Advance Devops Practical Examination: AWS Case Study Assignment

Topic: Serverless Image Processing Workflow

1. Introduction

Concepts Used: AWS Lambda, S3, Codebuild, and CodePipeline.

Problem Statement: "Create a serverless workflow that triggers an AWS Lambda function when a new image is uploaded to an S3 bucket. Use CodePipeline to automate the deployment of the Lambda function."

Tasks:

- Create a Lambda function in Python that logs and processes an image when uploaded to a specific S3 bucket.
- Set up AWS CodePipeline to automatically deploy updates to the Lambda function.
- Upload a sample image to S3 and verify that the Lambda function is triggered and logs the event.

Theory:

1. AWS Lambda

AWS Lambda is a **serverless compute service** that allows you to run code without provisioning or managing servers. It automatically scales your application by running code in response to triggers, such as changes in data or HTTP requests, without you needing to worry about infrastructure. Lambda supports various languages (e.g., Python, Node.js, Java, etc.).

Key Features:

- **Event-driven**: Triggered by events (e.g., S3 uploads, API Gateway requests).
- Auto-scaling: Scales based on demand.
- Pay-as-you-go: Charges based on the number of requests and the compute time used.

2. Amazon S3 (Simple Storage Service)

Amazon S3 is an **object storage service** that allows you to store and retrieve any amount of data from anywhere. It is widely used for storing large amounts of unstructured data like images, videos, backups, and logs.

Key Features:

- Durability & Scalability: Highly durable and scalable for storing large data sets.
- Access Control: Offers fine-grained access controls using policies and permissions.
- Integration: Integrates with other AWS services like Lambda, CloudFront, and Glacier for archiving.

3. AWS CodePipeline

AWS CodePipeline is a **continuous integration and continuous delivery (CI/CD) service** that automates the software release process. It defines a workflow (pipeline) for building, testing, and deploying your code automatically.

Key Features:

- **Automation**: Automates code deployment after every change.
- Multi-stage Pipeline: Supports stages like source control, build, and deploy.
- Integration: Integrates with tools like GitHub, Jenkins, and AWS services like CodeBuild and Lambda.

4. AWS IAM (Identity and Access Management)

AWS IAM is a service that helps you manage **access to AWS resources** securely. It allows you to create users, groups, and roles and assign permissions to control who can access what.

Key Features:

- Granular Permissions: Control access to AWS services and resources at a fine level.
- Multi-factor Authentication (MFA): Adds an extra layer of security for users.
- Roles: Allows temporary access for services or users to perform specific tasks.

5.AWS CloudWatch:

AWS CloudWatch is a monitoring service that provides data and actionable insights to monitor applications, understand system-wide performance changes, and optimize resource usage. In this experiment, CloudWatch was used to capture logs from the Lambda function, allowing us to track S3 events and troubleshoot any issues that occurred during image uploads and processing.

Key Features:

- Logs: Collects and stores logs from AWS services like Lambda.
- Metrics: Provides metrics based on the logs and AWS services.
- o Alerts: Configures alarms based on metrics to monitor resources.

6. AWS CodeBuild:

AWS CodeBuild is a fully managed build service in AWS that compiles source code, runs tests, and produces software packages. In this experiment, CodeBuild was used as the build stage of the pipeline to package the Lambda function code and deploy it automatically using AWS CLI.

Key Features:

- Continuous Integration: Automates the build and test phases.
- Scalable: Scales automatically to handle multiple builds.
- Integration: Easily integrates with other AWS services like CodePipeline and Lambda.

7. S3 Event Notifications:

S3 Event Notifications enable you to receive notifications when specific events occur in an S3 bucket. In this case study, S3 Event Notifications were used to trigger the Lambda function when an image was uploaded, ensuring the function is only invoked when necessary.

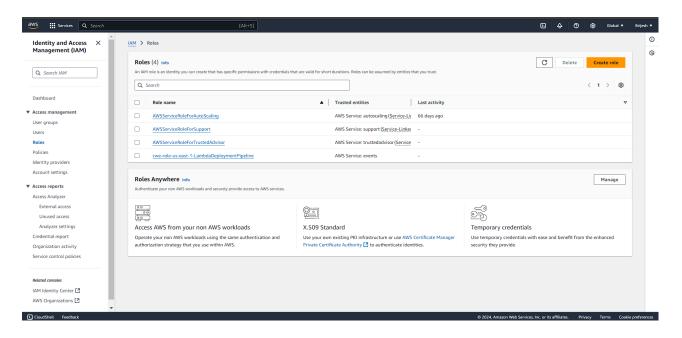
Key Features:

- Event Triggers: Supports events like object creation, deletion, or replication.
- Destination: Can trigger Lambda functions, SNS, or SQS notifications.
- Granular Control: Can configure events to be triggered for specific objects or prefixes in the bucket.

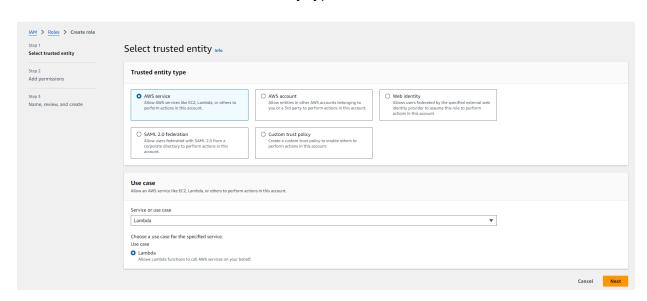
2. Step-by-Step Explanation

1. Create an IAM Role:

- Log in to the AWS Management Console.
- Go to the IAM Console in AWS.

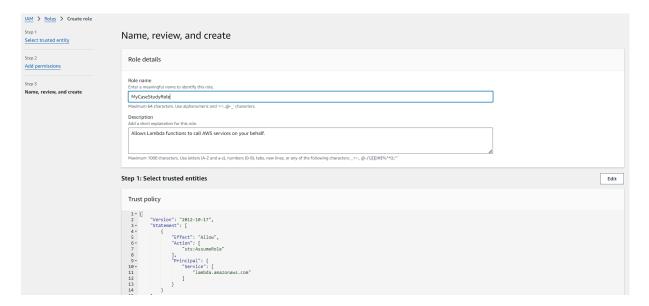


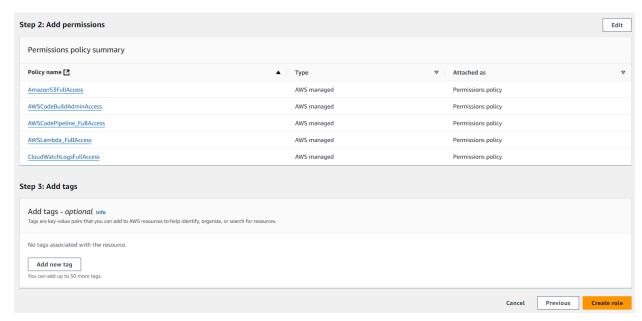
- Click on Roles and choose Create Role.
- Select AWS service as the trusted entity type, and choose Lambda as the use case.



- Attach policies such as:
 - AmazonS3FullAccess

- AWSCodeBuildAdminAccess
- AWSCodePipeline_FullAccess
- AWSLambda_FullAccess
- CloudWatchLogsFullAccess
- Give the role a name: MyCaseStudyRole48 and create it.



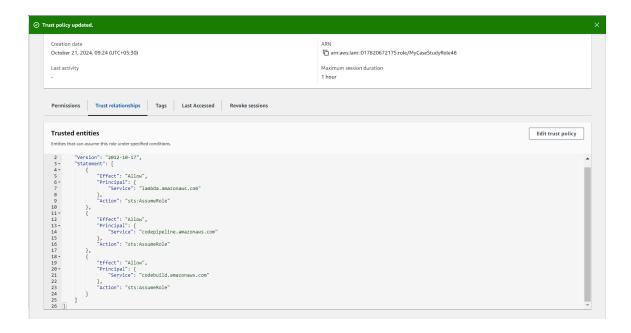


After creating the role, in Trust Relationship/Policy attach below policy in Statement.

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    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
        "Service": "codepipeline.amazonaws.com"
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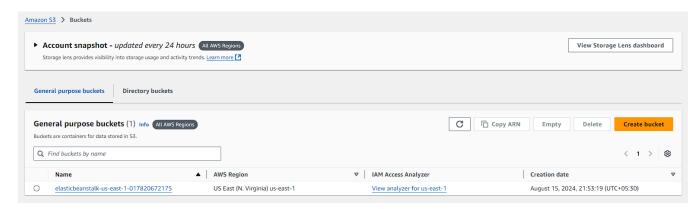
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},
   "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
},
{
   "Effect": "Allow",
   "Principal": {
        "Service": "codebuild.amazonaws.com"
    },
    "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
}
```

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IAM > Roles > MyCaseStudyRole48 > Edit trust policy
Edit trust policy
   1 ▼ {
   2
        "Version": "2012-10-17",
       "Statement": [
   3 ▼
   7 | "Service": "lambda.amazonaws.com"
8 | },
9 | "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
10 | },
  14 "Service": "codepipeline.amazonaws.com"
  15 },
16 "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
17 },
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  23
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
  24 }
  25 ]
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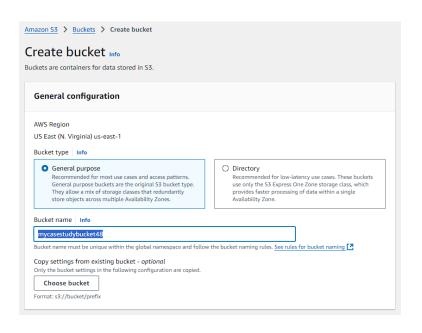


2. Create an S3 Bucket:

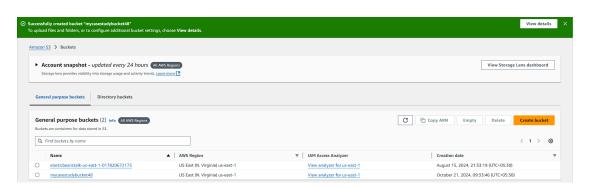
Navigate to the S3 service.



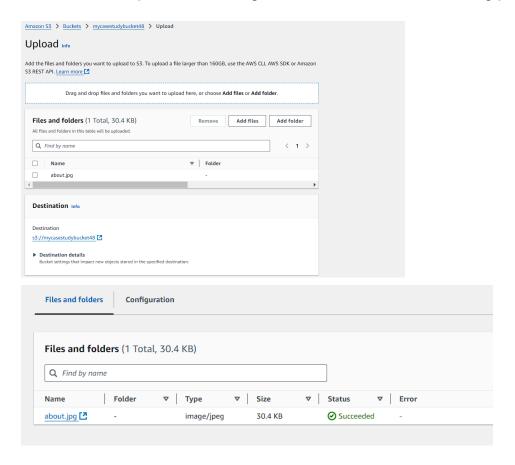
- Click on Create Bucket.
 - Bucket Type: General Purpose.
 - Provide a unique bucket name. (mycasestudybucket48)
 - Uncheck the Block all public access option.
 - Keep Rest of the things to default.





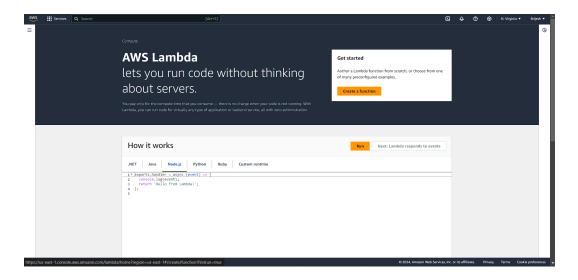


• You can upload a test image to ensure the bucket is working properly.

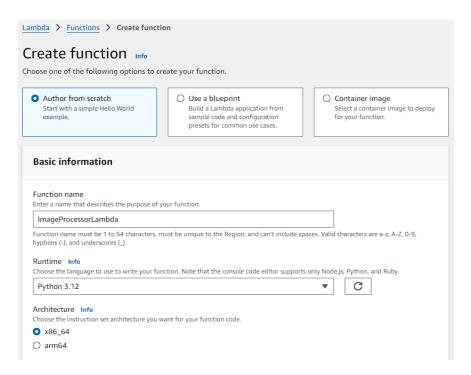


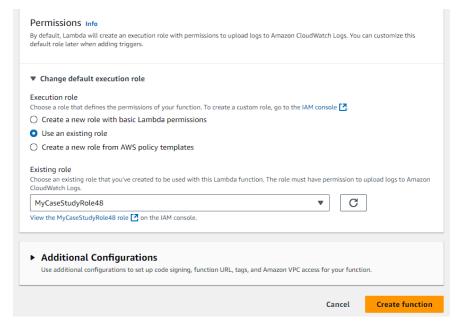
3. Create a Lambda Function:

Navigate to the Lambda Console.



- Click Create Function.
 - Choose Author from scratch.
 - o Provide a function name ImageProcessorLambda.
 - Choose a free-tier eligible runtime Python 3.12.
 - Assign the IAM role created earlier MyCaseStudyRole48.
 - Keep Rest of things to default.

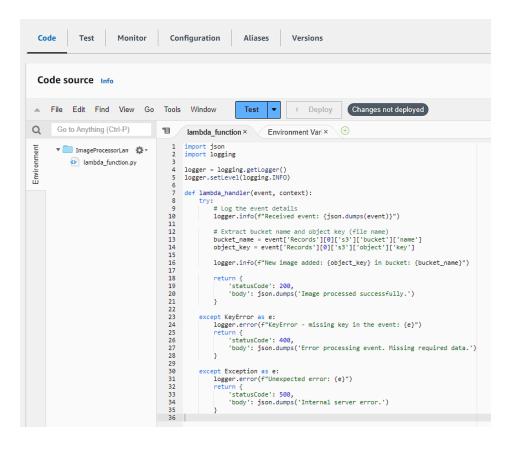




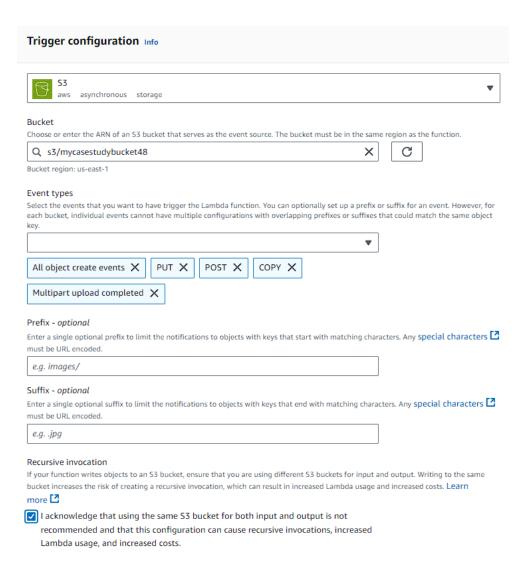
• In the **Function Code** section, add the logic to log when the image is uploaded to S3.

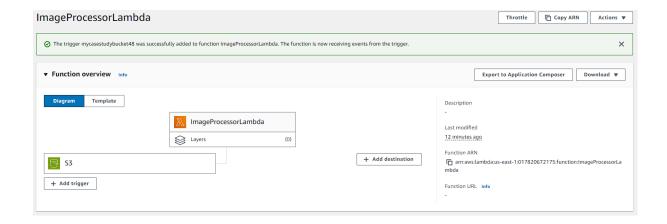
Code:

```
import json
import logging
logger = logging.getLogger()
logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)
def lambda handler(event, context):
  try:
     # Log the event details
    logger.info(f"Received event: {json.dumps(event)}")
     # Extract bucket name and object key (file name)
     bucket name = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
     object key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
     logger.info(f"New image added: {object key} in bucket: {bucket_name}")
     return {
       'statusCode': 200,
       'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully.')
     }
  except KeyError as e:
     logger.error(f"KeyError - missing key in the event: {e}")
     return {
       'statusCode': 400.
       'body': json.dumps('Error processing event. Missing required data.')
     }
  except Exception as e:
     logger.error(f"Unexpected error: {e}")
     return {
       'statusCode': 500,
       'body': ison.dumps('Internal server error.')
     }
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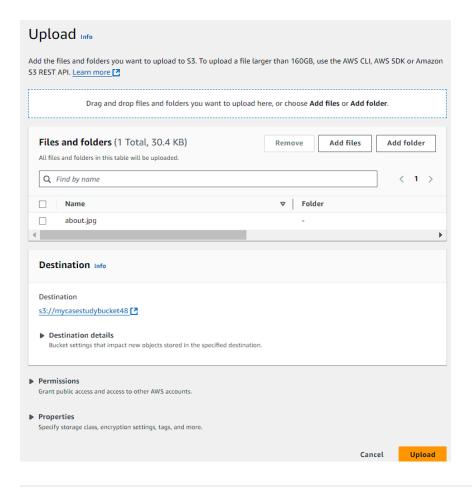


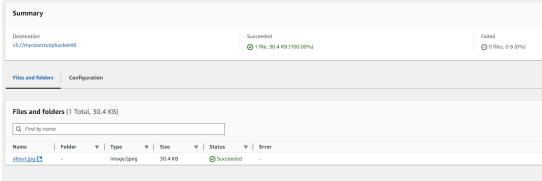
- Now Add the **Trigger** (Click on Trigger).
 - In Trigger Configuration Select S3.
 - Select Bucket which we have created.(mycasestudybucket48)
 - Select Event Types
 - All object create events
 - PUT
 - POST
 - COPY
 - Multipart upload completed

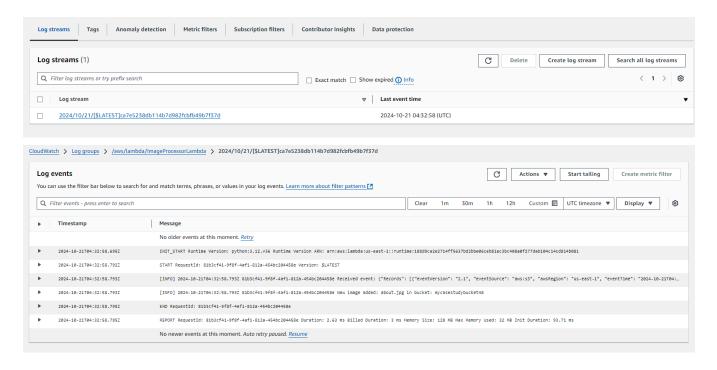




- Now Let's test that Lambda is properly working and check logs.
- Go to the bucket and upload your image.







4. Create a Github Repository:

- Create Repositorywith name CodePipeline-48.
- Add the file buildspec.yml and lambda_function.py.

buidspec.yml

version: 0.2 phases: install:

commands:

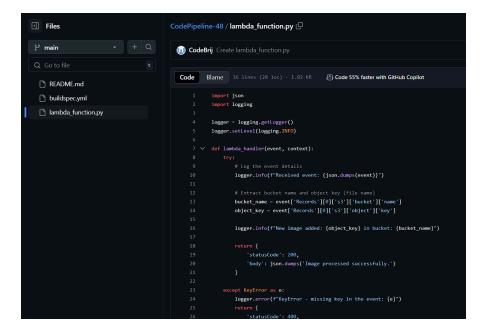
- pip install awscli # Ensure AWS CLI is available

build:

commands:

- echo "Packaging Lambda function..."
- zip -r lambda function.zip .
- echo "Updating Lambda function in AWS..."
- aws lambda update-function-code --function-name ImageProcessorLambda --zip-file fileb://lambda_function.zip

lambda function.py Same as in step 3





5. Create a CodePipeline:

• Go to AWS CodePipeline in the AWS Management Console and create a new pipeline.

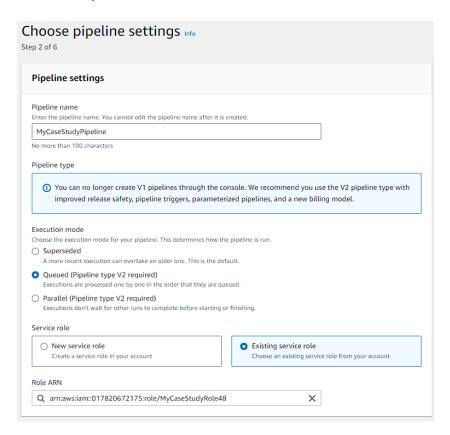
Step 1:Choose Creation option.

• In creation option Select Build Custom pipeline.



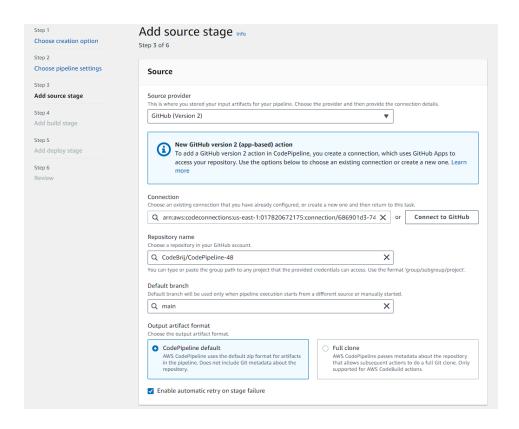
Step 2: Choose Pipeline Settings.

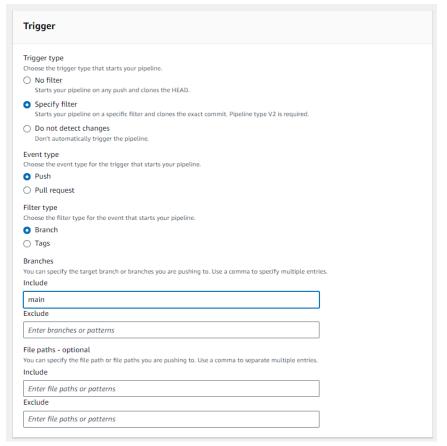
- Pipeline Name: ImageDetectorPipeline .
- Select Existing Role: MyCaseStudyRole48.
- Keep Rest all to default.



Step 3: Add Source Storage.

- Source provider: GitHub (Version 2) .
- Connect Your account where you have created the repository. (CodeBrij)
- Select Repository. (CodeBrij/CodePipeline-48)
- Select Branch to main.
- In Trigger Just add **main** in include.
- Keep Rest all to default.





Step 4: Add Build Stage.

- Select Other build Provider.
- Select AWS CodeBuild.
 - Now Click on Create Project.
 - Project name: Image Detector Build
 - Enable public access.
 - o Select Existing Role: AWS_Case_Study On 2 Places.
 - Buildspec: Use a buildspec.yml file.
 - Buildspec name: buildspec.yml .
 - Keep Rest all to Default.
- Select Created Project.
- Keep Rest all to default.

Project configuration

Project name

Image_Detector_Build

A project name must be 2 to 255 characters. It can include the letters A-Z and a-z, the numbers 0-9, and the special characters - and $_$.

Public build access - optional

Public build access allows you to make the build results, including logs and artifacts, for this project available for the general public.

Enable public build access



Public build access enabled

Your build results, including logs and artifacts, are accessible to the general public.

Downloading logs and/or artifacts will increase your AWS costs. Learn more

Public build service role

The public build service role is used to provide read access to your logs and artifacts for public builds. You can let CodeBuild create a new role, or you can choose an existing role.

New service role

Create a service role in your account

Existing service role

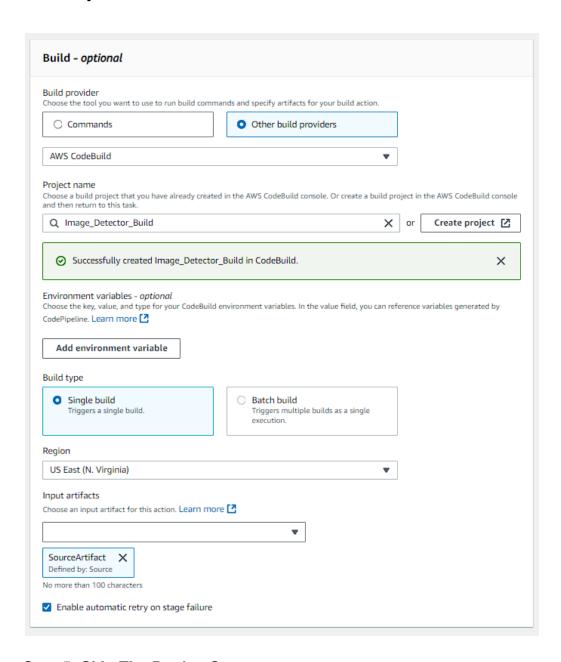
Choose an existing service role from your account

Service role

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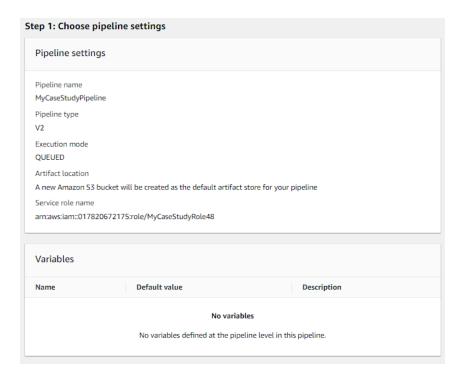
Allow AWS CodeBuild to modify this service role so it can be used

Environment Provisioning model Info [2] On-demand Reserved capacity Automatically provision build Use a dedicated fleet of instances for infrastructure in response to new builds. builds. A fleet's compute and environment type will be used for the project. Environment image Managed image Custom image Use an image managed by AWS CodeBuild Specify a Docker image Compute O EC2 Lambda Optimized for flexibility during action runs Optimized for speed and minimizes the start up time of workflow actions Operating system Amazon Linux ₩ Runtime(s) Standard Image aws/codebuild/amazonlinux2-x86_64-standard:5.0 Image version Always use the latest image for this runtime version Buildspec **Build specifications** Insert build commands Use a buildspec file Store build commands in a YAML-Store build commands as build project configuration formatted buildspec file Buildspec name - optional By default, CodeBuild looks for a file named buildspec.yml in the source code root directory. If your buildspec file uses a different name or location, enter its path from the source root here (for example, buildspec-two.yml or configuration/buildspec.yml). buildpec.yml

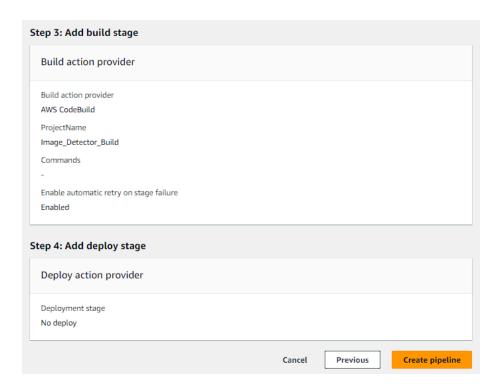


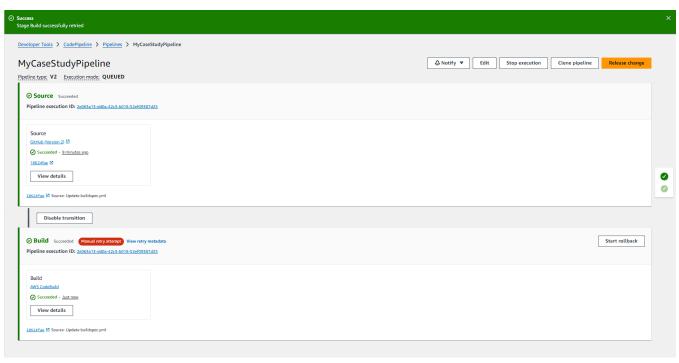
Step 5: Skip The Deploy Stage.

Step 6: Review the Pipeline and Click on Create.



Trigger configuration You can add additional pipeline triggers after the pipeline is created. Trigger type Specify filter Event type Push Filter type Branch Include branches main Exclude branches Include file paths Exclude file paths





6.Test the Pipeline:

- Push/Update code to your GitHub repository.
- CodePipeline will trigger the CodeBuild project, which will package the code and update the Lambda function using the AWS CLI command aws lambda update-function-code.

Lambda function before changes

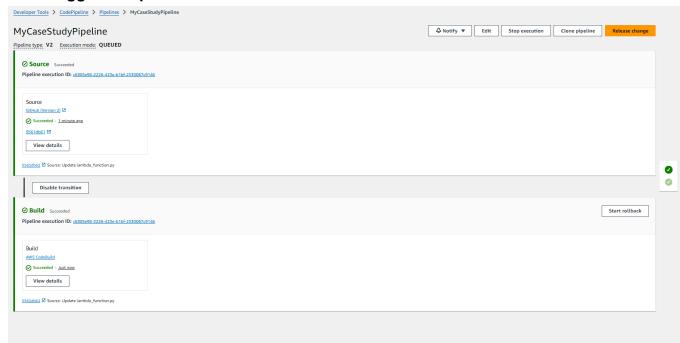
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   4 logger = logging.getLogger()
5 logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    7 def lambda_handler(event, context):
               try:
# Log the event details
              logger.info(f"Received event: {json.dumps(event)}")
  11
             # Extract bucket name and object key (file name)
bucket_name = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
object_key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
  12
             logger.info(f"New image added: {object_key} in bucket: {bucket_name}")
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             return {
    'statusCode': 200,
    'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully.')
}
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             except KeyError as e:

logger.error(f"KeyError - missing key in the event: {e}")

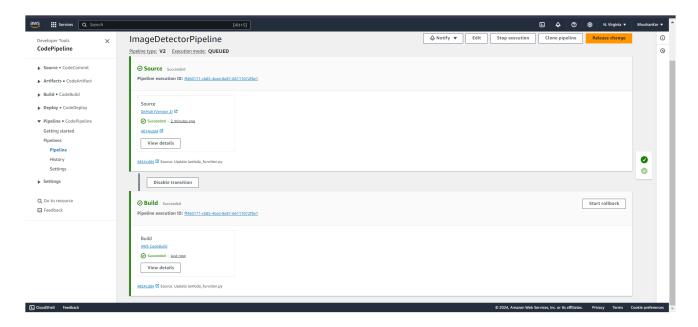
return {
    'statusCode': 400,
    'body': json.dumps('Error processing event. Missing required data.')
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              except Exception as e:
              except Exception as e:
logger.error(f"Unexpected error: {e}")
return {
    'statusCode': 500,
    'body': json.dumps('Internal server error.')
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```

Code Change in Repository

Auto Triggered Pipeline



Successful Build.



Lambda After push of new code in repository.

```
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       lambda_function ×
1 import json
      import logging
   3
  4 logger = logging.getLogger()
  5 logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)
  7 def lambda_handler(event, context):
  8
             # Log the event details
  9
             logger.info(f"Received event: {json.dumps(event)}")
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  11
             # Extract bucket name and object key (file name)
             bucket_name = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
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             object_key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
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 15
             logger.info(f"New image added: {object_key} in bucket: {bucket_name}")
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 18
                  'statusCode': 200,
 19
                  'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully. Build successful')
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  23
          except KeyError as e:
           logger.error(f"KeyError - missing key in the event: {e}")
  24
             return {
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                  'statusCode': 400,
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                 'body': json.dumps('Error processing event. Missing required data.')
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         except Exception as e:
          logger.error(f"Unexpected error: {e}")
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             return {
                 'statusCode': 500,
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                 'body': json.dumps('Internal server error.')
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Conclusion:

In this case study, we successfully implemented a serverless image processing workflow using AWS Lambda, S3, and CodePipeline. The solution demonstrated how Lambda functions can be triggered by S3 events, allowing real-time image processing without manual intervention. By leveraging CodePipeline, we automated the deployment of updates to the Lambda function, ensuring a streamlined CI/CD process. Testing confirmed that the workflow functions as expected, with images uploaded to S3 triggering the Lambda function, which logs the event and processes the image.

Guidelines:

- Use AWS Personal.
- IAM Role Creation:
 - Why It's Important: The IAM role is critical as it grants the necessary
 permissions for Lambda, CodeBuild, and CodePipeline to interact with each
 other and with other AWS services like S3. Without proper permissions, the
 workflow will not function, and components will fail to trigger or deploy.
 - Guidelines:
 - Attach policies such as AWSLambda_FullAccess,
 AmazonS3FullAccess, AmazonCodeBuildAdminAccess,
 AmazonCodePipeline_FullAccess, and
 CloudWatchLogsFullAccess to allow access to Lambda, S3,
 CodeBuild, and CodePipeline.
 - Ensure that the trust relationship includes both codepipeline.amazonaws.com and codebuild.amazonaws.com services to allow these services to assume the role.