Portworx BaaS allows users to set their own schedule policies that can be used when creating backup jobs. BaaS allows users to either create ad-hoc, manual, one-time backup to create backup jobs that get triggered at a regular schedule. Using Schedule policies, users can control when they want to trigger backup jobs. These can be periodic, hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly policies.

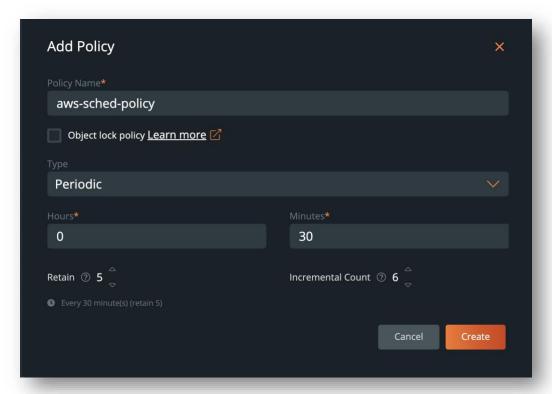
Use the following steps to create a 30-min backup policy that we will use to create backup jobs:

1. Navigate to the dashboard and click on the "Settings" and "Schedule Policies" on the top right.



- 2. Click the "+" sign on the top right to add a new Schedule policy.
- 3. Give the schedule policy a name. If you are going to use this policy to create object-lock enabled backup jobs, then select the object lock policy checkbox. If you check the box, BaaS won't allow you to configure your own backup retention period but defer to the S3-bucket's retention setting.
  - a. Policy Name: aws-sched-policy

b. Type: Periodicc. Hours: 0d. Minutes: 30



4. Click Create to create the Schedule policy.

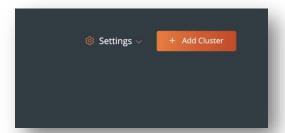
You can create more schedule policies that fit your specific application-level SLAs.

Auto-discover Amazon EKS cluster

BaaS allows users to auto-discover their Amazon EKS clusters, rather than copy and pasting kubeconfig files between the EKS cluster and the BaaS interface. This allows users to leverage their cloud credentials to access their Amazon EKS cluster, such that BaaS can inventory the cluster for applications, and help users create backup jobs quickly. This also avoids a scenario where the kubeconfig based credentials expire and your scheduled backup jobs start failing.

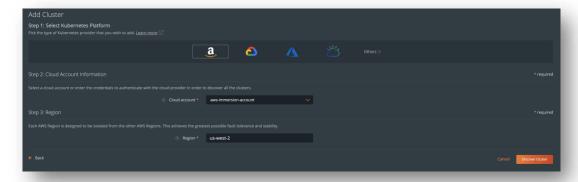
To auto-discover your Amazon EKS clusters, use the following steps:

1. Navigate to the dashboard and click on "+ Add Cluster" on the top right of your screen.

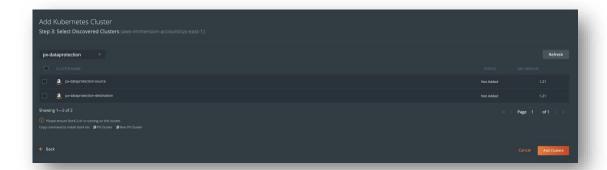


2. Select the Cloud Account we created earlier in the lab from the Cloud Account (awsimmersion-account) drop down box and enter the region (us-west-2) where your Amazon EKS cluster is running and click "Discover Cluster".

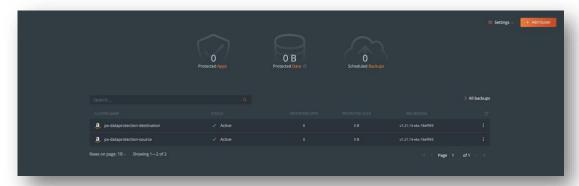
**Note:** If the cloud account list isn't loading, refresh the webpage.



3. Next, you will be shown a list of Amazon EKS clusters that you have access to. Select the clusters deployed as part of the pre-req (px-dataprotection-source and px-dataprotection-destination) and click "Add Clusters".



4. Once the clusters are added, it will show up on the dashboard.



In the next section, we will work with Backup and Restore using BaaS.

# Kubernetes Backup and Restore

BaaS allows users to create backup jobs to protect their applications. These backup jobs can help users protect Kubernetes resources, application configuration and application data, and store an end-to-end application snapshot in an S3-compatible backup repository. Using Portworx BaaS, users can customize backup rules to include the following scenarios:

- 1. Backup everything inside a Kubernetes namespace
- 2. Backup a specific resource (like Persistent Volumes) inside a namespace
- 3. Backup resources based on a resource label (e.g., app: demo) inside a namespace

This level of flexibility allows users to customize their backup jobs, to comply with their service level agreements (SLAs) or regulations.

In this section, we will cover a couple of different scenarios. We will create a backup for an application, store it in a non-object lock enabled bucket and restore it to the same Amazon EKS cluster and then we will create a backup for another application, store it in an object-lock enabled bucket and then restore it to a completely different cluster.

#### Kubernetes backup and restore – Same cluster

BaaS allows users to protect their applications from accidental deletions, data corruption and data loss, etc. by creating end-to-end application snapshots, and allowing users to restore these applications when needed.

In this section, we will access an application, generate some data, create a backup, simulate accidental deletion, and the use the application snapshot to restore our application back on the same Amazon EKS cluster.

1. From your AWS CloudShell, get the service endpoint (External-IP) for the Pacman application, using the following command:

```
kubectl get svc -n pacman -l name=pacman
```

Note: If your CloudShell session has expired, reconnect to CloudShell, change your working directory to PX-DataProtection, and execute the following script.

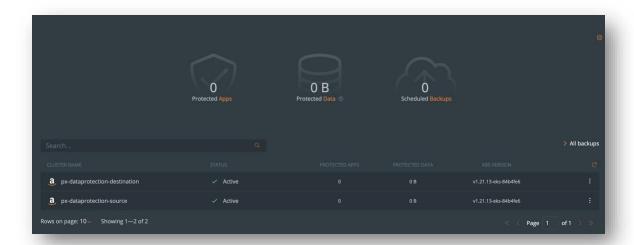
```
cd PX-DataProtection ./connect-source-eks.sh
```

2. Navigate to the application using a browser and play a game using your arrow keys to generate a high score entry. Enter a name for your score and click Save. Next, click "View Highscore List"

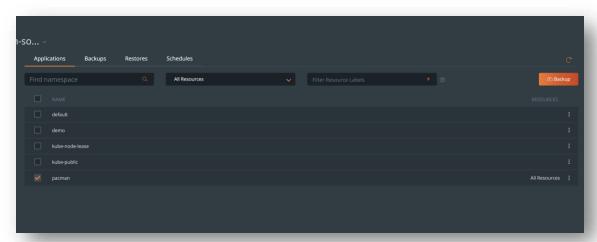




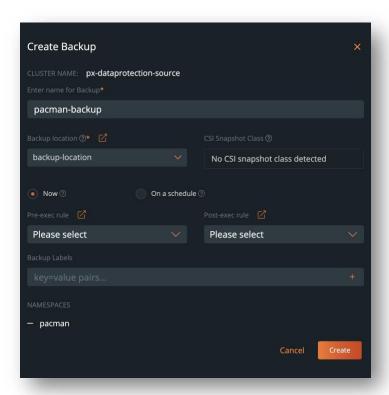
3. Now that you have some data stored, let's create a new backup job. Navigate to the BaaS dashboard and select the "px-dataprotection-source" cluster.



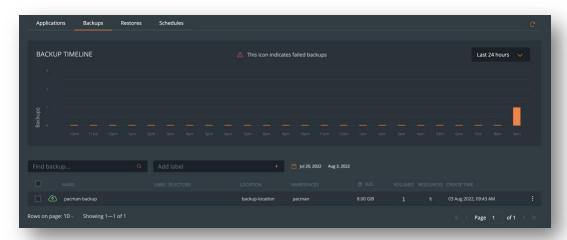
4. In this scenario, we are creating a backup for the entire pacman application, so select the "pacman" namespace, and click "Backup".



- 5. Enter a name for the backup and select your non-object lock enabled backup location. And then click **"Create"**.
  - a. Name: pacman-backup
  - b. Backup location: backup-location



6. Once created, BaaS will communicate with the source cluster and initiate an end-to-end application backup. You can monitor the backup job using the Backup tab.



6. Once the backup job is completed successfully, it turns green. Let's simulate a failure and delete your pacman application. To do this, navigate back to your AWS CloudShell, and use the following commands to delete the application.

./deletepacman.sh

```
[cloudshell-user@ip-10-0-48-97 PX-DataProtection]$ ./deletepacman.sh service "mongo" deleted service "pacman" deleted deployment.apps "mongo" deleted persistentvolumeclaim "mongo-storage" deleted deployment.apps "pacman" deleted namespace "pacman" deleted Pacman delete 'Accidently'
```

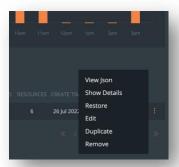
7. It takes a couple of minutes for the application to be deleted. Once deleted, use the following commands to validate that the application has been deleted.

```
kubectl get all -n pacman
kubectl get pvc -n pacman
```

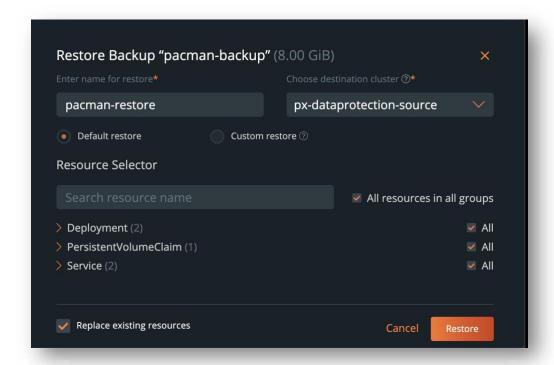
8. Next, navigate back to the BaaS dashboard and click on the px-dataprotection-source cluster and then click on the Backups tab.

Note: If you get logged out of BaaS, navigate to Portworx Central and log in using your credentials.

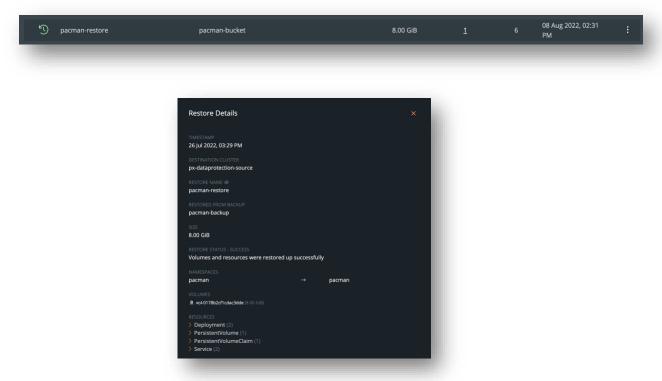
9. Click the ":" on the right of your backup snapshot row and click "Show Details". Here you can get additional details about the different resources backed up.



- 10. You can see that 2 Deployment objects, one persistent volume and one persistent volume claim and 2 service objects were backed up as part of this snapshot.
- 11. Once you have reviewed the backup snapshot, click "Restore Backup". If you cancelled out of the previous screen, then select the backup snapshot again, click on the ":" on the right of your backup snapshot row and click "Restore".
- 12. Let's give your restore job a name (pacman-restore) and select the destination cluster. In this scenario, we are restoring the application back to the same cluster, so we will select the "px-dataprotection-source" cluster.



- 13. Verify that "All resources in all groups" checkbox is selected and click the "Replace existing resources" check box and hit Restore.
- 14. Once the restore is successful, you can click on the ":" on the restore object row and click on Show Details. This will give you a list of everything that was restored.



**Note:** If the restore is only partially successful, run the ./deletepacman.sh script again, and wait 5 mins before running through steps 11-14.

15. Navigate back to the AWS CloudShell and use the following commands to validate the restore operation.

```
kubectl get all -n pacman
kubectl get pvc -n pacman
```

16. Use the following command to get the load balancer endpoint (External-IP) for the restored pacman application.

```
kubectl get svc -n pacman -l name=pacman
```

17. Click on High Scores and you can validate that the high scores you created earlier in the lab, are still persistent through an accidental deletion event.

This is how easy it is to use Portworx BaaS to protect your containerized applications running on Amazon EKS clusters!

#### Ransomware protection using Backup As A Service

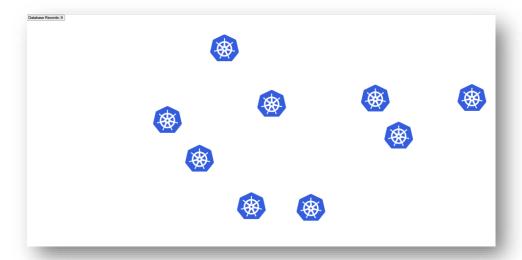
According to the Data Protection Trends report 2022, 76% of the organizations have suffered from at least one ransomware attack. These attacks are not limited to traditional or legacy infrastructure stacks, but also cover Kubernetes and modern applications running on Kubernetes. Organizations need a solution that can help them protect against such attacks and ensure that they have an insurance policy in place, to recover their applications securely on non-infected infrastructure. In this case, having an insurance policy is synonymous to having an immutable copy of your application snapshot stored offsite, so even if your primary infrastructure gets compromised, hackers can't modify your backups. To support this use case, Portworx Backup As A Service allows users to leverage object lock enabled backup buckets to store their application snapshots. This allows app snapshots to be Write Once Read Many (WORM), and thus immutable from any ransomware attack.

In this scenario, we will look at how we can leverage BaaS to take a WORM snapshot for our application and then restore the application to a secondary Amazon EKS cluster.

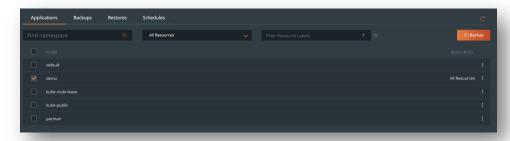
1. Navigate to the AWS CloudShell tab and use the following command to get the load balancer endpoint for our demo application (k8s-counter-service). This is a different application running in the "demo" namespace.

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kubectl get svc -n demo
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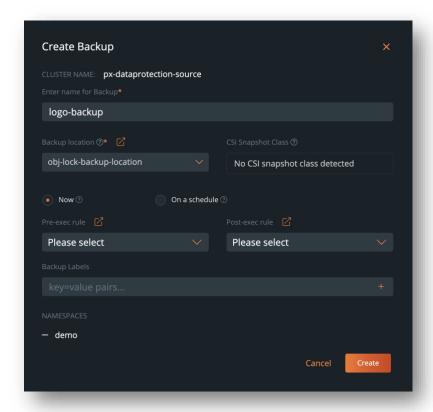
2. Copy the load balancer endpoint for the "k8s-counter-service" and navigate to the application using your web browser. This is a simple application, which generates a Kubernetes logo wherever your click on the screen and then updates the database record by storing the (x,y) coordinates in a backend Postgres database.



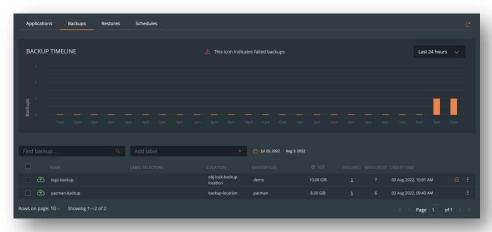
3. Once you have some data generated, let's head to the BaaS interface to create an immutable backup job. Navigate back to the BaaS Dashboard and click on the px-dataprotection-source cluster and select the "demo" namespace and click Backup.



- 4. Give the backup job a name and select the object lock enabled backup bucket as the backup location and hit "Create".
  - a. Enter name for Backup: logo-backup
  - b. Backup location: obj-lock-backup-location



5. This will create an immutable backup snapshot and store it in the Object lock enabled S3 bucket. Once the backup is successfully complete, you will see a lock sign on the snapshot, indicating that this is a WORM backup snapshot.



6. Next, let's go ahead and delete the application from our source cluster, simulating a ransomware attack, where the hacker has encrypted your primary application. In our simulation, we are just deleting the application completely from our source Amazon EKS cluster. To do this, navigate to the AWS CloudShell and run the following command:

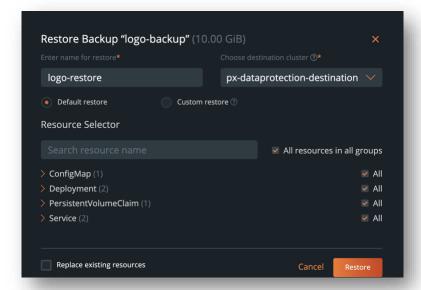
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kubectl get all -n demo
kubectl get pvc -n demo
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[cloudshell-user@ip-10-0-48-97 PX-DataProtection]$ ./encryptlogo.sh deployment.apps "k8s-counter-deployment" deleted service "k8s-counter-service" deleted persistentvolumeclaim "postgres-data" deleted configmap "example-config" deleted deployment.apps "postgres" deleted service "pg-service" deleted Your Amazon EKS cluster has been under attack! All your applications have been encrypted!
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- 7. Now, that your primary Amazon EKS cluster has been compromised, you will have to use your immutable application snapshot and restore your application to a second Amazon EKS cluster. To do that, let's navigate back to the BaaS dashboard, select the "px-dataprotection-source" cluster, backups tab, and select the object lock protected backup snapshot.
- 8. Click on the ":" on the backup snapshot row and click Restore.



- 9. Give the restore job a name (logo-restore) and select the "px-dataprotection-destination" cluster as the destination cluster. Verify that all the resources are selected and click "Restore".
  - a. Enter name for restore: logo-restore
  - b. Choose destination cluster: px-dataprotection-destination



10. This initiates a restore operation on the second Amazon EKS cluster. Once the restore is successfully complete, click on the ":" and click Show Details. Here you can see a list of all the resources that were restored from your immutable backup to your new Amazon EKS cluster.



11. Navigate back to the AWS CloudShell, so we can log into our second cluster and validate that all our application data was restored. To do that use the following commands:

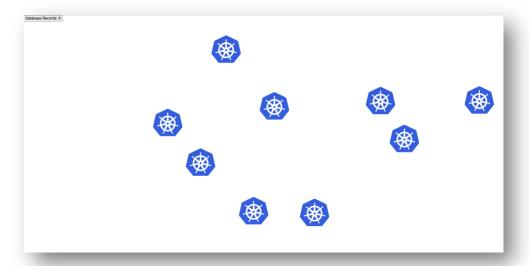
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./connect-destination-eks.sh

kubectl get all -n demo
kubectl get pvc -n demo
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12. Get the load balancer endpoint using the following command and navigate to our application using a web browser.

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kubectl get svc -n demo
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13. Here, you should see the same number of Kubernetes logos at the exact same location, indicating that our application restore has been successful.



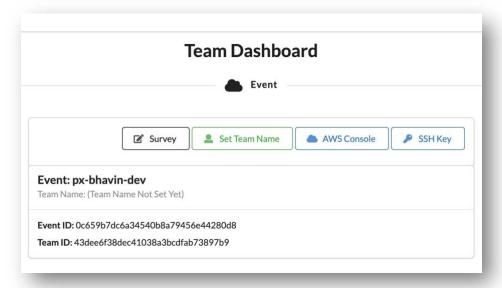
This is how users can leverage BaaS to protect their applications and recover them in case of a ransomware attack.

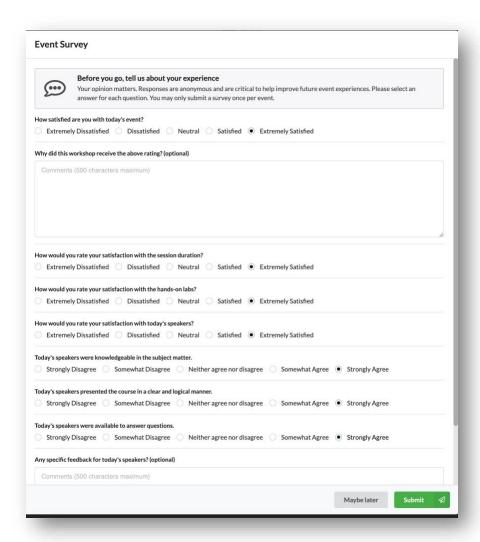
# Clean Up

1. Once you are done with the lab, navigate back to AWS CloudShell and use the following commands to clean up the resources deployed.

./cleanup.sh

2. Go back to the AWS Event Engine dashboard and click "Survey" to complete the survey.





3. Once you have filled out the survey, click "Exit Event" from the top right of the dashboard.

# Additional Resources

- Portworx Blogs
- Portworx Demos
- Portworx Backup As A Service Documentation
- Portworx PX-Backup Documentation