

## Amazon S3 for Cloud Storage

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One of the biggest issues with Amazon S3 is that it can be very intimidating and turns people away from using it. Amazon has put time and effort into making their S3 platform more user friendly. So isn't it about time that you took another look at using this service for storing your data?

Online storage is increasing in popularity and users are looking for affordable and easy to use solutions. Amazon S3 allows you to store your photos, videos, music and documents on their servers.

Once you have set up your account you can create buckets which is where you store your data. This also helps protect your data by making it much harder for anyone to find.

The advantage of using Amazon S3 is that you can count on their reputation to ensure that your files will be secure. In addition you only have to pay for the space that you actually use. Your payment will vary each month depending upon how much data you upload or download from your account. So you technically have unlimited storage capabilities.

The use of buckets is especially helpful for business owners, as it helps them to track what visitors to their sites are doing. They can see which products are being downloaded the most for example. As well using buckets helps you to keep your files organized.

If you are accustomed to using your hosting account then a bucket is similar to a root file. From this file you can then add sub folders or buckets to it. Then inside each bucket is where you add your documents, videos and photos.

To make it easier to access your Amazon S3 account you can make use of extensions and plugins. These allow you to access your account directly from your computer. Look for the Firefox S3Fox and install it. You will need to have your Amazon access and secret keys ready to activate the plugin.

If you want to access Amazon S3 from your wordpress site then look for the Wordpress Amazon S3 plugin. If you use Google Chrome then you will need the Extended S3 browser which can be located in the Chrome Web Store.

Once you have actually set up your Amazon S3 account and become familiar with it, you will find that it is not that difficult to use. It is a great way to store your favorite files for both business and pleasure purposes.