

MANAGING CLOUD SOLUTIONS

PROJECT

Designing a Simple AWS Architecture.

Description:

The goal of this project is to design and implement a **serverless image resizer** using AWS services. The architecture will be cost-effective, scalable, and reliable, demonstrating key AWS services for image processing. This project will provide hands-on experience in building event-driven serverless applications, leveraging AWS Lambda, Amazon S3, and other cloud services.

The system automatically resizes uploaded images and stores them in an optimized format for efficient delivery, ensuring minimal latency and seamless performance.

Essential AWS Services used:

Basic AWS Services:

Amazon S3

AWS Lambda

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)

- – For storing original and resized images.
- – To process and resize images dynamically.
- – To control access and permissions.
- **Amazon CloudWatch** – For monitoring and logging function execution.

EXAMPLE

1. Scenario:

A content management system requires automatic image resizing to optimize storage and improve website performance. Users upload images in high resolution, but different formats (thumbnail, medium, large) are needed for web display. The goal is to build a serverless image resizer that automatically processes uploaded images and stores the resized versions for optimized delivery.

2. Problem Statement:

Design an AWS-based serverless image resizer that ensures automatic, scalable, and cost-efficient image processing.

3. Objectives:

- To create a fully automated image resizing solution using AWS serverless services.
- To ensure high availability and scalability without managing servers.
- To optimize costs by using AWS Lambda and pay-per-use services.
- To secure the system using AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) policies.
- To enable real-time image processing with minimal latency.

4. Outcomes:

- **Automated image processing:** Images are resized immediately upon upload.
- **Scalability:** The system handles varying image upload rates without downtime.
- **Optimization:** Fast uses AWS Lambda and S3 to reduce operational costs.
- **Performance:** Images are available with low latency via CloudFront.
- **Security:** Fine-grained IAM policies ensure restricted access.

5. Proposed AWS Components

1. **Amazon S3:** Stores original and resized images.
2. **AWS Lambda:** Resizes images when uploaded to S3.
3. **Amazon CloudWatch:** Monitors Lambda execution and logs errors.

4. AWS IAM: Manages permissions for secure access.

Implementation 1: Traditional Server-Based Approach:

1. Setup S3 Buckets

- Goto **AWS S3 Console**.
- Create two buckets:
 - original-images-bucket (for storing uploaded original images).
 - After creating upload an image(JPG or JPEG).
 - resized-images-bucket (for storing resized images).

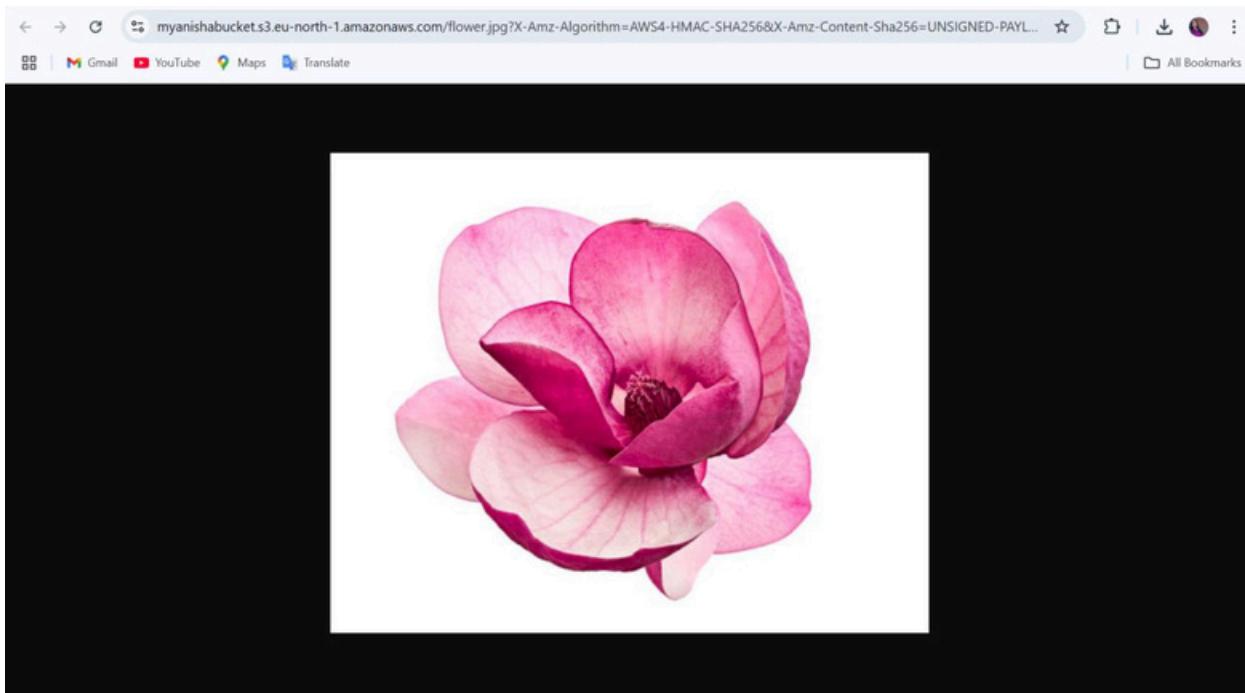
The screenshot shows the AWS S3 Buckets console. At the top, there's a green success message: "Successfully created bucket 'myanishabucket'. To upload files and folders, or to configure additional bucket settings, choose View details." Below this, there's an "Account snapshot - updated every 24 hours" section with a "View Storage Lens dashboard" button. The main area shows a table of General purpose buckets. One row is selected, showing details for the bucket "myanishabucket".

| Name | AWS Region | IAM Access Analyzer | Creation date |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| myanishabucket | Europe (Stockholm) eu-north-1 | View analyzer for eu-north-1 | April 14, 2025, 18:25:49 (UTC+05:30) |

The screenshot shows the AWS S3 console interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, a search bar, and account information for 'Europe (Stockholm)' and 'Anisha'. Below the navigation bar, the path 'Amazon S3 > Buckets > myanishabucket' is displayed. The main content area is titled 'myanishabucket Info'. A horizontal menu bar at the top of this section includes 'Objects' (which is selected), 'Properties', 'Permissions', 'Metrics', 'Management', and 'Access Points'. Below this, a sub-menu for 'Objects' shows '(0)' and various actions: 'Copy S3 URI', 'Copy URL', 'Download', 'Open', 'Delete', 'Actions', 'Create folder', and 'Upload'. A note below the actions states: 'Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all objects in your bucket. For others to access your objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)'. There's also a 'Find objects by prefix' search input and a 'Show versions' toggle. A table header row includes columns for 'Name', 'Type', 'Last modified', 'Size', and 'Storage class'. The main body of the table is empty, displaying the message 'No objects' and 'You don't have any objects in this bucket.' A large orange 'Upload' button is centered at the bottom.

This screenshot shows the same AWS S3 console interface after a file has been uploaded. A green success message at the top left reads: 'Upload succeeded. For more information, see the Files and folders table.' Below this, a summary table provides details: 'Destination' is 's3://myanishabucket', 'Succeeded' is '1 file, 31.0 KB (100.00%)', and 'Failed' is '0 files, 0 B (0%)'. The 'Files and folders' tab is selected, showing a table with one item: 'flower.jpg' (image/jpeg, 31.0 KB, Status: Succeeded). The 'Configuration' tab is also visible.

Result



2. Create a New Role in IAM:

- Goto **AWS IAM ROLES** and then create a new role.
- Choose existing permissions like **AWSS3FullAccess** and **AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole**.
- Then create the role.

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM Roles creation wizard. On the left, there's a sidebar with links for Roles, Policies, Identity providers, Account settings, and Root access management. Below that is a section for Access reports and Access Analyzer. The main area is titled "Roles (2) Info". It explains what an IAM role is and shows a table with one role entry: "AWSServiceRoleForSupport" (Status: Active). The table includes columns for Role name, Trusted entities, and Last activity. A note indicates the role is associated with the "support (Service-Linker)" AWS Service. Below this, there's a "Use case" section with a note about allowing services to perform actions. It shows a dropdown menu set to "Lambda" under "Service or use case". A sub-section titled "Choose a use case for the specified service." shows a radio button for "Lambda" which is selected, with a description: "Allows Lambda functions to call AWS services on your behalf." At the bottom right are "Cancel" and "Next" buttons.

IAM > Roles > Create role

Add permissions

Permissions policies (1/1038)

Choose one or more policies to attach to your new role.

Filter by Type

Q AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole X All types ▾ 1 match

Policy name ▾ Type Description

AWSLambdaBasicExecuti... AWS managed Provides write permissions to CloudWat...

▶ Set permissions boundary - optional

Cancel Previous Next

IAM > Roles > Create role

Name, review, and create

Role details

Role name
Enter a meaningful name to identify this role.

Maximum 64 characters. Use alphanumeric and "+_,@-_".

Description
Add a short explanation for this role.

Maximum 1000 characters. Use letters (A-Z and a-z), numbers (0-9), tabs, new lines, or any of the following characters: _+=., @-/[\{\}#\$%^&`~`]

Step 1: Select trusted entities

Trust policy

```
1 ~ {  
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
```

Step 3: Add tags

Add tags - optional

Tags are key-value pairs that you can add to AWS resources to help identify, organize, or search for resources.

No tags associated with the resource.

Add new tag

You can add up to 50 more tags.

Cancel Previous Create role

IAM > Roles

Identity and Access Management (IAM)

Search IAM

Dashboard

Access management

User groups

Role LambdaS3ImageRole created.

An IAM role is an identity you can create that has specific permissions with credentials that are valid for short durations. Roles can be assumed by entities that you trust.

View role

Search

Role name Trusted entities Last activity

Roles Anywhere

Manage

Add Inline Policy to the Role

The screenshot shows the 'Specify permissions' step in the AWS IAM Policy editor. The left sidebar indicates 'Step 1 Specify permissions' is selected. The main area displays a JSON editor with the following policy document:

```
1 v {
2     "Version": "2012-10-17",
3 v     "Statement": [
4 v         {
5             "Sid": "Statement1",
6             "Effect": "Allow",
7 v             "Action": [
8                 "s3:GetObject"
9             ],
10 v            "Resource": [
11                 "arn:aws:s3:::myanishabucket/*"
12             ]
13         }
14     ]
15 }
```

On the right, there's a panel titled 'Edit statement' with the sub-section 'Select a statement'. It contains the instruction 'Select an existing statement in the policy or add a new statement.' and a blue button labeled '+ Add new statement'.

The screenshot shows the 'Review and create' step in the AWS IAM Policy editor. The left sidebar indicates 'Step 1 Specify permissions' is selected. The main area displays 'Policy details' and 'Permissions defined in this policy' sections.

Policy details

Policy name
Enter a meaningful name to identify this policy.
K23QC15
Maximum 128 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+-,.,@-' characters.

Permissions defined in this policy Info Edit
Permissions defined in this policy document specify which actions are allowed or denied. To define permissions for an IAM identity (user, user group, or role), attach a policy to it.

Allow (1 of 439 services) Search Show remaining 438 services

| Service | Access level | Resource | Request condition |
|---------|---------------|--|-------------------|
| S3 | Limited: Read | BucketName string like [myanishabucket, ObjectPath] string like All | None |

Create policy

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM Roles page. In the top navigation bar, the path is IAM > Roles > LambdaS3ImageRole. A green success message box at the top center says "Policy K23QC15 created." Below it, the "Permissions policies" section shows two policies: "AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole" (AWS managed) and "K23QC15" (Customer inline). There are buttons for "Simulate", "Remove", and "Add permissions".

3. Create Lambda Function

- Goto **AWS Lambda Console** and create a new function.
- Choose runtime (e.g., **Python** or **Node.js**).
- Add or upload **image resizing code** (use libraries like Pillow or Sharp).
- Choose the role as existing role and then add the **lambda-img-resize role**.
- Configure **memory and timeout** for performance.

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda landing page under the Compute section. It features a large heading "AWS Lambda" with the tagline "lets you run code without thinking about servers." Below the heading, a paragraph explains that users pay only for compute time consumed and can run code for various applications. To the right, a "Get started" box contains a "Create a function" button.

The screenshot shows the "Create function" wizard. The top navigation bar includes the path Lambda > Functions > Create function. The main section has three options: "Author from scratch" (selected), "Use a blueprint", and "Container image". The "Basic information" step is active, showing fields for "Function name" (set to "ImageProcessor"), "Runtime" (set to "Node.js 18.x"), and "Architecture" (set to "x86_64"). On the right, a "Tutorials" sidebar is open, showing a "Create a simple web app" tutorial with a "Start tutorial" button.

Architecture Info
Choose the instruction set architecture you want for your function code.

x86_64
 arm64

Permissions Info
By default, Lambda will create an execution role with permissions to upload logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. You can customize this default role later when adding triggers.

▶ Change default execution role

▶ Additional Configurations
Use additional configurations to set up code signing, function URL, tags, and Amazon VPC access for your function.

[Cancel](#) [Create function](#)

4. Connect S3 to Lambda

- InLambda, **add trigger** fromS3bucket(original-images bucket).
- Give Lambda **permission to read S3 bucket**.
- Save and test the trigger setup.

Successfully created the function ImageProcessor. You can now change its code and configuration. To invoke your function with a test event, choose "Test".

ImageProcessor

Function overview [Info](#)

[Diagram](#) [Template](#)

Description
-

Last modified
5 seconds ago

Function ARN
[arn:aws:lambda:eu-north-1:471112917059:function:ImageProcessor](#)

Function URL [Info](#)

[Throttle](#) [Copy ARN](#) [Actions ▾](#)

[Export to Infrastructure Composer](#) [Download ▾](#)

[+ Add trigger](#) [+ Add destination](#)

Tutorials

Learn how to implement common use cases in AWS Lambda.

Create a simple web app

In this tutorial you will learn how to:

- Build a simple web app, consisting of a Lambda function with a function URL that outputs a webpage
- Invoke your function through its function URL

[Learn more](#) [Start tutorial](#)

aws | Search [Alt+S] | ...

Lambda > Functions > ImageProcessor

EXPLORER JS index.mjs flower.html

JS index.mjs

DEPLOY [UNDEPLOYED CHANGES]

Deploy (Ctrl+Shift+U)

Test (Ctrl+Shift+I)

TEST EVENTS [SELECTED: MYIMAGEVENT]

+ Create new test event

Private saved events

myimageevent

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

IMAGE_BUCKET = myanishabuc...

flower.html

```
2 <html lang="en">
3 <head>
4 <title>Pink flowers</title>
5 <style>
6 body {
7   display: flex;
8   justify-content: center;
9   align-items: center;
10  height: 100vh;
11  margin: 0;
12  background-color: #fdf6f9;
13  font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
14}
15
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT ... Execution Results

Status: Succeeded

Test Event Name: myimageevent

Response:

```
{
  "statusCode": 200,
  "body": "\"Hello from Lambda!\""
}
```

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Lambda > Functions > ImageProcessor

Successfully updated the function ImageProcessor.

ImageProcessor

Throttle Copy ARN Actions ▾

Function overview Info Export to Infrastructure Composer Download ▾

Diagram Template

ImageProcessor

Description -

Last modified 2 seconds ago

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda Functions console. The URL in the address bar is `Lambda > Functions > ImageProcessor > Edit environment variables`. The main heading is "Edit environment variables". Under the "Environment variables" section, there is a table with one entry: "IMAGE_BUCKET" with value "myanishabucket". Below the table is a blue button labeled "Add environment variable". At the bottom right are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

Edit environment variables

Environment variables

You can define environment variables as key-value pairs that are accessible from your function code. These are useful to store configuration settings without the need to change function code. [Learn more](#)

Key

Value

[Remove](#)[Add environment variable](#)

▶ Encryption configuration

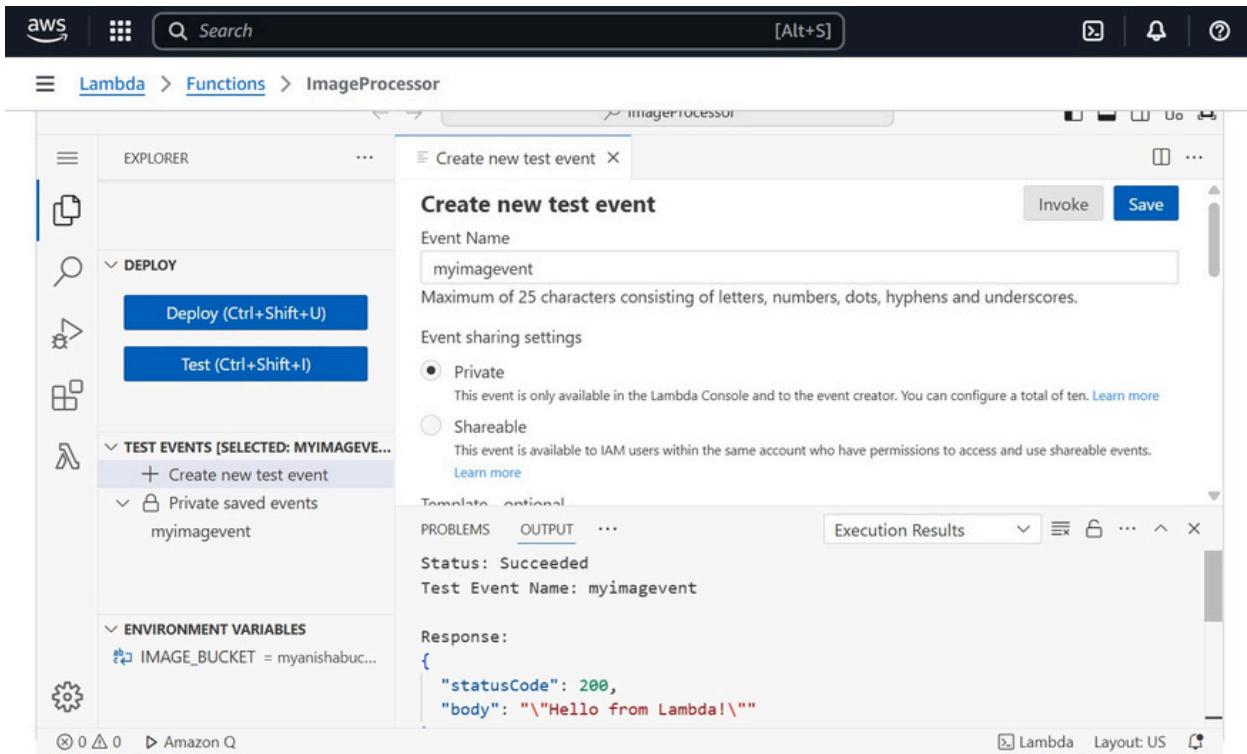
[Cancel](#)[Save](#)

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda Functions console. The URL in the address bar is `Lambda > Functions > ImageProcessor`. On the left, there's an Explorer sidebar with options like Deploy, Test, and Create new test event. In the main area, there's a "Create new test event" dialog. The "Event Name" field contains "myimageevent". The "Event sharing settings" section has "Private" selected. The "Template - optional" dropdown is set to "Hello World". The "Event JSON" section shows a code editor with the following JSON:

```
1  {
2   "queryStringParameters": {
3     "key": "products/example.jpg",
4     "width": "800",
5     "format": "webp",
```

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda Functions console. The URL in the address bar is `Lambda > Functions > ImageProcessor`. A green success message box at the top says "The test event "myimageevent" was successfully saved." Below it is the same "Create new test event" dialog as the previous screenshot. The "Event Name" field still contains "myimageevent". The "Event sharing settings" section has "Private" selected. The "Template - optional" dropdown is set to "Hello World". The "Event JSON" section shows the same JSON code as the previous screenshot.

Result:



5. Test An Event

Executing function: succeeded (logs [\[logs\]](#))

Details

```
{
  "statusCode": 200,
  "body": "\"Hello from Lambda!\""
}
```

Summary

| | |
|---|---|
| Code SHA-256 k8yUASplgQniNyKVc4xlaCwRg74M4bmKDUhVHJi7cQg= | Execution time 29 seconds ago |
| Function version \$LATEST | Request ID e8a71f74-ae89-4a1f-a376-4c2ce844be13 |
| Duration 125.60 ms | Billed duration 126 ms |
| Resources configured 128 MB | Max memory used 68 MB |

Log output

The area below shows the last 4 KB of the execution log. [Click here](#) to view the corresponding CloudWatch log group.

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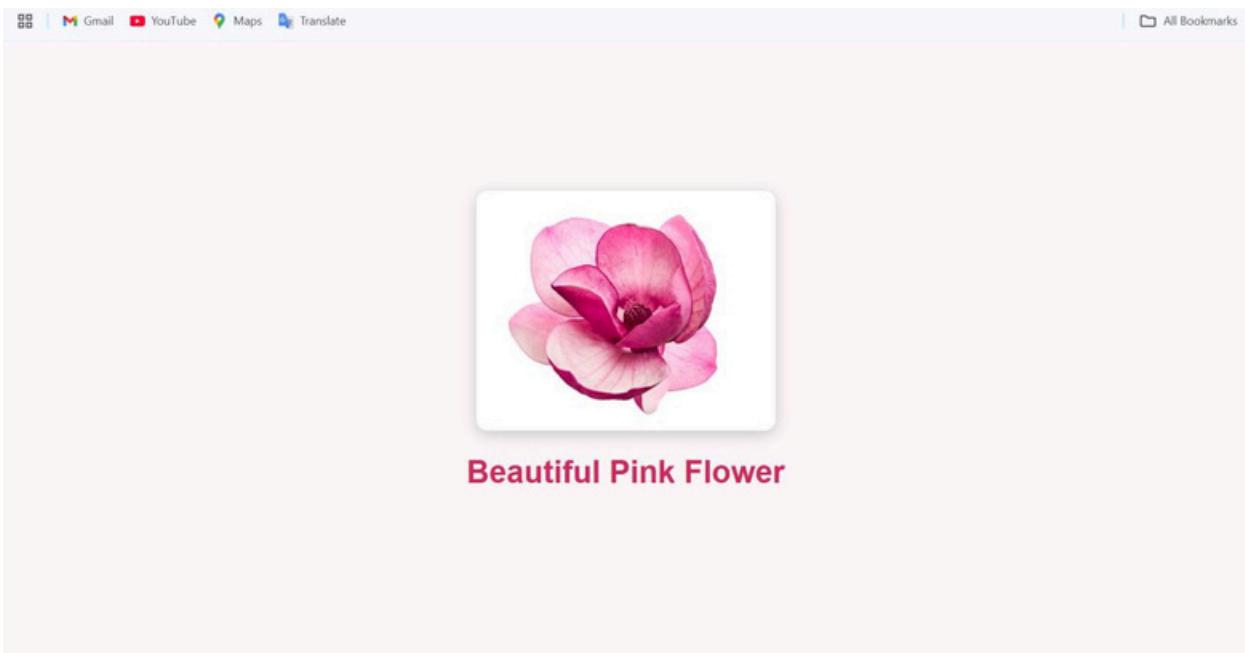
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6. Test Upload

- Now check the destination bucket for the image.
- The image will be stored in resized form.
- Test with different image formats (JPG, PNG).



6. Monitor with CloudWatch

- Go to **CloudWatch Console** .
- Check **Lambda logs** for successful executions.
- Optionally, create **custom dashboards** for monitoring.
- Set up **CloudWatch Alarms** for errors or performance issues.

A screenshot of the AWS CloudWatch Log Events interface. The left sidebar shows navigation links for CloudWatch, Favorites and recents, Dashboards, Alarms, Logs (Log groups, Log anomalies, Live Tail, Logs Insights, Contributor Insights), Metrics, X-Ray traces, Events, and Application Signals. The main content area is titled "Log events" and includes a search bar, filter bar, and time range selector (1m, 1h, UTC timezone). A table lists log events with columns for Timestamp and Message. The table shows four entries from April 14, 2025, at 14T15:17:48.055Z. The first entry is "INIT_START Runtime Version: nodejs:18.v63 Runtime Version ARN: arn:aws:lambda:eu-north-1:runti...". The second entry is "START RequestId: 259c638e-629b-4666-a7a0-7676af7f17f5 Version: \$LATEST". The third entry is "END RequestId: 259c638e-629b-4666-a7a0-7676af7f17f5". The fourth entry is "REPORT RequestId: 259c638e-629b-4666-a7a0-7676af7f17f5 Duration: 12.26 ms Billed Duration: 13 ms".

[Create CloudFront Distribution](#)

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Networking & Content Delivery

Amazon CloudFront

Securely deliver content with low latency and high transfer speeds

Amazon CloudFront is a fast content delivery network (CDN) service that securely delivers data, videos, applications, and APIs to customers globally with low latency and high transfer speeds.

Get started with CloudFront

Enable accelerated, reliable and secure content delivery for Amazon S3 buckets, Application Load Balancers, Amazon API Gateway APIs, and more in 5 minutes or less.

Create a CloudFront distribution

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CloudFront > Distributions > Create

Create distribution

Origin

Origin domain
Choose an AWS origin, or enter your origin's domain name. [Learn more](#)

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Enter a valid DNS domain name, such as an S3 bucket, HTTP server, or VPC origin ID.

Origin path - optional
Enter a URL path to append to the origin domain name for origin requests.

Name
Enter a name for this origin.

Origin access [Info](#)

Public
Bucket must allow public access.

Origin access control settings (recommended)
Bucket can restrict access to only CloudFront.

Standard logging [Info](#)
Additional charges may apply. See Info for more details.

Log delivery
Get logs of viewer requests to CloudWatch, Amazon S3 or Firehose

Off

On

Create distribution

SUCCESSFULLY CREATED NEW DISTRIBUTION.

To get in-depth monitoring information for your distribution's internet traffic, [create an Internet Monitor](#)

Notifications 0 0 1 1 0 0

E3U55Y8XS1QCTT

View metrics

General Security Origins Behaviors Error pages Invalidations Tags Logging

Details

Distribution domain name d25f4x1pbmSpqi.cloudfront.net

ARN arn:aws:cloudfront::471112917059:distribution/E3U55Y8XS1QCTT

Last modified Deploying

Settings

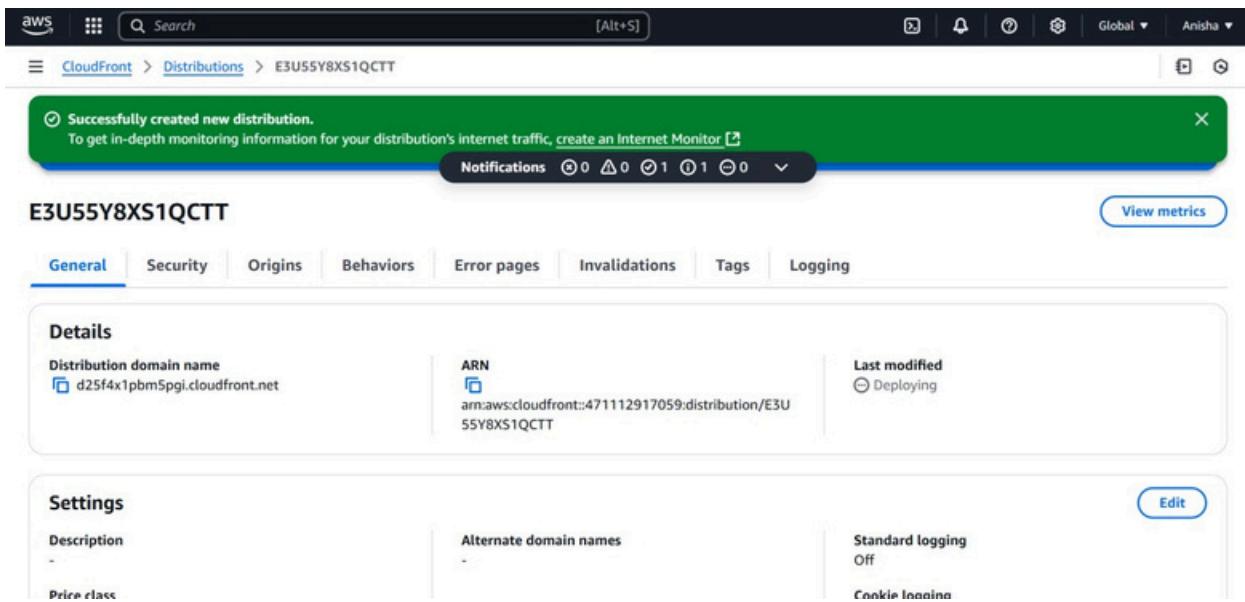
Description -

Alternate domain names -

Standard logging Off

Cookie handling

Edit



Lock Down the S3 Bucket

Amazon S3 > Buckets > myanishabucket > Edit bucket policy

Amazon S3

General purpose buckets

Directory buckets

Table buckets

Access Grants

Access Points

Object Lambda Access Points

Multi-Region Access Points

Batch Operations

IAM Access Analyzer for S3

Block Public Access settings for this account

Storage Lens

Dashboards

Storage Lens groups

AWS Organizations settings

Edit bucket policy

Bucket policy

The bucket policy, written in JSON, provides access to the objects stored in the bucket. Bucket policies don't apply to objects owned by other accounts. [Learn more](#)

Bucket ARN

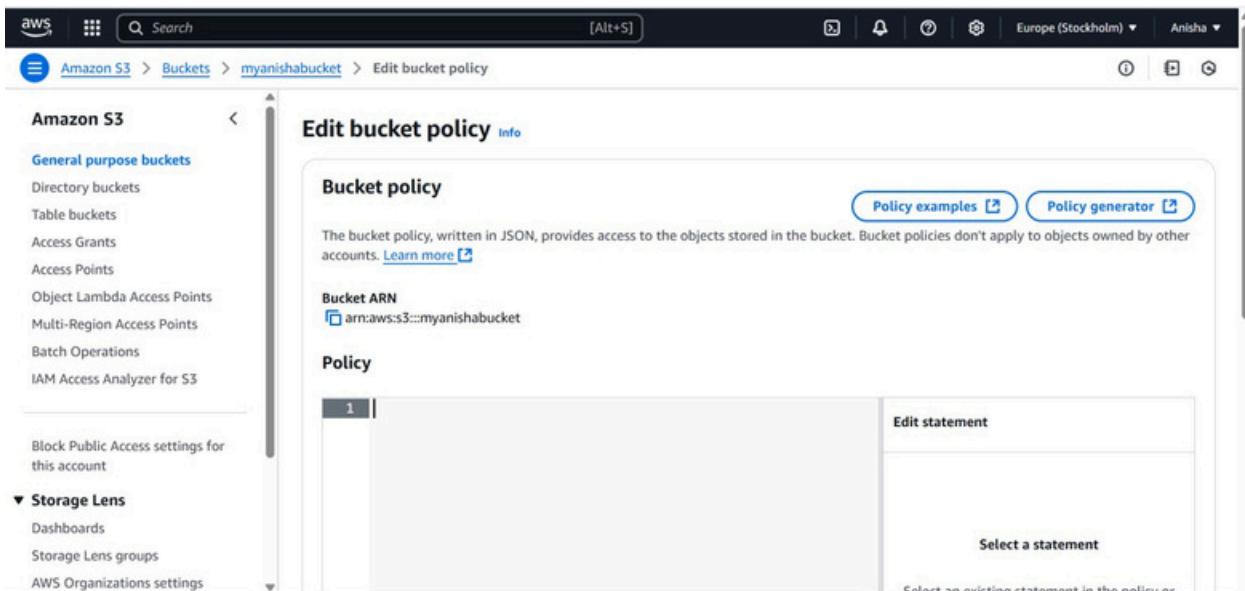
arn:aws:s3:::myanishabucket

Policy

1 | Edit statement

Select a statement

Select an existing statement in the policy or



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Amazon S3 > Buckets > myanishabucket > Edit bucket policy

Amazon S3

General purpose buckets

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Storage Lens

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1▼ {
2 "Version": "2012-10-17",
3▼ "Statement": [
4▼ {
5 "Sid": "AllowCloudFrontDAI",
6 "Effect": "Allow",
7▼ "Principal": {
8 "Service": "cloudfront.amazonaws.com"
9 },
10 "Action": "s3:GetObject",
11 "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::myanishabucket/*",
12▼ "Condition": {
13▼ "StringEquals": {
14 "AWS:SourceArn": "arn:aws:cloudfront:471112917059:distribution/E
15 "
16 }
17 },
18▼ {
19 "Sid": "AllowLambdaFunction",
20 "Effect": "Allow",
21▼ "Principal": {
22 "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::471112917059:role/LambdaS3ImageRole"
23 },
24 "Action": "s3:GetObject",
25 }

Edit statement

Select a statement

Select an existing statement in the policy or add a new statement.

+ Add new statement

Batch Operations

IAM Access Analyzer for S3

Block Public Access settings for this account

Storage Lens

- Dashboards
- Storage Lens groups
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+ Add new statement

JSON Ln 28, Col 1

Security: 0 Errors: 0 Warnings: 0 Suggestions: 0 Preview external access

Cancel Save changes

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Amazon S3 > Buckets > myanishabucket

Amazon S3

General purpose buckets

- Directory buckets
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Successfully edited bucket policy.

myanishabucket [Info](#)

Objects Properties Permissions Metrics Management Access Points

Permissions overview

Access finding

Access findings are provided by IAM external access analyzers. Learn more about [How IAM analyzer findings work](#). [View analyzer for eu-north-1](#)

Block public access (bucket settings)

Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, access point policies, or all. In order to ensure that public access to all your S3 buckets and objects is blocked, turn on Block all public access. These settings apply only to this bucket and its access points. AWS recommends that you turn on Block all public access, but before applying any of these settings, ensure that your applications will work correctly without public access. If you require some level of public access to your buckets or objects within, you can customize the individual settings below to suit your specific storage use cases. [Learn more](#)

Edit

END