

# Backing up an Application

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**i Summary:** this section explains how to back up an Application (manually) so that its AIP schemas and other information can be safely retained and **restored**. Note that:

- you can run an auto backup as part of the "add version" action - see [Standard onboarding - add a new Version - deliver code - generate snapshot](#).
- you can manage backup retention settings in [Administration Center - Settings - Backup Strategy](#).

## Prerequisites

- ✓ Ensure that your Application already exists.
- ✓ Ensure that you are logged in as a user with the [Admin role](#).

## What is backed up?

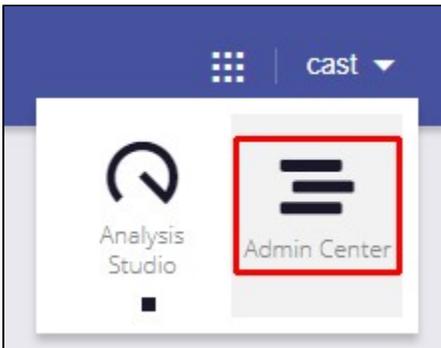
When a backup is actioned the following will occur:

- the Application's associated **schemas** will be backed up in **.cssbackup** format
- the Application's **Delivery folder** will be backed up in uncompressed format
- Options set at version level within the Application, for example **exclusion patterns**, **source path**, **objective choices** (these are included from AIP Console v. 1.22) in XML format

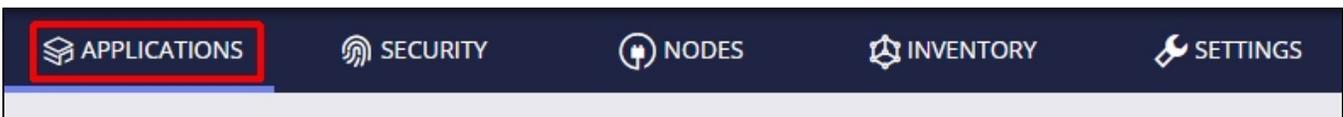
**i** In older releases of AIP Console ( 1.21), the backup action does not record any selections made in the **Objectives step** of the delivery wizard. This means that any customizations made in this step will not be backed up and will not be restored. As a direct consequence, for example, enabling the **Security Assessment objective** will also enable **Security Dataflow**. When an application is restored, since the Objectives are not backed up, the **Security Dataflow** options will return to their default position (disabled).

## Process

Login with a user account that already has the **Admin** role and switch to the **Admin Center**:



Ensure you are working in the **Applications** tab:



Find the Application you would like to back up and click **Options > View Details**:

APPLICATIONS

+ ADD APPLICATION + ADD DOMAIN

^ No Domain (1)

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View Details

Edit

Manage User Roles

Delete

▼ ATH (1)

Click the **Backup Application** button in the **Backups** section:

APPLICATION DETAILS

^ Backups

BACKUP APPLICATION

No Backups found

▼ Database Schemas

▼ CAST Support (Sherlock)

▼ Node

Choose a name for the backup - AIP Console will suggest a name using the format YYYY-MM-DD - and then click **Backup**:

Backup Application

Name \*

2020-02-11

CANCEL BACKUP

A backup will begin and may take several minutes. On completion, the backup will be listed in the details screen and can be **downloaded as a zip file, restored or deleted**:

^ Backups

BACKUP APPLICATION

Name	Date ↑	Size	Download	Restore	Delete
2020-02-11	2020-02-11, 14:35:49	13.93 MB			

**i** The backup is stored in the following location on the relevant AIP Node (this is set to use the "backup" folder defined for the AIP Node - see [Configure AIP Node storage folder locations - optional](#) for more information):

```
%PROGRAMDATA%\AipConsole\AipNode\backup\
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