

# Hands-on Lab - Creating an AWS Lambda

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

In this lab, you will become familiar with creating and testing AWS Lambda functions in Node.js.

**Important:** This lab requires use of credit card.

## Learning Objectives:

After completing this exercise, you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Create an AWS Lambda function
- Test the output of an AWS Lambda function

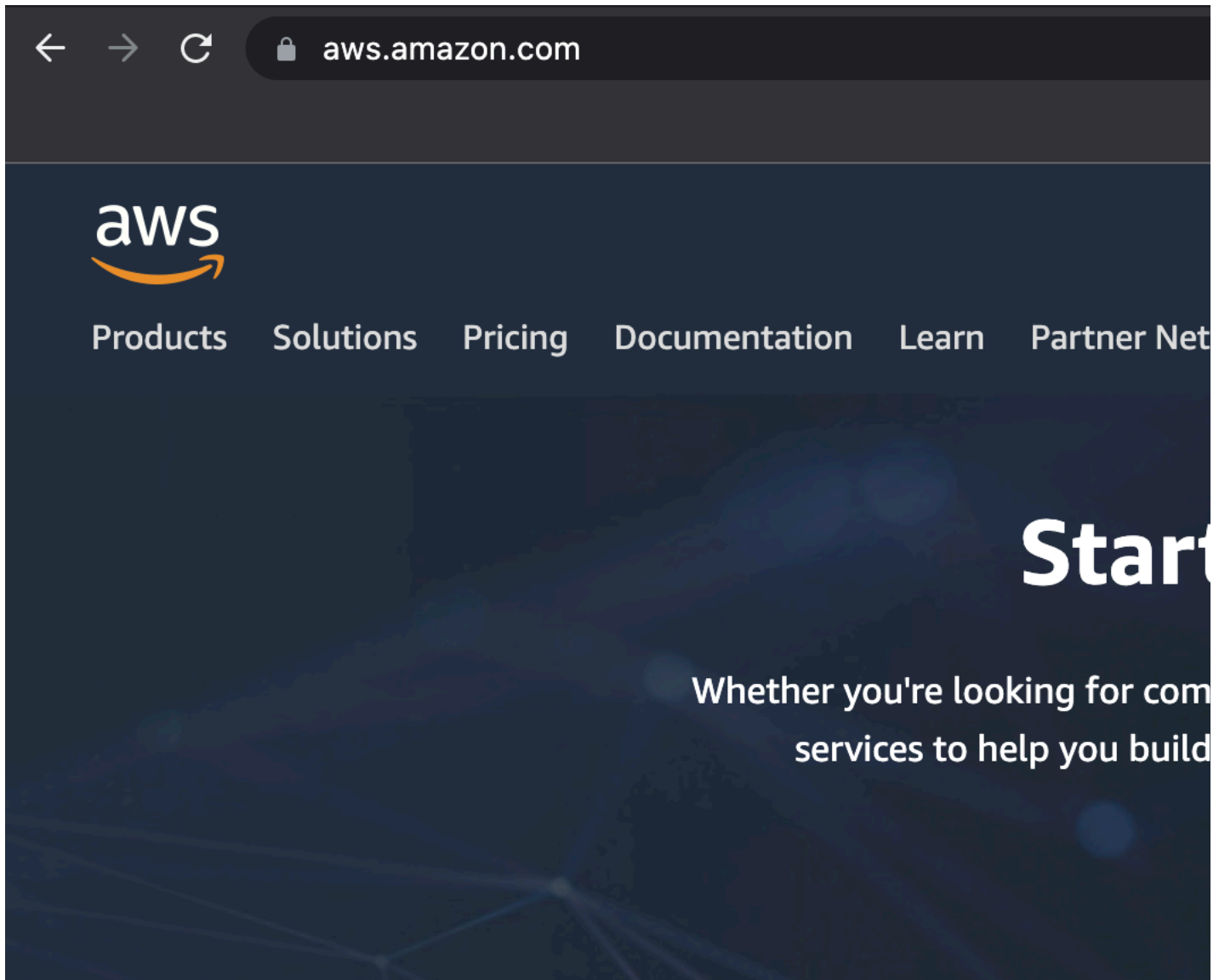
## Pre-requisites

- You must have an AWS account.
- You should be familiar with Node.js.

**Important:** Please note that any usage beyond the free tier will be charged to the credit card you used for creating the AWS account.

### Task 1 - Sign into your AWS account

1. If you are already signed into your AWS account, you can skip this task. Go to <https://aws.amazon.com>.
2. Click **Sign In** to sign into your AWS account.



3. Enter the email address you registered with to sign in as root user.



## Sign in

☒ **Root user**

Account owner that performs tasks requiring unrestricted access. [Learn more](#)

☐ **IAM user**

User within an account that performs daily tasks. [Learn more](#)

### Root user email address

Next

4. Enter the password and click the **Sign In** button. This will take you to the **AWS Console Home**.



## Root user sign in ⓘ

Email: @example.com

Password

[Forgot password?](#)

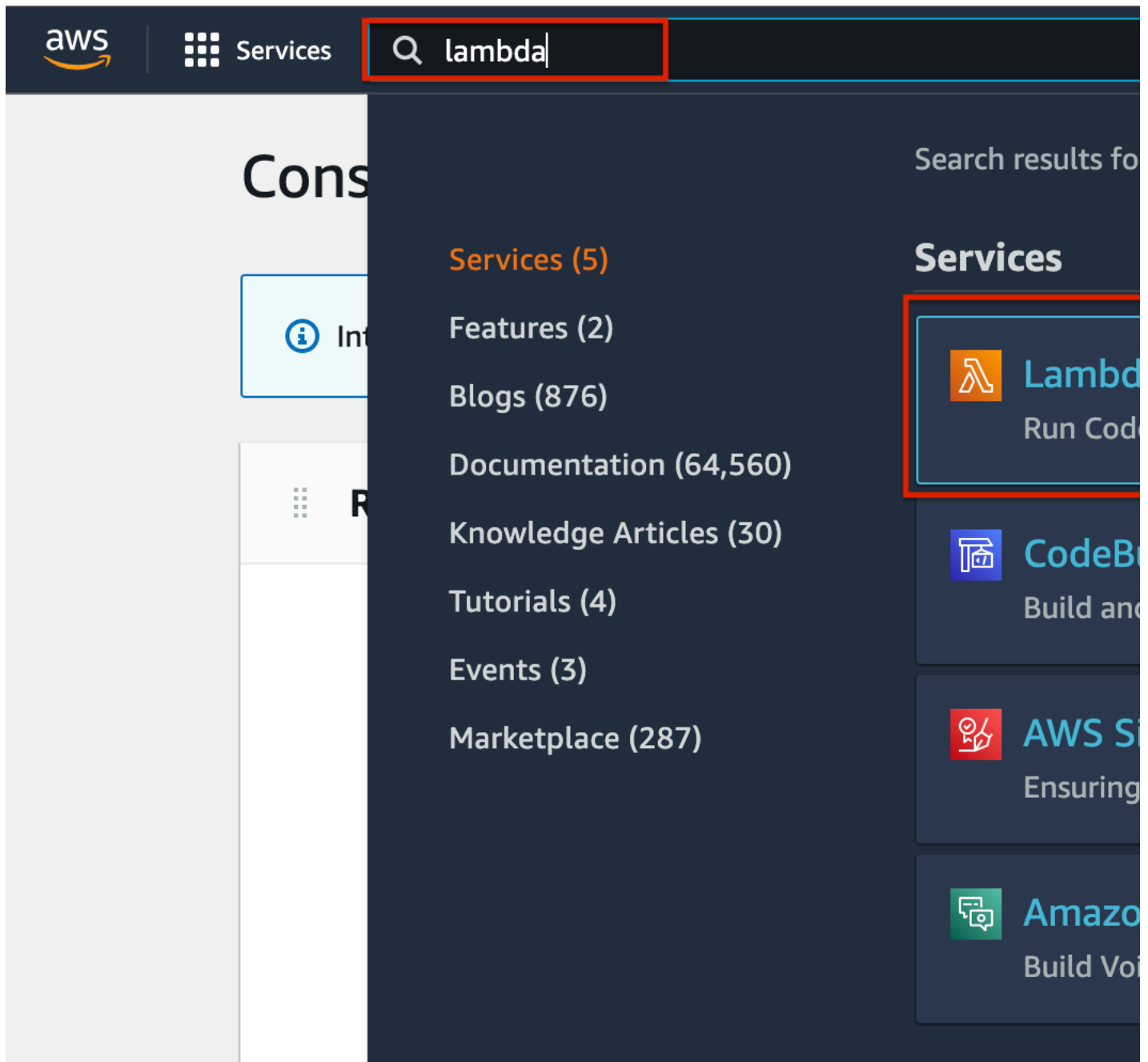
Sign in

[Sign in to a different account](#)

[Create a new AWS account](#)

### Task 2 - Create AWS Lambda function

1. When the **AWS Console Home** loads up, on the top search bar, type **Lambda**, and you will see that the Lambda service is listed as the first choice. Choose **Lambda**.



2. **Action** is chosen by default. Click **Create Function** to start creating your AWS Lambda function.

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda console. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AWS logo, a 'Services' menu, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the left sidebar shows the 'AWS Lambda' title and a list of options: 'Dashboard', 'Applications', 'Functions' (highlighted in orange), 'Additional resources' (expanded to show 'Code signing configurations', 'Layers', and 'Replicas'), and 'Related AWS resources' (expanded to show 'Step Functions state machines'). The main content area shows the 'Functions (0)' page, indicating no functions are currently listed. It includes a filter bar and a table header with columns for 'Function name' and 'Description'.

3. You can choose to **Author from Scratch** as you will be adding your own code to it.

The screenshot shows the 'Create function' wizard. The title is 'Create function' with an 'Info' link. Below the title, it says 'Choose one of the following options to create your function.' There are three options: 'Author from scratch' (selected with a blue radio button and highlighted by a red rectangle), 'Use a blueprint' (unselected with a white radio button), and 'Container image' (partially visible, unselected with a white radio button). The 'Author from scratch' option includes the text 'Start with a simple Hello World example.'

4. Provide basic information for your function - name of the function, runtime. You will be creating a Node.js function. So the runtime will be **Node.js 16.x**. Allow the rest to be default and click the **Create Function** button.

## Basic information

### Function name

Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.

helloworld

Use only letters, numbers, hyphens, or underscores with no spaces.

### Runtime [Info](#)

Choose the language to use to write your function. Note that the console code editor supports

Node.js 16.x

### Architecture [Info](#)

Choose the instruction set architecture you want for your function code.

☒ x86\_64

☐ arm64

### Permissions [Info](#)

By default, Lambda will create an execution role with permissions to upload logs to Amazon CloudWatch.

► **Change default execution role**

► **Advanced settings**

5. After a few seconds, you will see the function details page once the function is created.

Lambda > Functions > helloworld

# helloworld

## ▼ Function overview [Info](#)



helloworld



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6. Scroll down on the same page to see the default **Hello Lambda** code prewritten in the **Code** tab.

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index.js

index.js

1 exports.handler = async (event) => {  
2 // TODO implement  
3 const response = {  
4 statusCode: 200,  
5 body: JSON.stringify('Hello from Lambda!'),  
6 };  
7 return response;  
8 };  
9

7. Replace the code with the following custom code. This code will take the **name** parameter from the event and return a personalized **Hello**. Click **Deploy** once you add the script.

```
exports.handler = async (event) => {  
  const response = {  
    statusCode: 200,  
    body: JSON.stringify('Hello ' + event['name'] + " !")  
  };  
  return response;  
};
```

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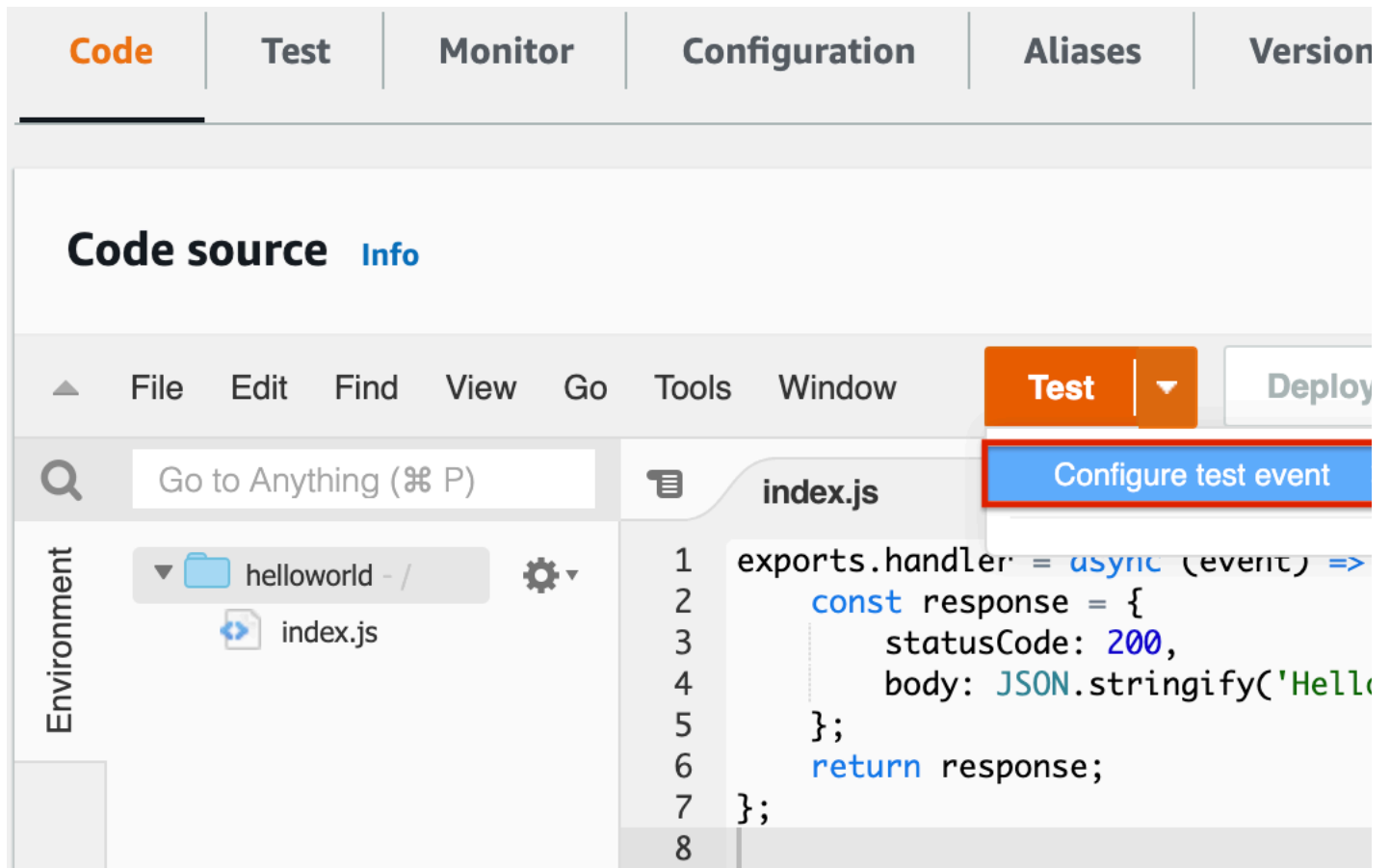
index.js

1 exports.handler = async (event) => {  
2 const response = {  
3 statusCode: 200,  
4 body: JSON.stringify('Hello ' +  
5 };  
6 return response;  
7 };  
8

Execution results

### Task 3 - Test the Lambda function

1. Once the code is deployed, you should configure an event and test the output of the Lambda function. Click the drop-down next to the **Test** button and choose **Configure test event**.



2. Give the event a name and then enter or copy and paste the JSON below to add the parameter you want to pass to the event. This event is triggered when you want to test your Lambda function. Add the **Event JSON** and click **Save**.

```
{
  "name": "Eliot"
}
```



## Test event action

☒ Create new event☐ Edit saved event

## Event name

sayHelloToMe

Maximum of 25 characters consisting of letters, numbers, dots, hyphens and underscores.

## Event sharing settings

☒ PrivateThis event is only available in the Lambda console and to the event creator. You can configure a total of 10. [Learn more](#)☐ ShareableThis event is available to IAM users within the same account who have permissions to access and use shareable events. [Learn more](#)

## Template - optional

hello-world

## Event JSON

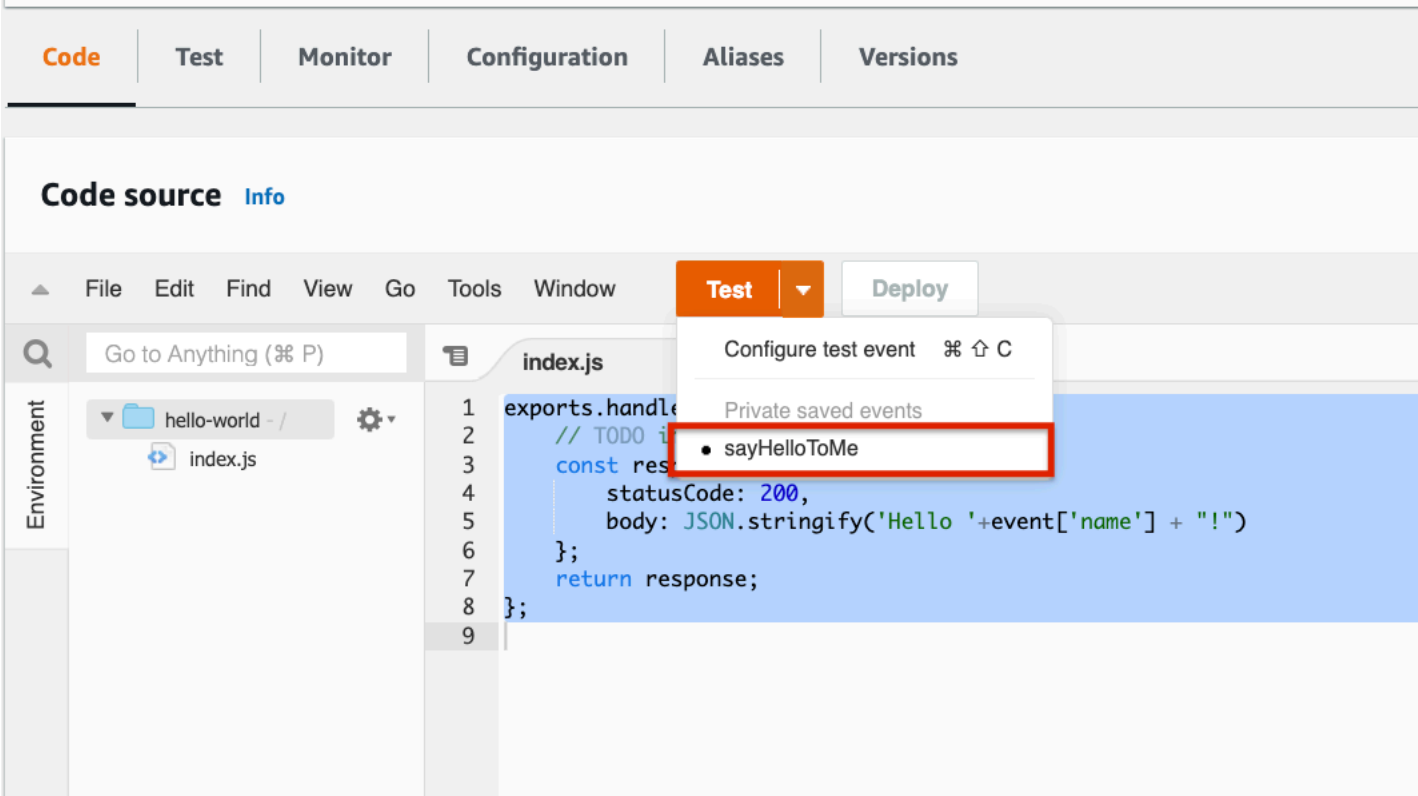
Format JSON

```
1 {  
2   "name": "Eliot"  
3 }
```

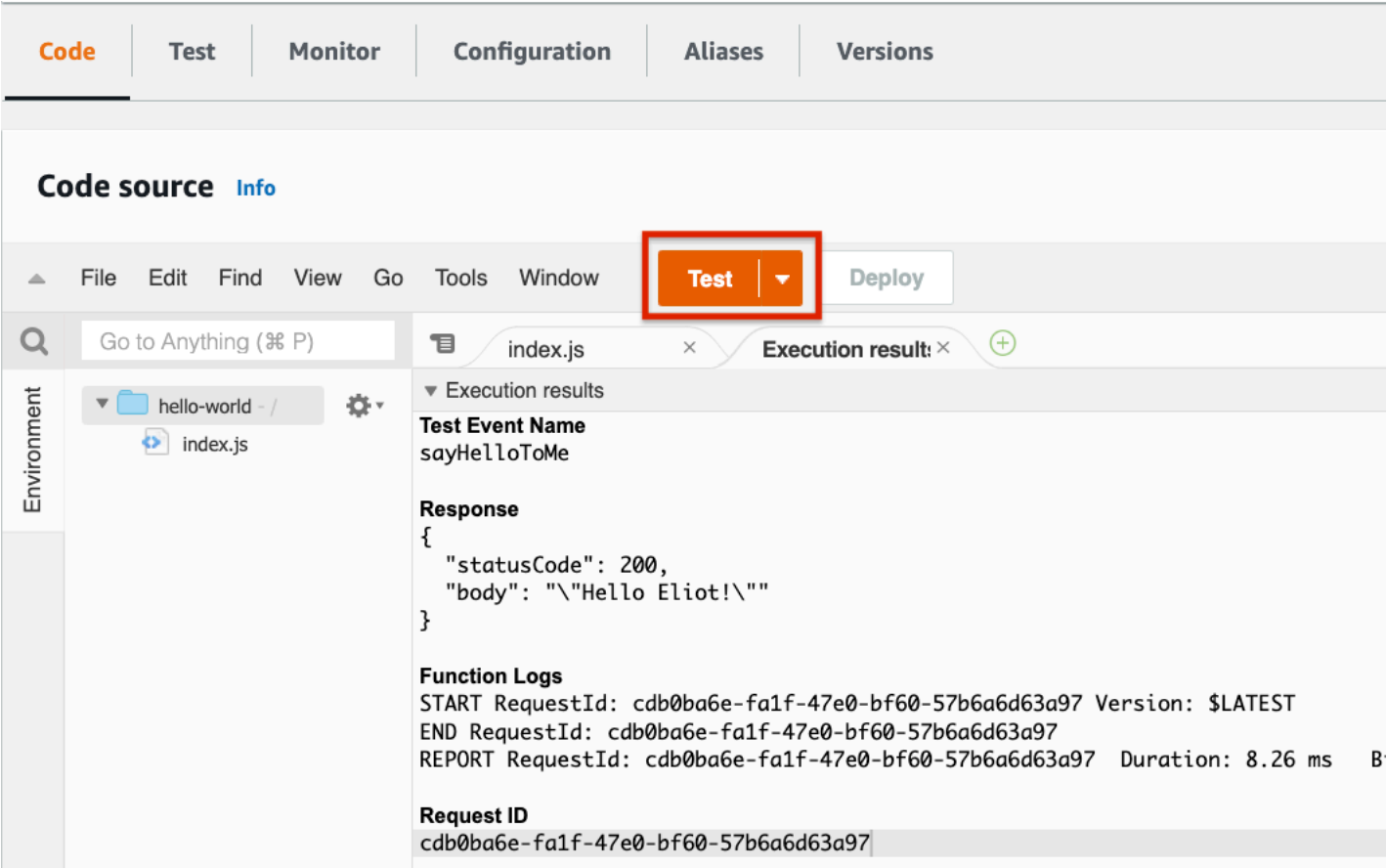
Cancel

Save

3. Check if the event has been created by clicking the drop-down next to **Test** again.



4. Click **Test** to invoke the Lambda function and see the response. You should see the response as shown in the image below.



**Task 4 - Delete the Lambda function**

1. Now that you have created a Lambda function and successfully tested it, you can delete it. On the top right, click the **Action** menu and choose the **delete** option.

Lambda > Functions > hello-world

# hello-world

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Execution result: ×



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**Test Event Name**  
sayHelloToMe

**Response**

```
{
  "statusCode": 200,
  "body": "\"Hello Eliot!\""
}
```

**Function Logs**

START RequestId: cdb0ba6e-fa1f-47e0-bf60-57b6a6d63a97 Version: \$LATEST  
END RequestId: cdb0ba6e-fa1f-47e0-bf60-57b6a6d63a97  
REPORT RequestId: cdb0ba6e-fa1f-47e0-bf60-57b6a6d63a97 Duration: 8.26 ms

**Request ID**

cdb0ba6e-fa1f-47e0-bf60-57b6a6d63a97

2. When it asks for confirmation, you can confirm that you want to delete the action.


Function Name

arnaws-lambda-rap-south-10

Function URL

Info

Delete function hello-world



Deleting a function permanently removes the function code. The related logs, roles, test event schemas, and triggers are retained in your account.

Cancel

Delete

Congratulations! You just created your first AWS Lambda function.

## Tutorial details

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