Here are the step-by-step instructions to create an S3 bucket and upload files via the AWS Management Console (GUI):

✓ Step 1: Log in to AWS Console

- 1. Go to https://console.aws.amazon.com/
- 2. Sign in with your AWS credentials.

✓ Step 2: Open the S3 Service

- 1. In the AWS Console, type "S3" in the search bar.
- 2. Click on **S3** under Services to open the S3 dashboard.

▼ Step 3: Create a New Bucket

- 1. Click the "Create bucket" button.
- 2. Enter a unique bucket name (globally unique across AWS).
- 3. Choose the AWS Region where you want the bucket.
- 4. (Optional) Adjust settings like:
 - Versioning
 - o Default encryption
 - o Block Public Access (recommended: keep it ON unless needed)
- 5. Click "Create bucket" at the bottom.

✓ Step 4: Upload Files to the Bucket

- 1. Click the bucket name you just created to open it.
- 2. Click the "Upload" button.
- 3. In the **Upload** window:
 - Click "Add files" to select files from your computer.
 - o (Optional) Click "Add folder" if uploading an entire folder.
- 4. Leave storage class and encryption settings as default unless needed.
- 5. Click "Upload" to begin the upload.

Step 5: Verify Upload

- After upload, you'll see your file(s) listed in the bucket.
- Click a file to view its **properties**, **object URL**, or **permissions**.

✓ Step 5: Modify Bucket Settings

- 1. In the S3 console, click your **bucket name** to open it.
- 2. Go to the "Permissions" tab.
- 3. Under Block public access (bucket settings), click Edit.
- 4. Uncheck "Block all public access" (or adjust as needed).
- 5. Check the acknowledgment box and click "Save changes".

✓ Step 6: Set Bucket ACL (Access Control List)

1. Still in the **Permissions** tab, scroll to **Access Control List (ACL)**.

- 2. Under Access to this bucket, click Edit.
- 3. (Optional) Add public access by granting "List" permission to Everyone (public access) if needed.
- 4. Save your changes.

⚠ Note: Granting ACL-based public access is not recommended for most cases — consider using a **bucket policy** instead (see Step 7).

✓ Step 7: Make Object Public

- 1. Go to the **Objects** tab.
- 2. Click the file you uploaded.
- 3. Click the "Permissions" tab.
- 4. Under Access Control List, click Edit.
- 5. Under Public access, check the box for "Read" next to Everyone (public access).
- 6. Click Save changes.

✓ Step 8: Test Public Access

- 1. Go to the file's **Properties** tab.
- 2. Copy the **Object URL**.
- 3. Paste it into a browser to verify it's publicly accessible.

Here's how to continue and **enable versioning** for your S3 bucket via the AWS Management Console:

- 1. In the AWS S3 console, go to your **bucket**.
- 2. Click the "Properties" tab.
- 3. Scroll down to the "Bucket Versioning" section.
- 4. Click "Edit".
- 5. Select "Enable".
- 6. Click "Save changes".

▼ Step 10: Confirm Versioning

- 1. Still in the **Properties** tab, ensure the **Versioning status** shows as **Enabled**.
- 2. From now on:
 - Uploading a new file with the same name will retain the old version.
 - You can **see all versions** under the "Versions" toggle in the **Objects** tab.

✓ Step 11: View & Manage Versions

- 1. In your bucket's **Objects** tab, enable the "Show versions" checkbox.
- 2. You'll now see:
 - Each object version listed separately.
 - A "null" version if the file existed before versioning was enabled.