

# Creation of an AWS Lambda Function using CloudFormation

AWS Lambda is a serverless compute service: run code without worrying about servers. You pay per execution, and get up to a million free executions a month.

Lambda functions are usually built to run in response to computing events.

## Step 1: Write a Template

### Resources:

**HelloLambdaRole:**

**Type:** AWS::IAM::Role

**Properties:**

**RoleName:** HelloLambdaRole

**AssumeRolePolicyDocument:**

**Statement:**

- Effect: Allow

**Principal:**

**Service:** lambda.amazonaws.com

**Action:** sts:AssumeRole

**HelloLambdaFunction:**

**Type:** AWS::Lambda::Function

**Properties:**

**FunctionName:** HelloLambdaFunction

**Role:** !GetAtt HelloLambdaRole.Arn

**Runtime:** python3.7

**Handler:** index.my\_handler

**Code:**

**ZipFile: |**

```
def my_handler(event, context):  
  
    message = 'Hello Lambda World!'  
  
    return message
```

Here are a few more details about the Lambda function properties:

The Resource is named “HelloLambdaFunction”. We can use any alphanumeric (A-Za-z0-9) we like as long as it’s unique to the template.

FunctionName does not have to be the same as the Resource’s name, but it’s cleaner to keep them the same. The FunctionName is what’s stored within your AWS account. If you do not specify a name here, AWS will generate one for you.

Role is where the function gets its privileges, and it is required. You created the HelloLambdaRole role so you could supply it here. CloudFormation wants the role’s ARN (a long string AWS assigns each resource), not the friendly name you gave it. Since we don’t know the role’s ARN because it hasn’t been created yet, we use a handy intrinsic function: !GetAtt(‘Get Attribute’), supplying it your friendly name and the attribute keyword Arn. The intrinsic function will return our new role’s ARN for us. There are various ways to call the intrinsic function. In the above example, the YAML used: !GetAtt HelloLambdaRole.Arn and JSON used: "Fn::GetAtt": ["HelloLambdaRole", "Arn"].

Runtime is the function’s programming language, and you have a set to pick from. Click here for valid Runtime values.

The Handler specifies what function, within the Lambda code, should be invoked. Here, index.my\_handler means invoke the my\_handler function in the file named index (see next bullet point).

Zipfile: means you are supplying the Runtime code ‘inline’ (within this template, not an external file.) Since you’re using ‘inline’ code, CloudFormation will zip your code for you, storing it in a file named index. This is why the Handler value you supplied above was index.myhandler (<filename>.<runtime\_function\_name>).

## **Step 2. Create the Stack**

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Specify template

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Create stack

Prerequisite - Prepare template

Prepare template

Every stack is based on a template. A template is a JSON or YAML file that contains configuration information about the AWS resources you want to include in the stack.

Template is ready

Use a sample template

Create template in Designer

Specify template

A template is a JSON or YAML file that describes your stack's resources and properties.

Template source

Selecting a template generates an Amazon S3 URL where it will be stored.

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CREATE\_COMPLETE

lambda

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Stack actions

Create stack

Stack info

Events

Resources

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Parameters

Template

Change sets

Overview

Stack ID

arn:aws:cloudformation:us-east-1:986041421187:stack/lambda/d3689490-2daa-11ed-bf1f-0ae594feb8e1

Description

-

Status

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Status reason

-

Root stack

-

Parent stack

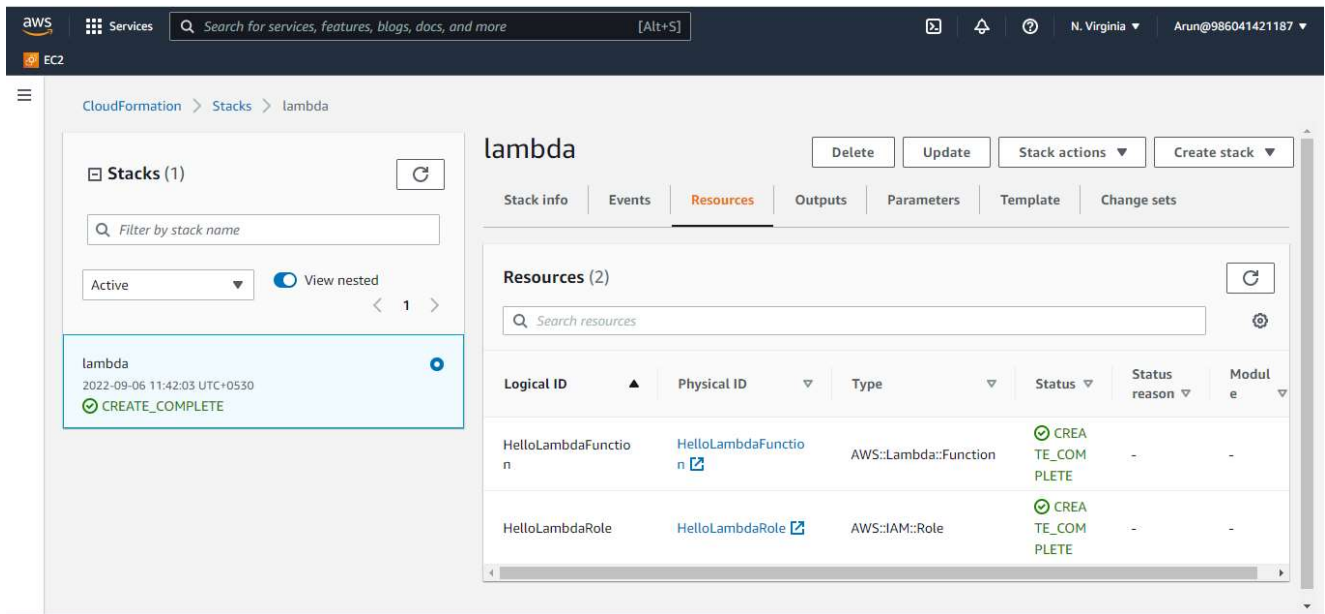
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Created time

2022-09-06 11:42:03 UTC+0530

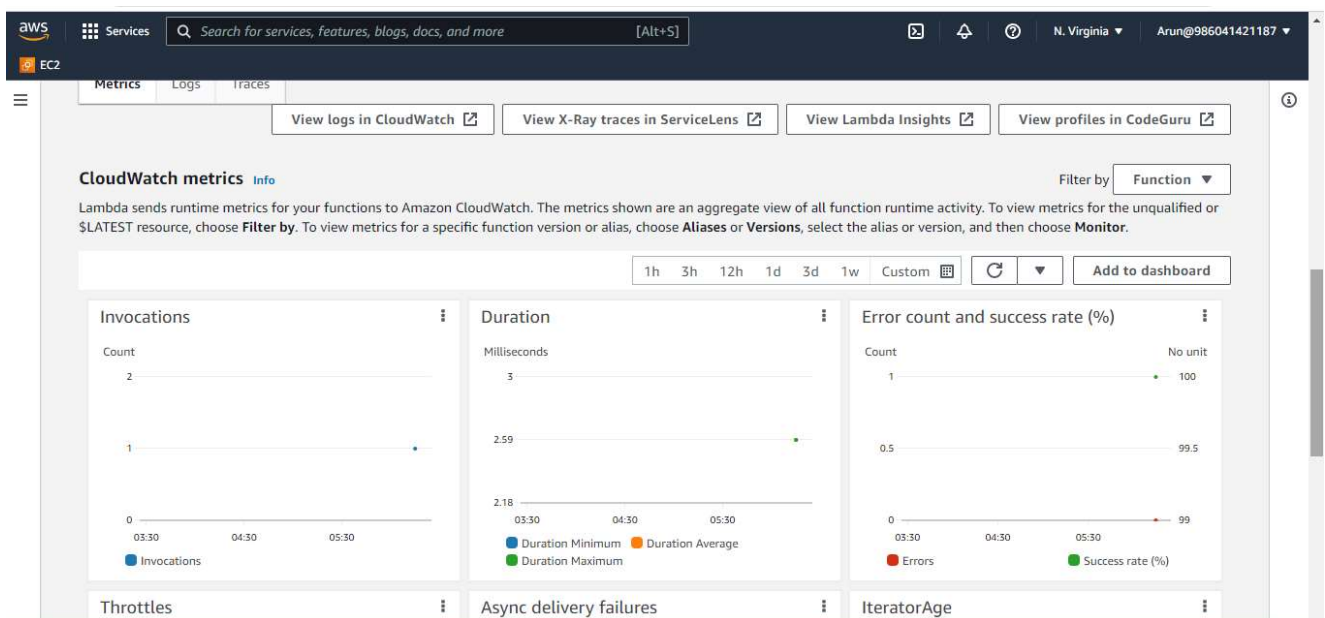
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### Step 3. Invoke the Lambda Function

Test the new Lambda function by manually invoking it, to simulate an event:



Successfully created an AWS Lambda Function and simulated an event to trigger it!

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index.pyExecution results

Environment

▼ HelloLambdaFunctionindex.py

▼ Execution results

Status: SucceededMax memory used: 36 MBTime: 2.59 ms

Test Event Name

test1

Response

"Hello Lambda World!"

Function Logs

START RequestId: f13b3c31-1b54-418f-a1a1-f37594e00f83 Version: \$LATEST

END RequestId: f13b3c31-1b54-418f-a1a1-f37594e00f83

REPORT RequestId: f13b3c31-1b54-418f-a1a1-f37594e00f83 Duration: 2.59 ms Billed Duration: 3 ms Memory Size: 128 MB Max Memory Used: 36 MB

Request ID

f13b3c31-1b54-418f-a1a1-f37594e00f83