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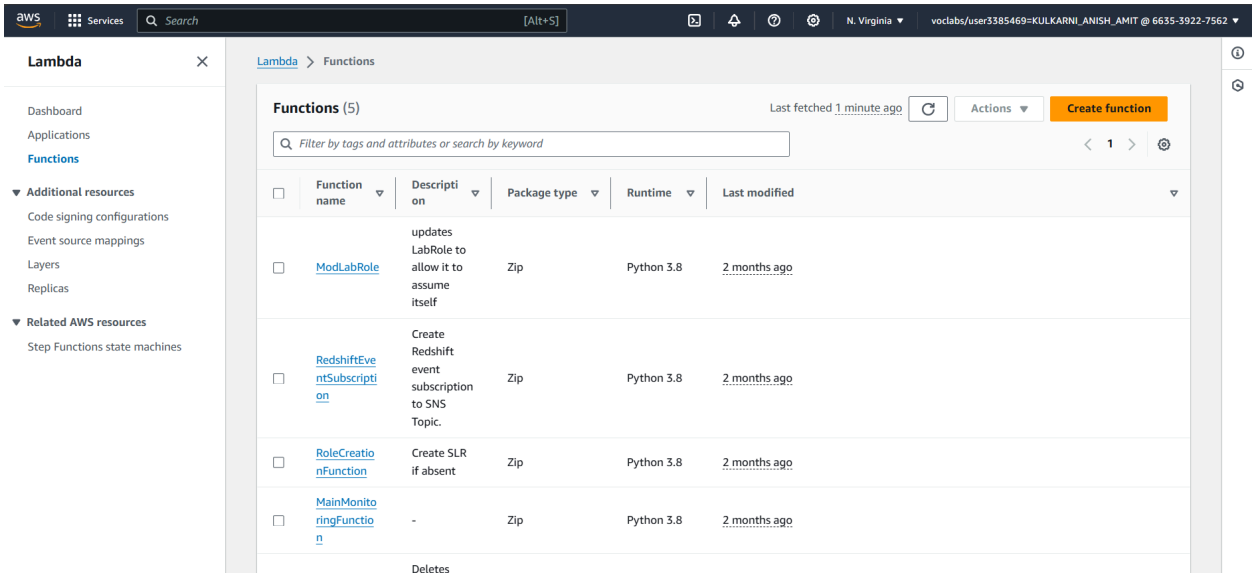
Experiment 11

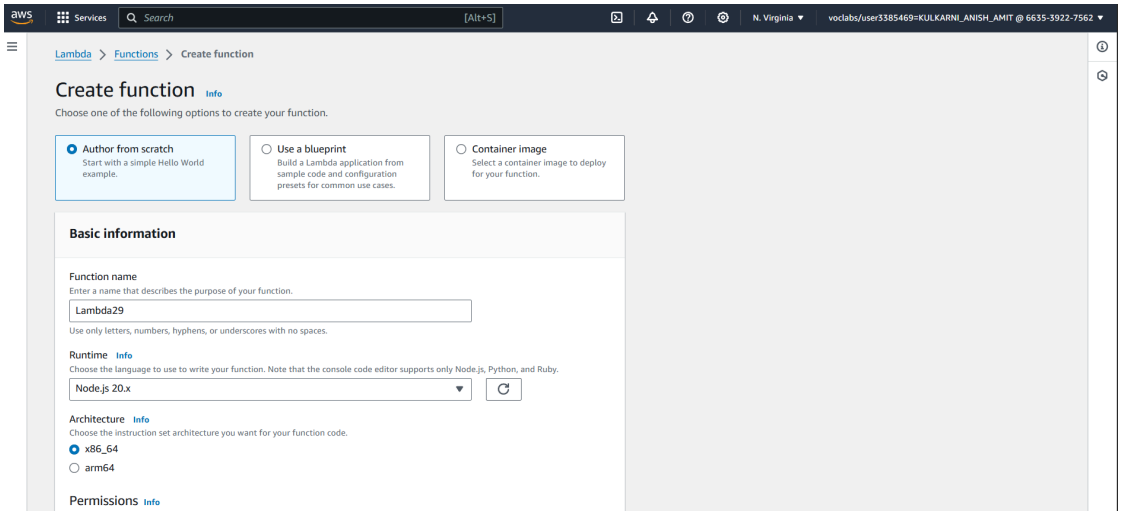
Aim: To understand AWS Lambda, its workflow, various functions and create your first Lambda functions using Python / Java / Nodejs.

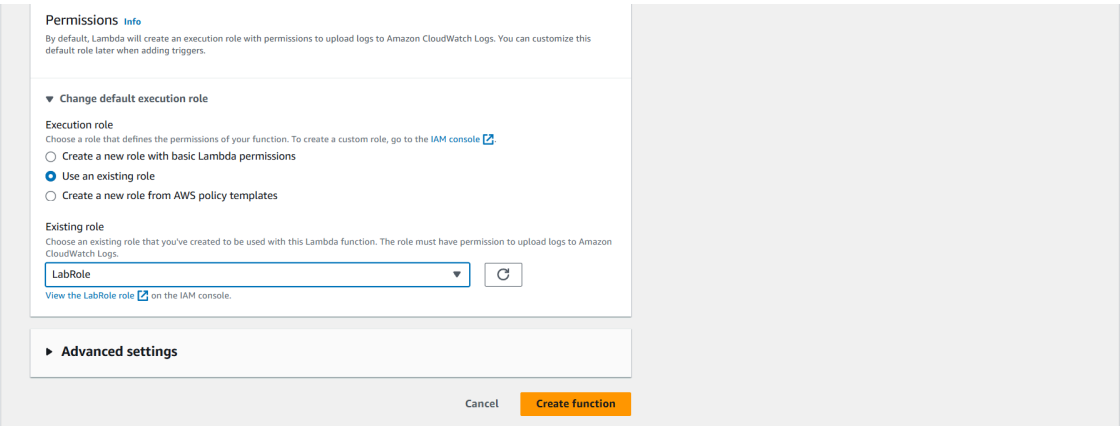
Steps:

Step 1: On your AWS console, click on ‘Lambda’ in the services section and click on ‘Create function’.



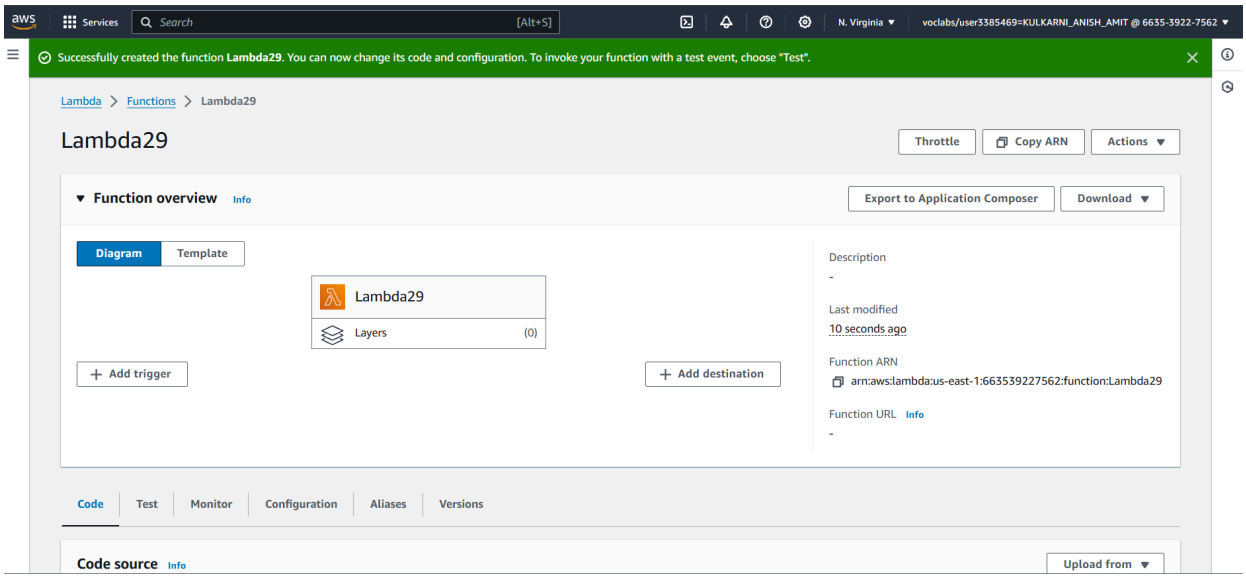
Step 2: Give your Lambda function a name. Select the language to use to write your function (Node.js is the default and what we will use in this experiment). Keep other options as default.

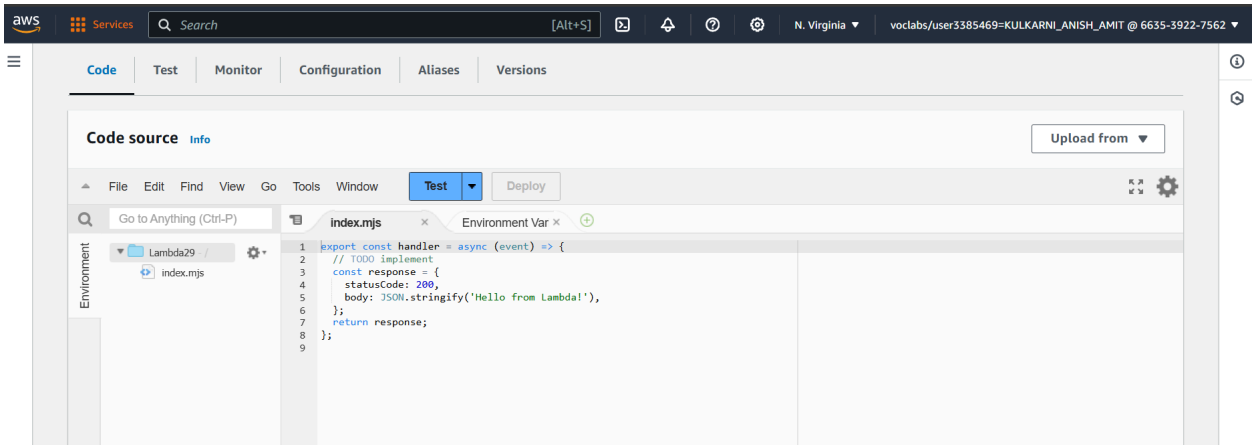




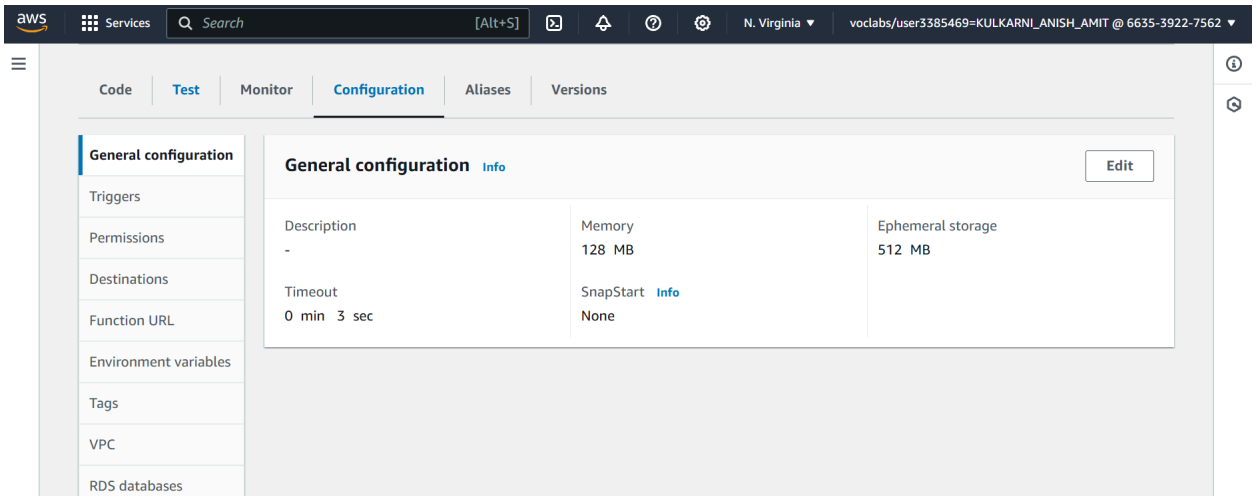
Under ‘Execution role’, choose ‘Use an existing role’ and then choose LabRole. Then, click on ‘Create function’.

Your Lambda function gets created.

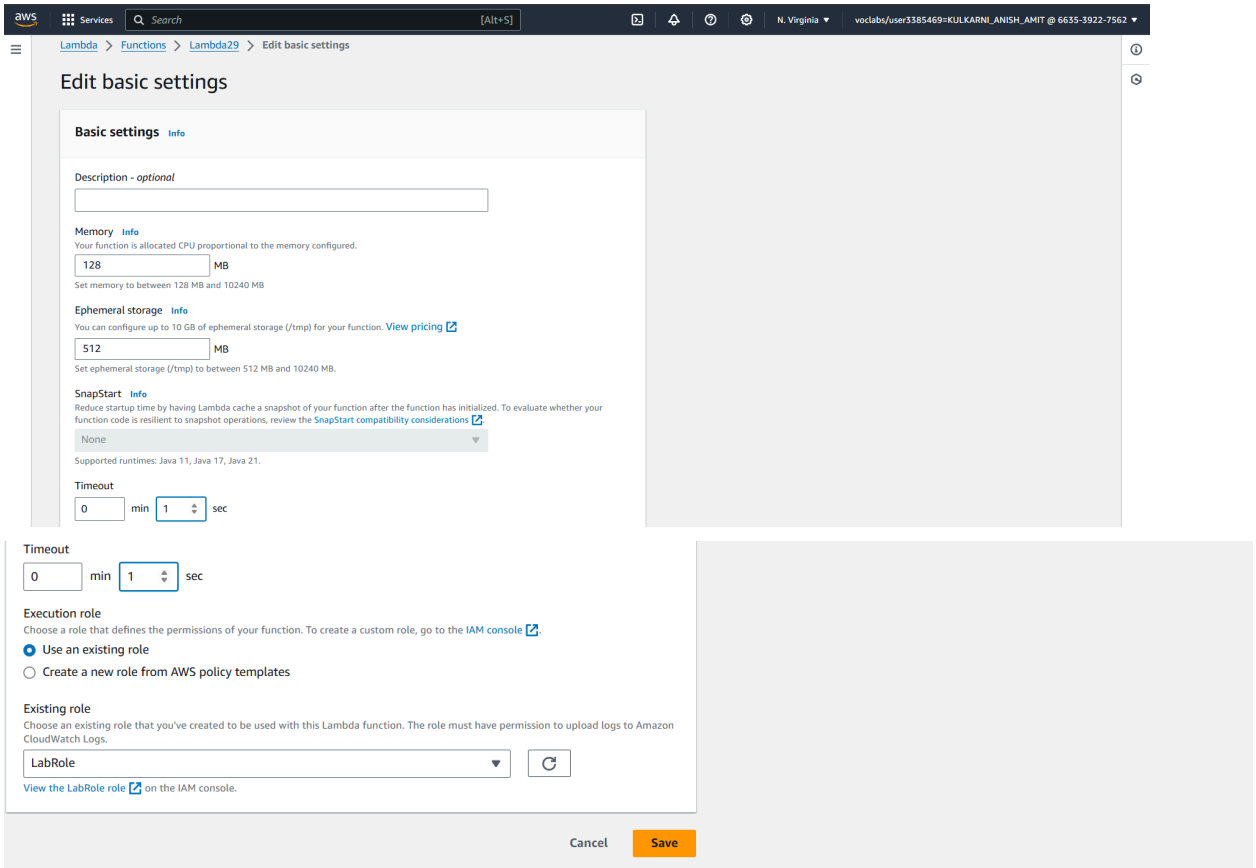




Step 3: The general configuration of the function is visible in the ‘Configuration’ tab. To change the configuration, click on ‘Edit’.

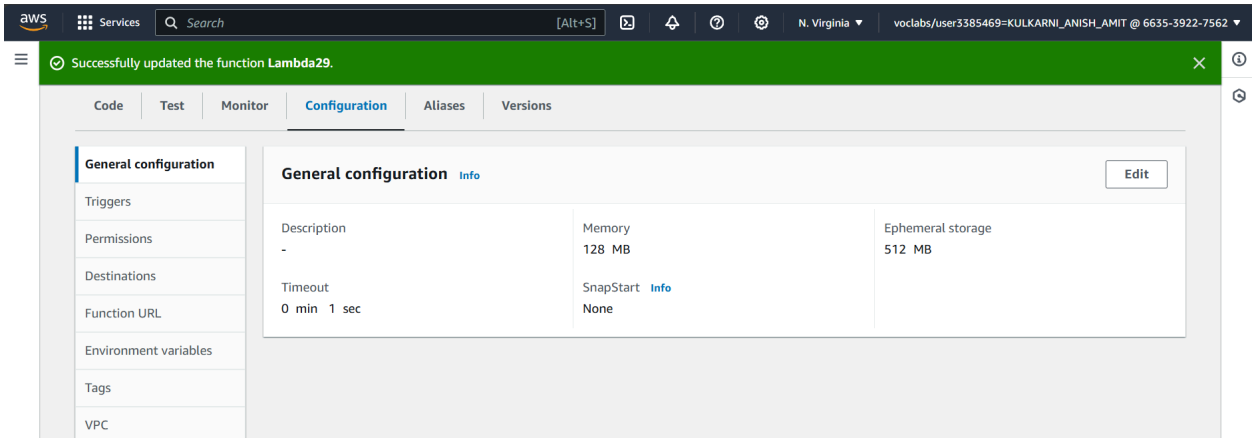


You can change the various parameters of the configuration as per your needs. Here, we can change the ‘Timeout’ period to 1 second as it’s sufficient for our function for now. ‘Timeout’ is the time for which a function can be running before it gets forcibly terminated.

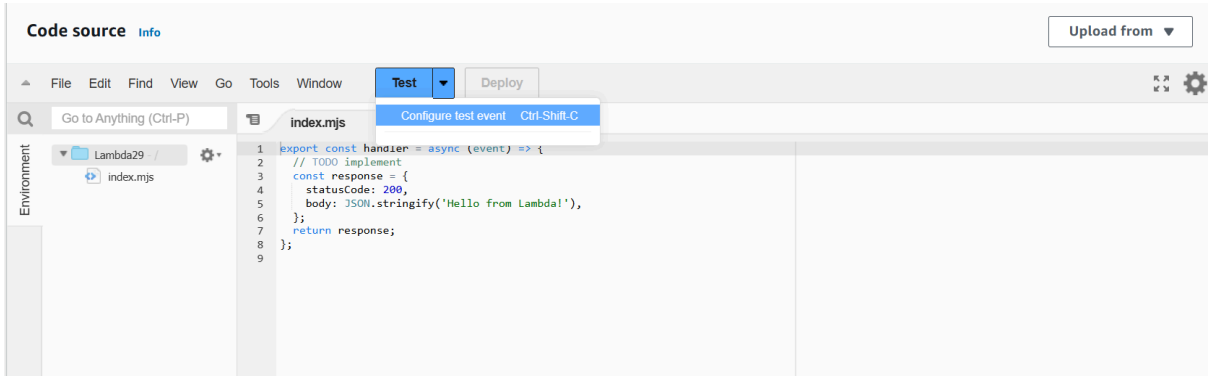


After making the required changes, click on ‘Save’.

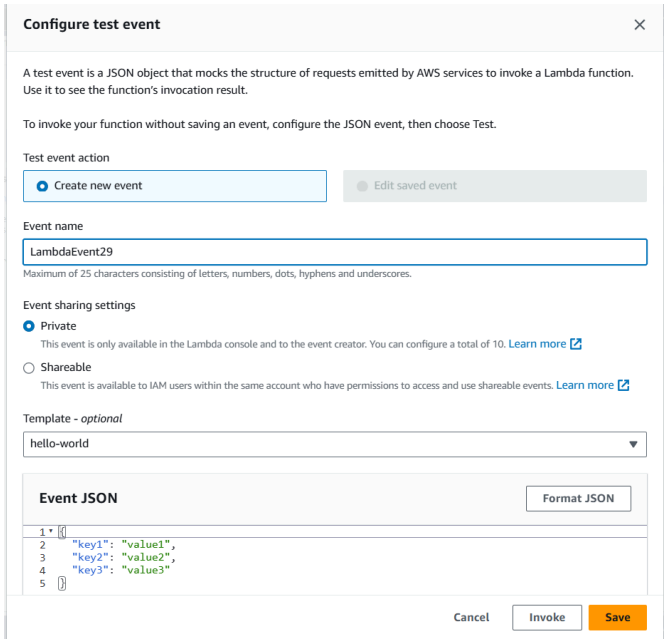
The changes in the general configuration are visible in the function.



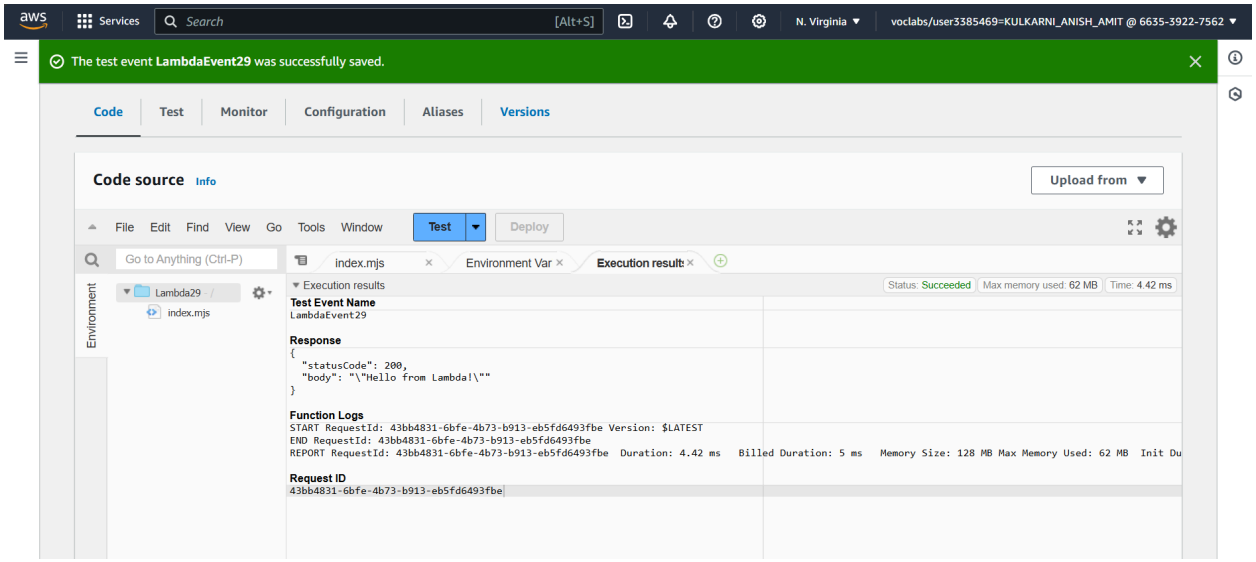
Step 4: In the ‘Code source’ section, click on the arrow next to the ‘Test’ button and click on ‘Configure test event’.



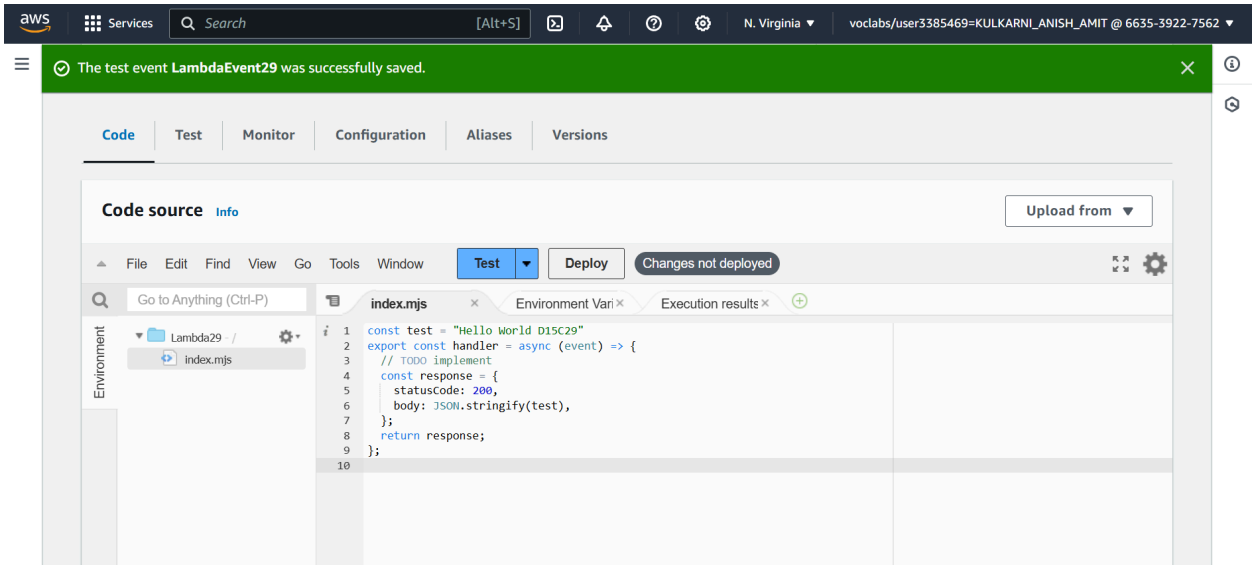
Step 5: Give your test event a name, keep all other options as default and click on ‘Save’.



Step 6: Click on the ‘Test’ button. The following output appears.

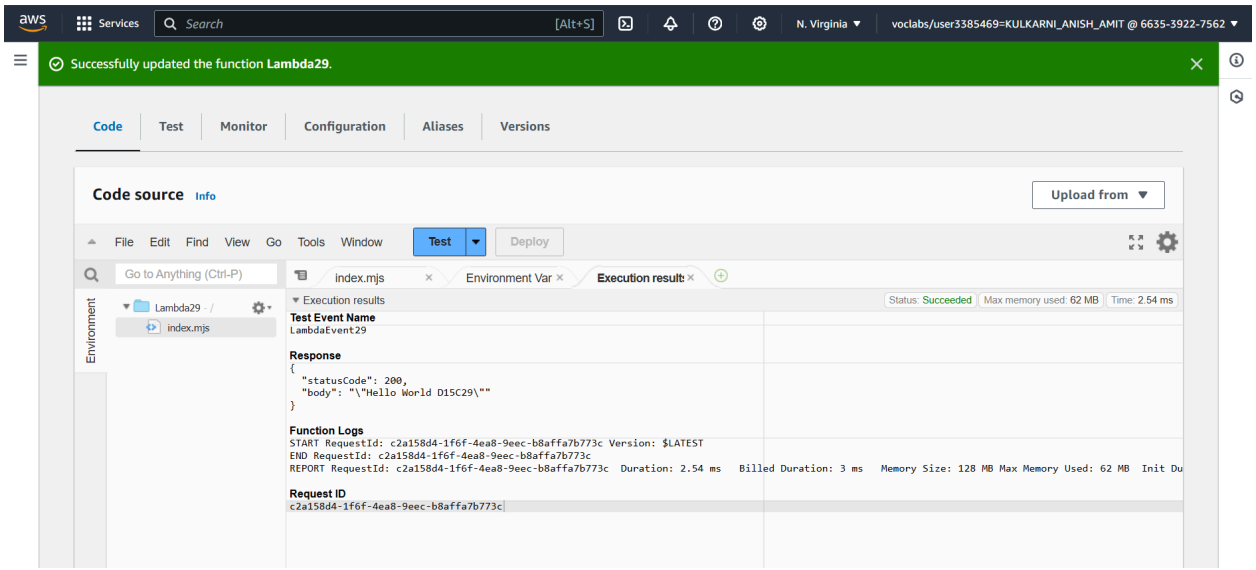


Step 7: You can make changes in the code to observe the difference in the output. Here, we change the code to display a different string as such:-



Once the changes are made, click on ‘Deploy’.

Step 8: Click on ‘Test’ and observe how the output after the changes differs from the output before the changes.



Conclusion: In this experiment, we understood the working of AWS Lambda service by creating and configuring a Lambda function using Node.js. We learned how to set up a Lambda function, change its configurations and test its functioning by creating test events for the function. From the output of the tests, we learn about the working of the Lambda function and how changes in its configuration affects its functionality and outputs.