Reading: AWS Lambda

Introduction

Let's build a simple serverless application using AWS Lambda.

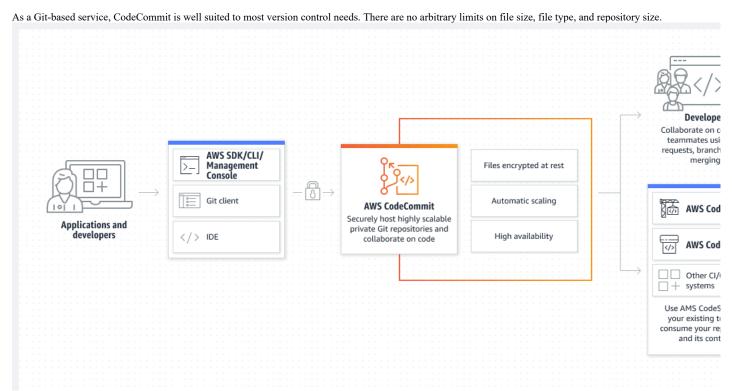
This application will have an html front end hosted on AWS Amplify, where you can enter some text. On submitting the form, it will provide you with a response which is capitalized and reverse of your entered text.

Capitalize and Reverse will be two separate Lambda functions to show you the chaining capabilities. Instead of accessing these functions directly, an API Gateway will be used to accept client requests and respond with the final output.

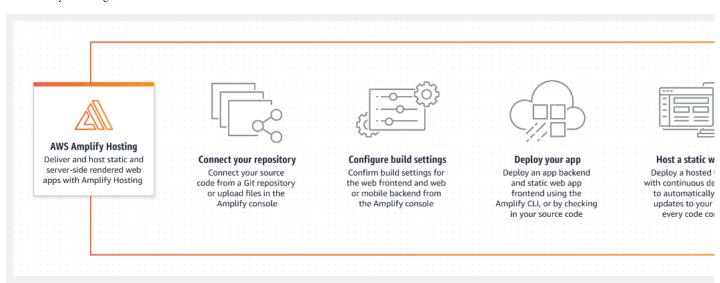
The application will include two separate Lambda functions: Capitalize and Reverse. These functions will be chained together using AWS Step Functions. Instead of accessing these functions directly, an API Gateway will be used to accept client requests and respond with the final output.

Components Used:

• AWS CodeCommit: AWS CodeCommit is a secure, highly scalable, fully managed source control service that hosts private Git repositories.

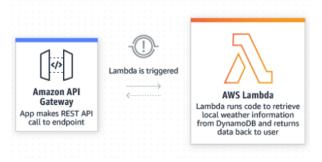


• AWS Amplify: AWS Amplify is a complete solution that lets front end web and mobile developers easily build, ship, and host full-stack applications on AWS, with the flexibility to leverage the breadth of AWS services as use cases evolve.

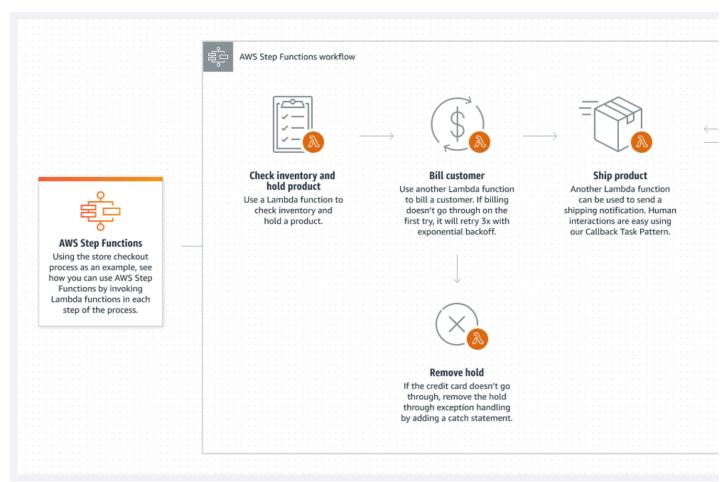


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• AWS Lambda: AWS Lambda is a serverless, event-driven compute service that lets you run code for virtually any type of application or back end service without provisioning or managing servers. You can trigger Lambda from over 200 AWS services and software as a service (SaaS) application, and only pay for what you use

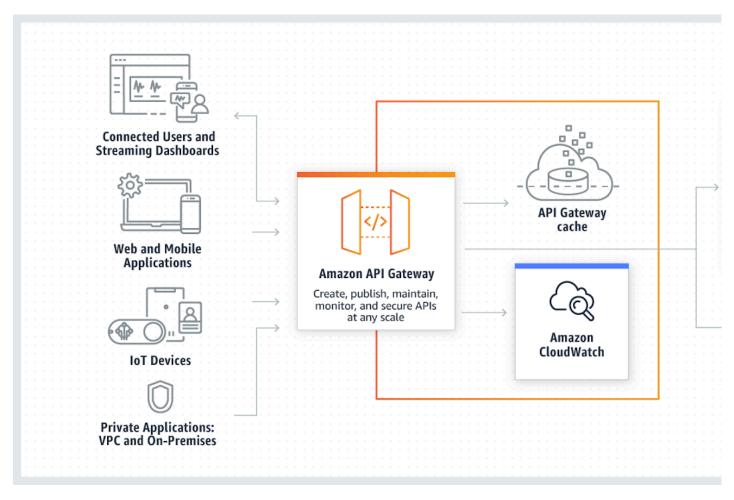


AWS Step Function: AWS Step Function is a visual workflow service that helps developers use AWS services to build distributed applications, automate processes, orchestrate microservices, and create data and machine learning (ML) pipelines.



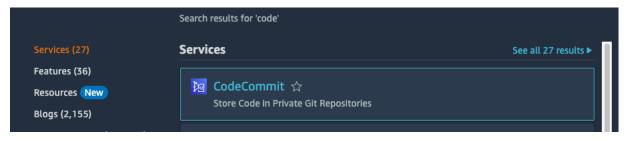
• AWS API Gateway: Amazon API Gateway is a fully managed service that makes it easy for developers to create, publish, maintain, monitor, and secure APIs at any scale. APIs act as the "front door" for applications to access data, business logic, or functionality from your back end services.

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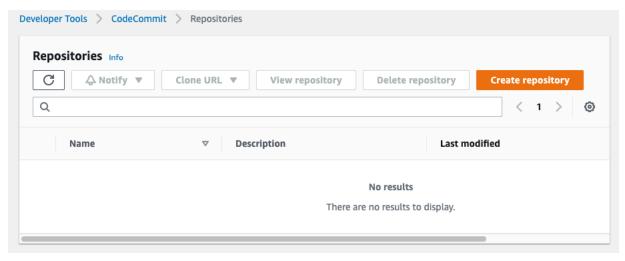


Process

 $\bullet \ \ Let's \ start \ with \ defining \ CodeCommit \ resource \ which \ you \ can \ use \ as \ your \ code \ repository.$



1. You start with a blank repository. Click on Create repository.



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2. Provide a repository name and an optional description.

Create repository Create a secure repository to store and share your code. Begin by typing a repository name and a description for your repository. Repository names are included in the URLs for that repository. Repository settings Repository name capitaliseAndReverseUI 100 characters maximum. Other limits apply. Description - optional Front end to let users add a text and see the response which is capitalised and reversed. 1,000 characters maximum Tags Add

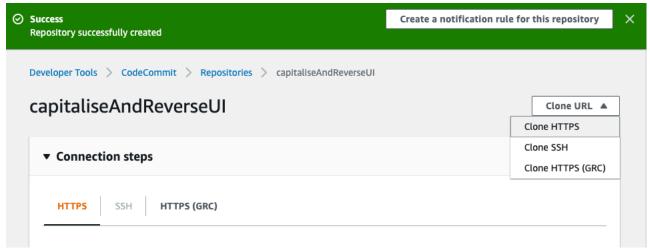
3. Now get the details of this repository to clone in your local environment.

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Get recommendations to improve the quality of the Java and Python code for all pull

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4. Clone the repository on your computer to create the required html resources.

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$ git clone https://git-codecommit.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/repos/capitaliseAndReverseUI Cloning into 'capitaliseAndReverseUI'...
Username for 'https://git-codecommit.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com':

Password for 'https://wegit-codecommit.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com':
warning: You appear to have cloned an empty repository.
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5. You then create a simple html page (that will contain the require JavaScript and CSS sections).

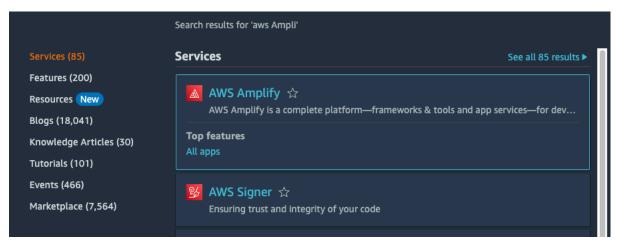
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6. Commit your changes and you can also push the changes to the remote repository on AWS CodeCommit.

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$ git commit -m "index.html created which accepts a text value"
[master (root-commit) 14aa3ab] index.html created which accepts a text value
1 file changed, 49 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 index.html
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Host Front-End with AWS Amplify

1. Now create AWS Amplify resource to host your static content (HTML).



2. Start by creating the resource.



AWS Amplify

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Amplify Hosting



Host your web app

Connect your Git repository to continuously deploy your frontend and backend. Host it on a globally available CDN.



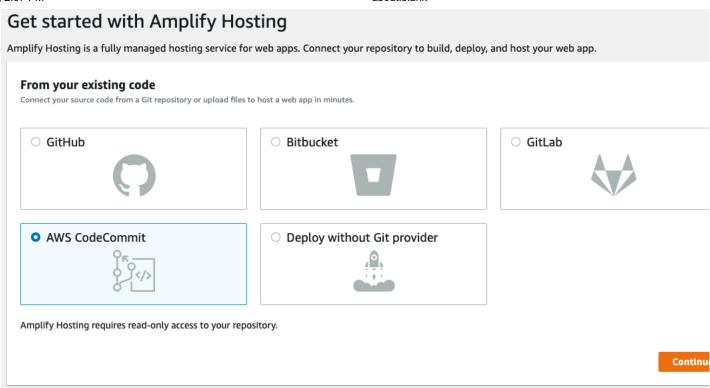




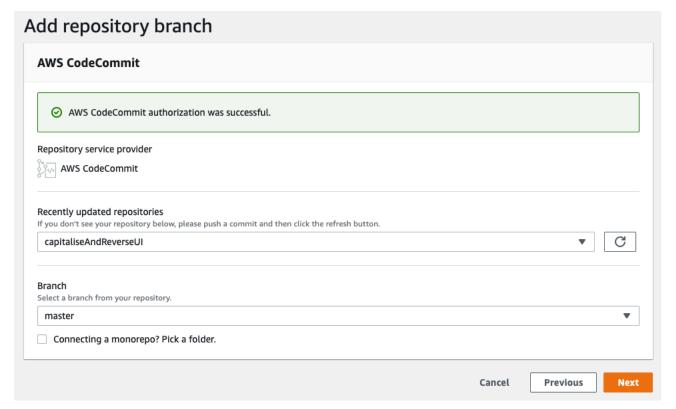
Get started

4. Select AWS CodeCommit; this is where you have pushed changes from your local environment to the repository.

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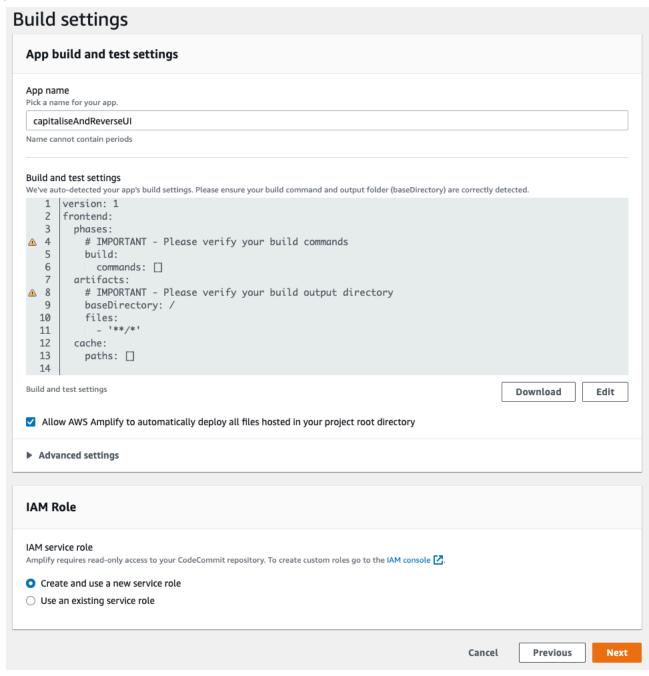


5. You will now link the master branch with AWS Amplify. This will provide the continuous delivery for you whenever you push changes to master branch.



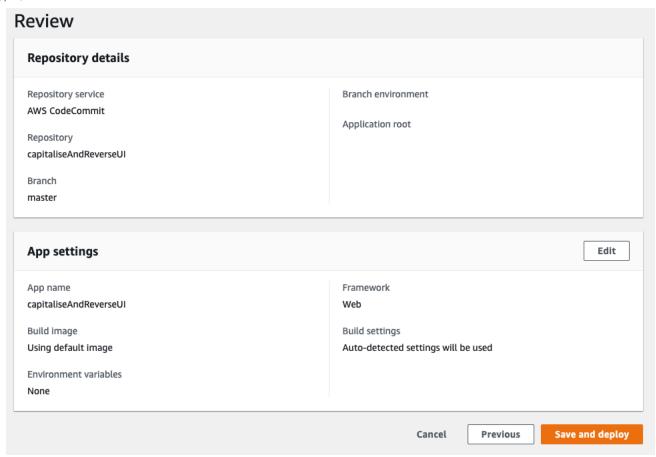
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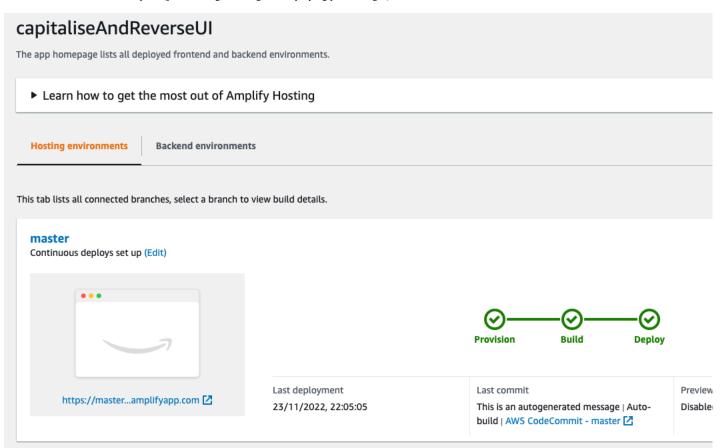


7. Review and complete the process.

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8. Process takes some time to complete (provisioning, building, and deploying your changes).



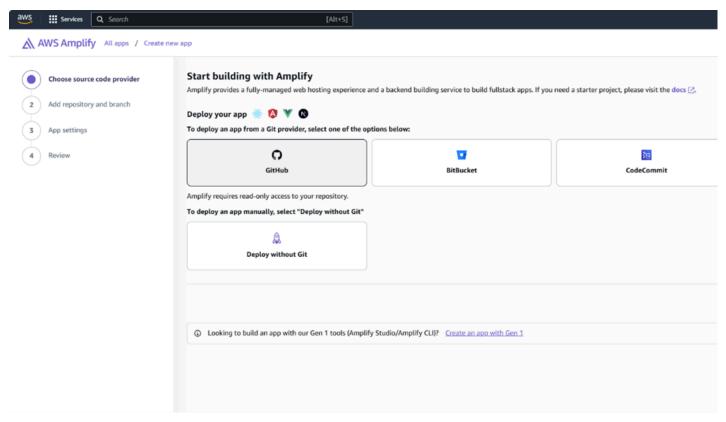
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Deploying Your Application on AWS Amplify using GitHub

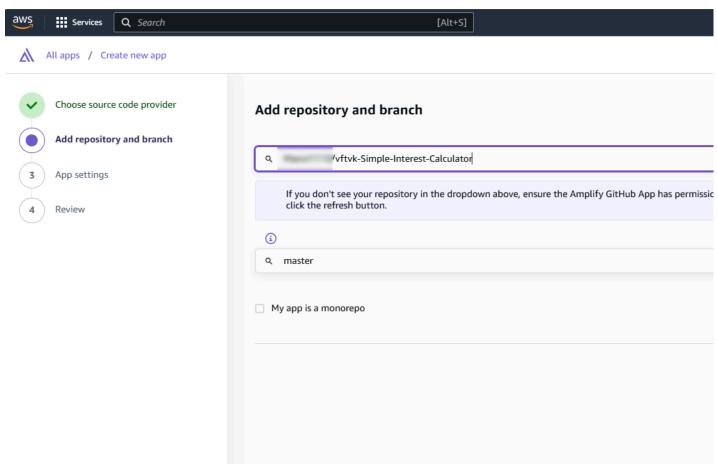
1. Select GitHub and click Next. You'll need to define the GitHub repository you want to use as your code repository.



Note: After selecting GitHub, You'll be prompted to authorize access.

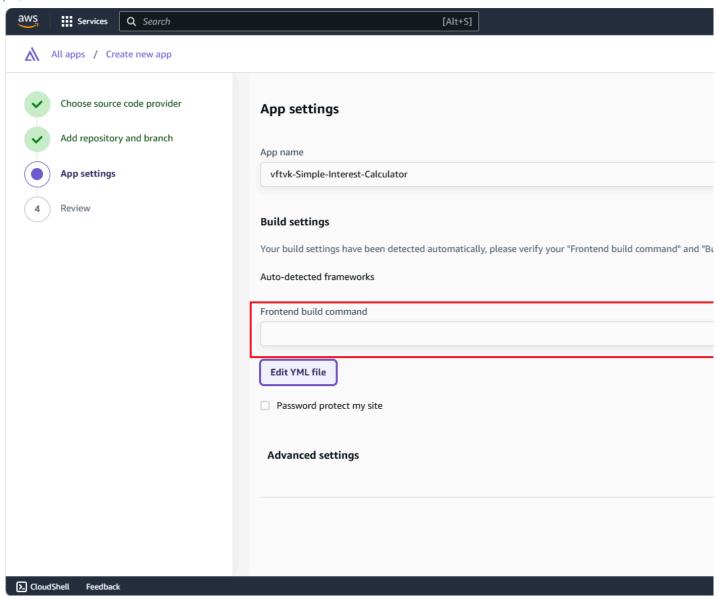
2. Choose the project you wish to deploy, then connect its working branch (main/master) to GitHub. This setup will enable continuous delivery, automatically deploying updates whenever you push changes to the working branch.

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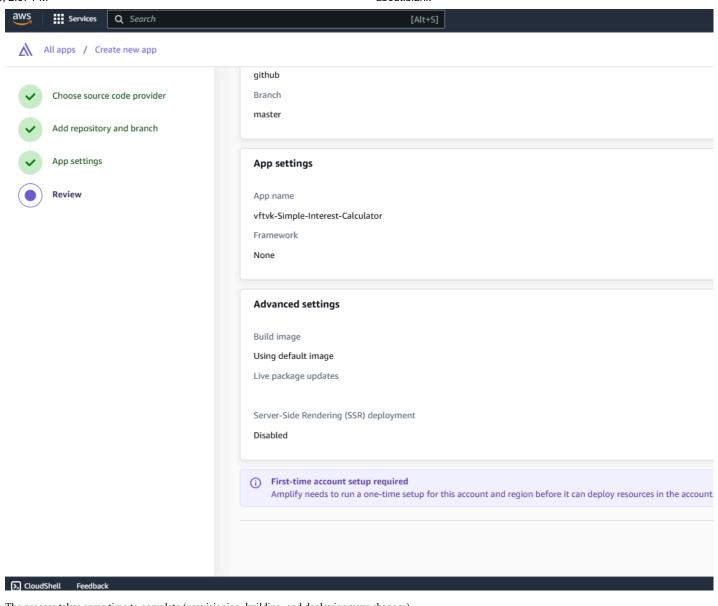
Note: Specify the Frontend build command and the build directory according to your project.

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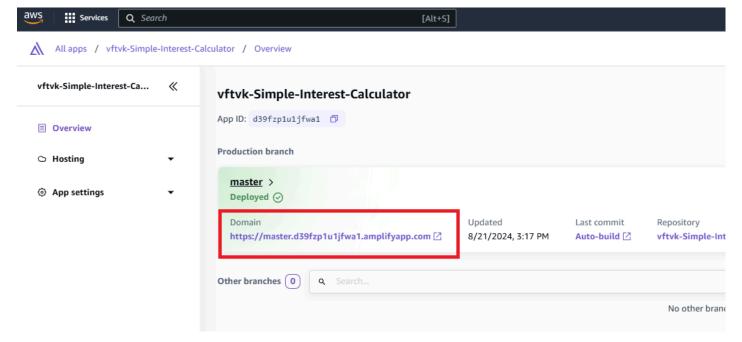


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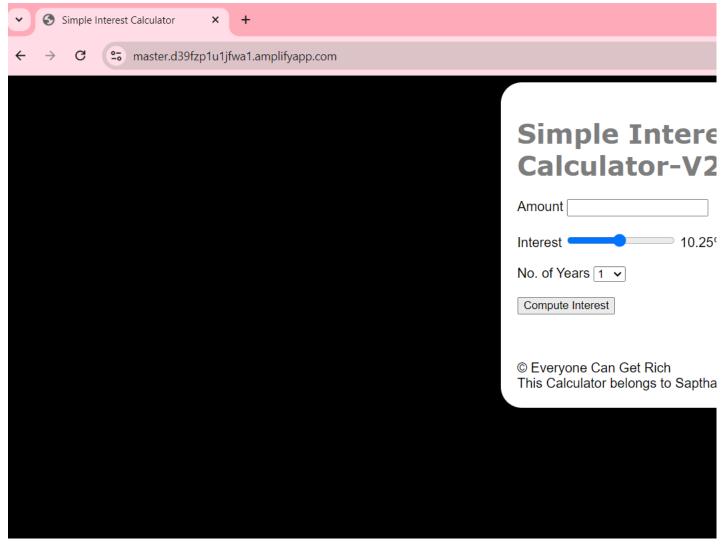


The process takes some time to complete (provisioning, building, and deploying your changes).



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Note: If the deployment fails, click on the Hosting from the left pannel and choose build settings and update the YML file.

But this application is not complete, you are yet to build the back end to do the capitalization and reversal of the input string.

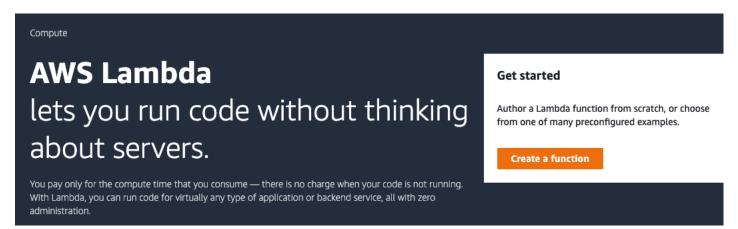
Create AWS Lambda Functions

Capitalize Function:

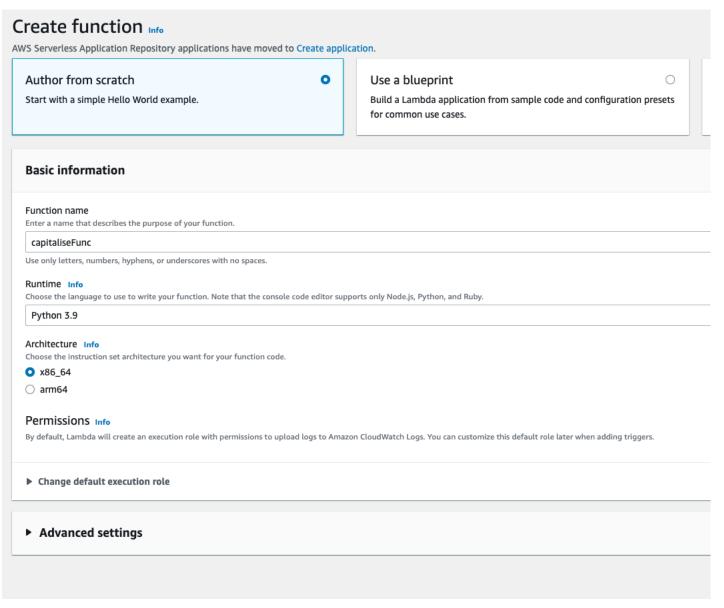
1. You start by defining the first AWS Lambda function to Capitalize the input text.



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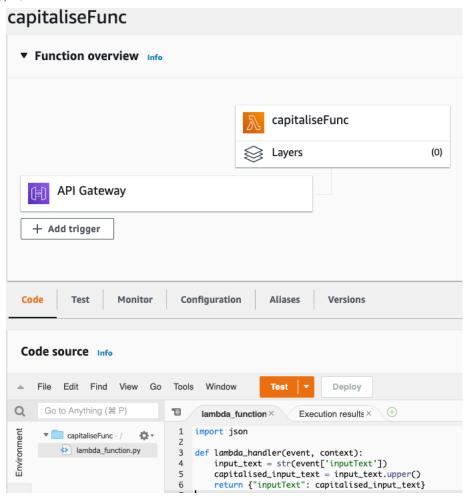


2. Provide the function name and runtime. Choose Python 3.9 for this.



3. Defining the function will look like this:

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4. The code you have written is very basic, as it accepts input text as part of the body (it's a HTTP POST function). And returns the object again as input text with capitalized value (so you can chain this to the reverse function).

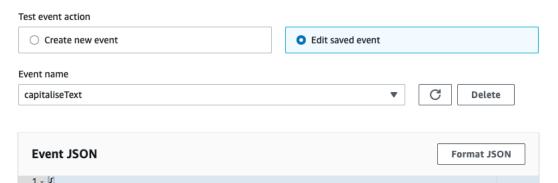
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```
import json
def lambda_handler(event, context):
    input_text = str(event['inputText'])
    capitalised_input_text = input_text.upper()
    return {"inputText": capitalised_input_text}
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Configure test event

A test event is a JSON object that mocks the structure of requests emitted by AWS services to invoke a Lambda function. Use it to see the function's invocation result.

To invoke your function without saving an event, modify the event, then choose Test. Lambda uses the modified event to invoke your function, but does not overwrite the original event until you choose Save changes.



5. And once you deploy your function, you can then test it and see the following outcome.

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6. Similarly, you create the reverse function.

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import json

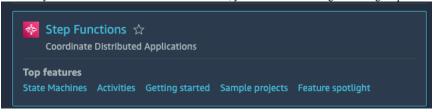
def lambda_handler(event, context):
    input_text = str(event['inputText'])
    reversed_input_text = input_text [::-1]
    return {"inputText": reversed_input_text}

import json
    def lambda_handler(event, context):
        input_text = str(event['inputText'])
        reversed_input_text = input_text[::-1]
        return {"inputText": reversed_input_text}
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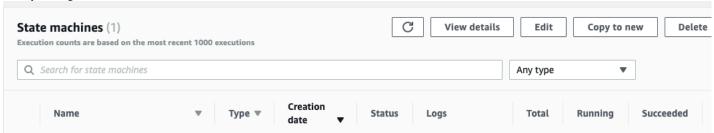
7. Deploy and test the function.



8. Now that you have two functions defined and created, you can chain them together using StepFunctions.



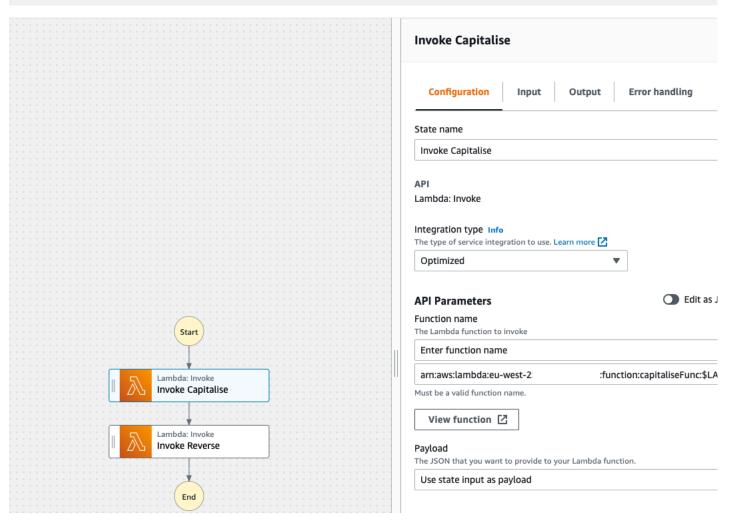
9. Start by creating a state machine.



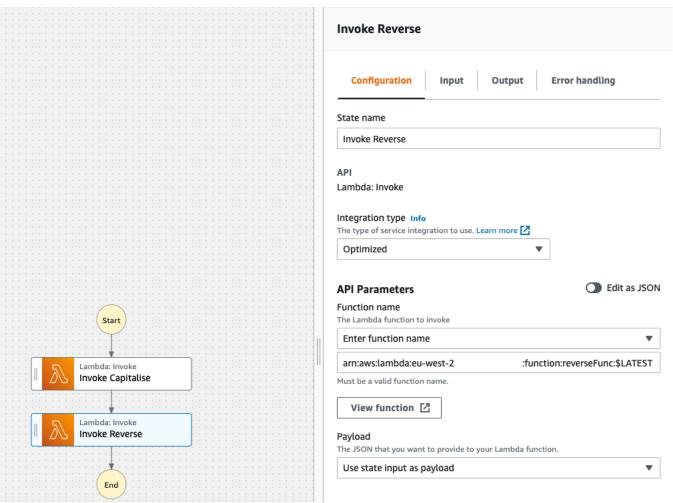
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10. You can choose to design workflow visually for ease and use Express to make your functions work synchronously.

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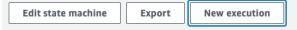


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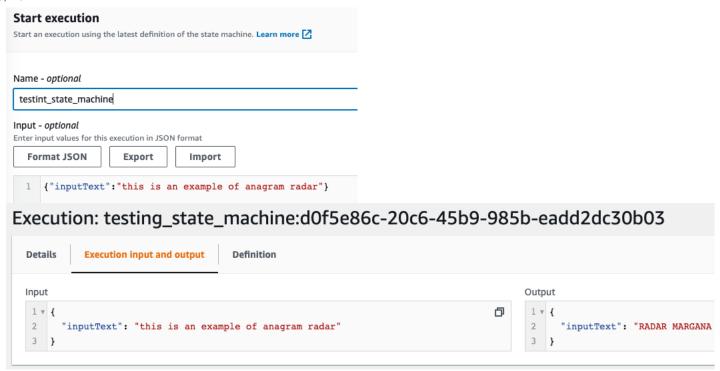
Edit CapitaliseAndReverseStateMachine

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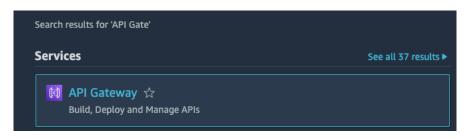
11. Click on New execution to test your State machine..

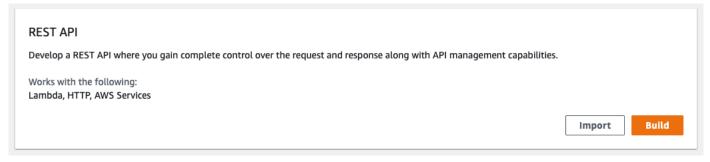


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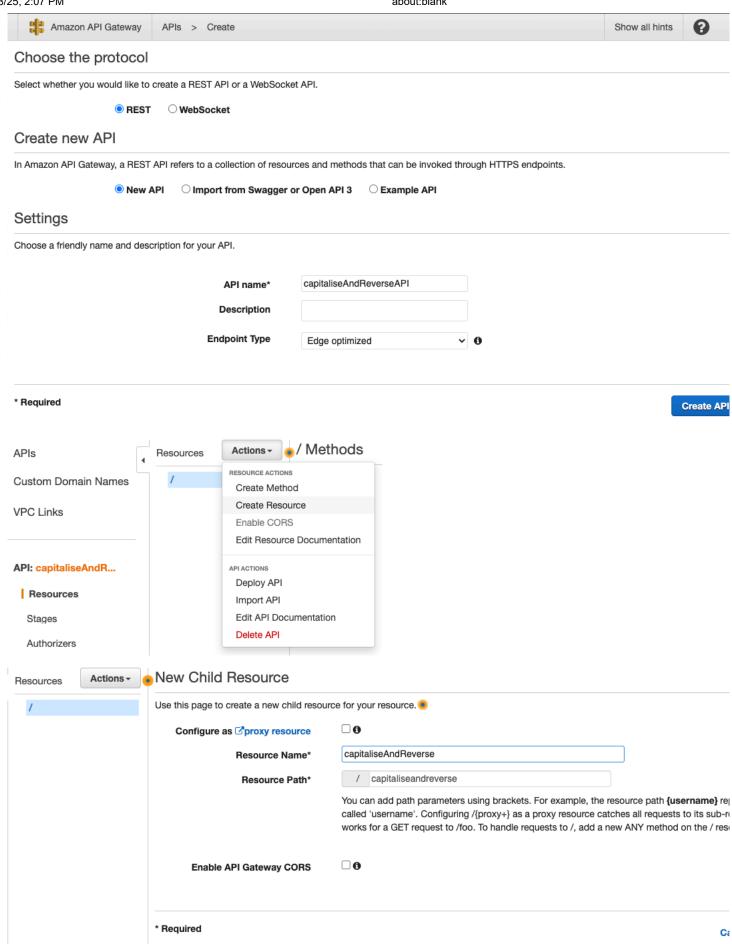


Create API Gateway

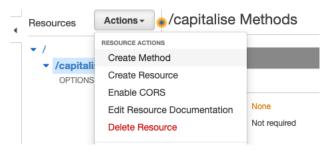




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Provide information about the target backend that this method will call and whether the incoming request data should be modified.

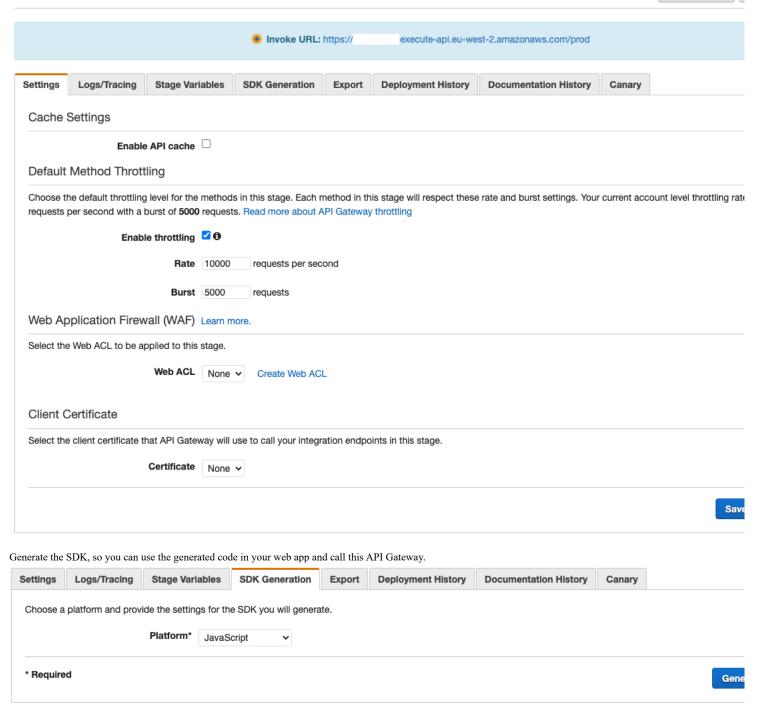
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You then define the Stage. A Stage is a named reference to a deployment, which is a snapshot of the API. You use a Stage to manage and optimize a particular deployment. For example, you can configure Stage settings to enable caching, customize request throttling, configure logging, define stage variables, or attach a canary release for testing.

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prod Stage Editor

Delete Stage



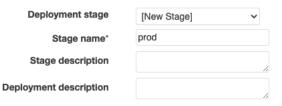
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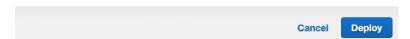


And finally deploy the API (back in the AWS API Gateway section).



Choose a stage where your API will be deployed. For example, a test version of your API could be deployed to a stage named beta.





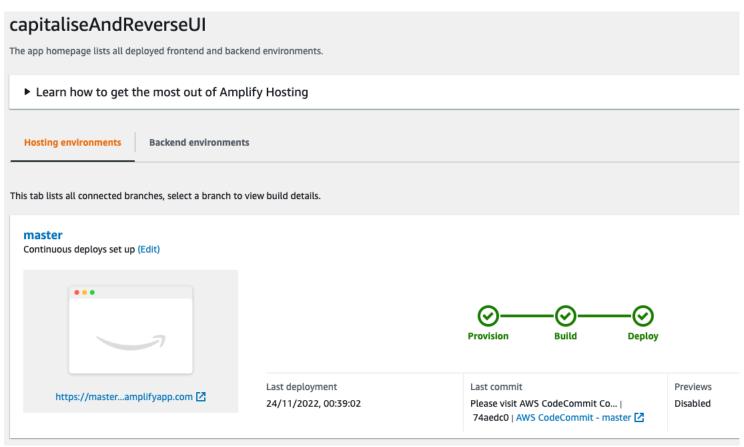
Finalize Front-End

Your final HTML will looks like below; do notice that you have introduced a field to display your output

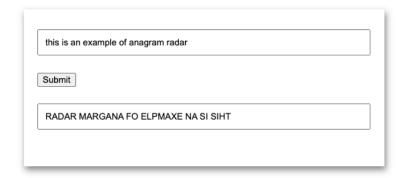
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<html lang="en">
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          <meta charset="UTF-8" />
           <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge" />
           <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0" />
           <title>Reverse and Capitalise with AWS Lambda</title>
          <stvle>
                body { font-family: Verdana; text-align: center; }
                form { max-width: 500px; margin: 50px auto; padding: 30px 20px; box-shadow: 2px 5px 10px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.5); }
                .form-control { text-align: left; margin-bottom: 25px; }
                 .form-control input { padding: 10px; display: block; width: 95%; }
          </style>
    </head>
    <body>
          <form id="form" onsubmit="callLambdaFunction(); return false;">
                      <div class="form-control">
                                 <input type="text" id="inputText" placeholder="Enter some text here" />
                      </div>
                      <div class="form-control">
                                 <button type="submit" value="submit">Submit</button>
                       </div>
                      <div class="form-control">
                                 <input type="text" readonly id="outputText" placeholder="Output will appear here" />
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You then commit and push the changes to AWS CodeCommit repository and wait for it to be deployed.



And you can now test your web app by visiting the URL provided to you by AWS Amplify.



Conclusion

Services provided by AWS, more specifically around Lambda can be used to create sophisticated applications providing both front and back end. And you can build the whole eco system for your app from code repository to deployed as a serverless application.

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