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# ***ABSTRACT***

In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) often find themselves grappling with limited technological resources. The options are typically limited to either acquiring costly, customized software from large corporations or developing their own budget-friendly applications with restricted functionality. However, there is a game-changing solution on the horizon - cloud computing.

## **Transforming Competitive Landscapes**

Cloud computing has the potential to revolutionize competitive landscapes by offering SMEs a new platform to create and deliver business value while fostering market development. This innovative technology provides a host of opportunities for SMEs to overcome their technical challenges and thrive in the digital era.

## **Addressing Key Challenges**

So, what are the specific challenges that SMEs face, and how can cloud computing effectively address them? Let's delve into the research questions that this project aims to explore:

1. How can a startup construct a cost-efficient website and host it on a cloud platform?
  - Creating an affordable website and hosting it on a cloud platform can be a game-changer for startups. This research delves into the intricacies of this process, enabling entrepreneurs to make informed decisions.
2. How can a startup ensure the continuous availability of its website?
  - Website downtime can have detrimental effects on a startup's reputation and profitability. This project aims to uncover strategies and techniques that ensure uninterrupted website availability, mitigating the risk of losing potential customers.
3. How can a startup overcome the low latency issue using cloud services?

- Low latency is a common challenge faced by startups when handling large amounts of data. Through careful exploration and analysis, this project provides insights on how cloud services can effectively address this issue, optimizing startups' operations.
4. How can a startup leverage different cloud services to minimize reliance on infrastructure and technology resources?
- SMEs often struggle with limited infrastructure and technology resources, hindering their growth. This research dives into the possibilities offered by various cloud services, enabling startups to minimize their reliance on costly resources and focus on scaling their business.

## **Methodology**

To effectively address these research questions, a comprehensive methodology was employed. The project seeks to gain a deep understanding of cloud computing, including cloud implementation models, services, and their advantages. By assessing various cloud vendors such as AWS and Microsoft Azure, along with an examination of the services they offer, the project presents an implementation solution that can guide startups towards success.

## **Exploring Cloud Vendors**

The study thoroughly evaluates cloud vendors, focusing on popular platforms like AWS and Microsoft Azure. By delving into their services and analyzing their offerings, this project empowers SMEs to make informed decisions regarding their cloud infrastructure.

## **Designing and Hosting Websites on AWS and Microsoft Azure**

To validate the proposed approach, this project provides a practical demonstration of designing and hosting a website on both AWS and Microsoft Azure. Through this hands-on demonstration, startups can gain valuable insights into the process of utilizing cloud computing for their website needs.

## **Unlocking the Benefits of Cloud Computing**

The findings of this research highlight the numerous advantages cloud computing offers to SMEs. Let's take a closer look at some of these benefits:

- **User-friendly and Cost-effective:** Cloud computing provides SMEs with a user-friendly and cost-effective alternative to traditional IT setups. With the cloud, SMEs can access advanced technology without breaking the bank.
- **Breaking Free from Physical Constraints:** Cloud computing eliminates the need for physical office space, freeing SMEs from the burden of maintaining on-premises infrastructure. This flexibility allows for remote work and fosters collaboration across geographically dispersed teams.
- **Enhanced Data Storage:** The cloud mitigates the requirement for transporting physical storage devices. SMEs can securely store and access their data anytime, anywhere, without the need for cumbersome physical storage systems.
- **Scaling Opportunities:** The scalability of cloud services enables SMEs to expand their resources based on their evolving needs. Startups can quickly ramp up or scale down their operations without the hassle of investing in additional hardware or software.
- **Streamlined Content Delivery:** The cloud's expedited content delivery capabilities ensure that SMEs can provide their customers with a seamless and efficient user experience.
- **Diverse Business Models:** Cloud computing encourages SMEs to think innovatively and explore various business models. Whether it's software-as-a-service (SaaS), platform-as-a-service (PaaS), or infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS), the cloud offers endless possibilities for startups to differentiate themselves in the market.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, cloud computing presents an excellent choice for startups and SMEs looking to overcome the technical challenges they face. By leveraging cost-effective solutions, ensuring uninterrupted website availability, addressing latency concerns, and minimizing

reliance on costly infrastructure, SMEs can unlock the full potential of cloud computing. This research project serves as a guide for SMEs, offering valuable insights and recommendations to empower them to thrive in the digital age. With cloud computing at their disposal, SMEs can embrace the future with confidence.

## System Requirements

To run an AWS cloud on a PC, you typically don't install the entire AWS cloud infrastructure on a personal computer. Instead, you interact with AWS services through the AWS Management Console or command-line tools. Here are the basic system requirements for using AWS services on your PC:

### Hardware Requirements:

1. Computer: A standard personal computer or laptop.
2. Processor: Multi-core processor for better performance.
3. RAM: At least 4 GB of RAM for smooth operation.
4. Storage: Adequate free storage space for the AWS CLI and SDKs.

### Software Requirements:

1. Operating System: AWS CLI and SDKs are compatible with Windows, macOS, and Linux. Choose an OS that suits your preference.
2. Web Browser: The latest version of a supported web browser (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, or Microsoft Edge) for accessing the AWS Management Console.

### AWS Command-Line Interface (CLI):

1. AWS CLI: Install the AWS CLI on your PC to interact with AWS services through the command line.
  - [AWS CLI Installation Guide](<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/cli-configure-files.html>)

### AWS SDKs:

1. Programming Language: Choose a programming language you are comfortable with, and install the corresponding AWS SDK. Common languages include:
  - Python: [Boto3](<https://aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-python/>)
  - Java: [AWS SDK for Java](<https://aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-java/>)
  - JavaScript/Node.js: [AWS SDK for JavaScript](<https://aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-javascript/>)

- .NET: [AWS SDK for .NET](https://aws.amazon.com/sdk-for-net/)

#### AWS Management Console:

1. Web Browser: Ensure your web browser is up-to-date to access the AWS Management Console.

- [AWS Management Console](https://aws.amazon.com/console/)

#### Networking:

1. Internet Connection: A stable and reliable internet connection is necessary for accessing AWS services.

#### Security:

1. AWS Credentials: Create an AWS account and obtain access key ID and secret access key for authentication.

- [AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)](https://aws.amazon.com/iam/)

#### Optional Tools (Depending on Use Case):

1. AWS SAM CLI: If you are working with serverless applications using AWS Serverless Application Model (AWS SAM).

- [AWS SAM CLI Installation](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/serverless-application-model/latest/developerguide/serverless-sam-cli-install.html)

Keep in mind that these requirements are for interacting with AWS services on your local development environment. For running AWS cloud services, you'll deploy your applications to the AWS cloud, and the resources you use (e.g., EC2 instances, S3 buckets) will be provisioned and managed within the AWS infrastructure.

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## CHAPTER ONE: Introduction

Over the past decade, a prevailing trend has emerged among emerging entrepreneurs in the USA – the establishment of successful startup companies. Entrepreneurs in and around the country have demonstrated their business skills by establishing their own ventures. To thrive in this environment, any business plan must include entrepreneurial abilities to foresee opportunities, secure necessary funding, plan meticulously, and execute effectively. It's essential to grasp the complexities and uncertainties linked with the chosen market segment.

While startups are often seen as having significant growth potential, they also carry the risk of failure if not properly structured. The number of startups in the US has been steadily increasing over the last decade, drawing substantial attention from both domestic and international investors, positioning the American startup industry for substantial growth. Yet, as these businesses grow, they face various challenges like expanding their technology and infrastructure, dealing with increased competition, handling marketing issues, securing funding, and addressing management issues. The early stages of a new company can bring both excitement and nervousness. A product can be celebrated and successful one moment and the next, an unforeseen crisis can bring everything to a halt, even before the company finds its footing.

### **Maintaining Success Through Collaboration and Security**

As emerging businesses expand their operations, maintaining a robust security strategy, providing a seamless consumer experience, and sustaining a competitive edge become increasingly complex. This is where collaborating with a reliable third-party vendor can help startups avoid costly mistakes and establish a technology ecosystem that promotes long-term success.

In fact, in the United States, there are currently 31.7 million small businesses, constituting 99.9% of all U.S. businesses. However,

despite the continual registration of new small businesses, the failure rate is considerable, with approximately 90% of startups failing as of 2019. Breakdowns occur at a rate of 21.5% within the first year, 30% in the second year, 50% in the fifth year, and 70% by their 10th year.

## **1.1 The Technological Challenges Faced by Startups**

A myriad of technological challenges confronts the majority of startups, irrespective of their industry. Given the opportunity to build their IT teams from the ground up, startups can adopt a lean approach, integrating new tools and procedures to set themselves apart from more established competitors. However, there is a risk for startups to transform technology from a solution into a challenge if they encounter conventional obstacles. To effectively address technological issues, managers of startups must seek out resources and processes that are both reliable and scalable.

### **Problem 1: Development and Hosting of an Effective Website**

Websites have evolved into virtual storefronts for companies, functioning as online advertisements and showcases for products and services. For certain new enterprises, the website essentially embodies the business, acting as a pivotal touchpoint for clients to explore available offerings and place orders for specific products or services. Consequently, meticulous planning, robust security measures, mobile optimization, and uninterrupted accessibility are imperative for the success of a startup's website.

Startups face various potential threats when it comes to building and hosting a website:

- Cyberattacks, such as distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks or other technological disruptions, may lead to the downtime of websites hosted on company-owned equipment.
- Since startups often lack dedicated IT personnel, external contractors may be required to set up, manage, and operate on-premises solutions.

- Limited physical space in startup offices may necessitate the relocation of IT operations, posing logistical challenges.

## **Problem 2:** Launching the Initial Service or Product

A business, in its conceptual stage, only materializes when it successfully develops a product that captivates consumers.

Contemporary startup offerings, particularly those with a significant digital component like smartphone apps, often require more time and financial investment than initially anticipated. This unforeseen complexity can disrupt product releases and pose a potential threat to the startup's overall profitability.

Startups face several challenges when it comes to delivering their inaugural service or product:

- The deployment of the product or service, specifically the associated technology infrastructure, is a time-consuming endeavor requiring personnel with advanced knowledge in that domain once the product is ready.
- Startups may find themselves with surplus technology resources initially used for product and service development and testing, resulting in costly devices sitting idle after their intended use.

## Research Questions

This project aims to tackle the following research questions:

1. How can a startup efficiently build a cost-effective website and host it on a cloud platform?
2. How can a startup ensure the perpetual availability of its website?
3. How can a startup address latency issues using cloud services?
4. How can a startup optimize the use of various cloud services to reduce dependence on infrastructure and technology resources during product development and test marketing?

## Evolution of Cloud Computing

## 1.2 Organization of the Project

This project has been thoughtfully organized to ensure a comprehensive understanding of cloud computing for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Let's dive into the structure:

### Chapter 2: Demystifying Cloud Computing for SMEs

In this chapter, we will explore the principles and realities of cloud computing specifically tailored for SMEs. We will discuss how cloud computing can be a game-changer, offering immense opportunities and benefits to businesses of every size.

### Chapter 3: Navigating the Cloud Methodology

Chapter 3 takes us on a journey through the methodology of cloud computing. We will define the concept of cloud computing and delve into its various deployment models. Additionally, we will explore the wide array of cloud computing services available and uncover the associated advantages they bring to SMEs.

### Chapter 4: Unveiling the Cloud Vendors

Prepare to be introduced to the major players in the cloud market! Chapter 4 delves into the world of renowned cloud vendors such as AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, and IBM. You'll get an in-depth look at their offerings, allowing you to make informed choices. To add a practical touch, we will demonstrate the process of creating and hosting a website using AWS and Microsoft Azure platforms.

### Chapter 5: Helping SMEs Make Informed Decisions

Chapter 5 is dedicated to providing valuable recommendations for SMEs considering the adoption of cloud solutions. We will explore the factors to consider, potential challenges, and how to navigate the cloud landscape wisely. By the end of this chapter, you'll be equipped with the knowledge to make an informed decision regarding cloud adoption.

## Chapter 6: Analyzing the Findings and Drawing Conclusions

In Chapter 6, we will carefully examine our research findings and draw insightful conclusions. We will reflect upon the journey we've taken, emphasizing key takeaways and lessons learned. This chapter serves as a definitive wrap-up to the project, allowing you to see the bigger picture when it comes to cloud computing for SMEs.

Now that you know the structure of the project, let's embark on an informative and engaging adventure into the world of cloud computing for small and medium enterprises!

## CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

### **Introduction**

The concept of cloud computing has evolved significantly over the years, driven by visionaries who envisioned a global network of computation and a public-service organization. Inspired by pioneers like Joseph Licklider and John McCarthy, cloud computing has gained widespread adoption across various industries, commerce, and science sectors (MIT Technology Review, 2011).

### **Definition**

According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), cloud computing is defined as a model that enables ubiquitous, convenient, and on-demand access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources. These resources can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction (Biswas et al., 2018).

### **Growth and Potential**

Although cloud computing was initially considered an overestimated topic in IT, it has experienced substantial growth in recent years. Projections from Bloomberg anticipate a 30% growth in cloud computing from 2012 to 2020 (Kharif, 2012). Additionally, market research suggests that cloud-related sales will reach \$1.1 trillion by 2015 (McCafferty, 2012). The benefits of cloud computing, including cost-effectiveness and the ability to provide the same advantages as an internally managed package without high initial costs, have contributed to its popularity (Herlihy, 2012). As described by Armbrust et al. (2012), cloud computing has transformed from a concept to a reality, becoming a utility in the computing world.

## Challenges in the Startup Lifecycle

### **Overview**

The startup lifecycle consists of three key stages: bootstrapping, seed stage, and development stage. Throughout each stage, startups face challenges in four primary areas: financial issues, human capital management, support systems, and environmental factors (Aidin Salamzadeh and Hiroko Kawamorita Kesim, January 2015). Overcoming these challenges is crucial for the efficient operation of a startup and its long-term success.

## **Notable Challenges**

New entrepreneurs encounter numerous challenges throughout the startup lifecycle. These challenges include developing a vision and business plan, raising startup capital, assembling a competent business team, selecting an optimal business location, attracting customers, managing competition, navigating unforeseen challenges and expenses, staying updated with industry changes and trends, and dealing with limited support, negative mindsets, and marketing facilities (R.S. Kanchana, J.V. Divya, and A. Ansalna Beegom, 2014). Overcoming these obstacles is essential to ensure the smooth functioning of a startup.

### **2.1 Introduction to Cloud Computing**

Cloud computing simplifies the provision of computing services over the internet, also known as "the cloud." This delivery mechanism offers various services such as servers, storage, databases, software, analytics, and intelligence. It enables accelerated development, a more accessible infrastructure, and benefits from economies of scale. One of the key aspects of cloud computing is cloud storage, which provides on-demand access to IT resources with a pay-as-you-go pricing model.

Cloud computing eliminates the need for organizations to invest in physical data centers and servers. Instead, they can avail themselves of technology services on an as-needed basis from prominent cloud providers like Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Oracle, and Rackspace. By leveraging the cloud, organizations can streamline their IT infrastructure, reducing costs and improving efficiency.

The utilization of the cloud is akin to a power grid, where hardware, applications, and knowledge are amalgamated and distributed to end-users via the internet. Users often do not have to worry about the exact location of their data, which is stored digitally. Cloud computing offers high-quality leased IT services, allowing small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) to focus on their core activities while outsourcing data center management. This approach significantly simplifies in-house IT components (Mahesh et al., 2011; Payton, 2010).

## Cloud Services

Cloud computing encompasses three main services:

1. Software as a Service (SaaS):
  - Instead of downloading applications, SaaS provides access to programs like word processing, ERP, and CRM systems over the internet. This model achieves economies of scale and is utilized by various commercial vendors such as Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Microsoft Office Live, and Salesforce.com (Neves et al., 2011).
2. Platform as a Service (PaaS):
  - PaaS eliminates the need for purchasing software licenses for applications like operating systems and databases. Users can access these platforms and software development kits via the internet. Examples of PaaS vendors include Microsoft Azure Services, Google App Engine, and Amazon Web Services (Rath, 2012).
3. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS):
  - IaaS involves virtual computers, storage systems, servers, and network communication located in a centralized data center. These resources can be accessed and utilized across the network through login identity management. Prominent vendors offering IaaS solutions include Amazon EC2, Rackspace cloud servers, and Joyent (Marston et al., 2011).



## Benefits and Impact

Transitioning to cloud computing offers significant cost savings and frees up administrative time for growing small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs). Additionally, cloud computing facilitates innovation by reducing entry barriers, allowing startups to leverage its capabilities and create web apps and social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube (Marston et al., 2011; Creeger, 2009).

## Cloud Implementation Models

Organizations have four distinct cloud implementation models to choose from:

1. Public Cloud:
  - Definition: The public cloud is an internet-accessible cloud provided by a third-party service provider.
  - Application: Well-suited for startups and cost-competitive situations, this model allows easy integration of IT solutions (Neves et al., 2011).
2. Private Cloud:
  - Definition: Operated within an organization, the private cloud is tailored for major corporations.
  - Application: Often utilized by entities like the United States government for specific cloud services (Marston et al., 2011).
3. Community Cloud:
  - Definition: Operated by a consortium of businesses with shared interests.
  - Application: Noteworthy examples include the US federal government's use of community cloud for various services (Rath, 2012).
4. Hybrid Cloud:
  - Definition: A fusion of public and private clouds.
  - Application: Provides organizations with flexibility, enabling them to leverage both public and private cloud elements based on specific needs and requirements.

These diverse cloud implementation models offer organizations flexibility and scalability in adopting cloud solutions, aligning their cloud strategy with their unique operational demands.



## CHAPTER THREE: METHODOLOGY

### **Introduction**

In this chapter, we will delve into the approach used for this project, which revolves around conducting a comprehensive exploration of existing literature and information. Our study heavily relies on secondary data collected from a wide array of sources, including websites, books, articles, research papers, newspapers, and other relevant publications.

### **Methodology**

The methodology employed in this study aligns with the following objectives:

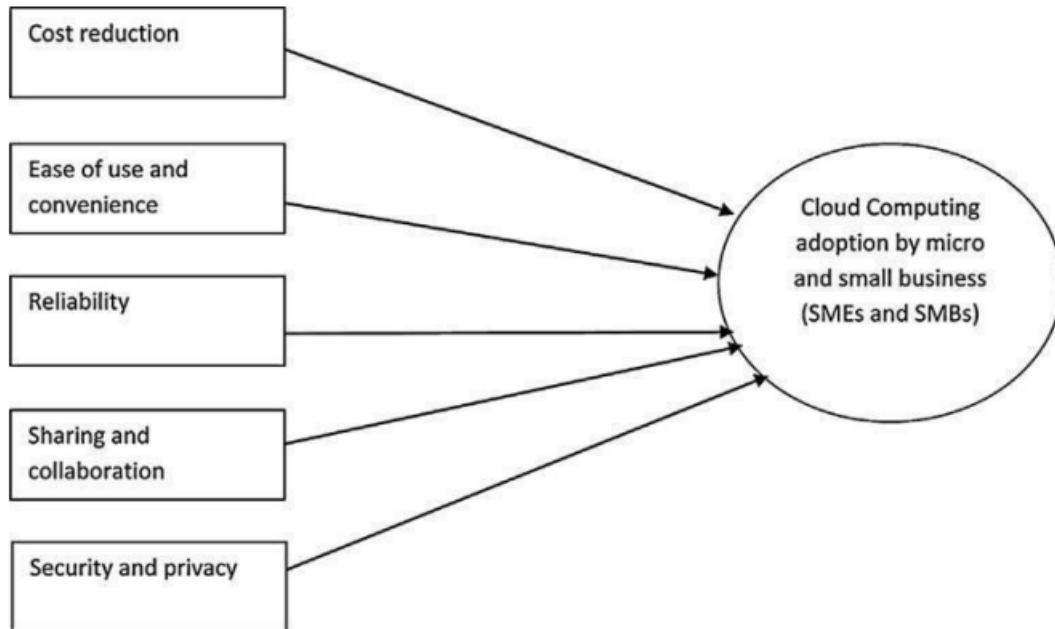
#### **Objective 1: Comprehending Critical Technology Challenges**

To truly grasp the key technological challenges faced by startup enterprises, we aim to gain a deep understanding of the intricacies involved. By analyzing and studying the experiences of these ventures, we can uncover the hurdles they encounter and explore potential solutions.

#### **Objective 2: Exploring the Role of Cloud Computing**

Our objective is to thoroughly examine and comprehend the effectiveness of cloud computing in addressing and resolving the challenges encountered by startup ventures. By investigating this aspect, we can shed light on the significance of cloud computing as a potential solution.

## Cloud Framework



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### 3.1 Cloud Framework

#### Key Findings and Insights

Throughout our research, we have come across several noteworthy findings that shed light on the role of cloud computing in addressing challenges faced by startup enterprises. Let's explore some of the key insights:

##### Cost Reduction

Small businesses have the opportunity to significantly save by embracing the subscription model. This innovative approach has reduced the initial costs associated with market analytics for small businesses, which traditionally require substantial computer resources. Thanks to cloud providers like Amazon Web Services (AWS), costs have been slashed by a remarkable 70%. Despite lacking strategic advantages, AWS has consistently lowered their prices over the past three years. This reduction in fixed IT asset costs

and IT asset management costs has become especially appealing to risk-averse European SMEs, giving them a lower entry barrier. Startups, on the other hand, have also reaped the benefits of cost reduction through commercial apps such as Salesforce.com, made affordable by the per customer revenue model. This shift towards cost-effective computing is a direct result of intense competition and the widespread availability of open-source software. As the market continues to evolve, cloud services have become commoditized, enabling large-scale usage of cloud storage at lower prices. This renewed approach has transformed computing capacity from a luxury to a necessity, with new entrants offering it at a reasonable price. The scalability of services provided by cloud vendors has emerged as a significant strategic advantage for businesses with rapidly increasing demands.

- The subscription model allows small businesses to save money.
- Cloud providers like AWS have reduced costs by 70%.
- AWS has consistently lowered their prices over the years.
- European SMEs value lower IT asset costs, resulting in a reduced entry barrier.
- Startups can afford commercial apps like Salesforce.com due to the per customer revenue model.
- Computing has become a commodity due to competition and open-source software.
- Cloud services offer large-scale storage at lower prices.
- Computing capacity has become a necessity at a reasonable cost.
- Scalable cloud services benefit businesses with rapidly increasing demands.

## **Convenience and User-Friendliness**

In today's fast-paced business landscape, flexibility is key for employees in small businesses. The ability to work beyond the traditional office setting is crucial, and seamless access to information through mobile apps provides significant advantages. Meeting the demands of remote connectivity and facilitating internet transactions often requires the implementation of cloud computing solutions. These solutions have revolutionized accounting and management

practices, freeing up valuable time for small business owners to focus on strategic initiatives and core responsibilities. This shift towards cloud-based alternatives is evident in Canadian SMEs, as they are shifting away from conventional computer-based accounting software. By adopting cloud-based solutions, small businesses eliminate the need to frequently update their devices, avoiding the challenges associated with managing diverse computer systems. Accountants are also recognizing the benefits of cloud services for their SME clients, often at reduced monthly fees. The transition from FTP to cloud platforms has become straightforward and efficient, improving overall business productivity. The convenience of cloud computing extends to the accessibility it offers, allowing users to connect from any geographical location, system, or device. Even less powerful devices like smartphones and netbooks can securely access the company's backend IT systems through simple web-based GUIs provided by cloud providers like AWS.

- Flexibility is crucial for employees in small businesses.
- Seamless access to information through mobile apps offers significant advantages.
- Cloud solutions revolutionize accounting and management practices.
- Canadian SMEs are transitioning to cloud-based alternatives.
- Cloud computing eliminates the need for frequent device updates.
- Accountants opt for cloud services for their SME clients, often at reduced fees.
- Transitioning from FTP to cloud platforms is straightforward and efficient.
- Cloud computing facilitates accessibility from any location, system, or device.
- Cloud providers offer user-friendly interfaces for easy access.

## Reliability

Reliability is a fundamental aspect of cloud services. The cloud offers enhanced security and operates continuously, 24/7, reducing dependence on in-house IT personnel. Cloud storage ensures data

redundancy, guaranteeing file accessibility even during power outages and network disruptions. Notably, during AWS's outage in 2011, the built-in continuity of cloud services allowed platforms like Netflix to remain operational. Email services like Gmail have also demonstrated exceptional reliability, surpassing the performance of typical daily-use email systems. While reliability is crucial for SMEs, larger corporations may have different priorities. Ensuring end-user data portability in case of provider failure is essential, and interoperability challenges in the cloud computing landscape remain prevalent. Downtime in cloud systems can impact functionality, emphasizing the need for failsafe cloud providers. Collaborative efforts between the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Cloud Security Alliance aim to enhance the dependability of cloud services. Maintaining a high level of stability is paramount, and achieving impressive uptime percentages requires redundancy measures. Swift customer service and backup systems are critical for commercial enterprises, providing peace of mind.

- Cloud services offer enhanced security and operate continuously.
- Cloud storage ensures data redundancy.
- AWS's continuity allowed platforms like Netflix to remain operational during an outage.
- Gmail demonstrates exceptional reliability compared to other email systems.
- Data portability and interoperability are essential in case of provider failure.
- Downtime in cloud systems can be mitigated by failsafe providers.
- Collaborative efforts aim to enhance the dependability of cloud services.
- Redundancy measures are crucial for achieving high uptime.
- Commercial enterprises require swift customer service and backup systems.

## **Sharing and Collaboration**



The advent of social media and mobile devices has revolutionized internal communication for startups and small enterprises. Cloud file storage has made information sharing among SMB investors seamless through various channels like emails, shared web links, and instant messengers. Collaboration among stakeholders has been made easier by platforms like Google Apps, Package, and Jive. The cloud has also facilitated large-scale data exchange and collaboration between research groups, enabling efficient evaluation case configurations. Cloud-enabled instant messaging and video conferencing further enhance collaboration possibilities. Multiple users can now edit the same document simultaneously using tools like Google Docs and share information through applications like Skype and Google Chat. This widespread adoption of cloud computing is a testament to its ability to streamline sharing and collaboration in the business world.

- Social media and mobile devices have revolutionized internal communication.
- Cloud file storage enables seamless information sharing among SMB investors.
- Platforms like Google Apps, Package, and Jive enhance stakeholder collaboration.
- Cloud technology enables large-scale data exchange and collaboration among research groups.
- Instant messaging and video conferencing support cloud-enabled collaboration.
- Tools like Google Docs allow multiple users to edit the same document simultaneously.
- Applications like Skype and Google Chat facilitate the sharing of information.
- Cloud computing streamlines sharing and collaboration in businesses.

## **Security and Privacy**

Ensuring the security and privacy of data in the cloud is a top priority for organizations. Authentication and encryption are key measures that mitigate risks and enhance security. Improved security protocols, including recording user habits, detecting transactions, and restricting

user access, contribute to maintaining a secure environment. While concerns about cloud encryption persist, which is especially evident in a survey of CIOs, the reliability of cloud storage is often proven by the higher prevalence of missing USB drives. Skipping security fixes is not recommended, but depending on the cloud solution, some flexibility may exist. For example, Google Apps requires customers to designate the location of their data storage to comply with Federal guidelines. Cloud computing's economies of scale and the availability of top-notch defense consultants contribute to enhanced security. Despite data protection being a primary concern for SMBs, they continue to utilize public clouds for standard services due to their cost-effectiveness. Furthermore, the growth of online banking and online shopping has been driven by the high level of security and ease of use provided by the internet. The convenience and security offered by cloud computing have also influenced the rise of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policies in the workplace, allowing employees to access office emails on their personal devices and thereby enhancing productivity.

- Security and privacy are top priorities in cloud computing.
- Authentication and encryption measures enhance security.
- Improved security protocols contribute to a secure environment.
- Concerns about cloud encryption persist among CIOs.
- Cloud storage is proven reliable compared to missing USB drives.
- Skipping security fixes is not recommended, but some flexibility may exist.
- Cloud computing offers enhanced security through economies of scale and defense consultants.
- SMBs utilize public clouds due to cost-effectiveness and data concerns.
- Online banking and shopping are popular due to security and convenience.
- BYOD policies workplace productivity by providing secure access to office emails.

## **Conclusion**

This chapter has provided an overview of the methodology employed in this study and a summary of the key findings and insights related to the role of cloud computing in addressing the challenges faced by startup enterprises. By comprehending critical technology challenges, exploring cloud computing's role, and delving into various aspects such as cost reduction, convenience, reliability, sharing, collaboration, security, and privacy, we have gained valuable insights into the potential benefits offered by cloud computing. These findings contribute to a deeper understanding of how cloud computing can effectively support startup ventures.

## CHAPTER FOUR: Cloud Vendors

Cloud adoption is on the rise, with businesses of all sizes, sectors, and locations embracing the benefits of agility, rapid deployment, and unlimited scalability. In this chapter, we'll explore some of the leading cloud vendors that are shaping the industry. Let's dive in!

### **1. Amazon Web Services (AWS)**

AWS is a true powerhouse when it comes to cloud computing. Their comprehensive services and relentless innovation have propelled them to the forefront of the market. With a stellar reputation and an impressive track record, AWS has earned the honor of being classified as a Leader in Gartner's assessment.

### **2. Microsoft Azure**

Another major player in the cloud computing arena is Microsoft Azure. With their robust suite of services and a strong focus on enterprise solutions, Azure has quickly gained traction and established itself as a formidable competitor.

### **3. Google Cloud**

Google Cloud is synonymous with cutting-edge technology and the promise of innovation. Leveraging their vast infrastructure and expertise in data analytics, Google Cloud offers a wide range of services tailored to meet the needs of businesses seeking a cloud solution.

### **4. Alibaba Cloud**

While Alibaba Cloud may be slightly lesser-known in Western markets, it has gained immense popularity in the Asia region. As the cloud arm of the Alibaba Group, this cloud vendor boasts an extensive network and a multitude of services designed to cater to businesses in various industries.

### **5. IBM Cloud**

With a rich history in the technology industry, IBM brings its expertise and credibility to the world of cloud computing. IBM Cloud offers a diverse array of services, including AI capabilities and blockchain solutions, positioning itself as a leading choice for businesses with advanced technological needs.

## **6. Oracle**

Oracle is a trusted name in the realm of enterprise software, and they have successfully expanded their offerings to include robust cloud services. By combining their years of experience with modern cloud capabilities, Oracle is able to serve businesses seeking a secure and scalable cloud solution.

## **7. Salesforce**

Known for their CRM software, Salesforce has also made a significant impact in the cloud computing space. Their platform-as-a-service (PaaS) offerings enable businesses to develop and deploy applications with ease, making them a go-to choice for those focused on app development.

## **8. SAP**

SAP brings its formidable reputation in the enterprise software sector to the world of cloud computing. Their cloud platform offers a wide range of services, spanning from analytics and database management to customer experience and procurement solutions.

## **9. Tencent Cloud**

Tencent Cloud, a subsidiary of the Chinese technology giant Tencent, is making strides in the global cloud market. With a strong presence in Asia, Tencent Cloud offers a comprehensive suite of services, delivering the power of the cloud to businesses worldwide.

## **10. Rackspace Cloud**

Rackspace Cloud is known for its managed cloud services, providing businesses with expert support and guidance in their cloud journey.

With their customer-centric approach and a focus on managed solutions, Rackspace has built a loyal customer base.

## **11. VMWare**

VMWare, a pioneer in virtualization technology, has successfully transitioned into the cloud space. Their cloud offerings revolve around hybrid and multi-cloud solutions, empowering businesses to seamlessly integrate and manage their infrastructure across various cloud environments.

Now that we've explored the prominent cloud vendors, let's delve deeper into why Gartner has recognized AWS as a Leader in the field. In their comprehensive assessment covering all aspects of cloud computing and platform resources, AWS emerged as the frontrunner, excelling in both the Ability to Execute and Completeness of Vision categories.

In conclusion, embracing the cloud and selecting the right cloud vendor can bring immense benefits to your company. Stay tuned as we uncover the advantages that public cloud adoption can offer your business.



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## 4.1 Amazon Web Services (AWS)

When it comes to cloud computing, Amazon Web Services (AWS) undoubtedly takes the crown. It is not only the most robust and widely used cloud network in the world but also offers over 200 feature-rich services that are accessible from data centers across the globe. From startups and major corporations to government departments, AWS is the go-to choice for millions of clients seeking cost reduction, increased efficiency, and accelerated innovation.

### Diverse Range of Services

AWS provides a diverse array of services, catering to different needs and requirements. Let's explore some of the key service categories offered by AWS:

## Compute Services

Under the umbrella of compute services, AWS offers an impressive lineup, including:

- Amazon EC2
- Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling
- AWS Elastic Beanstalk
- Amazon Elastic Container Service
- AWS Lambda

### *Amazon EC2: Making Web-Scale Computing Accessible*

Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) is a cloud computing web service that aims to make web-scale computing more accessible to programmers. With its user-friendly web interface, Amazon EC2 allows easy attainment and customization of computing capability. It puts you in total control of your machine resources while leveraging Amazon's reliable computing infrastructure. What sets Amazon EC2 apart is its ability to significantly reduce the time it takes to acquire and boot new server instances, enabling you to scale power up and down rapidly in response to changing computing needs. Additionally, Amazon EC2 provides the tools necessary for building fault-tolerant systems and avoiding potential failure situations.

### *Amazon EC2 Instance Types: Your Ticket to Cost Optimization*

One of the standout features of Amazon EC2 is its flexible pricing model. By offering different instance types, Amazon EC2 ensures that you only pay for the processing resources you need at any given moment. It provides three main types of instances:

1. On-Demand Instances: Pay-as-you-go, allowing you to scale capacity up or down as required.
2. Reserved Instances: Offering discounted pricing for longer-term commitments.
3. Spot Instances: Taking advantage of unused capacity at significantly lower prices.



## Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling: Ensuring App Accessibility

Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling is a vital tool for maintaining app accessibility. It automatically adds or removes EC2 instances based on pre-defined requirements. Through its fleet management features, you can ensure the health and availability of your app fleet. Whether it's dynamically scaling in response to changing demand or using predictive scaling to schedule the appropriate number of instances, Amazon EC2 Auto Scaling has you covered. By combining dynamic scaling with statistical scaling, you can achieve accelerated scalability and optimize resource allocation.

## AWS Elastic Beanstalk: Scaling Web Apps Made Simple

AWS Elastic Beanstalk simplifies the process of deploying and scaling various web apps and services. By supporting multiple programming languages and platforms such as Java, .NET, PHP, Node.js, Python, Ruby, Go, and Docker, Elastic Beanstalk offers developers a straightforward way to upload their code and let AWS take care of the rest. From automatic bandwidth provisioning and load balancing to auto scaling and system health monitoring, Elastic Beanstalk streamlines the management of web apps while providing full control over the underlying AWS software and infrastructure.

## AWS Lambda: A Serverless Computing Marvel

AWS Lambda revolutionizes the way applications are run by eliminating the need for servers. With Lambda, you only pay for the duration your code runs, and there are no penalties for idle time. This means you can offload backend operations to Lambda without worrying about administration tasks. By simply uploading your code, Lambda takes care of everything required to run and scale it with high availability. You can trigger Lambda functions automatically through other AWS services or directly from platforms and mobile devices, making it a powerful tool in the serverless world.

## Amazon Elastic Container Service: Efficient Container Orchestration

For those working with Docker containers, Amazon Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) is a game-changer. It is a container orchestration service that allows you to operate and scale containerized applications with ease on AWS. With Amazon ECS, there is no need to create or manage your own container orchestration software or deal with the complexities of virtual server clusters. You can start and stop Docker-enabled programs, query server states, and manage various structures using simple API calls. Amazon ECS also integrates seamlessly with other AWS services such as IAM, load balancers, event monitoring, infrastructure management, and log analysis.

## Storage: A Comprehensive Solution

AWS provides a comprehensive set of storage services that cater to various data needs. These services help minimize costs, improve agility, and drive innovation. Let's take a look at some of AWS's storage offerings:

### Object Storage

Object storage is a vital component for storing and accessing data in the cloud. AWS offers a robust Object storage solution called Amazon S3 (Simple Storage Service). Amazon S3 provides unmatched scalability, data access, reliability, and performance. It caters to a wide range of use cases, including data lakes, mobile apps, backup and restore, databases, business applications, and big data analytics. Amazon S3's simple management features allow you to organize data efficiently and customize access controls according to your specific business and operational requirements. With a durability level of 99.999999999% (11 9's), Amazon S3 is trusted by businesses worldwide to store millions of terabytes of data reliably.

### File Storage

When it comes to file storage, Amazon Elastic File System (Amazon EFS) takes the lead. It is a serverless and easy-to-use file system that

eliminates the need for storage provisioning and management. Amazon EFS seamlessly scales to petabytes without disrupting applications. It can be used in both AWS Cloud storage and on-premises networks. With Amazon EFS, you no longer have to worry about space management as the file system dynamically grows and shrinks based on your file additions and deletions.

## Block Storage

Amazon Elastic Block Store (EBS) is a high-performance block storage service designed for use with Amazon EC2. It caters to a wide range of workloads, from high-throughput applications to transaction-intensive scenarios. Amazon EBS is compatible with various applications, including relational and non-relational databases, enterprise software, containerized apps, big data processing, multimedia workflows, and more.

## Database: Fast and Reliable

Every business relies on databases for critical operations, and AWS offers a robust and efficient database solution:

### Amazon DynamoDB: Power and Precision

Amazon DynamoDB is a highly reliable and lightning-fast database that provides single-digit millisecond response times. It is a fully managed, multi-region, durable database with built-in encryption, storage and retrieval capabilities, and in-memory caching for web-scale applications. DynamoDB handles trillions of requests daily, making it a preferred choice for major companies like Lyft, Airbnb, and Redfin, as well as industry giants such as Samsung, Toyota, and Capital One, who rely on DynamoDB's reliability and scalability to keep their mission-critical workloads running smoothly.

## Networking and Content Delivery

AWS also offers a range of networking and content delivery solutions to ensure seamless connectivity and fast delivery of content:

## Amazon VPC: Your Private Corner in the AWS Cloud

Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC) allows you to create a logically isolated section of the AWS Cloud where you can operate your AWS services in a secure and customizable environment. With Amazon VPC, you have complete control over your virtualized network, including the ability to create your own IP address ranges, subnets, route tables, and network gateways. You can easily configure your VPC to support both IPv4 and IPv6 and establish different levels of security using security groups and network access control lists. Furthermore, Amazon VPC enables you to establish a hardware VPN connection between your business data center and your VPC, seamlessly extending your on-premises infrastructure into the AWS Cloud.

## Amazon CloudFront: Accelerated Content Delivery

Amazon CloudFront is a content delivery network (CDN) that ensures fast and reliable delivery of web content, videos, applications, and APIs to users across the globe. By leveraging AWS's global infrastructure, CloudFront minimizes latency and provides a seamless user experience. It integrates seamlessly with other AWS services and offers advanced features such as real-time log delivery, SSL/TLS termination, and integration with AWS WAF for enhanced security.

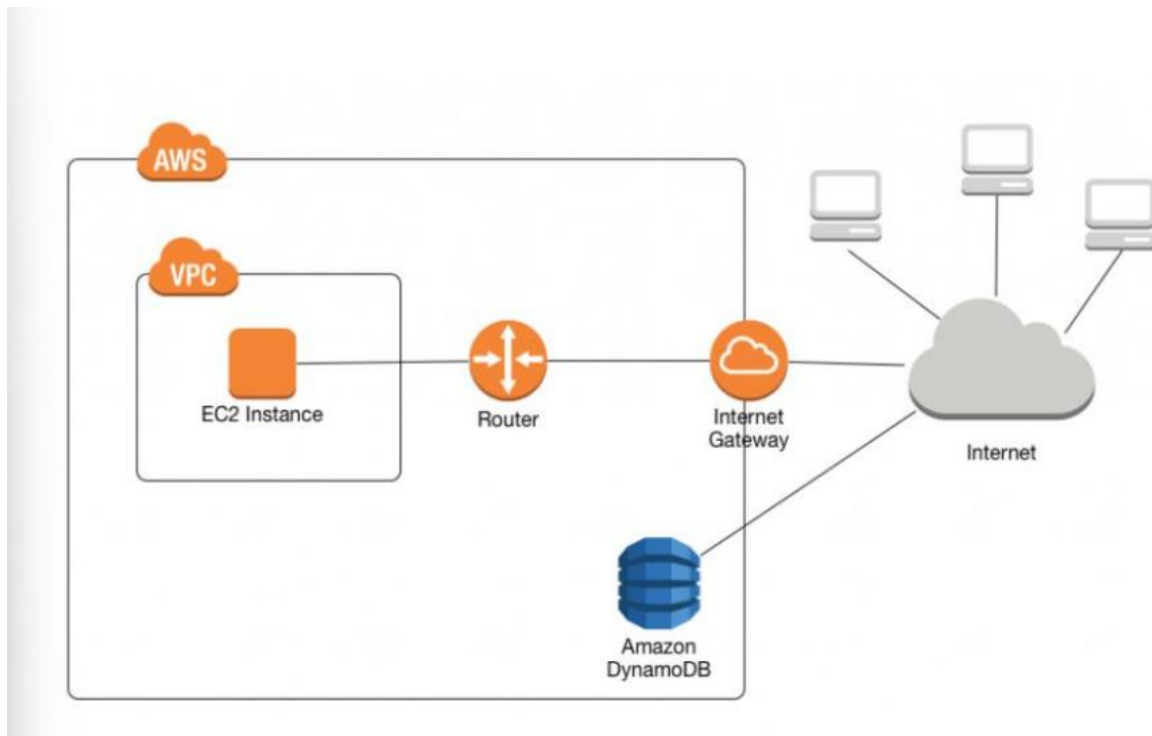
## Amazon Route 53: Scalable Domain Name System

Amazon Route 53 is a scalable and highly available domain name system (DNS) web service. It provides reliable and efficient routing of incoming traffic while offering rich features such as health checks, traffic policies, and DNS-based failover. With Amazon Route 53, you can easily manage your domains and seamlessly integrate with other AWS services for automated routing and scaling.

## Conclusion

Amazon Web Services (AWS) continues to pave the way for cloud computing, offering an unmatched range of services and solutions. From powerful compute services to reliable storage options and

efficient database management, AWS caters to the diverse needs of businesses across the globe. With its robust networking and content delivery offerings, AWS ensures seamless connectivity and accelerated content delivery. As technology evolves, AWS remains at the forefront, consistently innovating and empowering organizations to achieve their goals with greater efficiency and agility.



**Figure 5-2: Amazon Virtual Private Cloud**

### What is Amazon CloudFront?

Amazon CloudFront is a remarkable content delivery network (CDN) system designed to seamlessly distribute files, images, applications, and APIs to clients across the globe. It boasts impressive upload speeds and low latency, making it an attractive option for developers seeking efficiency and reliability.

### Global Reach with AWS Integration

CloudFront is closely integrated with AWS, meaning it benefits from the extensive AWS global network and other facilities. As it is

directly linked to the 30 physical sites associated with AWS, it can effortlessly serve users worldwide.

## **Powerful Integration and Optimization**

CloudFront offers seamless integration with several other AWS services, such as AWS Shield for robust DDoS prevention. It can also connect with Amazon S3, Elastic Load Balancing, or Amazon EC2 as the device source. Additionally, CloudFront utilizes Lambda Edge, empowering developers to run custom code closer to the end-users, thereby optimizing the user interface.

## **Easy Setup with Familiar Tools**

Getting started with CloudFront is a breeze due to its compatibility with the same AWS resources that you are already familiar with. Whether you prefer using APIs, the AWS Management Console, AWS CloudFormation, CLIs, or SDKs, you can effortlessly establish and configure your Content Delivery Network within minutes.

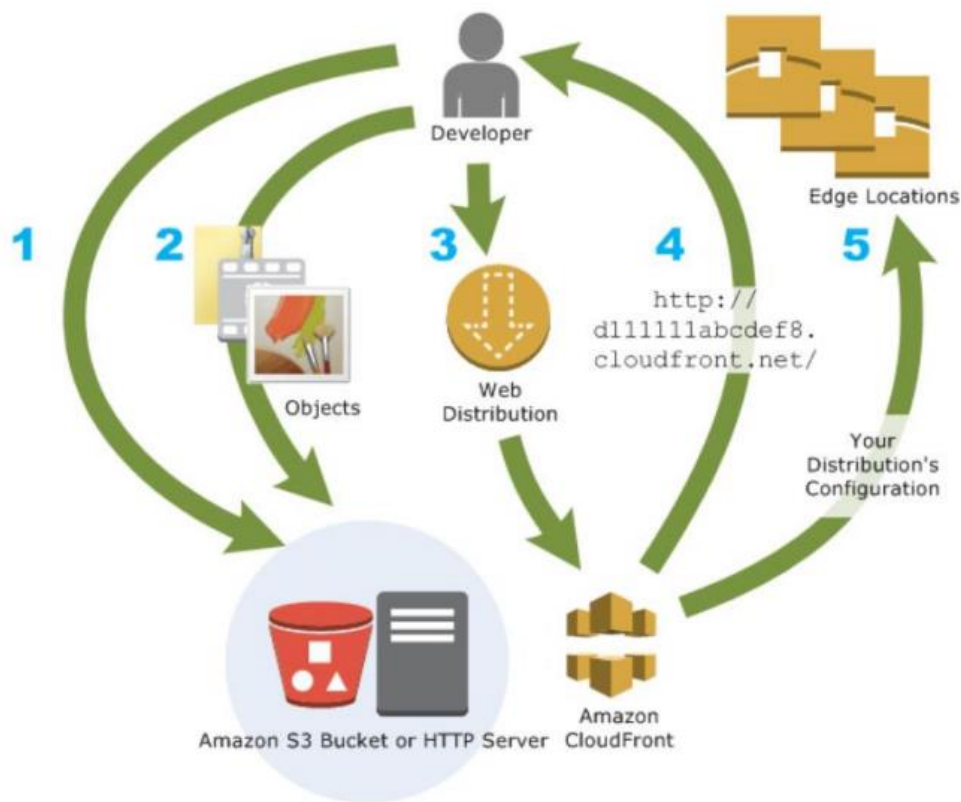
## **Affordable and Hassle-Free**

Amazon's CDN follows a simple pay-as-you-go model, eliminating annual costs and long-term commitments. With coverage included in the current AWS Support package, you can enjoy the benefits of CloudFront without any additional expenses.

## **Conclusion**

Amazon CloudFront's versatility and user-friendly nature make it an excellent choice for developers and businesses in need of a reliable and efficient content delivery network. With its global reach, seamless integration, and affordable pricing model, CloudFront offers all the essential features one looks for in a modern CDN. So why wait? Explore the possibilities and enhance your content delivery experience with Amazon CloudFront!

- Amazon CloudFront, n.d.).



**Figure 5-3: Amazon CloudFront**

### Amazon Route 53: Reliable and Scalable DNS Network Service

Amazon Route 53 is a highly open and scalable cloud Domain Name System (DNS) network service designed to provide developers and companies with a dependable and cost-effective method of routing end-users to internet operations. It accomplishes this by converting human-readable domain names, like `www.example.com`, into the numeric IP addresses that machines use to communicate with each other.

With Amazon Route 53, you can link user requests to various AWS infrastructure components such as EC2 instances, Elastic Load Balancing load balancers, or Amazon S3 buckets. Additionally, it can route users to infrastructure that is not hosted by AWS. The service enables you to configure DNS health tests to guide traffic to healthier endpoints and monitor the health of your application and its endpoints separately.



One of the key features of Amazon Route 53 is the Traffic Flow capability, which allows you to manage global traffic by utilizing various routing types, including latency-based routing, Geo DNS, and weighted round-robin. These routing types can be combined with DNS Failover to create fault-tolerant architectures with low latency. The Traffic Flow's simple visual editor makes it easy to manage how your potential customers are directed to your application's endpoints, whether they are in a single AWS Region or distributed globally.

Additionally, Amazon Route 53 offers Domain Name Registration, allowing you to purchase and maintain domain names like example.com. The service also provides automatic customization of DNS settings for registered domains, simplifying the process for website owners.

By leveraging Amazon Route 53, you can lower costs, reduce risks, and streamline the operation of all services running on the AWS infrastructure.(Amazon Route 53 Documentation, n.d.)

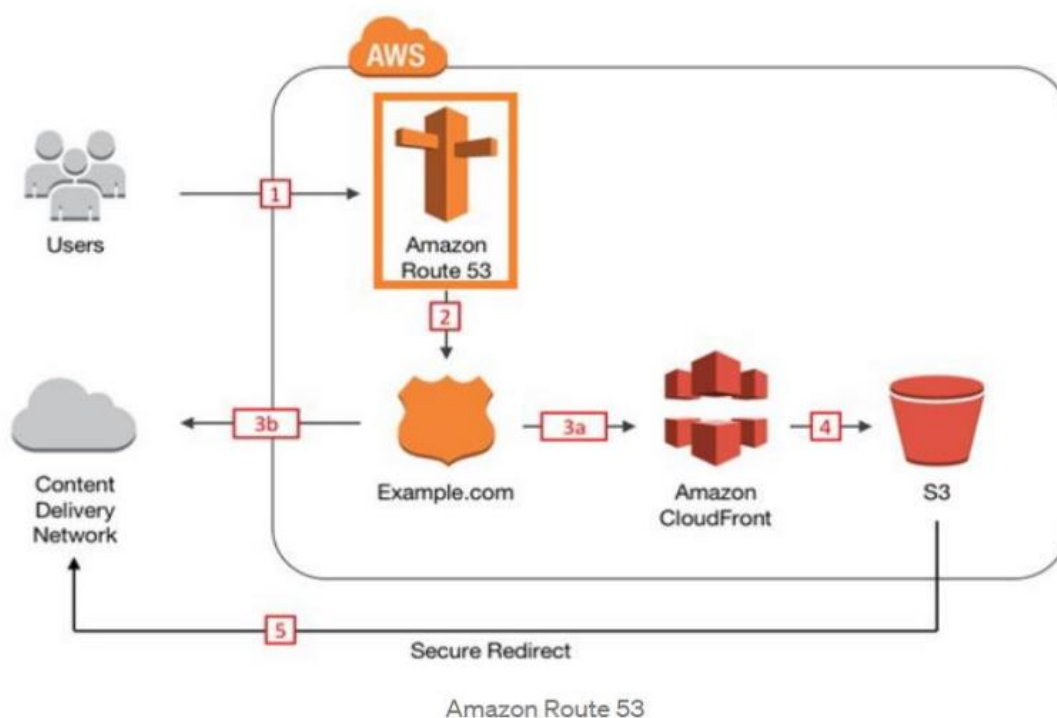


Figure 5-4: Amazon Route 53 Management Tools



Use this service to lower costs, reduce risks, and simplify all services operating on the AWS infrastructure.

### **Cloud Watch: Simplified Monitoring of AWS Resources**

Amazon CloudWatch is a comprehensive tool that allows you to monitor AWS resources and customer applications operating on the AWS platform. It provides a single interface to collect and view all your operational data in the form of logs, making it easier to track the performance and health of your resources.

### **Cloud Formation: Efficient Management of AWS Resources**

AWS CloudFormation is a service that centralizes the management of your AWS resources, allowing you to spend less time on operational tasks and more time designing applications. With CloudFormation, you can control your cloud infrastructure using text files or models, providing a convenient and efficient way to manage your resources.

### **Developer Tools: Empowering Developers**

AWS offers a range of developer tools that automate the creation, execution, and management of program source code. These tools also facilitate server and instance refreshes based on workload demands, ensuring optimal performance.

### **CodeBuild: Streamlined Continuous Delivery**

AWS CodeBuild is a professionally managed continuous delivery service that simplifies the process of compiling source code, performing code reviews, and generating ready-to-deploy software packages. With CodeBuild, there's no need to provision, maintain, or scale your own build servers. The service scales seamlessly and processes multiple builds simultaneously, avoiding any queuing delays. You can easily get started with prepackaged build environments or customize your own build environments using your preferred build software. CodeBuild charges you based on the compute power you utilize, billed by the minute.

## **AWS Demo: Setting up a Static Website**

To illustrate the capabilities of Amazon Web Services (AWS), I have created a static website called 'thedigitaldoorstep.com' and hosted it on the AWS platform. In order to host the website on Amazon S3, I have demonstrated on how to use the Amazon Route 53 service to purchase the domain (e.g., thedigitaldoorstep.com). When users access the URLs <http://thedigitaldoorstep.com> and <http://thedigitaldoorstep.com>, the website is served from AWS Simple Storage Service (S3). For enhanced performance, I utilized Amazon's CloudFront service.

Certainly, let's modify the AWS demo to reflect the scenario where you demonstrate how to host a static website on Amazon S3 without purchasing a domain through Amazon Route 53:

### 4.1.1 AWS Demo: Setting up a Static Website on Amazon S3

To showcase the capabilities of Amazon Web Services (AWS), I've created a sample static website hosted on the AWS platform. For the purpose of this demonstration, the website is accessible through the default Amazon S3 endpoint.

Here's a breakdown of the steps I followed to configure the website on AWS:

1. Creating an S3 Bucket:
2. Configuring the S3 Bucket to Host the Website:
3. Uploading Website Content:
4. Adjusting S3 Block Public Access Settings:
5. Attaching a Bucket Policy:
6. Testing the S3 Endpoint:
  - Utilized the default Amazon S3 endpoint to test the website (e.g., <http://your-bucket-name.s3-website-your-region.amazonaws.com/>).
7. Verifying Website Functionality:
  - Checked that the static website was functioning correctly using the S3 endpoint.

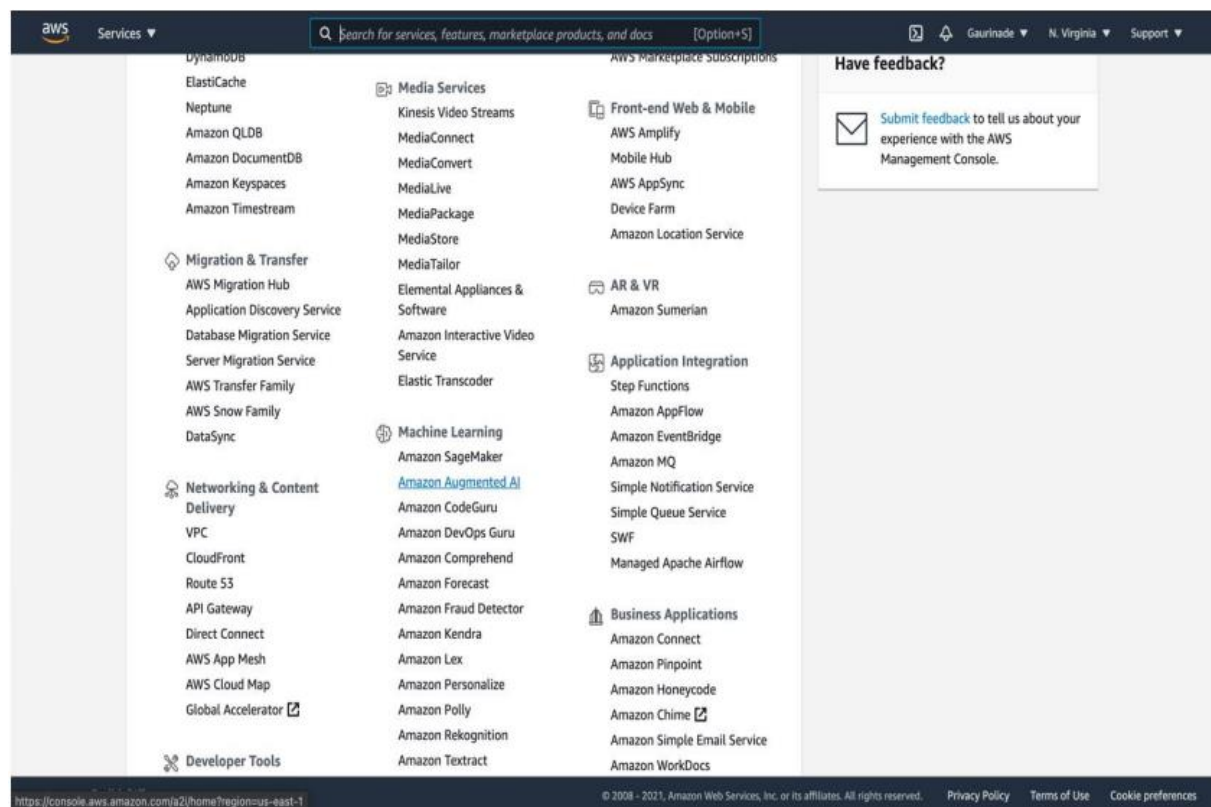
Using AWS services in this way demonstrates how you can efficiently host a static website on Amazon S3 without purchasing a domain through Amazon Route 53. This approach can be cost-

effective and straightforward for projects that don't require a custom domain.

## **I HAVE DEMONSTRATED HOW Register a domain name with Amazon Route 53 Service BUT I HAVE USED THE DEFAULT S3 LINK FOR TESTING**

### **A. Registering a domain name with Amazon Route 53 Service**

1. In order to access the Route 53 console sign into the AWS account.



**Figure 5-5: Amazon Management Console**

2. Select Registered domains from the navigation pane,

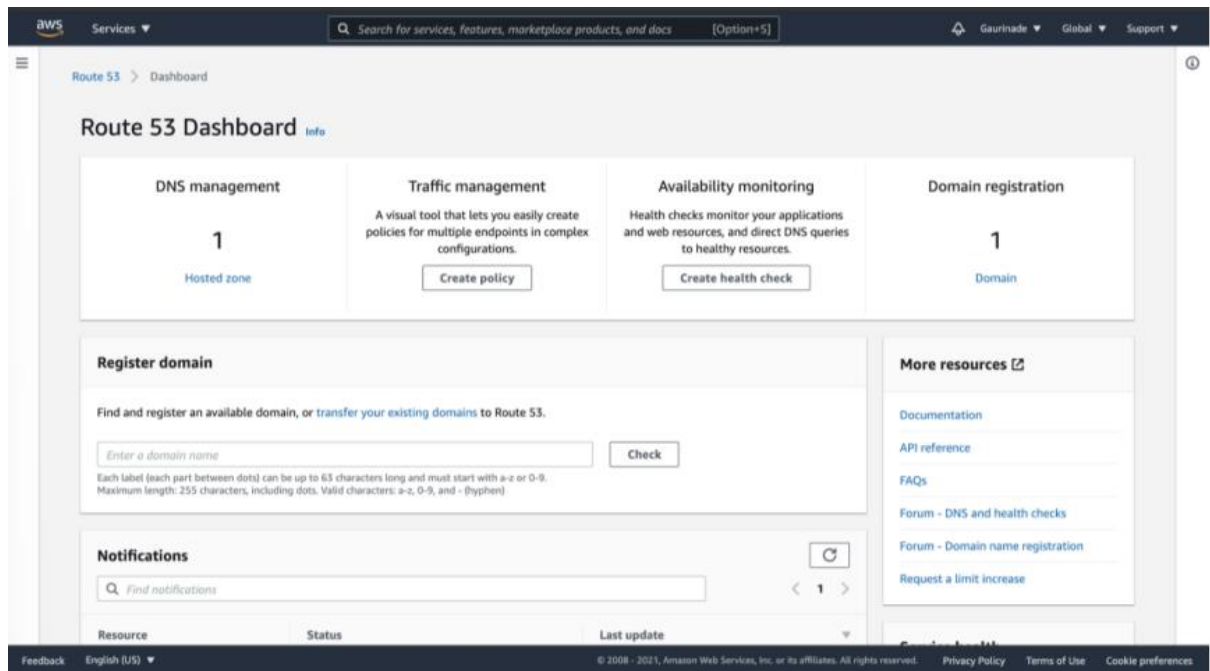


Figure 5-6: Amazon Route 53 Console

3. Select 'Register domain', and mention the domain that needs to be register:

Enter the desire domain name that needs to be register and click on the 'Check' button to see the availability of the domain name.

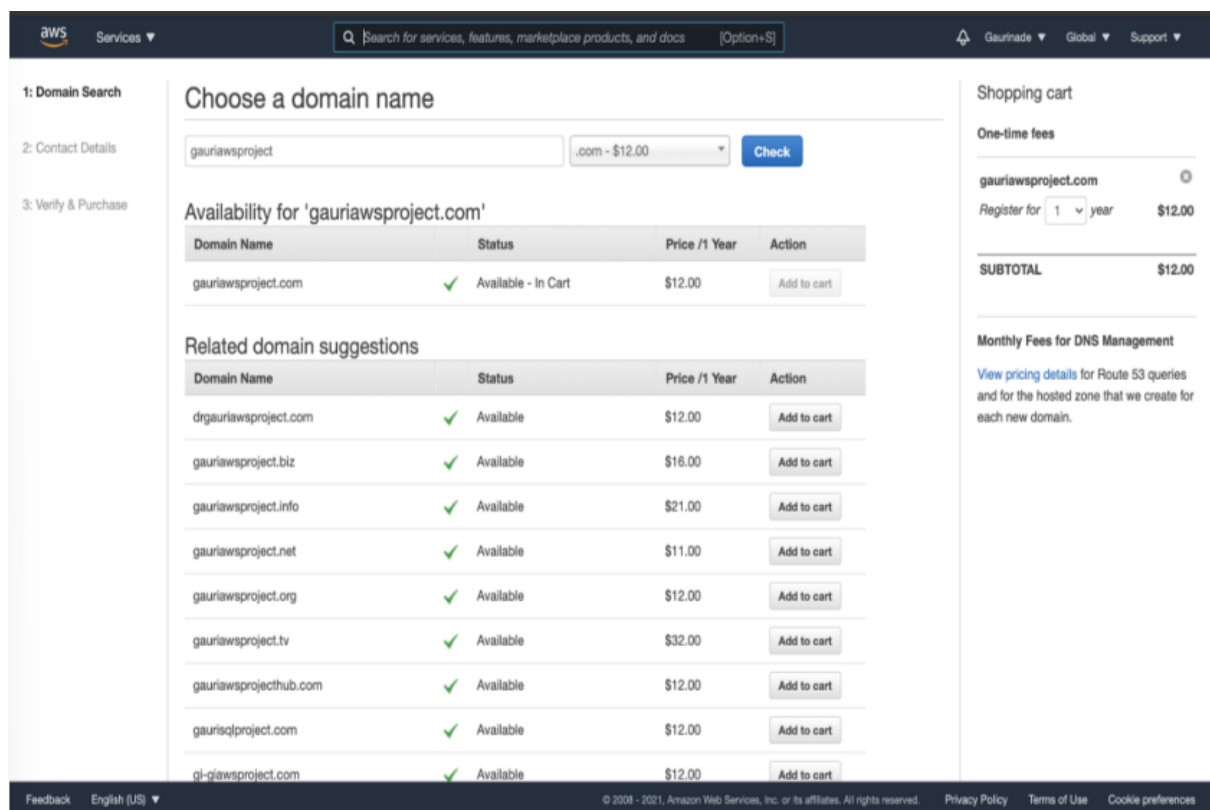


Figure 5-7: Amazon Route 53 Domain Name

Add the domain name in the cart if it is available to use, select the number of years for which the domain name should be available.

For this demo I have selected 1 year, so this

‘thedigitaldoorstep.com’ will be valid only for 1 year.

4. Select Continue.

5. Type all the mentioned contact information

The screenshot displays the 'Contact Details for Your 1 Domain' page on the Amazon Route 53 console. The page is divided into three main sections: a left sidebar, a central form, and a right sidebar. The left sidebar contains navigation steps: '1: Domain Search', '2: Contact Details' (which is the current step), and '3: Verify & Purchase'. The central form is titled 'Contact Details for Your 1 Domain' and includes a sub-header 'Enter the details for your Registrant, Administrative and Technical contacts below. All fields are required unless specified otherwise. [Learn more.](#)'. Below this, there is a checkbox labeled 'My Registrant, Administrative and Technical Contacts are all the same:' with 'Yes' selected. The form is organized into a 'Registrant Contact' section with the following fields: 'Contact Type' (a dropdown menu set to 'Person'), 'First Name' (text input with 'Gauri'), 'Last Name' (text input with 'Nade'), 'Organization' (a dropdown menu set to 'Not applicable'), 'Email' (text input with a blue bar), 'Phone' (text input with a blue bar and a country code dropdown set to '+1'), 'Address 1' (text input with a blue bar), 'Address 2' (text input with a blue bar), and 'Country' (a dropdown menu set to 'United States'). The right sidebar contains a 'Shopping cart' section with 'One-time fees' for 'gauriawsproject.com' at '1 year' for '\$12.00', and a 'SUBTOTAL' of '\$12.00'. Below this, there is a 'Monthly Fees for DNS Management' section with a link to 'View pricing details for Route 53 queries and for the hosted zone that we create for each new domain.' The footer of the page includes 'Feedback', 'English (US)', '© 2008 - 2021, Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates. All rights reserved.', 'Privacy Policy', 'Terms of Use', and 'Cookie preferences'.

Figure 5-8: Amazon Route 53 Domain Name

6. Select Continue.

7. Some TLDs only – If specified an email address for the registrant contact that has never been used to register a domain with Route 53, some TLD registries require you to verify that the address is valid.

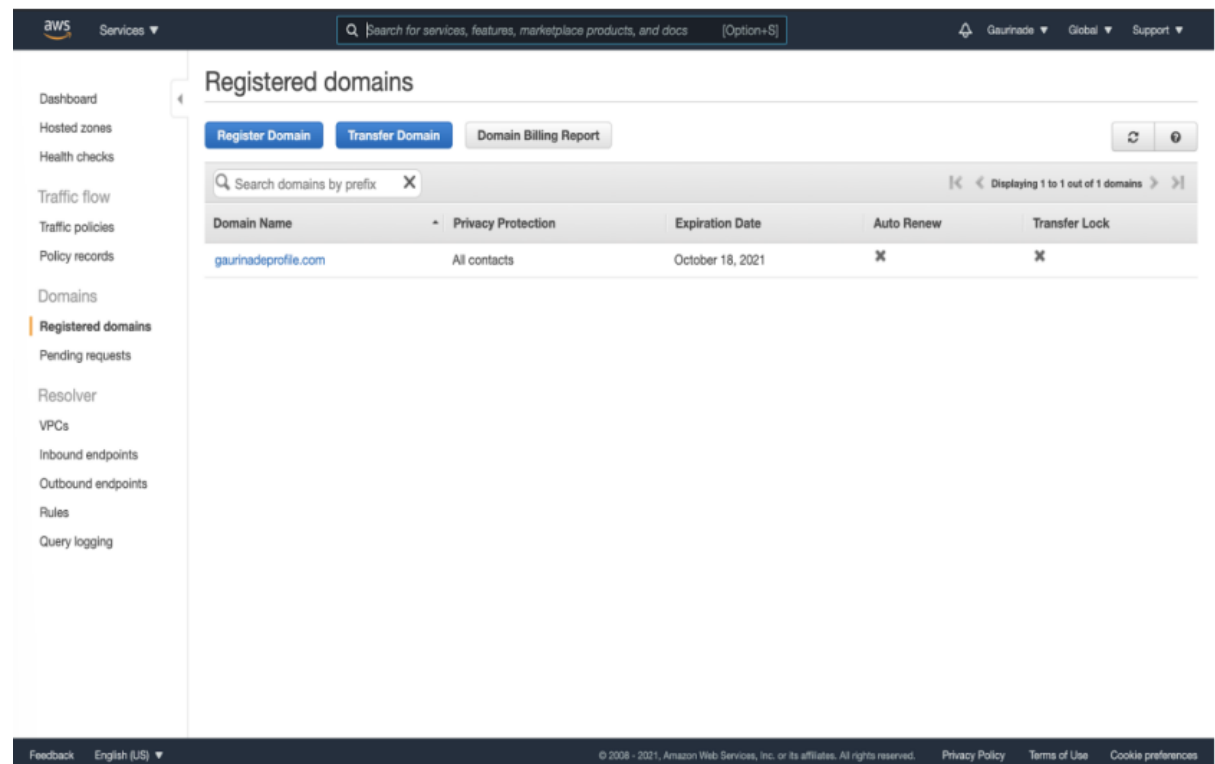
8. Choose whether or not AWS will renew your domain registration before it expires.

9. Examine the entered details, read the terms of service, and check the box to confirm that it.

10. Click on the button for complete the purchase.

11. After the domain has been registered, the next move is to decide if we want to use Route 53 or another DNS service as the domain's DNS service:

Here we want Route 53 to respond to a query with the IP address of a web server in our data center or with the name of an ELB load balancer when someone types our domain name into a browser and the query is redirected to Route 53?



**Figure 5-9: Route 53 Domain Console**

Creating buckets for website hosting

1. Open the Amazon S3 console by logging into the AWS Management Console.

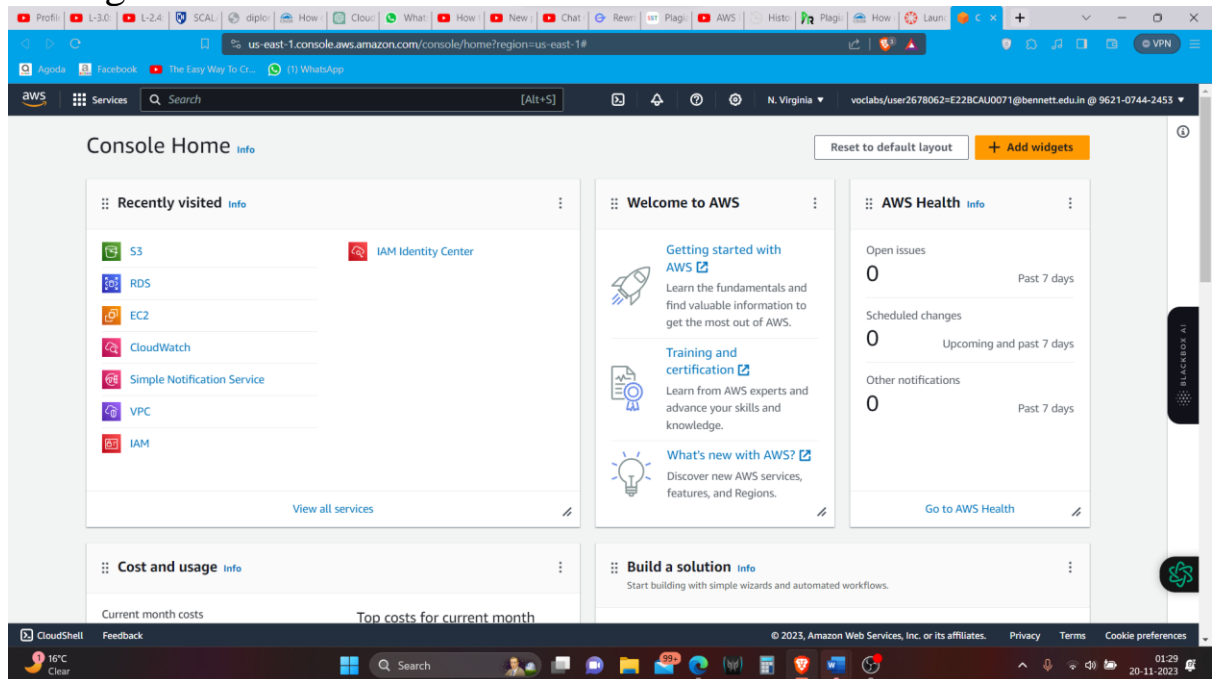


Figure 5-10: Amazon Management Console

## 2: Navigate to Amazon S3

Go to the Amazon S3 service from the AWS Console.

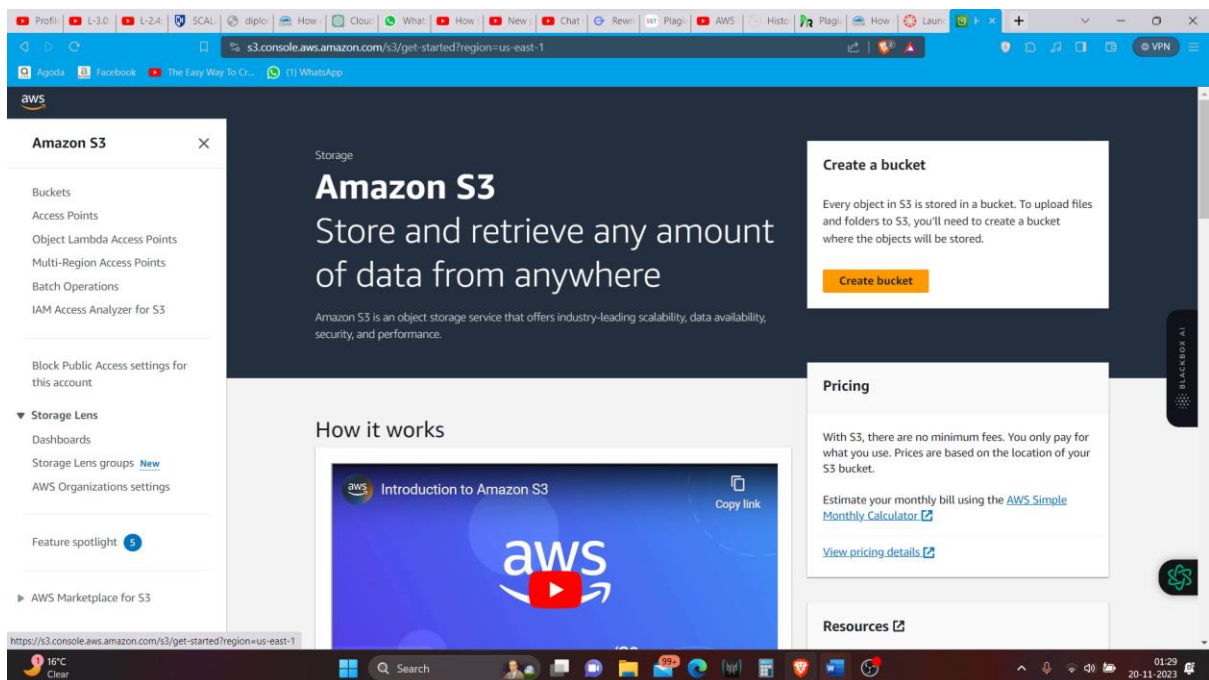
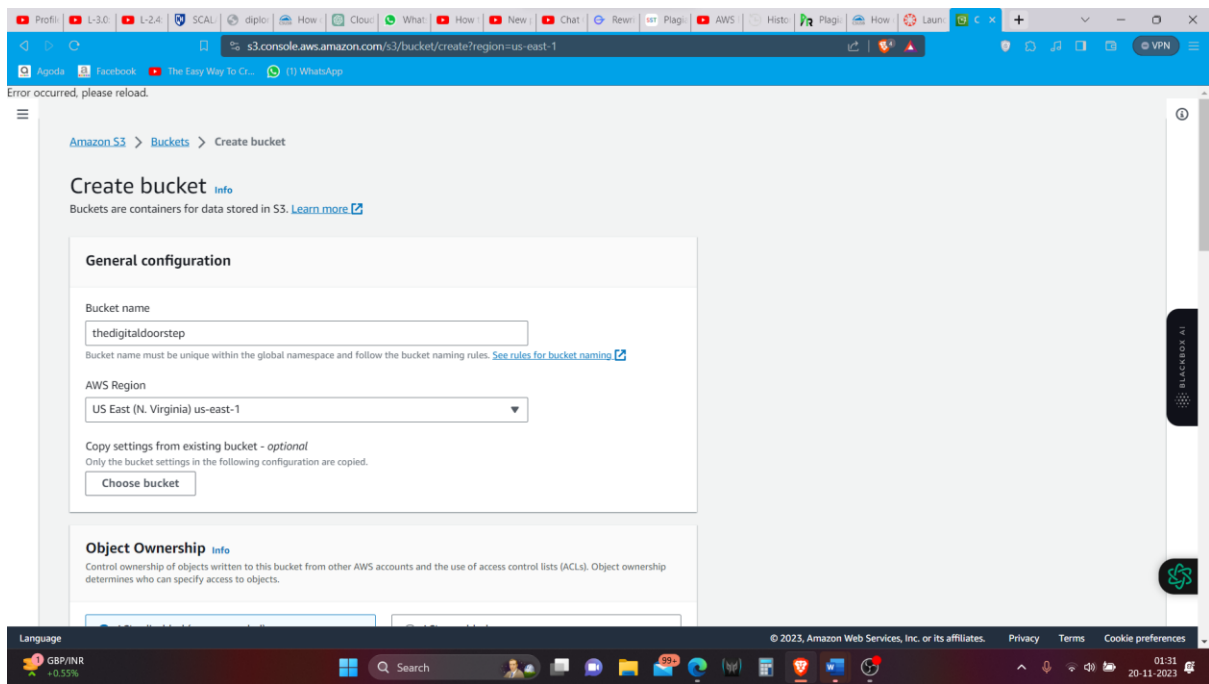


Figure 5-11: Amazon S3 Console

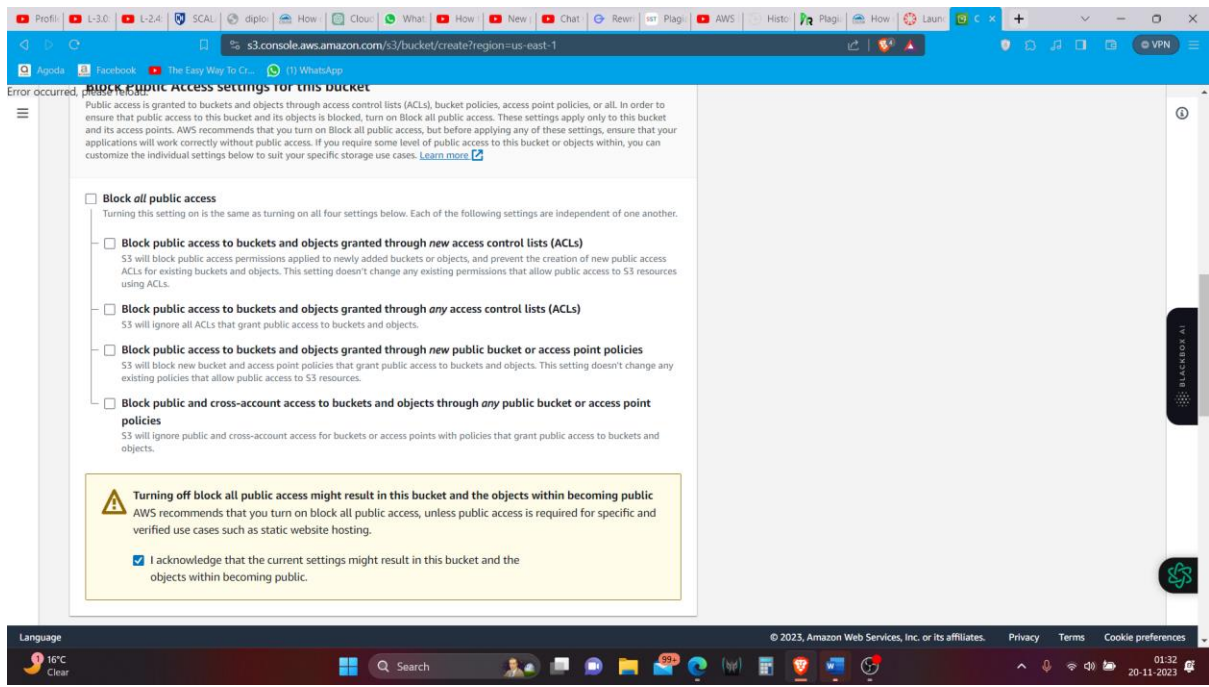


## Step 3: Create a New S3 Bucket

1. Click on the "Create bucket" button.
2. Choose a unique and globally-unique name for your bucket.  
This will be part of your website URL.
3. Select a region for your bucket.
4. Click "Create."



## Step : Set Permissions



## **Step : Set Permissions**

1. Select your uploaded files.
2. Click on the "Actions" dropdown.
3. Choose "Make public" to ensure your files are accessible over the internet.

## **C. Configure Your Bucket for Website Hosting**

Configure the root domain bucket as a website (). This bucket will be used to store website content. When a bucket is designed for website hosting, users can access the website via website endpoints. To enable static website hosting:

1. Open the Amazon S3 console by logging into the AWS Management Console.
2. Select a bucket name in order to enable 'static website hosting'
3. Click on Properties

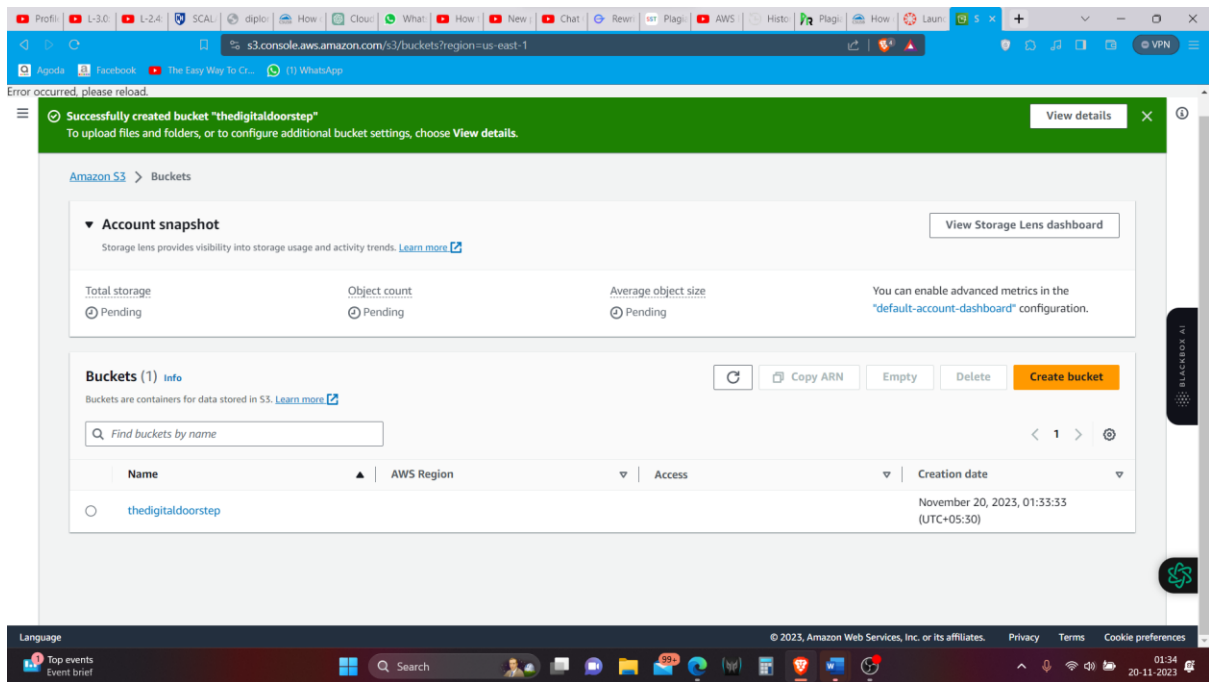


Figure 5-12: Amazon S3 Property Console

#### 4. Below Static website hosting tab, select edit.

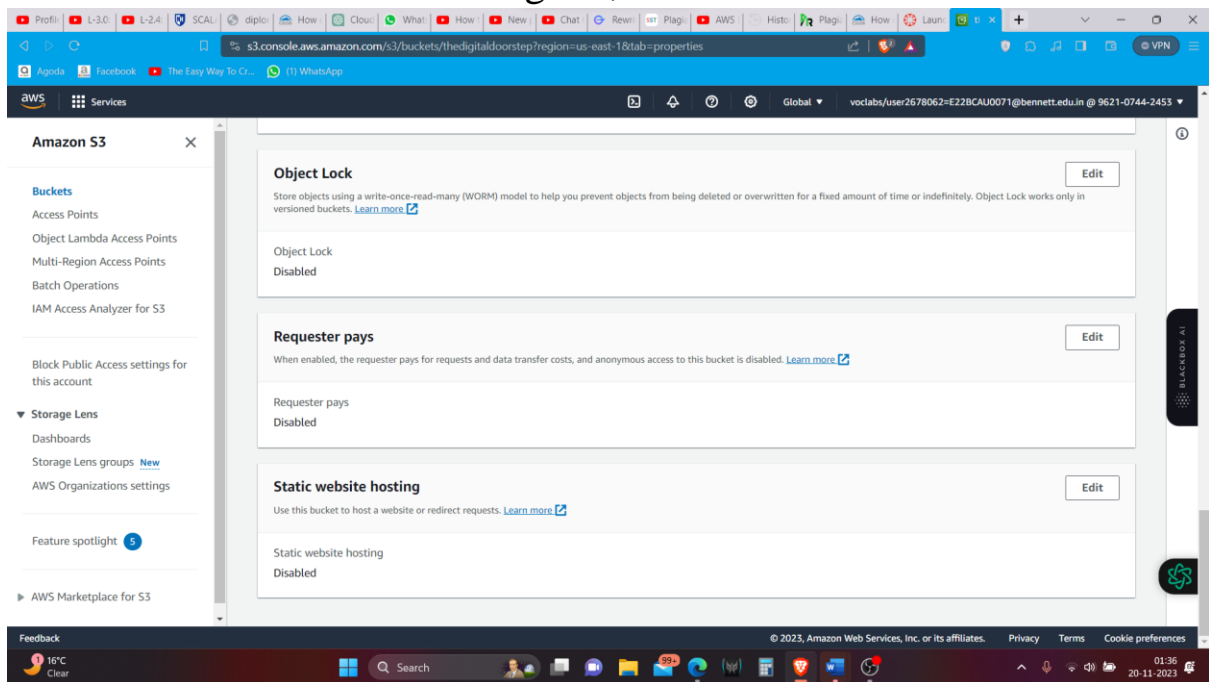


Figure 5-13: Amazon S3 Property Console

#### 5. Select 'Use this bucket to host a website'.

#### 6. Below 'Static website hosting', select 'enable' checkbox.

#### 7. Type the index document's file name, which is usually index.html.

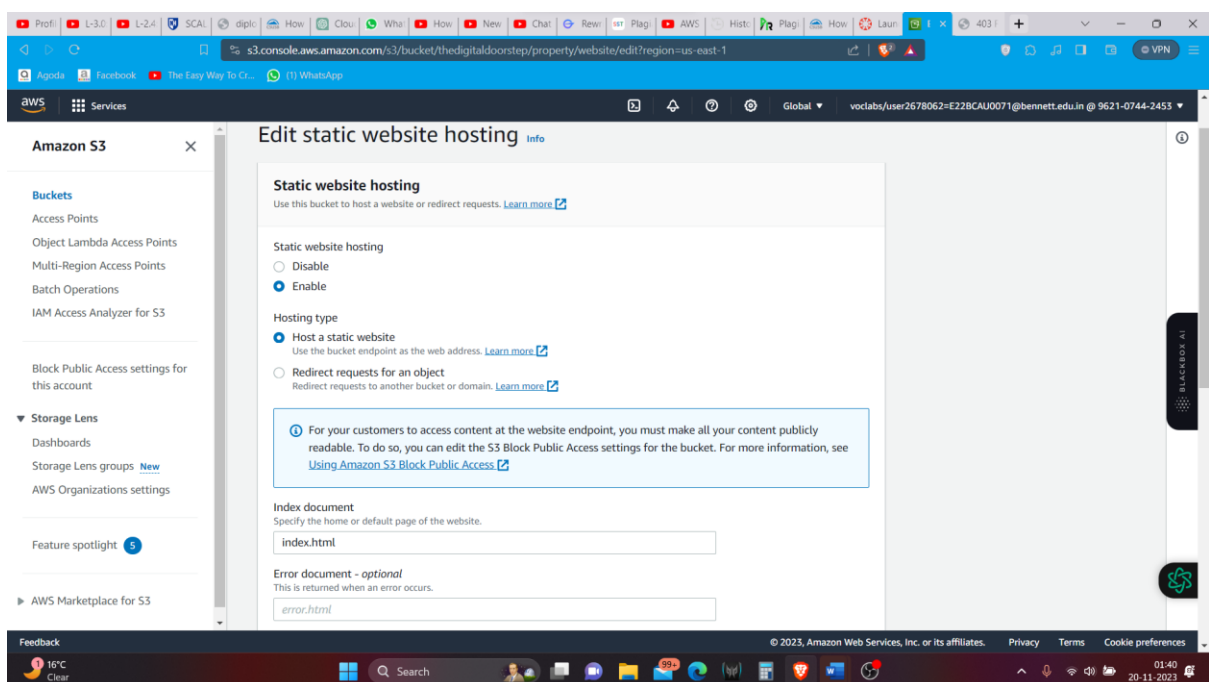
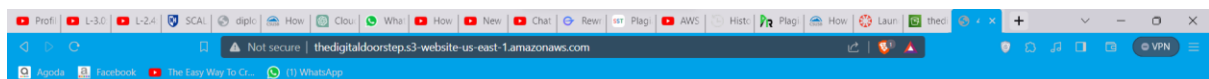
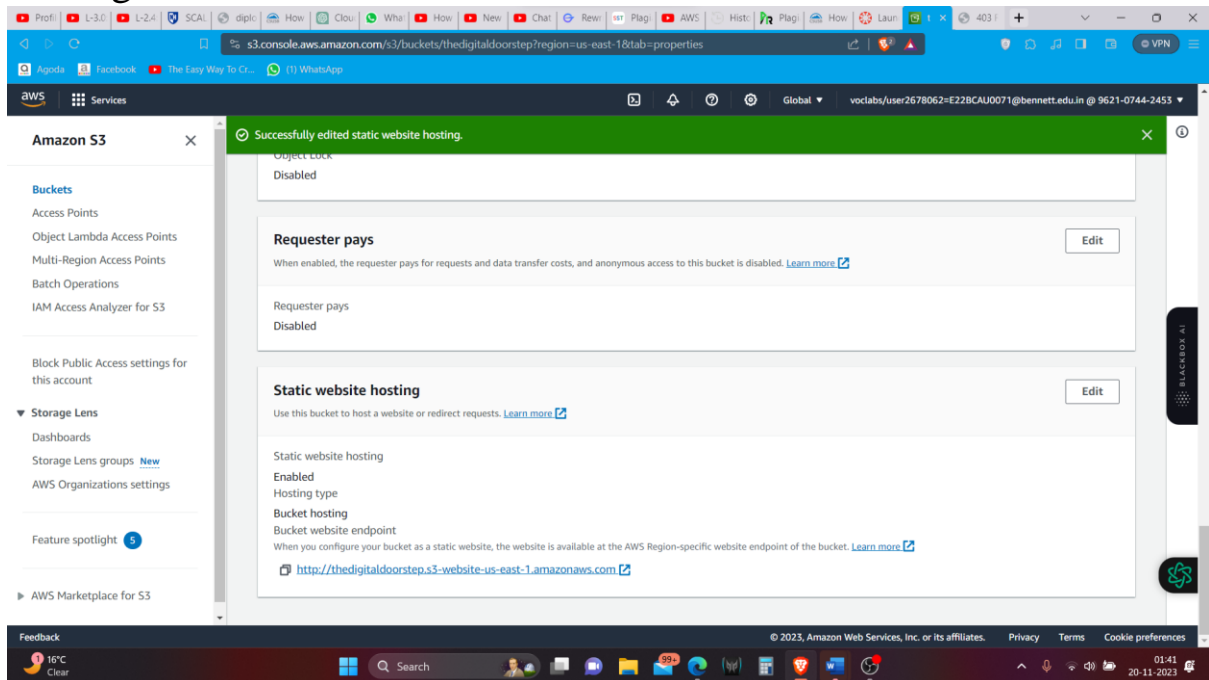


Figure 5-14: Website Hosting Console

## 8. Click on the 'Save changes' field.

bucket's static website can be hosted on AWS S3. The bucket website endpoint is listed at the bottom of the page under Static website hosting.



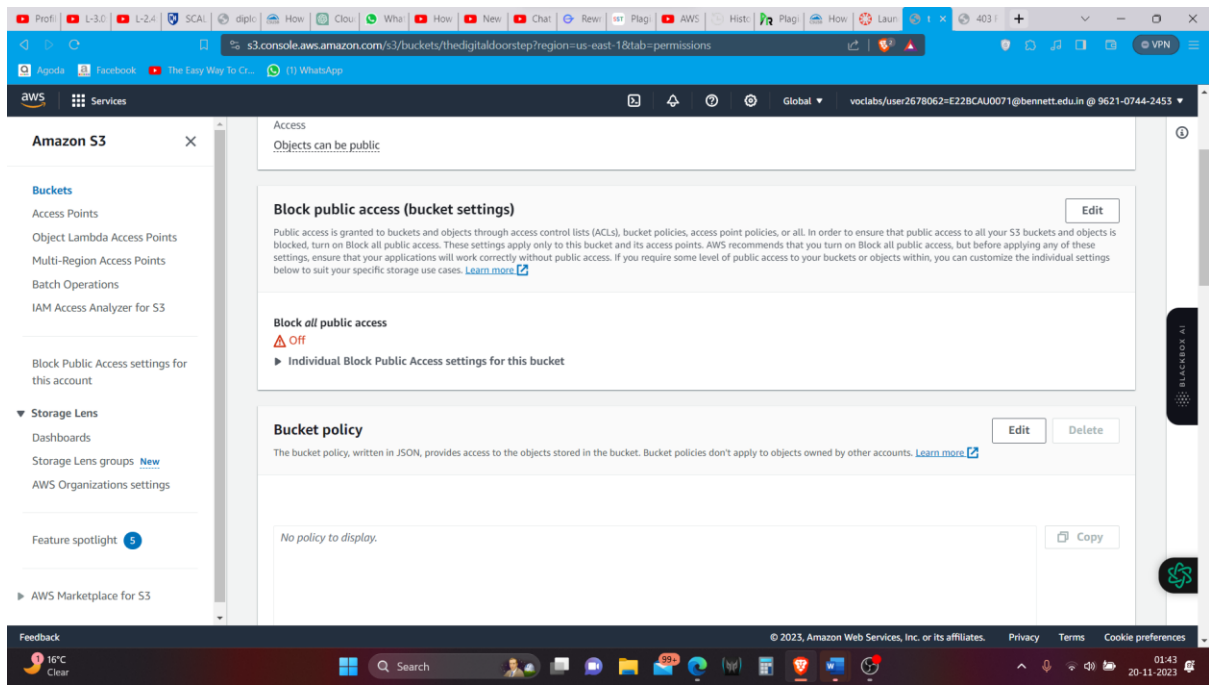
### 403 Forbidden

- Code: AccessDenied
- Message: Access Denied
- RequestId: GCX73V1FJH48QMEQ
- HostId: mlt8i1pTPHVZYV3ScaOiyfIlC/Va0tlpZ+jMQ1Bm0SxD/CnPBQCb0cIPDML7dCRdaZGcFdABA=



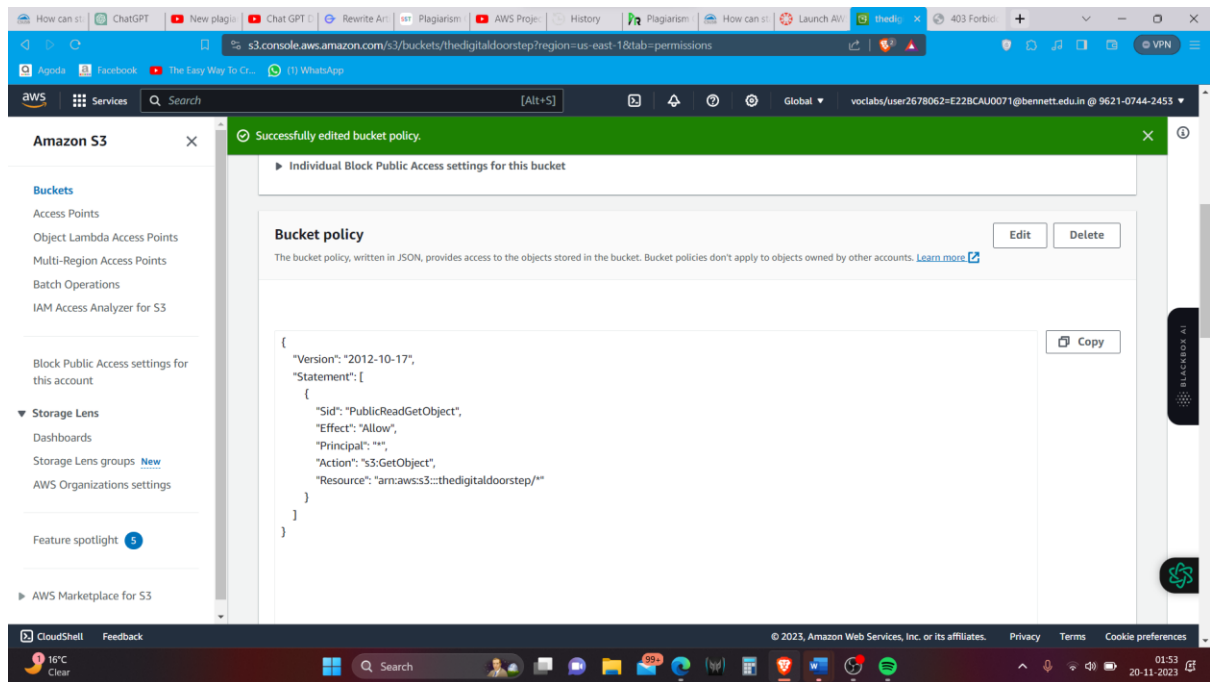
Figure 5-15: Website Hosting Endpoint

9. Note the endpoint, in static website hosting widget The Website can be tested with this endpoint, after finishing the configuration of the bucket.



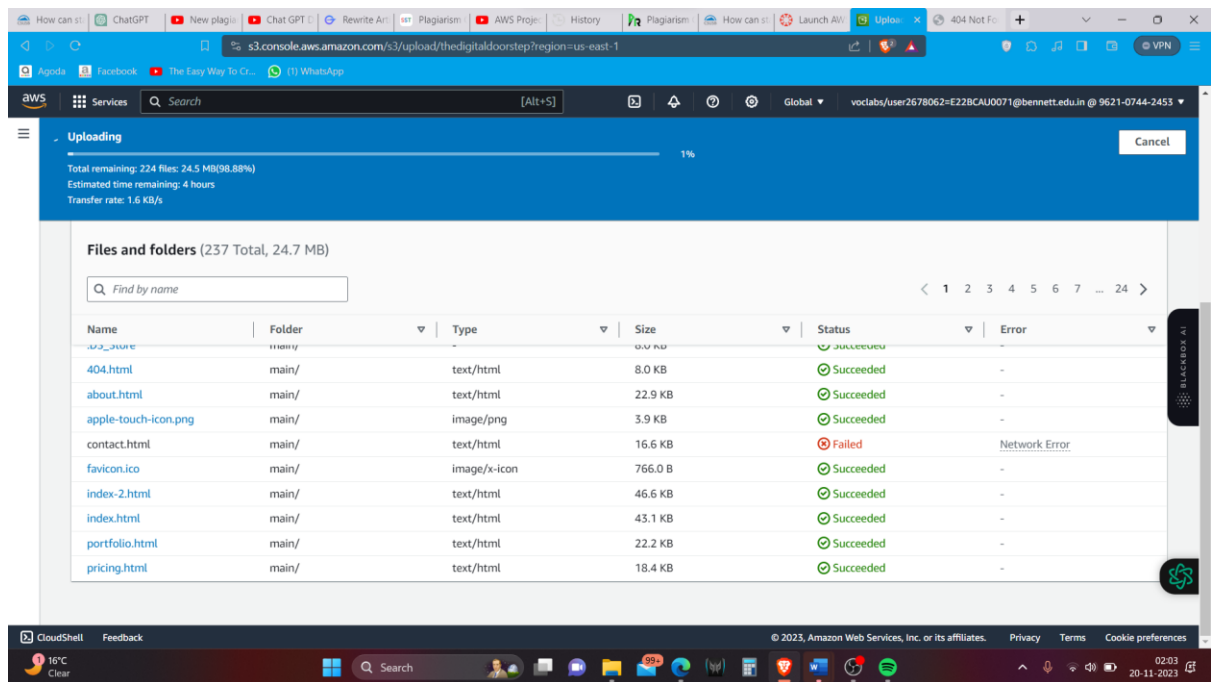
## Step 6: Set Permissions

1. Select the uploaded files.
2. Click on the "Actions" dropdown.
3. Choose "Make public" to ensure your files are accessible over the internet.



4. And copy this code in bucket policy-

```
5. { "Version": "2012-10-17",  
6. "Statement": [  
7. {  
8. "Sid": "PublicReadGetObject",  
9. "Effect": "Allow",  
10. "Principal": "*",  
11. "Action": [  
12. "s3:GetObject"  
13. ], "Resource": [  
14. "arn:aws:s3:::Bucket-Name/*"  
15. ]  
16. }  
17. ]  
18. }
```



## F. Upload index and website content

Enter the name of the index document when static website is allowed hosting for bucket (e.g. index.html). Once its allowed Upload an HTML file with this index document name to bucket.

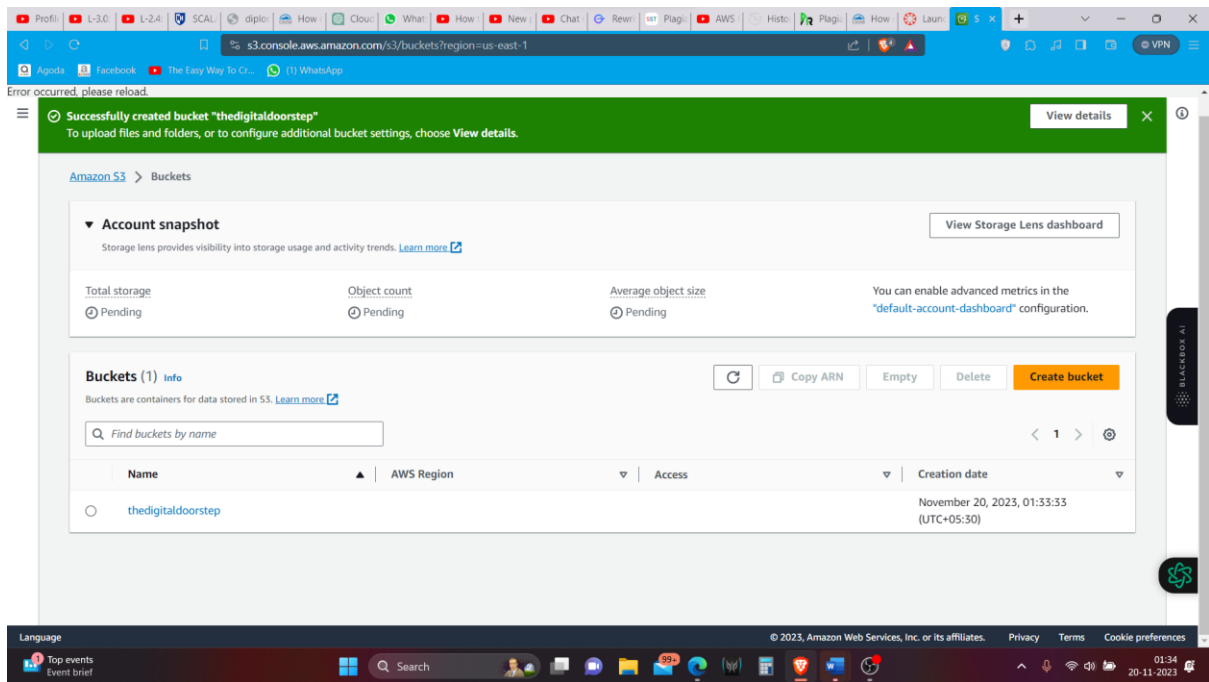
To set up the indexing document

1. Make a file called index.html (Website Content)
2. Save the index file on local device. The name of the index document file must exactly match with the name of the index document entered in the Static website hosting dialog box.

## Step : Upload Your Website Files

1. In your bucket, click on the "Upload" button.
2. Add your HTML, CSS, JS, and other static files.
3. Click "Upload."





**Figure 5-23: S3 Bucket List Console**

Your bucket's static website can be hosted on Amazon S3. The website endpoint for our bucket can be found at the bottom of the list, under Static website hosting.

## **I. Domain endpoint Testing**

We can evaluate endpoint after configuring domain bucket to host a public website. Since subdomain bucket is configured for website redirect rather than static website hosting, we can only evaluate the endpoint for domain bucket.

1. Below the Buckets, enter a name for bucket.
2. Select Properties tab.
3. Choose your Bucket website endpoint at the end of the tab, below Static website hosting.

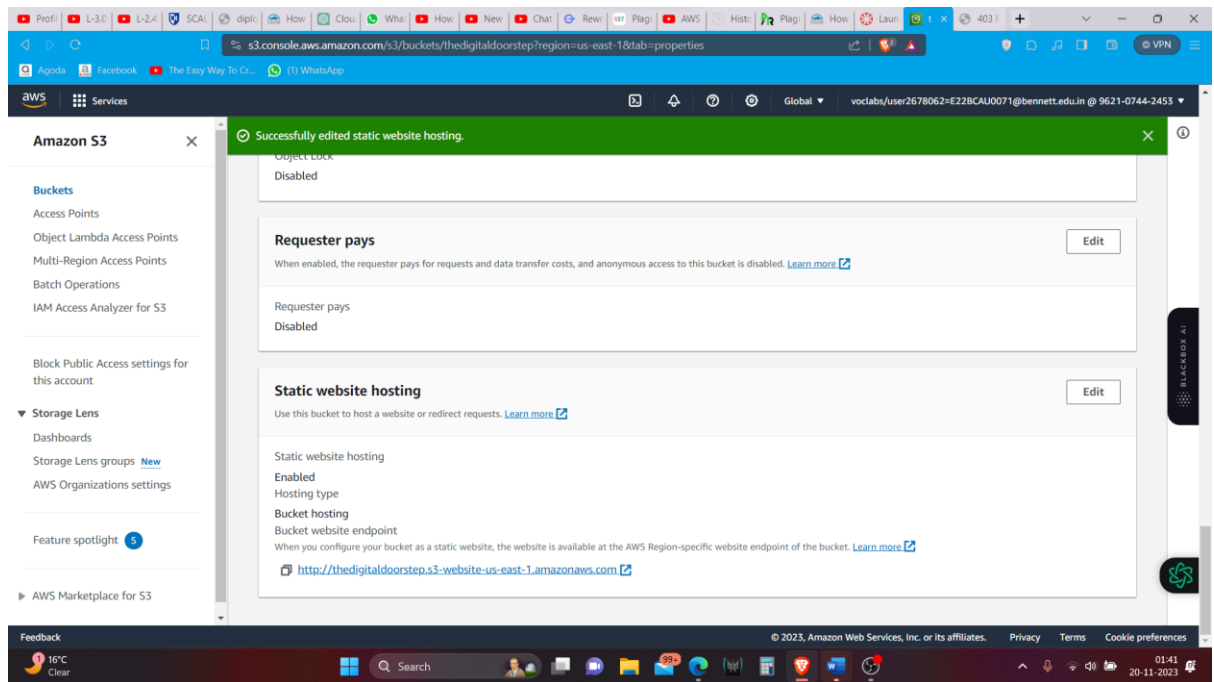


Figure 5-28: Website Endpoint Copying

4. Index file always opens in a new browser window.

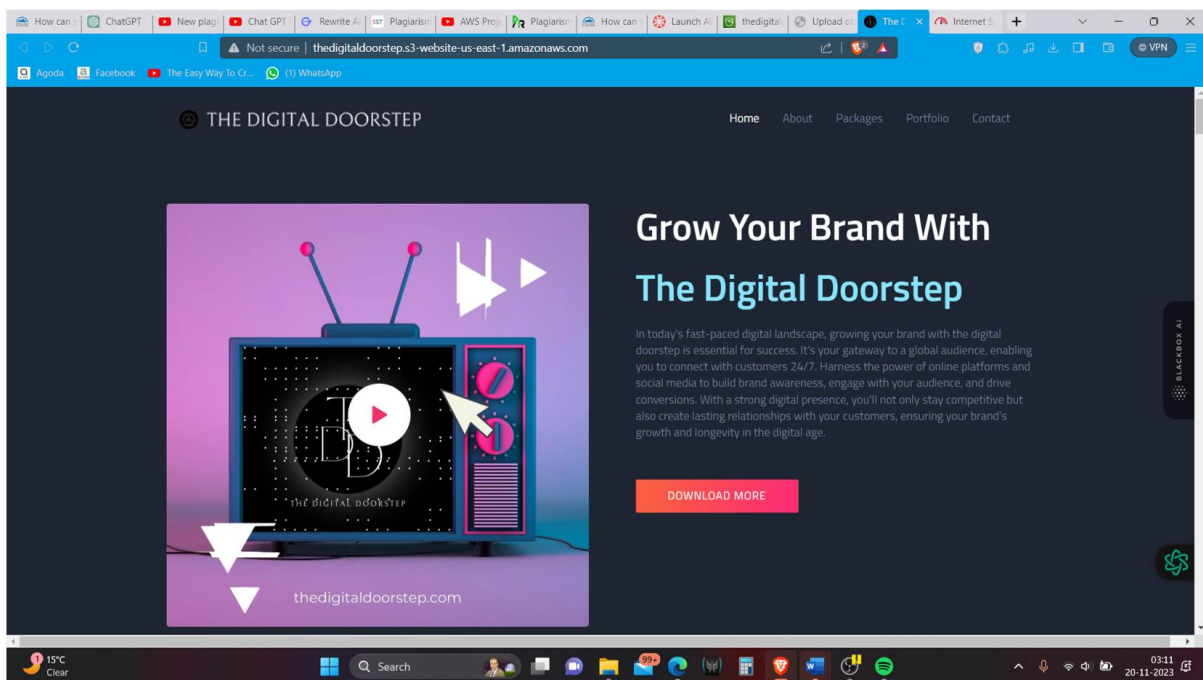
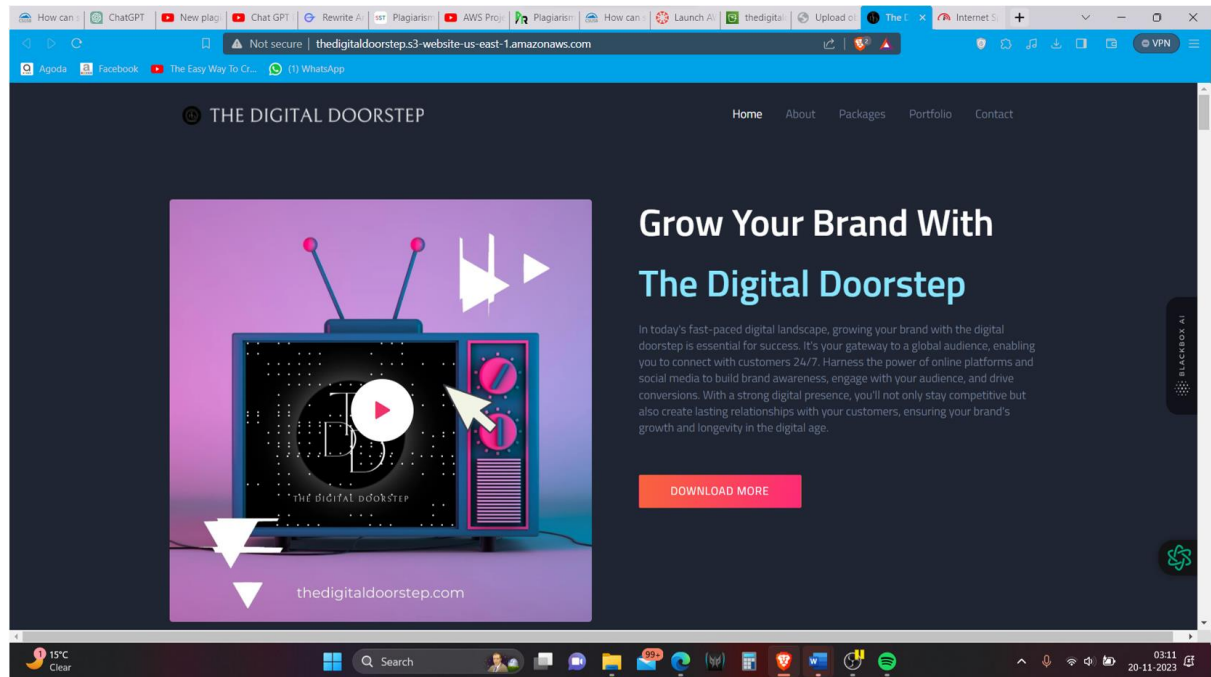


Figure 5-29: Static Website

J. Testing of the website

Check that the website and the redirect are working properly. Enter URLs in the browser. In this case:

Domain (.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com) – Displays the index document in the .s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com bucket.



### **Step 8: Configure DNS (Optional)**

If you have a custom domain:

1. In your domain registrar's settings, create a CNAME record pointing to your S3 website endpoint.
2. This step allows users to access your website using your custom domain.

### **Step 9: Enable Versioning (Optional)**

1. In the bucket properties, navigate to the "Versioning" card.
2. Click "Edit" and enable versioning if you want to track changes and facilitate easy rollback.

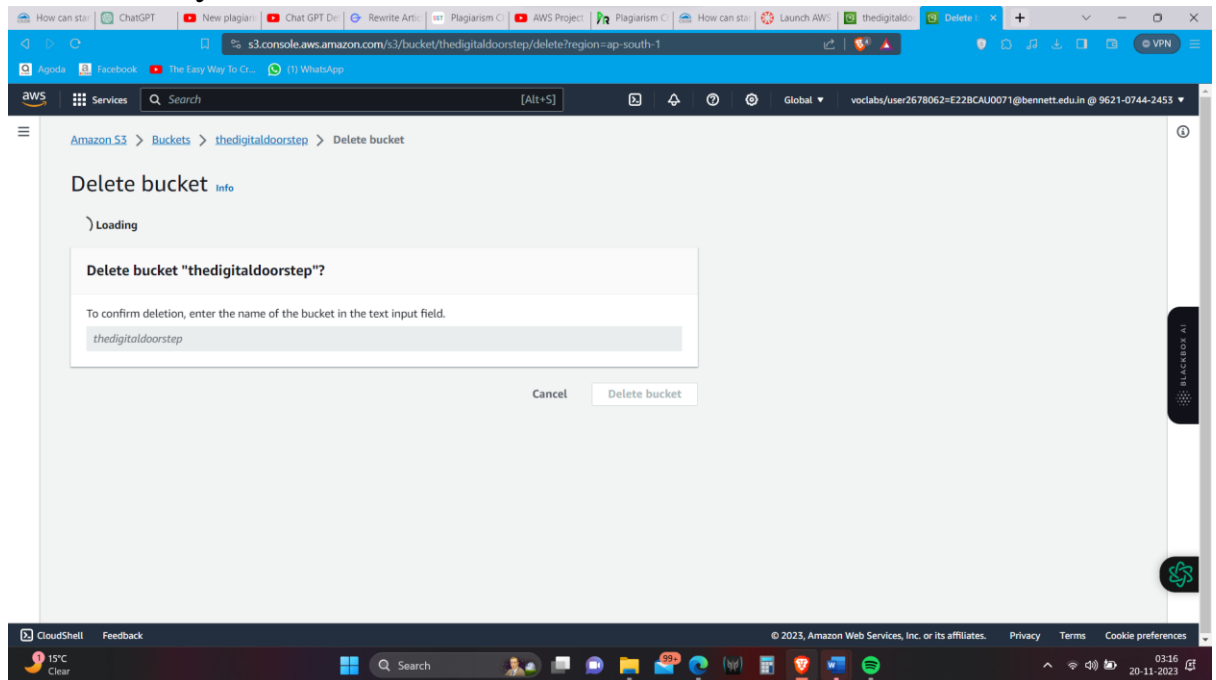
### **Step 10: Enable Logging (Optional)**

1. In the bucket properties, find the "Server access logging" card.
2. Click "Edit" and configure logging settings if you want to monitor access to your website.

### **Step 11: Clean Up (Optional)**

If you're done experimenting or testing:

1. Consider removing public access if you no longer need the website to be publicly accessible.
2. Optionally, you can delete the S3 bucket to avoid incurring unnecessary costs.



Congratulations! You've now successfully hosted a static website on Amazon S3, and it should be accessible to the public.

## [4.2 What is Microsoft Azure?](#)

Microsoft Azure is a remarkable cloud service that offers a wide range of capabilities, including Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), and as a Service (SaaS). With Azure, you can access a plethora of applications for analytics, automation, networking, storage, and many other services. It serves as an alternative or an addition to traditional on-premises servers.

# The Power of Azure

Azure stands out as a fast, scalable, and cost-effective solution in the vibrant landscape of public cloud products. Its pricing and capabilities make it the go-to choice for organizations looking to optimize their operations and drive innovation. Let's explore some of the ways Azure can be beneficial:

## 1. Improve and Implement Backup and Disaster Recovery

When it comes to backup and disaster recovery, Microsoft Azure excels. Its convenience, automated site recovery, and seamless integration make it an ideal choice. Azure's cloud-based platform is incredibly adaptable, allowing you to back up data in any language, on any operating system, and from anywhere. Additionally, you have the flexibility to define the duration and scope of your backup strategy.

While tape backups have their uses, they fall short as standalone backup and disaster recovery solutions. Azure takes it to the next level by providing offsite duplication, selective onsite maintenance, up to 99 years of record security, minimal capital investment, and low operating costs. Azure backup ensures data redundancy with three copies stored in different locations within the data center, complemented by three additional versions in a mobile Azure data center.

## 2. Host and Develop Web and Mobile Apps

Azure proves to be an invaluable tool for hosting, creating, and maintaining web and mobile applications. Its powerful features like patch control, Auto Scale, and seamless integration with on-premises applications enable these apps to operate independently and adaptively. By automating patch management for virtual servers, Azure allows you to spend less time on system repairs and more time on application updates. The continuous deployment support streamlines code changes, making the development process efficient.

The Auto Scale feature, embedded within Azure Web Apps, dynamically adjusts resources based on consumer web traffic. This ensures that you always have the necessary resources when traffic spikes, while saving costs during quieter periods. Furthermore, Azure enables the connection of a mobile app to an on-premises app. This facilitates convenient access to facilities within the firewall that would otherwise be inaccessible externally, creating seamless experiences for employees and associates.

## 3. Innovate with IoT Industry Solutions

With its scalability, versatility, and reliable performance, Microsoft Azure emerges as the leading choice for businesses venturing into the realm of IoT solutions. By seamlessly connecting your devices to the cloud, Azure empowers you to harness the latest technology and unlock valuable company data. Azure's IoT Hub allows for tracking and management of billions of devices, generating crucial visibility that aids in making informed business decisions, optimizing customer satisfaction, reducing uncertainties, cutting

costs, and accelerating growth. Enhanced security within Azure is another significant advantage, addressing the historical security flaws that have plagued IoT solutions and guarding against hackers' exploits. Additionally, remote tracking, automated management, and powerful analytics capabilities contribute to the advantages offered by Azure.

In conclusion, Microsoft Azure proves to be a transformative cloud service, offering unparalleled capabilities to enhance backup and disaster recovery, host web and mobile apps, and enable innovation in the realm of IoT solutions. Its adaptability, scalability, reliability, and cost-effectiveness make it a powerful ally for organizations embracing the digital future.

## CHAPTER FIVE: CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

### **Recommendations**

In the pursuit of answering the first research question, "How can a startup create a cost-effective website and host it on a cloud platform?" it has been established that cloud platforms like AWS or Microsoft Azure are ideal choices for website hosting. Furthermore, various tools such as WordPress or even creating an HTML file, as demonstrated in the demo, can be used to build a website.

As for the second research question, "How does a startup ensure that its website is always available?", it has been shown in the website deployment demo that utilizing multiple cloud providers can help keep the website up and running consistently.

Additionally, the following research questions, "How does a startup use cloud services to solve the low latency problem?" and "How can a startup use various cloud services to minimize the use of infrastructure and technology resources for product creation and test marketing?" can be addressed by leveraging cloud services such as CloudFront, Dockers, and Kubernetes.

Based on these findings, the study offers the following recommendations in the design and implementation sections:

- Startups and small businesses should consider using a cloud infrastructure to build and manage their websites. This not only reduces the cost of servers but also allows for greater flexibility.
- It is crucial for startups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to align their business needs with appropriate cloud computing services. Careful planning, taking into account technological, operational, and legal considerations, is necessary to mitigate potential risks.



- In order to reduce latency, SMEs should make use of AWS CloudFront services.
- Hosting websites on multiple availability zones can minimize downtime and ensure high availability.
- After developing and testing a new product, cloud container services such as Dockers and Kubernetes can be utilized to eliminate the need for expensive and idle technology resources.
- SMEs should evaluate the security features of cloud storage services and establish self-training programs for employees to ensure a solid security framework.

## Conclusion

Contrary to the doubts raised by industry experts, small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) and SMEs have shown a willingness to incorporate cloud solutions into their market strategies. Studies have disproven the misconception that the internet is not relevant for SMBs, as different geographies hold differing views on SMEs. Ease of use and comfort are key factors driving SMEs to adopt cloud technologies, followed by improved protection and privacy. Cost reduction also plays a significant role in the decision to embrace the cloud. These factors demonstrate that SMEs find the cloud user-friendly, secure, and cost-effective.

The study echoes the claims made by various experts, such as Desmond(2012), of Jain (2011), Mahesh et al. (2011), Krell (2011), Robuck (2011), and Murphy (2012), regarding the ease of use and convenience of cloud services. However, some divergence can be observed in the findings of Karadsheh, who explores generalized IaaS security threats. The perception that cloud providers lack stability has been debunked by quantitative evidence and the findings of this project. This aligns with the cost reduction reports of Voith et al. (2012), Sultan (2011), Mahesh et al. (2011), Harnish (2011), Devaki (2011), and Kevany (2011). (2011), Wang (2011), Shivakumar and Raju (2010), Narayanan (2010), Rash (2011), 83 Ohlhorst (2012),

Savitz and Vogels (2012), Hawser (2009), Coughlin (2011), Lamont (2011).

The advantages of utilizing cloud services as reported by SMEs/SMBs include easy usability, cost-effectiveness, elimination of physical office space requirements, and the ability to avoid dealing with storage devices. The scalability, faster content distribution, outsourcing opportunities, and various business models offered by the cloud make it an excellent option for small apps. Moreover, embracing cloud technologies can lead to intangible benefits such as increased consumer and client trust, achieved through branding campaigns focused on staying up-to-date with advancements in technology. It is clear that cloud infrastructure is the foundation of the future, and the more we embrace it, the better off we will be.

Furthermore, using cloud solutions offers advantages such as reduced manpower training requirements, scalability, and reliability. Cloud access is convenient and affordable from any operating system on any computer, making it an ideal solution for companies operating in multiple countries, where deploying solutions and resolving conflicts can be time-consuming. Piloting is crucial for gaining customer confidence, the cloud's ability to demonstrate a company's effectiveness plays a significant role in winning clients' and support. Lean entrepreneurship concepts are readily available in the cloud, while low license fees and flexible payment options are particularly beneficial for small IT firms.

## Observations

During the configuration of a static website using AWS and Microsoft Azure, several observations were made:

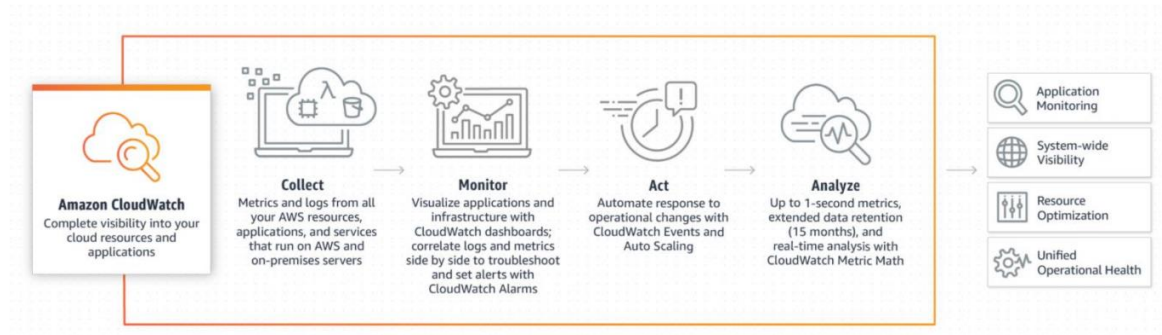
- AWS offers a Free Tier program that allows customers to explore and try out their services free of charge for a specified period. Microsoft Azure also provides a similar free tier program for a duration of three months.
- While using the AWS free tier account, no feedback calls were received from their customer support. However, monthly feedback calls were received from Microsoft Azure.
- It was noticed that creating a website in Microsoft Azure is relatively quicker and easier compared to AWS, which requires familiarity with various services.

These observations shed light on the different aspects of using AWS and Microsoft Azure for website configuration and provide insights into the user experience of these platforms.

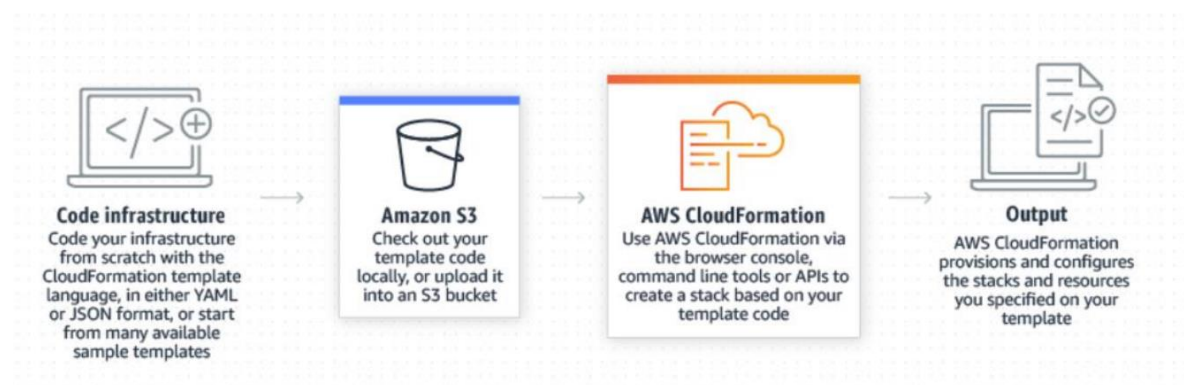
# APPENDIX A

## HOW IT WORKS

### 1. Cloud Watch



### 2. Cloud Formation



## REFERENCES 2018 Global Entrepreneurship Index |

The 2018 Global Entrepreneurship Index, provided by the Global Entrepreneurship Development Institute, offers valuable insights into the global landscape of entrepreneurial activities (<https://thegedi.org/2018-global-entrepreneurship-index/>). The index serves as a comprehensive resource for understanding the dynamics and development of entrepreneurship on a global scale.

In the realm of cloud computing services, Amazon Web Services (AWS) offers a diverse range of solutions. The Amazon EC2 Instance Types (<https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/instance-types/>) provide users with flexibility in selecting virtual machine configurations that suit their specific needs. Additionally, the Amazon Elastic Block Store (Amazon EBS) (<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/AmazonEBS.html>) and other AWS services like Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud ([https://docs.aws.amazon.com/ec2/?id=docs\\_gateway#amazon-ec2](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/ec2/?id=docs_gateway#amazon-ec2)), Amazon Elastic Container Service ([https://docs.aws.amazon.com/ecs/?id=docs\\_gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/ecs/?id=docs_gateway)), Amazon Route 53 ([https://docs.aws.amazon.com/route53/?id=docs\\_gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/route53/?id=docs_gateway)), and Amazon Simple Storage Service ([https://docs.aws.amazon.com/s3/?id=docs\\_gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/s3/?id=docs_gateway)) contribute to a robust cloud infrastructure.

Entrepreneurial literature, such as the article "Heads in the Cloud" by Ankeny (Entrepreneur, March 2011), explores the impact of cloud technology on business strategies. It emphasizes the growing importance of cloud services in enhancing operational efficiency and scalability.

The AWS documentation, including resources on AWS Elastic Beanstalk ([https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elastic-beanstalk/?id=docs\\_gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/elastic-beanstalk/?id=docs_gateway)) and AWS Lambda ([https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/?id=docs\\_gateway](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/?id=docs_gateway)), provides valuable insights into deploying and managing applications in the cloud environment.

Various articles, such as "Backup Plans" by Blum (Entrepreneur, December 2011) and "All Around the Cloud" (Entrepreneur, September 2011), discuss the importance of data backup and the widespread adoption of cloud technologies in modern business practices.

Security and reliability considerations are highlighted in works like "Reliability and Security – Convergence or Divergence" by Burtescu (Informatica Economica, 2010), emphasizing the need for a balance between these crucial aspects.

The impact of cloud outages, as discussed in "Amazon Outage One Year Later – Are We Safer?" by Butler ([www.cio.com](http://www.cio.com), April 27, 2012), raises important questions about the resilience of cloud infrastructure.

Academic perspectives, such as Chatelin, Vinzi, and Tenenhaus's work on Partial Least Squares (PLS) modeling (2002), provide insights into the state-of-the-art modeling techniques used in business analysis.

In the realm of cloud economics, works like "The Economics of Cloud Computing" by Etro (IUP Journal of Managerial Economics, May 2011) shed light on the economic implications and benefits of adopting cloud technologies.

Furthermore, studies on cloud computing's impact on small businesses, such as "How the Cloud Resonates with Business Today" by Jain (Siliconindia, October 2011), underscore the transformative potential of cloud solutions for smaller enterprises.

The ever-evolving landscape of cloud computing is explored in diverse articles, including "A 'Cloudy' Future" by Coughlin (Computer Graphics World, May 2011) and "CTO Roundtable: Cloud Computing" by Creeger (Communications of the ACM, August 2009).

Moreover, industry-specific insights, like "SMB Hosted CRM Market Set to Triple by 2015" (CRM Magazine, December 2011), provide a focused view on the growth of cloud-based services in specific business sectors.

In conclusion, the synthesis of entrepreneurial indices, cloud service offerings, and literature underscores the transformative influence of cloud technologies on global business landscapes. From considerations of reliability and security to economic implications and industry-specific applications, the discourse surrounding cloud computing is multidimensional and continues to shape the way businesses operate in the modern world.