



# Immersion Day

## S3 Hands-On Lab

*Getting Started with Simple Storage Service*

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## Amazon S3 Overview

Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) provides a simple web services interface that can be used to store and retrieve any amount of data, at any time, from anywhere on the web. This lab is designed to demonstrate how to interact with S3 to store, view, move and delete objects.

This lab will walk you through the following:

- Creating a bucket in S3
- Adding an object to the S3 bucket
- View the object in S3
- Move the object in S3
- Enable bucket versioning
- Delete the object and the bucket in S3

## Create a Bucket in S3

Every object in Amazon S3 is stored in a bucket. Before you can store data in Amazon S3 you must create a bucket.

**Note:** You are not charged for creating a bucket; you are only charged for storing objects in the bucket and for transferring objects in and out of the bucket.



*Whilst S3 does qualify for the Free Tier, data transfer to the internet may incur a small charge.*

1. Sign into the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon S3 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/s3>.
2. Click **Create Bucket**. The **Create a Bucket** dialog box appears.

The screenshot shows the 'Create bucket' wizard in AWS S3. The wizard is divided into four steps: 1. Name and region, 2. Configure options, 3. Set permissions, and 4. Review. Step 1 is currently active. The 'Bucket name' field is empty, with a placeholder text 'Enter DNS-compliant bucket name'. The 'Region' dropdown menu is set to 'US East (N. Virginia)'. Below this, there is a section for 'Copy settings from an existing bucket' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select bucket (optional) 27 Buckets'. At the bottom of the wizard, there are three buttons: 'Create', 'Cancel', and 'Next'.

1. Enter a bucket name in the **Bucket Name** field. The bucket name you choose must be unique across all existing bucket names in Amazon S3. One way to do that is to prefix your bucket names with your organisation's name.

Bucket names must comply with the following requirements.

Bucket names:

- Can contain lowercase letters, numbers, periods (.) and dashes (-)
- Must start with a number or letter
- Must be between 3 and 255 characters long
- Must not be formatted as an IP address (e.g., 265.255.5.4)

**Note:** There might be additional restrictions on bucket names based on the region your bucket is in or how you intend to access the object. Once you create a bucket, you cannot change its name. In addition, the bucket name is visible in the URL that points to the objects stored in the bucket. Make sure the bucket name you choose is appropriate.

2. In the **Region** drop-down list box, select a region. Click **Next**.
3. You also have the option of copying settings from an existing bucket
4. Under **Tags**, in the **Key** box, type **Purpose**, and in the **Value** box, enter **Immersion Day**.
5. Have a good look at the other options, but leave them as default for this lab. Click **Next**.

**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](#)

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**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](#)

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6. Under set permissions. We will block public access to the bucket

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

**Block public access (bucket settings)**

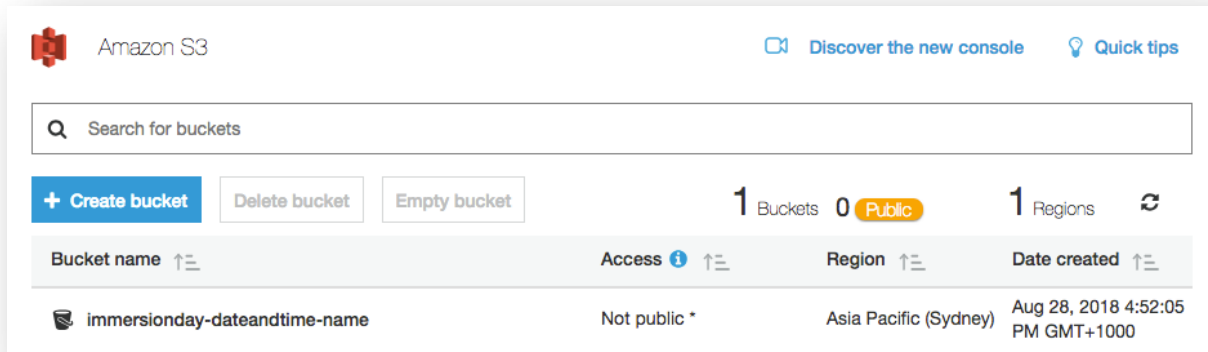
Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, or both. In order to ensure that public access to all your S3 buckets and objects is blocked, turn on **Block all public access**. These settings apply only to this bucket. AWS recommends that you turn 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](#)

☒ **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.

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7. Click on next
8. Finally, review your settings and click **Create bucket**. When Amazon S3 successfully creates your bucket, the console displays your empty bucket in the **Buckets** panel.

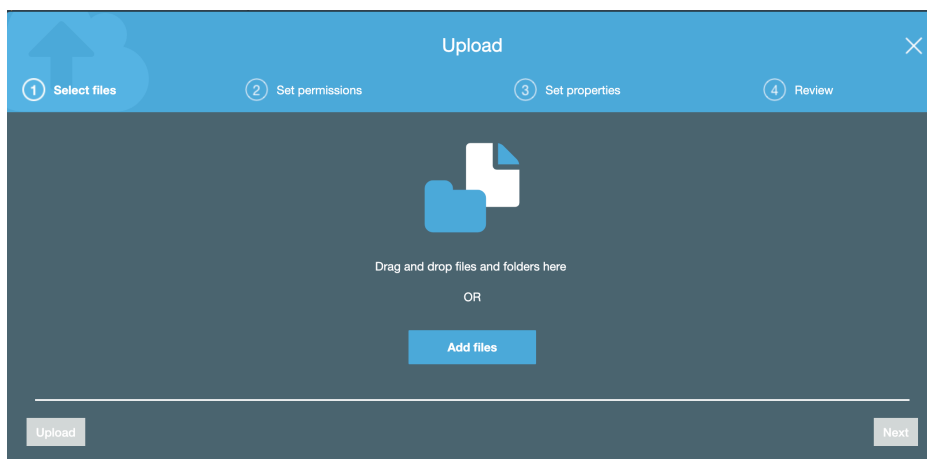


**Well done - you've created your first bucket in Amazon S3!**

## Add an Object to a Bucket

Now that you've created a bucket, you're ready to add an object to it. An object can be any kind of file: a text file, a photo, a video and so forth. When you add a file to Amazon S3, you have the option of including metadata with the file and setting permissions to control access to the file.

1. In the Amazon S3 console, click on the name of the bucket to which you want to upload an object (not the bucket icon itself, though), and then click **Upload** in the **Objects** tab. The **Upload** dialogue opens (its appearance may differ slightly between different browsers).
2. Click **Add Files** to select a file to upload. A file selection dialog box opens.



3. Select a small file to upload and click **Open**. The **Upload** dialogue shows the files and folders you've selected to upload.
4. Use the default permissions

5. For the purpose of this lab we will be using the standard tiering option. Depending on your use case you can choose other tiering options

Storage class	Designed for	Availability Zones	Min storage duration	Min billable object size	Monitoring and automation fees	Retrieval fees
<input 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	-
<input type="radio"/> Standard-IA	Long-lived, infrequently accessed data	≥ 3	30 days	128KB	-	Per-GB fees apply
<input type="radio"/> One Zone-IA	Long-lived, infrequently accessed, non-critical data	≥ 1	30 days	128KB	-	Per-GB fees apply
<input type="radio"/> Glacier	Archive data with retrieval times ranging from minutes to hours	≥ 3	90 days	-	-	Per-GB fees apply
<input type="radio"/> Glacier Deep Archive	Archive data that rarely, if ever, needs	> 3	180 days	-	-	Per-GB fees

1. Click **Upload**. You can watch the progress of the upload at the bottom of the screen. This appears as soon as the upload begins.

## Good work - you've added a file to your bucket!

### View an Object

Now that you've added an object to a bucket, you can open and view it in a browser.

1. In the Amazon S3 console, click the on the name of the object you want to open.

**Note:** By default, your Amazon S3 buckets and objects are private. To view an object using a URL, for example, <https://s3.amazonaws.com/Bucket/Object> the object must be publicly readable. Otherwise, you will need to create signed URL that includes a signature with authentication information. You can optionally save the object locally.

2. Click on the **Permissions**. **Uncheck** the block all public access

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Block public access

Access Control List

Bucket Policy

CORS configuration

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☐ 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.

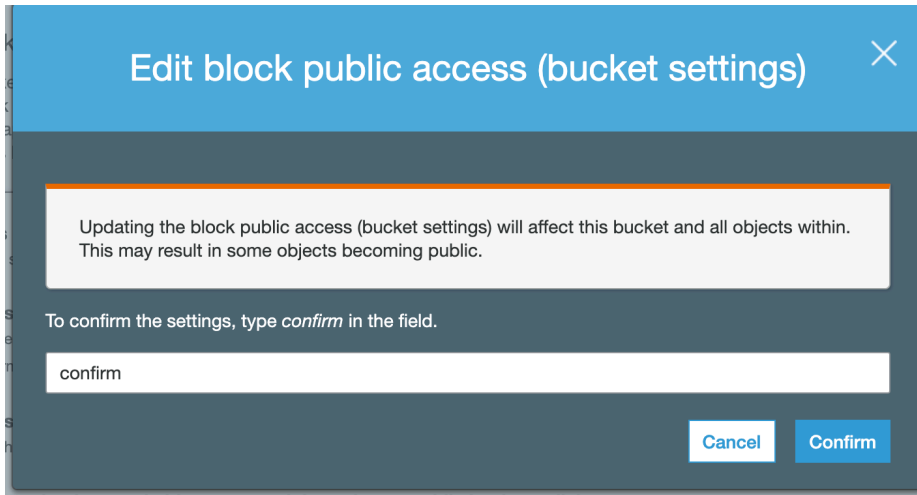
☐ Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* public bucket policies

S3 will block new bucket policies that grant public access to buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing policies that allow public access to S3 resources.

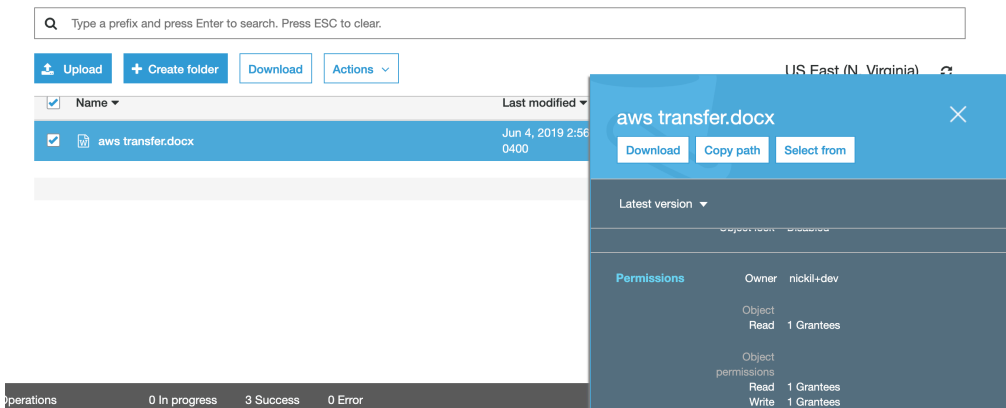
Cancel

Save

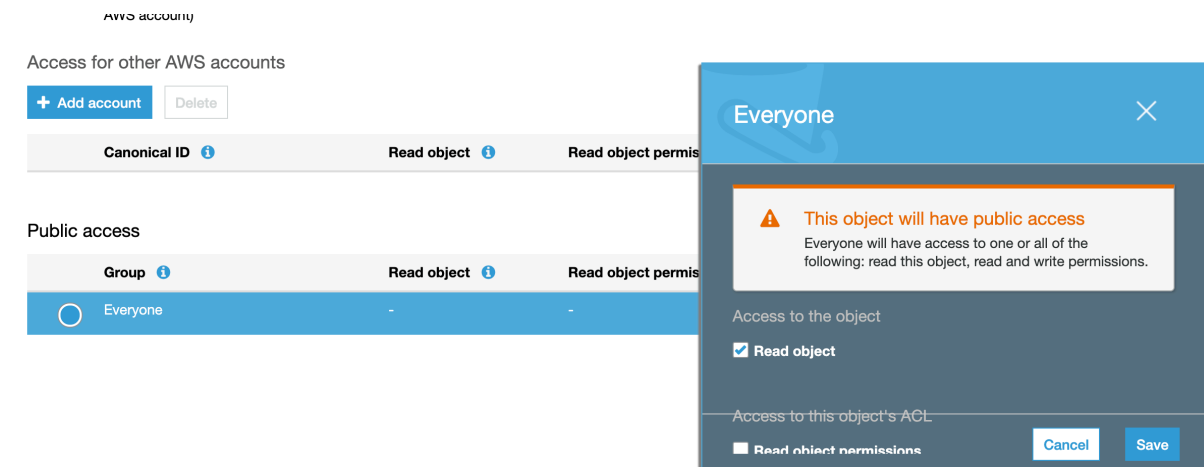
3. Type in **confirm**



- Click on overview. Navigate to the object in your bucket. Click on permissions



- Scroll down and click on **Everyone** and **check** read object. You should see the following message pop up





6. Click on the **Overview** tab, and then click on the link to your object at the bottom of the screen to view the file using your browser.

**Good job - you've retrieved your object from S3 via the web!**

## Move an Object

Now that you've added an object to a bucket and viewed it, you might like to move the object to a different bucket or folder.

1. In the Amazon S3 console, create a new bucket (reference earlier section for details).
2. Select the first bucket you created and view the list of objects.
3. Select the object(s) you want to move by clicking the selection box to their left. You can ignore the info box that opens when you select an object.
4. Once you've selected your files, click on the **More** button, and then click **Cut**.
5. Navigate to the target bucket (and folder, if applicable) to which you want to move the object, click the **More** button and then click **Paste**. At the **Cut and paste** review dialogue, confirm the action by clicking **Paste**.

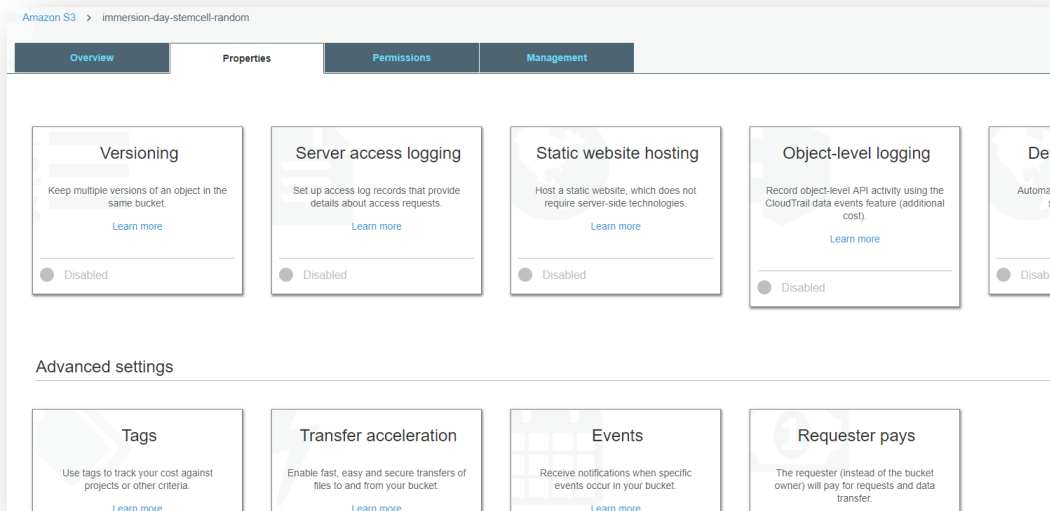
**Note:** When you move an object across buckets the previously set object permissions will persist by default.

**Congratulations - you have now moved an object between buckets.**

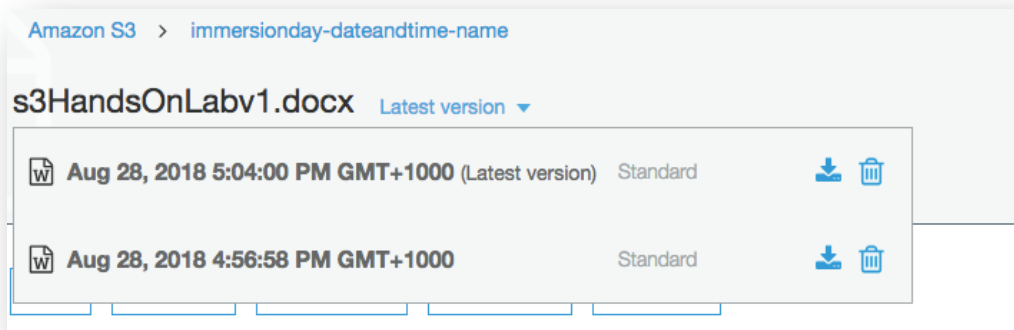
## Enable Bucket Versioning

If you want to add new version of the object to the same bucket but want to retain the old version, you can turn on bucket versioning.

1. In the S3 Console, click on the link representing the bucket you created, and then select the **Properties** tab.



2. Click on the **Versioning** tile, select the **Enable versioning** radio button, and then click **Save**.
3. Choose an object that you are able to edit on your computer, and upload it using the steps from the **Add an Object to a Bucket** section above.
4. Now open the original file on your computer and edit it, saving the updated version under the **same file name**.
5. Upload this updated file to the S3 bucket in the same way as before.
6. Now click on the object's link in the S3 bucket and click on the words **Latest version** (to the right of the object's name).



This shows the different versions of the object in the bucket. You can click on the **download** icon and view the different versions of the object.

## Delete an Object and Bucket

You've added an object to a bucket, viewed it, and moved it. Now, you can delete it and the bucket it's in.

If you no longer need to store the objects you uploaded and moved while going through this guide, you should delete them so you do not incur further charges on those objects.

9. In the Amazon S3 console, click on the link representing the bucket containing the object(s) you want to delete. Then select the object(s).
10. Click the **More** button, followed by **Delete**. To confirm the action in the **Delete objects** dialogue, click **Delete**.
11. Navigate back to the S3 console and select the bucket icon of the bucket you want to delete (not the link to its right), and at the top of the page, click **Delete bucket**. Confirm the deletion by typing its name verbatim at the **Delete bucket** prompt.



*To delete a bucket, you must first delete all of the objects in it. If you haven't deleted all of the objects in your bucket, do that now.*

**Well done, your bucket is now deleted!**

## Conclusion

In this lab you have learned the basic operations to manage the lifecycle of an S3 object. First, you created a bucket, which is the logical container of objects. Then by uploading, viewing, moving an object, and enabling versioning, you learned the basic operations of the object itself. Finally, you learned how to delete both an object and a bucket.

You should continue exploring more features of S3!

- *Did you know you can host a website entirely on S3?*
- *Did you know you can define automated lifecycle policies?*
- *How about fine-grained access control with Bucket Policy?*