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# WORKFLOW DOCUMENTATION

DEPLOY A STATIC WEBSITE ON AWS

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## Cloud Fundamentals Project

The cloud is perfect for hosting static websites that only include HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files that require no server-side processing. In this project, you will deploy a static website to AWS. First, you will create a S3 bucket and upload the website files to your bucket. Next, you will configure the bucket for website hosting and secure it using IAM policies. Next, you will speed up content delivery using AWS' content distribution network service, CloudFront. Lastly, you will access your website in a browser using the unique CloudFront endpoint.

#### Prerequisites:

- AWS Account
- Student-ready starter code

#### Topics Covered:

- S3 bucket creation
- S3 bucket configuration
- Website distribution via CloudFront
- Access website via web browser

#### Dependencies

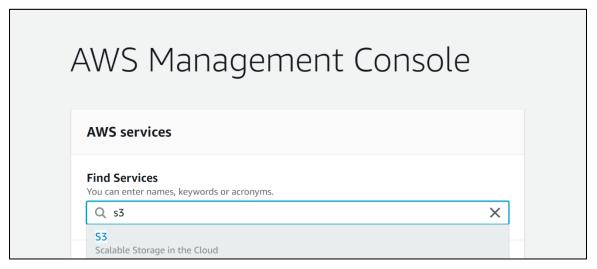
#### **Cloud Services**

- Amazon Web Services S3 Resource hosting and deployments
- AWS CloudFront CDN

## AWS Simple Storage Service

#### Create S3 Bucket

1. Navigate to the "AWS Management Console" page, type "S3" in the "Find Services" box and then select "S3"



2. The Amazon S3 dashboard displays. Click "Create bucket"

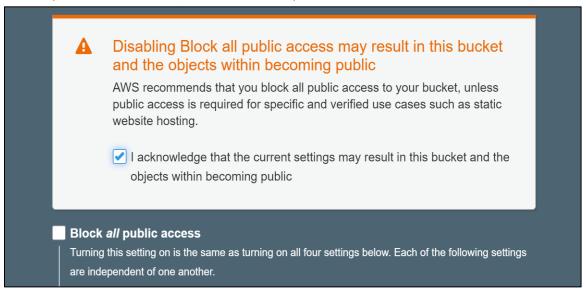


3. Enter a "Bucket name" and click "Next". Note: Bucket names must be globally unique

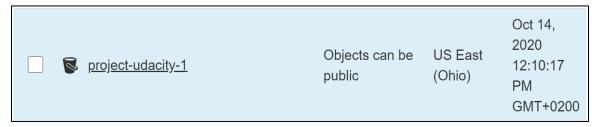


4. Click "Next" again to skip over "Step 2: Configure Options"

5. On "Step 3: Set Permissions", uncheck "Block all public access"



- 6. Click "Next" and click "Create bucket".
- 7. Once the bucket is created, click on the name of the bucket to open the bucket to the contents

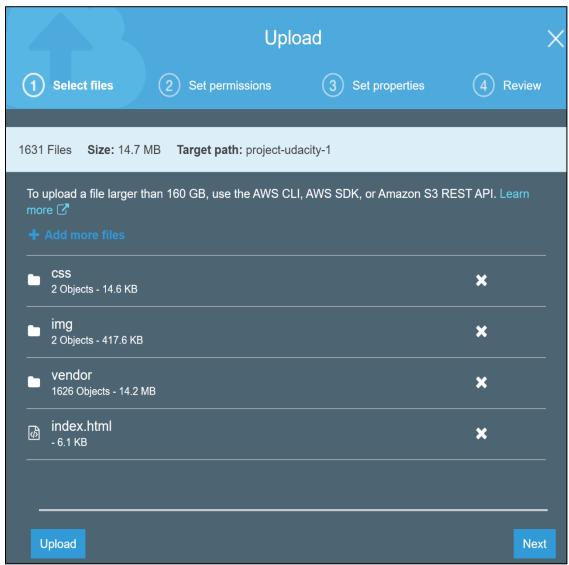


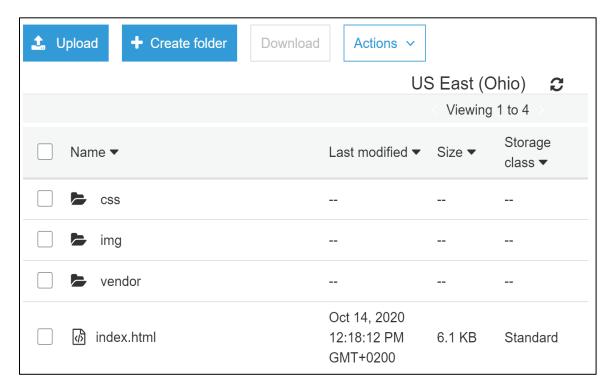
#### Upload files to S3 Bucket

1. Once the bucket is open to its contents, click the "Upload" button



2. Click the "Add Files" button and drag and drop files and folders from your local computer to the S3 bucket and select "Upload". Note: Upload the downloaded student-ready starter code files

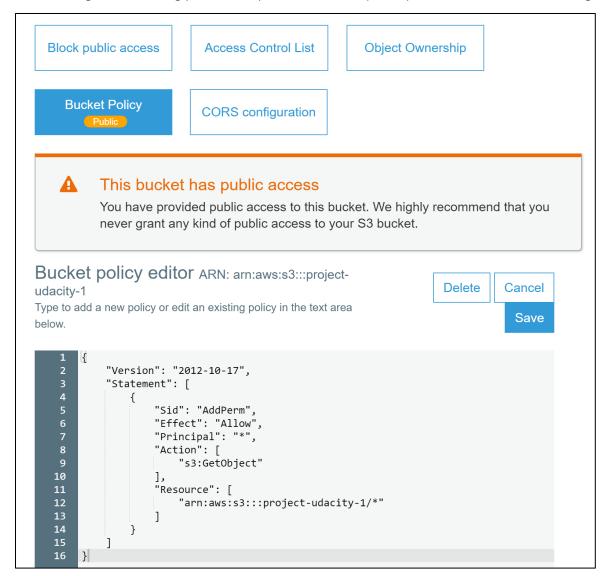




#### Secure Bucket via IAM

- 1. Click on the "Permissions" tab.
- 2. Click on "Bucket Policy" and enter the bucket policy below replacing "your-website" with the name of your bucket and click "Save"

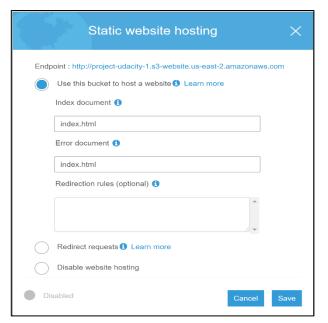
You will see warnings about making your bucket public, but this step is required for static website hosting.

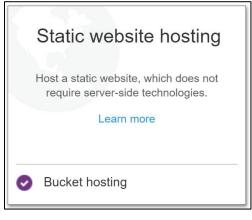


### Configure S3 Bucket

- 1. Click on the "Properties" tab and then click on "Static website hosting"
- 2. Click on "Use this bucket to host a website"

3. For both "Index document" and "Error document", enter "index.html" and click "Save"





4. The website will show up when using the given endpoint link: http://project-udacity-1.s3-website.us-east-2.amazonaws.com



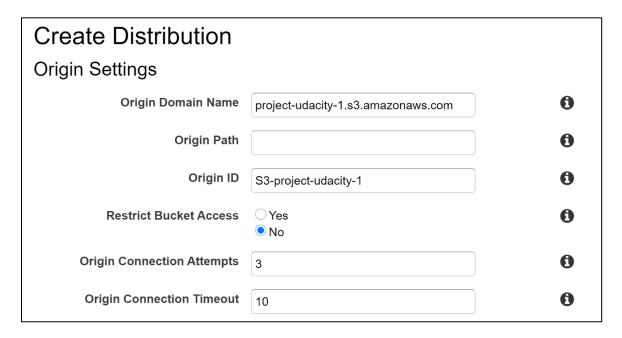
#### **AWS Cloud Front**

#### Distribute Website via Cloud Front

- 1. Select "Services" from the top left corner and enter "cloud front" in the "Find a service by name or feature" text box and select "CloudFront"
- 2. From the CloudFront dashboard, click "Create Distribution"

**Create Distribution** 

- 3. For "Select a delivery method for your content", click "Get Started"
- 4. Under "Origin Settings":
  - i. Under "Origin Domain Name", select the S3 bucket that you just created
  - ii. Under "Origin Path", enter "/" to indicate the root level



5. Leave the defaults for the rest of the options, scroll down, and click "Create Distribution". *Note:* It may take up to *10 minutes* for the CloudFront Distribution to be created



6. Once the status of your distribution changes from "In Progress" to "Deployed", copy the endpoint URL for your CloudFront distribution found in the "Domain Name" column.



7. Domain Name value is: d2ebeq1iz7o8g.cloudfront.net

### Access website in Web Browser

- 1. Open a web browser like Google Chrome and paste the copied endpoint URL and append "/index.html" on the end
  - d2ebeq1iz7o8g.cloudfront.net/index.html
- 2. The website displays in your browser

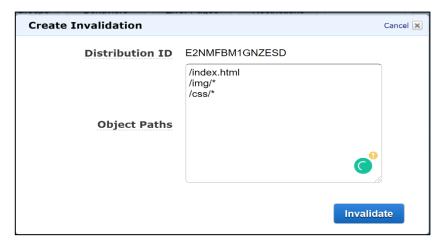


## Updating the website

- 1. Reupload the edited files/folders to the S3 bucket
- 2. We notice that refreshing the website doesn't update the content since CloudFront has everything cached in the cloud edges
- 3. Request refreshing content instantly outside the refresh schedule by creating an invalidation



4. Enter the modified objects paths



5. Wait for the status to turn to "Completed" and refresh the page



