

Files storage



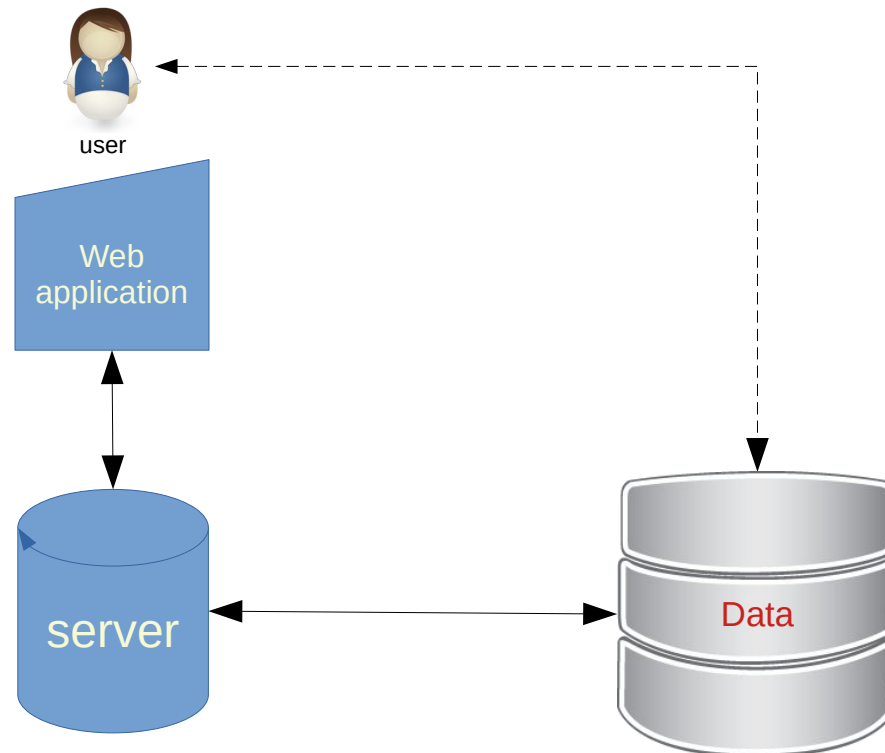
Storage options, access and configuration



How files are stored

Definitions:

- Data: any files, document, uploaded by the system via application
- Remote: on a different server, IP address or host from the application host
- AWS S3: Amazon web service simple storage service
- Bucket: a folder with unique name that store Data



The EK application uses AWS S3 as remote data storage solution.

Files are store in personal dedicated directory called buckets

Buckets are accessed :

- 1) during **upload** of data via web application
- 2) during **download** of data via web application
- 3) **directly** by user having access to the data server with password and login

Data are **not stored** on the application server.

Advantages:

- save space on server;
- increase security, take advantage of AWS S3 data durability, redundancy;
- enable access to data storage via personal login and password;
- possibility to own and control your own storage service;
- possibility to use compatible AWS S3 storage services;

Important:

- there is **no backup** of remote storage to another remote storage;
- if you need a backup of standard remote data provided with the service, you have to **setup your own backup**;

With a login and password, Remote data can be access directly by authorized users.

With this access, you can browse, read and download any data.

Login page is:

[https://\[123456789\].signin.aws.amazon.com/console](https://[123456789].signin.aws.amazon.com/console)

This is account number provided by vendor or your own account

User name and password are provided by vendor created from your own account



Sign in as IAM user

Account ID (12 digits) or account alias

IAM user name

Password

[Sign in using root user email](#)

[Forgot password?](#)

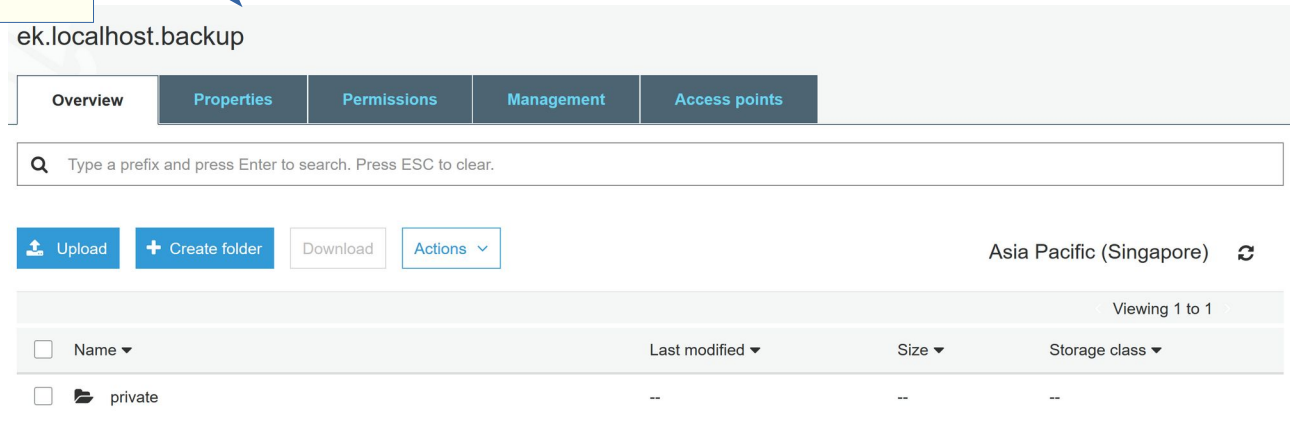
Default S3 page

You can go to your bucket via link:

[https://s3.console.aws.amazon.com/s3/buckets/\[bucket_name\]?region=ap-southeast-1&tab=overview](https://s3.console.aws.amazon.com/s3/buckets/[bucket_name]?region=ap-southeast-1&tab=overview)

This is bucket name or directory provided by vendor or your own account

Sample view with bucket name: ek.localhost.backup



ek.localhost.backup

Overview Properties Permissions Management Access points

🔍 Type a prefix and press Enter to search. Press ESC to clear.

📁 Upload + Create folder Download Actions ▾

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Viewing 1 to 1

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Name ▾ | Last modified ▾ | Size ▾ | Storage class ▾ |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 📁 private | -- | -- | -- |

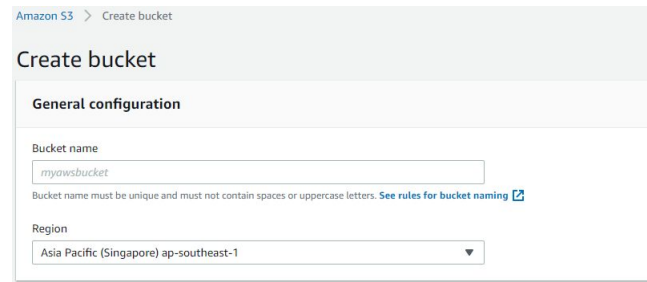
You can setup your own AWS S3 account if you want full control on access.

To register an account : <https://portal.aws.amazon.com/billing/signup#/>

First 12 months of usage are free with AWS.

Once account is created you have to follow the steps for S3 setup:

- Go to S3 service page;
- Create a bucket;



Amazon S3 > Create bucket

Create bucket

General configuration

Bucket name

 Bucket name must be unique and must not contain spaces or uppercase letters. [See rules for bucket naming](#)

Region

- Go to IAM service page;
- Create an access group to the above bucket with access rights;

Create New Group Wizard

Step 1 : Group Name

Step 2 : Attach Policy

Step 3 : Review

Set Group Name

Specify a group name. Group names can be edited any time.

Group Name:
 Example: Developers or ProjectAlpha
 Maximum 128 characters

Review Policy

Customize permissions by editing the following policy document. For more information about the access policy I: the IAM Policy Simulator.

Policy Name

Policy Document

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1 {
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",
3   "Statement": [
4     {
5       "Sid": "S3[bucketName]",
6       "Effect": "Allow",
7       "Action": [
8         "s3:PutObject",
9         "s3:GetObject",
10        "s3:ListBucket",
11        "s3:DeleteObject",
12        "s3:GetBucketLocation"
13      ],
14      "Resource": [
15        "arn:aws:s3:::[bucketName]/*",
16        "arn:aws:s3:::[bucketName]"
17      ]
18    }
19  ]
20 }

```

Group access policy for read and write specific to your bucket

- Create a user and assign the above group to it;

Add user

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Set user details

You can add multiple users at once with the same access type and permissions. [Learn more](#)

User name*

[Add another user](#)

Select AWS access type

Select how these users will access AWS. Access keys and autogenerated passwords are provided in the last step. [Learn more](#)

- Programmatic access**
Enables an **access key ID** and **secret access key** for the AWS API, CLI, SDK, and other development tools.
- AWS Management Console access**
Enables a **password** that allows users to sign-in to the AWS Management Console.

Create

Add user

1 2 3 4 5

Set permissions

Add user to group

Copy permissions from existing user

Attach existing policies directly

Add user to an existing group or create a new one. Using groups is a best-practice way to manage user's permissions by job functions. [Learn more](#)

Add user to group

[Create group](#) [Refresh](#)

Showing 19 results

| Group | Attached policies |
|---|--------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S3_backup_localhost | S3_localhost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S3_backup_yjfgthya | S3_backup_yjfgthya |

Connect to group

Download Keys (store in safe place)

Add tags (optional)

IAM tags are key-value pairs you can add to your user. Tags can include user information, such as an email address, or can be descriptive, such as a job title. You can use the tags to organize, track, or control access for this user. [Learn more](#)

| Key | Value (optional) | Remove |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="text" value="Name"/> | <input type="text" value="My user"/> | <input type="button" value="x"/> |
| <input type="button" value="Add new key"/> | <input type="text"/> | |

Option

- Download and keep **public and private access** keys for that user
(Keys can only be downloaded or view once!).

Add user

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

✔ **Success**

You successfully created the users shown below. You can view and download user security credentials. You can also email users instructions for signing in to the AWS Management Console. This is the last time these credentials will be available to download. However, you can create new credentials at any time.

Users with AWS Management Console access can sign-in at: <https://976002760079.signin.aws.amazon.com/console>

| User | Access key ID | Secret access key |
|------------|--------------------|---|
| ✔ Testuser | AKIA6GPSMHWRVHLSPU | ***** <input type="button" value="Show"/> |

View/copy Keys

We need the private and public keys to connect the application to your own AWS S3 storage.

You can create as many users with access group as you need. You can create user *access via console* to be able to access files directly from web browser

- AWS Management Console access**
Enables a **password** that allows users to sign-in to the AWS Management Console.

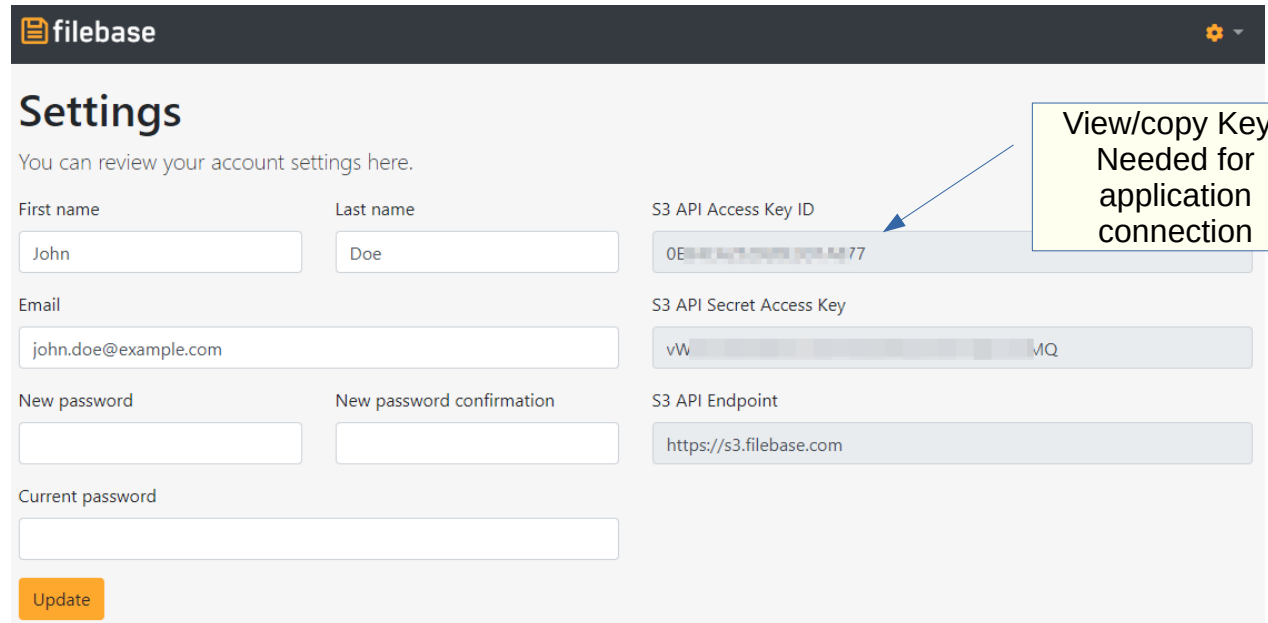
If you use compatible storage services different from AWS S3, we also need the access keys.

<https://firebase.com/>

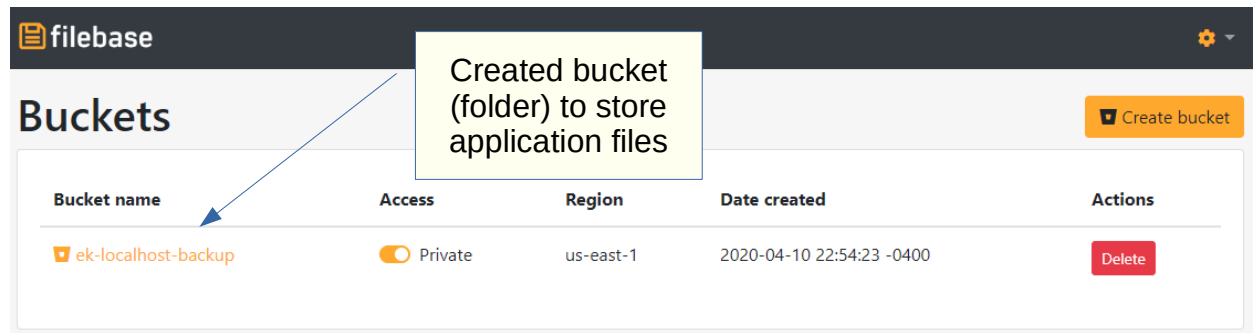
Filebase is compatible with AWS S3 that can be used as an alternative for AWS.

You can create your personal account to store files managed by EK application.

Basic account has free storage .



The screenshot shows the Filebase Settings page. It includes fields for personal information (First name: John, Last name: Doe, Email: john.doe@example.com) and account security (New password, New password confirmation, Current password). On the right, there are fields for S3 API credentials: S3 API Access Key ID (0E...77), S3 API Secret Access Key (vW...MQ), and S3 API Endpoint (https://s3.filebase.com). A yellow callout box with an arrow pointing to the Access Key ID field contains the text: "View/copy Keys Needed for application connection". An orange "Update" button is at the bottom left.



The screenshot shows the Filebase Buckets page. It features a "Create bucket" button in the top right. Below is a table listing buckets. A yellow callout box with an arrow pointing to the "ek-localhost-backup" bucket name contains the text: "Created bucket (folder) to store application files".

| Bucket name | Access | Region | Date created | Actions |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|
| ek-localhost-backup | Private | us-east-1 | 2020-04-10 22:54:23 -0400 | Delete |

Example of bucket and data storage directly managed by EK application

The screenshot displays the Filebase web interface. At the top, the 'filebase' logo is visible. Below it, the 'Files' section is shown with a breadcrumb path: 'Filebase / ek-localhost-backup / private / documents / users / 0'. A yellow box labeled 'Folders path' points to this breadcrumb. To the right of the path are 'Upload' and 'New folder' buttons. Below the path is a table with the following data:

| Name | Last modified | Size | Actions |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------|--|
| chatroom.pdf | 2020-04-10 23:04:52 -0400 | 750 KB | Share Delete |

A yellow box labeled 'Stored file' points to the 'chatroom.pdf' entry in the table.



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