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How to manage Amazon S3 Versioning with CloudBerry Explorer

Versioning is an exciting feature that makes Amazon S3 (http://aws.amazon.com/s3/) allow you to create versions of objects instead of overwriting them and keep them on S3. Versioning support dramatically increases a range of Amazon S3 of possible applications and it is only limited by your imagination. It is currently supported across all Amazon S3 regions.

CloudBerry Explorer comes with support for Amazon S3 bucket versioning. You can turn on versioning aware mode, turn on versioning for specific buckets and perform common file operations on versions. This article will give you some ideas on how to get started.

How CloudBerry Explorer supports Versioning

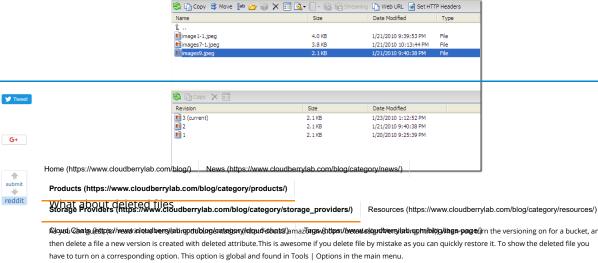
To turn versioning on for a specific bucket click versioning in the context menu and check the appropriate checkbox. Now you will be able to create versions of the objects for that bucket.



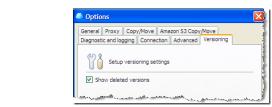
Try to copy an object with the same name to the bucket several times. To see versions click **Show Versions** item in the context menu



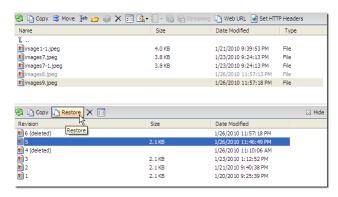
This option will show a bottom panel with the list of versions for a selected file. Current revision is version of the object that is available using regular Amazon S3 API. Now you can do all the regular file operations with the versions such as copy, delete, move, rename, etc.



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Once you have done that try deleting a file in the bucket with versioning turned on. You will notice that the file becomes grayed and you will see a new version created in the versioning panel marked as deleted.



If you want to restore a deleted file or just any version of a file select the version and click Restore button. The file will be available again.

Our CloudBerry Backup (https://www.cloudberrylab.com/backup/ultimate.aspx) users know that we have our own implementation of file versioning. We have done that a while ago prior to Amazon announcing its versioning implementation. With that in mind, we'd like to urge you not to enable Amazon's versioning if you're already using CloudBerry Backup's versioning mechanism. Having two different versioning mechanisms is superfluous and will result in AWS surcharges.

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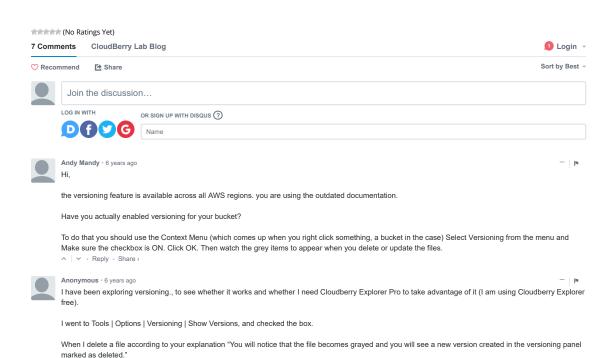
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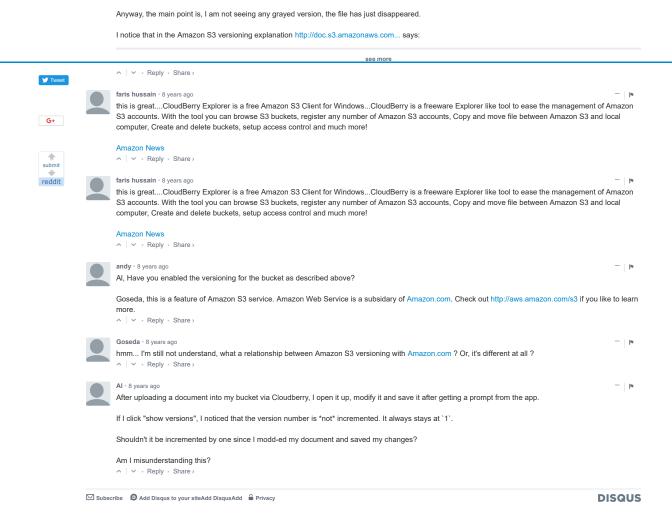
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Problem: I do not see any grayed version, the file just disappears.

Your explanation says "To see versions click Show Versions item in the context menu"

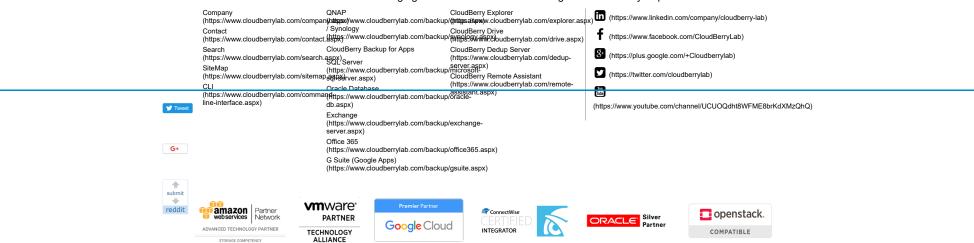


It is not clear to me what is meant by the "context menu". I presume this is a Cloudberry Explorer Pro feature.

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