

Cloud Cost Shocker : Read the fine print

Description

**The use case for archiving data to the cloud is you never need to read it again
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Last week, a chap named Mario Karpinnen took to *Medium* with a [tale](#) of how downloading 60GB of data from Amazon Web Services' archive-grade Glacier service cost him a whopping US\$158.

Karpinnen went into the fine print of Glacier pricing and found that the service takes your peak download rate, multiplies the number of gigabytes downloaded in your busiest hour for the month and applies it to every hour of the whole month. His peak data retrieval rate of 15.2GB an hour was therefore multiplied by the \$0.011 per gigabyte charged for downloads from Glacier. And then multiplied by the 744 hours in January. Once tax and bandwidth charges were added, in came the bill for \$158.

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