Project

Hosting a Static Website on a Amazon S3

Business scenario

The web team wants a solution to improve the reliability of their beach wave conditions page.

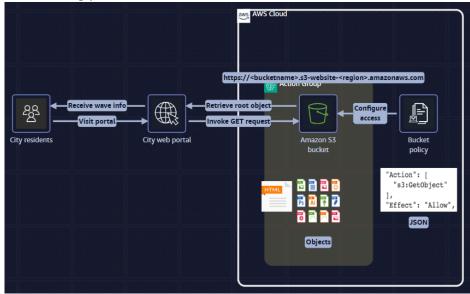
Solution Request

Improve website reliability by migrating to Amazon S3 static website hosting.

AWS Services Covered:

1. Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3)

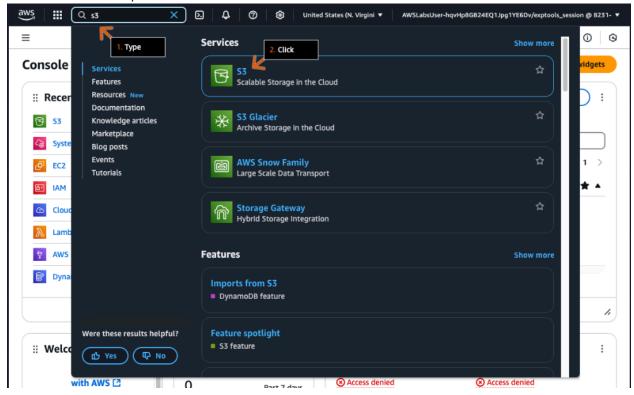
- Amazon S3 provides storage and retrieval of any amount of data from anywhere on the web.
- In Amazon S3, data is stored as objects (files and their associated metadata) within containers called buckets.
- This solution uses an S3 bucket to host a static website, capable of handling unlimited traffic volumes cost-effectively, removing the need for traditional web server management.
- The S3 bucket stores both the HTML file and supporting assets (such as client-side scripts and style sheets) required for website functionality. Any S3 bucket can be enabled for static website hosting.
- When configured for website hosting, the S3 bucket receives a dedicated URL. Requests to this URL prompt Amazon S3 to serve the bucket's designated root object (typically the main HTML file).
- Access to the S3 bucket and its contents is controlled through permissions, which are defined
 in a bucket policy.
- A bucket policy, written in JSON format, specifies who can access the bucket and what operations they can perform.
- JSON is a standardized data format that's both human-readable and machine-readable, widely used across AWS services and applications.
- When city residents access the web portal for beach wave information, their browsers send GET requests to the static webpage's URL, which serves the index.html root object.
- The root object can be renamed from index.html to waves.html, with S3 bucket settings updated accordingly to reference the new filename.



Step-by-Step guide:

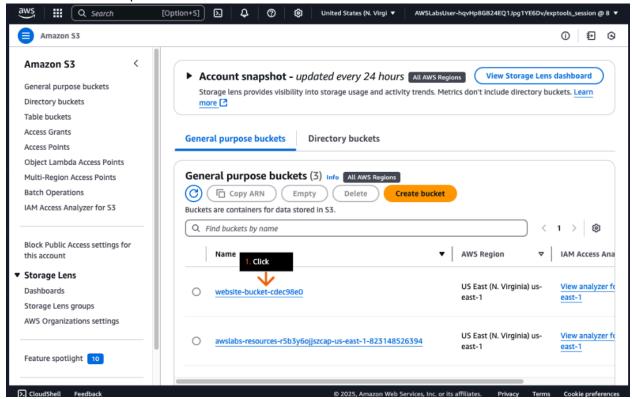
The AWS Management Console is a web interface to access and manage the broad collection of offerings provided by Amazon Web Services (AWS). Step 1:

- 1. In the top navigation bar search box, type: s3
- 2. In the search results, under Services, click S3.
- 3. Go to the next step.



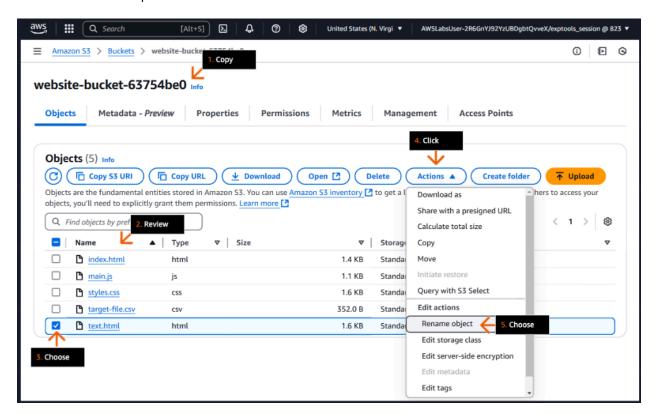
Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) is an object storage service that stores and protects your data with high scalability, availability, security, and performance. Amazon S3 can store any amount of data for various uses—such as websites, mobile apps, backups, archives, data lakes, and analytics.

- 1. On the General purpose buckets tab, click the bucket name that starts with website-bucket-.
- The bucket contains code required for this practice lab.
- 2. Go to the next step.



Amazon S3 stores objects in containers called buckets. Each storage object must be in a bucket. S3 offers different storage classes based on how often you need to access your data—from frequently accessed data to archived data that's rarely accessed. Steps:

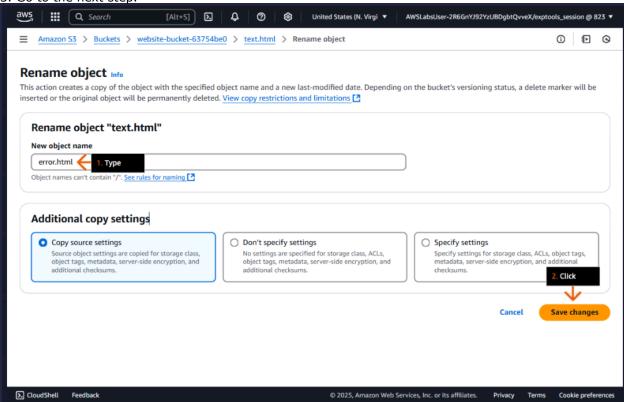
- 1. At the top of the page, select (highlight) and copy the bucket name, and then paste it in the text editor of your choice on your device.
- You must use this bucket name in the later DIY section of this solution.
- 2. On the Objects tab, review the objects in the S3 bucket.
- Five files should be displayed.
- These files contain the contents of the static website.
- You can click Upload to add local files to the bucket.
- 3. Choose the checkbox to select the text.html object.
- 4. Click Actions to expand the dropdown list.
- 5. Choose Rename object.
- 6. Go to the next step.



You can choose which AWS Region will store your S3 buckets. Select a Region to reduce latency, lower costs, or meet regulatory requirements. Objects remain in their chosen Region unless you specifically move or copy them to another Region.

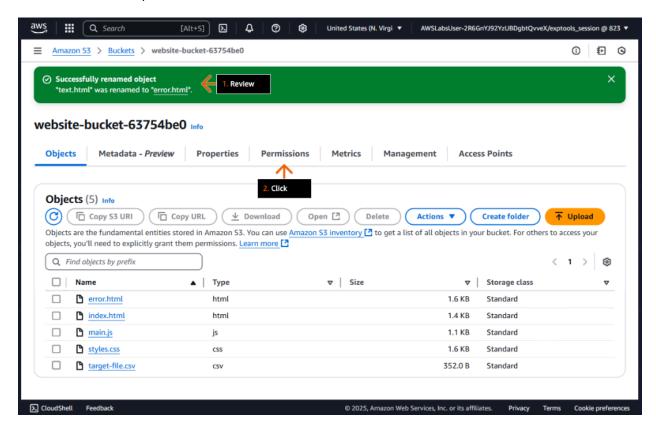
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- 1. For New object name, type: error.html
- This file contains the code for the error page, which opens whenever something goes wrong for website users.
- 2. Click Save changes.
- 3. Go to the next step.



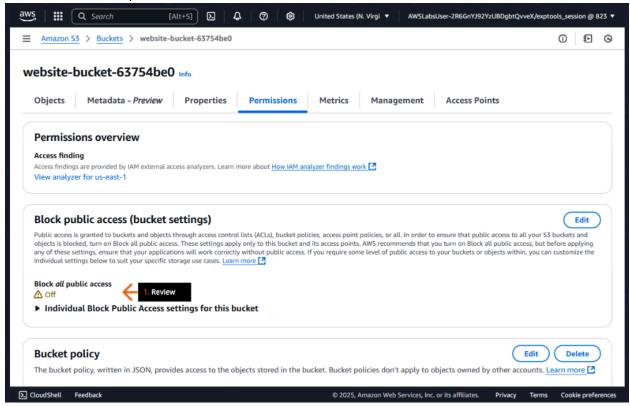
With S3, you can upload files up to 5 GB in a single operation. For larger files up to 5 TB, you'll need to use multipart upload.

- 1. In the success alert, review the message.
- 2. Click the Permissions tab.
- 3. Go to the next step.



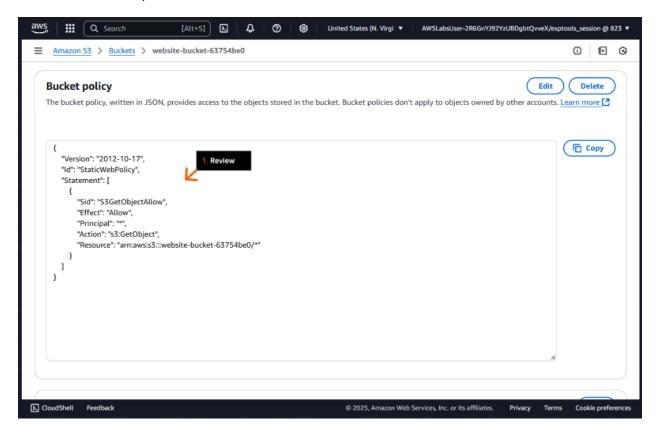
All S3 resources—buckets, objects, and related subresources—are private by default. Only you, as the resource owner, can access them unless you grant permissions to others through an access policy.

- 1. In the Block public access (bucket settings) section, review to confirm that Block all public access is turned off.
- Turning off "Block all public access" is necessary for static web hosting through your S3 bucket.
- 2. Go to the next step.



You can grant permissions to S3 resources by using two types of policies: bucket policies and user policies. Both use JSON format. Each AWS resource has a unique identifier called an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).

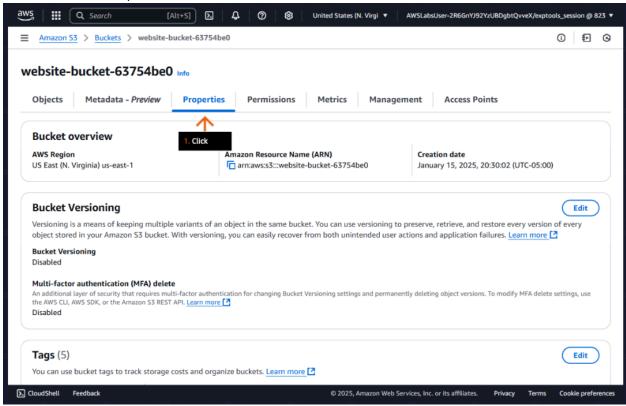
- 1. In the Bucket policy editor window, review the policy.
- This S3 bucket policy allows public read-only access (GetObject) to anyone for all objects within the specified bucket. However, to prevent unintended data exposure, we recommend stricter permissions for production environments.
- 2. Go to the next step.



To host a static website on S3, you need to: configure your bucket for website hosting, set permissions, and add an index document. You can also set up redirects, logging, and custom error pages.

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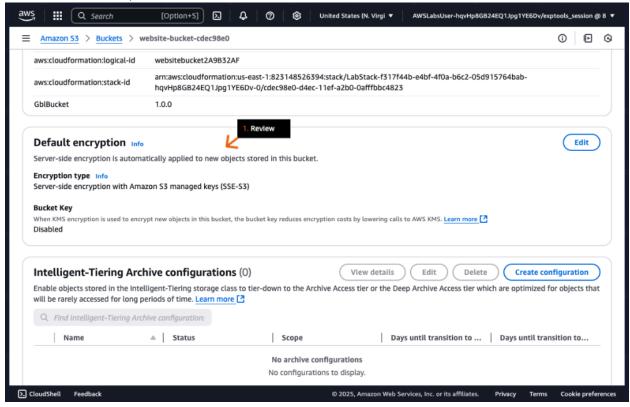
- 1. At the top of the page, click the Properties tab.
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Concept:

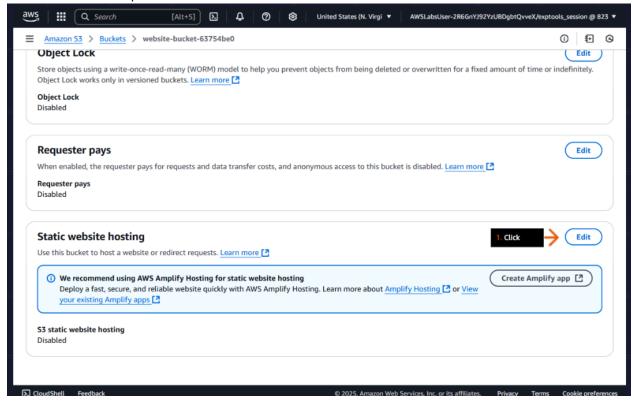
Server-side encryption protects your data where it's stored. When you upload data to S3, it automatically encrypts your data before saving it to AWS data centers. When you access your data, S3 automatically decrypts it for you.

- 1. In the Default encryption section, review the encryption settings.
- 2. Go to the next step.



A static website contains fixed content that doesn't change, though it can include interactive features through client-side scripts.

- 1. In the Static website hosting section, click Edit.
- 2. Go to the next step.



S3 provides two URL formats to access your data:

- Virtual-hosted style: https://bucket-name.s3.Region.amazonaws.com/key
- Path style: https://s3.Region.amazonaws.com/bucket-name/keyname

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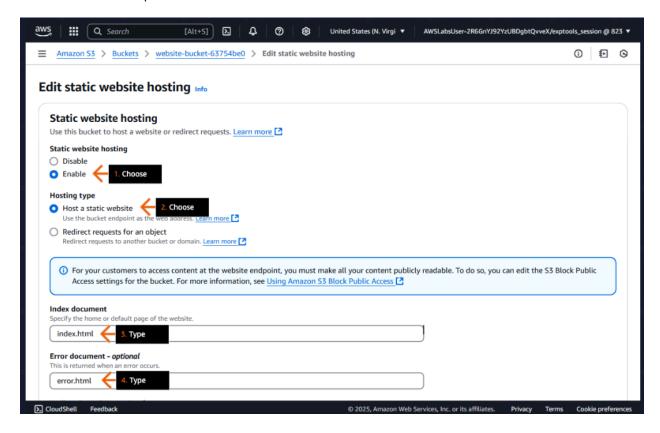
- 1. For Static website hosting, choose Enable.
- 2. For Hosting type, choose Host a static website.
- 3. For Index document, type:

index.html

4. For Error document, type:

error.html

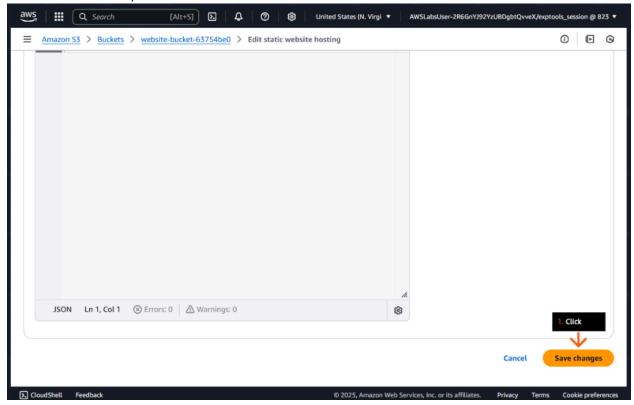
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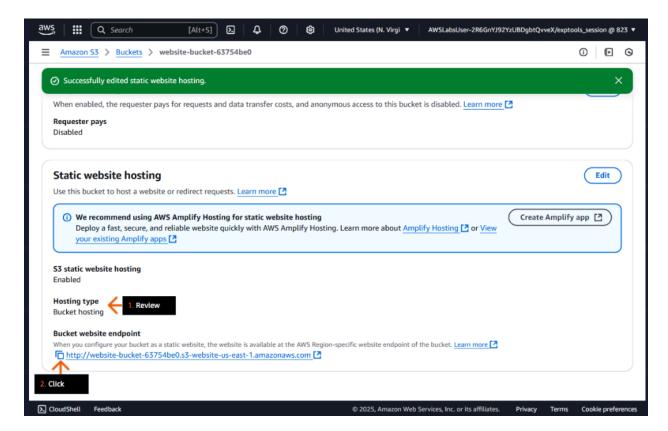
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1. At the bottom of the page, click Save changes.

2. Go to the next step.



- In the Static website hosting section, review to confirm that Hosting type is set to Bucket hosting.
 Under Bucket website endpoint, click the copy icon to copy the provided endpoint.
 Go to the next step.



- 1. To load the Beach Wave Conditions webpage, in a new browser tab (or window) address bar, paste the bucket website endpoint that you just copied, and then press Enter.
- 2. Go to the next step.

