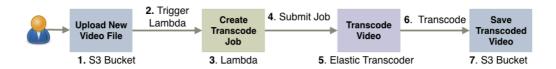
LESSON 1

In lesson 1 we are going to create the engine of our YouTube clone. Make sure you can log in to the AWS console and follow the instructions given below.

This is the system we will end up with at the end of this lesson



NOTE: PLEASE CREATE ALL YOUR RESOURCES IN THE N. VIRGINIA REGION (US-EAST-1)

1. SET YOUR REGION TO US. EAST (N. VIRIGINA)

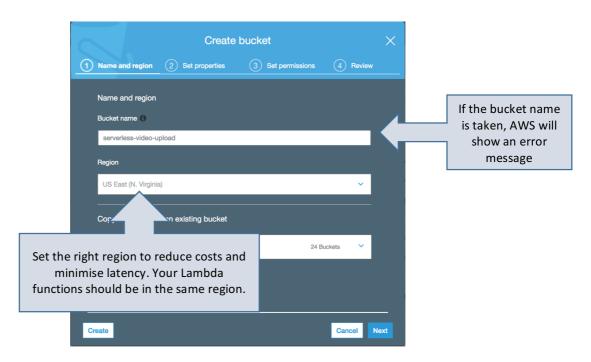
Before we kick-off the build, log in to the AWS console, and set your region to US East (N. Virginia).

Please make sure that all resources & services you create are in the same region from here onwards.

CREATE 2 S3 BUCKETS

Let's begin by creating two buckets in S3. The first bucket will serve as the upload bucket for new videos. The second bucket will contain transcoded videos put there by the Elastic Transcoder.

- To create a bucket, in the AWS console click on S3, and then click *Create Bucket*.
- Enter a Bucket Name (e.g. serverless-video-upload), and choose a region (US Standard).
- Click Create to save your bucket.
- Repeat the process again to create another bucket (e.g. serverless-video-transcoded).



3. MODIFY BUCKET POLICY

We need to make our transcoded videos publically accessible.

- In S3 click on the **second** bucket you have created (this will be the serverless-video-transcoded bucket).
- Expand Permissions
- Click Add bucket policy
- Type in the following to the bucket policy (you can copy below text form step3-bucket-policy.txt):

Make sure to substitute YOUR-BUCKET-NAME with the actual name of your transcoded bucket.

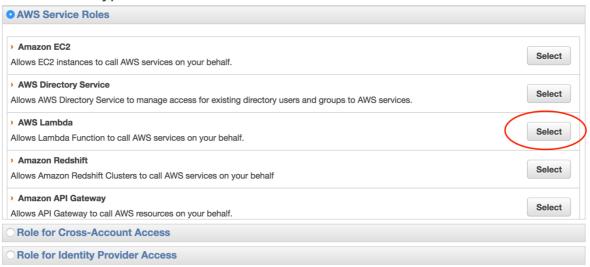
• Click Save

4. CREATE AN IAM ROLE FOR YOUR FIRST LAMBDA FUNCTION

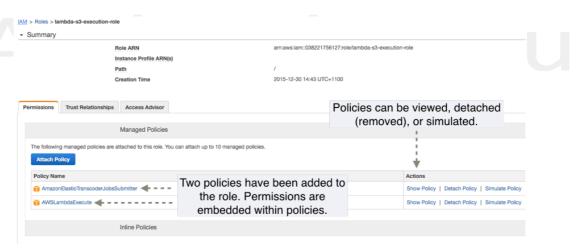
Now we need to create an IAM role for our future Lambda functions. This role will allow functions to interact with S3 and the Elastic Transcoder.

- In the AWS console, click Identity & Access Management and then click Roles.
- Click Create New Role and name it lambda-s3-execution-role
- Click **Next Step** to proceed to Role Type selection.
- Under Select Role Type click AWS Lambda

Select Role Type



- Select the following two policies:
 - AWSLambdaExecute
 - AmazonElasticTranscoderJobsSubmitter
- Click **Next Step** to attach both policies to the role and then click **Create Role** to save.
- You will be taken back to the role summary page. Click **lambda-s3-execution-role** again to see the two attached policies:

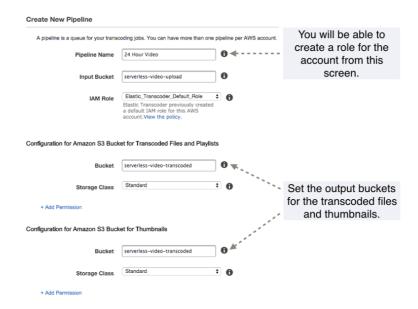


5. CONFIGURE ELASTIC TRANSCODER

Now we need to set up an Elastic Transcoder pipeline to perform video transcoding to different formats and bitrates.

- In the AWS console click on Elastic Transcoder and then click Create a New Pipeline.
- Give your pipeline a **name**, such as 24 Hour Video, and specify the **input bucket**, which in our case is the first upload bucket. (see figure below)
- Leave the IAM role as it is. Elastic Transcoder creates a default IAM role automatically.
- Under Configuration for Amazon S3 Bucket for Transcoded Files and Playlists **specify the transcoded videos bucket**, which in our case was *serverless-video-transcoded*.
- The Storage Class can be set to Standard.

- We are not generating thumbnails but we should still select a bucket and a storage class. Use the second, transcoded videos bucket for it again.
- Click Create Pipeline to save.



6. CREATE LAMBDA FUNCTION IN AWS

It is finally time to create the first Lambda function although we are not going to provide an implementation for it just yet.

- In the AWS console, click Lambda, and then click Create a Lambda Function.
- Click Blank Function.
- Skip over configure triggers page (click **Next**).
- Name the function transcode-video and make sure that Node.js 4.3 is selected in the *Runtime* dropdown.
- Under Role select lambda-s3-execution-role.
- Set the **timeout** to 30 seconds.
- Click *Next* to go the Review screen and from there click *Create function* to finish.

7. PREPARE & DEPLOY LAMBDA

Finally, we can have a look at the actual Lambda function and deploy it to AWS.

· Install npm packages

In the terminal / command-prompt, change to the directory of the function:

cd lab-1/lambda/video-transcoder

Install npm packages by typing:

npm install

• Zip Lambda function

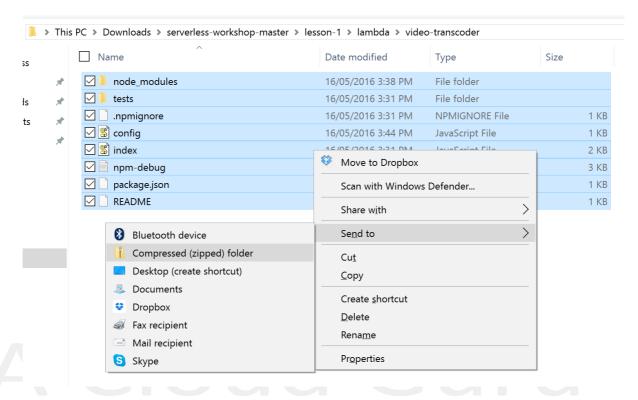
For OS X / Linux Users

Now create create a ZIP file of the function, by typing:

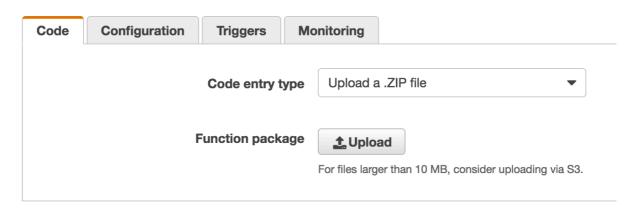
npm run predeploy

For Windows

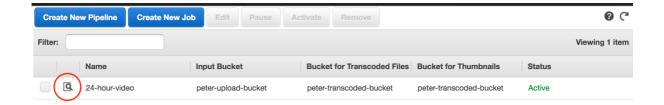
You will need to **zip up all the files** in the **lab-1/lambda/video-transcoder** folder via the Windows Explorer GUI, or using a utility such as 7zip. (Note: don't zip the video-transcoder folder. Zip up the files inside of it).



- In the AWS console click Lambda
- Select your function
- Change the code entry type to Upload a .ZIP file
- · Click Upload:



- Select the ZIP file of the Lambda function you had created earlier.
- Scroll down to the environment variables section.
- Add an environment variable with Key ELASTIC_TRANSCODER_REGION and set its value to us-east-
- Add another environment variable with Key **ELASTIC_TRANSCODER_PIPELINE_ID** and set the Value to correspond to your Elastic Transcoder pipeline ID (you can find it in the Elastic Transcoder console by clicking on the details icon):



This is the Pipeline ID you need to copy into the environment variable above.



You need to get your Pipeline ID and add it to the function

Your environment variables should look a bit like this but should have the pipeline id of your elastic transcoder pipeline.

You can define Environment Variables as key-value pairs that are accessible from your function code. These are useful to store configuration settings without the need to change function code. Learn more. For storing sensitive information, we recommend encrypting values using KMS and the console's encryption helpers.



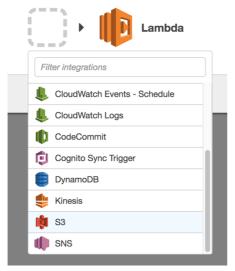
• Click the Save button to upload the function and set the environment variables.

8. CONNECT S3 TO LAMBDA

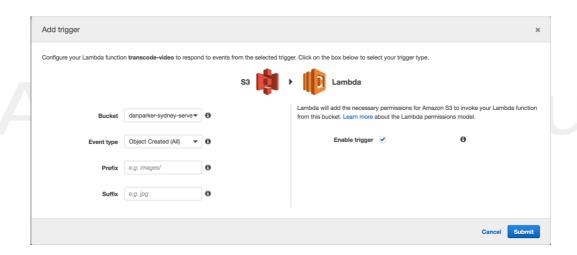
The last step before we can test the function in AWS is to connect S3 to Lambda. S3 will invoke our lambda function:



- In the Lambda console click on the Triggers tab and click Add trigger.
- In the popup dialog, click to the left of the orange lambda logo and scroll down the list until you find S3 and select that.



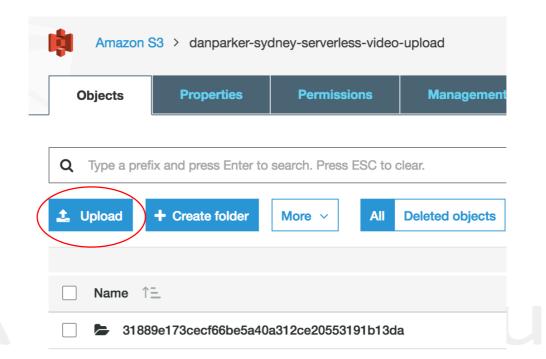
- Select the upload bucket (e.g. serverless-video-upload).
- In the event type dropdown, select *ObjectCreated (All)*.
- Press **Submit** and AWS will link your s3 bucket and lambda function.



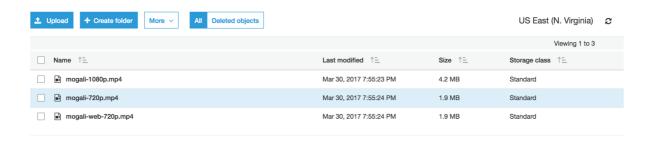
9. TESTING IN AWS

Need a video for testing? Download our test videos from: http://bit.ly/1TEkvuR

To test the function in AWS, upload a video to the upload bucket. To do this click the bucket, click *Actions* and then select *Upload*:



After a period of time, you should see three new videos appear in the transcoded videos bucket. These files should appear in a folder rather than in the root of the bucket:



Congratulations – you now have your very own serverless video transcoding pipeline!

Get Your Hands Dirty

At the moment, 24-Hour Video is functional but it has a number of limitations that have been left for you to solve as an exercise. See you if you can implement a solution for the following problems:

- 1. A file with more than one period in its name (for example, *Lecture 1.1 Programming Paradigms.mp4*) is going to produce transcoded files with truncated names. Implement a fix it so that filenames with multiple periods work.
- 2. Currently, any file uploaded to the upload bucket will trigger the workflow. The Elastic Transcoder, however, will fail if it's given invalid input (for example, a file that is not a video). Modify the first Lambda function to check the extension of the uploaded file and only submit avi, mp4, or mov files to Elastic Transcoder. Any invalid files should be deleted from the bucket.
- 3. The files in the upload bucket are going to remain there until you delete them. Come up with a way to clean up the bucket automatically after 24 hours. You might want to have a look at the Lifecycle options in S3 for ideas.
- 4. The current system creates three transcoded videos that are very similar. The main difference between them is the resolution and bitrate. To make the system more varied, add support for HLS and webm formats.

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