

**Project in AWS
Practice Lab**

Getting Started with CloudFormation

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ABOUT THIS LAB

CloudFormation is a powerful automation service within AWS. It can be used to create simple or complex sets of infrastructure at any number of times. This hands-on lab provides a gentle introduction to CloudFormation, using it to create and update a number of S3 buckets. By the end of this hands-on lab, you will be comfortable using CloudFormation and can begin experimenting with your own templates.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Create a CloudFormation Stack
- Update the CloudFormation Stack to Add an S3 Bucket
- Update the CloudFormation Stack to Rename the S3 Bucket

AWS Documentation about CloudFormation:

<https://aws.amazon.com/cloudformation/faqs/#topic-0>

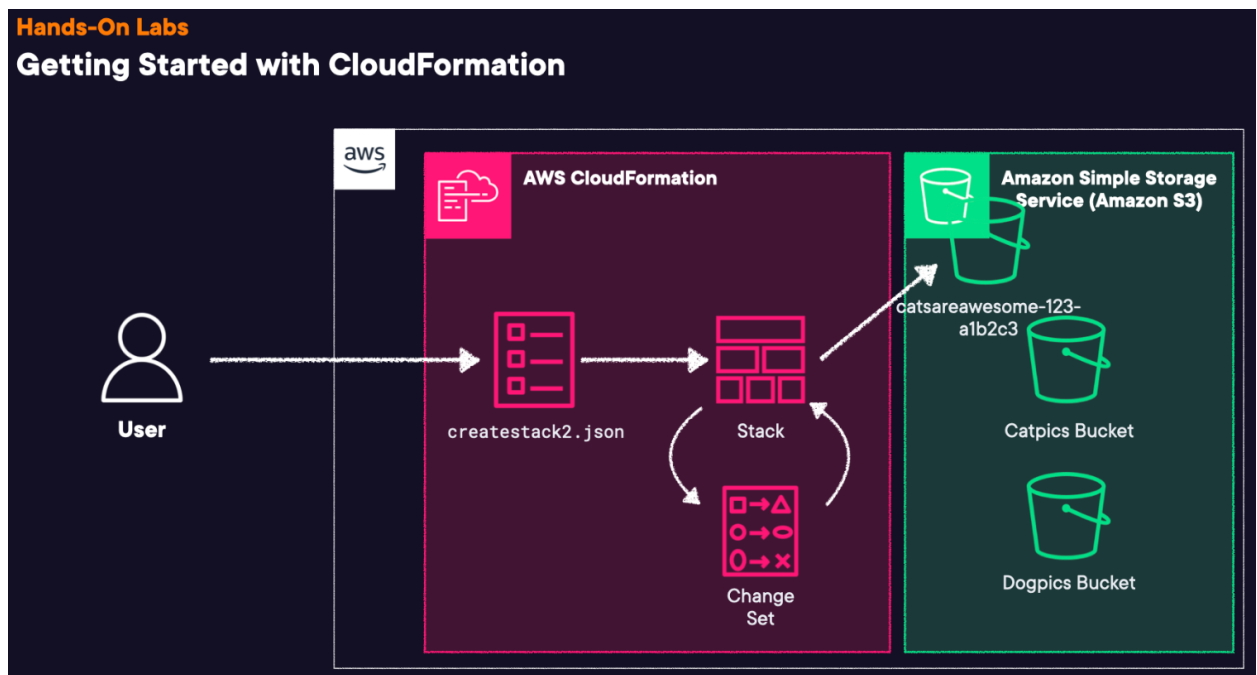
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSCloudFormation/latest/TemplateReference/aws-template-resource-type-ref.html>

Source: <https://learn.acloud.guru/course/certified-solutions-architect-associate/>

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Lab Diagrams



We have the AWS account in **us-east-1** Region. In this lab, you're working for a small clothing retailer, who are at the start of their cloud journey. They've asked you to come into their office and help them understand more about how CloudFormation works.

You're going to create a new CloudFormation stack using the information provided in the **createstack.json** file. The information from this file will create a S3 bucket in your AWS account called **Catpics**. Once you've completed this first objective, you'll be moving into the second one, which is where you'll modify your CloudFormation stack using the information found in the **updatestack1.json** file, you'll view the changes, which are going to be made and shown in the change set. When you submit the update, you'll provision your second S3 bucket, this time called **Dogpics**.

Once you have the two S3 buckets successfully configured in your lab environment, you'll proceed into the last step, which can be found in the configuration code in **updatestack2.json** file. This file updates our **Catpics** bucket name to be **catsareawesome**. Before executing the stack update, you'll review the change set again to see what CloudFormation is going to do before deploying the change and updating the S3 bucket.

It's worth mentioning that during this lab we don't specifically delete the CloudFormation stack.

Log in to your AWS account



Sign in as IAM user

Account ID (12 digits) or account alias

Type Account ID

IAM user name

Type IAM user name

Password

☐ Remember this account

Sign in

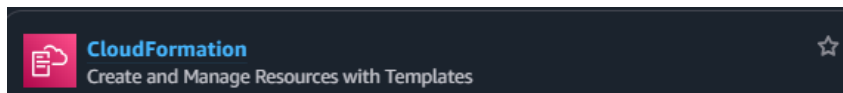
Sign in using root user email

[Forgot password?](#)

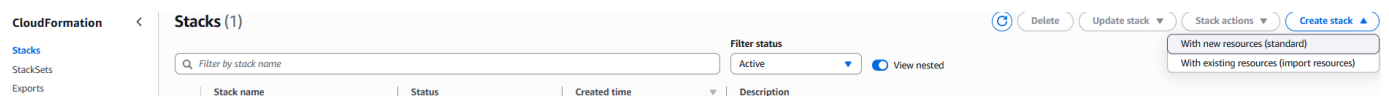


1. Create a CloudFormation Stack

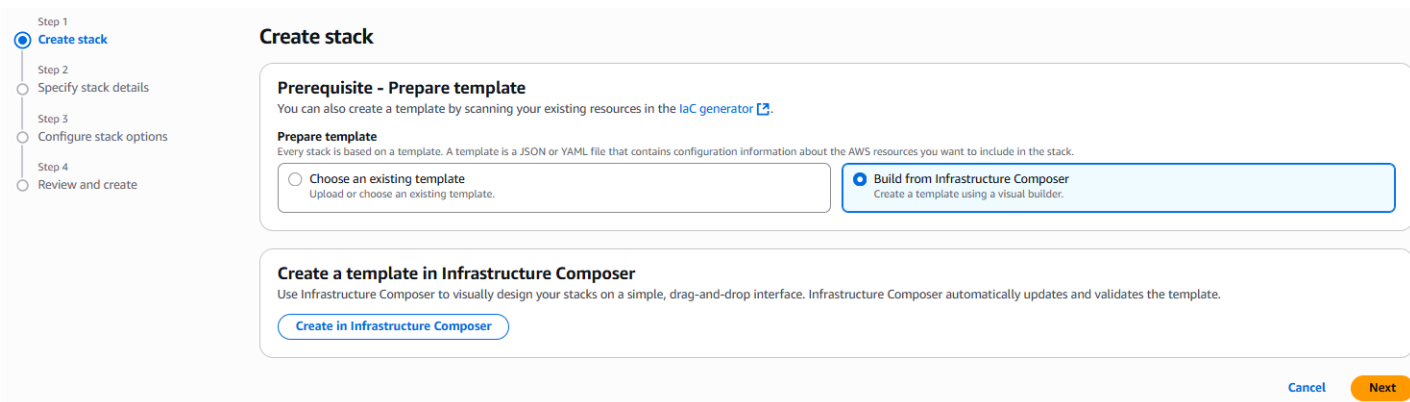
1. Once you are logged in to the AWS Management Console, navigate to **CloudFormation**.



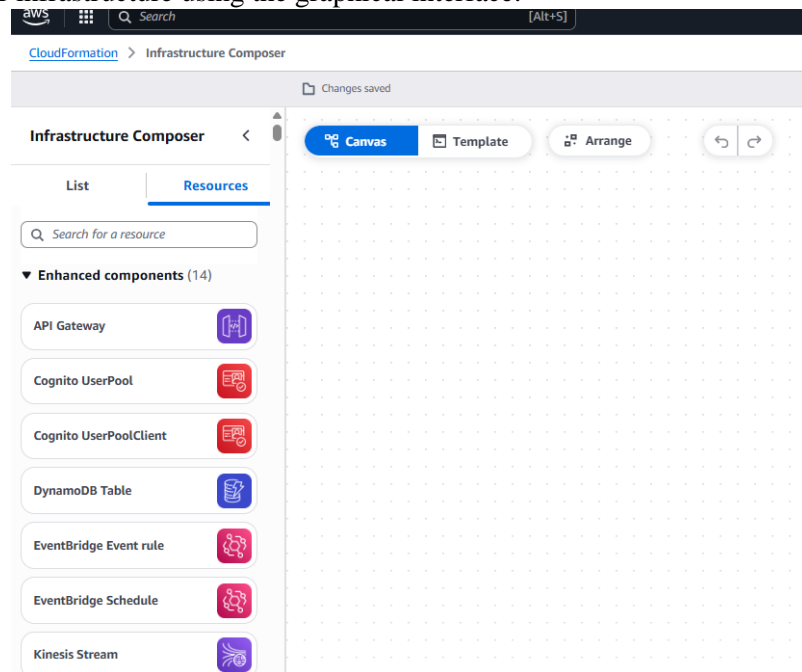
2. Click **Create stack** → **With new resources (standard)**.



3. Under **Prerequisite - Prepare template**, select **Build from Infrastructure Composer**.
4. Select the **Create in Infrastructure Composer** button that appears below.



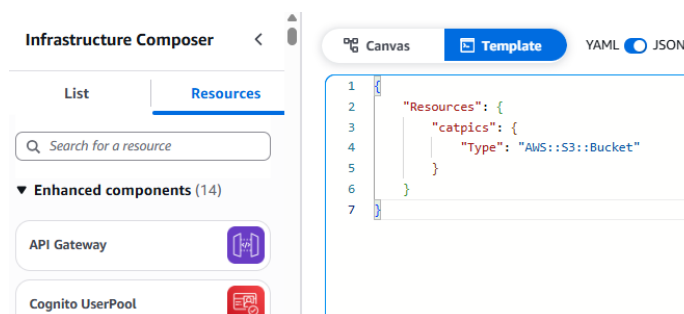
- This opens up the infrastructure composer window, which allows you to drag and drop icons and configure your infrastructure using the graphical interface.



- Instead, at the top of the page, select the **Template** button. We're going to enter our first template ourselves.
- Navigate back to your text editor and open the *createstack.json* file.
- Copy all the information within the *createstack.json* file.

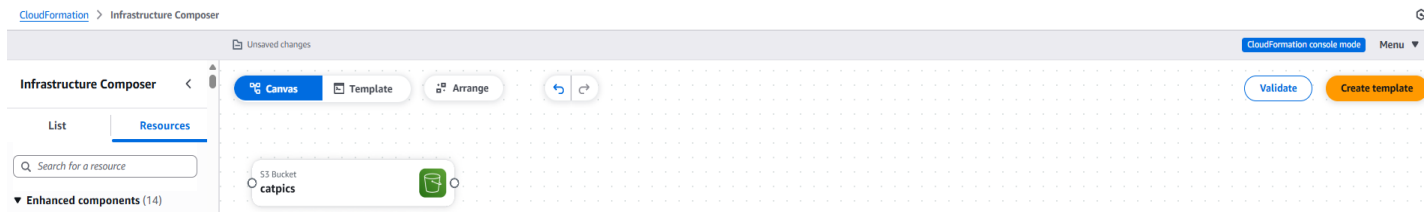
```
{  
  "Resources": {  
    "catpics": {  
      "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

- Navigate back to your CloudFormation browser tab, and in the template pane, delete the code and paste in the file information you just copied. JSON is automatically identified.

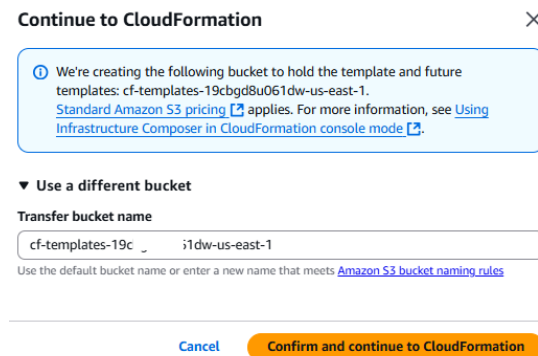


10. In **Canvas**, you can see the code represented graphically.

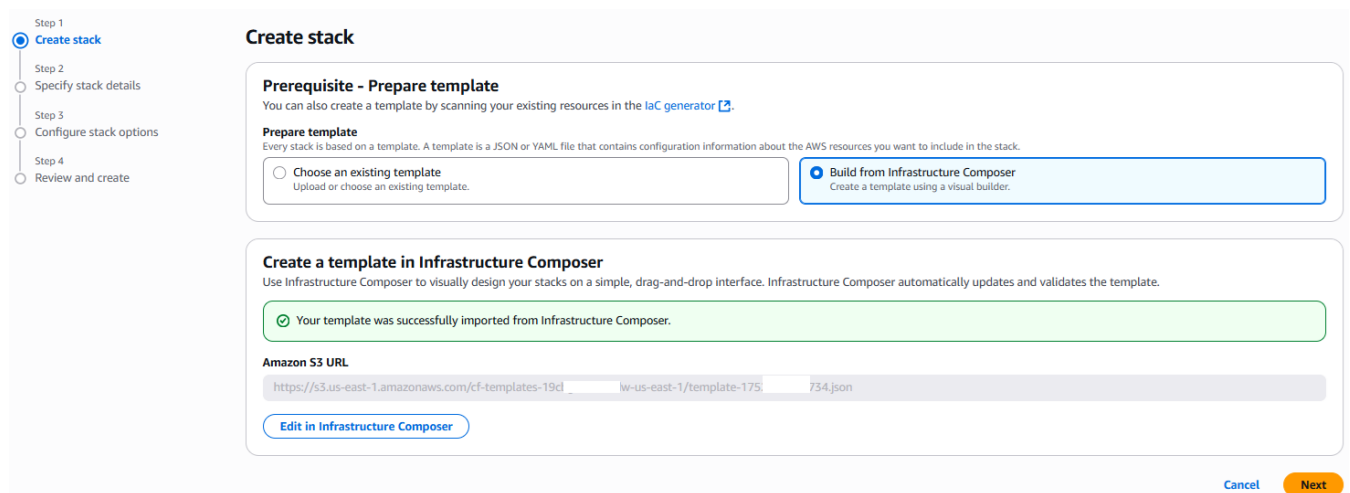
11. Click on **Create template**.



12. CloudFormation will use a bucket to transfer the information to. The bucket name is provided for us and we don't need to change the naming convention, so keep the bucket name as it is. Click on the **Confirm and continue to CloudFormation** button on the pop-up window.



13. This has now uploaded our template file to an Amazon S3 bucket. In the bottom right corner, click **Next**.



14. For **Stack name**, enter *cfnlab*.

15. Click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Specify stack details' step in the AWS CloudFormation console. On the left, a vertical progress bar indicates the steps: Step 1 (Create stack), Step 2 (Specify stack details - selected), Step 3 (Configure stack options), Step 4 (Review and create), and Step 5 (Review and create). The main content area is titled 'Specify stack details' and contains two sections: 'Provide a stack name' and 'Parameters'. In the 'Provide a stack name' section, the 'Stack name' field is filled with 'cfnlab'. Below the field, a message states: 'Stack name must contain only letters (a-z, A-Z), numbers (0-9), and hyphens (-) and start with a letter. Max 128 characters. Character count: 6/128.' The 'Parameters' section is titled 'Parameters' and contains the text 'Parameters are defined in your template and allow you to input custom values when you create or update a stack.' Below this, it says 'No parameters' and 'There are no parameters defined in your template'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next'.

16. Scroll through the available stack options, leaving them all at the defaults, and click **Next**.

The screenshot shows the 'Configure stack options' step in the AWS CloudFormation console. On the left, a vertical progress bar indicates the steps: Step 1 (Create stack), Step 2 (Specify stack details), Step 3 (Configure stack options - selected), Step 4 (Review and create), and Step 5 (Review and create). The main content area is titled 'Configure stack options' and contains three sections: 'Tags - optional', 'Permissions - optional', and 'Stack failure options'. The 'Tags - optional' section is titled 'Tags - optional' and contains the text 'Tags (key-value pairs) are used to apply metadata to AWS resources, which can help in organizing, identifying, and categorizing those resources. You can add up to 50 unique tags for each stack.' Below this, it says 'No tags associated with the stack.' and there is an 'Add new tag' button. The 'Permissions - optional' section is titled 'Permissions - optional' and contains the text 'Specify an existing AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) service role that CloudFormation can assume.' Below this, it says 'IAM role - optional' and 'Choose the IAM role for CloudFormation to use for all operations performed on the stack.' There is a dropdown menu for 'IAM role name' with 'Sample-role-name' selected, and a 'Remove' button. The 'Stack failure options' section is titled 'Stack failure options' and contains two sub-sections: 'Behavior on provisioning failure' and 'Delete newly created resources during a rollback'. Under 'Behavior on provisioning failure', there are two radio buttons: 'Roll back all stack resources' (selected) and 'Preserve successfully provisioned resources'. Under 'Delete newly created resources during a rollback', there are two radio buttons: 'Use deletion policy' (selected) and 'Delete all newly created resources'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next'.

17. Review your selections, and click **Submit**.

18. Refresh the **Events** section to watch the progress. As you can see, our **cfnlab** stack has initiated and the resources are beginning to be created. We can see the **catpics** bucket has been created.

cfnlab

Delete

Update stack

Stack actions

Create stack

Stack info

Events

Resources

Outputs

Parameters

Template

Change sets

Git sync

Table view

Timeline view

Events (5)

View root cause

Search events

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Detailed status	Status reason	Hook invocations
2025-07-08 23:38:27 UTC+0300	cfnlab	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-	-
2025-07-08 23:38:27 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-	-
2025-07-08 23:38:14 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	Resource creation Initiated	-
2025-07-08 23:38:12 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	-	-
2025-07-08 23:38:10 UTC+0300	cfnlab	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	User Initiated	-

19. Navigate to S3 in a new browser tab. You should see the newly created *cfnlab-catpics* bucket.

cfnlab

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Resources (1)

Search resources

Logical ID	Physical ID	Type	Status	Module
catpics	cfnlab-catpics-tsqv8xdwcn0l	AWS::S3::Bucket	CREATE_COMPLETE	-

Amazon S3

General purpose buckets

Directory buckets

Account snapshot - updated every 24 hours

View Storage Lens dashboard

General purpose buckets

Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (3)

Find buckets by name

Name	AWS Region	IAM Access Analyzer	Creation date
cf-templates-19c	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 8, 2025, 23:31:20 (UTC+03:00)
cfn-stacks-10z	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 8, 2025, 22:04:34 (UTC+03:00)
cfnlab-catpics-tsqv8xdwcn0l	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 8, 2025, 23:38:16 (UTC+03:00)

2. Update the CloudFormation Stack to Add an S3 Bucket

1. Navigate back to your text editor and open the *updatestack1.json* file.
2. Copy all the information within the *updatestack1.json* file. We'll create a second S3 bucket, this time it's going to be called **dogpics**.

```
{  
  "Resources": {  
    "catpics": {  
      "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"  
    },  
    "dogpics": {  
      "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

3. Navigate back to your CloudFormation browser tab, and on the left side under **Stacks**, ensure *cfnlab* is selected.
4. In the upper right corner, click **Update stack** → **Make a direct update**.

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudFormation console. On the left, the 'Stacks' list shows 'cfnlab' with a status of 'CREATE_COMPLETE'. In the main area, the 'cfnlab' stack is selected, and the 'Update stack' button is highlighted with a red box. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Create a change set' and 'Make a direct update', with 'Make a direct update' also highlighted with a red box. Below the stack list, the 'Events' tab is active, showing a table of events for the 'cfnlab' stack.

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Detailed status	Status reason
2025-07-11 21:11:40 UTC+0300	cfnlab	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 21:11:39 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 21:11:26 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	Resource creation Initiated
2025-07-11 21:11:25 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	-
2025-07-11 21:11:23 UTC+0300	cfnlab	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	User Initiated

5. Under **Prerequisite - Prepare template**, select **Edit in Infrastructure Composer**.
6. Click **Edit in Infrastructure Composer**.

Step 1 **Update stack**
 Step 2 Specify stack details
 Step 3 Configure stack options
 Step 4 Review cfnlab

Update stack

Prerequisite - Prepare template
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Prepare template
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[Edit in Infrastructure Composer](#)

[Cancel](#) [Next](#)

- At the top of the page, select the **Template** button tab and then replace the current template with the template information you just copied.

CloudFormation > Infrastructure Composer

Unsaved changes

Infrastructure Composer

Canvas **Template** YAML JSON

List **Resources**

Search for a resource

Enhanced components (14)

API Gateway

```

1 {
2   "Resources": {
3     "catpics": {
4       "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"
5     },
6     "dogpics": {
7       "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"
8     }
9   }
10 }
  
```

- In **Canvas**, you can see the code represented graphically.
- At the upper right corner, click **Update template**.

CloudFormation > Infrastructure Composer

Unsaved changes

cfnlab.yaml

CloudFormation console mode Menu

Infrastructure Composer

Canvas Template Arrange

Validate **Update template**

List **Resources**

Search for a resource

Enhanced components (14)

API Gateway

S3 Bucket catpics

S3 Bucket dogpics

- Click **Confirm and continue to CloudFormation**.

Continue to CloudFormation



i We're putting the template in this existing bucket: cf-templates-1uxnx2xcrr2o-us-east-1.
For more information, see [Using Infrastructure Composer in CloudFormation console mode](#).

► Use a different bucket

Cancel

Confirm and continue to CloudFormation

11. Click **Next** until you get to the **Review cfnlab** page.

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Amazon S3 URL

Edit in Infrastructure Composer

CancelNext

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☐ Update stack

Step 2

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Step 3

☐ Configure stack options

Step 4

☐ Review cfnlab

Specify stack details

Parameters

Parameters are defined in your template and allow you to input custom values when you create or update a stack.

No parameters
There are no parameters defined in your template

CancelPreviousNext

12. Scroll down to the **Change set preview** section and review the changes that will be made based on the *updatestack1.json* template. You should see a new **dogpics** resource will be added.

13. Click **Submit**.

Change set preview

Changes (1)

Action	Logical ID	Physical ID	Resource type	Replacement	Module	Hook inv...
Add	dogpics	-	AWS::S3::Bucket	-	-	-

View change set

Cancel

Previous

Submit

14. Refresh the **Events** section to watch the progress.

15. Once it's finished updating, click on the refresh button on the left side next to **Stacks**. Under **cfnlab**, you should see the update is complete.

16. Navigate to the S3 browser tab and refresh the page. You should see the new **dogpics** bucket.

CloudFormation

Stacks

cfnlab

Stack details

Stacks

StackSets

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Infrastructure Composer

laC generator

Hooks overview

Hooks

Registry

Public extensions

Activated extensions

Publisher

Spotlight

Feedback

Stacks (2)

Active

View nested

Stacks

cfnlab

2025-07-11 21:11:23 UTC+0300

UPDATE_COMPLETE 3

cfst-3004-55

ec1

730fe6

96

2025-07-11 19:07:22 UTC+0300

CREATE_COMPLETE

cfnlab

Delete

Update stack

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Table view

Timeline view

Events (11)

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Detailed status	Status reason
2025-07-11 21:34:47 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 21:34:46 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_COMPLETE_CLEANUP_IN_PROGRESS	-	-
2025-07-11 21:34:46 UTC+0300	dogpics	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 21:34:33 UTC+0300	dogpics	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	Resource creation Initiated
2025-07-11 21:34:32 UTC+0300	dogpics	CREATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	-
2025-07-11 21:34:29 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	User Initiated
2025-07-11 21:11:40 UTC+0300	cfnlab	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 21:11:39 UTC+0300	catpics	CREATE_COMPLETE	-	-

Amazon S3

Buckets

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General purpose buckets (4)

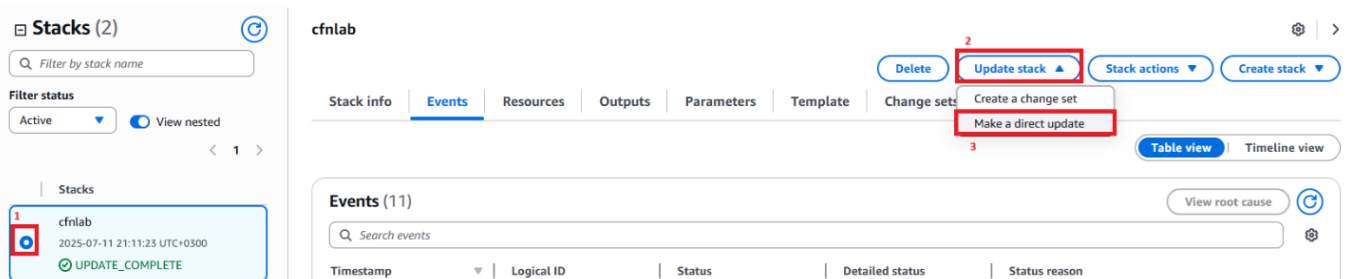
Name	AWS Region	IAM Access Analyzer	Creation date
cf-templates--us-east-1	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 21:10:58 (UTC+03:00)
cfn-stacks-4	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 19:07:28 (UTC+03:00)
cfnlab-catpics	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 21:11:29 (UTC+03:00)
cfnlab-dogpics-v	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 21:34:35 (UTC+03:00)

3. Update the CloudFormation Stack to Rename the S3 Bucket

1. Open the *updatestack2.json* file in a text editor.
2. Change or add to the **123** characters in **catsareawesome123** to something unique (e.g., a string of random alphanumeric characters such as **catsareawesome123thisismybucketforgarfield<add-random-numbers>**). But to see the importance of unique names, we will keep for the moment “**catsareawesome123**”.
3. Copy the contents of the file, and navigate back to the CloudFormation browser tab.

```
{  
  "Resources": {  
    "catpics": {  
      "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket",  
      "Properties": {  
        "BucketName": "catsareawesome123"  
      }  
    },  
    "dogpics": {  
      "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

4. On the left side under **Stacks**, ensure *cfmlab* is selected.
5. In the upper right corner, click **Update**.



6. Under **Prerequisite - Prepare template**, select **Edit in Infrastructure Composer**.
7. Click **Edit in Infrastructure Composer**.

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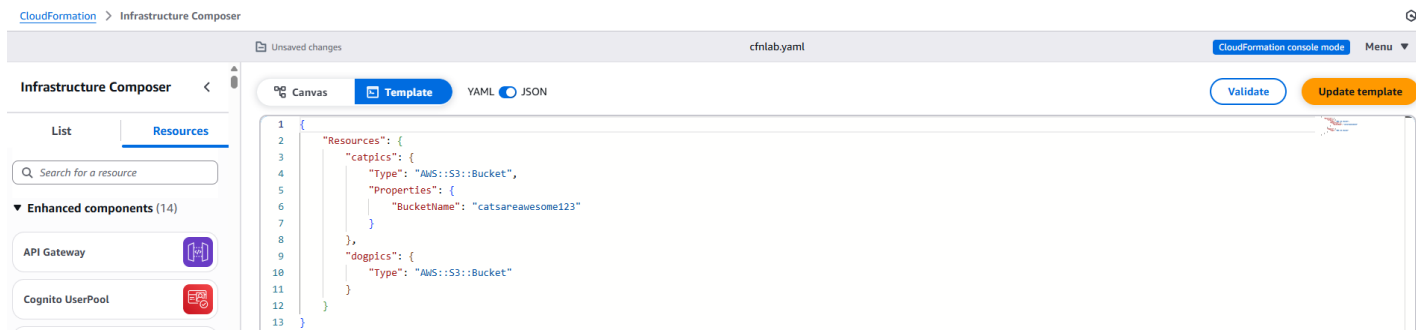
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[Cancel](#) [Next](#)

- At the top of the page, select the **Template** button tab and then replace the current template with the template information you just copied.

- Up the upper right corner, click **Update template**.



- Click **Confirm and continue to CloudFormation**.

Continue to CloudFormation

i We're putting the template in this existing bucket: cf-templates-1uxnx2xcr2o-us-east-1. For more information, see [Using Infrastructure Composer in CloudFormation console mode](#).

[Use a different bucket](#)

[Cancel](#)

[Confirm and continue to CloudFormation](#)

- Click **Next** until you get to the **Review cfnlab** page.

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Amazon S3 URL
<https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/cf-templates--1-o-us-east-1/template-1.json>

[Edit in Infrastructure Composer](#)

[Cancel](#) [Next](#)

Step 1 Update stack
 Step 2 **Specify stack details**
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Specify stack details

Parameters
 Parameters are defined in your template and allow you to input custom values when you create or update a stack.

No parameters
 There are no parameters defined in your template.

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Next](#)

12. Scroll down to the **Change set preview** section and review the changes. Under **Replacement**, you should see **True** is displayed (this means that you cannot rename an S3 bucket). This means AWS is going to create a new S3 bucket (**catsareawesome123**) and delete the old bucket (**catpics**).

13. Click **Submit**.

Changes (1) [Refresh](#)

< 1 >

Action	Logical ID	Physical ID	Resource type	Replacement	Module	Hook inv...
Modify	catpics	cfnlab-catpics-hwpgzv...	AWS::S3::Bucket	True	-	-

[View change set](#) [Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Submit](#)

14. The request has been initiated, and it's noted that "Requested update requires the creation of a new physical resource". Unfortunately, someone already has "**catsareawesome123**" S3 bucket. So, this is not going to work. Amazon provides a "**View root cause**" button at the top. By clicking on this, it will show us what the likely root cause is for why your CloudFormation stack has failed.

Stacks (2)

Filter by stack name

Filter status

Active View nested

Stacks

cfmlab

2025-07-11 21:11:23 UTC+0300

UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE

cfst-3004-

55

1b

730fe6

2025-07-11 19:07:22 UTC+0300

CREATE_COMPLETE

The resource catpics is in a UPDATE_FAILED state

Events (19)

Search events

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Detailed status	Status reason
2025-07-11 22:06:34 UTC+0300	cfmlab	UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 22:06:33 UTC+0300	catpics	DELETE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 22:06:32 UTC+0300	cfmlab	UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE_CLEANUP_IN_PROGRESS	-	-
2025-07-11 22:06:32 UTC+0300	catpics	UPDATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 22:06:30 UTC+0300	cfmlab	UPDATE_ROLLBACK_IN_PROGRESS	-	The following resource(s) failed to update: [catpics].
2025-07-11 22:06:29 UTC+0300	catpics	UPDATE_FAILED	Likely root cause	Resource handler returned message: "catsareawesome123 already exists (Service: S3, Status Code: 0, Request ID: null)" (RequestToken: 06e1074d6a4f404, HandlerErrorCode: AlreadyExists)
2025-07-11 22:06:28 UTC+0300	catpics	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	Requested update requires the creation of a new physical resource; hence creating one.
2025-07-11 22:06:25 UTC+0300	cfmlab	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	User Initiated
2025-07-11 21:34:47 UTC+0300	cfmlab	UPDATE_COMPLETE	-	-

15. Let's click on **Update stack** again.

16. Click **Make a direct update**.

cfmlab

Delete

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Create a change set

Make a direct update

The resource catpics is in a UPDATE_FAILED state

Events (19)

Search events

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Detailed status	Status reason
2025-07-11 22:06:34 UTC+0300	cfmlab	UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE	-	-

17. Under **Prerequisite - Prepare template**, select **Edit in Infrastructure Composer**.

18. Click **Edit in Infrastructure Composer**.

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Update stack

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19. At the top of the page, select the **Template** button tab and then replace the current template with the template information you just copied from *updatestack2.json*. Keep the recommendation from the beginning, such as **catsareawesome123thisismybucketforgarfield<add-random-numbers>**).

20. Up the upper right corner, click **Update template**.

CloudFormation > Infrastructure Composer

Unsaved changes cfnlab.yaml CloudFormation console mode Menu

Infrastructure Composer <

List Resources

Search for a resource

Enhanced components (14)

API Gateway

Cognito UserPool

Canvas Template YAML JSON

Validate Update template

```

1 {
2   "Resources": {
3     "catpics": {
4       "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket",
5       "Properties": {
6         "BucketName": "catsareawesome123thisismybucketforgarfield789"
7       }
8     },
9     "dogpics": {
10      "Type": "AWS::S3::Bucket"
11    }
12  }
13 }
  
```

21. Click **Confirm and continue to CloudFormation**.

Continue to CloudFormation ✕

22. Click **Next** until you get to the **Review cfnlab** page.

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✓ Your template was successfully imported from Infrastructure Composer.

Amazon S3 URL
<https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/cf-templates--1-o-us-east-1/template-1.json>

[Edit in Infrastructure Composer](#)

[Cancel](#) [Next](#)

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Specify stack details

Parameters
 Parameters are defined in your template and allow you to input custom values when you create or update a stack.

No parameters
 There are no parameters defined in your template.

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Next](#)

23. Scroll down to the **Change set preview** section and review the changes. Under **Replacement**, you should see **True** is displayed (this means that you cannot rename an S3 bucket).

24. Click **Submit**.

Change set preview

Changes (1)

Search changes

Action	Logical ID	Physical ID	Resource type	Replacement	Module	Hook inv...
Modify	catpics	cfnlab-catpics-hwpgzv...	AWS::S3::Bucket	True	-	-

[View change set](#) [Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Submit](#)

25. This time our update is complete. You should now see the **catsareawesome123thisismybucketforgarfield(with your chosen string)** bucket, and see the **catpics** bucket was deleted.

Stacks (2)

Filter status

Active

Filter by stack name

View nested

Stacks

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UPDATE_COMPLETE

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2025-07-11 19:07:22 UTC+0300

CREATE_COMPLETE

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Events (27)

Search events

Timestamp	Logical ID	Status	Detailed status	Status reason
2025-07-11 22:28:30 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 22:28:30 UTC+0300	catpics	DELETE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 22:28:29 UTC+0300	catpics	DELETE_IN_PROGRESS	-	-
2025-07-11 22:28:28 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_COMPLETE_CLEANUP_IN_PROGRESS	-	-
2025-07-11 22:28:27 UTC+0300	catpics	UPDATE_COMPLETE	-	-
2025-07-11 22:28:14 UTC+0300	catpics	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	Resource creation Initiated Requested update requires the creation of a new physical resource; hence creating one. User Initiated
2025-07-11 22:28:13 UTC+0300	catpics	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	
2025-07-11 22:28:09 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS	-	
2025-07-11 22:06:34 UTC+0300	cfnlab	UPDATE_ROLLBACK_COMPLETE	-	-

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Resources (2)

Search resources

Logical ID	Physical ID	Type	Status	Module
catpics	catsareawesome123thisismybucketforgarfield789	AWS::S3::Bucket	UPDATE_COMPLETE	-
dogpics	cfnlab-dogpics-yngeraqbrato	AWS::S3::Bucket	CREATE_COMPLETE	-

Amazon S3

General purpose buckets

Directory buckets

Table buckets

Access Grants

Access Points for general purpose buckets

Access Points for directory buckets

Object Lambda Access Points

Multi-Region Access Points

Batch Operations

IAM Access Analyzer for S3

Block Public Access settings for this account

Storage Lens

Account snapshot - updated every 24 hours

Storage lens provides visibility into storage usage and activity trends. Metrics don't include directory buckets.

View Storage Lens dashboard

General purpose buckets

Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (4)

Find buckets by name

Name	AWS Region	IAM Access Analyzer	Creation date
catsareawesome123thisismybucketforgarfield789	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 22:28:17 (UTC+03:00)
cfnst-3	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 21:10:58 (UTC+03:00)
cfn-stacks-0	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 19:07:28 (UTC+03:00)
cfnlab-dogpics-yng	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	July 11, 2025, 21:34:35 (UTC+03:00)

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