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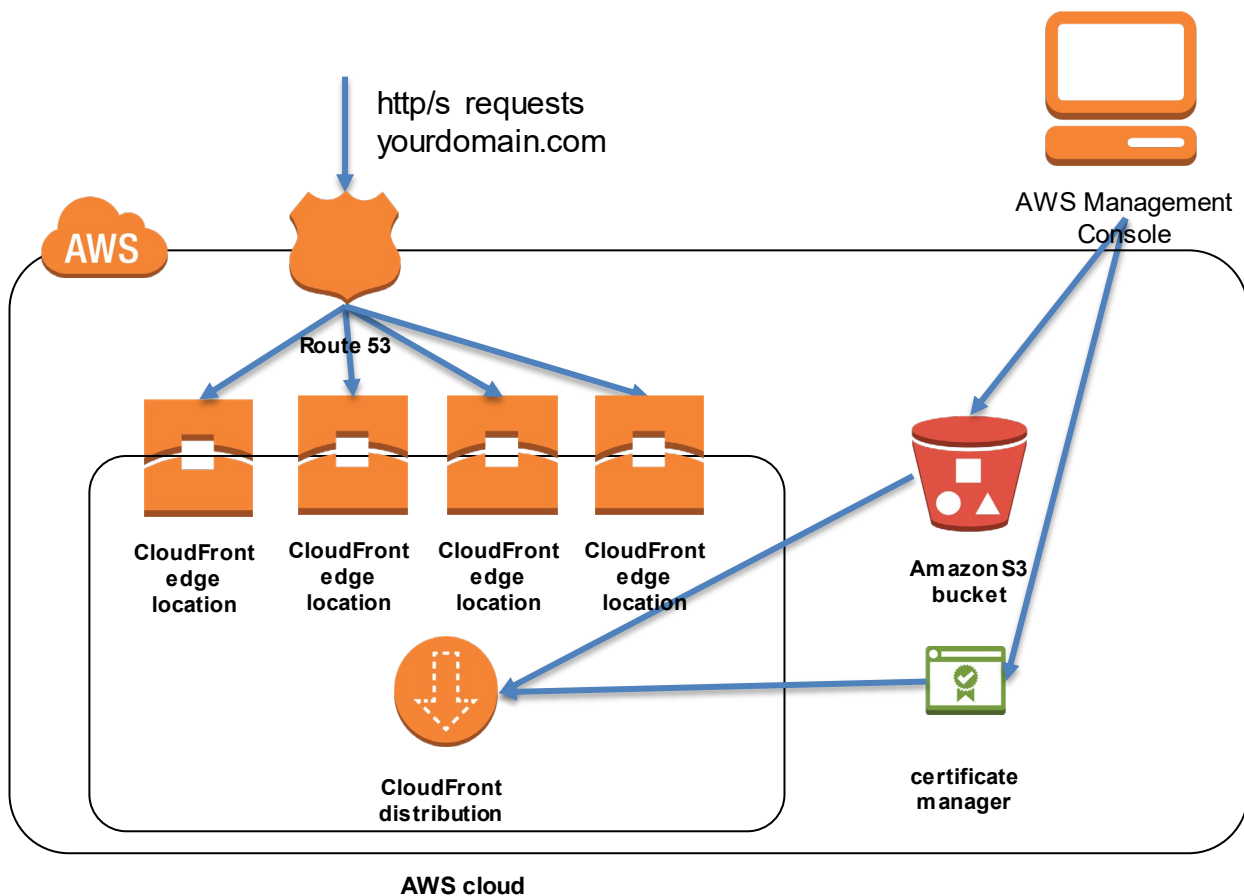
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▶ About the Lab

Please note that not all AWS services are supported in all regions. Please use the US-East-1 (North Virginia) region for this lab.

These lab notes are to support the instructional videos on Bulletproof HTML5 Websites with AWS in a Nutshell Course.

This is a typical use case for S3 and CloudFront to deliver highly available static websites that can handle heavy traffic.



Please note that AWS services change on a weekly basis and it is extremely important you check the version number on this document to ensure you have the latest version with any updates or corrections.

▶ Purchasing a Custom Domain Name

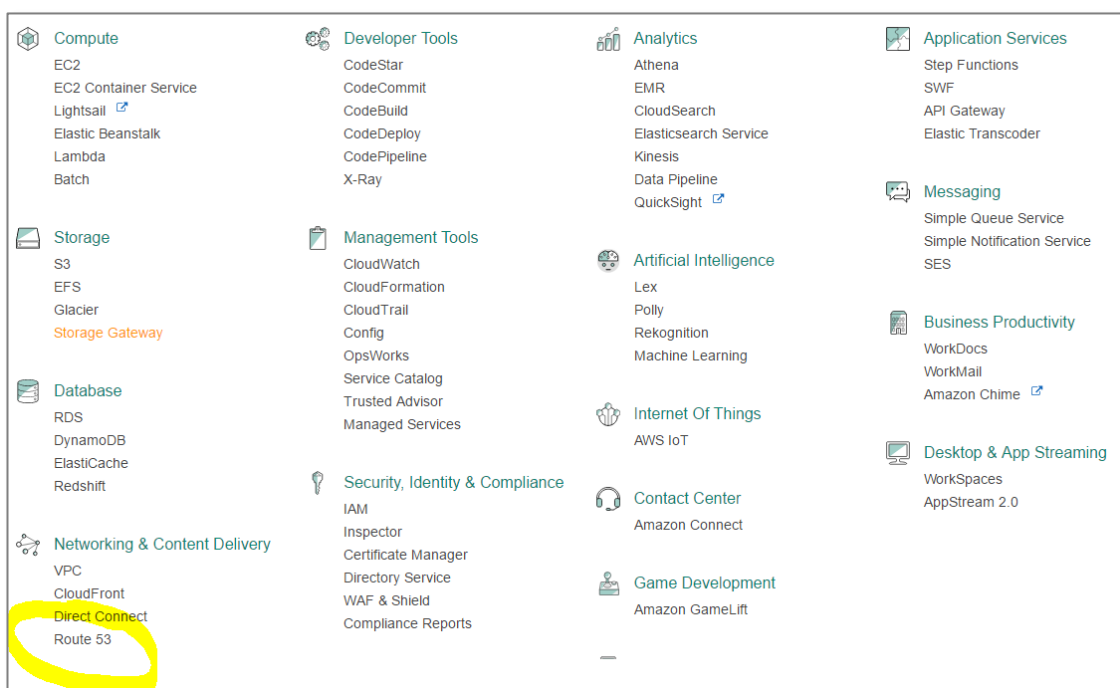
In this section, we will purchase a domain name through AWS Route 53.

***Please note this process will involve paying for a domain name with AWS.**

Our S3 bucket must have the same name as our domain name in order for it to be hosted by S3. So, our first task is to purchase a domain name.

This part involves purchasing a domain through the Route 53 service.

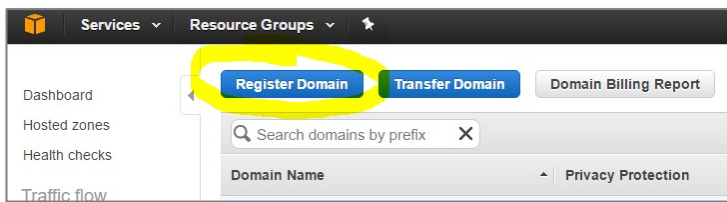
Click on the services menu and Route 53.



Click on Registered Domains from the menu



Click on Register Domain



Type in the domain name you would like and click *Check* to see if it is available.

 A screenshot of the 'Choose a domain name' form. It has a text input field containing 'thedevkid', a dropdown menu showing '.com - \$12.00', and a blue 'Check' button.

If it is available click 'add to cart'

 A screenshot of the 'Choose a domain name' form. The form shows the domain 'thedevkid.com' is available for \$12.00. Below the form, there is a table titled 'Availability for 'thedevkid.com'' with columns: Domain Name, Status, Price /1 Year, and Action. The table has one row for 'thedevkid.com' with a green checkmark in the Status column and an 'Add to cart' button in the Action column. The 'Add to cart' button is highlighted with a yellow oval. Below the table, there is a section titled 'Related domain suggestions' with a table showing 'bethedevkid.com' as available for \$12.00.

Scroll down and click on 'Continue'

Complete the process making sure you use a valid email for the domain registration otherwise the process will fail. You should receive an email with a link to verify your email. About 30 minutes after your email address has been verified you should receive an email stating the domain was successfully registered with Route 53.

After the domain has been successfully registered you will see it in the 'Registered domains'

Register Domain

Transfer Domain

Domain Billing Report

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Search domains by prefix

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Displaying 1 to 1 out of 1 domains

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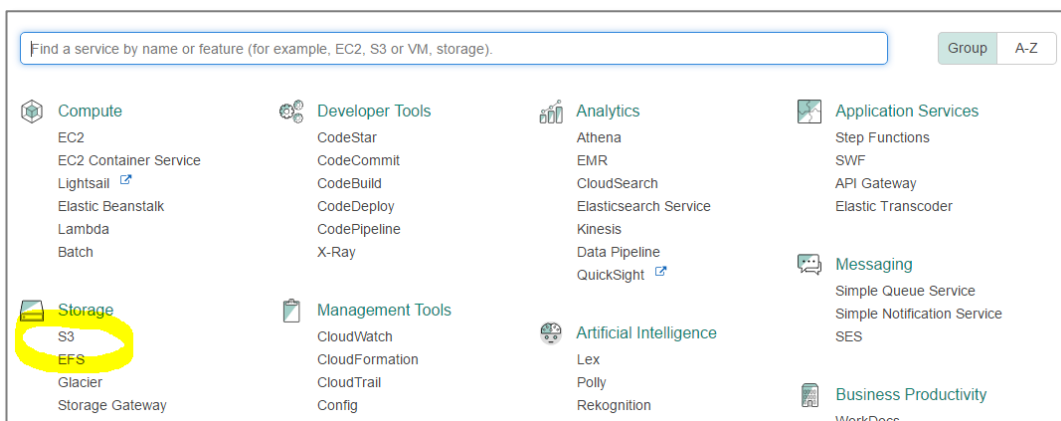
Domain Name	Privacy Protection	Expiration Date	Auto Renew	Transfer Lock
thedevkid.com	All contacts	June 11, 2019	✓	✕

▶ Creating an S3 Bucket and Uploading our Website

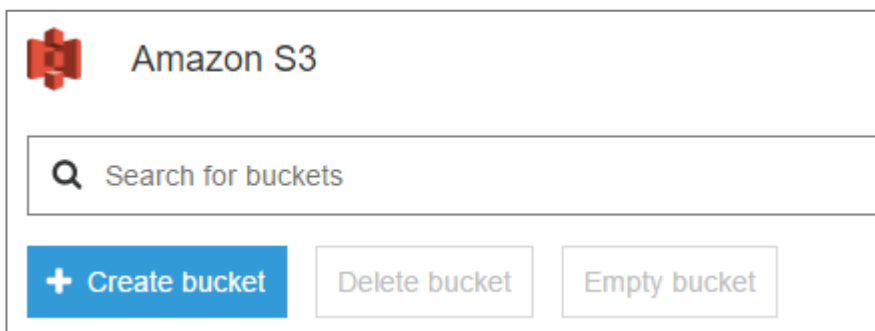
In this section we will create an S3 bucket and upload our HTML5 website.

Create an S3 Bucket

Click on the services menu and select S3.



Click on Create Bucket



The create bucket dialog box will appear.

Enter your custom domain name.

Select US East (N. Virginia).

Click Next

The screenshot shows the 'Create bucket' dialog box with the 'Name and region' step selected. The 'Bucket name' field contains 'thedevkid.com' and the 'Region' dropdown is set to 'US East (N. Virginia)'. There is a section for 'Copy settings from an existing bucket' which currently shows 'You have no buckets' and '0 Buckets'. At the bottom are 'Create', 'Cancel', and 'Next' buttons.

Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 Set properties 3 Set permissions 4 Review

Name and region

Bucket name ⓘ

thedevkid.com

Region

US East (N. Virginia)

Copy settings from an existing bucket

You have no buckets 0 Buckets

Create Cancel Next

Click Next

The screenshot shows the 'Create bucket' dialog box with the 'Configure options' step selected. It displays various settings including 'Versioning', 'Server access logging', 'Tags', 'Object-level logging', and 'Default encryption'. The 'Advanced settings' section is collapsed. At the bottom are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons.

Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 Configure options 3 Set permissions 4 Review

Properties

Versioning

☐ Keep all versions of an object in the same bucket. [Learn more](#)

Server access logging

☐ Log requests for access to your bucket. [Learn more](#)

Tags

You can use tags to track project costs. [Learn more](#)

Key Value

+ Add another

Object-level logging

☐ Record object-level API activity using AWS CloudTrail for an additional cost. See [CloudTrail pricing](#) or [learn more](#)

Default encryption

☐ Automatically encrypt objects when they are stored in S3. [Learn more](#)

Advanced settings

Management

Previous Next

Uncheck the Blocks to make the bucket public

Click *Next*

Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 Configure options 3 Set permissions 4 Review

Note: You can grant access to specific users after you create the bucket.

Public access settings for this bucket

Use the Amazon S3 block public access settings to enforce that buckets don't allow public access to data. You can also configure the Amazon S3 block public access settings at the account level. [Learn more](#)

Manage public access control lists (ACLs) for this bucket ⓘ

- ☒ Block new public ACLs and uploading public objects (Recommended) ⓘ
- ☒ Remove public access granted through public ACLs (Recommended) ⓘ

Manage public bucket policies for this bucket ⓘ

- ☒ Block new public bucket policies (Recommended) ⓘ
- ☒ Block public and cross-account access if bucket has public policies (Recommended) ⓘ

Manage system permissions

Do not grant Amazon S3 Log Delivery group write access to this bucket

Previous Next

Click *Create Bucket* to create the bucket.

Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 Configure options 3 Set permissions 4 Review

Name and region Edit

Bucket name thedevkid.com Region US East (N. Virginia)

Options Edit

Versioning	Disabled
Server access logging	Disabled
Tagging	0 Tags
Object-level logging	Disabled
Default encryption	None
CloudWatch request metrics	Disabled
Object lock	Disabled

Permissions Edit

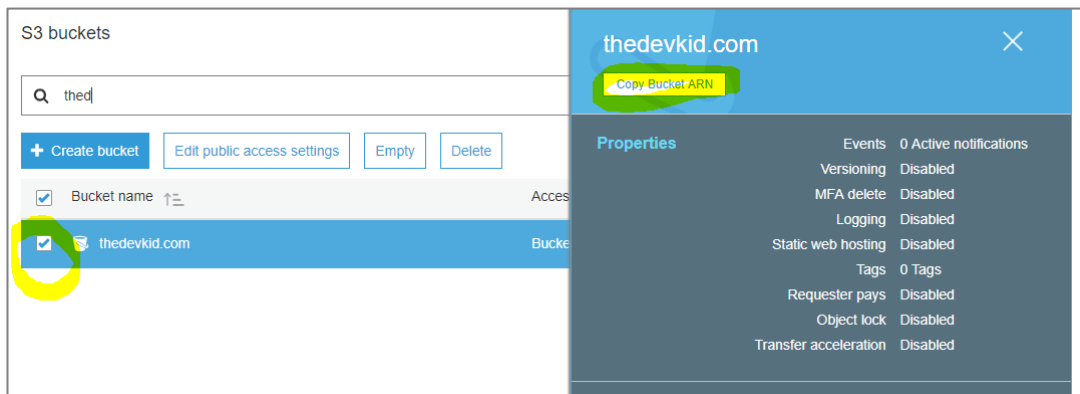
Block new public ACLs and uploading public objects	True
Remove public access granted through public ACLs	True
Block new public bucket policies	True
Block public and cross-account access if bucket has public policies	True

Previous Create bucket

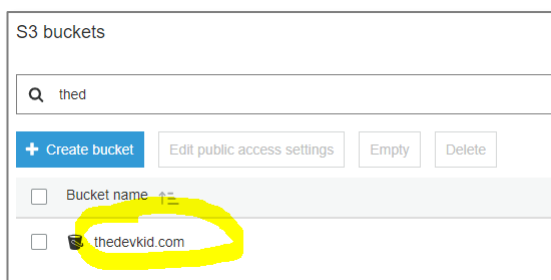
Apply Public Permissions to our Bucket

Click on the checkbox next to the bucket name

Click on *Copy Bucket ARN*(we will need this later on)



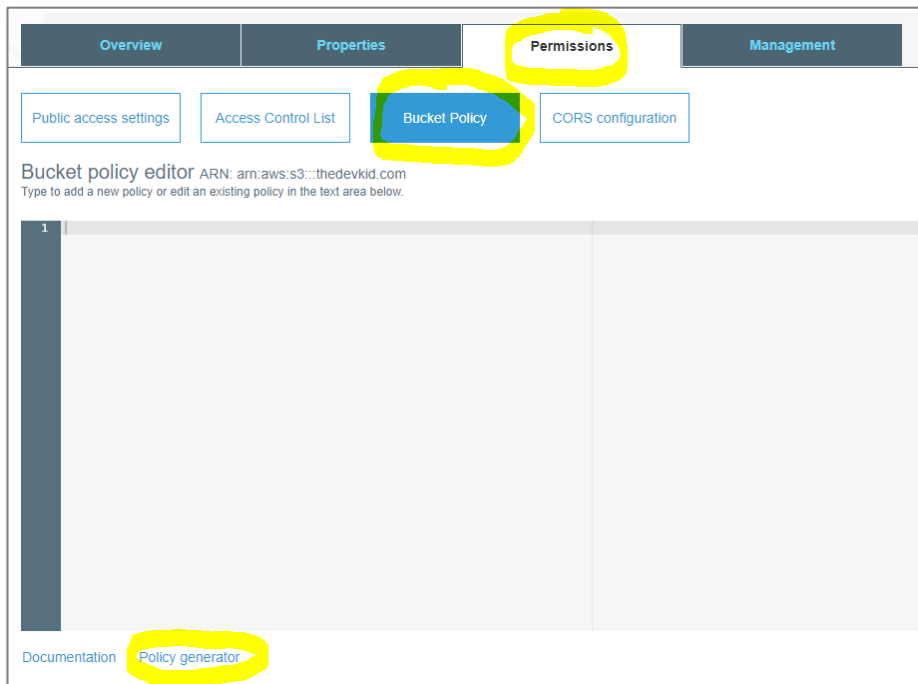
Now click on the bucket name link to open the bucket details page



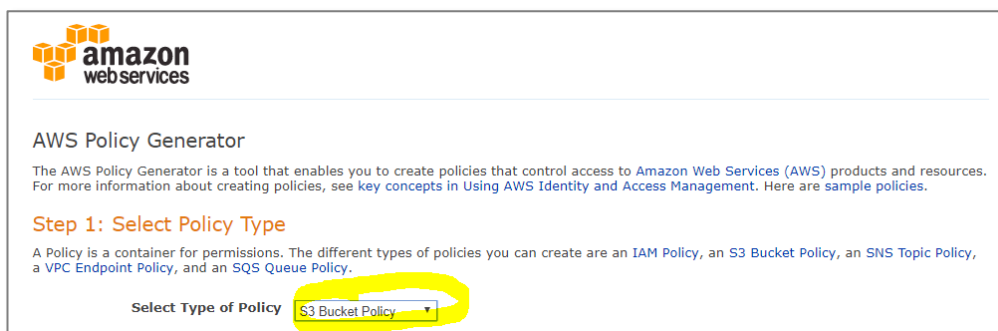
Click on *Permission* tab

Select *Bucket Policy*

Click on *Policy generator*



Select *S3 Bucket Policy*



Add the following details:

Effect: *Allow*

Principal: ***

AWS Service: *Amazon S3*

Actions: *GetObject*

Step 2: Add Statement(s)

A statement is the formal description of a single permission. See a [description of elements](#) that you can use in statements.

Effect ☒ Allow ☐ Deny

Principal

Use a comma to separate multiple values.

AWS Service ☐ All Services ⁽¹⁸¹⁾

Use multiple statements to add permissions for more than one service.

Actions ☐ All Actions ⁽¹⁸¹⁾

Amazon Resource Name (ARN)

☐ GetMetricsConfiguration

☒ GetObject

☐ GetObjectAcl

:<bucket_name>/<key_name>.

Amazon Resource Name (ARN): *Paste in the bucket ARN with **/ *** on the end (e.g. `arn:aws:s3:::mydomain.com/ *`)*

Click *Add Statement*

Step 2: Add Statement(s)

A statement is the formal description of a single permission. See a [description of elements](#) that you can use in statements.

Effect ☒ Allow ☐ Deny

Principal

Use a comma to separate multiple values.

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Amazon Resource Name (ARN)

ARN should follow the following format: `arn:aws:s3:::<bucket_name>/<key_name>`.
Use a comma to separate multiple values.

Add Conditions (Optional)

Click *Generate Policy*

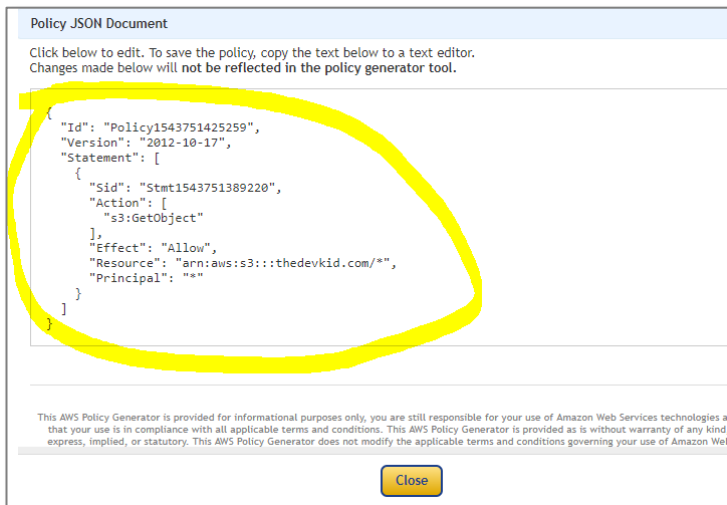
You added the following statements. Click the button below to Generate a policy.

Principal(s)	Effect	Action	Resource	Conditions
• *	Allow	• s3:GetObject	arn:aws:s3:::thedevid.com/*	None

Step 3: Generate Policy

A *policy* is a document (written in the [Access Policy Language](#)) that acts as a container for one or more statements.

Copy the generated policy JSON text



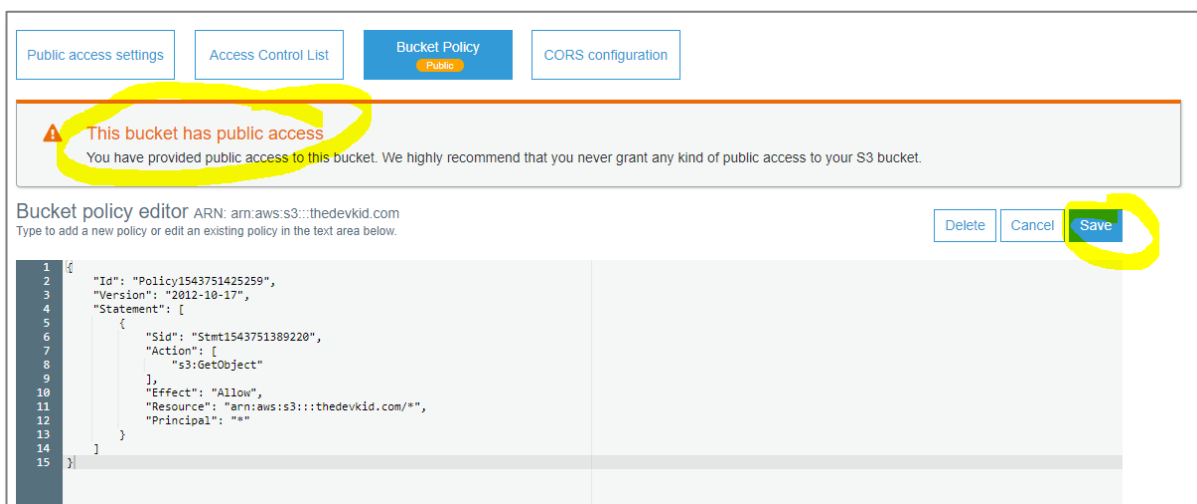
Now go back to *Permissions* tab

Paste in the JSON text

Click *Save*

A message will appear *This bucket has public access*

Troubleshooting – If you have *Error Access denied*, check you have *Block new public bucket policies* set as false in *Public access settings*



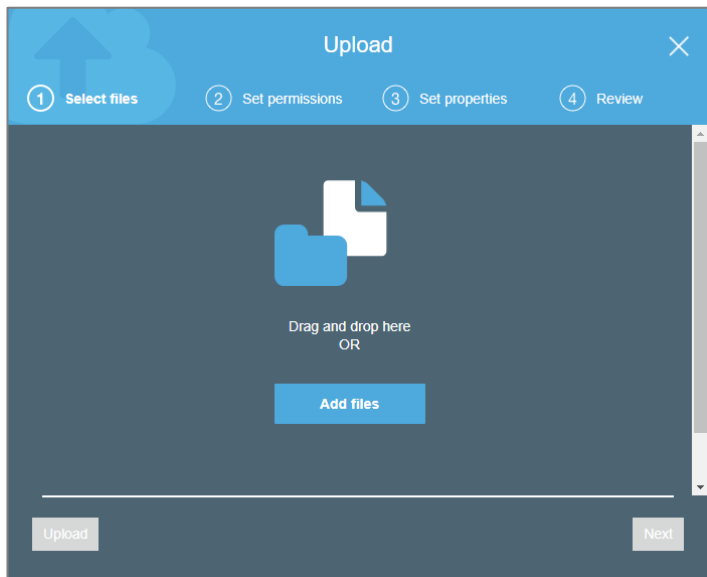
Upload Website Objects

Now it is time to upload our website objects. You can find free website templates at <https://html5up.net/>

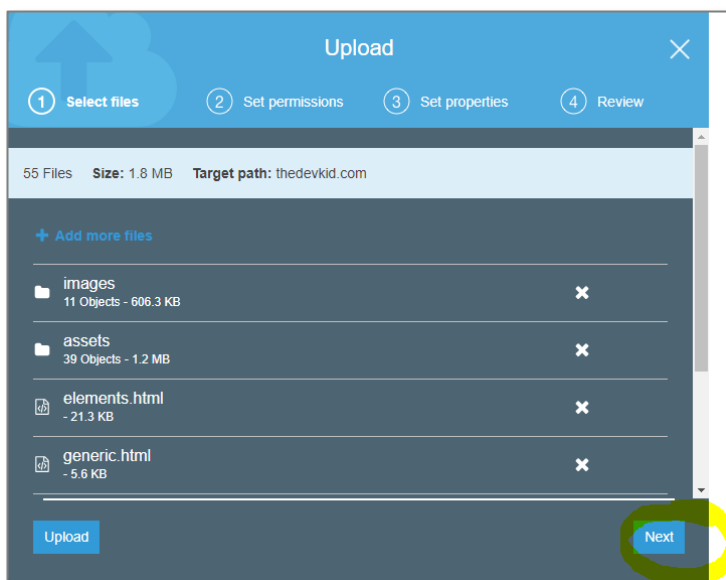
Select the root domain bucket (yourdomain.com)

Click *Upload*

You want to upload entire directories, including contents, do not Click *Add Files*. Open a Windows File Explorer window and drag the folder from File Explorer and drop on top of the Upload form.



Click 'Next'



Select *Manage Public Permissions*

Select *Grant public read access to this object(s)*

Upload

1 Select files 2 Set permissions 3 Set properties 4 Review

User ID Objects Object permissions

labs(Owner) ☒ Read ☒ Write ☒ Read ☒ Write X

Access for other AWS account + Add account

Account Objects Object permissions

Manage public permissions

Grant public read access to this object(s)

⚠ This object(s) has public read access.

Upload Previous Next

Click *Next*

Select *Standard* for Storage Class and *None* for encryption

Storage class

Choose a storage class based on your use case and access requirements. [Learn more](#) or see [Amazon S3 pricing](#)

Storage class	Designed for	Availability Zones	Min storage duration	Min billable object size	Monitoring and automation fees	Retrieval fees
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Standard	Frequently accessed data	≥ 3	-	-	-	-
<input type="radio"/> Intelligent-Tiering	Long-lived data with changing or unknown access patterns	≥ 3	30 days	-	Per-object fees apply	-

Click Next

Upload

1 Select files 2 Set permissions 3 Set properties 4 Review

Files Edit

55 Files Size: 1.8 MB

Permissions Edit

2 grantees

Properties Edit

Encryption No Storage class Standard

Metadata

Previous Upload

Click Upload

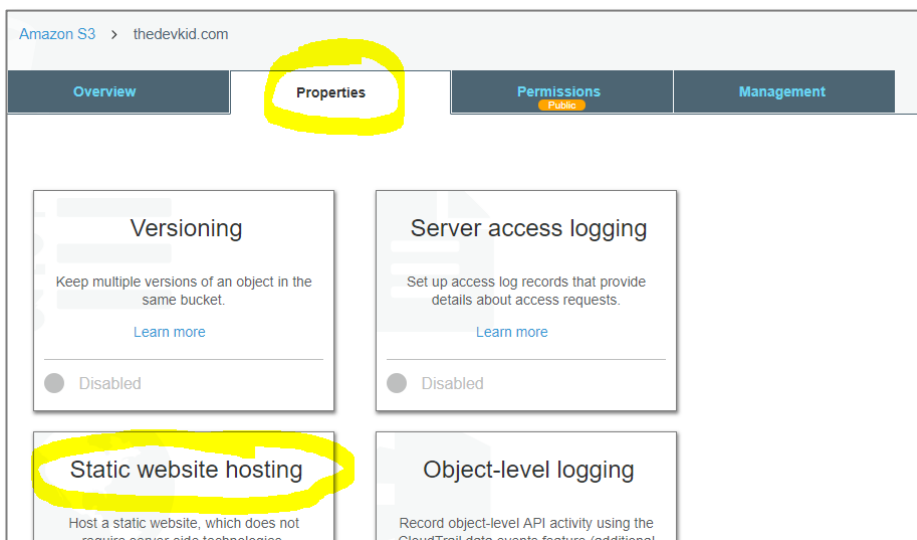
Your files will now be uploaded.

▶ Enabling S3 Website Hosting

In this section we will enable website hosting for our root domain (yourdomain.com) and also redirect requests to the www subdomain (www.yourdomain.com) to our root domain.

Select *Properties*

Select *Static Website Hosting*



Now Select *Use this bucket to host a website*

Enter the *Index Document* (required)

Enter *Error Document* if available or else enter just *index.html* again

Click *Save*

Static website hosting

Endpoint : <http://thedevidk.com.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com>

☒ Use this bucket to host a website [Learn more](#)

Index document [i](#)

Error document [i](#)

Redirection rules (optional) [i](#)

☐ Redirect requests [Learn more](#)

☐ Disable website hosting

If you go back into *Static Website Hosting* you will see the public endpoint for the S3 website.

Endpoint : <http://yourdomain.com.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com>

Click on the endpoint to see your website in your browser.

Static website hosting

Endpoint : <http://thedevidk.com.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com>

☒ Use this bucket to host a website [Learn more](#)

Index document [i](#)

Error document [i](#)

Troubleshooting

If you get either of the following message your object permissions are not set to public.

403 Forbidden

- Code: AccessDenied
- Message: Access Denied
- RequestId: 3D615DF91F90446F
- HostId: VGBfqeIVeAp1LOs/1QsZzYCa3/V11o75WDkmFpJDPLrJyvqZoqYuRddGnZNaF+QUiKNNtA5nGDk=

This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<ListBucketResult xmlns="http://s3.amazonaws.com/doc/2006-03-01/">
  <Name>backspaceacademy.com</Name>
  <Prefix/>
  <Marker/>
  <MaxKeys>1000</MaxKeys>
  <IsTruncated>false</IsTruncated>
  <Contents>
    <Key>404.html</Key>
    <LastModified>2017-04-27T09:05:21.000Z</LastModified>
    <ETag>"75f1debb9d7654a9ad312d2a9516a69"</ETag>
    <Size>29422</Size>
    <StorageClass>STANDARD</StorageClass>
  </Contents>
</ListBucketResult>
```

If you find svg images are not showing on your website it is most probably incorrect header information. Upload the specific files again but add Content-type "image/svg+xml" in the Metadata section (you need to scroll down to see it).

The screenshot shows the AWS S3 Upload console with the 'Set properties' step selected. The 'Metadata' section is expanded, showing a table with 'Header' and 'Value' columns. The 'Content-Type' header is highlighted with a yellow circle, and its value is set to 'image/svg+xml'. The 'Save' button next to it is also highlighted. Below this, there is another row for 'x-amz-meta-' with a 'Header Value' field and a 'Save' button. At the bottom, there are 'Upload', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons.

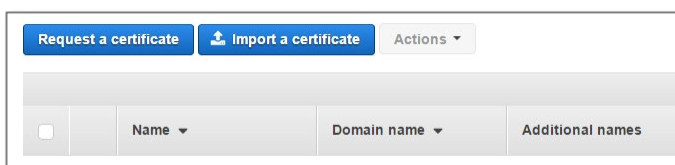
Header	Value	Save
Content-Type	image/svg+xml	Save
x-amz-meta-	Header Value	Save

▶ Creating an SSL Certificate with AWS Certificate Manager

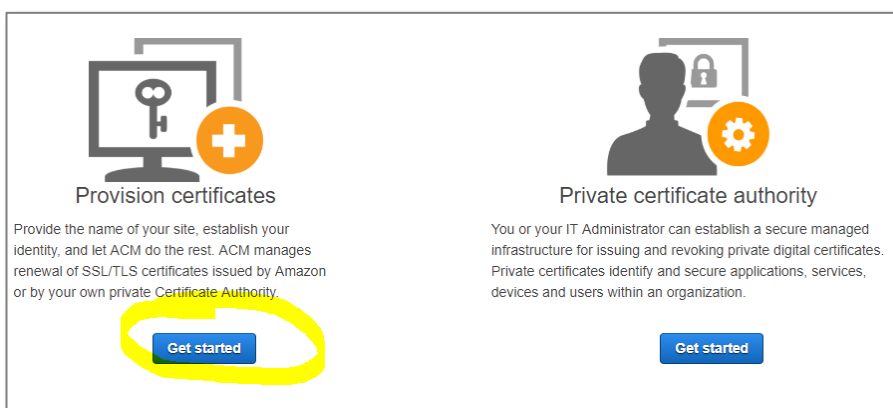
In this section we will use the **AWS Certificate Manager** to create an SSL certificate we can use to enable HTTPS with CloudFront.

Please note that to require HTTPS between viewers and CloudFront, you must change the AWS region to US East (N. Virginia) before you request or import a certificate.

Click on the services menu and select AWS Certificate Manager.



Click *Provision Certificate*



Click *Request a certificate*

Request a certificate

Choose the type of certificate you want, and then choose **Request a certificate**

☒ **Request a public certificate** - Request a public certificate from Amazon. By default, public certificates are trusted by browsers and operating systems. [Learn more](#)

☐ Request a private certificate - Request a private certificate from your organization's certificate authority. [Learn more](#)

Cancel **Request a certificate**

Enter the root domain (yourdomain.com)

Click *Add another name to this certificate*

Enter the root domain prefixed with *. (*.yourdomain.com)

Click *Next*

Add domain names

Type the fully qualified domain name of the site you want to secure with an SSL/TLS certificate (for example, www.example.com). Use an asterisk (*) to request a wildcard certificate to protect several sites in the same domain. For example: *.example.com protects www.example.com, site.example.com and images.example.com.

Domain name*	Remove
thedevkid.com	
*.thedevkid.com	

Add another name to this certificate

You can add additional names to this certificate. For example, if you're requesting a certificate for "www.example.com", you might want to add the name "example.com" so that customers can reach your site by either name. [Learn more](#).

*At least one domain name is required

Cancel **Next**

Select *DNS validation*

Click *Review*

Select validation method

Choose how AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) validates your certificate request. Before we issue your certificate, we need to validate that you own or control the domains for which you are requesting the certificate. ACM can validate ownership by using DNS or by sending email to the contact addresses of the domain owner.

☒ **DNS validation**
Choose this option if you have or can obtain permission to modify the DNS configuration for the domains in your certificate request. [Learn more.](#)

☐ **Email validation**
Choose this option if you do not have permission or cannot obtain permission to modify the DNS configuration for the domains in your certificate request. [Learn more.](#)

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Review](#)

Check everything is ok

Click *Confirm and request*

Review

Domain name

The names you want to secure with an SSL/TLS certificate.

Domain name	thedevkid.com
Additional name	*.thedevkid.com

Validation method

The method AWS uses to validate your certificate request.

Validation method DNS

[Cancel](#) [Previous](#) [Confirm and request](#)

After a about a minute you will see messages *Pending validation*

Expand the domain by clicking on the claret

Request a certificate

Step 1: Add domain names

Step 2: Select validation method

Step 3: Review

Step 4: Validation**Request in progress**

A certificate request with a status of Pending validation has been created. Further action is needed to complete the validation and approval of the certificate.

Validation

Create a CNAME record in the DNS configuration for each of the domains listed below. You must complete this step before AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) can issue your certificate, but you can skip this step for now by clicking **Continue**. To return to this step later, open the certificate request in the ACM Console.

Domain	Validation status
thedevkid.com	Pending validation
*.thedevkid.com	Pending validation

[Export DNS configuration to a file](#)

You can export all of the CNAME records to a file

Click *Create record in Route 53*

Domain	Validation status
thedevkid.com	Pending validation

Add the following CNAME record to the DNS configuration for your domain. The procedure for adding CNAME records depends on your DNS service Provider. [Learn more](#).

Name	Type	Value
_7193769737db12654862dca057f701e2.thedevkid.com.	CNAME	_e7cb7c1019dcdc73e3fb39a2d1f5f2db.acm-validations.aws.

Note: Changing the DNS configuration allows ACM to issue certificates for this domain name for as long as the DNS record exists. You can revoke permission at any time by removing the record. [Learn more](#).

Create record in Route 53 Amazon Route 53 DNS Customers ACM can update your DNS configuration for you. [Learn more](#).

Click *Create*

Create record in Route 53

Below is your DNS record for domain validation. Click **Create** below to create the records in your Route 53 hosted zone

Hosted zone thedevkid.com.

Name	Type	Value
_7193769737db12654862dca057f701e2.thedevkid.com.	CNAME	_e7cb7c1019dcdc73e3fb39a2d1f5f2db.acm-validations.aws.

Cancel
Create

There is no need to repeat the process for the wildcard domain as the records are the same.

Click *Continue*

After about 30 minutes the certificate will be validated. You can click the refresh icon to check its status.

Certificates

AWS Certificate Manager logs domain names from your certificates into public certificate transparency (CT) logs when renewing certificates. You can opt out of CT logging. [Learn more](#)

[Request a certificate](#) [Import a certificate](#) [Actions](#)

« < Viewing 1 to 1 of 1 certificates > »

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Domain name	Additional names	Status	Type	In use?	Renewal eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/>		thedevkid.com	*.thedevkid.com	Issued	Amazon Issued	No	Ineligible

▶ Creating a CloudFront Distribution

In this section we will use the **AWS CloudFront Content Delivery Network (CDN)** to cache our site to edge locations across the Globe.

Click on the services menu and select CloudFront.

Click on *Create Distribution*

CloudFront Distributions

Create Distribution Distribution Settings Delete Enable Disable

Viewing : Any Delivery Method Any State

Delivery Method	ID	Domain Name	Com
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Select *Web – Get Started*

Select a delivery method for your content.

Web

Create a web distribution if you want to:

- Speed up distribution of static and dynamic content, for example, .html, .css, .php, and graphics files.
- Distribute media files using HTTP or HTTPS.
- Add, update, or delete objects, and submit data from web forms.
- Use live streaming to stream an event in real time.

You store your files in an origin - either an Amazon S3 bucket or a web server. After you create the distribution, distribution.

Get Started

In *Origin Settings* select your s3 bucket as the *Origin Domain Name*

Step 1: Select delivery method

Step 2: Create distribution

Create Distribution

Origin Settings

Origin Domain Name thedevkid.com.s3.amazonaws.com ⓘ

Origin Path thedevkid.com.s3.amazonaws.com ⓘ

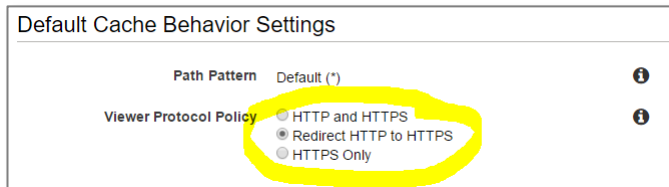
Origin ID S3-thedevkid.com ⓘ

Restrict Bucket Access ☐ Yes ☒ No ⓘ

Header Name	Value

In Default *Cache Behavior Settings*

Set *Viewer Protocol Policy* to **Redirect HTTP to HTTPS**

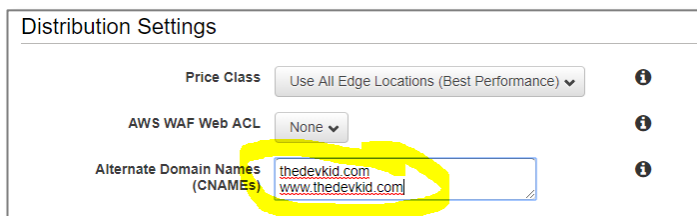


Default Cache Behavior Settings

Path Pattern: Default (*)

Viewer Protocol Policy: ☒ HTTP and HTTPS, ☒ **Redirect HTTP to HTTPS**, ☐ HTTPS Only

Under *Distribution Settings* enter your domain name and subdomains (www.yourdomain.com) into *Alternate Domain Names (CNAMEs)*



Distribution Settings

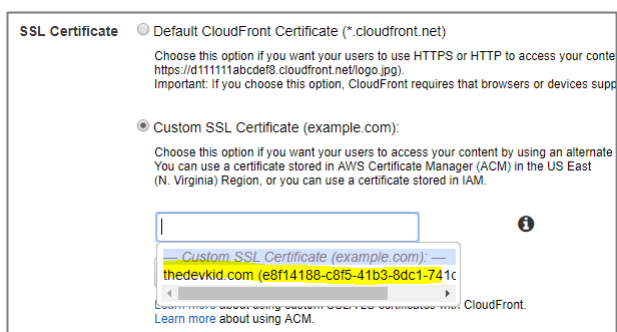
Price Class: Use All Edge Locations (Best Performance)

AWS WAF Web ACL: None

Alternate Domain Names (CNAMEs): thedevkid.com, www.thedevkid.com

Under *Distribution Settings* enter / select your custom SSL certificate

If the Custom SSL option is not available your certificate is either not issued yet or information has not propagated to CloudFront service yet. Cancel the distribution and try again after a few minutes.



SSL Certificate: ☒ Default CloudFront Certificate (*.cloudfront.net)

Choose this option if you want your users to use HTTPS or HTTP to access your content. <https://d1111111abcdef8.cloudfront.net/logo.jpg>. Important: If you choose this option, CloudFront requires that browsers or devices support HTTPS.

☒ Custom SSL Certificate (example.com):

Choose this option if you want your users to access your content by using an alternate certificate stored in AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) in the US East (N. Virginia) Region, or you can use a certificate stored in IAM.

Custom SSL Certificate (example.com): thedevkid.com (e8f14188-c8f5-41b3-8dc1-741c...)

Under *Distribution Settings* enter the index.html file for your website



Default Root Object: index.html

Under *Distribution Settings* uncheck 'Enable IPv6'

Logging ☐ On ☒ Off

Bucket for Logs

Log Prefix

Cookie Logging ☐ On ☒ Off

Enable IPv6 ☐ [Learn more](#)

IPv6 is a new version of the IP protocol; it's the successor to IPv4 and uses a larger address space. In general, you should enable IPv6 if you have users on IPv6 networks who want to access your content. However, there are restrictions on using IPv6 if you use signed URLs or signed cookies to restrict access to your content. For more information about these restrictions, choose "Learn more."

Put in a comment so that you easily identify the distribution.

Click *Create Distribution*

Comment

Distribution State ☒ Enabled ☐ Disabled

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Create Distribution](#)

The Status of the distribution will change when it has been distributed to the edge locations.

Optional - Requiring HTTPS for Communication Between CloudFront and Your Amazon S3 Origin

If you are creating a secure site you can also require HTTPS for communication between your S3 bucket and CloudFront. This is achieved by disabling website hosting for the S3 bucket. It will then only be possible to view the website through CloudFront.

Go to the S3 management console and select the bucket.

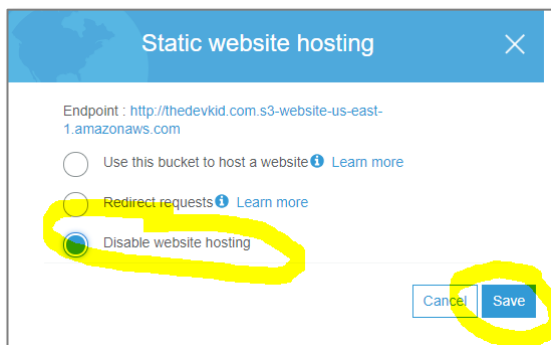
Select the *Properties* tab

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Select *Static website hosting*

Select *Disable website hosting* and then click *Save*

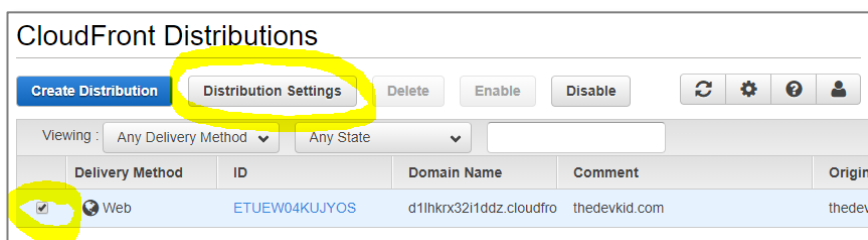


Invalidating a CloudFront Distribution

If you need to change your website and update your CloudFront distribution you can force CloudFront to fetch and update the distribution using invalidations.

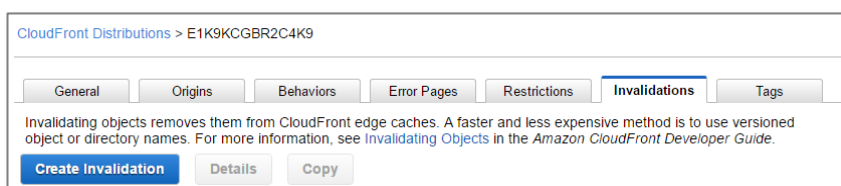
To invalidate/update a CloudFront distribution:

Click on the distribution from the list of distributions

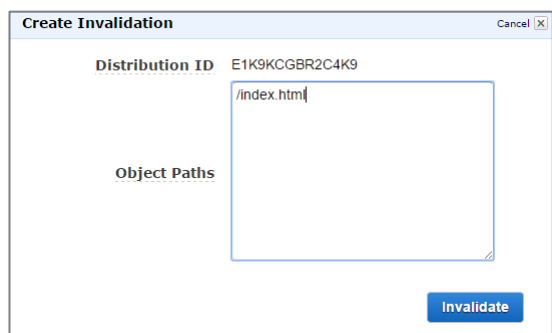


Click on the *Invalidations* tab

Click *Create Invalidation*



Enter the object path to the file you want to invalidate/update (e.g. `/index.html`) or use a wildcard symbol to invalidate all the files (e.g. `/*`)



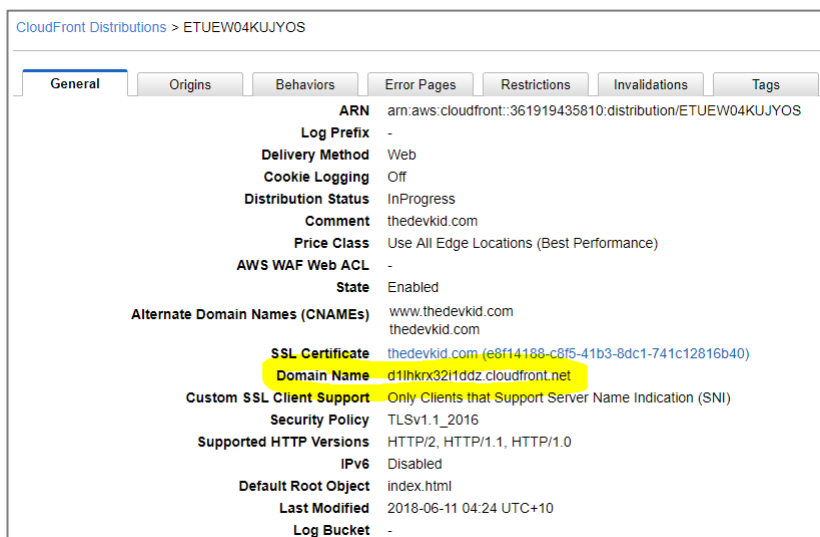
Click *Invalidate*

This will take some time to complete.

Routing Traffic with AWS Route 53

In this section we will direct all requests to our domain name and www subdomain to CloudFront using Route 53 Domain Name Service (DNS).

Go back to the CloudFront Distribution page and copy the distribution domain name



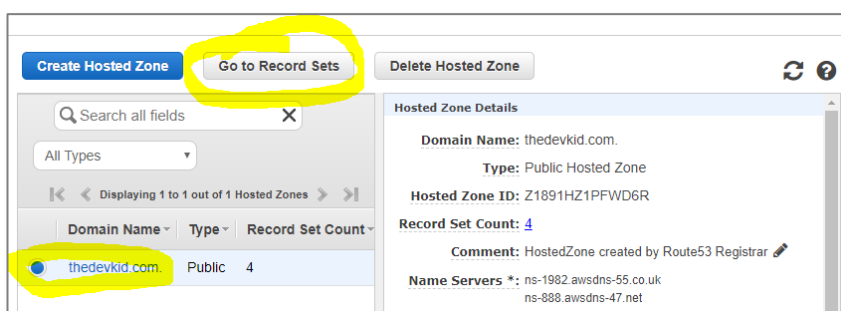
Now go back to the Route 53 Management Console:

Click on the services menu and select Route 53.

Click on Hosted Zones

Click on the hosted zone created by the Route 53 Registrar

Click on *Go to Record Sets*



Click on *Create Record Set*

Select *A-IPv4 address* as Type

Check Alias: *Yes*

Leave *Name* empty

Enter the distribution domain name as Alias Target:

Click *Create*

The screenshot shows the AWS Route 53 'Create Record Set' interface. On the left, a list of record sets is shown, including 'thedevkid.com.' and '_7193769737db12654862dca057f701e2.thedevkid.com.'. The main panel is titled 'Create Record Set'. The 'Name' field is empty. The 'Type' is set to 'A - IPv4 address'. The 'Alias' checkbox is checked. The 'Alias Target' is 'd11hkrx321hddz.cloudfront.net'. The 'Alias Hosted Zone ID' is 'Z2FDTNDATAQYW2'. The 'Routing Policy' is 'Simple'. The 'Evaluate Target Health' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Create' button is highlighted.

Routing Traffic with a Domain Name from another Registrar

If you have a domain name from another registrar (e.g. GoDaddy) you can still direct traffic for this domain to AWS by replacing the NS records. That way all DNS requests will be directed to AWS name servers. The process is as follows:

1. Create a Route53 hosted zone for the domain
2. Copy the NS records for the hosted zone

The screenshot shows the AWS Route 53 console with a list of NS records for a hosted zone. The records are: ns-525.awsdns-01.net, ns-1755.awsdns-27.co.uk, ns-61.awsdns-07.com, and ns-1216.awsdns-24.org. These records are highlighted with a yellow circle.

3. Replace the NS records in your registrar's DNS service with the NS records from your Route53 hosted zone
4. Add the A record to your Route53 hosted zone as detailed previously above.

Route Requests for www Subdomain

Click on *Create Record Set*

Select *CNAME* as Type

Select 'No' for Alias.

Enter *www* for *Name*

Enter your domain name (or the CloudFront domain, either will work) for the *www* subdomain as *Value* (without the *http://* at the start)

Edit Record Set

Name:

Type:

Alias: ☐ Yes ☒ No

TTL (Seconds):

Value:

The domain name that you want to resolve to instead of the value in the Name field.
Example:
www.example.com

Routing Policy:

Route 53 responds to queries based only on the values in this record. [Learn More](#)

Click on *Create Record Set*

After some time the changes will be propagated to the Internet and you will be able to navigate to your domain name in your browser and see your website.

Checking DNS Propagation Status

The Route 53 entries detailed above will take a while to propagate across the Internet. This could be anywhere from a couple of minutes to an hour. You can check the status of DNS propagation using the following site:

[Global DNS Propagation Checker](#)

After the records have successfully propagated you will be able to navigate to your domain name and see your website.

▶ Redirecting Domain Traffic to another Domain

In this section we will direct all requests to our domain name and www subdomain to another domain using S3 website redirecting and Route 53 Domain Name Service (DNS). This is useful if we have multiple domain names for the same domain (e.g. xxxx.com, xxxx.net, xxxx.com.au etc).

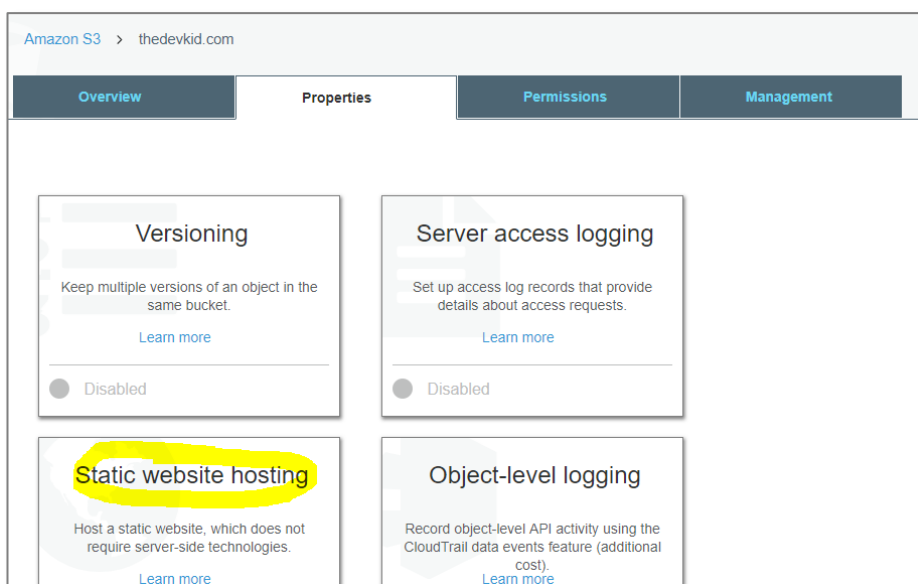
DNS services must conform to a standard (RFC1912). Subdomains can be routed using CNAME but apex domains cannot. For example, you cannot use a CNAME to redirect to google.com. Also, the A record cannot be used to point to another apex domain not managed by your hosted zone. S3 website redirecting solves this problem by accepting requests for a domain and redirecting them to another domain

***Note only http requests can be redirected using this technique. S3 website redirection does not support https.**

Go back to the S3 console

Select the domain bucket

Select 'Properties' – 'Static Website Hosting'

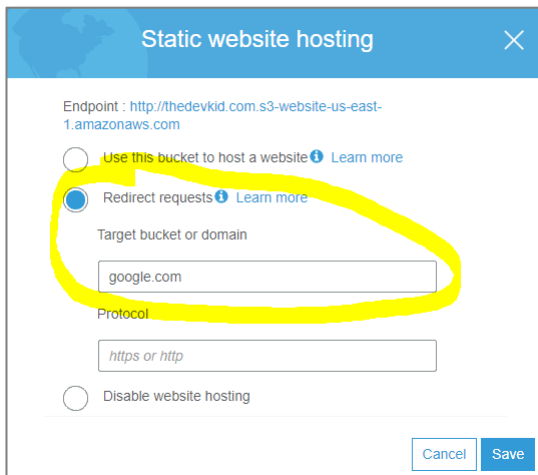


Select 'Redirect requests'

Enter a domain name to redirect requests to (you can use google.com if you want to).

Enter protocol.

Click 'Save'



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Endpoint : <http://thedevkid.com.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com>

☐ Use this bucket to host a website [Learn more](#)

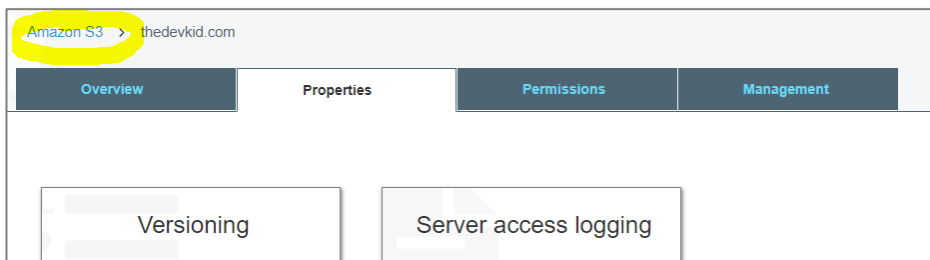
☒ Redirect requests [Learn more](#)

Target bucket or domain

Protocol

☐ Disable website hosting

Go back to the bucket list



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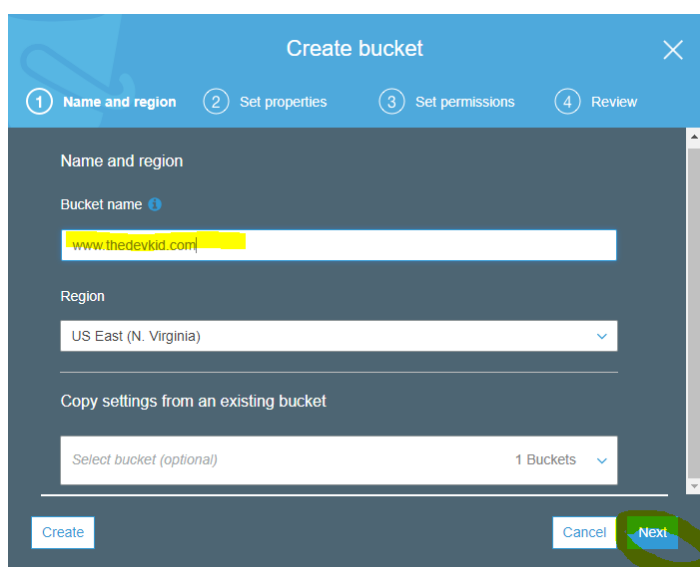
Overview Properties Permissions Management

Versioning Server access logging

Click *Create bucket*

Enter the www subdomain for the name of the bucket

Click 'Next'



Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 Set properties 3 Set permissions 4 Review

Name and region

Bucket name [?](#)

Region

Copy settings from an existing bucket

1 Buckets

Click 'Next'

Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 **Set properties** 3 Set permissions 4 Review

Versioning
Keep multiple versions of an object in the same bucket.
[Learn more](#)
☐ Disabled

Server access logging
Set up access log records that provide details about access requests.
[Learn more](#)
☐ Disabled

Tags
Use tags to track your cost across objects.
☐ Disabled

Object-level logging
Record object-level API activity using...
☐ Disabled

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Select 'Grant public read access to this bucket'

Create bucket

1 Name and region 2 Set properties 3 **Set permissions** 4 Review

pcoady4(Owner) ☒ Read ☒ Write ☒ Read ☒ Write X

Access for other AWS account [+ Add account](#)

Account Objects Object permissions

Manage public permissions

Grant public read access to this bucket

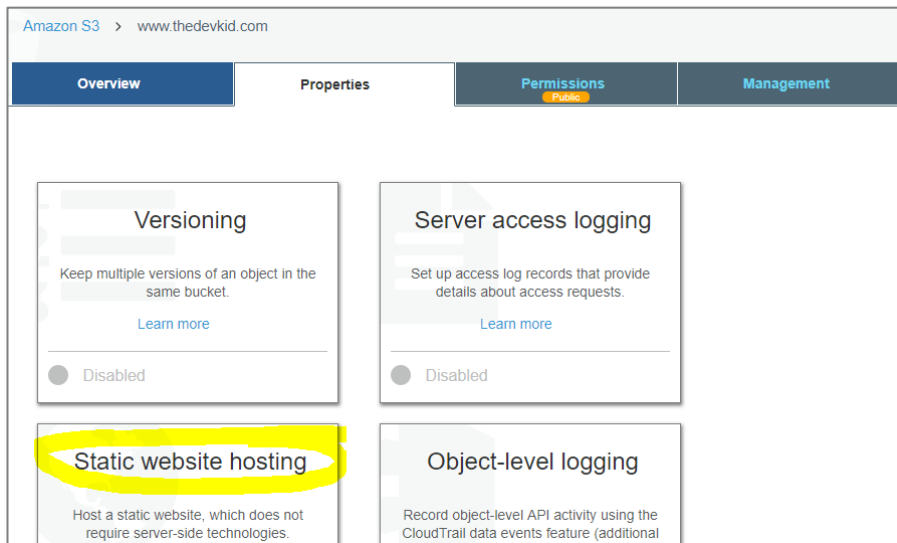
Warning: This bucket will have public read access.
Everyone in the world will have read access to this bucket.

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Click 'Create Bucket'

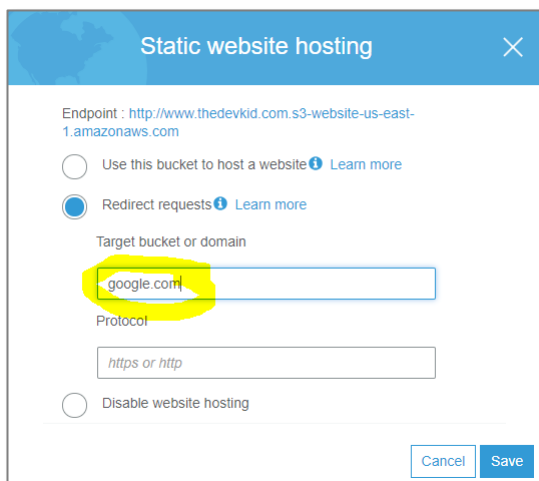
After the bucket has been created select the bucket

Select 'Properties' – 'Static website hosting'



Redirect requests as before to the other domain on http

Copy the endpoint for use later



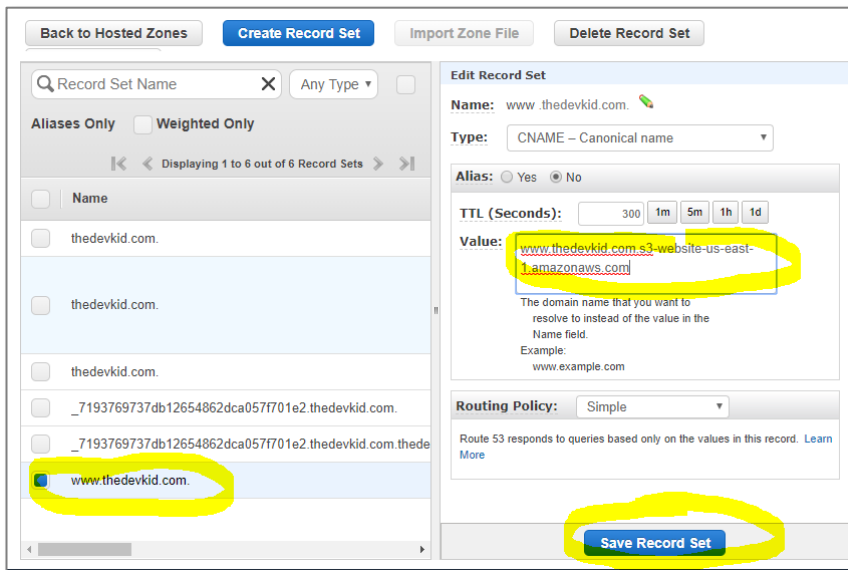
Go back to the Route53 console

Select the domain hosted zone

Click on the CNAME entry

Enter the www bucket website endpoint without the 'http://'

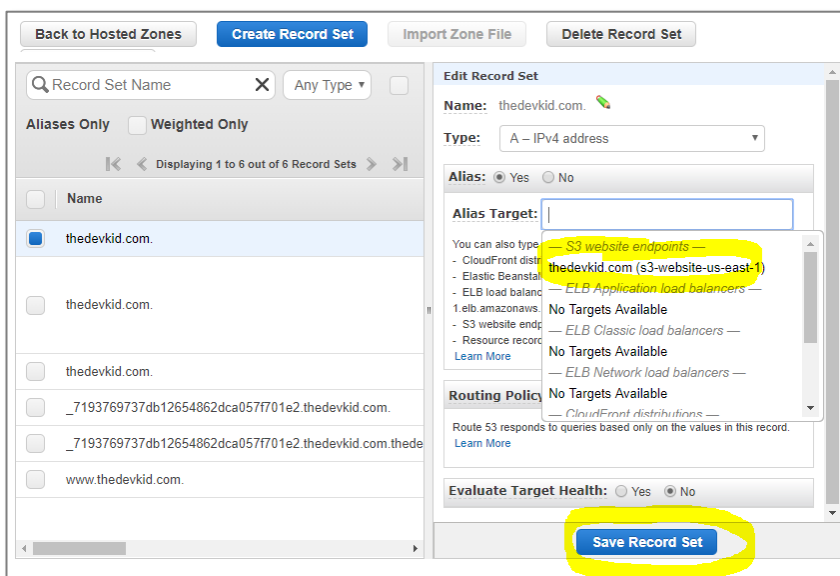
Click 'Save Record Set'



Now select the A record

Change the Alias target to the domain S3 website endpoint

Click 'Save Record Set'



After some time the records will have propagated and all requests will be redirected to the other domain.

*Note only http requests can be redirected using this technique. S3 website redirection does not support https.

▶ Deleting the Website

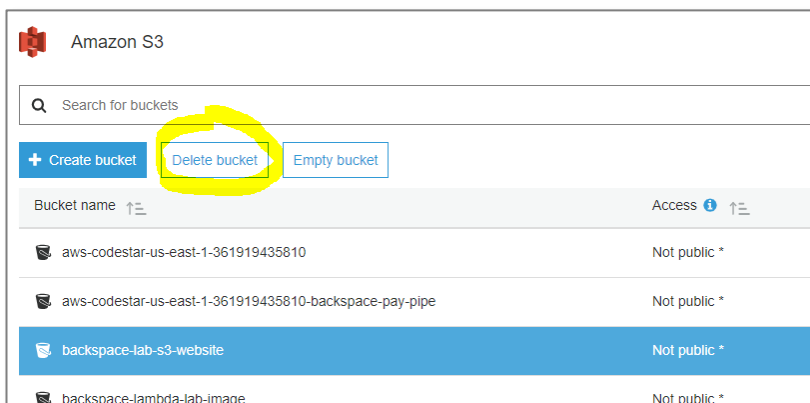
In this section we will show you how to delete all the resources if you no longer need the website.

Delete Bucket

Go to the S3 console

Select the bucket

Click *delete bucket*

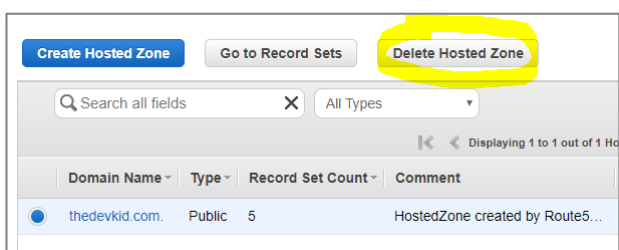


Remove Route 53 Hosted Zone

Go to the Route53 console

Select the hosted zone

Click *Delete Hosted Zone*



Delete CloudFront Distribution

Go to the CloudFront console

Select CloudFront Distribution

Click *Disable*

Wait for status to change to *disabled*

Click *Delete*

