

Ahsay Cloud Backup Suite v9

Run on Server (Agentless) Cloud File Backup & Restore Guide

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1 Overview

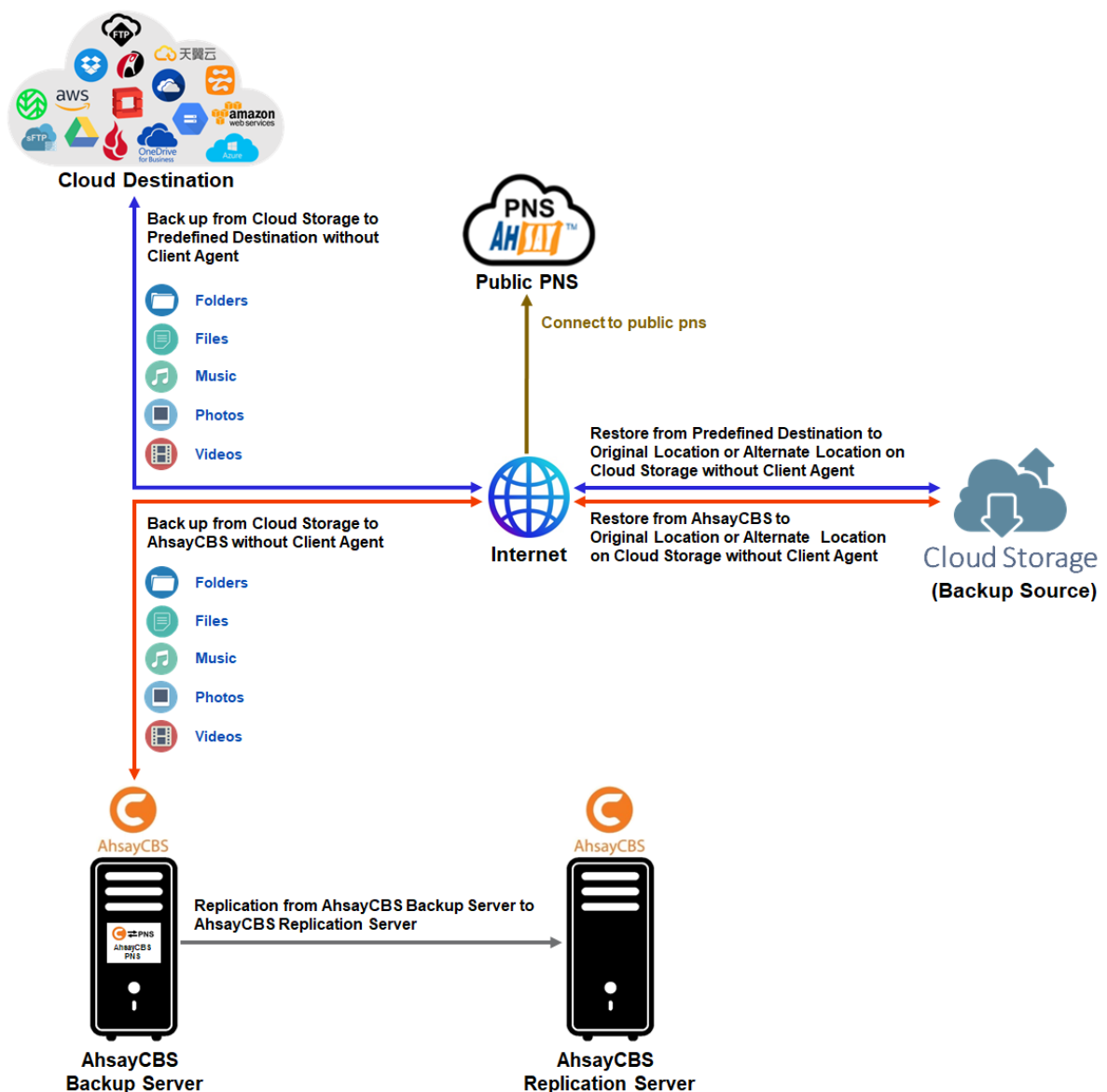
1.1 What is this software?

Ahsay Cloud Backup Suite v9 allows you to back up your data stored on the cloud storage to either the AhsayCBS backup server or another cloud. You can access the AhsayCBS server environment easily on a web-based management console. This is a user interface that allows you to log in remotely to a backup server to manage and monitor your backups.

1.2 System Architecture

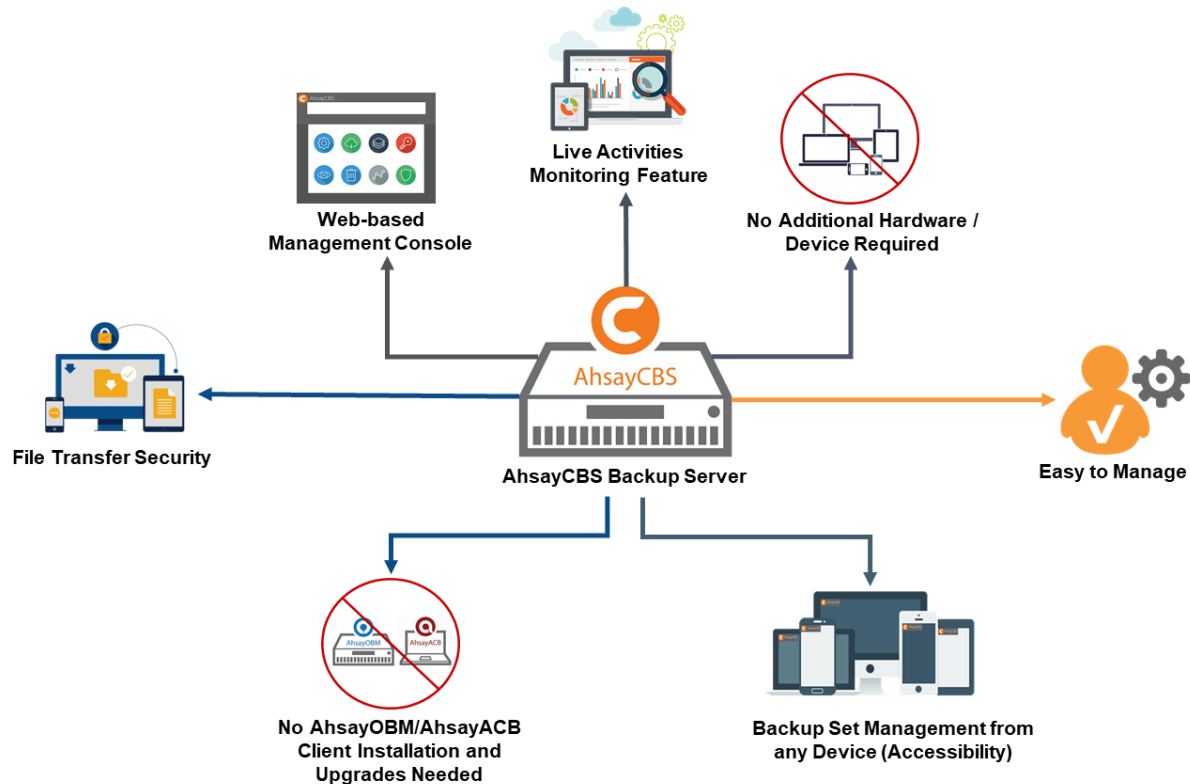
For agentless backup and restore, the AhsayCBS backup server connects to the cloud storage directly through the internet without the need to deploy additional backup agents on the customer's site.

Below is the system architecture diagram illustrating the major elements involved in the backup and restore process using AhsayCBS Run on Server (Agentless) backup configuration.



1.3 Why should I use AhsayCBS Run on Server (Agentless) Solution to back up my cloud data?

We are committed to bringing you a comprehensive Run on Server (Agentless) cloud backup and recovery solution with AhsayCBS. Below are some key areas that can help make your backup experience a better one.



Web-based Management Console

Our enriched features on the centralized user web console offers you a one-stop location for monitoring and managing your backup and restore, whether you are a system administrator or a backup user. Below is an overview of what you can do with it.

- Create backup set
- Restore backup
- Configure user settings
- Configure backup settings
- View and download backup and restore reports

Live Activities Monitoring Feature

The AhsayCBS User Web Console has a live activities monitoring feature which is used to keep track of the backup and restore job(s). The following operations can be performed using this feature:

- View the status of the backup process that is currently running
- View the status of the restore process that is currently running

NOTE

There is an update interval of around 5 seconds for both backup and restore activities.

No Additional Hardware / Device Required

As the Run on Server (agentless) backup set utilizes the resources of the AhsayCBS backup server, there is no need to provision additional physical or virtual machine to run the backup/restore, which means the cost of each backup set is much lower than for an agent-based cloud file backup set.

Easy to Manage

The AhsayCBS User Web Console offers you an easy-to-manage user interface. This will help you save time, and it reduces the overall cost of support.

Backup Set Management from any Device (Accessibility)

Backup/restore operation(s), backup set settings configuration, and backup/restore process monitoring can be done from any device as long as a web browser and internet connection are present in the device.

No AhsayOBM/AhsayACB Client Installation and Upgrades Needed

Upgrading when a newer version becomes available is not necessary, as long as the AhsayCBS server version is upgraded by the backup service provider.

File Transfer Security

The AhsayCBS comes with a secure file transfer method using the https protocol that guarantees a highest level of security measure in safeguarding the movement of files from the backup source (cloud storage) to the backup destination (AhsayCBS server).

High Level of Security

We understand that the data on your cloud storage may contain sensitive information that requires to be protected, that is why we ensure that your backup data will be encrypted with the highest level of security measure.

- **Un-hackable Encryption Key** – to provide the best protection to your backup data, the encryption feature which will default encrypt the backup data locally with an AES 256-bit randomized encryption key.

Compliance

















Some organizations do not permit the installation of third-party applications on the production environments due to regulatory requirements. An agentless backup and recovery solution allow for compliance during backup or restore.

Less Resources Needed

Backup client agent could interfere with the processing power of core applications of the machines that it is installed on. Run on Server cloud file backup job is performed on the backup server, which does not consume resources on client computer during a backup job.

Cloud Destinations Backup

By default, the AhsayCBS is set as the storage destination in creating a cloud file backup set. However, you have the option of selecting another storage destination as provided by your backup service provider. Below is a list of supported cloud destinations:

 Aliyun (阿里云)*	 Microsoft Azure
 天翼云 CTYun (中国电信天翼云)*	 Microsoft OneDrive
 Amazon S3	 Microsoft OneDrive for Business
 AWS S3 Compatible Cloud Storage	 Rackspace
 Wasabi	 OpenStack
 Backblaze	 Dropbox
 Google Cloud Storage	 FTP
 Google Drive	 SFTP

NOTE

For more details, please contact your backup service provider.

Run on Server

A Run on Server Cloud File Backup Set provides you with an agentless backup solution. Manual or scheduled backup job is performed directly on the AhsayCBS backup server. You do not need to install a backup agent on your personal computer in order to back up your data on cloud storage(s).

Run on Server backup and restore can be managed on a computer or device running on Windows/MacOS/Linux /iOS/Android as long as the device is able to support a web browser and has an internet connection.

Differences between a Run on Server and Run on Client Backup Set

The following table summarizes the differences in backup options available between a Run on Server and Run on Client cloud file backup set, and the tool to use (web console or client agent) when performing a backup and restore:

Features/Functions	Run on Server Cloud File Backup Set	Run on Client Cloud File Backup Set
General Settings	✓	✓
Backup Source	✓	✓
Backup Schedule	✓	✓
Destination	AhsayCBS or Predefined Destinations only	AhsayCBS, Predefined Destinations, or Standard and Local
Multiple Destinations	✗	✓
Deduplication	AhsayOBM	AhsayOBM
Retention Policy	AhsayOBM	✓
Command Line Tool	✗	AhsayOBM / AhsayACB for Windows only
Reminder	✗	AhsayOBM / AhsayACB for Windows only
Restore Filter	✗	✓
Bandwidth Control	AhsayOBM	✓
IP Allowed for Restore	✗	✓
System Logs of Data Integrity Check	✗	✓
Others	✓	✓
To Run a Backup	AhsayCBS User Web Console only	AhsayOBM / AhsayACB
To Run a Restore	AhsayCBS User Web Console only	AhsayOBM / AhsayACB / AhsayOBR

Aside from the backup options, the table below shows other operations that can be performed using web console and client agent:

Features/Functions	Run on Server Cloud File Backup Set	Run on Client Cloud File Backup Set
Data Integrity Check	✓	✓
Space Freeing Up	✗	✓
Delete Backup Data	✓	✓
Decrypt Backup Data	✗	✓

NOTE

For more details on the Run on Client backup option, please refer to the following guides:

[AhsayOBM v9 User Guide – Cloud File Backup & Restore for Windows](#)

[AhsayOBM v9 User Guide – Cloud File Backup & Restore for Mac](#)

[AhsayACB v9 User Guide – Cloud File Backup & Restore for Windows](#)

[AhsayACB v9 User Guide – Cloud File Backup & Restore for Mac](#)

1.4 About This Document

What is the purpose of this document?

This document aims at providing all necessary information for you to get started with setting up your system for Run on Server Cloud File backup and restore, followed by step-by-step instructions on a creating a backup set, running a backup, restoring backup data, running a data integrity check and deleting backup data using the AhsayCBS User Web Console.

The document can be divided into six (6) main parts.

Part 1: Preparing for Cloud File Backup & Restore

Requirements

Requirements in setting up AhsayCBS User Web Console

Best Practices and Recommendations

Items recommended to pay attention to before performing backup and restore

Part 2: Performing a Cloud File Backup

Logging in to AhsayCBS User Web Console

Log in to AhsayCBS User Web Console

Creating a Backup Set

Create a backup set using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Running a Backup Set

Run a backup set using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Part 3: Restoring a Cloud File Backup

Restoring a Backup Set using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Restore a backup set using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Part 4: Running a Data Integrity Check

Running a Data Integrity Check using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Run a data integrity check using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Part 5: Deleting Backup Data

Deleting a Backup Data using AhsayCBS User Web Console

Delete a backup data using AhsayCBS User Web Console

What should I expect from this document?

After reading through this documentation, you can expect to have sufficient knowledge to set up your system to backup data on Cloud storage using User Web Console, as well as to carry out an end-to-end backup and restore process, and to be instructed about the other actions that can be performed through the User Web Console (i.e., Data Integrity Check and Delete Backup Data).

Who should read this document?

This documentation is intended for backup administrators and IT professionals who are responsible for the Cloud File backup and restore.

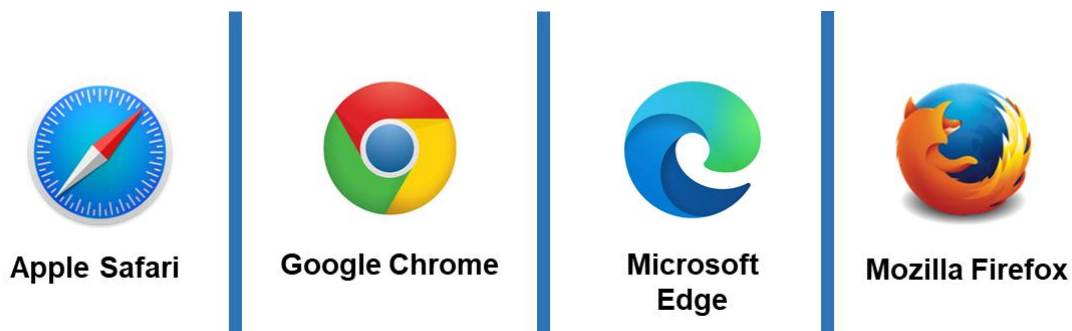
2 Preparing for Backup and Restore

2.1 Internet / Network Connection

In order to access the AhsayCBS backup server through the web-based management console, make sure you have an Internet connection or LAN access to the internal AhsayCBS server.

2.2 Supported Browsers

The AhsayCBS User Web Console runs in all major web browsers. Please make sure that you are using the latest version of the browser.



NOTE

Ensure to always allow pop-up windows in your web browser.

2.3 Valid AhsayOBM/AhsayACB User Account

A valid AhsayOBM/AhsayACB user account is required before you can access the AhsayCBS User Web Console. Please contact your system administrator for more details.

2.4 Ahsay License Requirements

⦿ Licenses

Licenses are calculated on a per device basis for AhsayOBM and AhsayACB. For Agentless, to be able to back up using the AhsayCBS User Web Console, one AhsayOBM or AhsayACB license is required.

The Cloud File Backup module is included in the basic AhsayOBM/AhsayACB license. There is no limit on the number of Cloud File backup sets in an AhsayOBM/AhsayACB user account.

For more details, please contact your backup service provider.

2.5 Add-on Module Requirements

⦿ In-File Delta

The In-File Delta add-on module must be added on the AhsayOBM/AhsayACB user account if you would like to use this feature. This only applies to backup sets created using AhsayOBM/AhsayACB v8 or before.

NOTE

This add-on module must be enabled on the AhsayOBM/AhsayACB user account. Please contact your backup service provider for details.

For AhsayOBM user account

User Profile	General	Backup Client Settings	Contact	User Group	Authentication
Backup Set	Settings of the client backup agent for this user.				
Settings					
Report					
Statistics					
Effective Policy					
	Backup Client				
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> AhsayOBM User <input type="radio"/> AhsayACB User				
	Add-on Modules				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Exchange Server				
	<input type="checkbox"/> MySQL Database Server				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lotus Domino				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Windows System Backup				
	<input type="checkbox"/> VMware <input type="text" value="Guest VM"/> <input type="text" value="0"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Exchange Mailbox <input type="text" value="0"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> NAS - QNAP				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile (max. 10)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Volume Shadow Copy				
	<input type="checkbox"/> OpenDirect / Granular Restore <input type="text" value="0"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> MariaDB Database Server				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft SQL Server				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oracle Database Server				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lotus Notes				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Windows System State Backup				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hyper-V <input type="text" value="Guest VM"/> <input type="text" value="0"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> ShadowProtect System Backup				
	<input type="checkbox"/> NAS - Synology				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous Data Protection				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-File DeltaOnly apply to v8 or before				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft 365 Backup <input type="text" value="5"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deduplication				

For AhsayACB user account

















User Profile	General	Backup Client Settings	Contact	User Group	Authentication
Backup Set	Settings of the client backup agent for this user.				
Settings					
Report					
Statistics					
Effective Policy					
	Backup Client				
	<input type="radio"/> AhsayOBM User <input checked="" type="radio"/> AhsayACB User				
	Add-on Modules				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Windows System Backup				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile (max. 10)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Volume Shadow Copy				
	<input type="checkbox"/> OpenDirect / Granular Restore <input type="text" value="0"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deduplication				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lotus Notes				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous Data Protection				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-File DeltaOnly apply to v8 or before				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft 365 Backup <input type="text" value="0"/>				

Backup Quota Requirement

Make sure that your AhsayOBM/AhsayACB user account has sufficient quota assigned to accommodate the storage for the cloud file backup set(s) and retention policy.

2.6 Cloud Sources

The AhsayCBS Run on Server (Agentless) Backup Solution supports the following cloud sources to back up as provided by your backup service provider:

	Aliyun		Microsoft Azure
	CTYun		Microsoft OneDrive
	Amazon S3		Microsoft OneDrive for Business
	AWS S3 Compatible Cloud Storage		Rackspace
	Wasabi		OpenStack
	Backblaze		Dropbox
	Google Cloud Storage		FTP
	Google Drive		SFTP

2.7 Login Credentials to Cloud Storage

To allow access to the cloud storage (backup source) in performing a backup, make sure to have the correct login credentials to the cloud storage service.

2.8 Limitations

Standard and Local Destination Settings

For the backup destination settings, only the AhsayCBS and predefined destination is supported in the AhsayCBS Run on Server (Agentless) backup. It is not possible to assign other standard destinations such as the customer's personal Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox, Amazon S3, Microsoft Azure, etc. storage accounts as the backup destination for a Run on Server backup set.

Multiple Destinations Not Supported

AhsayCBS Run on Server (Agentless) backup is restricted to only one backup destination, either AhsayCBS or a Predefined destination.

Command Line Tool

An agent-based (AhsayOBM) backup has a command line tool feature that allows user to configure a pre and/or post-backup command which can be an operating system level command, script or batch file, or third-party utilities that will run before and/or after a backup job. In the AhsayCBS Run on Server (Agentless) backup, this feature is not supported.

- ◉ **Reminder**

The reminder feature is not supported in the AhsayCBS User Web Console. Unlike with the agent-based backup, when this feature is enabled, a backup confirmation dialog box will prompt the user to run a backup job during machine log off, restart or shut down when the AhsayOBM/AhsayACB client is installed on a Windows platform.

- ◉ **Restore Filter**

Restore filter feature is not supported in the AhsayCBS User Web Console which allows users to search directories, files, and/or folders to restore.

- ◉ **IP Allowed for Restore**

This setting permits to predefine IP ranges that are allowed to perform restore as configured by the system administrator. This feature is only applicable in a Run on Client Cloud File restore operation and is not supported in a Run on Server Cloud File restore.

- ◉ **Space Freeing Up**

Space freeing up feature is used to remove obsolete file(s) from your backup set and destination. This feature is only applicable in a Run on Client Cloud File Backup Set and is not supported in a Run on Server Cloud File Backup Set.

- ◉ **Decrypt Backup Data**

Decrypt backup data feature is used to restore raw data by using the data encryption key that was set for the backup set. This feature is only applicable in a Run on Client Cloud File Backup Set and is not supported in a Run on Server Cloud File Backup.

- ◉ **System Logs**

AhsayOBM/AhsayACB backup user account does not have access to the system logs related to the data integrity check operations through the AhsayCBS user console.

Therefore, the backup user does not have the ability to verify the results of the data integrity check without the assistance of the backup service provider.

2.9 Best Practices and Recommendations

The following are some best practices and recommendations we strongly recommend you follow before you start any Cloud File backup and restore:

- ◉ **Bucket Management for Enterprise Cloud Storage Providers**

If you have chosen to back up files from an enterprise cloud storage (e.g., Amazon S3, Wasabi, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Storage, etc.), you will have to select a bucket name during the creation of cloud file backup set. Each bucket has a single compartment, and an access key is associated with a single bucket. Therefore, each backup set can back up one bucket.

For account with multiple buckets, the backup should be organized into one bucket per backup set. For best practice, make sure to assign one bucket name per backup set so you can ensure that you are selecting the correct file(s) to back up.

⦿ **Test Restore Operations**

Perform test restores periodically to ensure your backup is set up and backed up properly. Performing recovery test can also help identify potential issues or gaps in your recovery plan. It is important that you do not try to make the test easier, as the objective of a successful test is not to demonstrate that everything is flawless, but to discover faults in your recovery plan. There might be flaws identified in the plan throughout the test and it is important to identify those flaws.

⦿ **Periodic Backup Schedule**

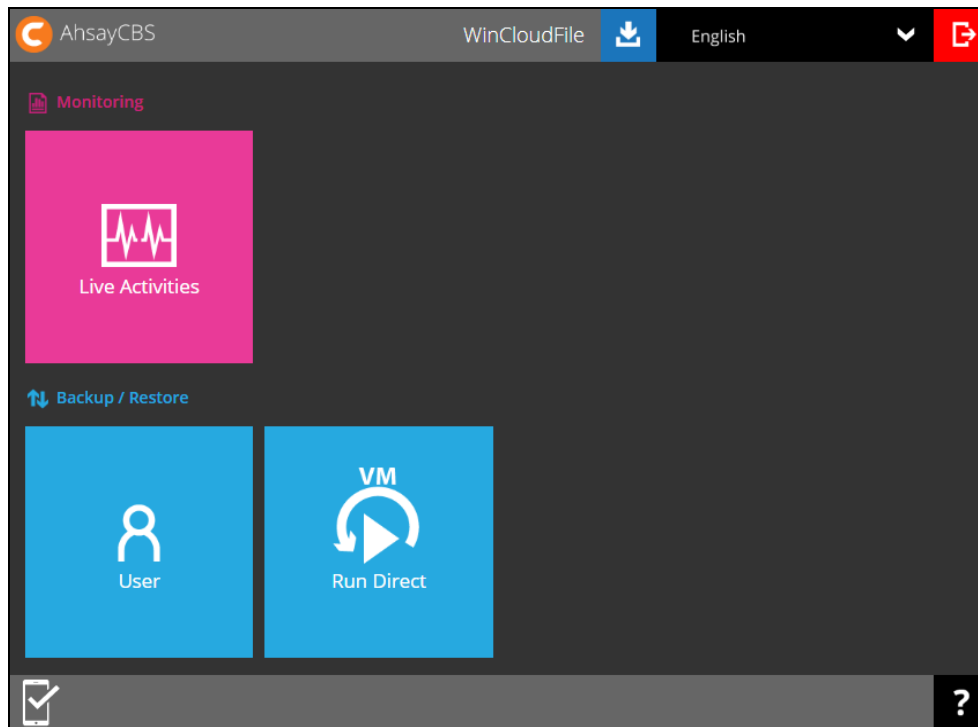
The periodic backup schedule should be reviewed regularly to ensure that the interval is sufficient to handle the data volume on the machine. Over time, data usage pattern may change on a Cloud storage account, i.e., the number of new files created, the number of files which are updated/deleted, and new users that may be added etc.

Consider the following key points to efficiently handle backup sets with periodic backup schedule.

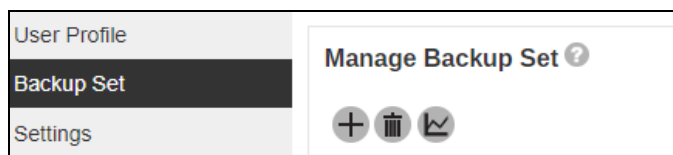
- Hardware – to achieve optimal performance, compatible hardware requirements is a must. Ensure you have the backup machine's appropriate hardware specifications to accommodate frequency of backups,
 - ▶ so that the data is always backed up within the periodic backup interval
 - ▶ so that the backup frequency does not affect the performance of the production server
- Retention Policy - also make sure to consider the retention policy settings and retention area storage management which can grow because of the changes in the backup data for each backup job.

3 Creating a Cloud File Backup Set

1. Log in to the User Web Console. For instructions on how to do this please refer to [Chapter 2](#) of the AhsayCBS v9 User Guide.
2. Click the **User** icon on the User Web Console landing page.



3. Select **Backup Set** from the left panel, then create a Cloud File backup set by clicking the circular “+” icon under **Manage Backup Set**.



4. Enter a **Name** for the backup set and select **Cloud File Backup** as the backup set type.

Create Backup Set

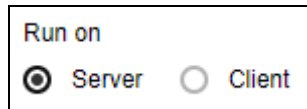
General

Name

Backup set type

Cloud File Backup

- On the same menu under **Run on**, select **Server** to create a run on server (agentless backup) cloud file backup set.



Run on

☒ Server ☐ Client

- If you choose to run the backup set on the AhsayCBS server, you won't be able to back up, restore or manage your backups on the AhsayOBM/AhsayACB client once the backup set is created.

NOTE

This setting **CANNOT** be altered once the backup set is created. If you wish to change the backup method later, you will have to create a new backup set and start over the configurations again.

- Under the **Backup From**, select the cloud storage (e.g. Wasabi) that contains the data that you want to back up.



Backup From

Amazon S3

Amazon S3

AWS S3 Compatible Cloud Storage

Wasabi

Backblaze

Google Cloud Storage

Google Drive

Microsoft Azure

OneDrive

OneDrive for Business

Rackspace

OpenStack

Dropbox

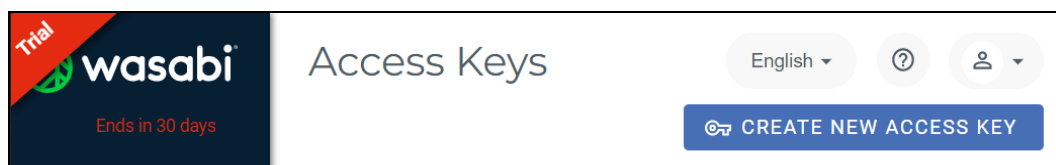
FTP

SFTP

CTYun

阿里云

- On the Wasabi webpage, create a new access key (if you do not have an existing one).



Trial wasabi Ends in 30 days

Access Keys

English ?

CREATE NEW ACCESS KEY

- Copy and paste the **Access Key** and **Secret Key** to the web console to authenticate AhsayCBS to access the cloud storage, then click **Test** to complete the authentication setup. If you do not have a Wasabi account, click **Sign up for Wasabi**.

Create New Access Key

X

Note: Download your key file now, which contains your new access key and secret access key. If you do not download the key file now, you will not be able to retrieve your secret access key again.

Access Key:

PJO[REDACTED]U67

Secret Key: [Hide](#)

rJY[REDACTED]R8W

Download CSV

Copy Keys to Clipboard

Backup From
Wasabi

Access Key ID
PJO[REDACTED]U67

Access Key Secret
[REDACTED]

☐ Connect with SSL

☐ Access the Internet through Proxy

Test

[Sign up for Wasabi](#)

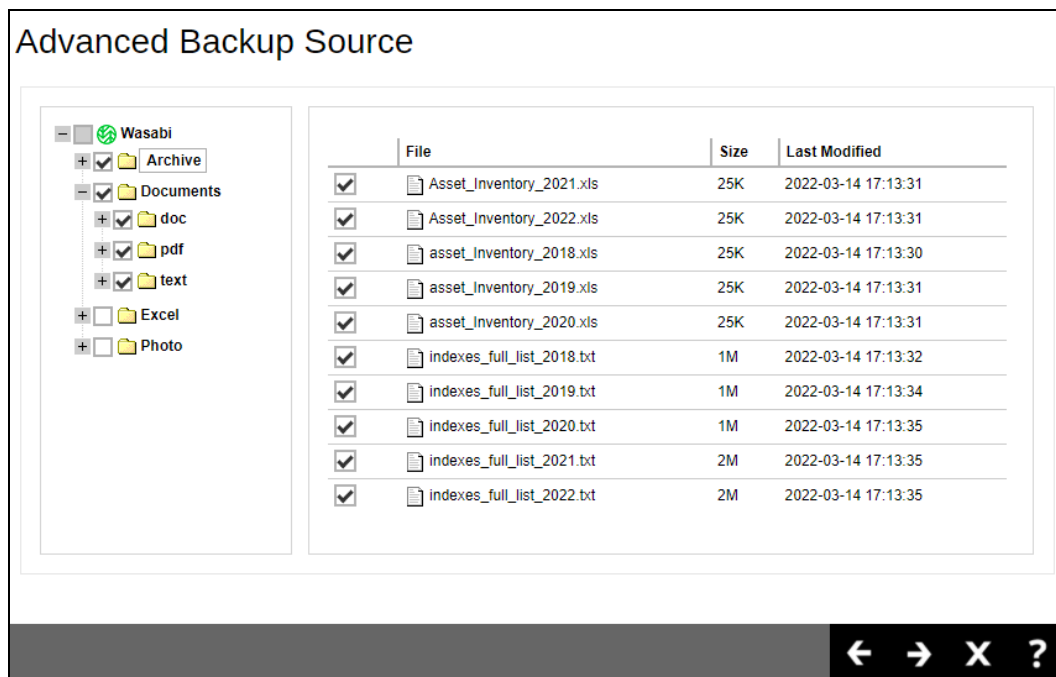
10. Below the **Test** button, make sure to select the corresponding bucket name that contains the cloud data that you want to back up. Click **Next** to proceed.

Bucket Name
kmt
kmt
kmtbucket

NOTES

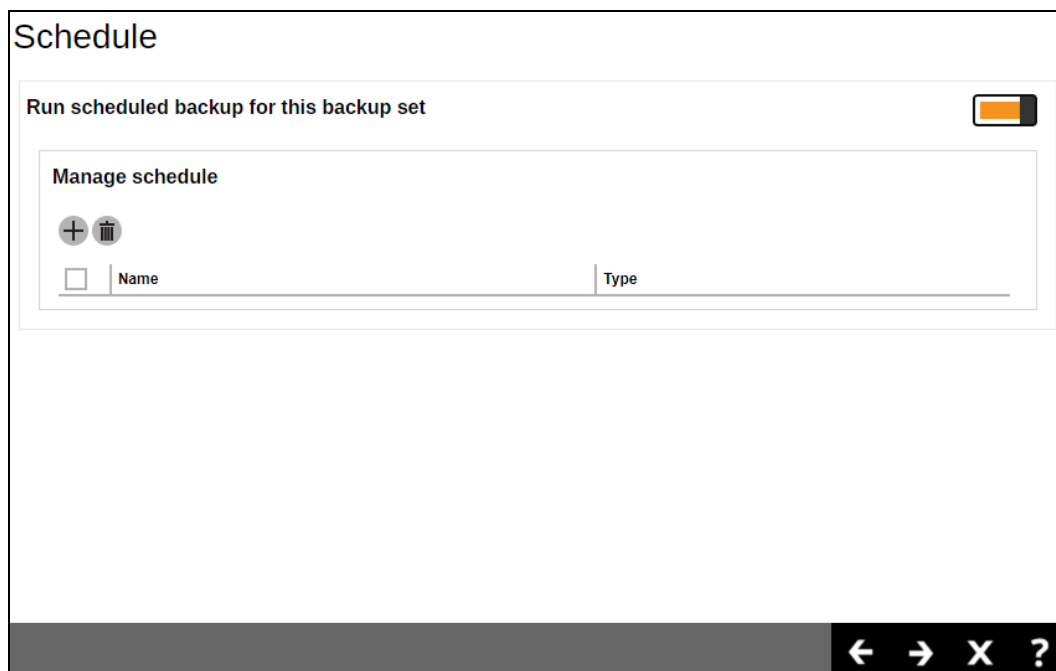
1. The authentication request will be opened in a new tab or window. Ensure that the pop-up window is not blocked, and pop-up blocker is disabled in your browser.
2. It is advised to have one (1) bucket name per cloud file backup set.

11. In the Advanced Backup Source, select the file(s) and/or folder(s) that you want to back up then click **Next** to proceed.



12. In the **Schedule** menu, configure a backup schedule for the backup job to run automatically at your specified time interval. If the **Run scheduled backup for this backup set** is off, switch it **On**.

Click the **+** icon under **Manage Schedule** to add a new backup schedule.



The Backup Schedule window will appear.

Backup Schedule

Client version < 8.3.3.20 does not support periodic schedule, periodic schedule will work as normal schedule.

Details

Name

Type

Daily

Start backup

at

00

:

00

Stop

until full backup completed

☐ Run Retention Policy after backup

Configure the following backup schedule settings:

- **Name** – the name of the backup schedule.
- **Type** – the type of the backup schedule. There are four (4) different types of backup schedule: Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Custom.
 - **Daily** – the time of the day or interval in minutes/hours when the backup job will run.

Details

Name

Daily

Type

Daily

Start backup

at

00

:

00

Stop

until full backup completed

☒ Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Weekly** – the day of the week and the time of the day or interval in minutes/hours when the backup job will run.

Details

Name

Type

Backup on these days of the week
☐ Sun ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☒ Sat

Start backup
 :

Stop

☒ Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Monthly** – the day of the month and time when the backup job will run.

Details

Name

Type

Backup on the following day every month
☒ ☐

Start backup at
 :

Stop

☒ Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Custom** – a specific date and time when the backup job will run.

Details

Name

Type

Backup on the following day once

Start backup at
 :

Stop

☒ Run Retention Policy after backup

- **Start backup** – the start time of the backup job.
 - **at** – this option will start a backup job at a specific time.
 - **every** – this option will start a backup job in intervals of minutes or hours.

The screenshot shows a 'Start backup' configuration window. It has a dropdown menu currently set to 'every', which is open, showing a list of intervals: 1 minute, 2 minutes, 3 minutes, 4 minutes, 5 minutes, 6 minutes, 10 minutes, 12 minutes, 15 minutes, 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 3 hours, 4 hours, 6 hours, 8 hours, and 12 hours. Below the dropdown, there is a checkbox labeled 'Run Retention Policy after backup' which is checked.

Here is an example of a backup set that has a periodic and normal backup schedule.

This figure shows the 'Details' of a backup set named 'Weekly-1'. The 'Type' is set to 'Weekly'. Under 'Backup on these days of the week', the days Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, and Fri are selected with checkboxes. The 'Start backup' is configured as 'every 4 hours'. The 'Run Retention Policy after backup' checkbox is checked.

Figure 1.1

This figure shows the 'Details' of a backup set named 'Weekly-2'. The 'Type' is set to 'Weekly'. Under 'Backup on these days of the week', the days Sun and Sat are selected with checkboxes. The 'Start backup' is configured as 'at 21:00'. The 'Stop' option is set to 'until full backup completed'. The 'Run Retention Policy after backup' checkbox is checked.

Figure 1.2

Figure 1.1 – Periodic backup schedule runs every 4 hours from Monday – Friday during business hours

Figure 1.2 – Normal backup schedule runs at 21:00 or 9:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday on weekend non-business hours

- **Stop** – the stop time of the backup job. This only applies to schedules with start backup “at” and is not supported for periodic backup schedule (start backup “every”).
 - **until full backup completed** – this option will stop a backup job once it is complete. This is the configured stop time of the backup job by default.
 - **after (defined no. of hrs.)** – this option will stop a backup job after a certain number of hours regardless of whether the backup job has completed or not. This can range from 1 to 24 hrs.


The number of hours must be enough to complete a backup of all files in the backup set. For small files in a backup, if the number of hours is not enough to back up all files, then the outstanding files will be backed up in the next backup job. However, if the backup set contains large files, this may result in partially backed up files.

For example, if a backup has 100GB file size which will take approximately 15 hours to complete on your environment, but you set the “stop” after 10 hours, the file will be partially backed up and cannot be restored. The next backup will upload the files from scratch again.

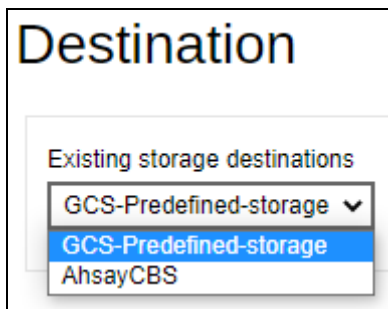
The partially backed up data will have to be removed by running the data integrity check.

As a general rule, it is recommended to review this setting regularly as the data size on the backup machine may grow over time.

- **Run Retention Policy after backup** – if enabled, the AhsayCBS will run a retention policy job to remove files from the backup destination(s) which have exceeded the retention policy after performing a backup job. To save hard disk quote in the long run, it is recommended to enable this option.

Click the  icon to save the configured backup schedule and then click **Next** to proceed.

13. To add a destination, select from the existing storage destinations listed on the drop-down list as provided by your backup service provider.



In the sample screenshot above, the backup service provider has set up two (2) available destinations (i.e. GCS-Predefined-storage, and AhsayCBS).

14. By default, the **Encrypt Backup Data** option is enabled with the Encryption Type preset as **Default** which provides the most secure protection.



You can choose from one of the following three (3) Encryption Type options:

- **Default (Machine Generated Random)** – an encryption key with 44 alpha numeric characters will be randomly generated by the system.

- **User password** – the encryption key will be the same as the login password of your AhsayOBM/AhsayACB at the time when this backup set is created. Please be reminded that if you change the AhsayOBM/AhsayACB login password later, the encryption keys of the backup sets previously created with this encryption type will remain unchanged.
- **Custom** – you can customize your encryption key, where you can set your own algorithm, encryption key, method and key length.

Encryption

Encrypt Backup Data

Encryption Type

Custom

Algorithm

AES

Encrypting key

Re-type encrypting key

Method

☐ ECB
 ☒ CBC

Key length

☐ 128-bit
 ☒ 256-bit

Click the icon at the bottom right corner to confirm the creation of this backup set.

15. The cloud file backup set is succesfully created.

User Profile
Backup Set
Settings
Report
Statistics
Effective Policy

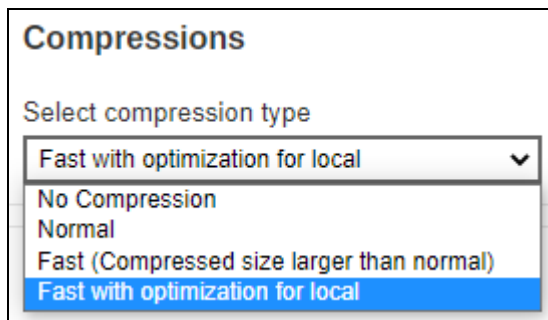
Manage Backup Set


<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Version	Owner	Execute Job
<input type="checkbox"/>	Server Run Cloud File Backup (1647251302960)		--	--	<div>Backup</div> <div>Run</div>

16. Optional: Select your preferred **Compression** type. By default, the compression type is Fast with optimization for local.

Go to **Backup Set > Others > Compressions**, then select from the following:

- **No Compression**
- **Normal**
- **Fast (Compressed size larger than normal)**
- **Fast with optimization for local**



Click the  icon at the bottom right corner to save the selected compression type.

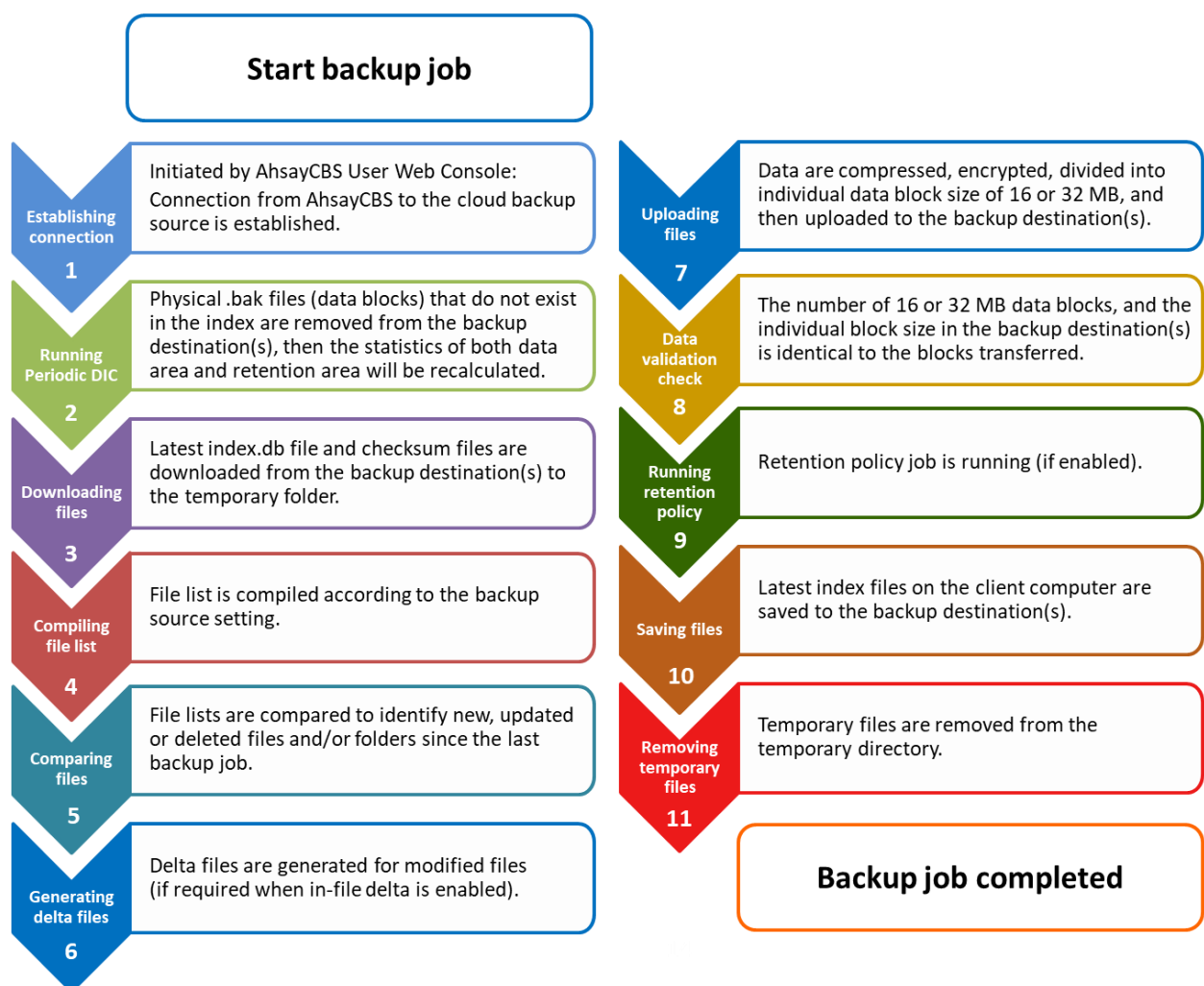
NOTE

For more information on the different configurable settings of a backup set, please refer to [Chapter 6.2](#) of the AhsayCBS v9 User Guide.

4 Overview of Run on Server Cloud File Backup Process

The following steps are performed during a Run on Server Cloud File backup job. For an overview of the detailed process for Steps 2, 3, 8, and 10, please refer to the following chapters.

- [Periodic Data Integrity Check \(PDIC\) Process \(Step 2\)](#)
- [Backup Set Index Handling Process](#)
 - [Start Backup Job \(Step 3\)](#)
 - [Completed Backup Job \(Step 10\)](#)
- [Data Validation Check Process \(Step 8\)](#)



4.1 Periodic Data Integrity Check (PDIC) Process

PDIC will run on the first backup job that falls on the corresponding day of the week from **Monday to Friday**.

To minimize the impact of the potential load of large number of PDIC jobs running at the same time on the AhsayCBS server, the schedule of a PDIC job for each backup set is automatically determined by the result of the following formula:

PDIC schedule = %BackupSetID% modulo 5

or

%BackupSetID% mod 5

The calculated **result** will map to the corresponding day of the week (i.e., from Monday to Friday).

0	Monday
1	Tuesday
2	Wednesday
3	Thursday
4	Friday

NOTE: The PDIC schedule cannot be changed.

Example:

Backup set ID: 1594627447932

Calculation: $1594627447932 \bmod 5 = 2$

2	Wednesday
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In this example:

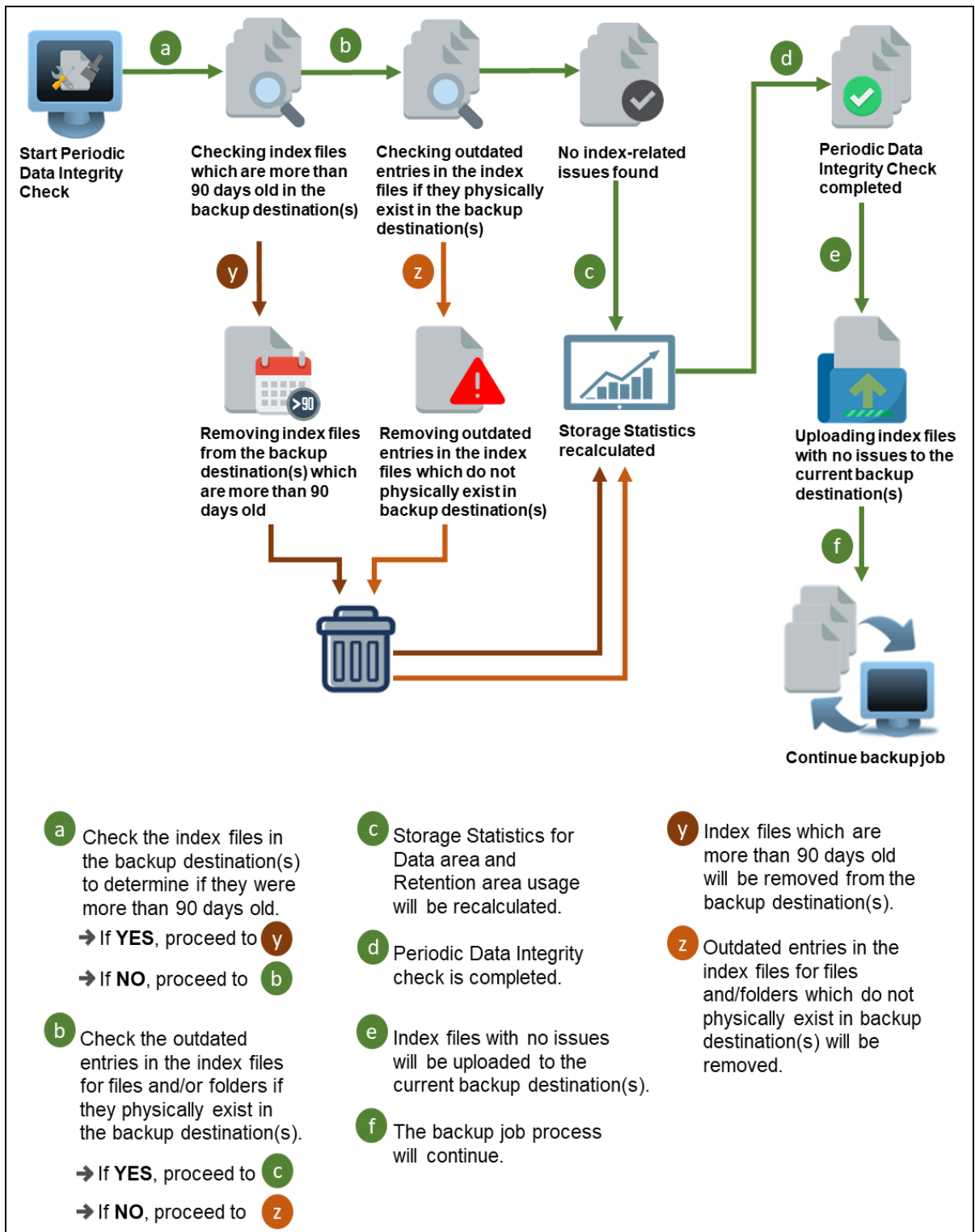
- the PDIC will run on the first backup job that falls on Wednesday; or
- if there is no active backup job(s) running from Monday to Friday, then the PDIC will run on the next available backup job.

NOTE

Although according to the PDIC formula for determining the schedule is ***%BackupSetID% mod 5***, this schedule only applies if the previous PDIC job was actually run more than 7 days prior.

Under certain conditions, the PDIC may not run strictly according to this formula. For example:

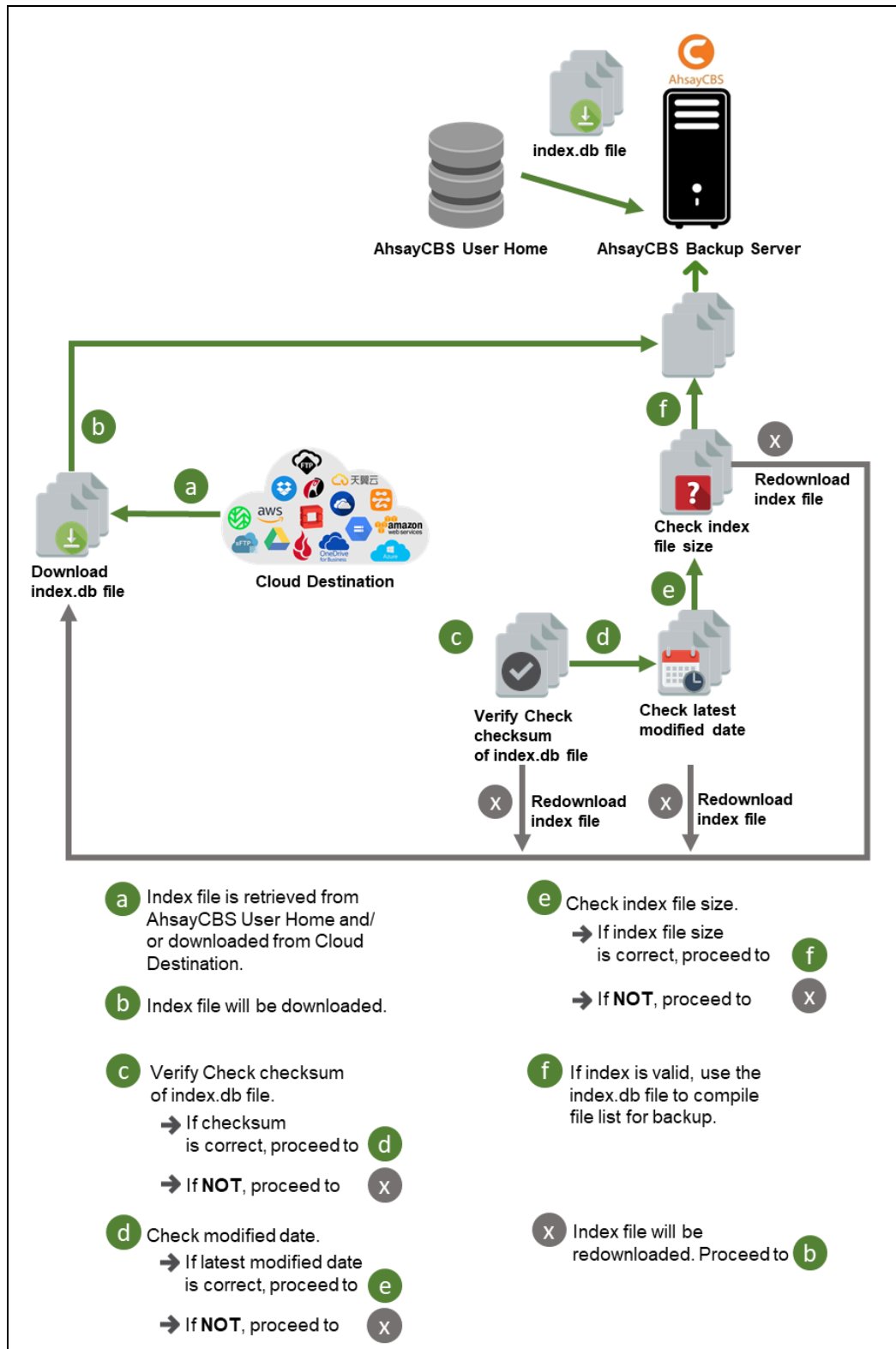
1. If AhsayCBS was upgraded to v9 (or above) from an older version v7, or pre-8.3.6.0 version. In this case, the PDIC job will run on the first backup job after upgrade.
2. If backup jobs for a backup set are not run on a regular daily backup schedule (for example: on a weekly or monthly schedule), then the PDIC job will run if it detects that the previous PDIC job was run more than 7 days ago.
3. Every time a data integrity check (DIC) is run, the latest PDIC run date is reset, the next PDIC job will run after 7 days.
4. The PDIC job will not run if there are no files in both the data and retention areas. For example: a newly created backup set with no backup job history or a backup set where all the data has been deleted using the Delete Backup Data feature.



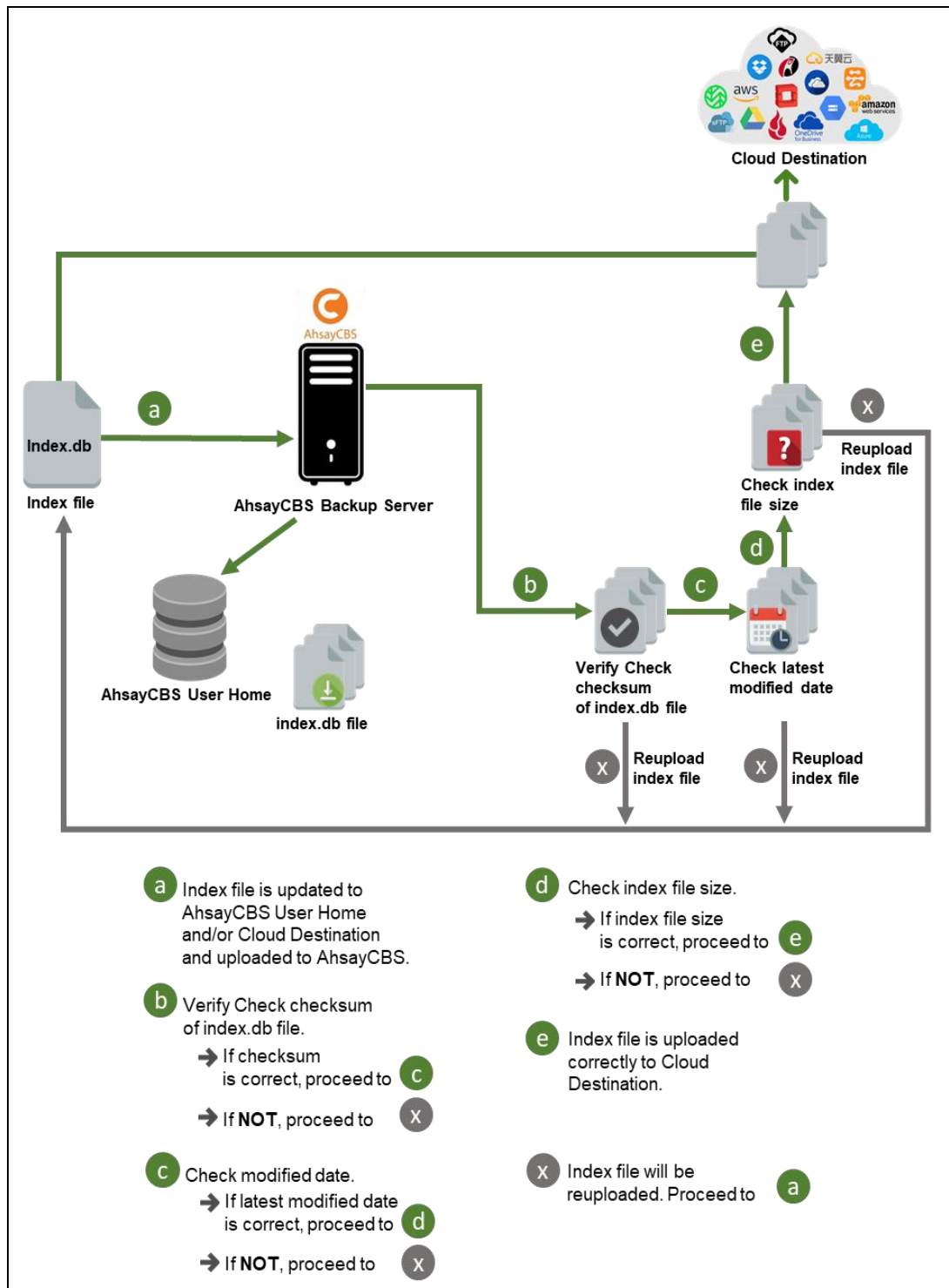
4.2 Backup Set Index Handling Process

To minimize the possibility of index related issues affecting backups, each time index files are downloaded from and uploaded to backup destination(s); the file size, last modified date, and checksum is verified to ensure index file integrity.

4.2.1 Start Backup Job

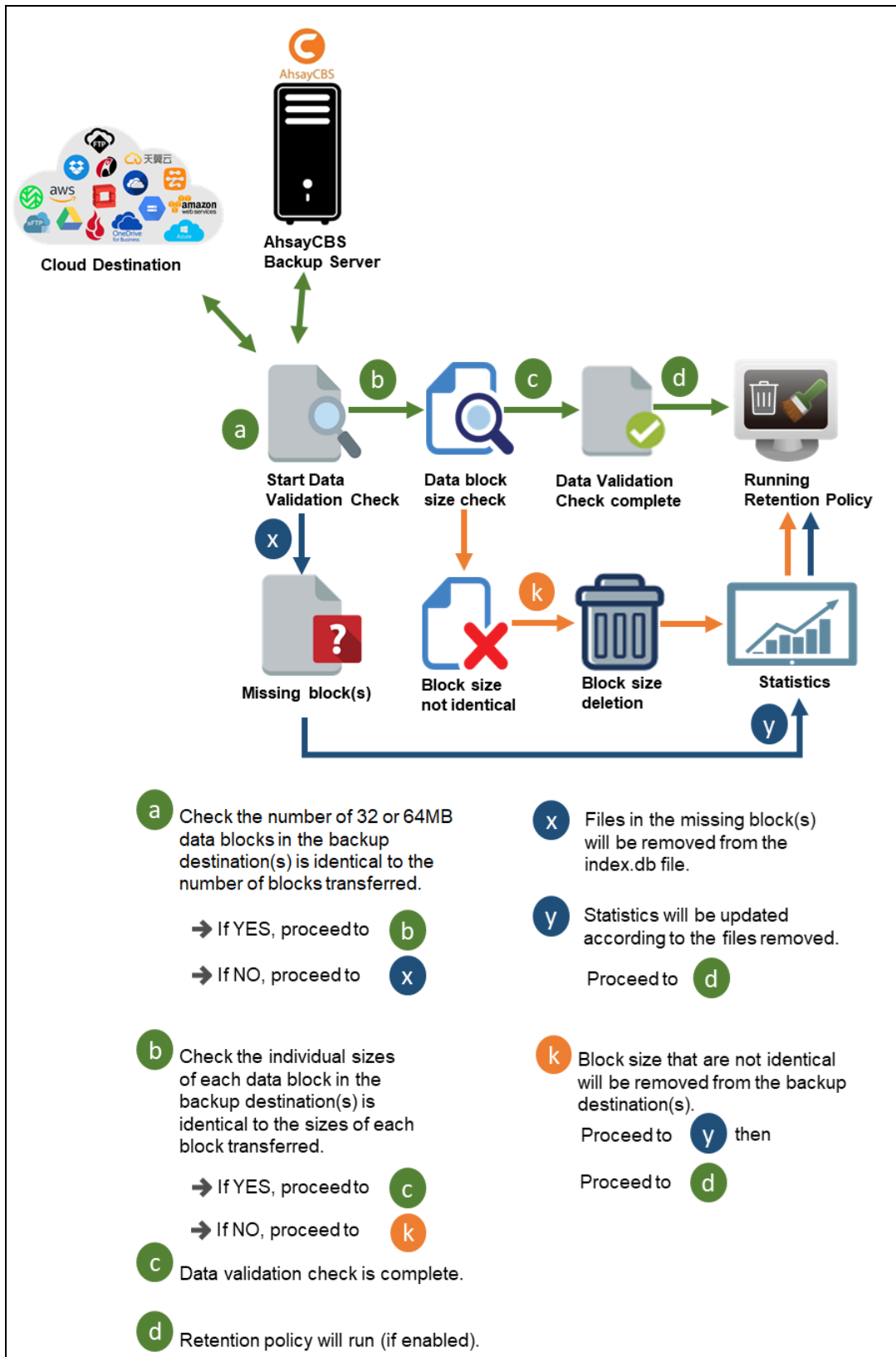


4.2.2 Completed Backup Job



4.3 Data Validation Check Process

As an additional measure to ensure that all files transferred to the backup destination(s) are received and saved correctly, both the number of 32 or 64 MB data block files and the size of each block file are checked again after the files are transferred.

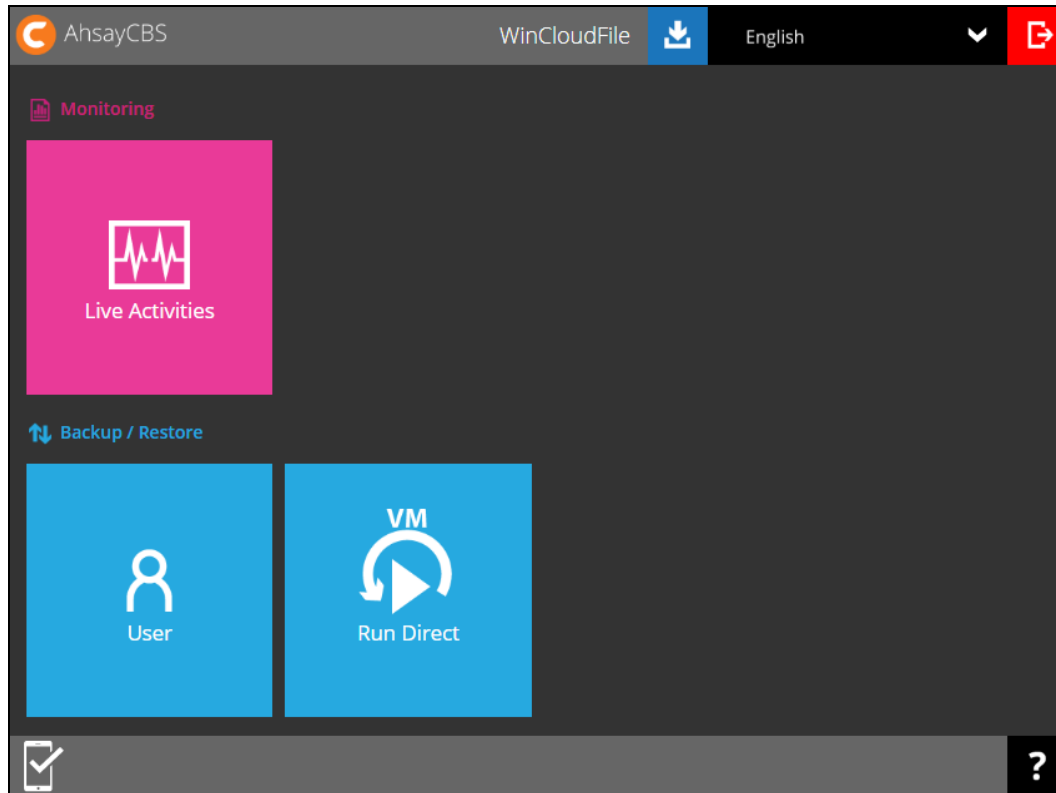


5 Running a Backup Job

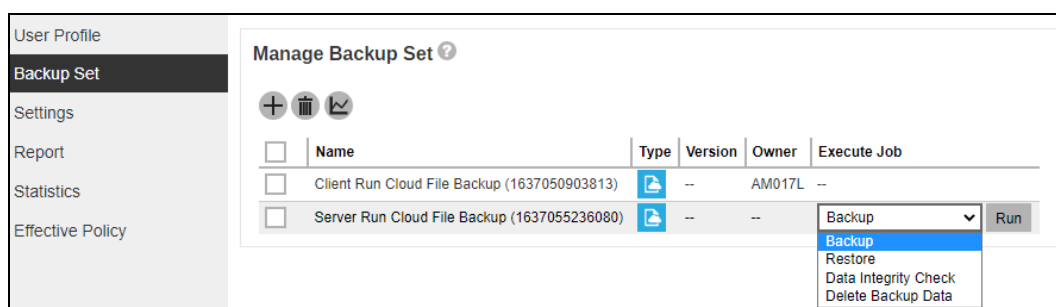
1. Log in to the User Web Console.

For instructions on how to do this please refer to [Chapter 2](#) of the AhsayCBS v9 User Guide.

2. Click on the **User** icon.



3. Select **Backup Set** from the left panel, then select **Backup** under **Execute Job** drop down menu and click **Run**.



4. Modify the **Migrate Data** and **Retention Policy** setting if necessary.


Backup

Migrate Data

☒ Migrate existing data to latest version

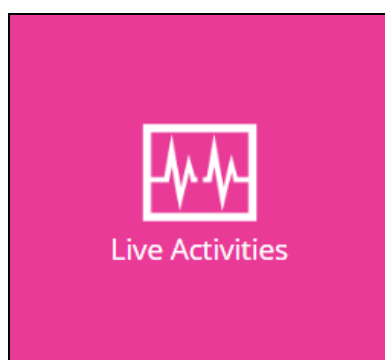
Retention Policy

☐ Run Retention Policy after backup

5. Click **Run Backup**  to start the backup job and wait until the backup job is finished.
6. When a backup job is running, the status **Backup is Running** will be displayed. Click **Stop** to stop the backup job if necessary.

User Profile	Manage Backup Set				
Backup Set					
Settings					
Report					
Statistics					
Effective Policy					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Version	Owner
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Run Cloud File Backup (1637050903813)	--	--	AM017L
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Server Run Cloud File Backup (1637055236080)	--	--	Backup is Running Stop

You can also check the status of your backup by going to the **Monitoring > Live Activities**.



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Backup Status

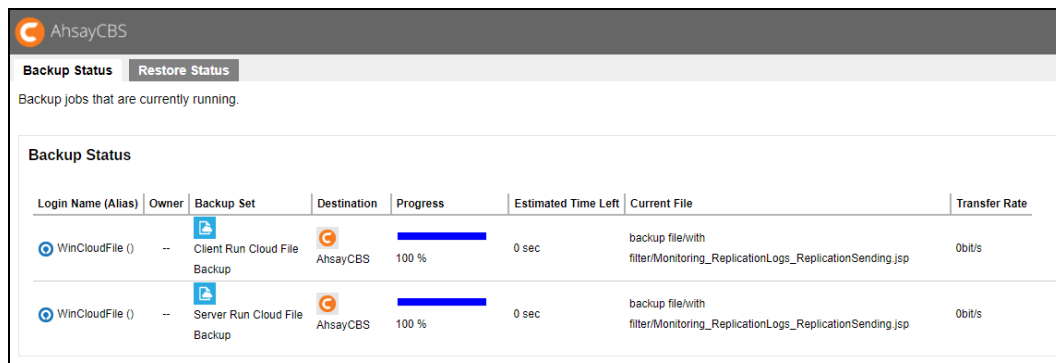
Restore Status

Backup jobs that are currently running.

Backup Status

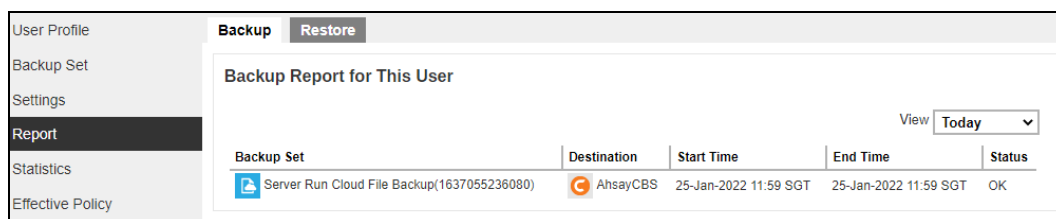
Login Name (Alias)	Owner	Backup Set	Destination	Progress	Estimated Time Left	Current File	Transfer Rate
<div><div></div>WinCloudFile ()</div>	--	<div><div></div>Client Run Cloud File Backup</div>	<div><div></div>AhsayCBS</div>	<div><div></div>73 %</div>	0 sec	backup file/Comparison between Incremental and Differential_18032020.docx	539Mibit/s
<div><div></div>WinCloudFile ()</div>	--	<div><div></div>Server Run Cloud File Backup</div>	<div><div></div>AhsayCBS</div>	<div><div></div>72 %</div>	2 sec	backup file/Comparison between Incremental and Differential_18032020.docx	42Mibit/s

7. The backup through AhsayCBS User Web Console is successful.



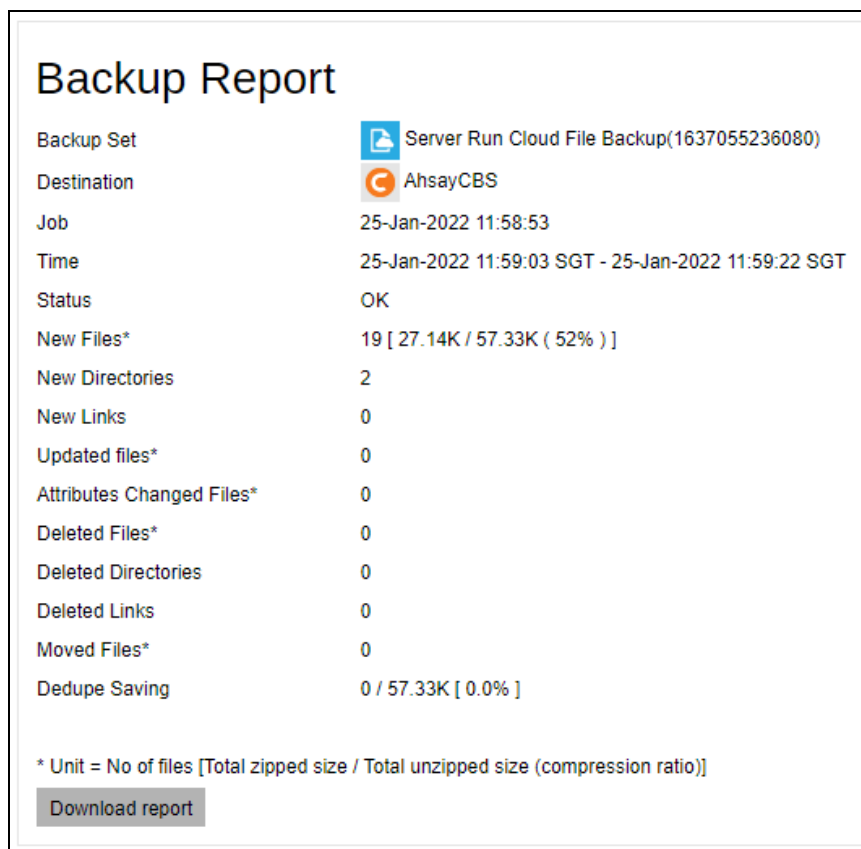
Login Name (Alias)	Owner	Backup Set	Destination	Progress	Estimated Time Left	Current File	Transfer Rate
WinCloudFile ()	--	Client Run Cloud File Backup	AhsayCBS	100 %	0 sec	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_ReplicationLogs_ReplicationSending.jsp	0bit/s
WinCloudFile ()	--	Server Run Cloud File Backup	AhsayCBS	100 %	0 sec	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_ReplicationLogs_ReplicationSending.jsp	0bit/s

To view the report, go to the **Report > Backup**. In this Backup Report screen, you can see the backup set with corresponding destination, start date with time, end date with time, and status.



Backup Set	Destination	Start Time	End Time	Status
Server Run Cloud File Backup(1637055236080)	AhsayCBS	25-Jan-2022 11:59 SGT	25-Jan-2022 11:59 SGT	OK

Click the backup set that you would like to view, and the following screen will be displayed. The summary of the backup job will be displayed. If you want to have a copy of the backup report, click the **Download report** button and a pdf file will be downloaded.



Backup Set	Server Run Cloud File Backup(1637055236080)
Destination	AhsayCBS
Job	25-Jan-2022 11:58:53
Time	25-Jan-2022 11:59:03 SGT - 25-Jan-2022 11:59:22 SGT
Status	OK
New Files*	19 [27.14K / 57.33K (52%)]
New Directories	2
New Links	0
Updated files*	0
Attributes Changed Files*	0
Deleted Files*	0
Deleted Directories	0
Deleted Links	0
Moved Files*	0
Dedupe Saving	0 / 57.33K [0.0%]

* Unit = No of files [Total zipped size / Total unzipped size (compression ratio)]

[Download report](#)

Below is an example of a backup job report:

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7	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_BackupRestoreLogs_BackupJobs.jsp	1K / 4K (53%)	06/25/2020 15:50
8	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_AdministrationLogs_SNMPLog.jsp	1K / 2K (48%)	06/25/2020 14:17
9	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_BackupRestoreLogs_BackupSetLog.jsp	1K / 2K (50%)	06/25/2020 15:13
10	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_BackupRestoreLogs_BackupErrors.jsp	1K / 2K (44%)	06/25/2020 15:08
11	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_LiveActivities_Restore.jsp	1K / 4K (54%)	06/25/2020 14:20
12	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_LiveActivities_Replication.jsp	1K / 2K (48%)	06/25/2020 14:19
13	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_LiveActivities_Redirection.jsp	1K / 2K (48%)	06/25/2020 14:19
14	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_LiveActivities_Receiver.jsp	1K / 2K (47%)	06/25/2020 14:19
15	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_LiveActivities_Backup_BackupStatus.jsp	1K / 3K (62%)	06/22/2020 17:33
16	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_LiveActivities_Backup.jsp	1K / 4K (54%)	06/25/2020 14:18
17	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_BackupRestoreLogs_RestoredJobs.jsp	1K / 2K (52%)	06/25/2020 15:09
18	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_ReplicationLogs_ReplicationSending.jsp	1K / 2K (48%)	06/25/2020 15:49
19	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_ReplicationLogs_ReplicationReceiving.jsp	1K / 2K (52%)	06/25/2020 15:49
20	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_ReplicationLogs_ActivitiesLog.jsp	1K / 2K (52%)	06/25/2020 15:49
21	new	backup file/with filter/Monitoring_RedirectionLogs_ActivitiesLog.jsp	1K / 3K (55%)	06/25/2020 15:48

To be able to download the backup report file, ensure that 15 to 20 minutes had passed after the backup job. Otherwise, the **Download report** button will not be displayed.

You can also view the reports for the following choices:

- Today
- Yesterday
- This Week
- Last Week
- This Month
- Last Month

Pick from any of the choices and the available report(s) will be displayed.

View

* Today

* Today

* Yesterday

* This Week

* Last Week

* This Month

* Last Month

Status

6 Restoring a Cloud File Backup Set

AhsayCBS User Web Console has two (2) options for the restoration process: **Original** and **Alternate** location. After this quick walkthrough, you will see the step-by-step instructions with corresponding screenshots on how to restore your data using the following options below.

• Original location

Restore your data to your original location (i.e. on the cloud storage) where you backed up them.

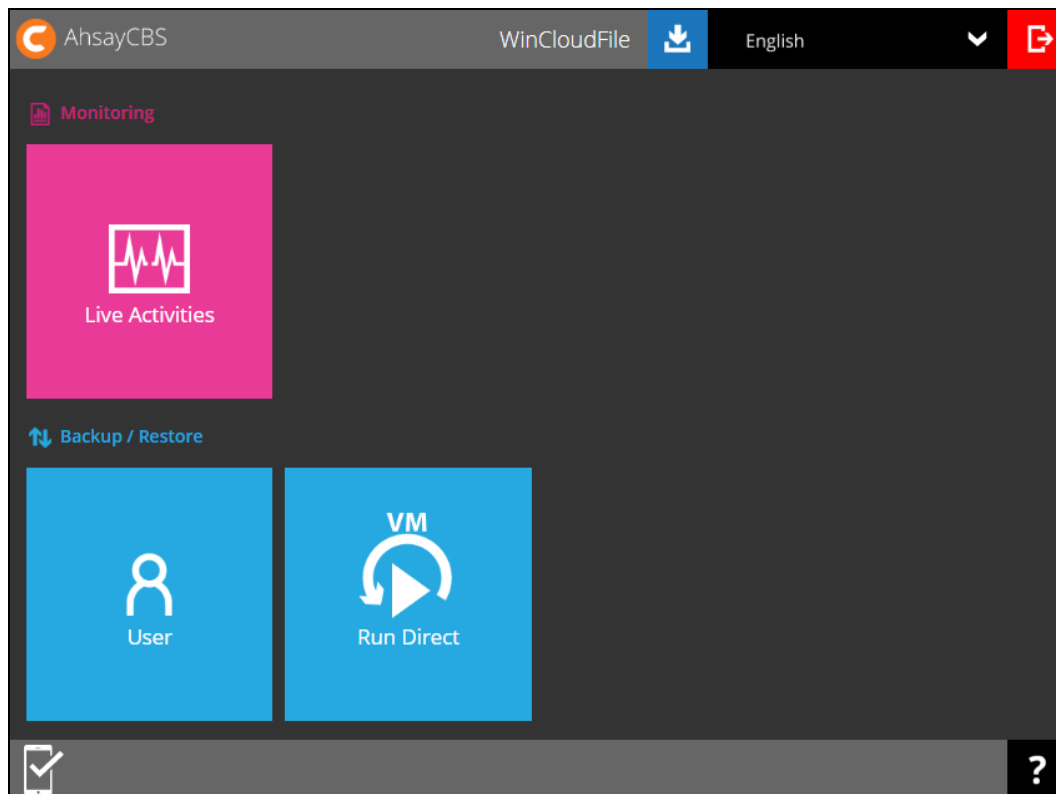
• Alternate location

Besides the original location above, you can also restore your data to an alternate location which is through the same cloud storage but on a different folder.

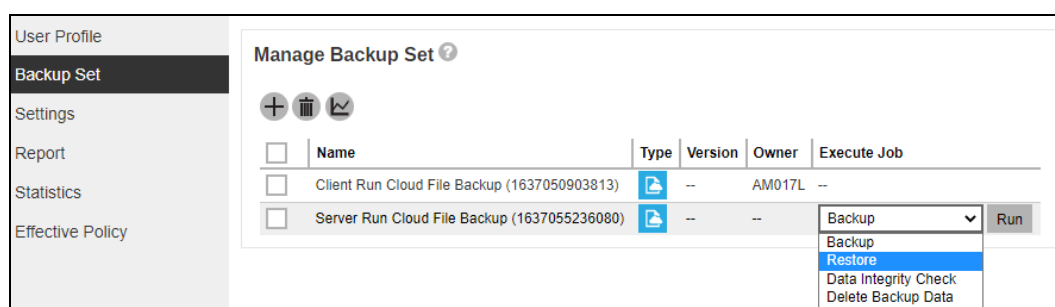
NOTE

Data of a Run on Server Cloud File backup set can only be restored via the AhsayCBS web console.

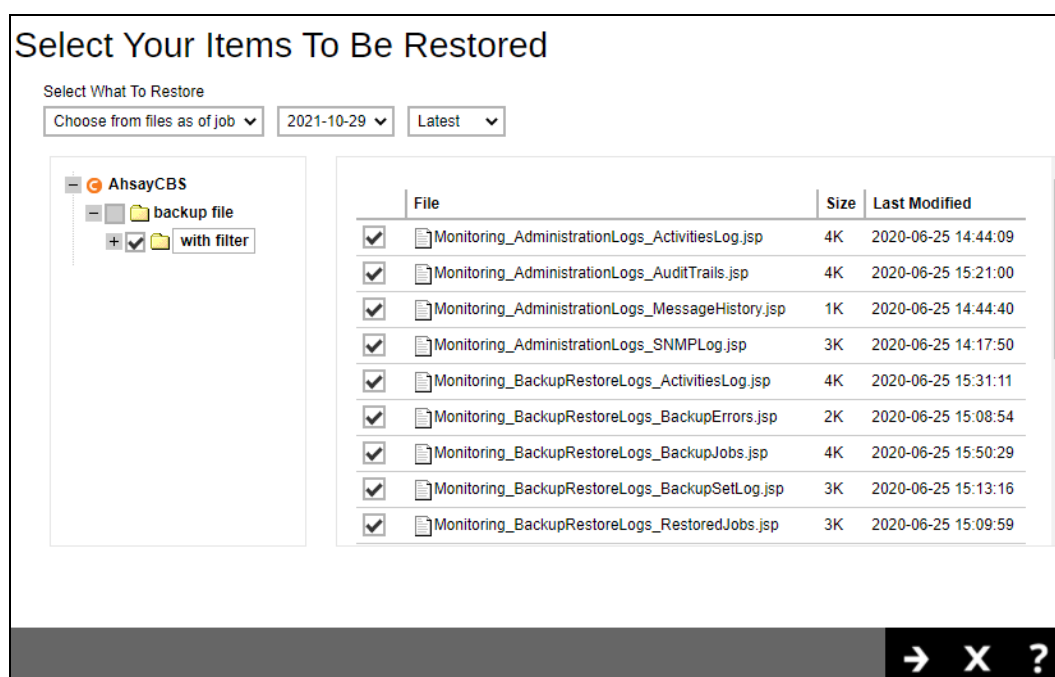
1. Click on the **User** icon.



2. Select **Backup Set** from the left panel, then select **Restore** under **Execute Job** drop down menu and click **Run**.



3. Select to restore from a specific backup job, or the latest job available from the **Select What To Restore** drop-down menu. Click **Next** to proceed.



4. Select **Original location** to restore the data to the original directory path on the cloud storage, or **Alternate location** to restore to the data to an alternate path on the cloud storage.

Original Location

Choose Where The Items To Be Restored

Restore Items To

☒ Original location

☐ Alternate location

[Show advanced option](#)

• Alternate Location

Choose Where The Items To Be Restored

Restore Items To

☐ Original location

☒ Alternate location

Google Drive

+

Ahsay

+

CloudBacko

+

backup file

[Show advanced option](#)

Expand the directory path to browse the alternate location(s) on the cloud storage.

IMPORTANT

Data can only be restored to the original cloud storage where the data was backed up from (i.e. same cloud storage provider and same account).

Click **Show advanced option** to configure other restore settings.

Original location

Choose Where The Items To Be Restored

Restore Items To

☒ Original location

☐ Alternate location

☐ Overwrite when exist

☐ Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore

[Hide advanced option](#)

Alternate location

Choose Where The Items To Be Restored

Restore Items To

☐ Original location

☒ Alternate location

Google Drive

+

Ahsay

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CloudBacko

+

backup file

☐ Overwrite when exist

☐ Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore


[Hide advanced option](#)

☒ Overwrite when exist

By enabling this option, this will overwrite your existing files. For example, if the files and/or folders you are going to restore are already available in your chosen alternate location, then your existing files will be overwritten during the restore process.

☒ Verify checksum of in-file delta files during restore

By enabling this option, the checksum of in-file delta files will be verified during the restore process. This will check the data for errors during the restore process and create a data summary of the in-file delta files which will be included in the report.

5. Click the  icon to start the restoration.

6. You will see the status showing **Restore is Running** when the restore job is in progress. Click **Stop** to stop the restore job if necessary.

User Profile

Backup Set

Settings

Report

Statistics

Effective Policy

Manage Backup Set ?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Version	Owner	Execute Job
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Run Cloud File Backup (1637050903813)		--	AM017L	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	Server Run Cloud File Backup (1637055236080)		--	--	Restore is Running <div>Stop</div>

7 Running Data Integrity Check

Data Integrity Check can be done in two (2) ways:

- **AhsayOBM / AhsayACB User**

This option allows the AhsayOBM and AhsayACB users to perform data integrity check, but the result of the data integrity check cannot be reviewed. It will only be available upon request from the backup service provider.

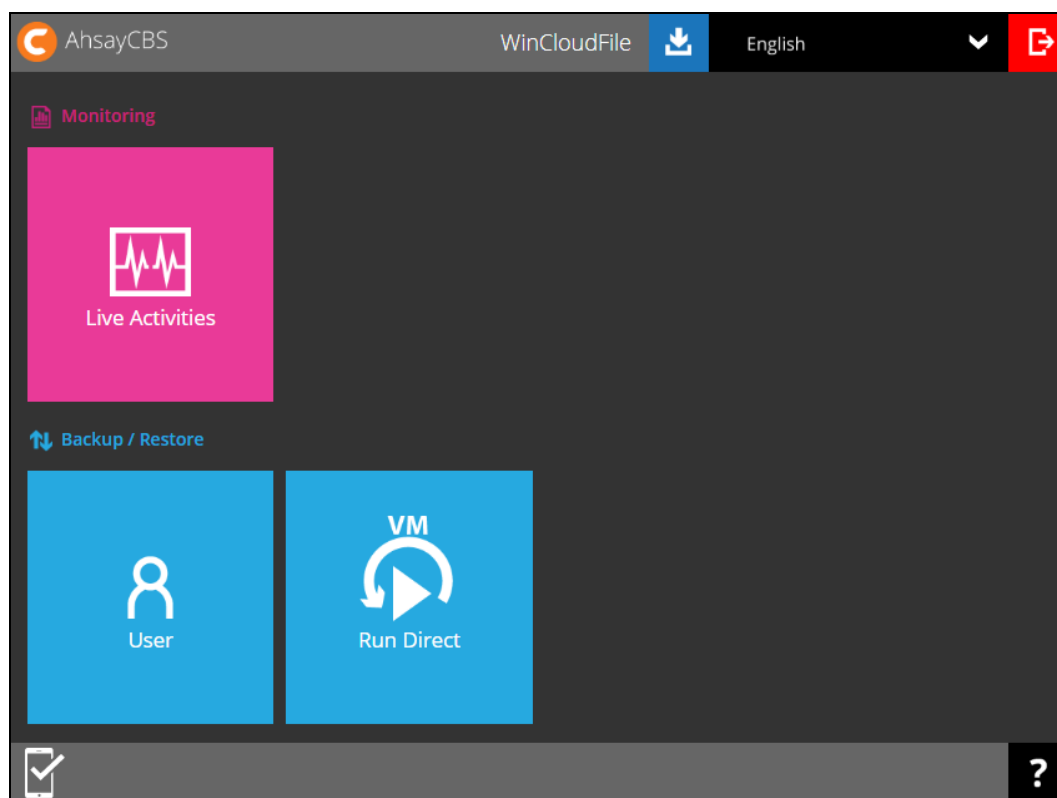
- **Backup Service Provider**

This option allows the AhsayOBM and AhsayACB users to request their backup service provider to perform data integrity check and provide them with the report of the result and/or solution.

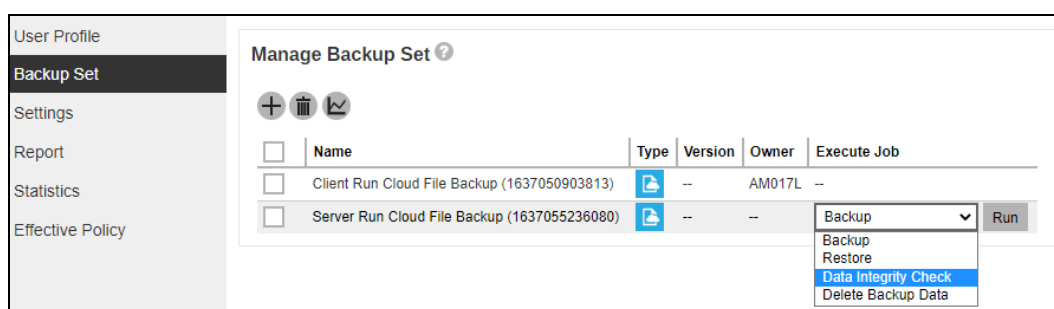
1. Log in to the User Web Console.

For instructions on how to do this please refer to [Chapter 2](#) of the AhsayCBS v9 User Guide.

2. Click on the **User** icon.



3. Select **Backup Set** from the left panel, then select **Data Integrity Check** under the **Execute Job** drop-down menu. Click **Run** to proceed.



Run Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

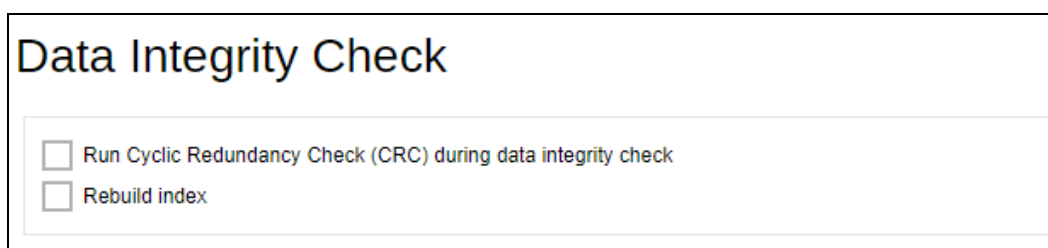
This option is disabled by default. When this option is enabled, the data integrity check will perform check on the integrity of the files on the backup destination(s) against the checksum file generated at the time of the backup job.


If there is a discrepancy, this indicates that the files on the backup destination(s) are corrupted. These corrupted files will be removed from the backup destination(s). If these files still exist on the backup server on the next backup job, the AhsayCBS will upload the latest copy.

However, if the corrupted files are in the retention area, they will not be backed up again as the source file has already been deleted from the backup server.

Rebuild index

This option is disabled by default. When this option is enabled, the data integrity check will start rebuilding corrupted index and/or broken data blocks if there are any.



4. Click the  icon to begin the data integrity check process.

During a backup job, a Periodic Data Integrity Check (PDIC) will be performed as part of the backup process. This feature provides an additional regular data integrity check of the backup data. The PDIC will start **automatically** (with no user interaction needed) and will be performed once either of the following conditions is met:

- Will run once a week and will fall on a weekday (i.e. Monday to Friday)

OR

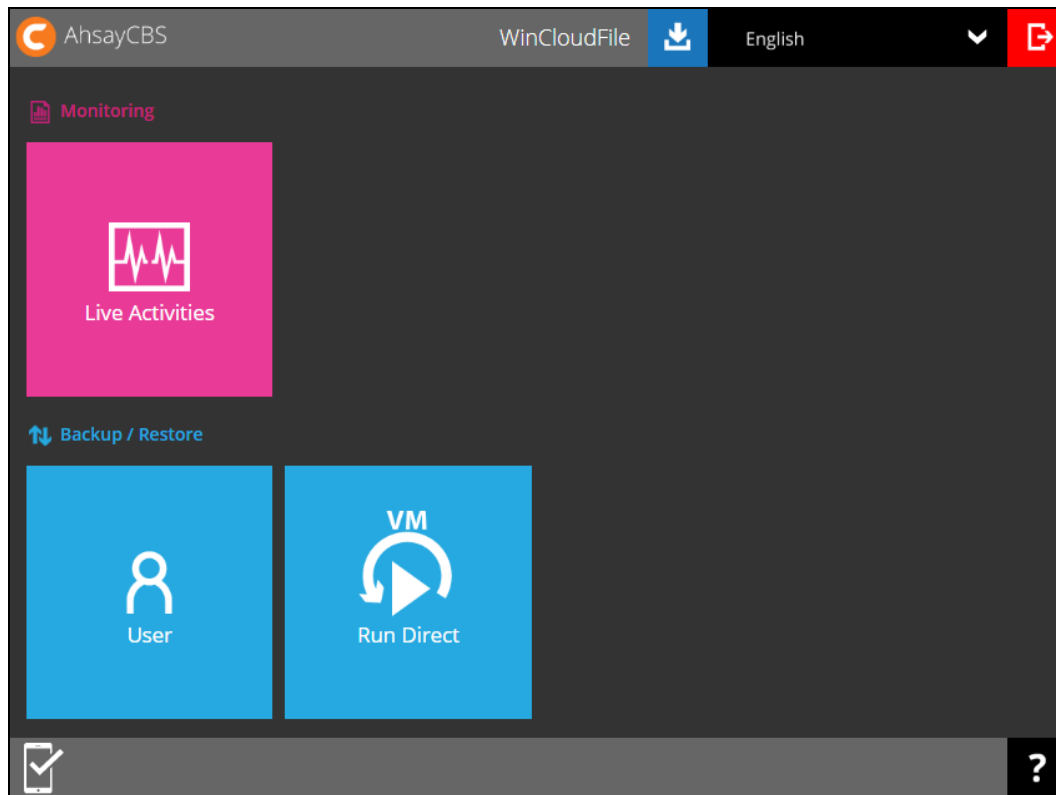
- If there is no active backup job(s) running from Monday to Friday, then the PDIC will be triggered on the next available backup job

8 Deleting Backup Data

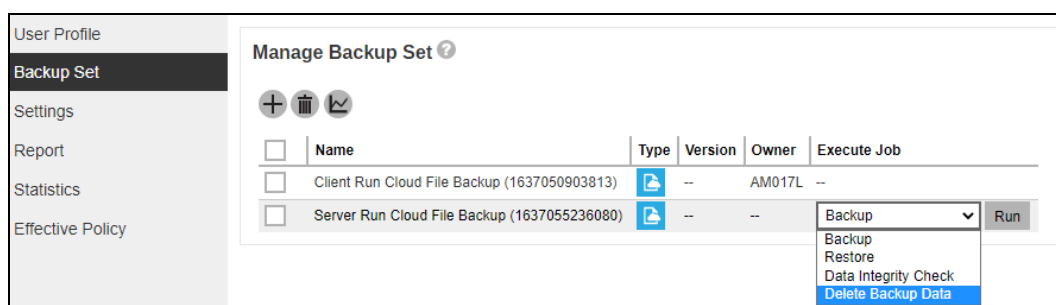
1. Log in to the User Web Console.

For instructions on how to do this please refer to [Chapter 2](#) of the AhsayCBS v9 User Guide.

2. Click on the **User** icon.



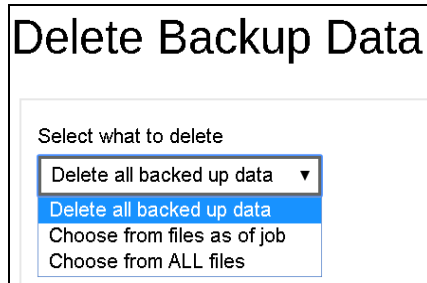
3. Select **Backup Set** from the left panel, then select **Delete Backup Data** under the **Execute Job** drop-down menu. Click **Run** to proceed.



4. There are three options in performing delete backup data:

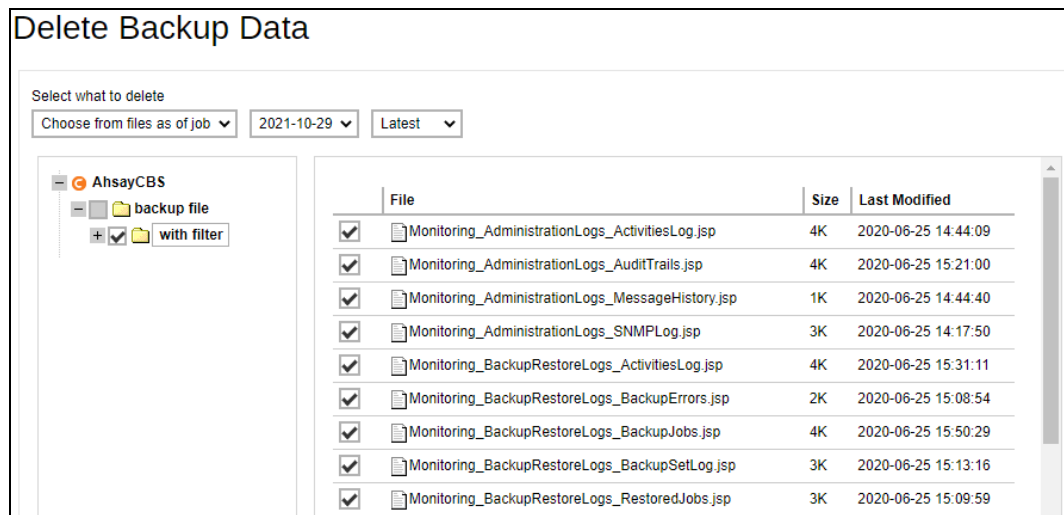
• Delete all backed up data

When this option is selected, all the backup data on the selected backup set will be deleted.



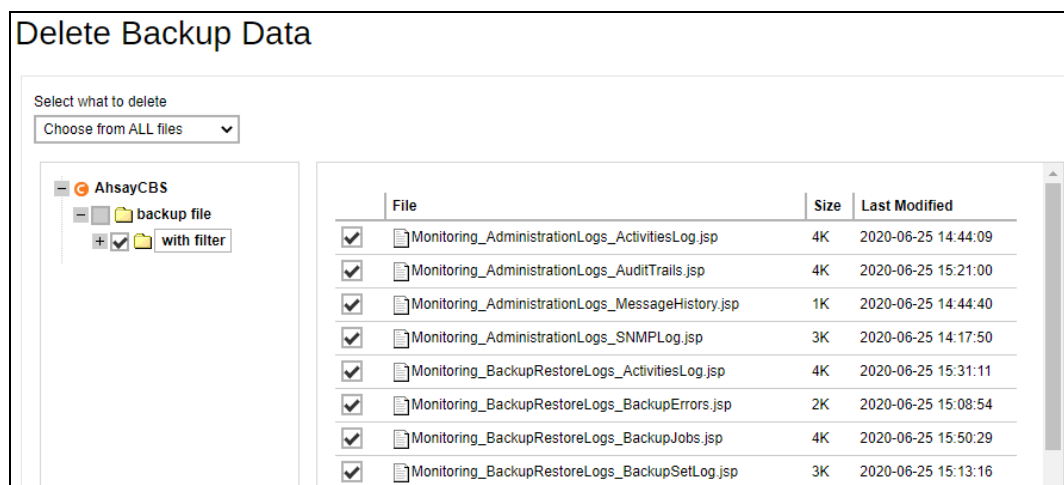
• Choose from files as of job


When this option is selected, you can choose to delete file(s) and/or folder(s) from a backup snapshot.



• Choose from ALL files




When this option is selected, you can choose to delete any file(s) and/or folder(s) in the selected backup set.





- After selecting the backup data to be deleted, click the  icon to proceed.
- Running delete backup data job will be indicated.

User Profile
Backup Set
Settings
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Manage Backup Set ?



<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Version	Owner	Execute Job
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Run Cloud File Backup (1635478572034)		--	AM017L	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	Server Run Cloud File Backup (1635478881822)		--	--	Delete Backup Data is Running

NOTE

Delete backup data action is not reversible. It will physically delete the selected backup data regardless of the defined retention policy settings. Therefore, make sure to select the correct backup data to be deleted before you proceed.

9 Contact Ahsay

9.1 Technical Assistance

To contact Ahsay support representatives for technical assistance, visit the Partner Portal:
<https://www.ahsay.com/partners/>

Also use the Ahsay Wikipedia for resource such as Hardware Compatibility List, Software Compatibility List, and other product information:
<https://wiki.ahsay.com/>

9.2 Documentation

Documentations for all Ahsay products are available at:
https://www.ahsay.com/jsp/en/downloads/ahsay-downloads_documentation_guides.jsp

You can send us suggestions for improvements or report on issues in the documentation by contacting us at:
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