

How to Delete Large Buckets in Amazon S3

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While reviewing our Amazon S3 account earlier this week, I came across an old unused bucket that had apparently sat dormant for an embarrassingly long time. As great as cloud hosting may be, paying for excess stuff you don't use or need is simply idiotic – hence my determination to rid this problem in 5 minutes.

Unfortunately, I found out S3 buckets cannot be deleted when there are files inside it. Also, if you have a few hundred thousand files in a bucket, trying to list those files will crash most if not all UI based S3 tools that have a limit of listing only 1,000 files at one time.