

# **Object Storage with S3**

Storing (and accessing) any files from anywhere

- Understanding S3
- Buckets, Settings & Accessing Files
- Beyond Simple Storage: Static Websites & File Archival



## **Understanding Object Storage**

Focus on the file, not the underlying system





Store any kind of file with (almost) any kind of size



### Simple Storage Service (S3) Key Features



File Storage

Upload via console, CLI, HTTP API, SDK, ...

Delete & read via console, CLI, etc.



**Buckets** 

Files are organized in buckets ("folders")

Buckets are regional

Unique name required



No File System

Flat structure, no directories

Prefixes help with organizing files



Detailed Permissions
System

Control bucket- and file-level access

Via Bucket Policies (Recommended)

Via ACLs



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S3 does not provide a file system where you could create subfolders. Instead, all files are stored in buckets.

You can create as many buckets as needed.



## **Storage Classes**

Frequent Access

Accessed very frequently (e.g., every second / minute ...)

Instant access required



Highest flexibility but no cost savings

Different file access patterns

**Infrequent Access** 

Accessed infrequently / only from time to time

Instant access possible



Cost savings but retrieval cost

**Archive** 

Almost never accessed

Instant access not always possible



High cost savings but less flexibility

**S3 Intelligent Tiering** 



#### S3 Advanced Features



Versioning

Store multiple versions of a file



Lifecycle Management

Transition files between classes



Inventory & Analytics

Understand stored files & data



Compliance & Object Lock

Prevent object deletion / changes



Replication

(Auto-)replicate objects cross-bucket



Data Protection & Encryption

Automatically encrypt stored data



Static Website Hosting

Upload & host (static) website files



#### S3 vs EBS vs EFS



**EBS**Elastic Block Store

Attachable hard drives

EC2 only

Automatic scaling & multi attach possible



**EFS**Elastic File System

Attachable file systems

Multiple services

Automatic scaling & multi attach are key features



Simple Storage Service

Independent object storage

Access with or without services

Unlimited scaling built-in



### Summary



S3 - Object Storage

Focus on the objects / files, not the underlying system

Organize files into buckets

Access (upload, delete, retrieve) via services, CLI, HTTP API, ...



**Managing Objects & Storage** 

Different storage classes for different access patterns

Lifecycle management

Fine-grained permission management

Encryption possible



**Advanced Features** 

Inventory overview & data analytics

Static website hosting

Versioning & object lock

Cross-region or single-region cross-bucket replication