

MY AWS PROJECTS - MEME MATCHING GAME

Hi, everyone!

Caleb here!

For this project, I learned how to create a meme matching game using two AWS services; S3 and CodePipeline. GitHub was also used in this exercise.

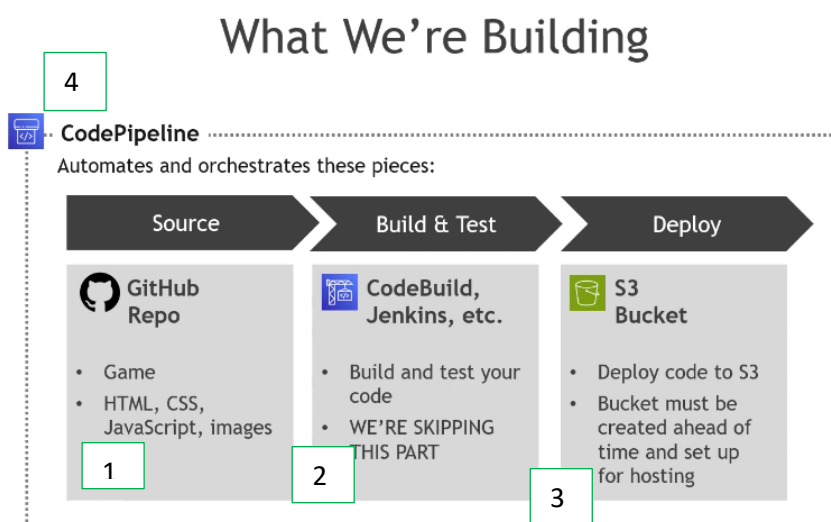
Shouts out to Amber Israelsen for this one, as always. You can find this project on her YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@TinyTechnicalTutorials>.

Now, let's get going!

So, this is how the game works: there are ten cards, each of which shows a picture when clicked on, and you are basically clicking on them in pairs simultaneously. When you click on a pair and the pictures are the same, that pair vanishes from the 'deck'. The whole aim in the end is to clear all the cards.

There is code for this, of course. The idea is to host this code in GitHub, create a pipeline which will pull the code every time a change is made, and then deploy it out to an S3 bucket.

So, here's a diagram showing the blueprint of what we are attempting for this project:



Notice I have numbered the steps for easier clarification.

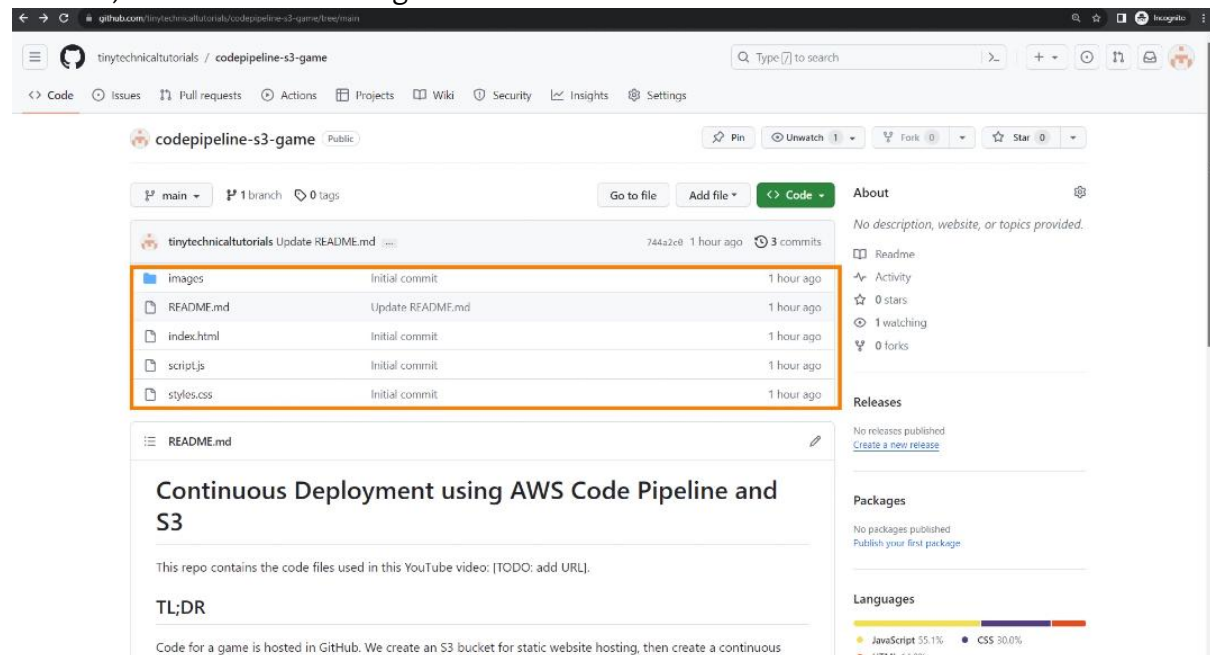
In step 1, we will be retrieving all the code needed from an existing GitHub repository and placing it in our own GitHub repository.

Step 2 is where there is the building and testing of our code. We will be leaving that step out though, as we already have all the codes needed in their right form and order.

In step 3, we will be creating an S3 bucket in which we will have our static website, where the code will be deployed.

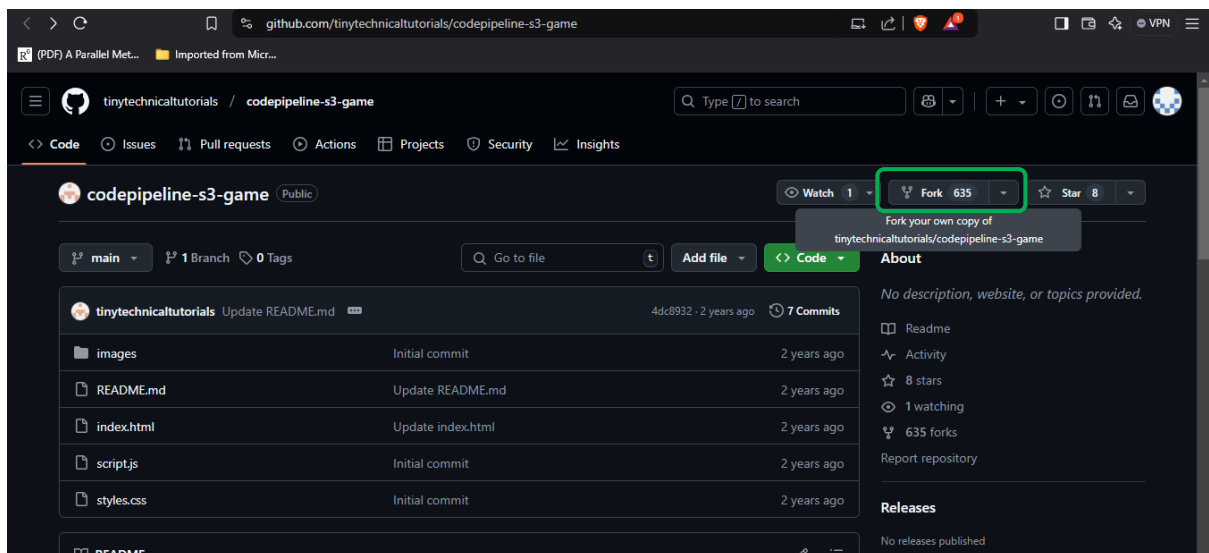
Finally, for step 4, this is where we employ the use of the service known as CodePipeline. CodePipeline will be responsible for automating the process of retrieval of the code from GitHub to S3, as well as automatically updating any changes made to the code and making them take effect in S3.

Let's start by getting the code needed for this project. We will find these codes at <https://github.com/tinytechnicaltutorials/codepipeline-s3-game>. This repository, once you click on the URL, should look something like this:

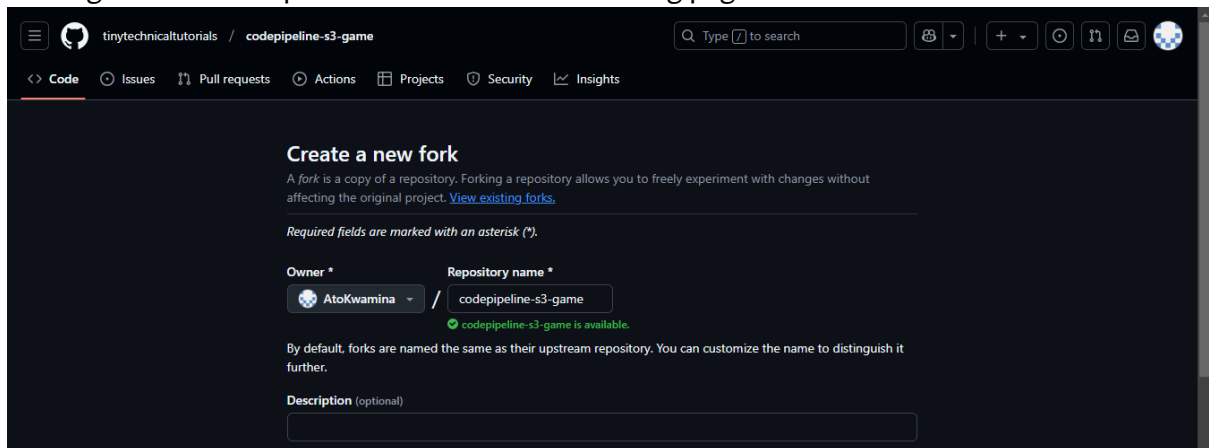


As seen in the highlight in the screenshot, this is where the code needed for the project, as well as a README file giving a heads-up on what is going to be done, are located.

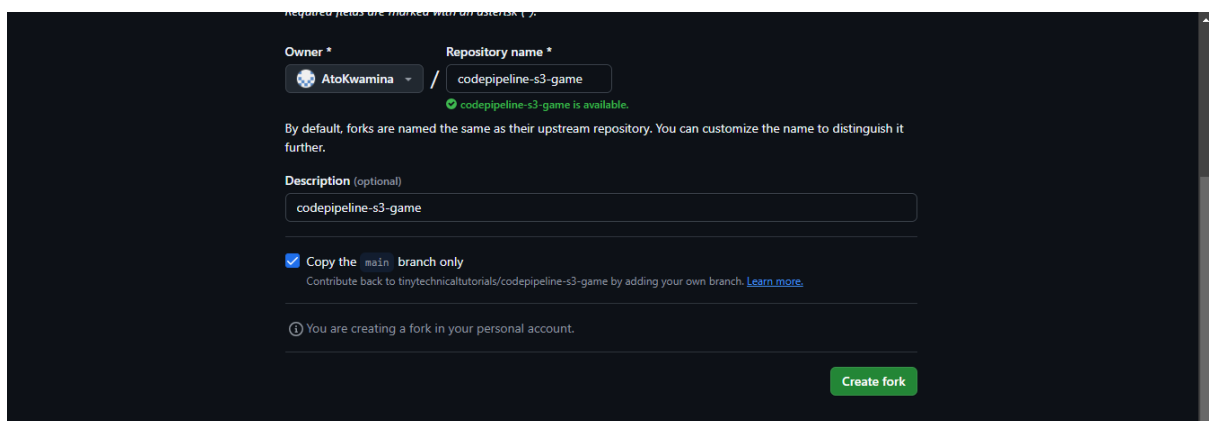
We will need to do something known as 'forking'; essentially, we are picking up all the codes and sending a copy of it into our own GitHub repository. Of course, that means you will need to have created your own GitHub account to be able to do this. See the diagram below:



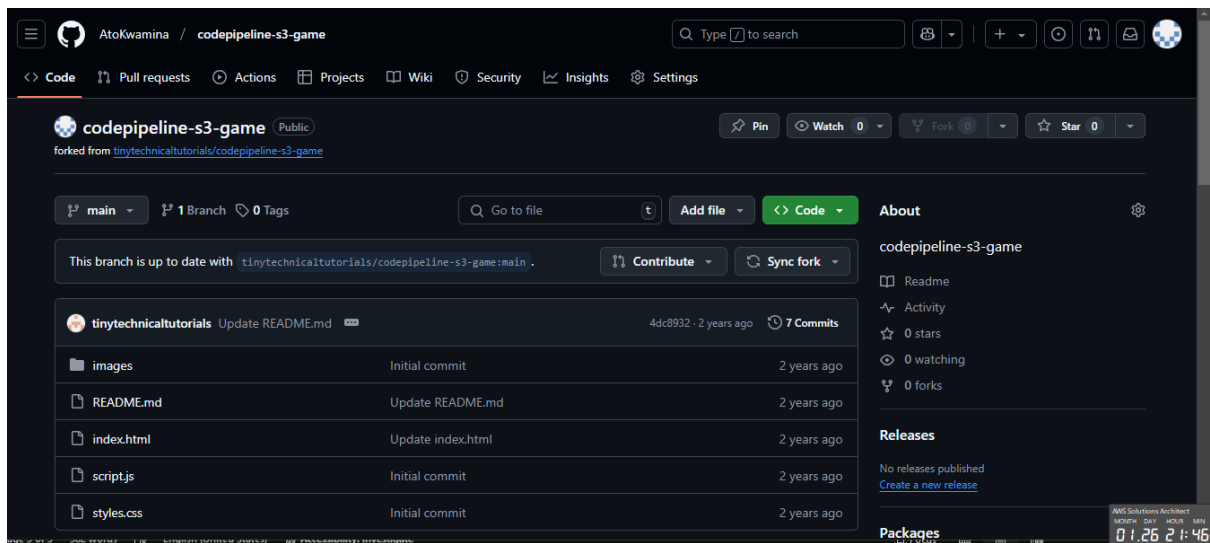
Clicking on the 'fork' option should show the following page:



You may choose to leave everything as-is, and then hit 'Create fork' to mirror the contents in your own repository. For the 'Description' part, I just decided to give it the same as the name of the repository. Feel free to add any description you want.

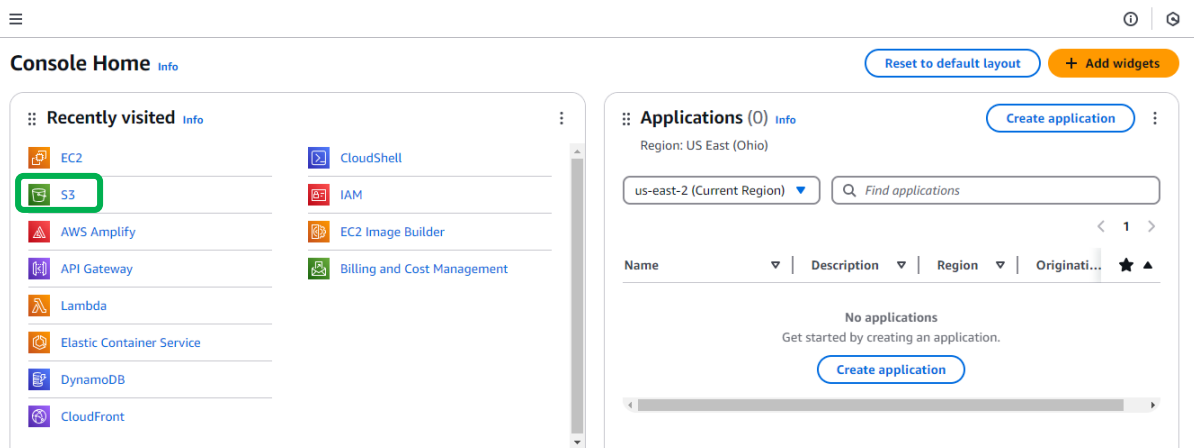


As now shown, the repository has been created in my own account 'AtoKwamina'.

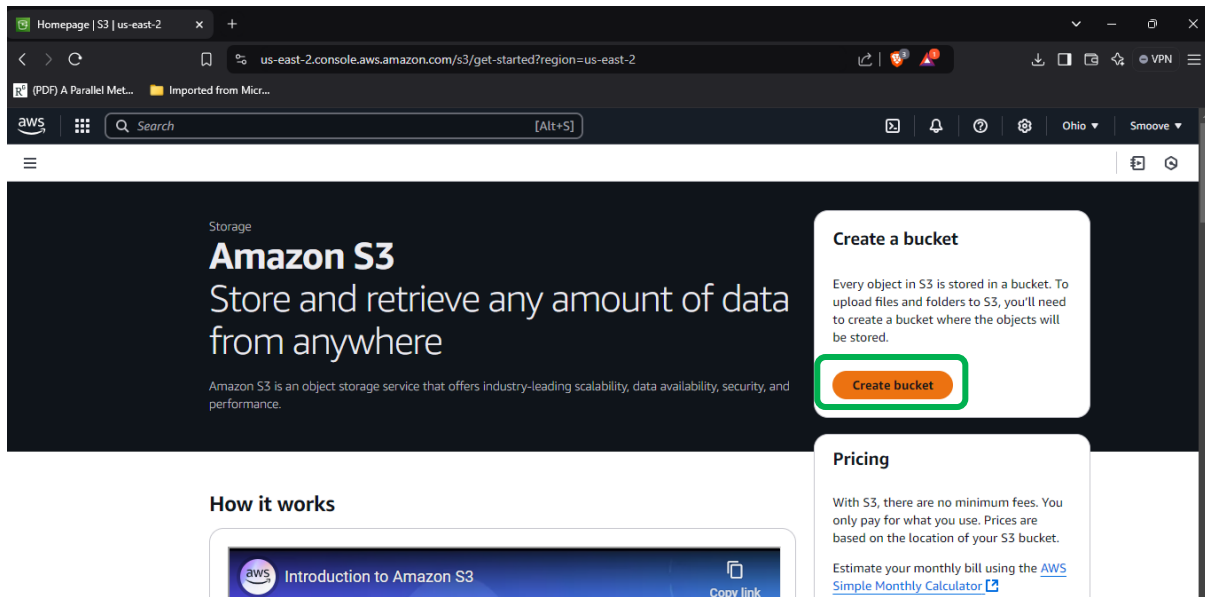


Next, we will need to create and configure an S3 bucket. S3 is used for 'object' (file) storage on AWS. It can also be used for static website hosting, which is pretty much what we are trying to do at the moment.

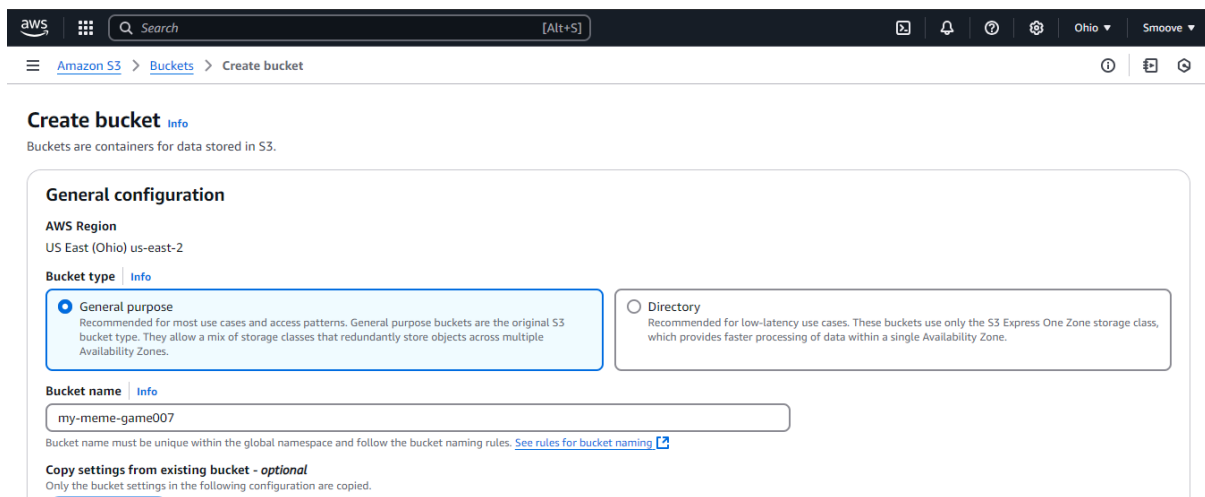
So, let's move now to our AWS console and navigate to S3:



We then go ahead and begin the bucket creation process:



First thing we do is give it a name. I just decided to use the name my instructor, Amber, used. Make sure to add something to it though, if you decide to do the same; remember S3 bucket names are globally unique, so if you write it without any additions, there is a chance it could already be in use.



Scroll down till you get to the section with the inscription 'Block all public access' and deselect that option. We are doing this because we are creating a static website that we want to be globally accessible. In a real-world environment though, be careful about that option.

Also tick the acknowledgment part to let AWS know you are sure of what you are doing.

Block Public Access settings for this bucket

Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, access point policies, or all. In order to ensure that public access to this bucket and its objects is blocked, turn on Block all public access. These settings apply only to this bucket and its access points. AWS recommends that you turn on Block all public access, but before applying any of these settings, ensure that your applications will work correctly without public access. If you require some level of public access to this bucket or objects within, you can customize the individual settings below to suit your specific storage use cases. [Learn more](#)

☐ Block *all* public access

Turning this setting on is the same as turning on all four settings below. Each of the following settings are independent of one another.

- ☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* access control lists (ACLs)**
S3 will block public access permissions applied to newly added buckets or objects, and prevent the creation of new public access ACLs for existing buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing permissions that allow public access to S3 resources using ACLs.
 - ☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *any* access control lists (ACLs)**
S3 will ignore all ACLs that grant public access to buckets and objects.
 - ☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* public bucket or access point policies**
S3 will block new bucket and access point policies that grant public access to buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing policies that allow public access to S3 resources.
 - ☐ **Block public and cross-account access to buckets and objects through *any* public bucket or access point policies**
S3 will ignore public and cross-account access for buckets or access points with policies that grant public access to buckets and objects.

⚠ Turning off block all public access might result in this bucket and the objects within becoming public

AWS recommends that you turn on block all public access, unless public access is required for specific and verified use cases such as static website hosting.

☒ I acknowledge that the current settings might result in this bucket and the objects within becoming public.

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Now scroll down and leave everything else as-is then click on 'Create bucket'.

| Encryption type | Info |
|-----------------|------|
|-----------------|------|

- ☒ Server-side encryption with Amazon S3 managed keys (SSE-S3)
 - ☐ Server-side encryption with AWS Key Management Service keys (SSE-KMS)
 - ☐ Dual-layer server-side encryption with AWS Key Management Service keys (DSSE-KMS)
- Secure your objects with two separate layers of encryption. For details on pricing, see [DSSE-KMS pricing](#) on the **Storage** tab of the [Amazon S3 pricing page](#).

Bucket Key

Using an S3 Bucket Key for SSE-KMS reduces encryption costs by lowering calls to AWS KMS. S3 Bucket Keys aren't supported for DSSE-KMS. [Learn more](#)

- ☐ Disable
- ☒ Enable

► **Advanced settings**

① After creating the bucket, you can upload files and folders to the bucket, and configure additional bucket settings.

Cancel

Create bucket

Now you can click on 'View Details', or just select the bucket just created by clicking on it under 'General purpose buckets'.

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Amazon S3 > Buckets

Successfully created bucket "my-meme-game007"
To upload files and folders, or to configure additional bucket settings, choose [View details](#).

Account snapshot - updated every 24 hours All AWS Regions View Storage Lens dashboard

General purpose buckets Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (1) Info All AWS Regions

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

Find buckets by name

| Name | AWS Region | IAM Access Analyzer | Creation date |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| my-meme-game007 | US East (Ohio) us-east-2 | View analyzer for us-east-2 | January 2, 2025, 12:37:13 (UTC+00:00) |

There are still a few updates we will need to configure for this bucket, so on this next page, go to 'Properties'.

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Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-meme-game007

my-meme-game007 Info

Objects Metadata - Preview Properties Permissions Metrics Management Access Points

Objects (0) Info

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](#)

Find objects by prefix

| Name | Type | Last modified | Size | Storage class |
|--|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| No objects You don't have any objects in this bucket. | | | | |

Upload

First thing we will need to do here would be to enable static website hosting, as it is disabled by default. So, we will scroll all the way down on this page to where we see that option, and then click on ‘Edit’.

Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-meme-game007

Requester pays [Edit](#)

When enabled, the requester pays for requests and data transfer costs, and anonymous access to this bucket is disabled. [Learn more](#)

Requester pays
Disabled

Static website hosting [Edit](#)

Use this bucket to host a website or redirect requests. [Learn more](#)

1 We recommend using AWS Amplify Hosting for static website hosting
Deploy a fast, secure, and reliable website quickly with AWS Amplify Hosting. [Learn more about Amplify Hosting](#) or [View your existing Amplify apps](#) [Create Amplify app](#)

S3 static website hosting
Disabled

Click on the ‘Enable’ option to enable it.

Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-meme-game007 > Edit static website hosting

Edit static website hosting [Info](#)

Static website hosting
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Static website hosting
☐ Disable
☒ Enable

Hosting type
☒ Host a static website
Use the bucket endpoint as the web address. [Learn more](#)
☐ Redirect requests for an object
Redirect requests to another bucket or domain. [Learn more](#)

1 For your customers to access content at the website endpoint, you must make all your content publicly readable. To do so, you can edit the S3 Block Public Access settings for the bucket.
For more information, see [Using Amazon S3 Block Public Access](#)

Index document

Our next change will be for the index document, which will be our default homepage of ‘index.html’. Type that in there.

Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-meme-game007 > Edit static website hosting

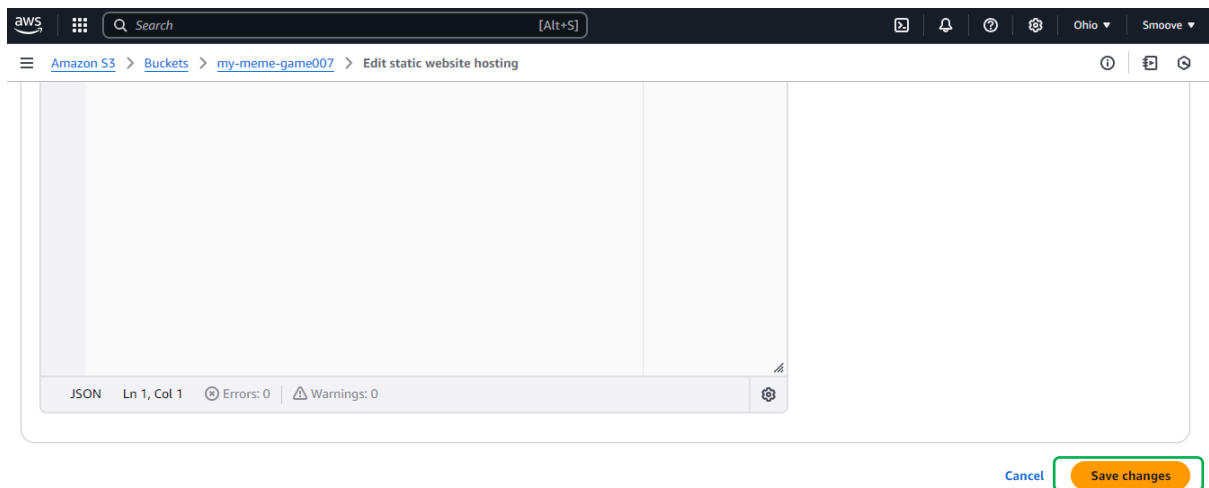
For more information, see [Using Amazon S3 Block Public Access](#)

Index document
Specify the home or default page of the website.

Error document - optional
This is returned when an error occurs.

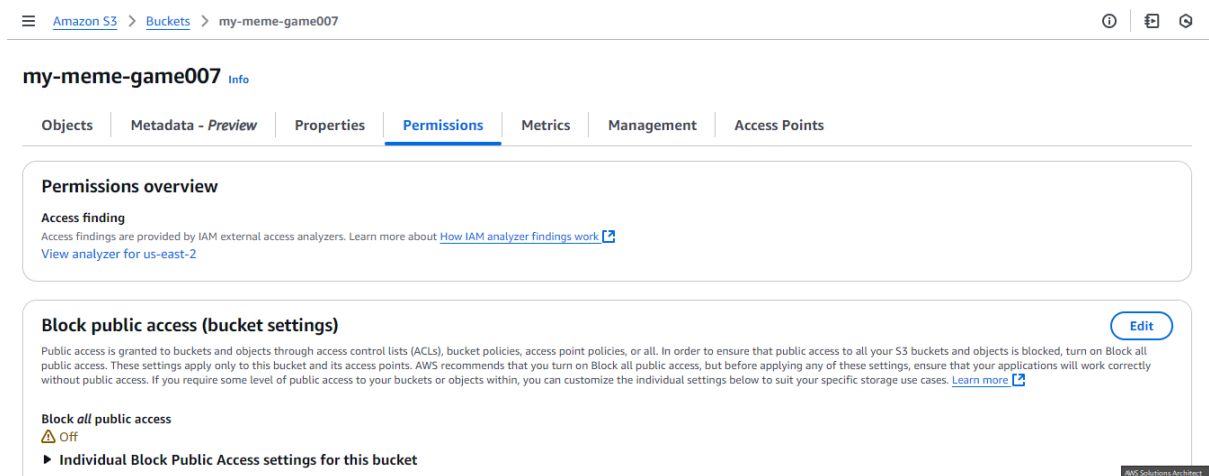
Redirection rules - optional
Redirection rules, written in JSON, automatically redirect webpage requests for specific content. [Learn more](#)

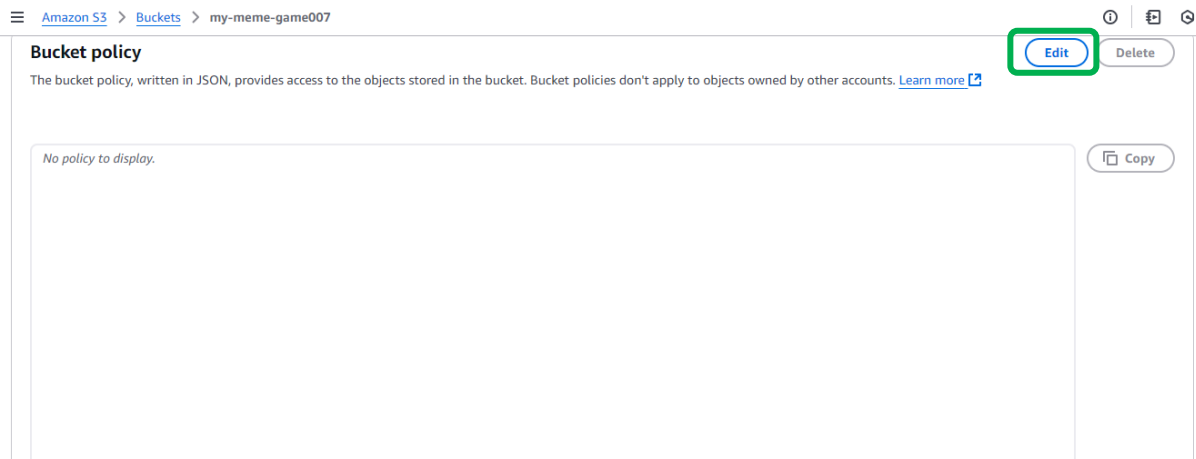
Then scroll down and save changes.



Next thing we need to look at now is permissions. We had previously disabled the ‘Block all access’ setting, but to add to that, we would also want global access to our website to view our files. This is where the bucket policy setting comes in handy.

Go to ‘Permissions’, scroll down to the ‘Bucket policy’ section and click on ‘Edit’.





You'll need this JSON code to edit the bucket policy to allow read access to the files in your bucket.

Don't forget to update the bucket name with the name of your particular bucket.

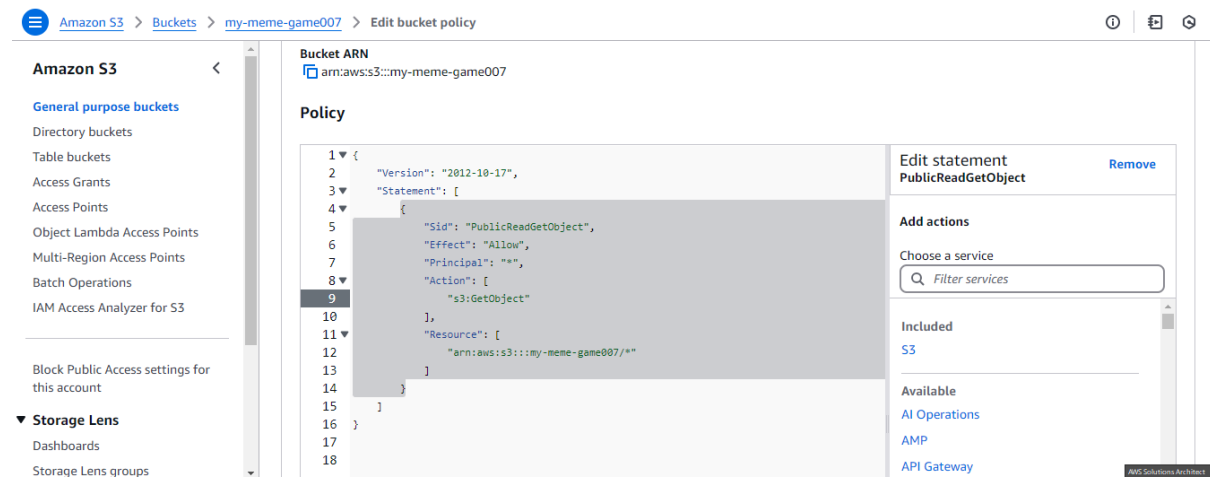
```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "PublicReadGetObject",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetObject"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:s3:::Bucket-Name/*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Let me try and break down the code a little for easier understanding.

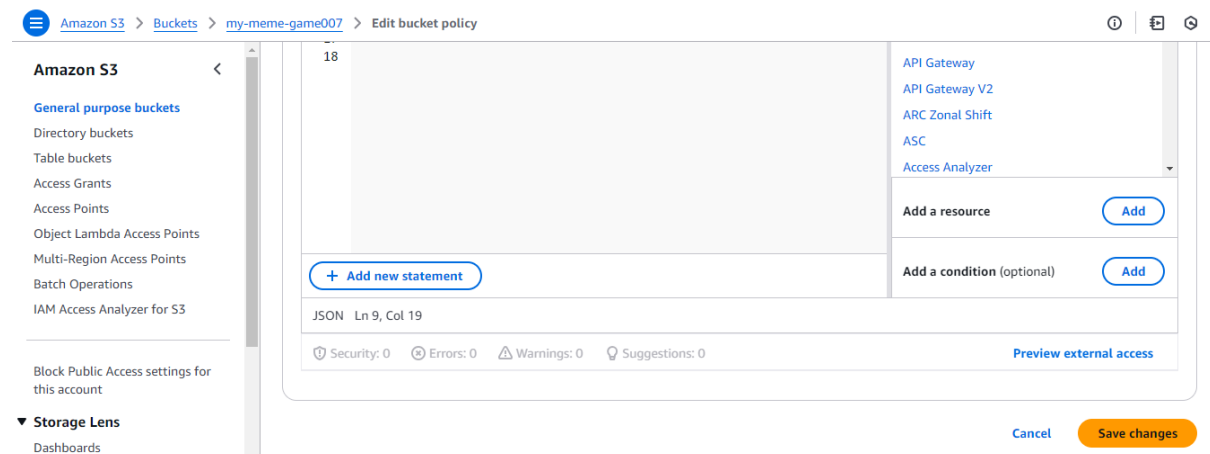
Essentially, the Sid part is saying 'public read access to the bucket', Effect says 'allow', meaning that 'allow this access', the '*' for Principal means 'everyone', the Action part is 'getobject',

meaning ‘read’, that is, everyone may access and view the contents of the bucket, and then finally, the ‘arn’ information is the ‘Amazon Resource Name’, which in this case is the name of our S3 bucket. That’s why the name of our bucket was needed there.

As you’ll notice in the screenshot below, I have updated the policy and used the name of my S3 bucket.

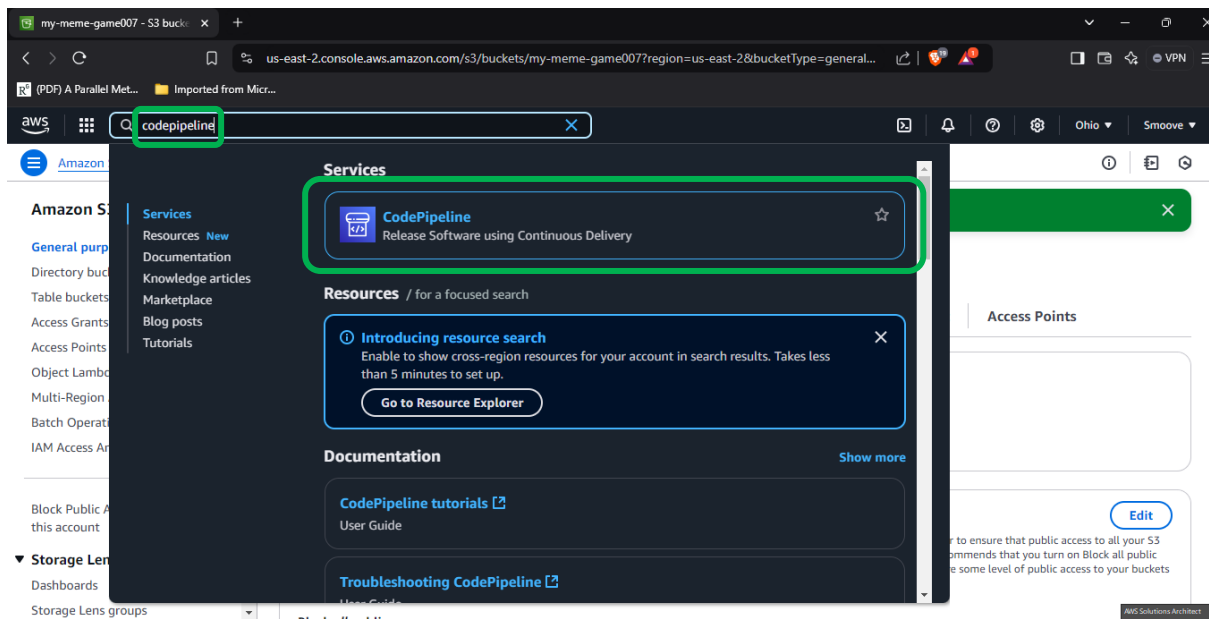


Having done all this successfully, scroll down and click on ‘Save changes’.

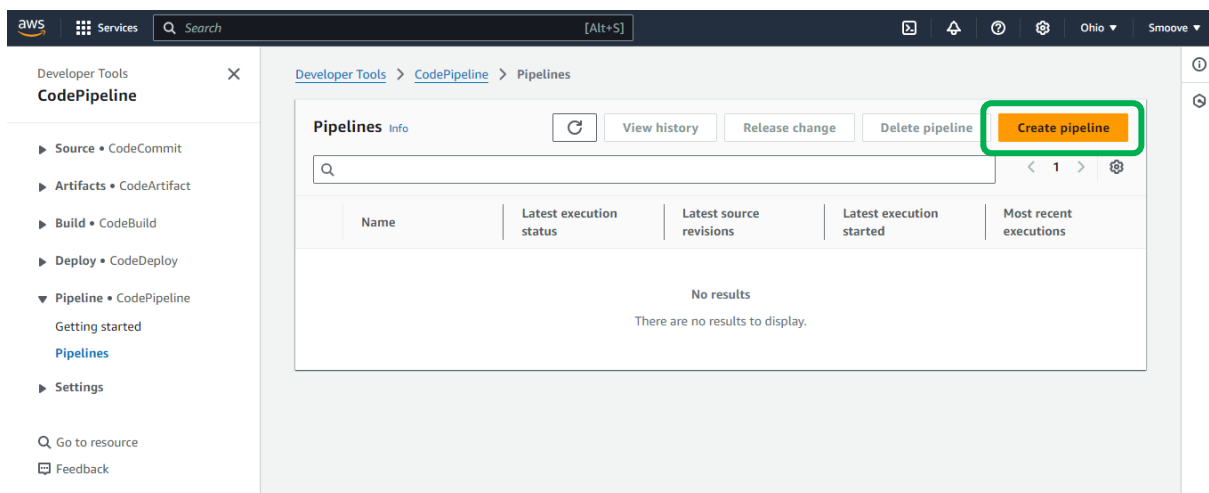


At this point, we have our code stored in GitHub. We’ve also set up our S3 account and its associated permissions and configured it for static website hosting. The next thing we have to do is make use of the CodePipeline service which will take care of getting the code from GitHub into the S3 bucket.

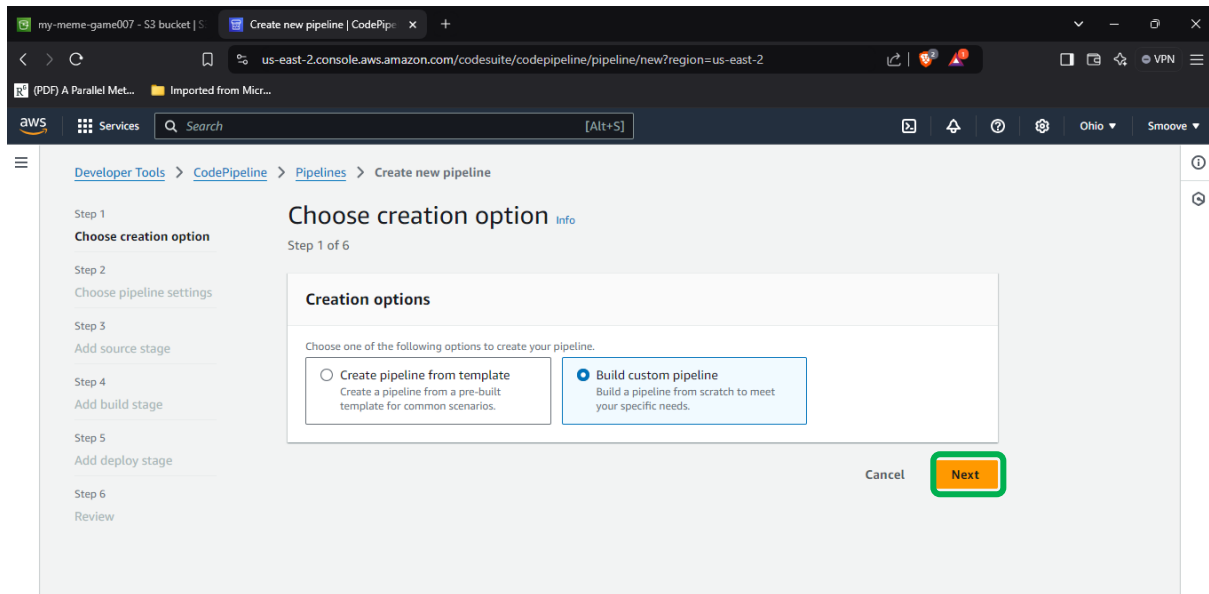
So, let's go back to our AWS Console and open up a new tab for CodePipeline in the search bar.



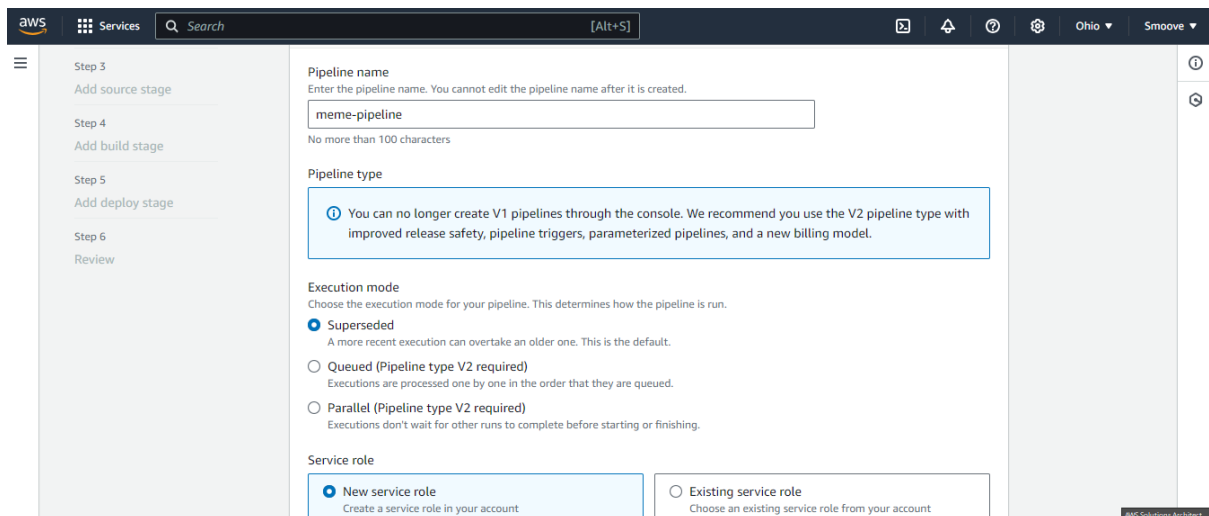
And then we will click on 'Create pipeline' on the next page:



From the options on the next page, choose 'Build custom pipeline' and click on 'Next'.



From the screenshot below, we will observe that version 1 (V1) is no longer available, so we go ahead and use V2. We give it a consistent name, in this case, 'meme-pipeline', and then we select the Execution mode and service roles as shown.



Scroll down, and in the ‘Role name’ section, you will observe that a name has been automatically filled for you.

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Create a service role in your account Choose an existing service role from your account

Role name
AWSCodePipelineServiceRole-us-east-2-meme-pipeline

Type your service role name

☒ Allow AWS CodePipeline to create a service role so it can be used with this new pipeline

Variables
You can add variables at the pipeline level. You can choose to assign the value when you start the pipeline. [Learn more](#)

No variables defined at the pipeline level in this pipeline.

Add variable
You can add up to 50 variables.

► Advanced settings

Go ahead and leave everything else as-is, and click on ‘Next’.

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Cancel Previous **Next**

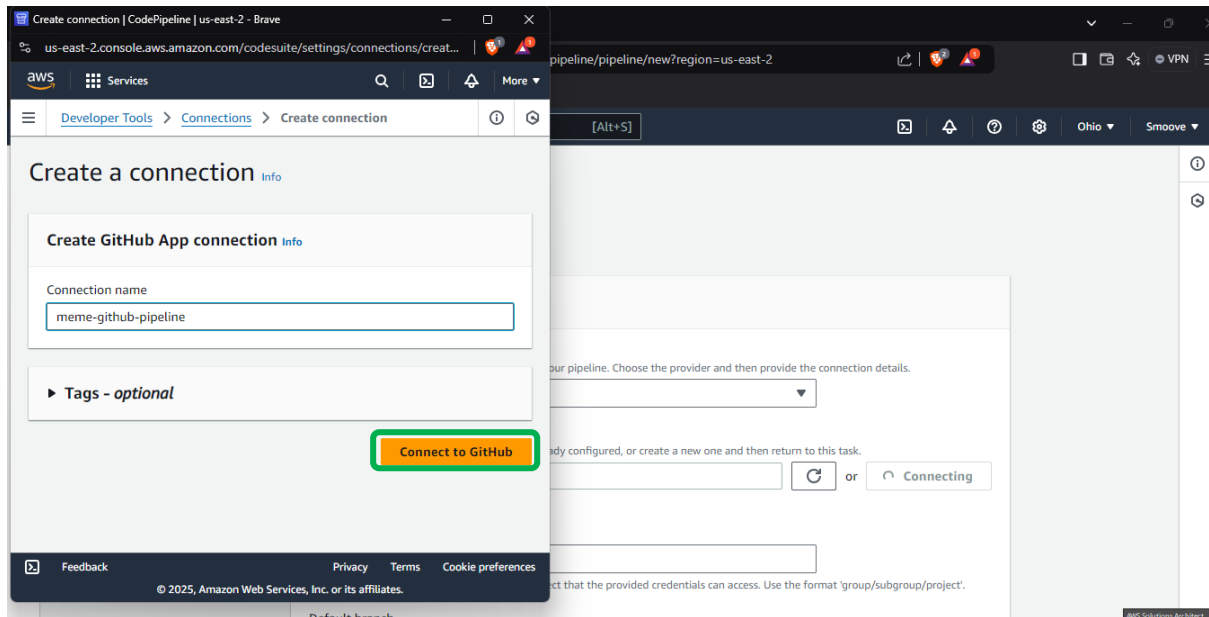
The next page should look something like this:

The screenshot shows the AWS CodePipeline console interface. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, 'Services', a search bar, and a '[Alt+S]' shortcut. The breadcrumb trail is 'Developer Tools > CodePipeline > Pipelines > Create new pipeline'. On the left, a sidebar lists steps from Step 1 to Step 6, with 'Add source stage' highlighted under Step 3. The main content area is titled 'Add source stage' with an 'Info' link and 'Step 3 of 6'. It features a 'Source' section with a 'Source provider' dropdown menu and a checkbox for 'Enable automatic retry on stage failure'. At the bottom right are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons.

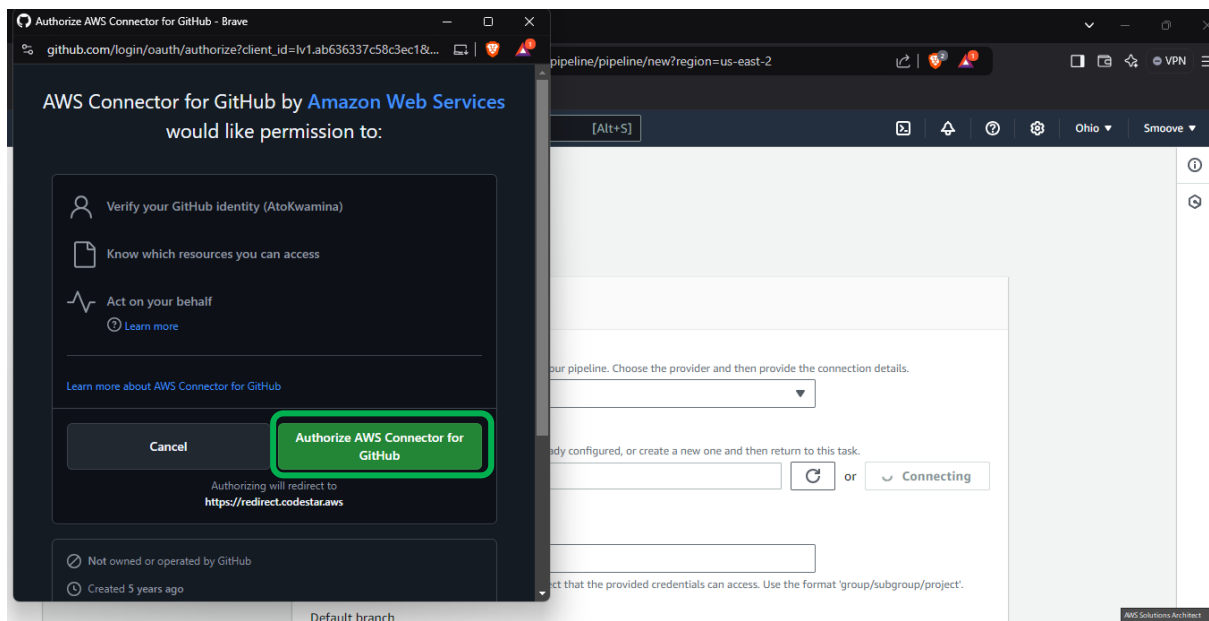
Click on the drop-down menu under 'Source provider' and select 'GitHub (via GitHub App)'. Then, click on 'Connect to GitHub':

This screenshot shows the 'Connect to GitHub' dialog box that appears after selecting 'GitHub (via GitHub App)' from the source provider dropdown. The dialog has a search bar at the top. Below it, a list of repository options is shown, with 'GitHub (via GitHub App)' selected and marked with a blue checkmark. The 'Connection' section contains a search bar, a refresh button, and a 'Connect to GitHub' button. The 'Repository name' section has a search bar and instructions on how to format the repository path. The 'Default branch' section is also visible at the bottom.

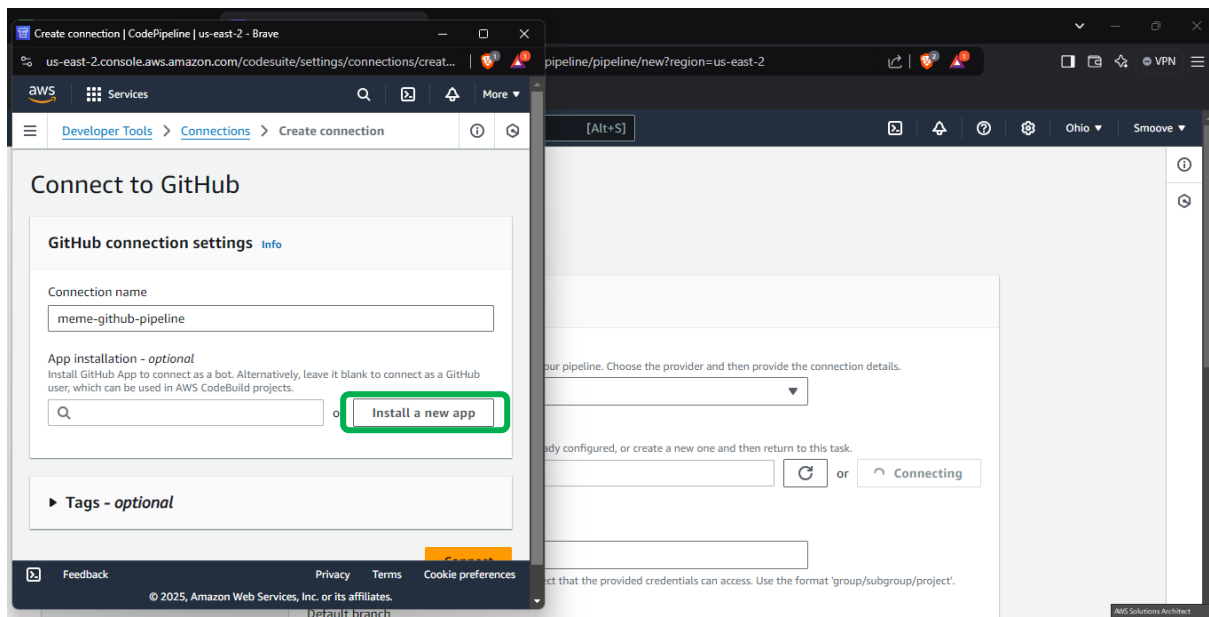
A pop-up tab opens. Type a connection name; in my case I am using 'meme-github-pipeline'. Then click on 'Connect to GitHub'.



You should then see a window like this:

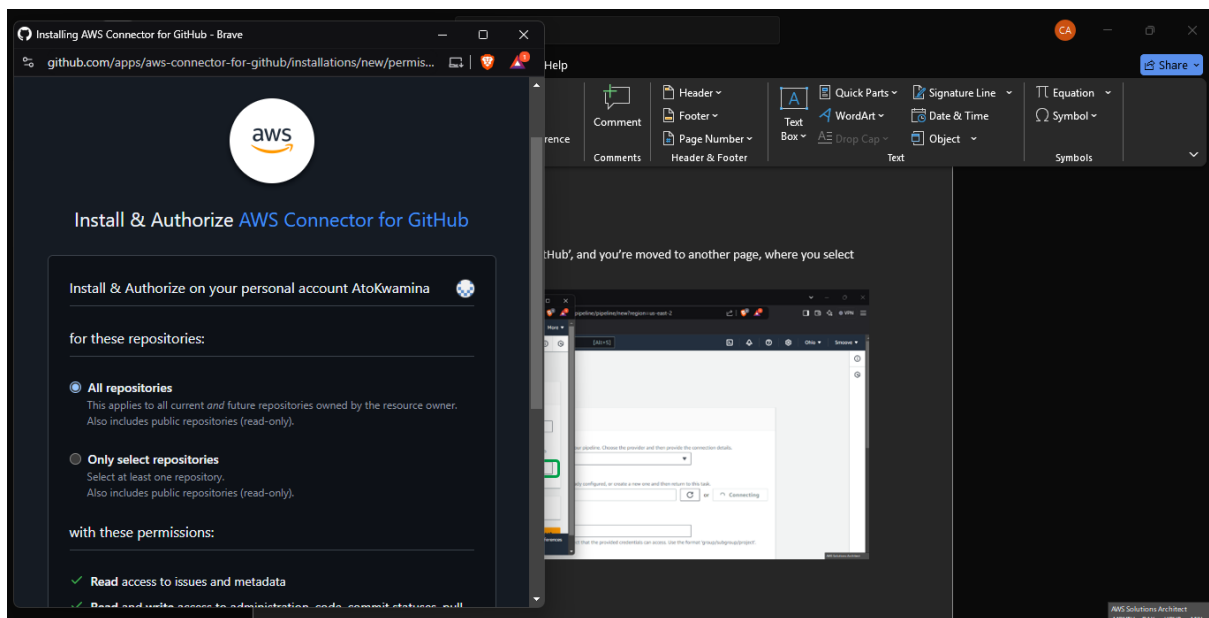


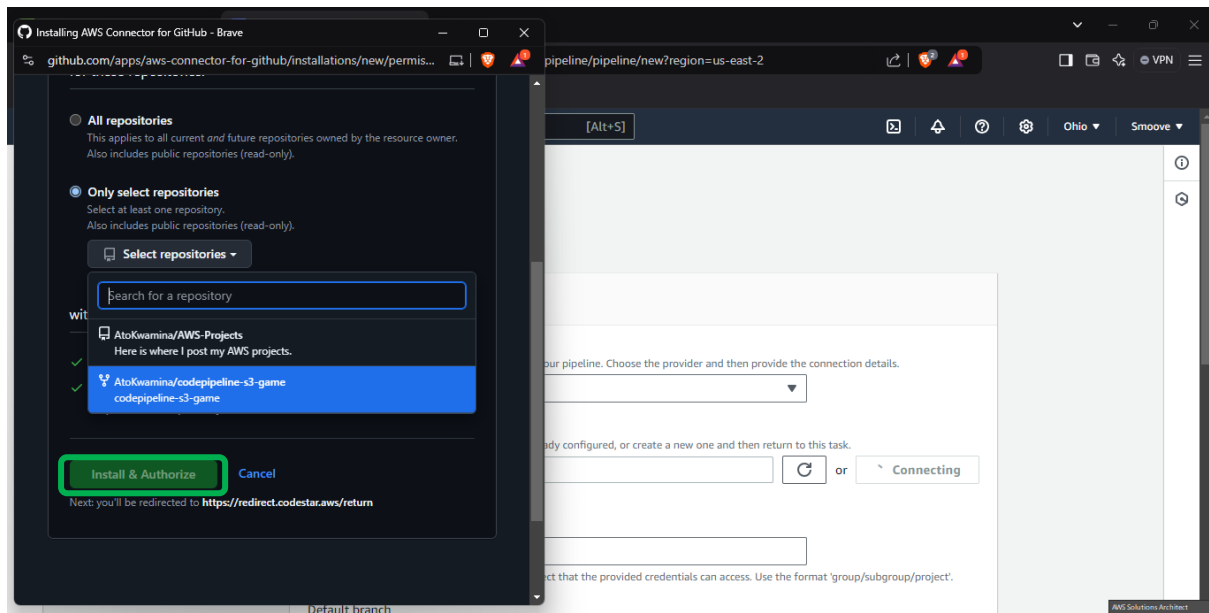
Select 'Authorize AWS Connector for GitHub', and you're moved to another page, where you select 'Install a new app':



A new page opens like this. As seen from the screenshot below, my own GitHub account is showing now. If done correctly, your own GitHub account should also be displayed.

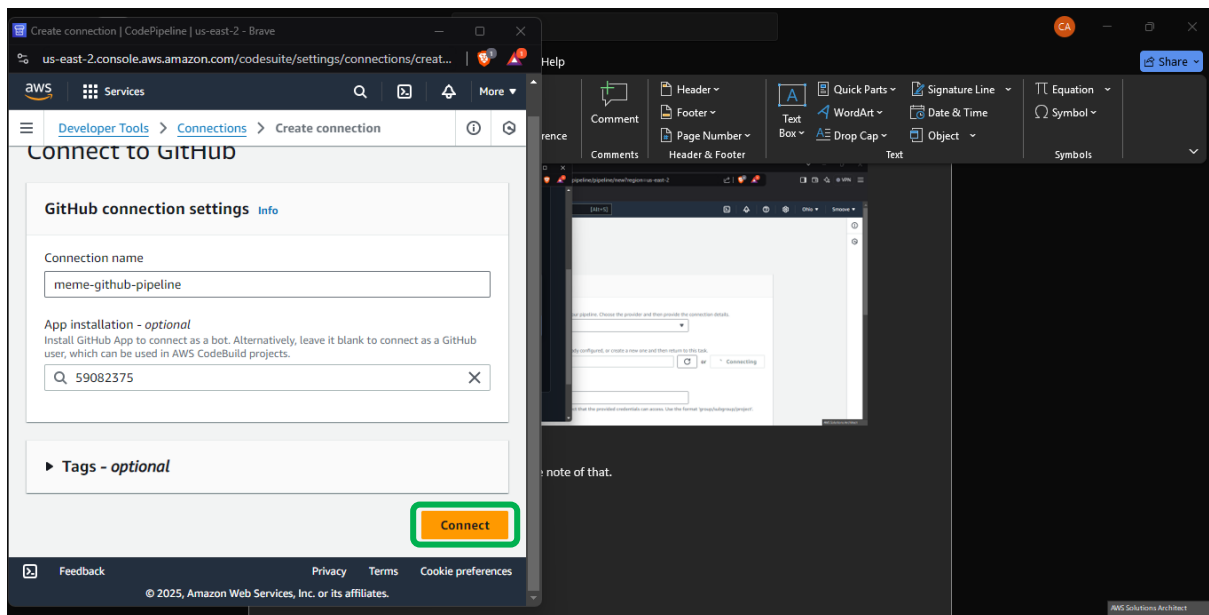
Choose 'Only selected repositories', and then from there, select the repository that was forked into your GitHub account. Finally, click on 'Install and Authorize'.





NB: You may be asked to sign in, so take note of that.

On the next page, go ahead and click on 'Connect'.



Once successful, the connection you just created should be present in the 'Connection' tab. Click on the tab and select it as I have selected mine below.

The screenshot shows the AWS CodePipeline console at 'Step 3 of 6'. The left sidebar lists steps: Step 2 (Choose pipeline settings), Step 3 (Add source stage), Step 4 (Add build stage), Step 5 (Add deploy stage), and Step 6 (Review). The main panel is titled 'Source' and contains the following sections:

- Source provider:** A dropdown menu set to 'GitHub (via GitHub App)'.
- Connection:** A section with a search bar and a 'Connect to GitHub' button. A green box highlights a search result: 'meme-github-pipeline' with the ARN 'arn:aws:codeconnections:us-east-2:509399625643:connection/25a322c1-1e01-4202-9879-94afb8608b95'.
- Default branch:** A search bar for specifying the default branch.

Under the 'Repository name' option, select the name that pops up (pertaining to what you just created).

The screenshot shows the AWS CodePipeline console at the 'Review' step. The main panel is titled 'Repository name' and contains the following sections:

- Repository name:** A search bar with a dropdown menu. A green box highlights the search result 'codepipeline-s3-game' with the path 'Atokwamina/codepipeline-s3-game'.
- Output artifact format:** Two radio button options: 'CodePipeline default' (selected) and 'Full clone'.
- Enable automatic retry on stage failure:** A checked checkbox.
- Webhook events:** A section for configuring webhook events.

Use the default branch name 'main', then select 'CodePipeline default' and click on 'Next'.

The screenshot shows the 'Review' page in the AWS CodePipeline console. The 'Repository name' field contains 'AtoKwamina/codepipeline-s3-game'. The 'Default branch' field contains 'main'. Under 'Output artifact format', the 'CodePipeline default' option is selected. The checkbox 'Enable automatic retry on stage failure' is checked. The 'Webhook events' section is visible at the bottom.

This screenshot shows the 'Webhook events' section of the 'Review' page. The 'Webhook - optional' checkbox is checked. Below it, the 'Webhook event filters - optional' checkbox is also checked. A 'Remove filters' button is present. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons.

For the 'Build stage' option, we will skip it since it relates to the part of the exercise on build and test, which we will not be doing here.

The screenshot shows the 'Add build stage' page in the AWS CodePipeline console. The 'Build - optional' section is active. Under 'Build provider', the 'Commands' option is selected. The 'Commands' text area contains the text 'ls' and 'echo "Hello World"'. The 'Input artifacts' section is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the AWS CodePipeline console interface. On the left, a sidebar lists steps: Step 4 (Add build stage), Step 5 (Add deploy stage), Step 6, and Review. The main area is titled 'Add build stage' and contains a 'Commands' tab with a text area containing 'ls' and 'echo "Hello World"'. Below this is an 'Input artifacts' section with a dropdown menu and a 'SourceArtifact' tag. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Cancel', 'Previous', 'Skip build stage' (highlighted with a green box), and 'Next'.

On the next page, we have the 'Add deploy stage' option. This is where we choose the service in which we will be deploying our code.

The screenshot shows the AWS CodePipeline console interface for the 'Add deploy stage' step. A warning message states: 'You cannot skip this stage. Pipelines must have at least two stages. Your second stage must be either a build or deployment stage. Choose a provider for either the build stage or deployment stage.' Below the warning, the 'Deploy' section is visible, showing a 'Deploy provider' dropdown menu and checkboxes for 'Configure automatic rollback on stage failure' and 'Enable automatic retry on stage failure'.

Under the 'Deploy provider' side, select 'Amazon S3'. Then ensure the region is the region you started with and are currently in, and also select the bucket (your bucket will automatically be an option once you click in the option bar).

The screenshot shows the 'Deploy' step configuration in the AWS CloudFormation console. The left sidebar lists the steps: 'Add source stage', 'Step 4', 'Add build stage', 'Step 5', 'Add deploy stage' (selected), 'Step 6', and 'Review'. The main panel is titled 'Deploy' and contains the following fields:

- Deploy provider:** A dropdown menu with 'Amazon S3' selected.
- Region:** A dropdown menu with 'US East (Ohio)' selected.
- Input artifacts:** A section with a 'Choose an input artifact for this action. [Learn more](#)' link and a dropdown menu. Below it, a 'SourceArtifact' tag is shown with a close button and the text 'Defined by: Source'.
- Bucket:** A text input field containing 'my-meme-game007'.

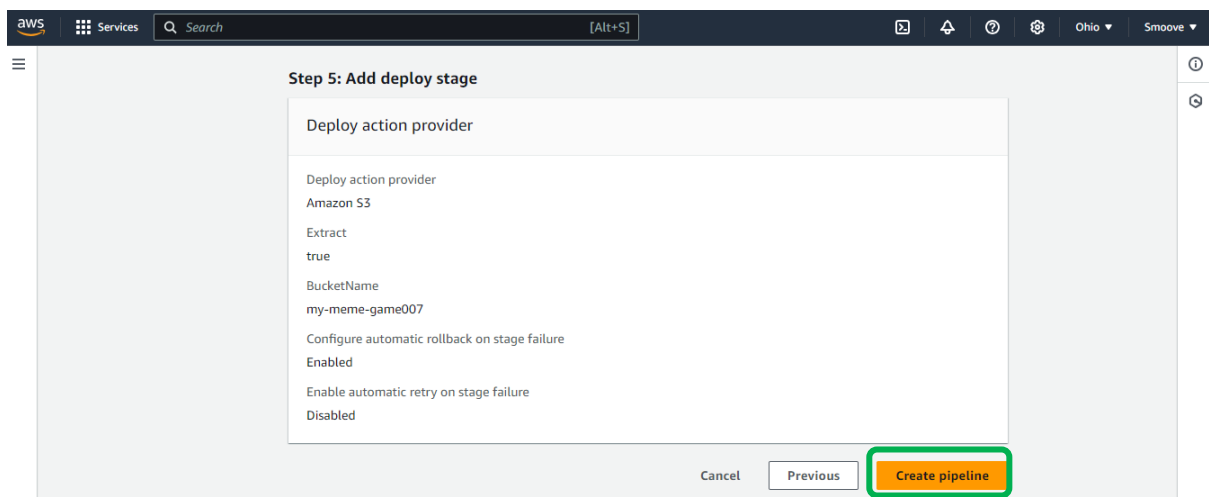
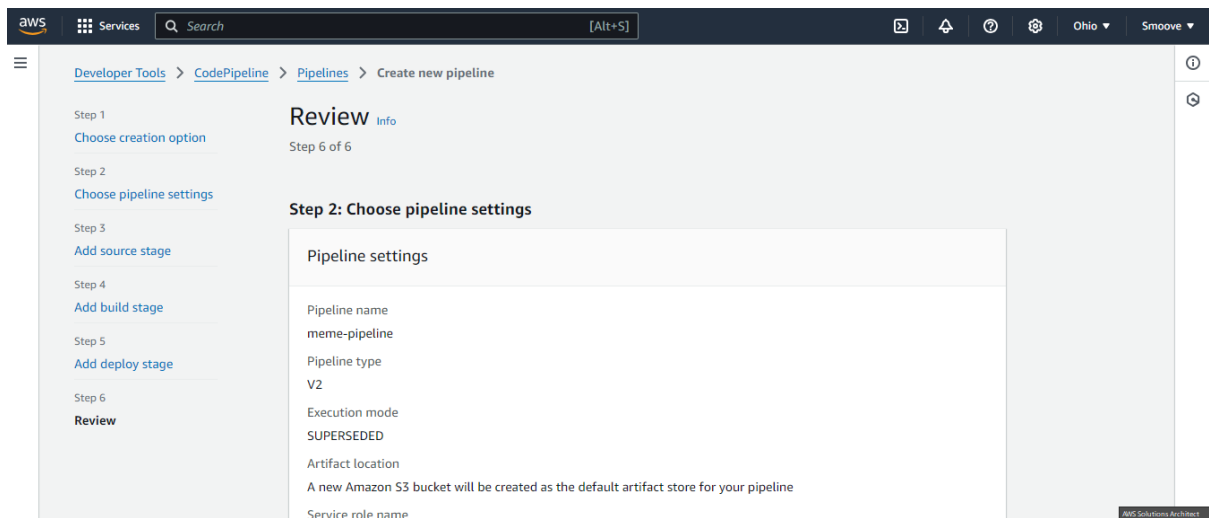
Make sure the 'Extract before deploy' option is selected to get rid of the 'S3 object key' option, as we won't be needing that. Then click 'Next'.

This screenshot shows the 'Deploy' step configuration in the AWS CloudFormation console, focusing on the 'Additional configuration' section. The 'SourceArtifact' tag and 'Bucket' field are visible at the top. The 'Deployment path - optional' field is empty. The 'Extract file before deploy' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a green box, with the subtext 'The deployed artifact will be unzipped before deployment.' below it. The 'Additional configuration' section includes:

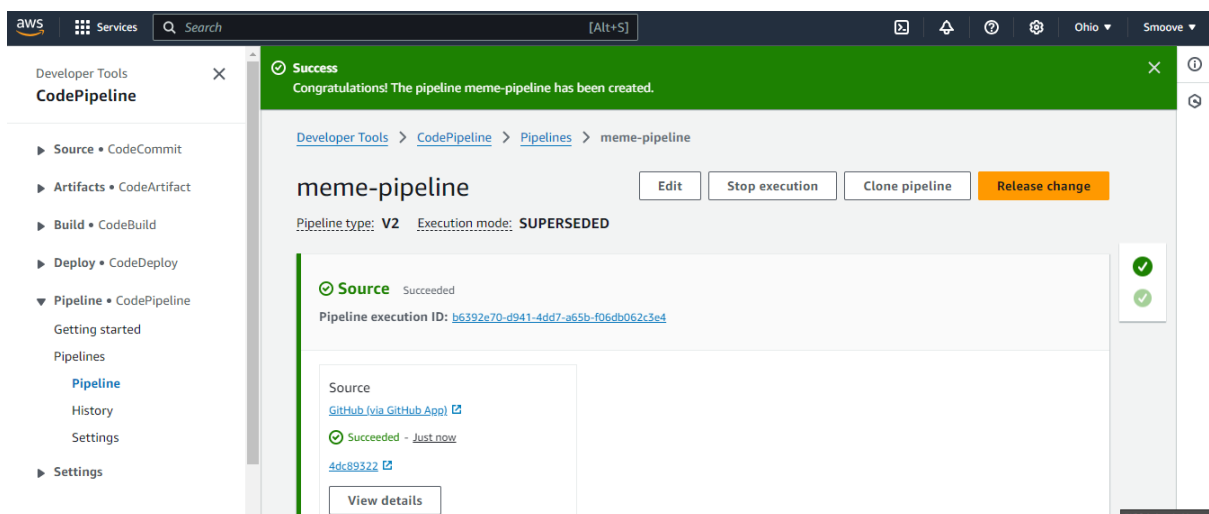
- Extract file before deploy:** Checked checkbox.
- Configure automatic rollback on stage failure:** Checked checkbox.
- Enable automatic retry on stage failure:** Unchecked checkbox.

At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next'. The 'Next' button is highlighted with a green box.

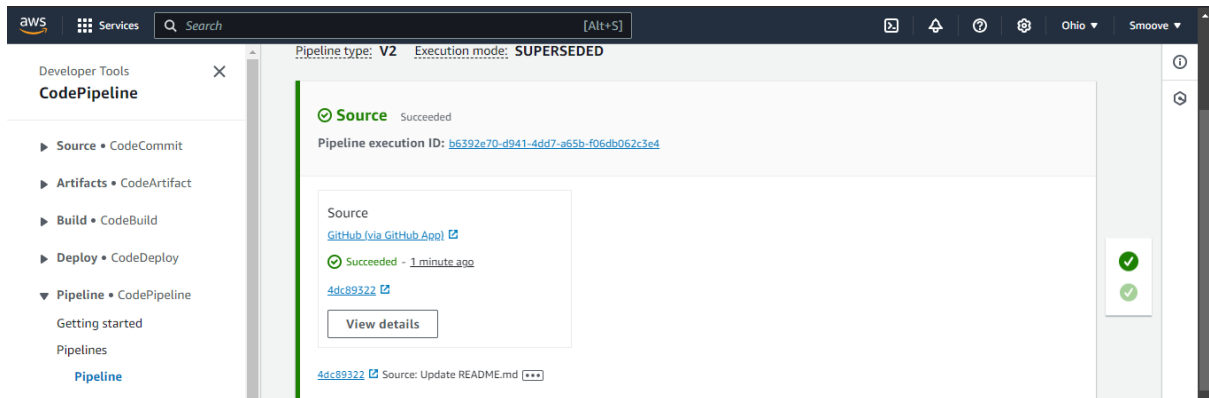
The next page you will see is the 'Review' page. Ensure you have set everything up properly here, then click 'Next'.



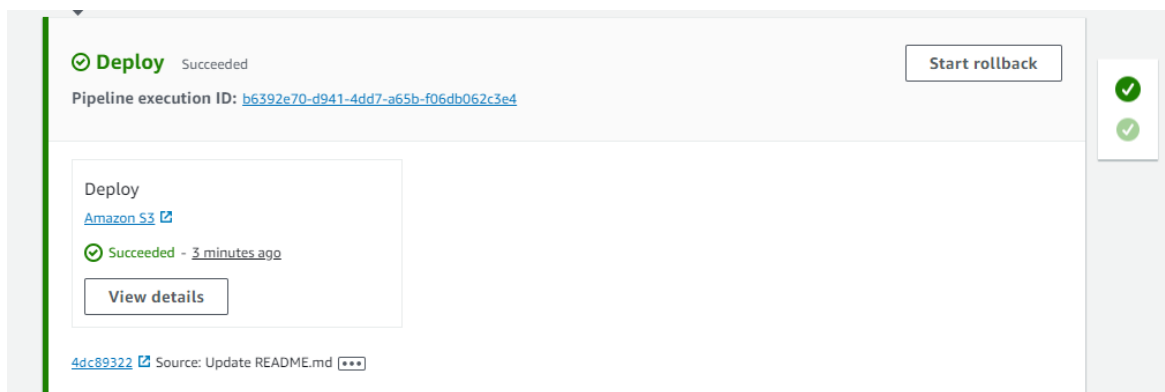
And there you have it! Pipeline created.



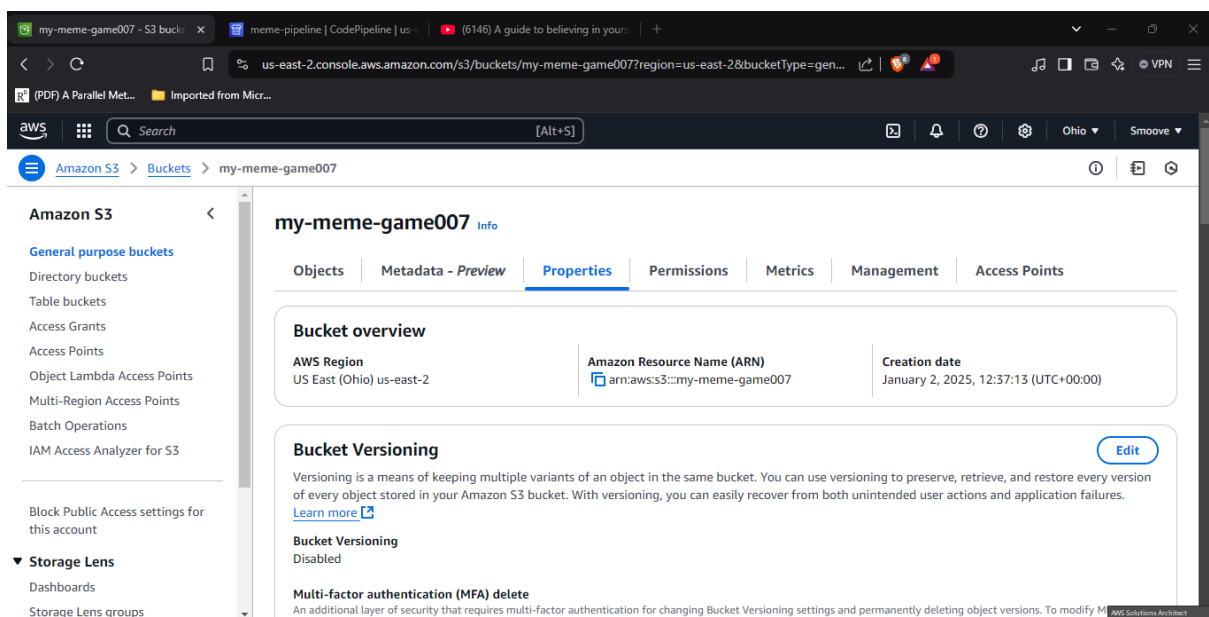
So, you will observe two parts to this. The first part is where CodePipeline grabs the code needed from our GitHub repository:



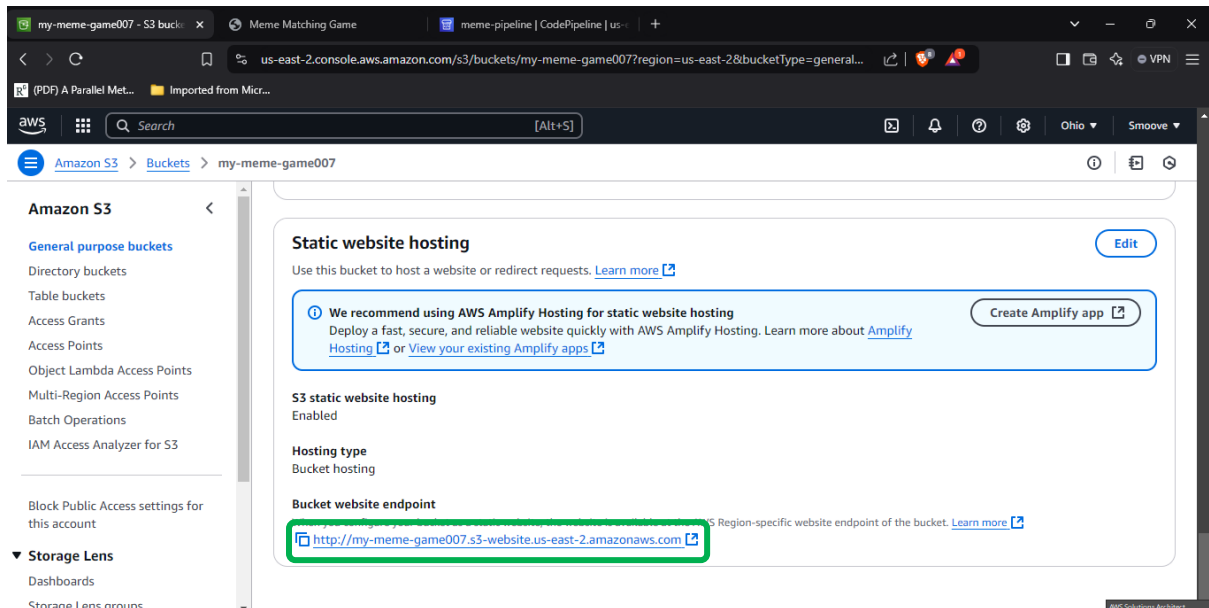
The second part will be where CodePipeline then deploys the code on S3:



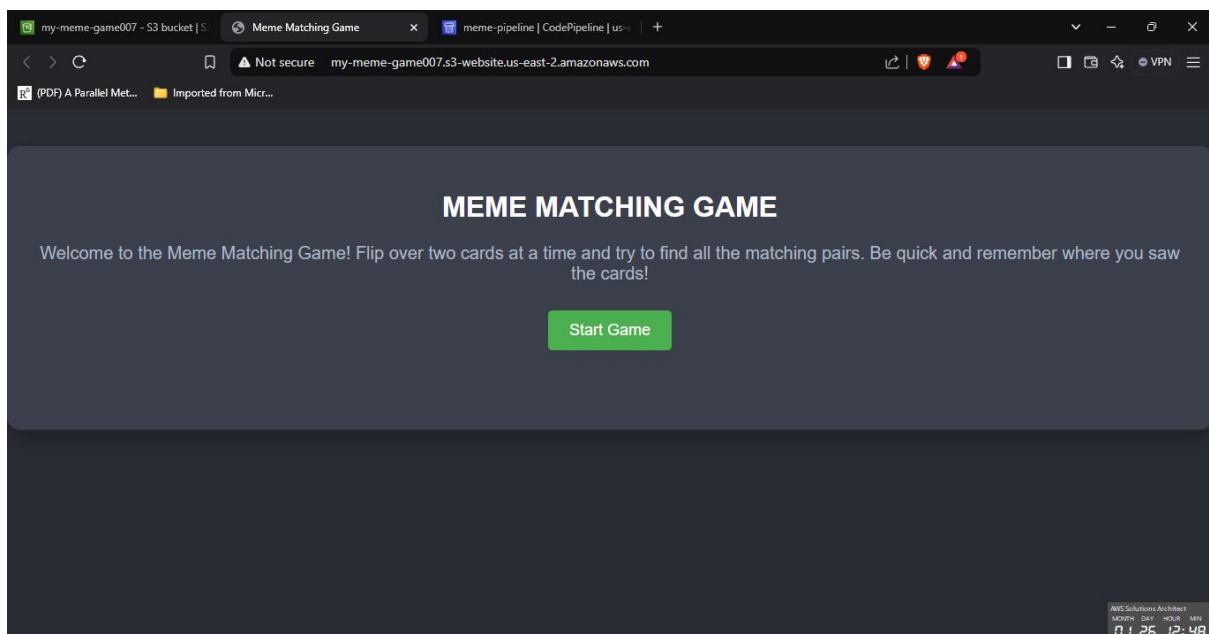
We can now go ahead and test things out. We will start by going back to the S3 tab and choosing 'Properties':

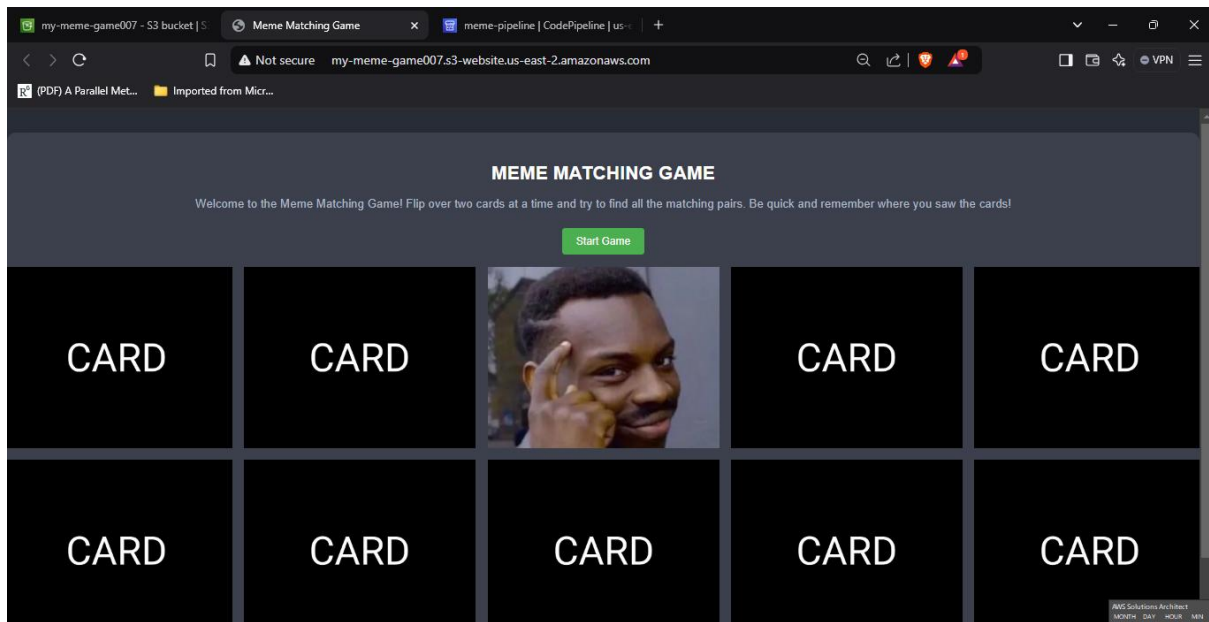


Scroll all the way down to ‘Static website hosting’ section. There should be a bucket website endpoint there. Click on it to reveal the result of your code.

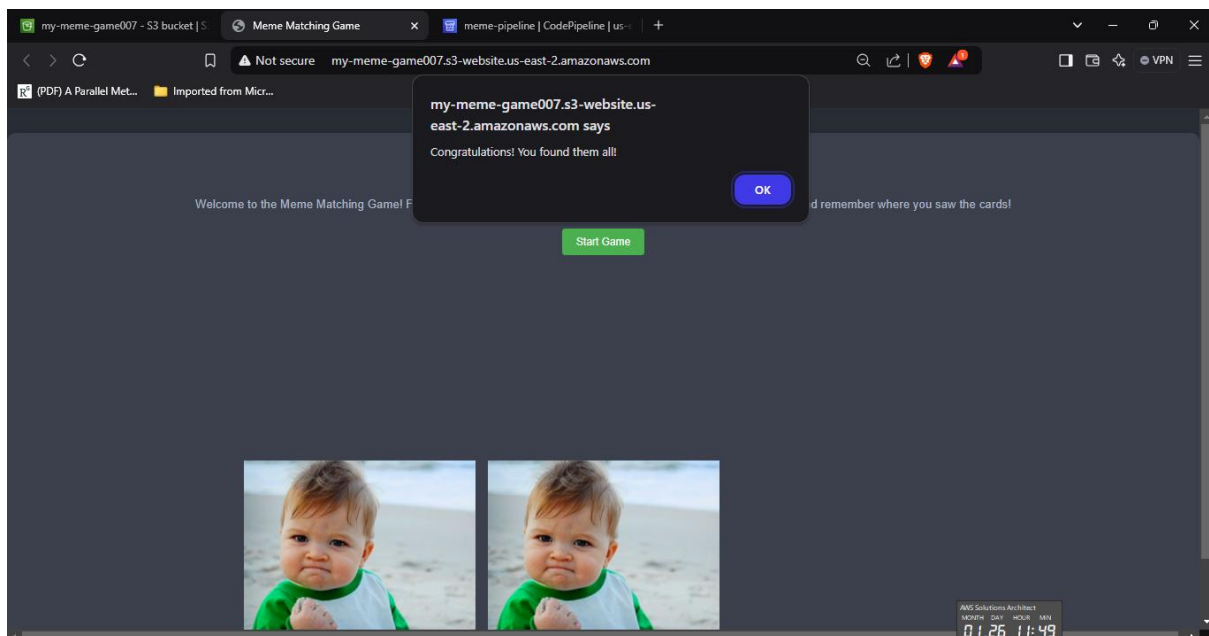


And there you have it!



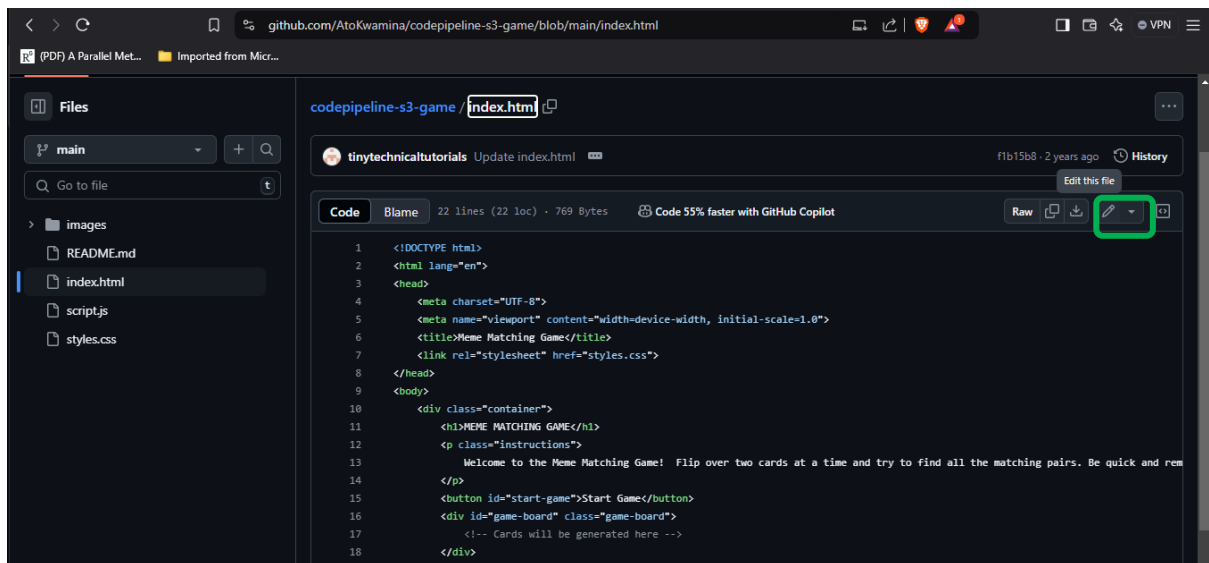


Looks like I am done with my game now. LOL

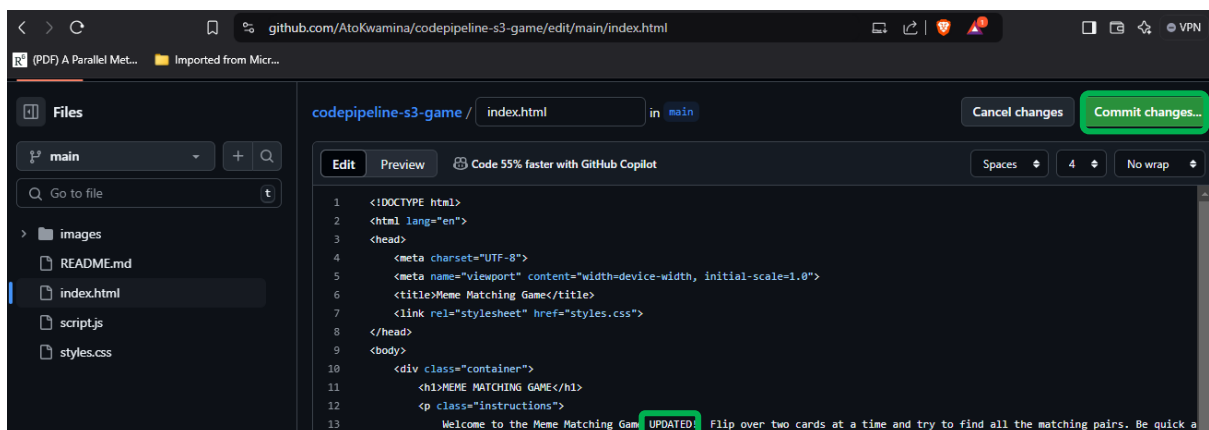


Oh and, one thing we need to remind ourselves of, where CodePipeline is concerned. Remember it's not just taking code from GitHub and deploying it in S3 per our configuration. It's also supposed to detect changes in our code and adjust the final product as such. So, let's test this.

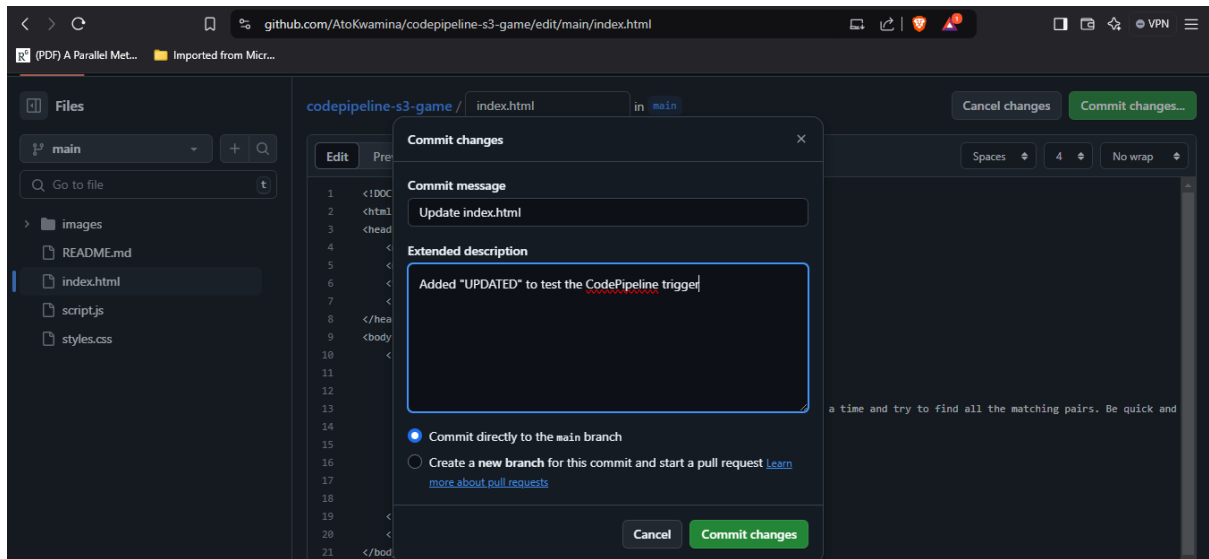
Let's go back to GitHub and make a small change to our HTML code. Select the index.html file from the options to the left, and click on the pencil icon on the right to edit it.



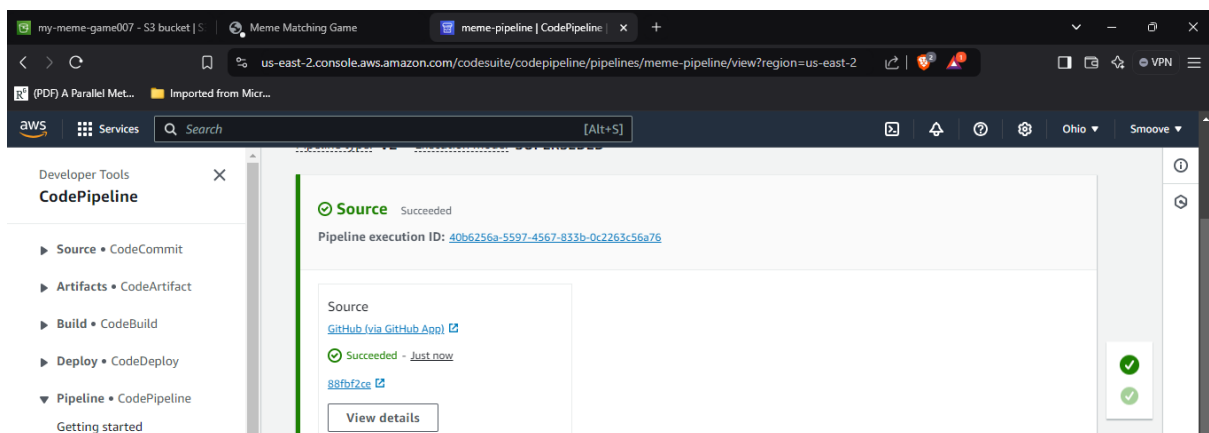
We are just going to add the word 'UPDATED' to the instructions section of the code, and then click on 'Commit changes' like this:



On the next page, you can just add a description of the change you just did, and then click on ‘Commit changes’.



If you go back to the CodePipeline page, you will notice that some changes have occurred in the ‘Source’ section.



Click on 'View details' to show more information about this:

Action execution details ✕


Action name: Source Status: Succeeded

Summary

Input

Output


Status

 **Succeeded**

Last updated

1 minute ago


Action execution ID

 81e46c6a-d590-48cc-80e4-cd0c95bce55c

Message

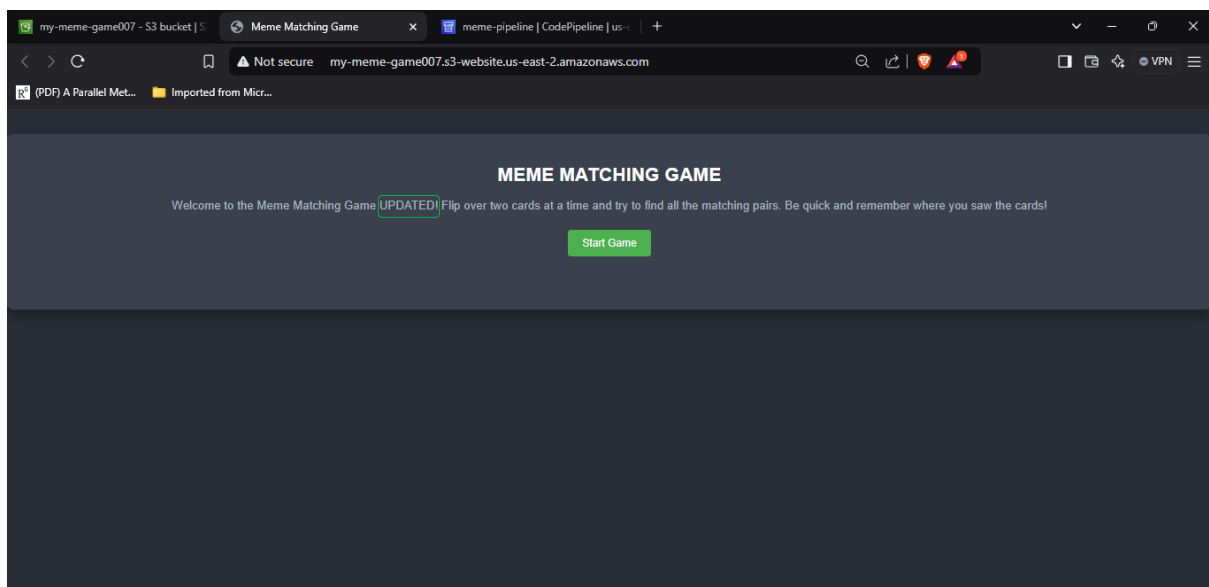
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{"ProviderType":"GitHub","CommitMessage":"Update index.html\n\nAdded \"UPDATED\" to test the CodePipeline trigger"}
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Execution details

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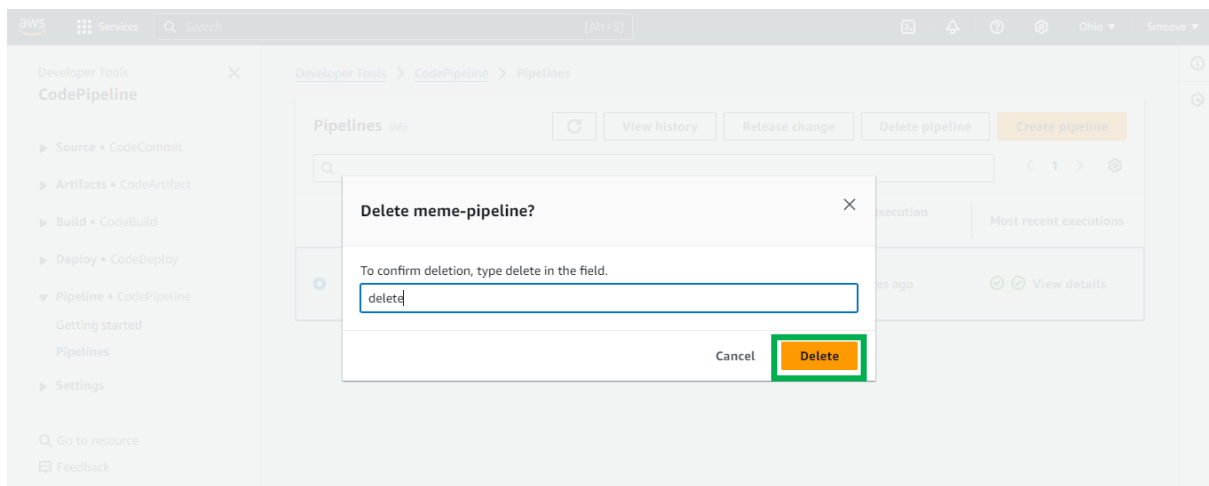
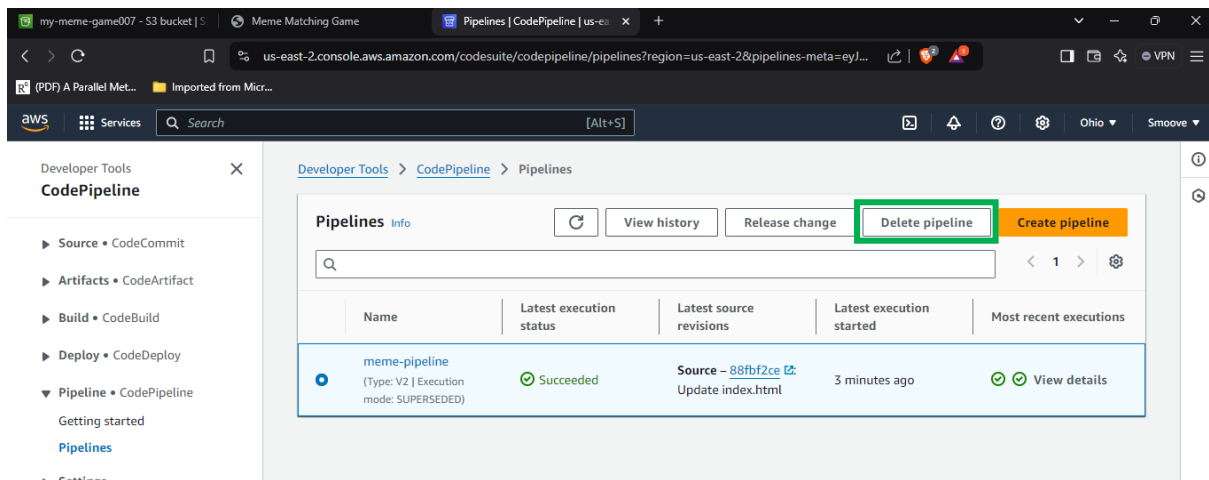
Done

Now, go back to the webpage and reload. You will see that the little update we did has taken effect.

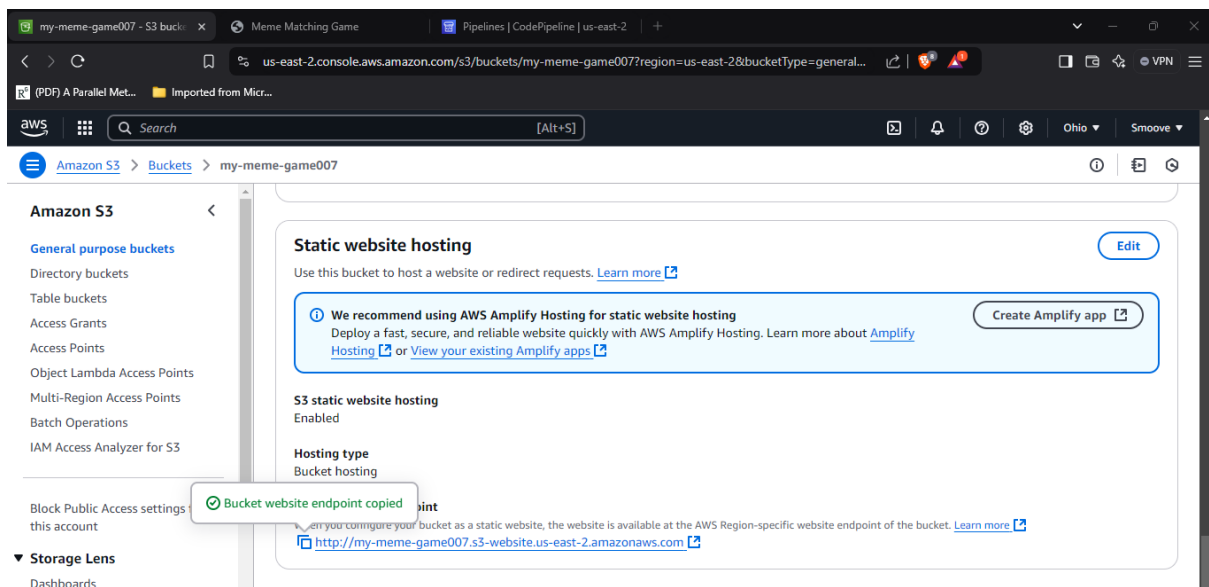


Great! So that's all for this project. But remember to delete all your work to avoid incurring unwarranted charges!

To do this, let's begin with CodePipeline. Go to that page and select the pipeline you have created. Then, click on 'Delete' to remove it permanently.



Now we move out to the S3 tab as well. Here we will try to delete the bucket, but since it has objects in it, we will have to empty it first. See the screenshots below.



S3 buckets | S3 | us-east-2

us-east-2.console.aws.amazon.com/s3/buckets?region=us-east-2&bucketType=general

Amazon S3 > Buckets

Account snapshot - updated every 24 hours All AWS Regions [View Storage Lens dashboard](#)

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General purpose buckets Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (1) Info All AWS Regions [Refresh](#) [Copy ARN](#) [Empty](#) [Delete](#) [Create bucket](#)

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

| Name | AWS Region | IAM Access Analyzer | Creation date |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| my-meme-game007 | US East (Ohio) us-east-2 | View analyzer for us-east-2 | January 2, 2025, 12:37:13 (UTC+00:00) |

Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-meme-game007 > Delete bucket

Delete bucket Info

This bucket is not empty
Buckets must be empty before they can be deleted. [Empty bucket](#)

Delete bucket "my-meme-game007"?
To confirm deletion, enter the name of the bucket in the text input field.

[Cancel](#) [Delete bucket](#)

Type 'permanently delete' in the typing area, then click on 'Empty' to empty your bucket.

Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-meme-game007 > Empty bucket

Empty bucket Info

Emptying the bucket deletes all objects in the bucket and cannot be undone.

- Objects added to the bucket while the empty bucket action is in progress might be deleted.
- To prevent new objects from being added to this bucket while the empty bucket action is in progress, you might need to update your bucket policy to stop objects from being added to the bucket.

[Learn more](#)

If your bucket contains a large number of objects, creating a lifecycle rule to delete all objects in the bucket might be a more efficient way of emptying your bucket. [Learn more](#) [Go to lifecycle rule configuration](#)

Permanently delete all objects in bucket "my-meme-game007"?
To confirm deletion, type *permanently delete* in the text input field.

[Cancel](#) [Empty](#)

