



Create ILM policy

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Create ILM policy

Create ILM policy: Overview

When you create an ILM policy, you start by selecting and arranging the ILM rules. Then, you verify the behavior of your proposed policy by simulating it against previously ingested objects. When you are satisfied that the proposed policy is functioning as intended, you can activate it to create the active policy.



An ILM policy that has been incorrectly configured can result in unrecoverable data loss. Before activating an ILM policy, carefully review the ILM policy and its ILM rules, and then simulate the ILM policy. Always confirm that the ILM policy will work as intended.

Considerations for creating an ILM policy

- Use the system's built-in policy, Baseline 2 Copies Policy, in test systems only. The Make 2 Copies rule in this policy uses the All Storage Nodes storage pool, which contains all sites. If your StorageGRID system has more than one site, two copies of an object might be placed on the same site.
- When designing a new policy, consider all of the different types of objects that might be ingested into your grid. Make sure the policy includes rules to match and place these objects as required.
- Keep the ILM policy as simple as possible. This avoids potentially dangerous situations where object data is not protected as intended when changes are made to the StorageGRID system over time.
- Make sure that the rules in the policy are in the correct order. When the policy is activated, new and existing objects are evaluated by the rules in the order listed, starting at the top. For example, if the first rule in a policy matches an object, that rule will not be evaluated by any other rule.
- The last rule in every ILM policy is the default ILM rule, which cannot use any filters. If an object has not been matched by another rule, the default rule controls where that object is placed and for how long it is retained.
- Before activating a new policy, review any changes that the policy is making to the placement of existing objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

Create a proposed ILM policy

You can create a proposed ILM policy from scratch, or you can clone the current active policy if you want to start with the same set of rules.



If the global S3 Object Lock setting has been enabled, use this procedure instead: [Create an ILM policy after S3 Object Lock is enabled](#).

What you'll need

- You are signed in to the Grid Manager using a [supported web browser](#).
- You have specific access permissions.
- You have created the ILM rules you want to add to the proposed policy. As required, you can save a proposed policy, create additional rules, and then edit the proposed policy to add the new rules.

- You have [created a default ILM rule](#) for the policy that does not contain any filters.
- Optionally, you have watched the video: [Video: StorageGRID ILM Policies](#)



About this task

Typical reasons for creating a proposed ILM policy include:

- You added a new site and need to use new ILM rules to place objects at that site.
- You are decommissioning a site and you need to remove all rules that refer to the site.
- You added a new tenant that has special data protection requirements.
- You started to use a Cloud Storage Pool.



Use the system's built-in policy, Baseline 2 Copies Policy, in test systems only. The Make 2 Copies rule in this policy uses the All Storage Nodes storage pool, which contains all sites. If your StorageGRID system has more than one site, two copies of an object might be placed on the same site.

Steps

1. Select **ILM > Policies**.

The ILM Policies page appears. From this page, you can review the list of proposed, active, and historical policies; create, edit, or remove a proposed policy; clone the active policy; or view the details for any policy.

ILM Policies

Review the proposed, active, and historical policies. You can create, edit, or delete a proposed policy; clone the active policy; or view the details for any policy.

+ Create Proposed Policy

Clone

Edit

Remove

Policy Name	Policy State	Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Baseline 2 Copies Policy	Active	2017-07-17 12:00:45 MDT	

Viewing Active Policy - Baseline 2 Copies Policy

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click Simulate to verify the policy and then click Activate to make the policy active.
Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top.

Rule Name	Default	Tenant Account
Make 2 Copies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ignore

Simulate

Activate

2. Determine how you want to create the proposed ILM policy.

Option	Steps
Create a new proposed policy that has no rules already selected	<div>a. If a proposed ILM policy currently exists, select that policy, and select Remove.</div> <div>You cannot create a new proposed policy if a proposed policy already exists.</div> <div>b. Select Create Proposed Policy.</div>
Create a proposed policy based on the active policy	<div>a. If a proposed ILM policy currently exists, select that policy, and select Remove.</div> <div>You cannot clone the active policy if a proposed policy already exists.</div> <div>b. Select the active policy from the table.</div> <div>c. Select Clone.</div>
Edit the existing proposed policy	<div>a. Select the proposed policy from the table.</div> <div>b. Select Edit.</div>

The Configure ILM Policy dialog box appears.

If you are creating a new proposed policy, all fields are blank and no rules are selected.

Configure ILM Policy

Create a proposed policy by selecting and arranging rules. Then, save the policy and edit it later as required. Click Simulate to verify a saved policy using test objects. When you are ready, click Activate to make this policy the active ILM policy for the grid.

Name

Reason for change

Rules

1. Select the rules you want to add to the policy.
2. Determine the order in which the rules will be evaluated by dragging and dropping the rows. The default rule will be automatically placed at the end of the policy and cannot be moved.

+ Select Rules

Default	Rule Name	Tenant Account	Actions
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No rules selected.

Cancel

Save

If you are cloning the active policy, the **Name** field shows the name of the active policy, appended by a version number ("v2" in the example). The rules used in the active policy are selected and shown in their current order.

Name

Baseline 2 Copies Policy (v2)

Reason for change

3. Enter a unique name for the proposed policy in the **Name** field.

You must enter at least 1 and no more than 64 characters. If you are cloning the active policy, you can use the current name with the appended version number or you can enter a new name.

4. Enter the reason you are creating a new proposed policy in the **Reason for change** field.

You must enter at least 1 and no more than 128 characters.

5. To add rules to the policy, select **Select Rules**.

The Select Rules for Policy dialog box appears, with all defined rules listed. If you are cloning a policy:

- The rules used by the policy you are cloning are selected.
- If the policy you are cloning used any rules with no filters that were not the default rule, you are prompted to remove all but one of those rules.
- If the default rule used a filter or the Noncurrent reference time, you are prompted to select a new default rule.
- If the default rule was not the last rule, a button allows you to move the rule to the end of the new policy.

Select Rules for Policy

Select Default Rule

This list shows the rules that do not use any filters. Select one rule to be the default rule for the policy. The default rule applies to any objects that do not match another rule in the policy and is always evaluated last. The default rule should retain objects forever.

	Rule Name
<input type="radio"/>	2 copies 2 sites
<input type="radio"/>	Make 2 Copies

Select Other Rules

The other rules in a policy are evaluated before the default rule and must use at least one filter. Each rule in this list uses at least one filter (tenant account, bucket name, advanced filter, or the noncurrent reference time).

	Rule Name	Tenant Account
<input type="checkbox"/>	EC for Tenant A	Tenant A (91643888913299990564)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies 2 sites noncurrent time	—

Cancel

Apply

6. Select a rule name or the more details icon to view the settings for that rule.

This example shows the details of an ILM rule that makes two replicated copies at two sites.

Two-Site Replication for Other Tenants

Description:

Two-Site Replication for Other Tenants

Ingest Behavior:

Balanced

Reference Time:

Ingest Time

Filtering Criteria:

Matches all objects.

Retention Diagram:

Trigger

Day 0

DC1

DC2

Duration

Forever

Close

7. In the **Select Default Rule** section, select one default rule for the proposed policy.

The default rule applies to any objects that do not match another rule in the policy. The default rule cannot use any filters and is always evaluated last.

If no rule is listed in the Select Default Rule section, you must exit the ILM policy page and [create a default ILM rule](#).

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Do not use the Make 2 Copies stock rule as the default rule for a policy. The Make 2 Copies rule uses a single storage pool, All Storage Nodes, which contains all sites. If your StorageGRID system has more than one site, two copies of an object might be placed on the same site.

8. In the **Select Other Rules** section, select any other rules you want to include in the policy.

The other rules are evaluated before the default rule and must use at least one filter (tenant account, bucket name, advanced filter, or the Noncurrent reference time).

9. When you are done selecting rules, select **Apply**.

The rules you selected are listed. The default rule is at the end, with the other rules above it.

Rules

1. Select the rules you want to add to the policy.
2. Determine the order in which the rules will be evaluated by dragging and dropping the rows. The default rule will be automatically placed at the end of the policy and cannot be moved.

+ Select Rules

	Default	Rule Name	Tenant Account	Actions
⬆⬇⬆		3-site EC	Ignore	✕
⬆⬇⬆		1-site EC	Ignore	✕
	✓	2 copies at 2 data centers	Ignore	✕

Cancel

Save

A warning appears if the default rule does not retain objects forever. When you activate this policy, you must confirm that you want StorageGRID to delete objects when the placement instructions for the default rule elapse (unless a bucket lifecycle keeps the objects for longer).



Default	Rule Name	Tenant Account	Actions
⬆⬇⬆	3-site EC	Ignore	✕
⬆⬇⬆	1-site EC	Ignore	✕
✓	2 copies at 2 data centers for 2 years	Ignore	✕

The default ILM rule in this policy does not retain objects forever. Confirm this is the behavior you expect. Otherwise, any objects that are not matched by another rule will be deleted after 720 days.

10. Drag and drop the rows for the non-default rules to determine the order in which these rules will be evaluated.

You cannot move the default rule.



You must confirm that the ILM rules are in the correct order. When the policy is activated, new and existing objects are evaluated by the rules in the order listed, starting at the top.

11. As required, select the delete icon to delete any rules that you do not want in the policy, or select **Select Rules** to add more rules.
12. When you are done, select **Save**.

The ILM Policies page is updated:

- The policy you saved is shown as Proposed. Proposed policies do not have start and end dates.
- The **Simulate** and **Activate** buttons are enabled.

ILM Policies

Review the proposed, active, and historical policies. You can create, edit, or delete a proposed policy; clone the active policy; or view the details for any policy.

[+ Create Proposed Policy](#) [Clone](#) [Edit](#) [Remove](#)

Policy Name	Policy State	Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Data Protection for Three Sites	Proposed		
<input type="radio"/> Data Protection for Two Sites	Active	2020-09-18 16:01:24 MDT	
<input type="radio"/> Baseline 2 Copies Policy	Historical	2020-09-17 21:32:57 MDT	2020-09-18 16:01:24 MDT

Viewing Proposed Policy - Data Protection for Three Sites

Before activating a new ILM policy:

- Review and carefully simulate the policy. Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss.
- Review any changes to the placement of existing replicated and erasure-coded objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

See [Managing objects with information lifecycle management](#) for more information.

This policy contains a rule that makes an erasure-coded copy. Confirm that at least one rule uses the Object Size advanced filter to prevent objects that are 200 KB or smaller from being erasure coded. See [Managing objects with information lifecycle management](#) for more information.

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click Simulate to verify the policy and then click Activate to make the policy active.

Reason for change: Added a third site

Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top.

Rule Name	Default	Tenant Account
One-Site Erasure Coding for Tenant A 🔗		Tenant A (20033011709864740158)
Three-Site Replication for Other Tenants 🔗	✓	Ignore

[Simulate](#) [Activate](#)

13. Go to [Simulate an ILM policy](#).

Related information

- [What an ILM policy is](#)
- [Manage objects with S3 Object Lock](#)

Create an ILM policy after S3 Object Lock is enabled

If the global S3 Object Lock setting is enabled, the steps for creating a policy are slightly different. You must ensure that the ILM policy is compliant with the requirements of buckets that have S3 Object Lock enabled.

What you'll need

- You are signed in to the Grid Manager using a [supported web browser](#).
- You have specific access permissions.
- The global S3 Object Lock setting is already enabled for the StorageGRID system.



If the global S3 Object Lock setting has not been enabled, use the general instructions for [creating a proposed ILM policy](#).

- You have created the compliant and non-compliant ILM rules you want to add to the proposed policy. As required, you can save a proposed policy, create additional rules, and then edit the proposed policy to add the new rules. See [Example 7: Compliant ILM policy for S3 Object Lock](#).
- You have [created a default ILM rule](#) for the policy that is compliant.
- Optionally, you have watched the video: [Video: StorageGRID ILM Policies](#)



Steps

1. Select **ILM > Policies**.

The ILM Policies page appears. If the global S3 Object Lock setting is enabled, the ILM Policies page indicates which ILM rules are compliant.

ILM Policies

Review the proposed, active, and historical policies. You can create, edit, or delete a proposed policy; clone the active policy; or view the details for any policy.

[+ Create Proposed Policy](#) [Clone](#) [Edit](#) [Remove](#)

Policy Name	Policy State	Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Baseline 2 Copies Policy	Active	2021-02-04 01:04:29 MST	

Viewing Active Policy - Baseline 2 Copies Policy

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click Simulate to verify the policy and then click Activate to make the policy active.

Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top. The policy's default rule must be compliant.

Rule Name	Default	Compliant	Tenant Account
Make 2 Copies 🔗	✓	✓	Ignore

[Simulate](#) [Activate](#)

2. Enter a unique name for the proposed policy in the **Name** field.

You must enter at least 1 and no more than 64 characters.

3. Enter the reason you are creating a new proposed policy in the **Reason for change** field.

You must enter at least 1 and no more than 128 characters.

- To add rules to the policy, select **Select Rules**.



The Select Rules for Policy dialog box appears, with all defined rules listed.

- The Select Default Rule section lists the rules that can be the default for a compliant policy. It includes compliant rules that do not use filters or the Noncurrent reference time.
- The Select Other Rules section lists the other compliant and non-compliant rules that can be selected for this policy.

Select Rules for Policy



Select Default Rule

This list shows the rules that are compliant and do not use any filters. Select one rule to be the default rule for the policy. The default rule applies to any objects that do not match another rule in the policy and is always evaluated last.


	Rule Name
<input type="radio"/>	Default Compliant Rule: Two Copies Two Data Centers 
<input type="radio"/>	Make 2 Copies 

Select Other Rules

The other rules in a policy are evaluated before the default rule and must use at least one filter. Each rule in this list uses at least one filter (tenant account, bucket name, advanced filter, or the noncurrent reference time).

	Rule Name	Compliant	Uses Filter	Is Selectable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliant Rule: EC for bank-records bucket - Bank of AB C 	✓	✓	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Compliant Rule: Use Cloud Storage Pool 			Yes

CancelApply

- Select a rule name or the more details icon  to view the settings for that rule.
- In the **Select Default Rule** section, select one default rule for the proposed policy.

The table in this section only lists the rules that are compliant and do not use any filters.



If no rule is listed in the Select Default Rule section, you must exit the ILM policy page and [create a default ILM rule](#) that is compliant.



Do not use the Make 2 Copies stock rule as the default rule for a policy. The Make 2 Copies rule uses a single storage pool, All Storage Nodes, which contains all sites. If you use this rule, multiple copies of an object might be placed on the same site.

- In the **Select Other Rules** section, select any other rules you want to include in the policy.
 - If you need a different “default” rule for objects in non-compliant S3 buckets, optionally select one non-compliant rule that does not use a filter.

For example, you might want to use a Cloud Storage Pool or an Archive Node to store objects in buckets that do not have S3 Object Lock enabled.



You can only select one non-compliant rule that does not use a filter. As soon as you select one rule, the **Is Selectable** column shows **No** for any other non-compliant rules without filters.

- b. Select any other compliant or non-compliant rules you want to use in the policy.

The other rules must use at least one filter (tenant account, bucket name, or an advanced filter, such as object size).

8. When you are done selecting the rules, select **Apply**.

The rules you selected are listed. The default rule is at the end, with the other rules above it. If you also selected a non-compliant “default” rule, that rule is added as the second-to-last rule in the policy.

In this example, the last rule, 2 Copies 2 Data Centers, is the default rule: it is compliant and has no filters. The second-to-last rule, Cloud Storage Pool, also has no filters but it is not compliant.

Configure ILM Policy

Create a proposed policy by selecting and arranging rules. Then, save the policy and edit it later as required. Click Simulate to verify a saved policy using test objects. When you are ready, click Activate to make this policy the active ILM policy for the grid.

Name

Reason for change

Rules

1. Select the rules you want to add to the policy.
2. Determine the order in which the rules will be evaluated by dragging and dropping the rows. The default rule (and any non-compliant rule without a filter) will be automatically placed at the end of the policy and cannot be moved.

+ Select Rules				
Default	Rule Name	Compliant	Tenant Account	Actions
	Compliant Rule: EC for bank-records bucket - Bank of ABC	✓	Bank of ABC (90767802913525281639)	✕
	Non-Compliant Rule: Use Cloud Storage Pool		Ignore	✕
✓	Default Compliant Rule: Two Copies Two Data Centers	✓	Ignore	✕

Cancel

Save

9. Drag and drop the rows for the non-default rules to determine the order in which these rules will be evaluated.

You cannot move the default rule or the non-compliant “default” rule.



You must confirm that the ILM rules are in the correct order. When the policy is activated, new and existing objects are evaluated by the rules in the order listed, starting at the top.

10. As required, select the delete icon to delete any rules that you do not want in the policy, or **Select Rules** to add more rules.
11. When you are done, select **Save**.

The ILM Policies page is updated:

- The policy you saved is shown as Proposed. Proposed policies do not have start and end dates.
- The **Simulate** and **Activate** buttons are enabled.

ILM Policies

Review the proposed, active, and historical policies. You can create, edit, or delete a proposed policy; clone the active policy; or view the details for any policy.

+ Create Proposed Policy
Clone
Edit
Remove

Policy Name	Policy State	Start Date	End Date
Compliant ILM Policy for S3 Object Lock	Proposed		
Compliant ILM Policy	Active	2021-02-05 16:22:53 MST	
Non-Compliant ILM policy	Historical	2021-02-05 15:17:05 MST	2021-02-05 16:22:53 MST
Baseline 2 Copies Policy	Historical	2021-02-04 21:35:52 MST	2021-02-05 15:17:05 MST

Viewing Proposed Policy - Compliant ILM Policy for S3 Object Lock

Before activating a new ILM policy:

- Review and carefully simulate the policy. Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss.
- Review any changes to the placement of existing replicated and erasure-coded objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

See [Managing objects with information lifecycle management](#) for more information.

This policy contains a rule that makes an erasure-coded copy. Confirm that at least one rule uses the Object Size advanced filter to prevent objects that are 200 KB or smaller from being erasure coded. See [Managing objects with information lifecycle management](#) for more information.

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click Simulate to verify the policy and then click Activate to make the policy active.

Reason for change: Example policy

Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top. The policy's default rule must be compliant.

Rule Name	Default	Compliant	Tenant Account
Compliant Rule: EC for bank-records bucket - Bank of ABC		✓	Bank of ABC (90767802913525281639)
Non-Compliant Rule: Use Cloud Storage Pool			Ignore
Default Compliant Rule: Two Copies Two Data Centers	✓	✓	Ignore

Simulate
Activate

12. Go to [Simulate an ILM policy](#).

Simulate an ILM policy

You should simulate a proposed policy on test objects before activating the policy and applying it to your production data. The simulation window provides a standalone environment that is safe for testing policies before they are activated and applied to data in the production environment.

What you'll need

- You are signed in to the Grid Manager using a [supported web browser](#).
- You have specific access permissions.
- You know the S3 bucket/object-key or the Swift container/object-name for each object you want to test, and you have already ingested those objects.


About this task

You must carefully select the objects you want the proposed policy to test. To simulate a policy thoroughly, you should test at least one object for each filter in each rule.

For example, if a policy includes one rule to match objects in bucket A and another rule to match objects in bucket B, you must select at least one object from bucket A and one object from bucket B to test the policy

thoroughly. You must also select at least one object from another bucket to test the default rule.

When simulating a policy, the following considerations apply:

- After you make changes to a policy, save the proposed policy. Then, simulate the behavior of the saved proposed policy.
- When you simulate a policy, the ILM rules in the policy filter the test objects, so you can see which rule was applied to each object. However, no object copies are made and no objects are placed. Running a simulation does not modify your data, rules, or the policy in any way.
- The Simulation page retains the objects you tested until you close, navigate away from, or refresh the ILM Policies page.
- Simulation returns the name of the matched rule. To determine which storage pool or Erasure Coding profile is in effect, you can view the Retention Diagram by selecting the rule name or the more details icon .
- If S3 Versioning is enabled, the policy is only simulated against the current version of the object.

Steps

1. Select and arrange the rules, and save the proposed policy.

The policy in this example has three rules:

Rule Name	Filter	Type of Copies	Retention
X-men	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tenant A• User metadata (series=x-men)	2 copies at two data centers	2 years
PNGs	Key ends with .png	2 copies at two data centers	5 years
Two Copies Two Data Centers	None	2 copies at two data centers	Forever

Viewing Proposed Policy - Example ILM policy

Before activating a new ILM policy:




- Review and carefully simulate the policy. Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss.
- Review any changes to the placement of existing replicated and erasure-coded objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

See [Managing objects with information lifecycle management](#) for more information.

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click Simulate to verify the policy and then click Activate to make the policy active.

Reason for change: Example policy

Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top.

Rule Name	Default	Tenant Account
X-men 		Tenant A (94793396288150002349)
PNGs 		Ignore
Two Copies at Two Data Centers 	✓	Ignore

Simulate

Activate

2. Using an S3 or Swift client or the [experimental S3 Console](#), which is available in Tenant Manager for each


tenant, ingest the objects required to test each rule.

3. Select **Simulate**.

The Simulation ILM Policy dialog box appears.

4. In the **Object** field, enter the S3 bucket/object-key or the Swift container/object-name for a test object, and select **Simulate**.

A message appears if you specify an object that has not been ingested.



Object

photos/test

Object 'photos/test' not found.

Simulate

5. Under **Simulation Results**, confirm that each object was matched by the correct rule.

In the example, the `Havok.png` and `Warpath.jpg` objects were correctly matched by the X-men rule. The `Fullsteam.png` object, which does not include `series=x-men` user metadata, was not matched by the X-men rule but was correctly matched by the PNGs rule. The default rule was not used because all three objects were matched by other rules.

Simulate ILM Policy - Demo



Simulates the active ILM policy or, if there is a proposed ILM policy, simulates the proposed ILM policy. Use this simulation to test the current configuration of ILM rules and determine whether ILM rules copy and place object data as intended.

Object

my-bucket/my-object-name or my-container/my-object-name

Simulate

Simulation Results ?

Object	Rule Matched	Previous Match	
photos/Havok.png	X-men 		✗
photos/Warpath.jpg	X-men 		✗
photos/Fullsteam.png	PNGs 		✗

Finish

Example 1: Verify rules when simulating a proposed ILM policy

This example shows how to verify rules when simulating a proposed policy.

In this example, the **Example ILM policy** is being simulated against the ingested objects in two buckets. The policy includes three rules, as follows:

- The first rule, **Two copies, two years for bucket-a**, applies only to objects in bucket-a.
- The second rule, **EC objects > 1 MB**, applies to all buckets but filters on objects greater than 1 MB.
- The third rule, **Two copies, two data centers**, is the default rule. It does not include any filters and does not use the Noncurrent reference time.

Before activating a new ILM policy:

- Review and carefully simulate the policy. Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss.
- Review any changes to the placement of existing replicated and erasure-coded objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

See the [instructions for managing objects with ILM](#) for more information.

This policy contains a rule that makes an erasure-coded copy. Confirm that at least one rule uses the Object Size advanced filter to prevent objects that are 200 KB or smaller from being erasure coded. Using EC is best suited for objects greater than 1 MB. See the [instructions for managing objects with ILM](#) for more information.

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click Simulate to verify the policy and then click Activate to make the policy active.

Reason for change:

Example policy

Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top.

Rule Name	Default	Tenant Account
Two copies, two years for bucket-a 		—
EC objects > 1 MB 		—
Two copies, two data centers 	✓	—

Simulate

Activate

Steps

1. After adding the rules and saving the policy, select **Simulate**.

The Simulate ILM Policy dialog box appears.

2. In the **Object** field, enter the S3 bucket/object-key or the Swift container/object-name for a test object, and select **Simulate**.

The Simulation Results appear, showing which rule in the policy matched each object you tested.

Simulate ILM Policy - Example ILM policy

Simulates the active ILM policy or, if there is a proposed ILM policy, simulates the proposed ILM policy. Use this simulation to test the current configuration of ILM rules and determine whether ILM rules copy and place object data as intended.

Object

[Simulate](#)

Simulation Results

Object	Rule Matched	Previous Match	
bucket-a/bucket-a object.pdf	Two copies, two years for bucket-a 		✗
bucket-b/test object greater than 1 MB.pdf	EC objects > 1 MB 		✗
bucket-b/test object less than 1 MB.pdf	Two copies, two data centers 		✗

[Finish](#)

3. Confirm that each object was matched by the correct rule.

In this example:

- bucket-a/bucket-a object.pdf correctly matched the first rule, which filters on objects in bucket-a.
- bucket-b/test object greater than 1 MB.pdf is in bucket-b, so it did not match the first rule. Instead, it was correctly matched by the second rule, which filters on objects greater than 1 MB.
- bucket-b/test object less than 1 MB.pdf did not match the filters in the first two rules, so it will be placed by the default rule, which includes no filters.

Example 2: Reorder rules when simulating a proposed ILM policy

This example shows how you can reorder rules to change the results when simulating a policy.

In this example, the **Demo** policy is being simulated. This policy, which is intended to find objects that have series=x-men user metadata, includes three rules, as follows:

- The first rule, **PNGs**, filters for key names that end in .png.
- The second rule, **X-men**, applies only to objects for Tenant A and filters for series=x-men user metadata.
- The last rule, **Two copies two data centers**, is the default rule, which matches any objects that do not match the first two rules.

Viewing Proposed Policy - Demo

Before activating a new ILM policy:

- Review and carefully simulate the policy. Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss.
- Review any changes to the placement of existing replicated and erasure-coded objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

See [Managing objects with information lifecycle management](#) for more information.

Review the rules in this policy. If this is a proposed policy, click **Simulate** to verify the policy and then click **Activate** to make the policy active.

Reason for change: new policy

Rules are evaluated in order, starting from the top.

Rule Name	Default	Tenant Account
PNGs 		Ignore
X-men 		Tenant A (24365814597594524591)
Two copies two data centers 	✓	Ignore

Simulate **Activate**

Steps

1. After adding the rules and saving the policy, select **Simulate**.
2. In the **Object** field, enter the S3 bucket/object-key or the Swift container/object-name for a test object, and select **Simulate**.

The Simulation Results appear, showing that the `Havok.png` object was matched by the **PNGs** rule.

Simulate ILM Policy - Demo

Simulates the active ILM policy or, if there is a proposed ILM policy, simulates the proposed ILM policy. Use this simulation to test the current configuration of ILM rules and determine whether ILM rules copy and place object data as intended.

Object **Simulate**

Simulation Results

Object	Rule Matched	Previous Match	
photos/Havok.png	PNGs 		✗

Finish

However, the rule that the `Havok.png` object was meant to test was the **X-men** rule.

3. To resolve the issue, reorder the rules.
 - a. Select **Finish** to close the Simulate ILM Policy page.
 - b. Select **Edit** to edit the policy.
 - c. Drag the **X-men** rule to the top of the list.

Configure ILM Policy

Create a proposed policy by selecting and arranging rules. Then, save the policy and edit it later as required. Click Simulate to verify a saved policy using test objects. When you are ready, click Activate to make this policy the active ILM policy for the grid.

Name Demo

Reason for change Reordering rules when simulating a proposed ILM policy

Rules

1. Select the rules you want to add to the policy.
2. Determine the order in which the rules will be evaluated by dragging and dropping the rows. The default rule will be automatically placed at the end of the policy and cannot be moved.

+ Select Rules

	Default	Rule Name	Tenant Account	Actions
+		X-men	Tenant A (48713995194927812566)	✕
+		PNGs	—	✕
	✓	Two copies, two data centers	—	✕

Cancel

Save

d. Select **Save**.

4. Select **Simulate**.

The objects you previously tested are re-evaluated against the updated policy, and the new simulation results are shown. In the example, the Rule Matched column shows that the `Havok.png` object now matches the X-men metadata rule, as expected. The Previous Match column shows that the PNGs rule matched the object in the previous simulation.

Simulate ILM Policy - Demo

Simulates the active ILM policy or, if there is a proposed ILM policy, simulates the proposed ILM policy. Use this simulation to test the current configuration of ILM rules and determine whether ILM rules copy and place object data as intended.

Object my-bucket/my-object-name or my-container/my-object-name

Simulate

Simulation Results

Object	Rule Matched	Previous Match	
photos/Havok.png	X-men	PNGs	✕

Finish



If you stay on the Configure Policies page, you can re-simulate a policy after making changes without needing to re-enter the names of the test objects.

Example 3: Correct a rule when simulating a proposed ILM policy

This example shows how to simulate a policy, correct a rule in the policy, and continue the simulation.

In this example, the **Demo** policy is being simulated. This policy is intended to find objects that have `series=x-men` user metadata. However, unexpected results occurred when simulating this policy against the

Beast.jpg object. Instead of matching the X-men metadata rule, the object matched the default rule, Two copies two data centers.

Simulate ILM Policy - Demo

Simulates the active ILM policy or, if there is a proposed ILM policy, simulates the proposed ILM policy. Use this simulation to test the current configuration of ILM rules and determine whether ILM rules copy and place object data as intended.

Object

my-bucket/my-object-name or my-container/my-object-name

Simulate

Simulation Results

Object	Rule Matched	Previous Match	
photos/Beast.jpg	Two copies two data centers		✖

Finish

When a test object is not matched by the expected rule in the policy, you must examine each rule in the policy and correct any errors.

Steps

- 1. For each rule in the policy, view the rule settings by selecting the rule name or the more details icon on any dialog box where the rule is displayed.
- 2. Review the rule’s tenant account, reference time, and filtering criteria.

In this example, the metadata for the X-men rule includes an error. The metadata value was entered as “x-men1” instead of “x-men.”

X-men

Ingest Behavior:

Balanced

Tenant Account:

06846027571548027538

Reference Time:

Ingest Time

Filtering Criteria:

Matches all of the following metadata:

User Metadata

series

equals

x-men1

Retention Diagram:

Trigger

All Storage Nodes

Day 0

Forever


Duration

Close

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3. To resolve the error, correct the rule, as follows:

- If the rule is part of the proposed policy, you can either clone the rule or remove the rule from the policy and then edit it.
- If the rule is part of the active policy, you must clone the rule. You cannot edit or remove a rule from the active policy.

Option	Description
Clone the rule	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Select ILM > Rules.Select the incorrect rule, and select Clone.Change the incorrect information, and select Save.Select ILM > Policies.Select the proposed policy, and select Edit.Select Select Rules.Select the check box for the new rule, uncheck the check box for the original rule, and select Apply.Select Save.
Edit the rule	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Select the proposed policy, and select Edit.Select the delete icon  to remove the incorrect rule, and select Save.Select ILM > Rules.Select the incorrect rule, and select Edit.Change the incorrect information, and select Save.Select ILM > Policies.Select the proposed policy, and select Edit.Select the corrected rule, select Apply, and select Save.

4. Perform the simulation again.



Because you navigated away from the ILM Policies page to edit the rule, the objects you previously entered for simulation are no longer displayed. You must re-enter the names of the objects.


In this example, the corrected X-men rule now matches the `Beast.jpg` object based on the `series=x-men` user metadata, as expected.

Simulate ILM Policy - Demo

Simulates the active ILM policy or, if there is a proposed ILM policy, simulates the proposed ILM policy. Use this simulation to test the current configuration of ILM rules and determine whether ILM rules copy and place object data as intended.

Object

Simulation Results

Object	Rule Matched	Previous Match	
photos/Beast.jpg	X-men 		

Activate the ILM policy

After you add ILM rules to a proposed ILM policy, simulate the policy, and confirm it behaves as you expect, you are ready to activate the proposed policy.

What you'll need

- You are signed in to the Grid Manager using a [supported web browser](#).
- You have specific access permissions.
- You have saved and simulated the proposed ILM policy.



Errors in an ILM policy can cause unrecoverable data loss. Carefully review and simulate the policy before activating it to confirm that it will work as intended.



When you activate a new ILM policy, StorageGRID uses it to manage all objects, including existing objects and newly ingested objects. Before activating a new ILM policy, review any changes to the placement of existing replicated and erasure-coded objects. Changing an existing object's location might result in temporary resource issues when the new placements are evaluated and implemented.

About this task

When you activate an ILM policy, the system distributes the new policy to all nodes. However, the new active policy might not actually take effect until all grid nodes are available to receive the new policy. In some cases, the system waits to implement a new active policy to ensure that grid objects are not accidentally removed.

- If you make policy changes that increase data redundancy or durability, those changes are implemented immediately. For example, if you activate a new policy that includes a three-copies rule instead of a two-copies rule, that policy will be implemented right away because it increases data redundancy.
- If you make policy changes that could decrease data redundancy or durability, those changes will not be implemented until all grid nodes are available. For example, if you activate a new policy that uses a two-copies rule instead of a three-copies rule, the new policy will be marked as "Active," but it will not take effect until all nodes are online and available.

Steps

1. When you are ready to activate a proposed policy, select the policy on the ILM Policies page and select **Activate**.

A warning message is displayed, prompting you to confirm that you want to activate the proposed policy.

⚠ Warning

Activate the proposed policy

Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss. Review and test the policy carefully before activating. Are you sure you want to activate the proposed policy?

Cancel

OK

A prompt appears in the warning message if the default rule for the policy does not retain objects forever. In this example, the retention diagram shows that the default rule will delete objects after 2 years. You must type **2** in the text box to acknowledge that any objects not matched by another rule in the policy will be removed from StorageGRID after 2 years.

⚠ Activate the proposed policy

Errors in an ILM policy can cause irreparable data loss. Review and test the policy carefully before activating.

The default rule in this policy does not retain objects forever. Confirm this is the behavior you want by referring to the retention diagram for the default rule:



Now, complete the following prompt:

Any objects that are not matched by another rule in this policy will be deleted after years.

Are you sure you want to activate the proposed policy?

Cancel

OK

2. Select **OK**.

Result

When a new ILM policy has been activated:

- The policy is shown with a Policy State of Active in the table on the ILM Policies page. The Start Date entry indicates the date and time the policy was activated.

ILM Policies

Review the proposed, active, and historical policies. You can create, edit, or delete a proposed policy; clone the active policy; or view the details for any policy.

<div><div>+ Create Proposed Policy</div><div>Clone</div><div>Edit</div><div>Remove</div></div>			
Policy Name	Policy State	Start Date	End Date
<input checked="" type="radio"/> New Policy	Active	2017-07-20 18:49:53 MDT	
<input type="radio"/> Baseline 2 Copies Policy	Historical	2017-07-19 21:24:30 MDT	2017-07-20 18:49:53 MDT

- The previously active policy is shown with a Policy State of Historical. The Start Date and End Date entries

indicate when the policy became active and when it was no longer in effect.

Related information

[Example 6: Changing an ILM policy](#)

Verify an ILM policy with object metadata lookup

After you have activated an ILM policy, you should ingest representative test objects into the StorageGRID system. You should then perform an object metadata lookup to confirm that copies are being made as intended and placed in the correct locations.

What you'll need

- You have an object identifier, which can be one of:
 - **UUID**: The object's Universally Unique Identifier. Enter the UUID in all uppercase.
 - **CBID**: The object's unique identifier within StorageGRID. You can obtain an object's CBID from the audit log. Enter the CBID in all uppercase.
 - **S3 bucket and object key**: When an object is ingested through the S3 interface, the client application uses a bucket and object key combination to store and identify the object. If the S3 bucket is versioned and you want to look up a specific version of an S3 object using the bucket and object key, you have the **version ID**.
 - **Swift container and object name**: When an object is ingested through the Swift interface, the client application uses a container and object name combination to store and identify the object.

Steps

1. Ingest the object.
2. Select **ILM > Object metadata lookup**.
3. Type the object's identifier in the **Identifier** field. You can enter a UUID, CBID, S3 bucket/object-key, or Swift container/object-name.
4. Optionally, enter a version ID for the object (S3 only).

Object Metadata Lookup

Enter the identifier for any object stored in the grid to view its metadata.

Identifier	<input type="text" value="source/testobject"/>
Version ID (optional)	<input type="text" value="MEJGMkMyQzgtNEY5OC0xMUU3LTkzMEYtRDkyNTAwQkY5I"/>

Look Up

5. Select **Look Up**.

The object metadata lookup results appear. This page lists the following types of information:

- System metadata, including the object ID (UUID), the object name, the name of the container, the tenant account name or ID, the logical size of the object, the date and time the object was first created, and the date and time the object was last modified.
- Any custom user metadata key-value pairs associated with the object.
- For S3 objects, any object tag key-value pairs associated with the object.
- For replicated object copies, the current storage location of each copy.
- For erasure-coded object copies, the current storage location of each fragment.
- For object copies in a Cloud Storage Pool, the location of the object, including the name of the external bucket and the object's unique identifier.
- For segmented objects and multipart objects, a list of object segments including segment identifiers and data sizes. For objects with more than 100 segments, only the first 100 segments are shown.
- All object metadata in the unprocessed, internal storage format. This raw metadata includes internal system metadata that is not guaranteed to persist from release to release.

The following example shows the object metadata lookup results for an S3 test object that is stored as two replicated copies.

System Metadata

Object ID	A12E96FF-B13F-4905-9E9E-45373F6E7DA8
Name	testobject
Container	source
Account	t-1582139188
Size	5.24 MB
Creation Time	2020-02-19 12:15:59 PST
Modified Time	2020-02-19 12:15:59 PST

Replicated Copies

Node	Disk Path
99-97	/var/local/rangedb/2/p/06/0B/00nM8H\$ TFbnQQ} CV2E
99-99	/var/local/rangedb/1/p/12/0A/00nM8H\$ TFboW28 CXG%

Raw Metadata

```
{
  "TYPE": "CTNT",
  "CHND": "A12E96FF-B13F-4905-9E9E-45373F6E7DA8",
  "NAME": "testobject",
  "CBID": "0x8823DE7EC7C10416",
  "PHND": "FEA0AE51-534A-11EA-9FCD-31FF00C36D56",
  "PPTH": "source",
  "META": {
    "BASE": {
      "PAWS": "2",
```

6. Confirm that the object is stored in the correct location or locations and that it is the correct type of copy.



If the Audit option is enabled, you can also monitor the audit log for the ORLM Object Rules Met message. The ORLM audit message can provide you with more information about the status of the ILM evaluation process, but it cannot give you information about the correctness of the object data's placement or the completeness of the ILM policy. You must evaluate this yourself. For details, see [Review audit logs](#).

Related information

- [Use S3](#)
- [Use Swift](#)

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