

From Setback to Security

Navigating Data Loss in AWS

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Agenda

- Background
- The Day Our Photos Disappeared
- Recovery
- Backup Strategies
- Prevention

Background

- Lots of websites
- Lots of images
- Hosting
- S3 File System Module



The Incident

Hello there,

%100 of Your S3 files, databases have been exfiltrated to our server. (With proof 274 GB)

In order to prevent their permanent deletion, you will need to make a payment in Bitcoin to our Address.

Note that if you do not make the payment, your files will be deleted and you will not be able to recover them.

Once we receive the payment, we will provide you with the download link for all the files.

To negotiate with us for recovery, contact us here:

s3-files@onionmail.org



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Impact

- Images gone
- Websites still worked
- Backups?



Initial Recovery

- Plug the hole
- Rebuild buckets
- Upload
- Ransom?



Lessons Learned

- Current Backups
- Public repos
- What is in config?
- Secure the keys



Securing Api Keys

- Key module
- Private repos
- Config ignore
- Keeping secrets out of public repositories



Securing API Keys

- GitHub Actions

<https://docs.github.com/en/actions/security-guides/using-secrets-in-github-actions>

- Secret Scanning

<https://docs.github.com/en/code-security/secret-scanning/configuring-secret-scanning-for-your-repositories>

- GitLab

https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/user/application_security/secret_detection/

- [GitGuardian](#)

- [Snyk](#)

Key Module Setup

Automated Backups

- AWS Backup
- Backup and Migrate
- Backup and Migrate: AWS S3



AWS Backup Setup

AWS and S3 Security

- Create IAM roles for specific tasks
- Look for unauthorized access
- AWS CLI



General Security

- [Security Review](#)
- [Security Review B](#)
- WAF
- Malware



Recovery Plan

- What could happen?
- How would I respond?



Talking Drupal #405 - Secrets Management

- <https://talkingdrupal.com/405>



Questions and Discussion

Key Takeaway

- Don't make the repo public unless you're absolutely sure it's safe.
- Proactively plan for disaster.