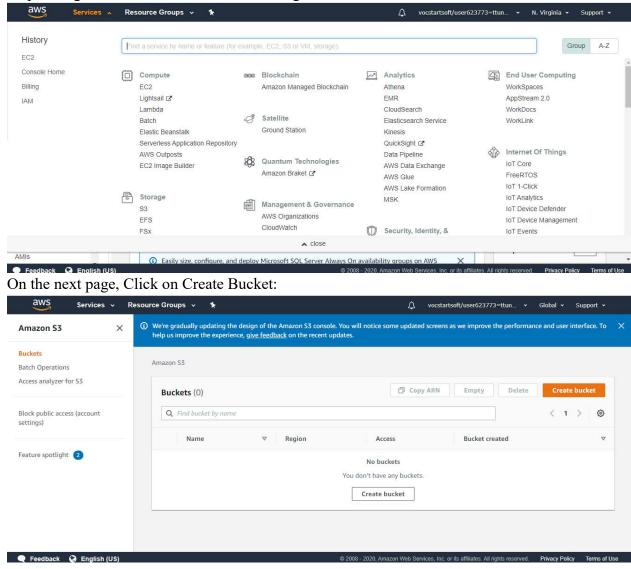
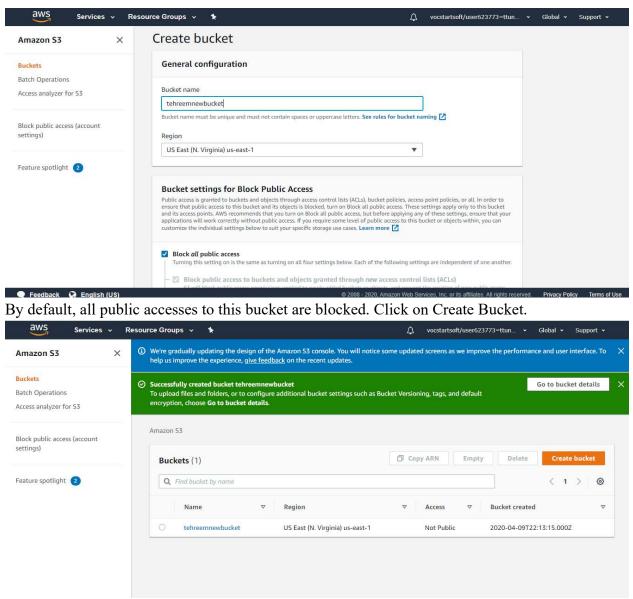
Lab Assignment #3

1) Create an S3 Bucket:

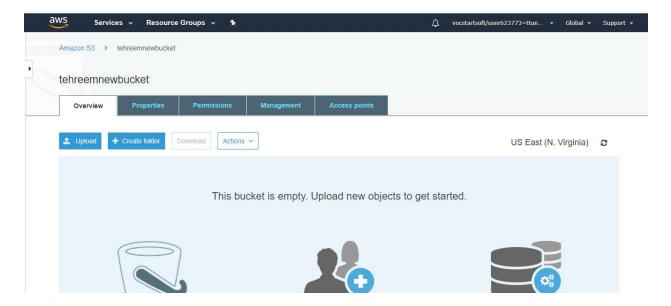
Step 1: Login to Amazon AWS account and go to EC dashboard. Select S3.



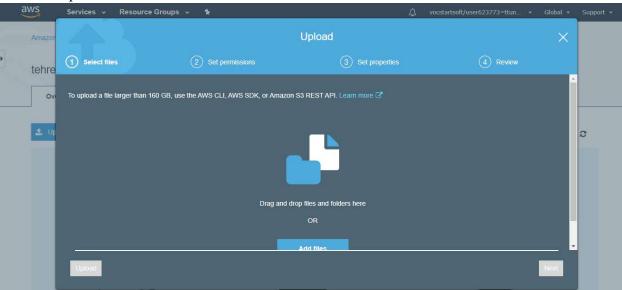
Give the bucket a unique name:



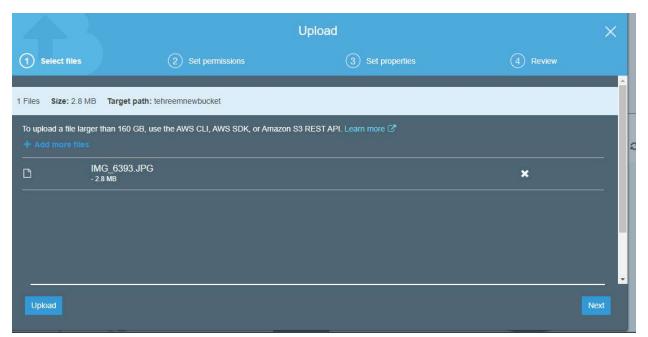
Step 2: Uploading an image to this newly created bucket: Click on your bucket name as shown on the previous screen.



Click on Upload button:

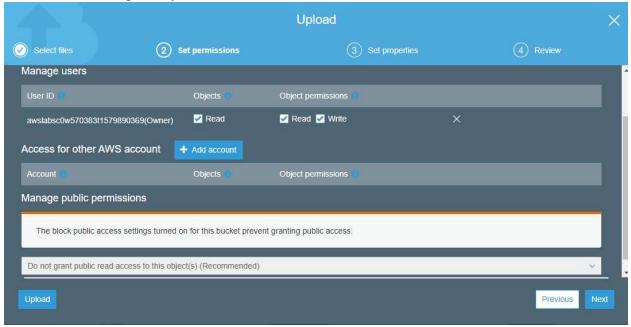


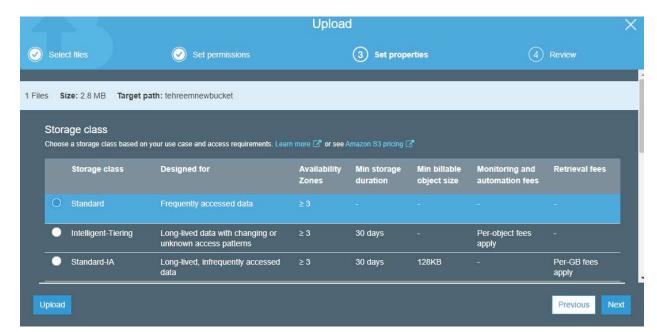
Click on Add Files. Select the image file you want to upload.



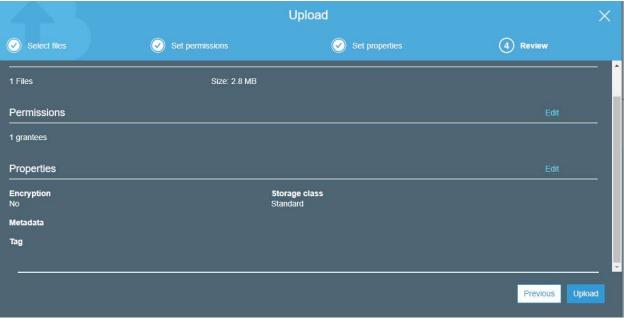
Click on Next.

In order to make it publicly accessible,

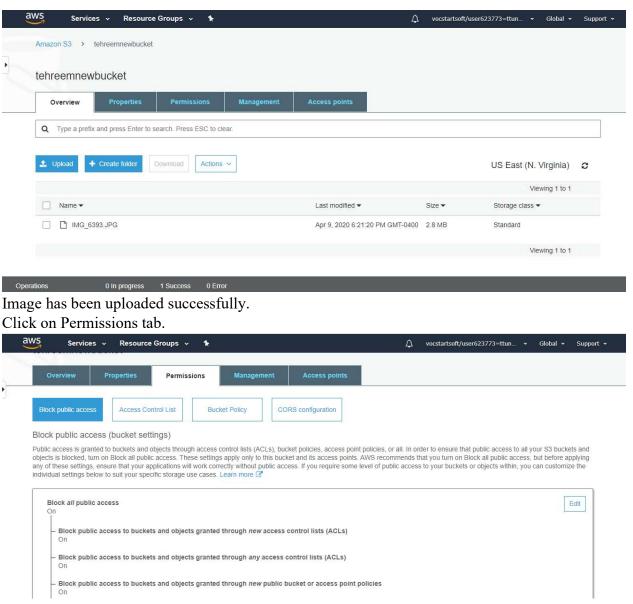




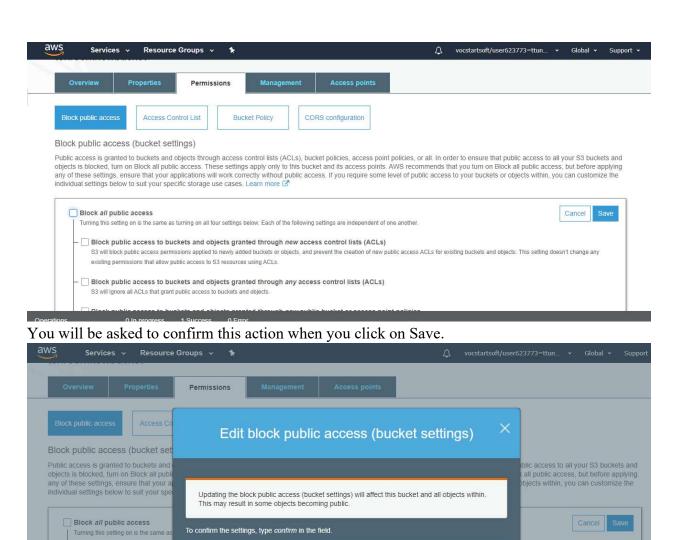
As of now only I am the one who can see the image.



Click Upload.



Click Edit and uncheck the Block all public access checkbox:



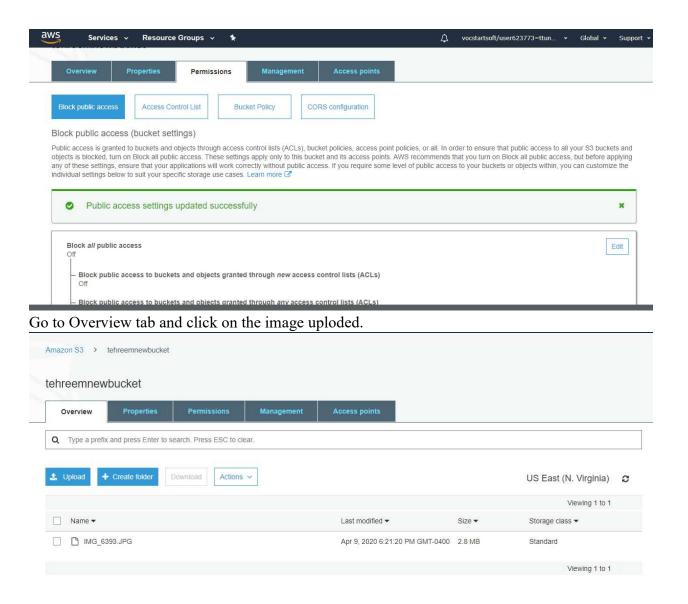
cts. This setting doesn't change any

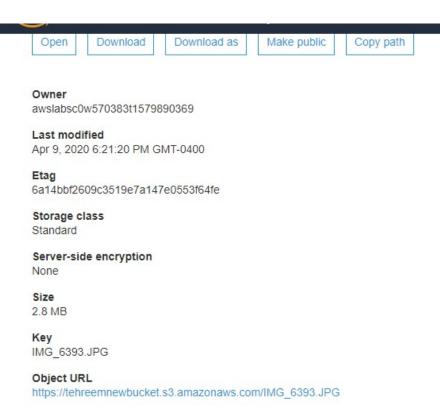
confirm

S3 will ignore all ACLs that grant public access to buckets and objects

Block public access to but

existing permissions that allow put





Click on Make Public and then Click on Object URL.

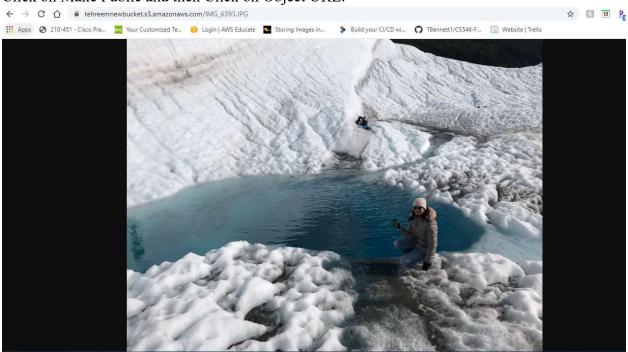
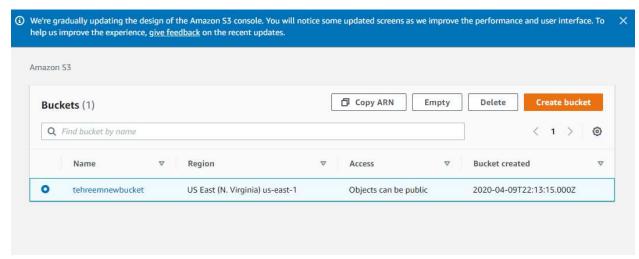


Image is displayed successfully!



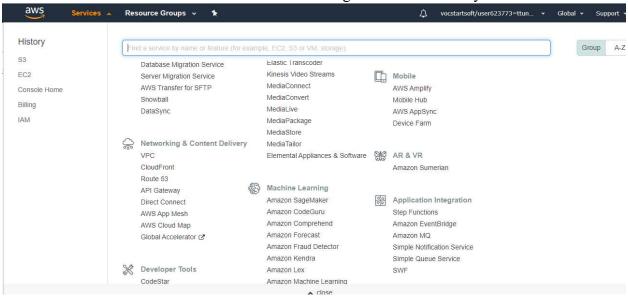
Click on Copy ARN:

arn:aws:s3:::tehreemnewbucket

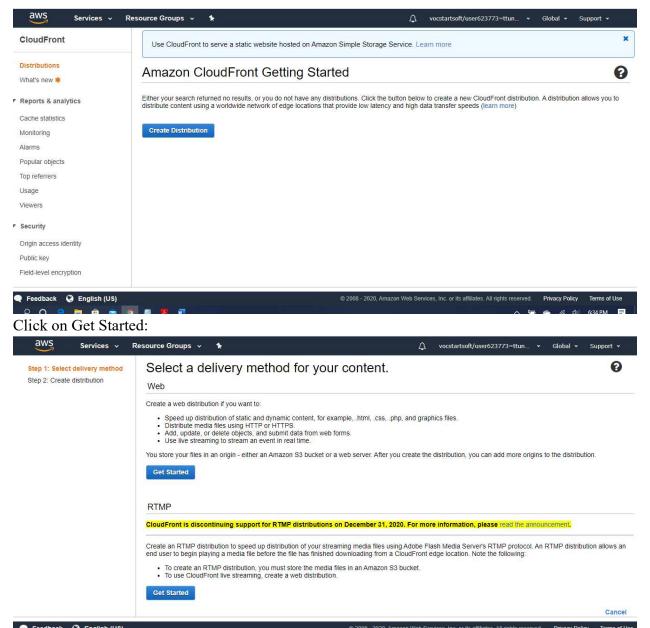
is the arn for my bucket.

2) Create a Web Distribution in Cloud Front:

Go to EC2 dashboard and under Services>Networking & Content Delivery>CloudFront:



Click on Create Distribution on the next page:



https://tehreemnewbucket.s3.amazonaws.com/IMG_6393.JPG is the Origin name of my bucket.

The first parameter it asks for is Origin domain Name.

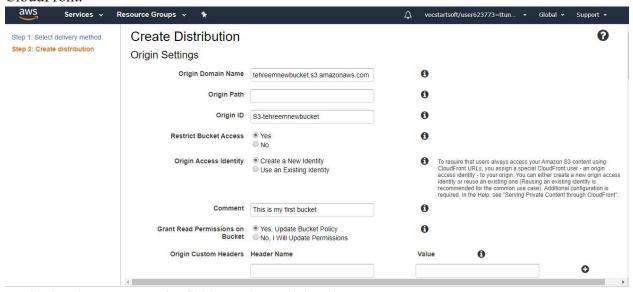
Origin Domain Name is the DNS domain name of the Amazon S3 bucket from which you want CloudFront to get objects for this origin. The file must be publicly readable unless you secure your content in Amazon S3 by using a CloudFront origin access identity.

Origin Path: If you want CloudFront to request your content from a directory in your Amazon S3 bucket or your custom origin, enter the directory name here Origin ID: This value lets you distinguish multiple origins in the same distribution from one another.

Many other fields are available like whether you want to have viewer policy as HTTP or HTTPS and whether it should be GET,POST,PUT,PATCH,DELETE. Since it is just an image that I am accessing, I will stick to GET request.

And GET is also the default!

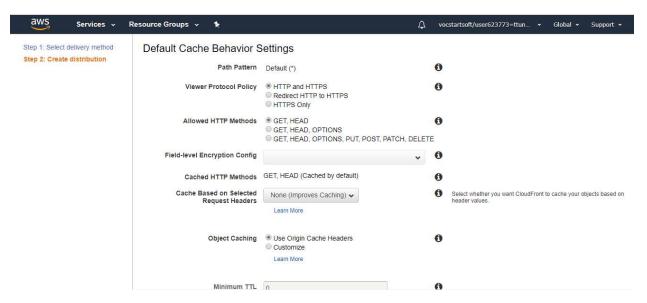
In order to restrict access to content that you serve from Amazon S3 buckets, you create CloudFront signed URLs or signed cookies. Then you create a special CloudFront user called an origin access identity (OAI) and associate it with your distribution. Then you configure permissions so that CloudFront can use the OAI to access and serve files to your users, but users can't use a direct URL to the S3 bucket to access a file there. Taking these steps help you maintain secure access to the files that you serve through CloudFront.



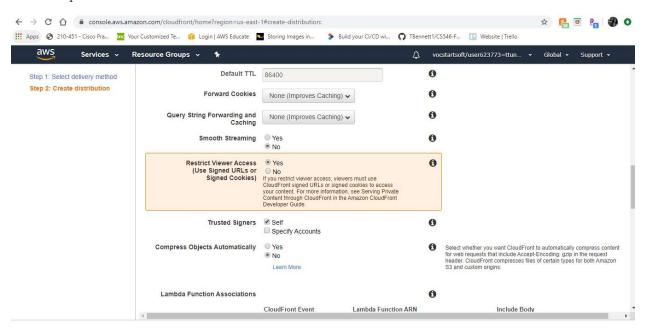
So, in the above screen, the fields can be explained as:

- Origin Domain Name, I selected my bucket from the dropdown(When you click on the text box, you get a dropdown list automatically).
- Origin ID: It lets you distinguish your bucket from other buckets on Amazon. This value was automatically filled when I selected my bucket's origin domain name.
- Restrict Bucket Access: It is important to set to parameter to "Yes" if you want the bucket's access be restricted to allow only users with CloudFront signed URL's to access it. This is important in terms of security.
- Origin Access Identity: Since we want to create a new OAI, which can access our bucket, select "Create a new Identity".
- Comment: For a new OAI, this field can be replaced by a short description about the bucket.
- Grant read Permissions on Bucket: I selected "Yes, update Bucket Policy". CloudFront updates bucket permissions to grant the specified OAI permission to read files in your bucket. However, CloudFront does not remove existing permissions. If users currently have permission to access the files in your bucket

using Amazon S3 URLs, they will still have that permission after CloudFront updates your bucket permissions. To view or remove existing bucket permissions, use a method provided by Amazon S3. If the other option, "No, I Will Update Permissions" is selected, then you need to manually update permissions on your S3 bucket.



I have kept all the other values to default.

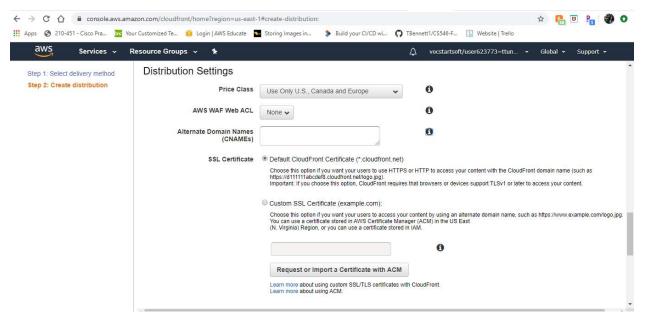


You can also restrict viewer access. If this is chose, only users with signed URLs or Signed Cookies will be able to view the content.

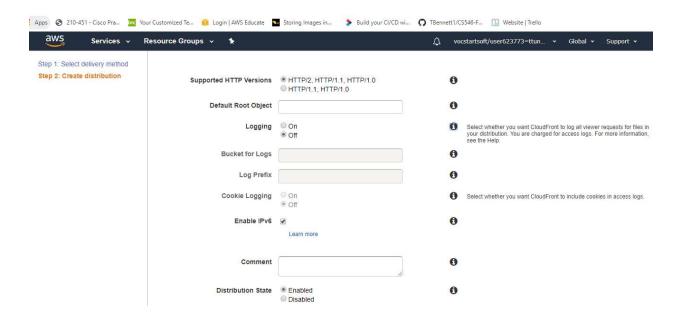
You can also specify trusted accounts i.e. Choose whether you want to use the current AWS account and/or other AWS accounts to create signed URLs or signed cookies. If you choose to Specify Accounts, it asks for Account numbers so that CloudFront can

create Signed URLs or Signed Cookies for those particular accounts. Since I do not want to add any other account, I selected "Self".

Lambda function associations can also be specified i.e. Specify Lambda function ARNs to associate with specific event types, up to one ARN per event type. By selecting Include Body, you can also choose to read the request body for viewer request and origin request events.

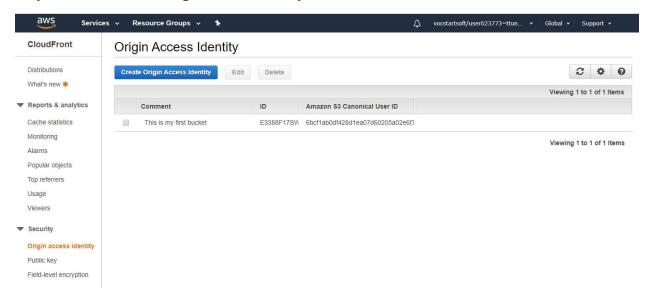


Since I am not concerned about someone other than US, Canada and Europe accessing, I do not want to pay more to include everyone in the world, so selected this option. So, users apart from these three regions may experience higher latency.



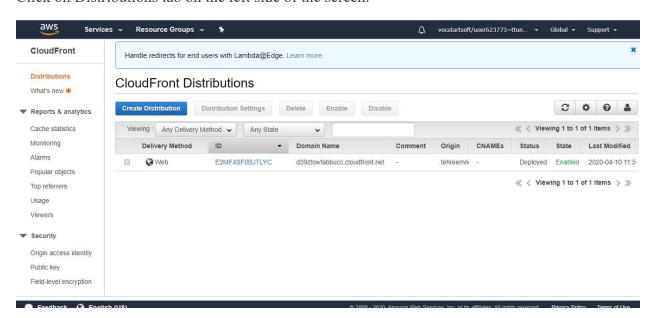
Amazon will charge extra for Logging, so I turned it off. Click on Create Distribution.

As you can see, a new Origin Access Identity has been created.



3) Note the domain name of your distribution:

Click on Distributions tab on the left side of the screen:



The distribution has successfully been deployed!

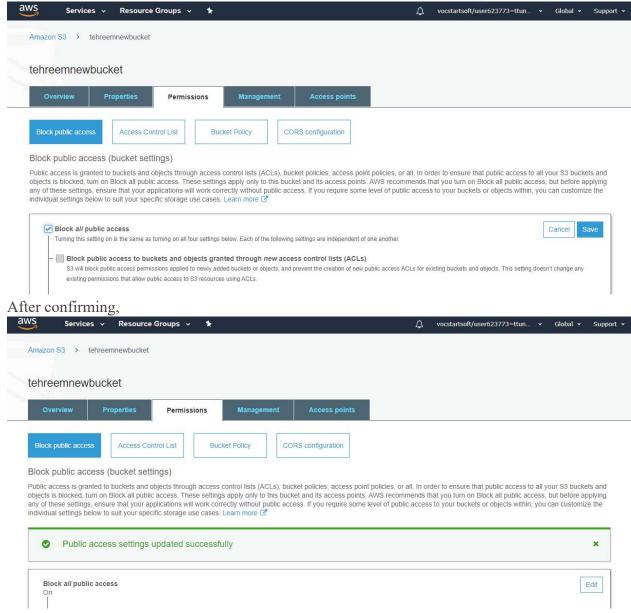
The domain name of the distribution is:

d39ztowfabbucc.cloudfront.net

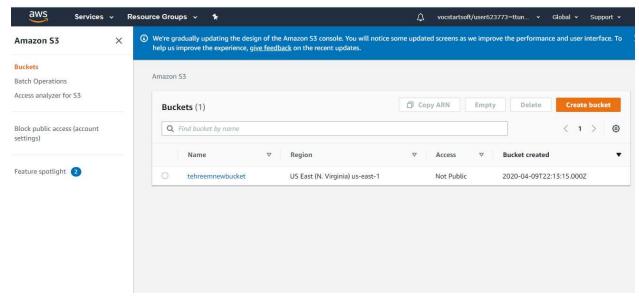
4) Going back to the bucket and disabling public read access:

Select S3 from Services on EC2 dashboard and go to your bucket. When I clicked on the bucket, Object URL, I was able to see the image.

Now go to Permissions tab and select to block public access and click on Save.



5) Click again on Object URL of the image:



Click on the name of bucket, Go to Overview tab and Click on the Image, Object URL: After some 2 minutes, click on Object URL:



Since I disabled the Public Access parameter, I am unable to access the image through the Object URL. So earlier, when the bucket was publicly accessible, anyone who had my bucket's object URL could go and see it using it. Now, since the access is not public anymore, the bucket cannot be accessed by anyone publicly. It will securely be accessed only through the CloudFront's secure URL. This is a security feature which is very essential as you do not want anyone to access your data.

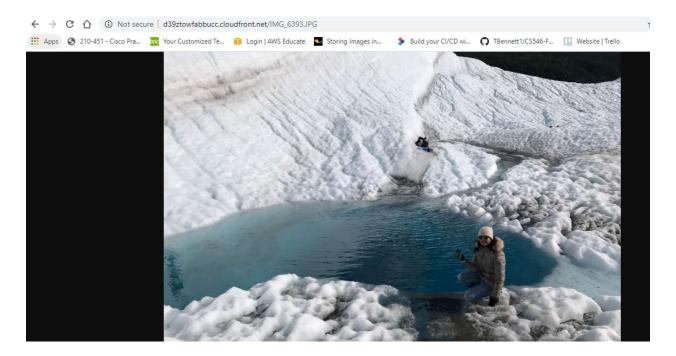
6) Now change the Object URL to replace some part of it by your distribution's domain name so that that it displays the image.



This error is because I restricted viewer access earlier to signed URLs or Signed Cookies only. Go to Distributions and Edit Restrict Viewer access by Selecting No:

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Edit Behavior								
Forward Cookies	None (Improves Caching)	v]	0					
Query String Forwarding and Caching	None (Improves Caching)	~	0					
Smooth Streaming	○ Yes ● No		0					
Restrict Viewer Access (Use Signed URLs or Signed Cookies)	○ Yes ● No		0					
Compress Objects Automatically	● Yes ● No Learn More		0					
Lambda Function Associations			0					
	CloudFront Event	Lambda Function ARN		Include Body				
	Select Event Type 🗸				0			
	Learn More							
							Cancel	Yes, Edit

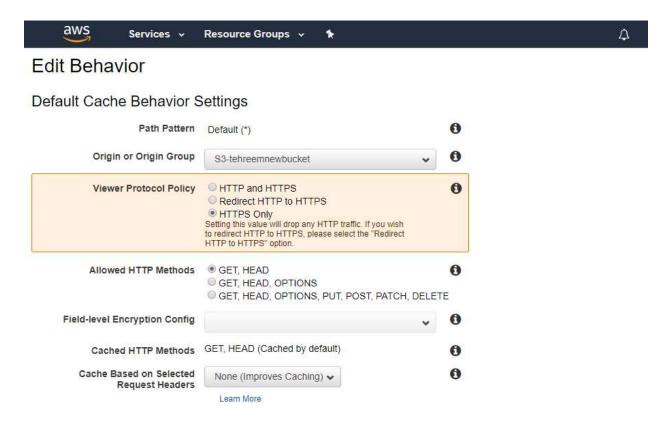
Now edit the object URL and check again:



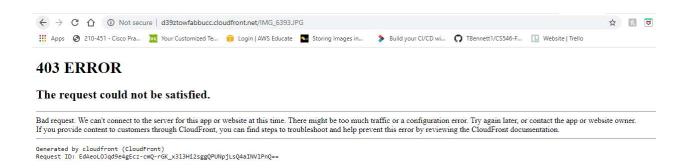
I did not experience any latency when the image was loading (This may be due to the fact that I included only US, Euro and Canada). In fact, the **speed increased** after creating the CDN.

Extra Steps:

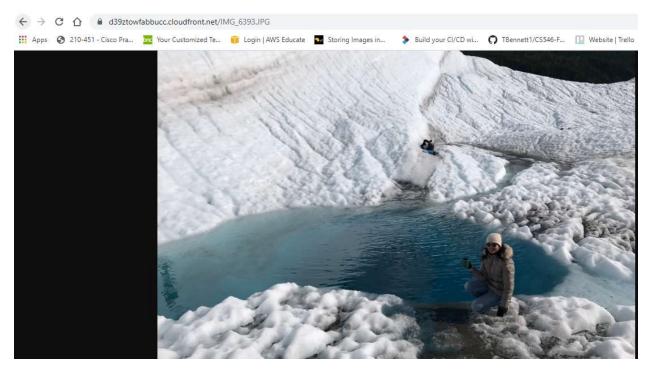
Experimenting more with other fields:



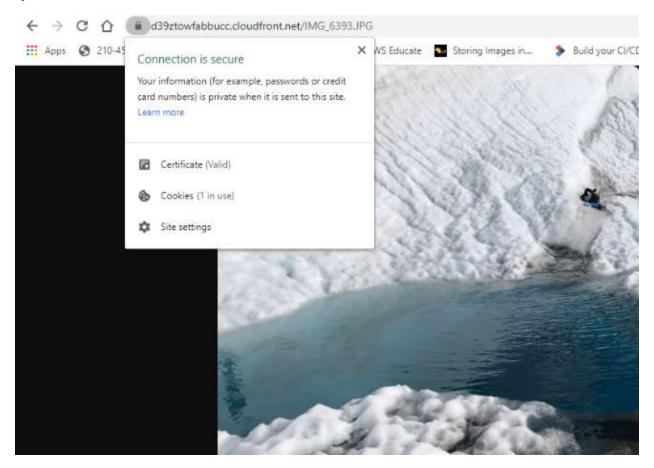
Now my site should not be accessible if I put http://d39ztowfabbucc.cloudfront.net/IMG 6393.JPG



Using https://d39ztowfabbucc.cloudfront.net/IMG_6393.JPG Also, notice that the "Not Secure" besides the address bar has now turned into a lock/secure symbol:



This shows that the connection is secure through HTTP and TLS. If you click on the lock symbol, it shows:



Companies which are in media, entertainment, gaming, software, online retail and many more which have digital rich content on their website and want to deliver the same to their audience quickly and reliably can use CDN. Consumers want a high-quality online experience whether they are watching a movie, streaming an event, playing a game or shopping online. Using CDNs results in an increase of performance, thus giving the end users an enhanced consumer experience.

Here are few of the benefits of using a CDN for your website:

1. Your Server Load Will Decrease:

As a result of, strategically placed servers which form the backbone of the network the companies can have an increase in capacity and number of concurrent users that they can handle. Essentially, the content is spread out across several servers, as opposed to offloading them onto one large server.

2. Content Delivery Will Become Faster:

Due to higher reliability, operators can deliver high-quality content with a high level of service, low network server loads, and thus, lower costs. Moreover, jQuery is ubiquitous on the web. There's a high probability that someone visiting a particular page has already done that in the past using the Google CDN. Therefore, the file has already been cached by the browser and the user won't need to download again.

3. Segmenting Your Audience Becomes Easy:

CDNs can deliver different content to different users depending on the kind of device requesting the content. They are capable of detecting the type of mobile devices and can deliver a device-specific version of the content.

4. Lower Network Latency And Packet Loss:

End users experience less jitter and improved stream quality. CDN users can, therefore, deliver high definition content with high Quality of Service, low costs, and low network load.

5. Higher Availability And Better Usage Analytics:

CDNs dynamically distribute assets to the strategically placed core, fallback, and edge servers. CDNs can give more control of asset delivery and network load. They can optimize capacity per customer, provide views of real-time load and statistics, reveal which assets are popular, show active regions and report exact viewing details to customers. CDNs can thus offer 100% availability, even with large power, network or hardware outages.

6. Storage And Security:

CDNs offer secure storage capacity for content such as videos for enterprises that need it, as well as archiving and enhanced data backup services. CDNs can secure content through Digital Rights Management and limit access through user authentication.

Source: [https://www.bluepiit.com/blog/6-advantages-of-using-a-content-delivery-network-cdn/]