

# Lab A

**Getting familiar with the AWS Cloud interface  
and creating a bucket with a folder and an image  
inside.**

## 1. Open the Learner lab:

- Visit <https://awsacademy.instructure.com> and login.

or if you don't know your login yet:

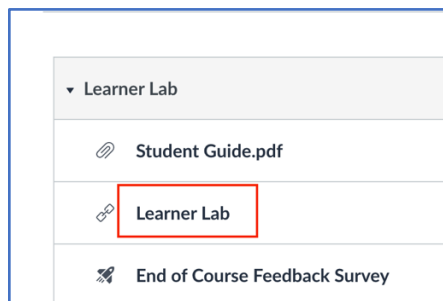
Click the link the 'Get Started' button from your email you received from AWS. Make ***sure it's the 'Learner Lab' email invitation*** and not the other Cloud Foundations one. *(If this is your first time, you may be asked to create an account before you can get started. Your email is your login name, choose a password and Mountain Time and agree to the terms and click 'Register'.)*



- From your dashboard, open the 'Learner Lab' course.
- Click on the 'Modules' link.

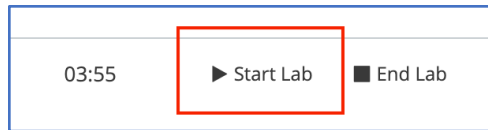


- And then on 'Learner Lab' in the module.



## 2. Start the Lab

- Click the 'Start Lab' link.



Give it some time to load.

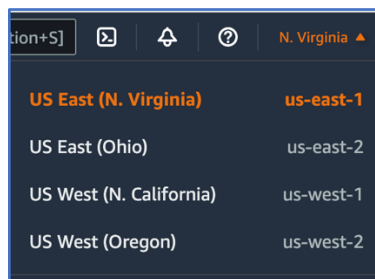
Eventually you will see the AWS link to the left with a green circle next to it. That means the lab is ready.

- Click the AWS link once it has the green circle next to it.

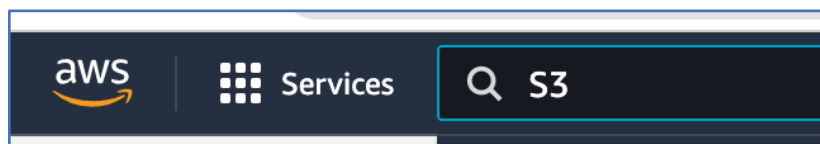


## 3. Explore the AWS Sandbox Interface

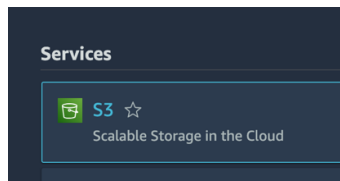
- As you enter each lab, always make note of what region you are in. It will be in the upper right area near the user information. If you click the region or 'Global' you will see all the region options. For now, just leave it as whatever the default is. We will choose a region when we create a bucket later.



- Notice the 'Services' icon which shows a list of all services. Next to it is the search box that you can also type in services, and they will come up. Type in S3, which stands for Simple Storage Service.

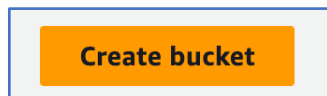


- A list of services will come up with the closest to what you typed at the top. Click the blue S3 link.



#### 4. Create a bucket.

- Click the 'Create bucket' orange button.



- Give the bucket a unique name. It must be different from all other buckets at AWS, so get creative. Use lowercase letters, numbers, or dashes but no other characters. You will also notice the AWS Region. Let's leave it at the 'US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1'

 A screenshot of the 'Create bucket' form in the AWS console. The form has a light gray header with the title 'Create bucket' and an 'Info' link. Below the header, there's a sub-header 'General configuration'. The form contains two input fields: 'Bucket name' with the value 'tb2224411' and 'AWS Region' with the value 'US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1'. Below the 'Bucket name' field, there's a small text note: 'Bucket name must be unique within the global namespace and follow the bucket naming'.

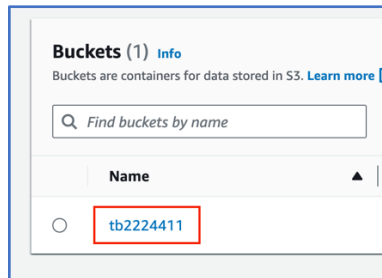
- Scroll down to the 'Block all public access' area. This prevents others from seeing our files. Leave all the defaults here.

 A screenshot of the 'Block all public access' section in the AWS console. It features a checkbox labeled 'Block all public access' which is checked. Below this, there's a text explanation: 'Turning this setting on is the same as turning on all four settings'. Below this, there are four sub-sections, each with a checked checkbox and a description: 'Block public access to buckets and objects granted through new public access requests', 'Block public access to buckets and objects granted through all public access requests', 'Block public access to buckets and objects granted through new bucket policies', and 'Block public and cross-account access to buckets and objects through policies from new attachments'.

- Scroll through all the remaining settings and leave all the defaults with no changes. Then click the 'Create bucket' orange button on the very bottom.

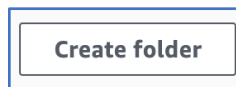


- The bucket name will then show up under the name column. Click the blue bucket name link.

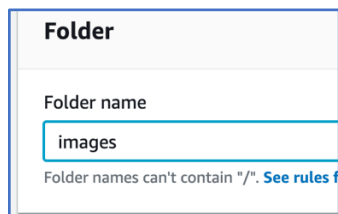


## 5. Create a folder in the bucket.

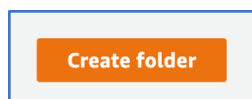
- You will see that there are no files (or objects) inside the bucket yet. Before we upload a file, let's create a folder to place our file into. Click the 'Create folder' button.



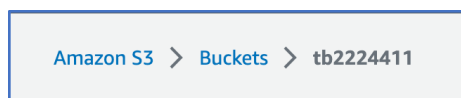
- Give it the Folder name of 'images'.




- Scroll down and click the 'Create folder' orange button.



- Notice the pathway breadcrumbs at the top left showing where you are at inside the bucket.

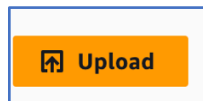


- You will also see the folder listed under the Name column. Click the 'images/' blue link.

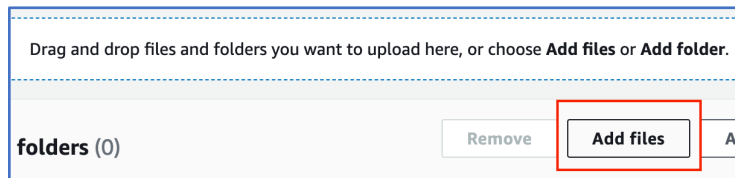
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	▲
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <a href="#">images/</a>	

## 6. Upload an image into the folder.

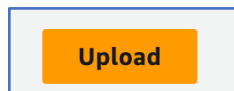
- Click the 'Upload' button.



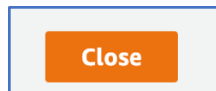
- Drag and drop a file over or click the 'Add files' button.



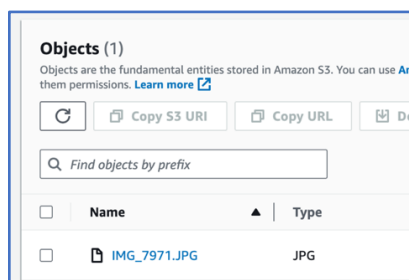
- Choose an image of yourself or you with your family. Once your file is added, keep any other defaults, and click the 'Upload' button.



- You should then see the summary page with the file successfully uploaded. Click the 'Close' orange button to close the summary page.




- You should now see the file as an object in the bucket with your file in the Name column.




## 7. Open the image inside the bucket.

- Click the object image file and you will see properties of that image.

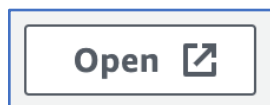
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	 IMG_7971.JPG	JPG

- There is a lot of information about the file now inside your bucket but let's look at a few. Notice the 'Object URL'. This could be used in a browser to see your image. But because we blocked all public access which was the default, we won't have access to see the image online.

Object URL

 [https://tb2224411.s3.amazonaws.com/images/IMG\\_7971.JPG](https://tb2224411.s3.amazonaws.com/images/IMG_7971.JPG)

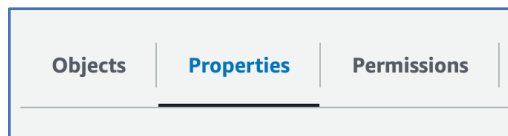
- If you try clicking it, you will get an error of access denied. So, let's use the 'Open' button near the top.



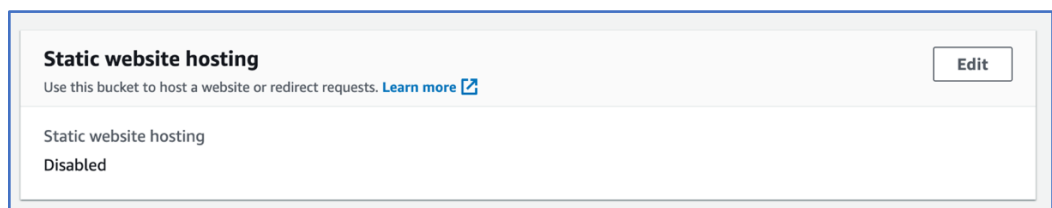
- Our image will open.

## 8. Make the image public to be seen on the Internet.

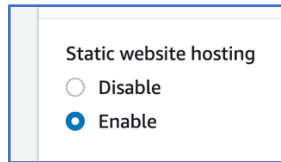
- Click on the properties tab.



- Scroll all the way down and in the 'Static website hosting' area click 'Edit'.



- Click the 'Enable' radio button.

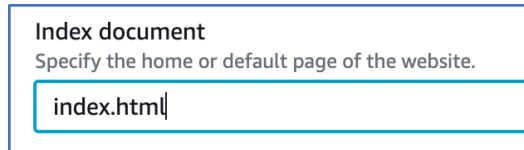


Static website hosting

☐ Disable

☒ Enable

- Leave the default of 'Host a static website'.
- Under the 'Index document' type index.html.

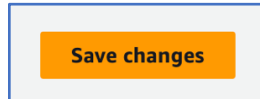


Index document

Specify the home or default page of the website.

index.html

- Then scroll to the bottom and click 'Save changes'.

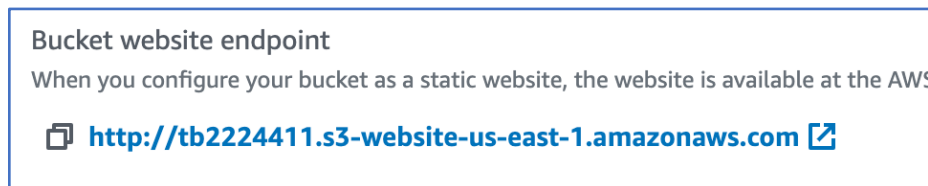


Save changes

- You will return to the bucket properties.



## 9. Exploring the new URL

- At the very bottom of the bucket properties, you should see a 'Bucket website endpoint.'



Bucket website endpoint

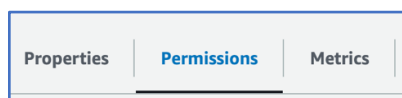
When you configure your bucket as a static website, the website is available at the AWS

 <http://tb2224411.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com> 

- If you tried to open this web address on your browser, you will be denied access ('403 Forbidden'). This is because we left the default for all S3 buckets to block all public access.

## 10. Allow public access to the bucket.

- Let's change the access. So now we will go to the permissions tab back at the top.



Properties Permissions Metrics

- Click the 'Edit' button in the 'Block public access (bucket settings)' area.

Edit

Block *all* public access

On

► Individual Block Public Access settings for this bucket

- Uncheck the 'Block all public access' and click Save changes.

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

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

☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *any* access control lists (ACLs)**  
S3 will ignore all ACLs that grant public access to buckets and objects.

☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* public bucket or access point policies**  
S3 will block new bucket and access point policies that grant public access to buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing policies that allow public access to S3 resources.

☐ **Block public and cross-account access to buckets and objects through *any* public bucket or access point policies**  
S3 will ignore public and cross-account access for buckets or access points with policies that grant public access to buckets and objects.

Cancel

Save changes

- There are risks for doing this which we won't worry about for this lab. So, type in 'confirm' and click the 'Confirm' button.

Edit Block public access (bucket settings) X

Updating the Block Public Access settings for this bucket will affect this bucket and all objects within. This may result in some objects becoming public.

To confirm the settings, enter *confirm* in the field.

confirm

Cancel

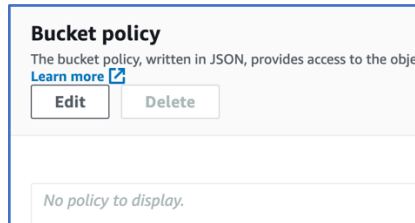
Confirm

- You will return to the permissions of the bucket.



## 11. Include a policy for bucket contents.

- We also need to write a policy that will allow the contents of the bucket to be publicly available. Scroll down to 'Bucket policy'. And click the 'Edit' button.



- There are examples of policies that you can find online, or you can ask an AI like ChatGPT (chat.openai.com) to create one for you with a prompt message like: 'write a bucket policy for a AWS S3 bucket allowing all contents of the bucket to be publicly available'. If for some reason you get XML instead of JSON you can just mention in the ChatGPT prompt that you want JSON. With this prompt ChatGPT gave me this:

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


- Copy the policy code from ChatGPT.
- Paste the policy. Edit where it says 'YOUR\_BUCKET\_NAME' and replace that with your bucket name. i.e. "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::tb2224411/\*" (*your bucket name will be different, use your bucket name*). Make sure there are no extra lines or spaces before the very beginning '{' curly brace of the policy statement.

### Bucket policy

The bucket policy, written in JSON, provides access to the objects stored in the bucket. [Learn more](#)

[Policy examples](#)
[Policy generator](#)

Bucket ARN

 arn:aws:s3:::tb2224411

#### Policy

```

1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Sid": "PublicReadGetObject",
6       "Effect": "Allow",
7       "Principal": "*",
8       "Action": [
9         "s3:GetObject",
10        "s3:GetObjectAcl"
11      ],
12      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::tb2224411/*"
13    }
14  ]
15 }
16

```

- You can see from line 6 in the example image above that this is allowing everything from the bucket listed in line 12. Make sure the line in your code has your bucket name, not mine from the examples above.
- Click 'Save changes'.

Save changes

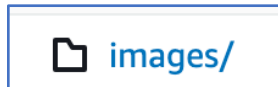
## 12. Check that contents are public.

- Let's see if we can now see our image we put in the bucket in Lab A. Go back into the 'Objects' tab.


Objects

Properties

- Click the 'images/' blue folder name.



- Click the image file you have there.

Name	Type
 IMG_7971.JPG	JPG

- In the 'Object overview' area you will see the 'Object URL'. You can now copy and paste that URL into a new tab of your browser and see your image. (or right click and open in a new tab) You could even give this link to someone and see it from any device on any browser. This is all because we allowed all our objects in the bucket to be accessed by anyone.
- Submit the URL or web address of this image for this lab. It might look something like:

[https://tb2224411.s3.amazonaws.com/images/IMG\\_7971.JPG](https://tb2224411.s3.amazonaws.com/images/IMG_7971.JPG)

- However, your URL will have your bucket name and your image name. To submit it, you could just copy it from the 'Object URL' in the 'Object overview' in your S3 bucket.

Great job! Your first lab is complete.