

Set up an SFTP server on AWS using the AWS Transfer Family service. Ensure the SFTP site is accessible using a username and password for authentication

prerequisites

1. An S3 Bucket
- 2: IAM Role with Permissions
3. AWS Transfer Family Endpoint
4. User Configuration
5. Networking and Security
6. Testing SFTP Access Use an SFTP client (e.g., FileZilla, WinSCP, or CLI `sftp` command)

What is AWS Transfer Family

AWS Transfer Family is a managed file transfer service that supports the transfer of files over SFTP, AS2, FTPS, and FTP directly into and out of Amazon S3 or Amazon EFS. In essence, it is a managed file server service that makes it very easy to set up a server to facilitate the supported protocols.

Step1: go to AWS account ----> navigate to AWS Transfer Family click on create then it shows like this

Select the SFTP protocol as shown below and click next.

Choose protocols

Select the protocols you want to enable [Info](#)

Choose one or more file transfer protocols over which clients can connect to your server's endpoint

- ☒ SFTP (SSH File Transfer Protocol) - file transfer over Secure Shell
- ☐ AS2 (Applicability Statement 2) - messaging protocol for exchanging business-to-business data [Info](#)
- ☐ FTPS (File Transfer Protocol Secure) - file transfer protocol with TLS encryption
- ☐ FTP (File Transfer Protocol) - unencrypted file transfer protocol

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Step2:Select “Service managed” as the identity provider type and click next. We will create the necessary users to access the SFTP service at a later stage.

Choose an identity provider

Identity Provider for SFTP, FTPS, or FTP

Identity provider type
An identity provider manages user access for authentication and authorization

☒ **Service managed**
Create and manage users within the service

☐ **AWS Directory Service** [Info](#)
Enable users in AWS Managed AD or use your own self-managed AD in your on-premises environment or in AWS

☐ **Custom Identity Provider** [Info](#)
Manage users by integrating an identity provider of your choice

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Service-Managed Identities:

- Add users through the AWS Transfer Family console or API.
- Assign each user an SSH public key (for SFTP) or a password (for FTPS/FTP).

Custom Identity Provider:

- Create an **AWS Lambda function** for user authentication and directory mapping.
- Register the Lambda function with the Transfer Family server.

AWS Directory Service:

- Configure an AWS-managed Microsoft AD or link your existing on-premises AD.
- Associate the AD with your Transfer Family server.

Step 3: Now we choose an endpoint. We are going to make ours publicly accessible, but we could attach it to a VPC and make it more private. appropriate sectionforthecustomhostname.

Choose an endpoint

Endpoint configuration [Info](#)

Endpoint type

Select whether the endpoint will be publicly accessible or hosted inside your VPC

☒ **Publicly accessible**
Accessible over the internet

☐ **VPC hosted** [Info](#)
Access controlled using Security Groups

Custom hostname [Info](#)

Specify a custom alias for your server endpoint.

None ▼

FIPS Enabled

Select whether the endpoint should comply with Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

☐ **FIPS Enabled endpoint**

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NOTE: now I have public access and a more secure VPC host we can launch the subnet and security group but we need to assign the Elastic IP to it is a cost-effective way we will create custom hoster zone also

Transfer Family > Servers > Create server

VPC
Select a VPC ID
vpc-08eb76b74de20cef7 [Create a VPC](#)

At least one subnet must be specified

Availability Zones

Availability Zone	Subnet ID	IPv4 Address
ap-south-1a	Select a Subnet ID	No Elastic IPs available
ap-south-1b	Select a Subnet ID	No Elastic IPs available
ap-south-1c	No Subnet IDs available	No Elastic IPs available

Create a hosted zone for the identification or take option we have any a hoster zone go to hoster stone based on the required in my case taking non

Step 4: Select S3 as the storage service to use on the backend and click Next. You can also select EFS if it aligns with your specific business use case.

Choose a domain

Domain
Choose the AWS Storage Service to store and access your data over the selected protocols

☒ **Amazon S3**
Store and access your files as Amazon S3 Objects over the selected protocols

☐ **Amazon EFS** [Info](#)
Store and access files in your EFS File System over the selected protocols

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Step5: create the cloud with Loge group and mange the work flow how the file come to hear private key and public for migration can click and review the

The screenshot shows the 'Configure additional details' step in the AWS Transfer Family console. On the left, a sidebar lists steps 1 through 6, with 'Step 5: Configure additional details' selected. The main area is divided into two sections: 'Logging' and 'Managed workflows'. The 'Logging' section has a 'Log group' subsection with two radio buttons: 'Create a new log group' (selected) and 'Choose an existing log group'. Below these is a dropdown menu for 'Choose an existing log group' and a 'Create log group' button. The 'Logging role' subsection has two radio buttons: 'Create a new role' (selected) and 'Choose an existing role'. A blue information box states: 'Logging role is only required when selecting a workflow in the Managed workflows section below.' The 'Managed workflows' section has a 'Workflow for complete file uploads' subsection with a dropdown menu for 'Select a workflow' and a 'Create a new workflow' button.

Step6: Review the configuration once more and click “Create” Please note that it may take some time for the server to launch. Once it’s ready,

The screenshot shows the 'Servers' list in the AWS Transfer Family console. At the top, there are buttons for 'Actions', 'Add user', and 'Create server'. Below the buttons is a table with the following columns: Hostname, Server ID, State, Service managed users, Endpoint type, and Domain. The table contains one row with the following data: Hostname is '-', Server ID is 's-8110ced13ca24dd89', State is 'Online', Service managed users is 'No users', Endpoint type is 'Public', and Domain is 'Amazon S3'.

Hostname	Server ID	State	Service managed users	Endpoint type	Domain
-	s-8110ced13ca24dd89	Online	No users	Public	Amazon S3

Add Users

Select the server and click on “Add User” and it will open the user creation screen as shown below. Enter the desired username and choose the appropriate IAM role to associate with this user.

Create a role select a new role and create a custom role

The screenshot shows the 'Configure additional details' step in the AWS Transfer Family console for adding a user. The 'CloudWatch logging' section is expanded, showing the 'Logging role' subsection. It has two radio buttons: 'Create a new role' (selected) and 'Choose an existing role'. A blue information box states: 'AWS Transfer Family needs access to your CloudWatch logs to log your server activity. By continuing, you are allowing us to create a new role to allow this'.

Note: give the top role and give bucket name you want the restick the bucket in a single folder

User configuration

Username

Username that is unique within this server

sftpuser

The username must be from 3 to 100 characters. Valid characters are a-z, A-Z, 0-9, underscore, hyphen, at sign and period. Cannot start with a hyphen, at sign or period.

Role [Info](#)

User's IAM role for Amazon S3 or EFS access

transferroleforS3fullaccess

Policy [Info](#)

Session policy to apply to the user

☒ None

☐ Existing policy

☐ Select a policy from IAM

☐ Auto-generate policy based on home folder

View

Home directory

User's login directory

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sftpuser

☐ Restricted [Info](#)

Enable restricted sepic folder user has one folder

- Paste SSH public key content in the SSH section as shown below. We will use the SSH private key to connect to the SFTP server.

SSH public keys

SSH public key [Info](#)
Paste the contents of SSH public key

Enter SSH public key

Once the user is created as shown below we are ready to connect to the SFTP server. ssh-keygen command

Now we can use any tool to connect Sftp

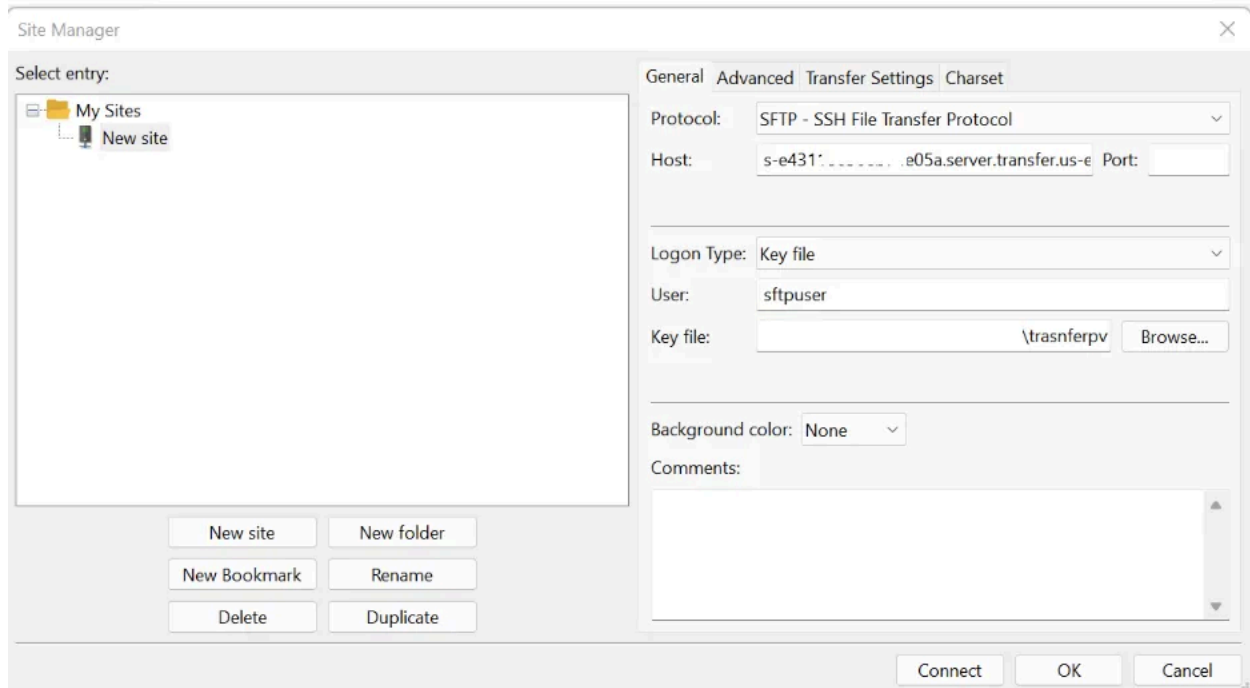
SFTP Access Use an SFTP client (e.g., FileZilla, WinSCP, or CLI **sftp** command)

Copy the endpoint from the server we created before as shown below. We need this endpoint to connect any tool.

Endpoint details [Edit](#)

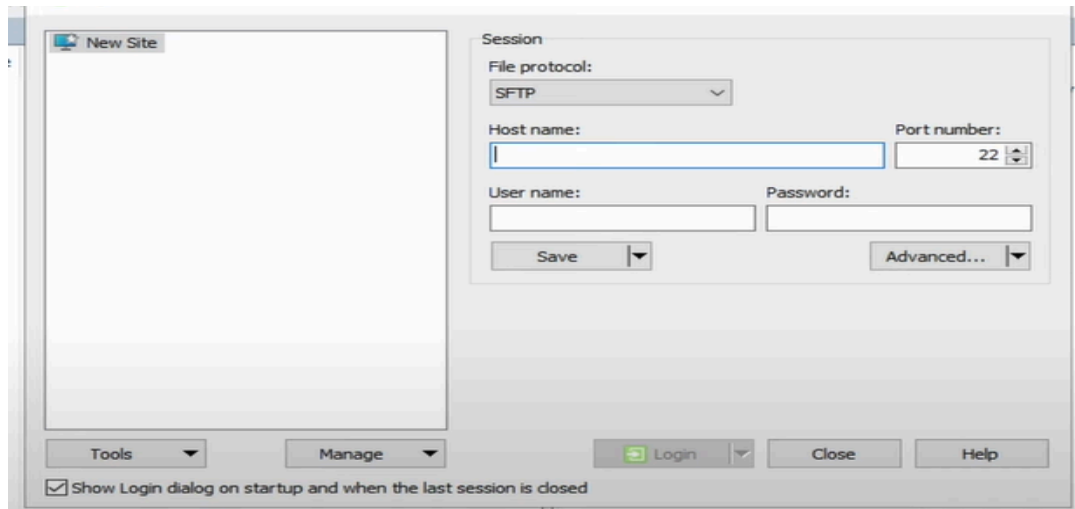
Status	Custom hostname
Online	-
Endpoint type	Endpoint
Public	s-B110ce1 ifer.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
FIPS Enabled	
No	

Step7: Now copy the endpoint

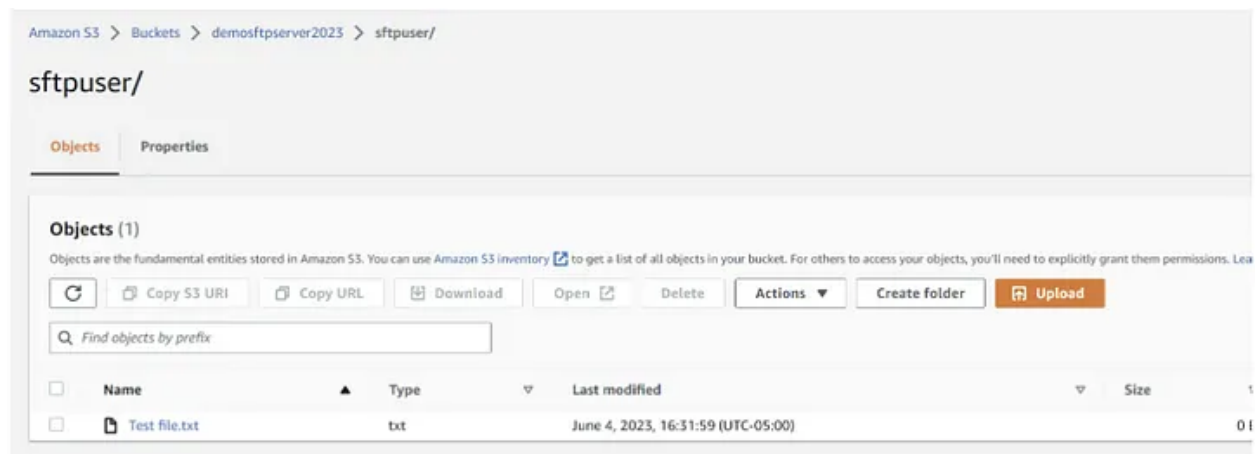


Give the host endpoint, and username in sftp we create, and also give your PEM key you past in the user

Click the “Connect” button, and FileZilla will establish a connection with the SFTP server, WinSCP gives the endpoint user, password SSH key 22 use the drag and group



After completing the it will upload the s3 bucket



NOTE: we can use 2 methods normal best pratic and using lambda i recommend got for without lambda

Cost Optimization Comparison

Feature	Lambda-Based IdP	Service-Managed IdP
Setup Cost	Higher (development of Lambda function)	Low (simple configuration)
Operational Cost	Includes Lambda execution costs	No additional cost (part of Transfer Family)
User Scaling	Scales well for large, dynamic user bases	May require manual intervention
Maintenancefort	High (manage Lambda function, external systems)	Low

Lambda script :

```
import json
import paramiko
import boto3
import os

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    S3Client = boto3.client('s3')
    S3Client.download_file('sftp-process-bucket', 'key-file/sftp.pem', '/tmp/keyname.pem')
    pem_key = paramiko.RSAKey.from_private_key_file("/tmp/keyname.pem")

    #Create a new client
    SSHClient = paramiko.SSHClient()
    SSHClient.set_missing_host_key_policy(paramiko.AutoAddPolicy())
    host = "54.173.254.242"
    SSHClient.connect(hostname = host, username = "ec2-user", pkey = pem_key)

    print("Connected to: " + host)

    s_path = '/home/ec2-user/source_dir/'
    s_pattern = "Trigger*"
    rawcommand = 'find {path} -name {pattern}'
    command = rawcommand.format(path = s_path, pattern = s_pattern)
    stdin, stdout, stderr = SSHClient.exec_command(command)
    FileList = stdout.read().splitlines()

    SFTPClient = SSHClient.open_sftp()
    FileCount = 0
    for TrigFile in FileList:
        (head, filename) = os.path.split(TrigFile)
        FileName = filename.decode('utf-8')
        print(FileName)
        TempFile = '/tmp/' + FileName
        S3File = 'sftp-files/' + FileName
        SFTPClient.get(TrigFile, TempFile)
        S3Client.upload_file(TempFile, 'sftp-process-bucket', S3File)
        SFTPClient.remove(TrigFile)
        FileCount += 1
    SFTPClient.close()
    SSHClient.close()

    return str(FileCount) + " file(s) have been uploaded to the S3 bucket."
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