

Service Name

AWS Artifact

Service Overview

AWS Artifact provides on-demand downloads of AWS security and compliance documents, including reports on compliance with ISO standards, PCI Security Standards, and SOC reports. The service also offers downloads of certifications from accreditation bodies and documents for independent software vendors (ISVs) on AWS Marketplace. Additionally, AWS Artifact enables users to review, accept, and track the status of their agreements with AWS for individual accounts and multiple accounts within their organization, serving as a central resource for compliance-related information.

Key Use Cases

- **Audit and compliance:** Providing auditors and regulators with audit artifacts to demonstrate security and compliance of AWS infrastructure and services
- **Vendor assessments:** Eliminating the need to contact AWS Support during audits by providing self-service access to compliance reports and previous versions
- **Organizational compliance management:** Managing and accepting agreements on behalf of all member accounts in an AWS Organization through centralized controls

Features

- **On-demand compliance reports:** Download security and compliance documents including ISO, PCI, and SOC reports with unique watermarks
- **Agreement management:** Review, accept, and track status of AWS agreements for individual and organizational accounts
- **Third-party vendor reports:** Access compliance documents for independent software vendors selling products on AWS Marketplace
- **Historical report versions:** Access previous versions of compliance reports directly through the console for audit continuity
- **AWS Organizations integration:** Automatically accept security compliance reports on behalf of all member accounts in an organization

Value Proposition

AWS Artifact eliminates manual processes in compliance workflows by providing self-service access to security and compliance documentation, reducing dependency on AWS Support during audits. The service offers centralized agreement management across AWS Organizations, enabling scalable compliance operations:

- All documents and agreements are provided free of charge, making it a cost-effective solution for meeting regulatory requirements
- The service maintains audit trail integrity with watermarked documents and provides access to historical report versions, ensuring continuity during extended audit processes

Service Integration

AWS Artifact integrates closely with AWS Organizations to enable centralized agreement management and automatic acceptance of compliance reports across member accounts. It uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) for fine-grained access control and service-linked roles:

- The service connects with AWS Marketplace to provide third-party vendor compliance documents
- Integration with AWS Audit Manager helps automate evidence collection for compliance frameworks
- AWS Artifact also works with AWS CloudTrail for API logging and audit trails

Onboarding and Offboarding

Getting started with AWS Artifact requires only an AWS account. Users access the AWS Artifact console to download reports, manage agreements, and configure notifications:

- The service provides immediate access to compliance documents without additional setup
- For AWS Organizations integration, administrators must enable trusted access and grant permissions for the service-linked role
- Prerequisites include setting up IAM permissions for users who need access to specific report types or agreement management functions

Getting Started Guide: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/artifact/latest/ug/getting-started.html>

Data Removal

AWS Artifact operates as a document access service where users download compliance reports and manage agreements. Since documents are downloaded to user systems, data removal involves deleting locally stored files. For organizational agreements, administrators can terminate agreements through the console. The service maintains minimal customer data as it primarily provides access to AWS compliance documentation rather than storing customer-specific information.

Backup/Restore and Disaster Recovery

AWS Artifact does not provide traditional backup and disaster recovery capabilities as it serves as a document access portal for compliance reports and agreements. The service maintains high availability through AWS infrastructure, ensuring consistent access to compliance documentation. Report availability and agreement status are maintained by AWS across multiple regions for service reliability.

Backup Capabilities

AWS Artifact does not have traditional backup capabilities and does not integrate with AWS Backup, as it is primarily a document access service for compliance reports and agreements. The service focuses on providing reliable access to compliance documentation rather than data backup functionality.

Disaster Recovery

AWS Artifact does not support disaster recovery scenarios through AWS Elastic Disaster Recovery integration, as it serves as a compliance document access portal rather than a data processing service. Service continuity is maintained through AWS infrastructure resilience across regions.

Recovery Objectives

AWS Artifact supports compliance-related recovery objectives by providing consistent access to compliance documentation and agreements required during audit processes. The service maintains high availability to ensure auditors can access required documentation when needed, though it does not directly contribute to traditional RPO/RTO objectives for data recovery.

Service Constraints

Service Quotas: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws-service-information.html>

FAQ: <https://aws.amazon.com/artifact/faq/>

Technical Requirements

Service Documentation: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/artifact/latest/ug/what-is-aws-artifact.html>

User Guide: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/artifact/latest/ug/what-is-aws-artifact.html>

API Reference: <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/artifact/latest/APIReference/>

Pricing Overview

Please see the AWS UK G Cloud 15 Pricing Document accompanying this service in the Digital Marketplace.

Public Pricing: <https://aws.amazon.com/artifact/faq/>

Cost Optimization

AWS Artifact provides exceptional cost optimization as all documents and agreements are offered free of charge to AWS customers. This eliminates traditional costs associated with compliance document procurement and agreement management:

- The service reduces operational costs by providing self-service access, eliminating the need for AWS Support interactions during audit processes
- Organizations can achieve economies of scale through centralized agreement management across multiple AWS accounts without additional fees

Savings Considerations

The primary cost savings from AWS Artifact come from eliminating manual compliance processes and reducing administrative overhead. Self-service access to compliance reports reduces time-to-audit completion and eliminates support request costs:

- Centralized agreement management through AWS Organizations reduces legal and administrative costs across multiple accounts
- The service's free tier model means organizations can access comprehensive compliance documentation without procurement budgets, making it particularly valuable for cost-conscious compliance programs