

# **Secure Cloud Storage & Backup Management System**

## **Introduction**

This project demonstrates a secure cloud-based storage and backup solution. It ensures data availability, controlled access, and recovery from failures using cloud storage services.

## **Problem Statement**

An organization has lost critical internal documents due to accidental deletion and disk failures. There is no backup policy, no retention strategy, and no centralized access control. Management demands a secure cloud-based storage and backup solution that ensures data availability and controlled access.

## **Objectives**

- Store business files in cloud storage
- Take periodic backups
- Restore snapshots in case of failure
- Restrict access based on roles (admin/user)
- Understand storage performance (IOPS, throughput)

## Architecture

The system uses cloud object or block storage. Files are uploaded to cloud storage, snapshots are taken periodically, and access is controlled using IAM roles.

The image shows two screenshots of the AWS Management Console. The top screenshot is the 'Create bucket' page for the 'us-east-2' region. It displays the 'General configuration' section with the following details:

- AWS Region:** US East (Ohio) us-east-2
- Bucket type:** General purpose (selected), Directory
- Bucket name:** cloud-storage-bucket-mk
- Copy settings from existing bucket - optional:** Choose bucket

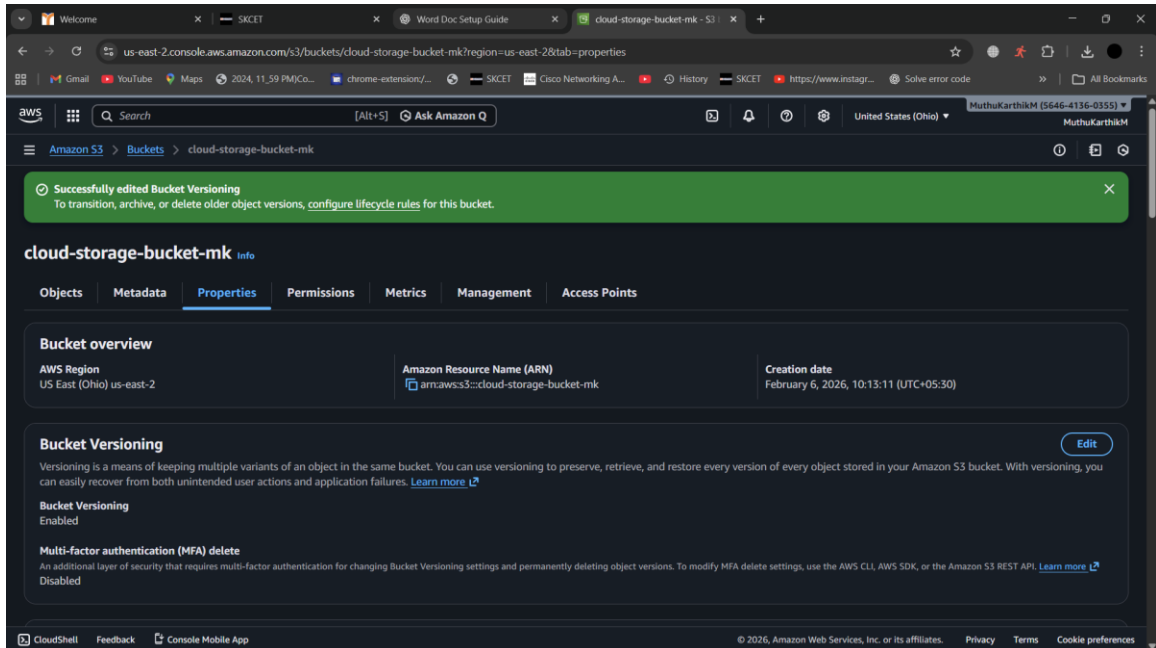
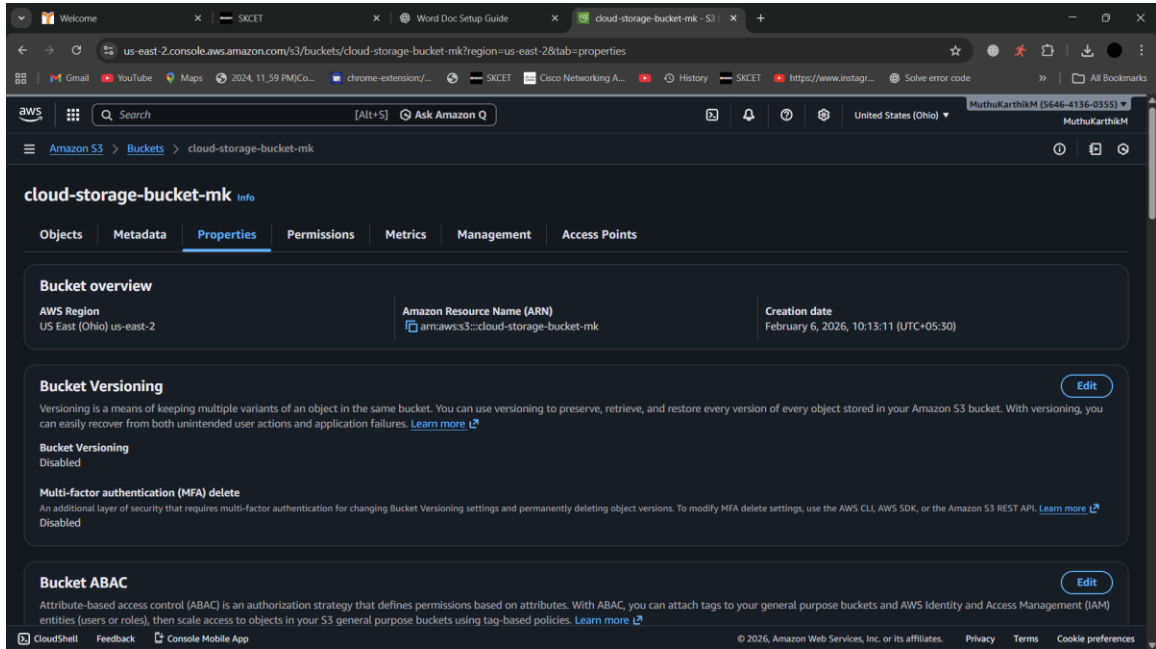
The bottom screenshot shows the 'Buckets' page, indicating that the bucket 'cloud-storage-bucket-mk' has been successfully created. It lists the bucket under 'General purpose buckets' with the following details:

Name	AWS Region	Creation date
cloud-storage-bucket-mk	US East (Ohio) us-east-2	February 6, 2025, 10:13:11 (UTC+05:30)

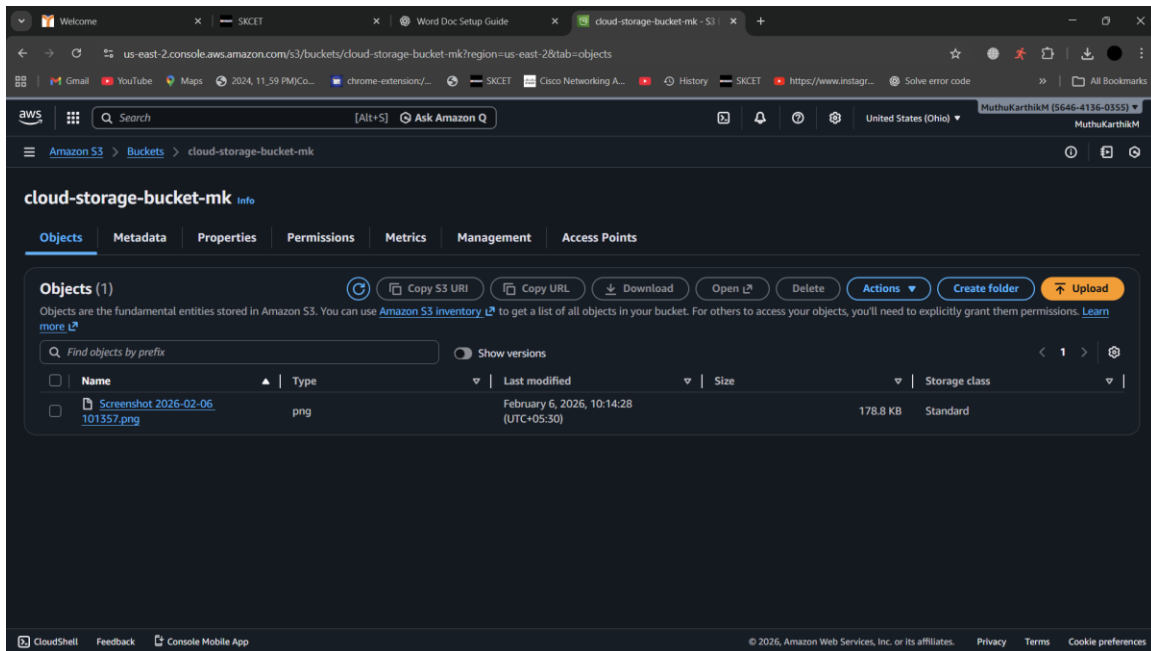
Additional features visible on the 'Buckets' page include 'Account snapshot' (Updated daily) and 'External access summary' (Updated daily).

# Implementation Steps

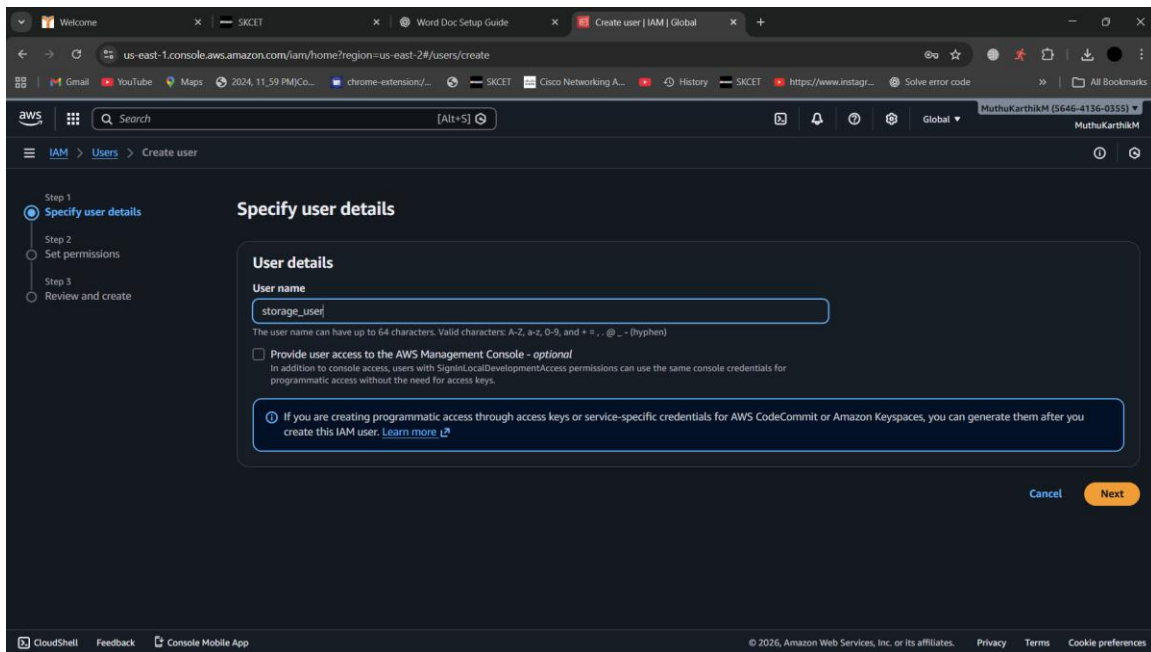
## Step 1: Enable Backup/Snapshot Feature



## Step 2: Upload Files



## Step 3: Configure Access Control (Admin/User)



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IAM > Users > Create user

Step 1  
Specify user details

Step 2  
Set permissions

Step 3  
Review and create

### Set permissions

Add user to an existing group or create a new one. Using groups is a best-practice way to manage user's permissions by job functions. [Learn more](#)

Permissions options

☐ Add user to group

Add user to an existing group, or create a new group. We recommend using groups to manage user permissions by job function.

☐ Copy permissions

Copy all group memberships, attached managed policies, and inline policies from an existing user.

☒ Attach policies directly

Attach a managed policy directly to a user. As a best practice, we recommend attaching policies to a group instead. Then, add the user to the appropriate group.

Permissions policies (1/1445)

Create policy

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

Filter by Type

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☒ Policy name

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☒ AmazonS3ReadOnlyAccess

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Set permissions boundary - optional

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Analyzer settings

User created successfully

You can view and download the user's password and email instructions for signing in to the AWS Management Console.

View user

Users (2) Info

DeleteCreate user

An IAM user is an identity with long-term credentials that is used to interact with AWS in an account.

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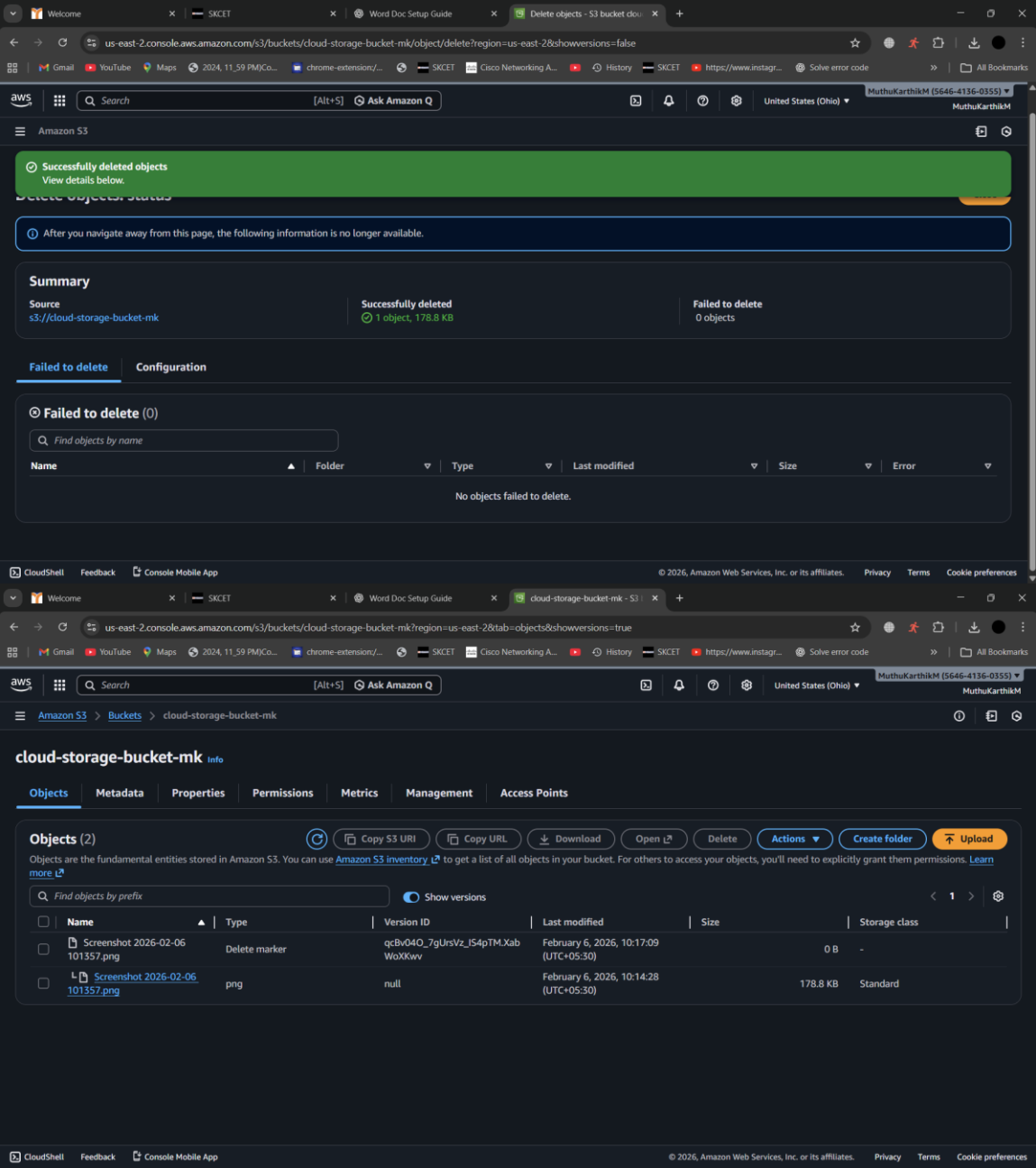
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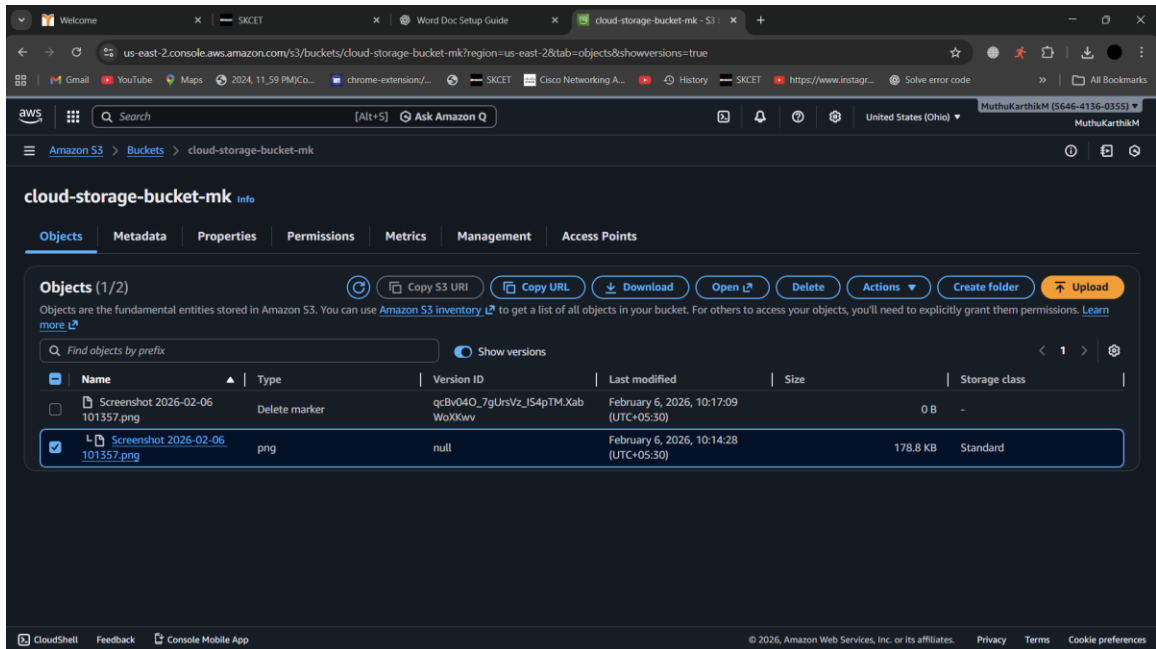
## Step 4: Simulate Failure and Restore Data

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for the 'cloud-storage-bucket-mk' bucket. The top navigation bar shows the AWS logo, a search bar, and the user's profile 'MuthuKarthikM'. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Amazon S3 > Buckets > cloud-storage-bucket-mk.

The main content area is titled 'cloud-storage-bucket-mk' and includes tabs for Objects, Metadata, Properties, Permissions, Metrics, Management, and Access Points. The 'Objects' tab is active, showing a list of objects. There is one object named 'Screenshot 2026-02-06 101357.png' with a size of 178.8 KB and a storage class of 'Standard'. The object was last modified on February 6, 2026, at 10:14:28 (UTC+05:30).

Below the object list, there is a 'Delete objects' section. It contains a warning message: 'If a folder is selected for deletion, all objects in the folder will be deleted, and any new objects added while the delete action is in progress might also be deleted. If an object is selected for deletion, any new objects with the same name that are uploaded before the delete action is completed will also be deleted.' It also states: 'Deleting the specified objects adds delete markers to them. If you need to undo the delete action, you can delete the delete markers.' The 'Specified objects' section shows the same object selected for deletion. At the bottom, there is a confirmation prompt: 'Delete objects? To confirm deletion, type delete in the text input field.' The input field contains the word 'delete'. The bottom right corner has 'Cancel' and 'Delete objects' buttons.





## Security Features

- Encryption at rest
- Encryption in transit
- Role-based access control
- Backup retention policy

## Recovery Process

In case of accidental deletion or disk failure, the admin restores data using snapshots or backups.

## Conclusion

This project ensures reliable and secure cloud storage with proper backup and recovery mechanisms.