

Athena Queries Guide

This document describes the Athena saved queries automatically provisioned by the CloudFormation stack. All queries are created in the stack's Athena workgroup and target the Glue databases/tables that back the Datalake S3 bucket.

Queries use partition projection for efficient scanning – the [account](#), [region](#), [bucket](#), [year](#), [month](#), [date](#) partition keys are resolved at query time without requiring a Glue crawler.

1. Workgroup and Databases

Workgroup: [<stackname>-workgroup](#)

Query results are stored in [s3://<datalake-bucket>/query-results/](#) with optional KMS encryption.

Databases (one per index type):

- [<stackname>_app](#) – application log events
- [<stackname>_audit](#) – audit log events

Each database contains a single table named logs with columns: [@timestamp](#), [accountid](#), [loggroup](#), [logstream](#), [message](#), [metadata](#) (JSON string).

Access log database: [<stackname>_access_logs](#)

Contains a single table [access_logs](#) for S3 server access logs. The bucket partition is required in all queries.

2. Per-Index Saved Queries

The following queries are created for each index type (app and audit). Replace [<type>](#) with the index type in the query name.

Note: For [@timestamp](#) use [from_iso8601_timestamp\(\)](#) at query time. It's negligible cost and keeps the schema compatible with the raw data format, e.g.

[SELECT from_iso8601_timestamp\("@timestamp"\) AT TIME ZONE 'America/New_York' as timestamp ...](#)

The stack creates sample queries for you:

Query in Amazon SageMaker Unified Studio			
Use your IAM role to analyze and build with your existing AWS resources in a single data and AI development environment.			
Editor	Recent queries	Saved queries	Query settings
Saved queries (24)			
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☐	ID	Name	Query
☐	2b212f41-79b8-4ef5-8914-074e33b21211	reports - Count by log group (today)	SELECT loggroup, COUNT(*) AS event_count FROM "logprocessor5_re...
☐	c2ba0aff-5835-4154-8c24-e3027a2c0522	audit - Count by service (today)	SELECT json_extract_scalar(metadata, '\$.service') AS service, COUNT(*)...
☐	6e89651a-09d6-4381-bf24-e4152ae3d35e	app - SQL injection attempts (today)	SELECT "@timestamp", loggroup, logstream, message FROM "logproc...
☐	21b57f0d-ad28-4732-bf39-c71dc169c6ae	audit - Pattern detections (today)	SELECT "@timestamp", loggroup, logstream, message, json_extract_sc...

3. Access Log Saved Queries

These queries target the S3 server access log tables. Available when S3 access logging is enabled.

Amazon Athena > Query editor

Query in Amazon SageMaker Unified Studio

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Editor

Recent queries

Saved queries

Query settings

Saved queries (24)

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☐	ID	Name	▼	Query	▼
☐	afb53be2-f03e-454c-a35a-b12a3995c132	Access logs - Failed requests (today)	-- Change account/region/bucket to query a different source	SELECT r...	
☐	934bfc5c-ee8e-4db3-803e-47abf744d7c9	Access logs - Recent (today)	-- Change account/region/bucket to query a different source	SELECT r...	
☐	ff9bc865-e310-4840-a2ad-3fdecf6e2a68	Access logs - Requests by operation (today)	-- Change account/region/bucket to query a different source	SELECT o...	

4. Running Saved Queries

1. Open the **Athena** console in your AWS region
2. Select the workgroup `<stackname>-workgroup` from the dropdown
3. Click the **Saved queries** tab
4. Select a query and click **Run**

5. Querying Pattern Detections

Pattern detection fields (`pattern_detected`, `pattern_types`) are stored inside the metadata JSON string column. Use `json_extract scalar` to access them:

- All pattern detections

```
json_extract_scalar(metadata, '$.pattern_detected') = 'true'
```

- Specific pattern type

```
json_extract_scalar(metadata, '$.pattern_types') LIKE '%ssn%'
```

```
-- Custom metadata fields
```

```
json_extract_scalar(metadata, '$.service') = 'my-service'
```

6. Cost Considerations

Athena charges \$5 per TB of data scanned. To minimize costs:

- Always include partition filters ([account](#), [year](#), [month](#), [day](#), [hour](#)) to limit scanned data.
- Use LIMIT to cap result rows.
- Select only the columns you need rather than SELECT *. Refer to the saved sample queries.
- The workgroup enforces result location and encryption – no additional configuration needed.

e.g.

```
SELECT requestdatetime, bucket_name, remoteip, requester, operation, key, httpstatus
FROM "logprocessor5_access_logs"."access_logs"
WHERE account = '000000000000'
      AND region = 'us-east-1'
      AND bucket = 'log-bucket-logprocessor5-000000000000-us-east-1'
      AND date = date_format(current_date, '%Y/%m/%d')
ORDER BY requestdatetime DESC
LIMIT 100
```

7. Notes

- Consider Athena be a primary target for logging where log volume is too high for OpenSearch.
- Saved queries are recreated on every stack update. Custom queries should be saved with different names to avoid being overwritten.
- The [<stackname>](#) and [<accountid>](#) placeholders in this document are replaced with your actual stack name and AWS account ID in the provisioned queries.
- Glue tables use partition projection – no crawler is needed. New partitions are available immediately as data arrives.
- The access_logs table uses bucket and date partitions. The bucket partition is required (injected type). Additional buckets can be added via provided (.cmd/.sh) script, e.g. [add-access-logging.cmd](#) [add <bucket-name>](#) (refer to readme.txt in the downloadable scripts.zip).
- Use the provided (.cmd/.sh) script, e.g. [setup-replication.cmd](#) to configures an external account's S3 access bucket to replicate S3 access logs to a stack's access log bucket.

Cross-Region S3 Access Logs

Available on essential tier and above. Replicate S3 access logs from buckets in other regions to the stack's access log bucket. Logs are replicated via S3 cross-region replication and queryable in Athena alongside your primary region's access logs.

Example steps leveraging provided (.cmd/.sh) scripts:

1. From the source region, run the one-time setup pointing to your stack's access log bucket:
[setup-replication.cmd](#) [setup logprocessor-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1 us-west-2](#)
2. Add each source bucket you want to monitor:
[setup-replication.cmd](#) [add my-app-bucket us-west-2](#)
3. Verify replication is working:
[setup-replication.cmd](#) [verify my-app-bucket us-west-2](#)

Here is a sample cross-account Athena query:

```
-- Cross-region:
SELECT requestdatetime, bucket_name, remoteip, requester, operation, key, httpstatus
FROM "logprocessor_access_logs"."access_logs"
WHERE account = '000000000000'
      AND region = 'us-west-2'
      AND bucket = 'my-app-bucket'
      AND date = date_format(current_date, '%Y/%m/%d')
ORDER BY requestdatetime DESC
```

Note: Logs appear in Athena under the same access_logs table with the source region and bucket as partition keys. First logs may take 15–60 minutes to appear.

Cross-Account S3 Access Log Replication

Available on enterprise tier leveraging provided (.cmd/.sh) scripts. Centralize S3 access logs from multiple AWS accounts into a single pipeline.

Step 1 – Run:

setup-replication.cmd setup <target-bucket> [--expire-days n] [--noncurrent-days 3]

e.g.

```
setup-replication.cmd setup logprocessor-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1 us-east-1 --expire-days 7
--noncurrent-days 3
```

```
Account: 111111111111
Region:  us-east-1
Log bucket: access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1
Target:   logprocessor-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1

[1/5] Creating shared log bucket access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1 ...
{
  "Location": "/access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1",
  "BucketArn": "arn:aws:s3:::access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1"
}
Done.
[2/5] Enabling versioning on access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1 (required for replication) ...
Done.
[3/5] Creating IAM replication role s3-access-log-replication-111111111111...
Done.
Waiting for IAM role propagation ...
[4/5] Configuring S3 replication to logprocessor-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1 ...
Done.
[5/5] Configuring lifecycle policy ...
{
  "TransitionDefaultMinimumObjectSize": "all_storage_classes_128K"
}
```

Objects expire after 7 days.
Noncurrent versions expire after 3 days.
Done.

Setup complete. Shared log bucket: access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1
Now add source buckets with:
add <source-bucket> [region]

Step 2 – Add source buckets using: `setup-replication.cmd add <source-bucket>`
e.g.

`setup-replication.cmd add test-bucket-1111111111-us-east-1`

Account: 111111111111
Region: us-east-1
Log bucket: access-logs-111111111111-us-east-1
Source: test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1

[1/1] Enabling partitioned access logging on test-bucket-639381489303-us-east-1 ...
Done.

Access logs from test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1 will appear at:
s3://access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1/access/111111111111/us-east-1
/test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1/YYYY/MM/DD/

Logs replicate to the target bucket configured during setup.
First logs may take 15-60 minutes to appear.

Step 1 creates the access-logs... bucket, step 2 configures replication.

Buckets

General purpose buckets

All AWS Regions

Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (2) Info

Refresh

Copy ARN

Empty

Delete

Create bucket

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

Find buckets by name

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	Name	AWS Region	Creation date
☐	access-logs-test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	May 7, 2026, 08:08:11 (UTC-04:00)
☐	test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	May 6, 2026, 14:10:11 (UTC-04:00)

After 15-60 minutes depending on activity entries will appear in the access bucket:

111111111111/ > us-east-1/ > test-bucket- 111111111111-us-east-1/ > 2026/ > 05/ > 07/

07/
Copy S3 URI

Objects
Properties

Objects (13)
Copy S3 URI
Copy URL
Download
Open
Delete
Actions
Create folder
Upload

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)

☐ Show versions

☐	Name	Type	Last modified	Size
☐	2026-05-07-00-00-09C7D99A53988FD6	-	May 7, 2026, 09:42:02 (UTC-04:00)	
☐	2026-05-07-00-00-1CF21712DBF3B9CD	-	May 7, 2026, 09:38:10 (UTC-04:00)	
☐	2026-05-07-00-00-2DE8A125A07EBC52	-	May 7, 2026, 09:49:51 (UTC-04:00)	
☐	2026-05-07-00-00-515BE0129DB8164F	-	May 7, 2026, 09:43:30 (UTC-04:00)	
☐	2026-05-07-00-00-5F71C3573BE3FA46	-	May 7, 2026, 09:38:12 (UTC-04:00)	

Replication from the source access bucket to the target will be visible in its configuration:

Lifecycle configuration

To manage your objects so that they are stored cost effectively throughout their lifecycle, configure their lifecycle. A lifecycle configuration is a set of rules that define actions that Amazon S3 applies to a group of objects. Lifecycle rules run once per day.

Lifecycle rules

Use lifecycle rules to define actions you want Amazon S3 to take during an object's lifetime such as transitioning objects to another storage class, archiving them, or deleting them after a specified period of time. [Learn more](#)

Lifecycle rule name	Status	Scope	Current version actions	Noncurrent versions acti...	Expired object delete ma...	Incomplete multipart up...
No lifecycle rules						
There are no lifecycle rules for this bucket.						
Create lifecycle rule						

Replication rules (1)

Use replication rules to define options you want Amazon S3 to apply during replication such as server-side encryption, replica ownership, transitioning replicas to another storage class, and more. [Learn more](#)

Replication rule name	Status	Destination bucket	Destination Region	Priority	Scope	Storage class	Replica owner	Replication Time Control	KMS-encrypted objects (SSE-KMS or DSSE-KMS)	Replica modification sync
access-log-replication	Enabled	s3://logprocessor-r5-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	1	Prefix: access/	Same as source	Destination bucket owner	Disabled	Do not replicate	Disabled

[View replication configuration](#)

To list buckets hosted in access log S3 bucket use: add-access-logging.cmd <stack> list

add-access-logging.cmd LogProcessor list

Monitored buckets in logprocessor-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1:

```
test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1
datalake-logprocessor-000000000000-us-east-1
log-bucket-logprocessor-000000000000-us-east-1
```

Or ...

```
aws s3 ls s3://logprocessor-access-logs-000000000000-us-east-1/access/ --region us-east-1
```


Here is a sample cross-account Athena query:

```
-- Cross-account:
SELECT requestdatetime, bucket_name, remoteip, requester, operation, key, httpstatus
FROM "logprocessor_access_logs"."access_logs"
WHERE account = '111111111111'
  AND region = 'us-east-1'
  AND bucket = 'test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1'
  AND date = date_format(current_date, '%Y/%m/%d')
ORDER BY requestdatetime DESC
```

Query results

Query stats

Completed

Time in queue: 61 ms

Run time: 596 ms

Data scanned: 38.08 KB

Results (52)

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Download results CSV

Search rows

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#	requestdatetime	bucket_name	remoteip	requester	operation	key
1	07/May/2026:13:50:07 +0000	test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1	72.94.157.10	dbc9d19792cd315102ab7b4d7f0be58a54fd50f1c9f30ad42e31c17b5b95d6f2	REST.PUT.OBJECT	test-key-1
2	07/May/2026:13:35:56 +0000	test-bucket-111111111111-us-east-1	72.94.157.10	dbc9d19792cd315102ab7b4d7f0be58a54fd50f1c9f30ad42e31c17b5b95d6f2	REST.PUT.OBJECT	test-key-2