



Serverless Design Principles

a guide to effective architectural choices

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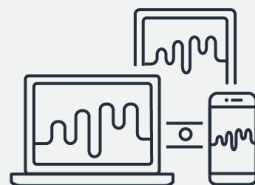


Distributed Systems are **LIVING** systems

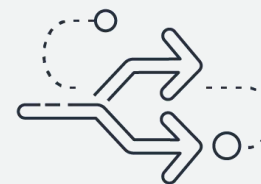
Distributed systems goals



Organization
scalability



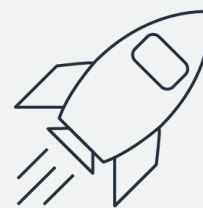
Business
Agility



Faster
feedback loop



Reduce external
dependencies



Reduce
blast radius

How does serverless fit in distributed systems?

Serverless is a STRATEGY

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Serverless Portfolio*

APPLICATION PRIMITIVES – COMPUTE AND DATASTORES



Amazon
S3



AWS
Lambda



AWS
Fargate



Amazon
DynamoDB



Amazon Aurora
Serverless



Amazon
Kinesis

APPLICATION INTEGRATION



Amazon
SNS



Amazon
API Gateway



AWS
Step Functions



Amazon
EventBridge



Amazon
SQS



Amazon

Developer Tools



AWS
CloudFormation



AWS
Cloud9



AWS
CodePipeline



AWS
Config



AWS
CloudTrail



Amazon
CloudWatch



AWS
X-Ray



AWS Serverless
Application
Repository

SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATION



AWS
IAM



AWS
SSO



Amazon
GuardDuty



Amazon
Inspector



Amazon
VPC



AWS
WAF



AWS
Shield



Amazon
Cognito

Where can serverless help?



Focus on business value



Automatic scaling



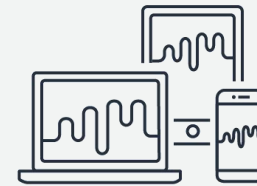
Security and isolation by design



Managed infrastructure



Lower Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)



Business agility

How to design Serverless applications

CONNECTED DIMENSIONS in distributed systems



Organization



Culture



System
Architecture

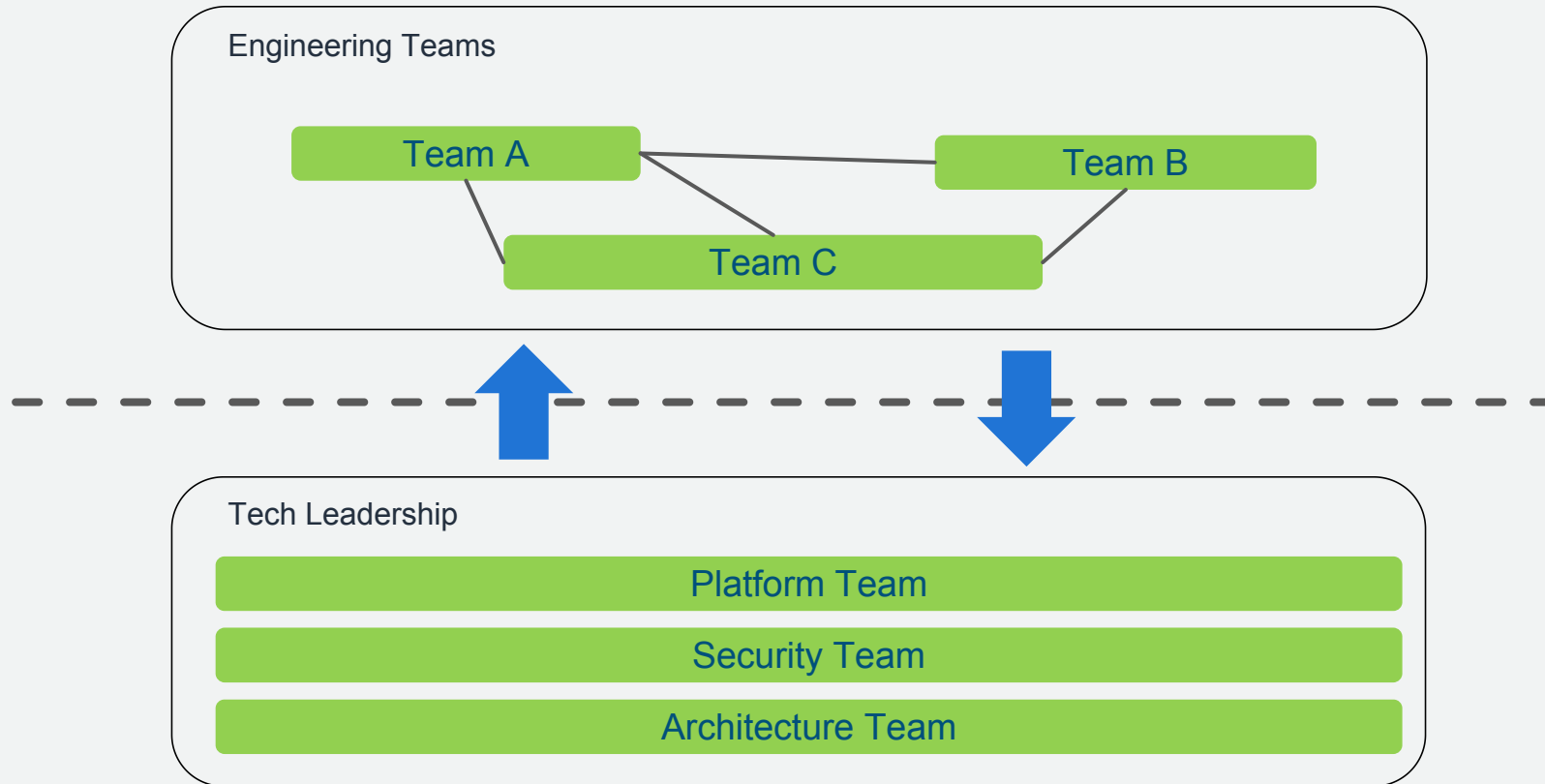
Organization

“ Any organization that designs a system will produce a design whose structure is a copy of the organization's communication structure. ”

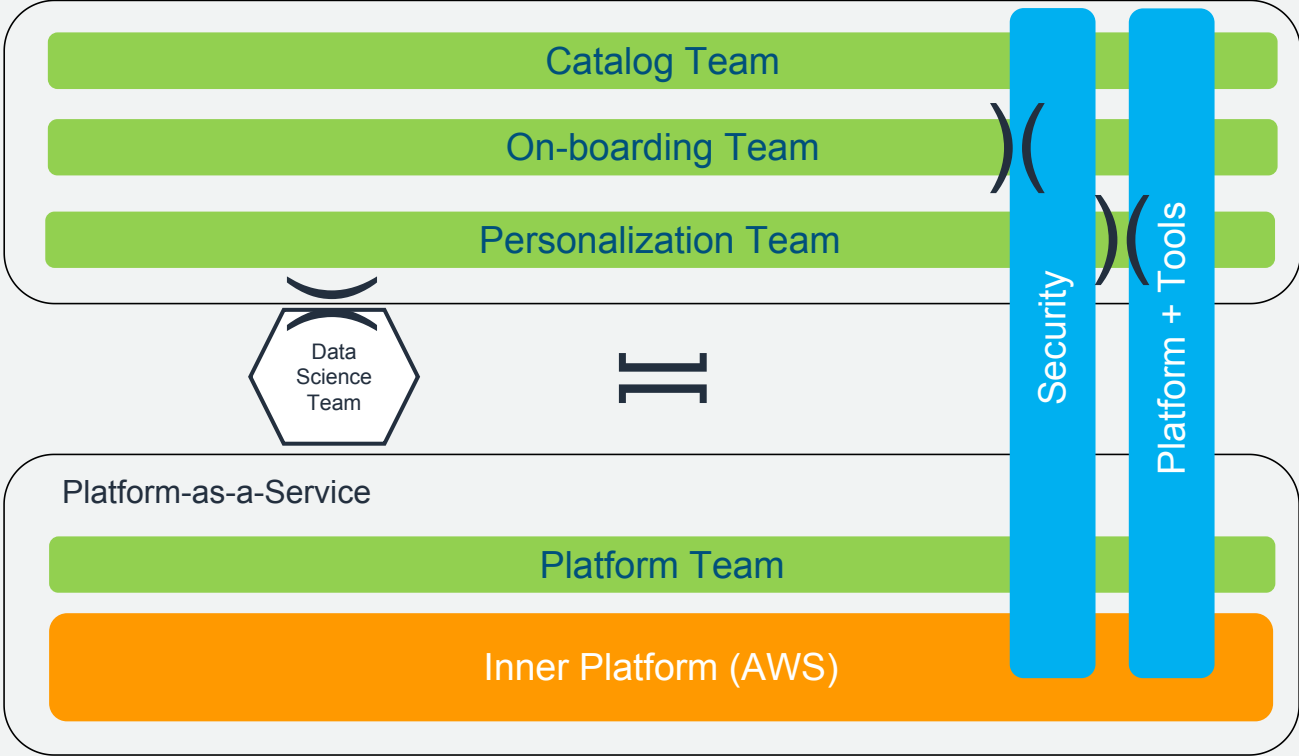
Melvin E. Conway

1967

Centralized mindset



Decentralize mindset



Key:

-  **Stream-aligned team** – A team with a business-aligned objective
-  **Enabling Team** - An Enabling team helps a stream-aligned team to overcome obstacles.
-  **Complicated Subsystem Team** – A team with specialist skills that facilitate acute functionality
-  Facilitating
-  Federated Service (i.e. X-as-a-Service)

Serverless is an extension
of your enablement teams

Enablement teams
focus with Serverless

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Culture

Decentralize & Empower

Developing a culture of serverless-first

Form CCOE

Form Cloud
Center of
Excellence.

1

Quick Wins

Deliver strategic
“light house”
modernized
workloads

2

Leadership Support

Establish clear
vision and
support from
leadership

3

Best Practices

Build reusable
patterns, reference
architecture, and
shared services

4

Evangelize

Community
Building and
Enablement

5

Reorganize

Decentralize
CCOE function
and federate
across the
organization

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System Architecture

Evolutionary Architecture

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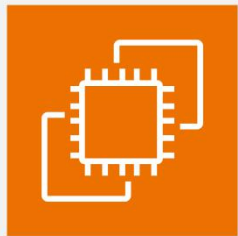
Architecture begins with

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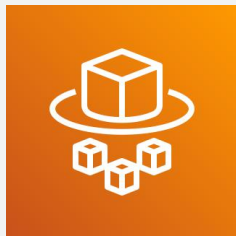
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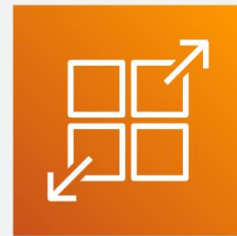
A spectrum of compute for different needs



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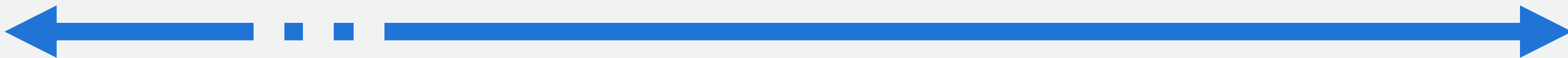
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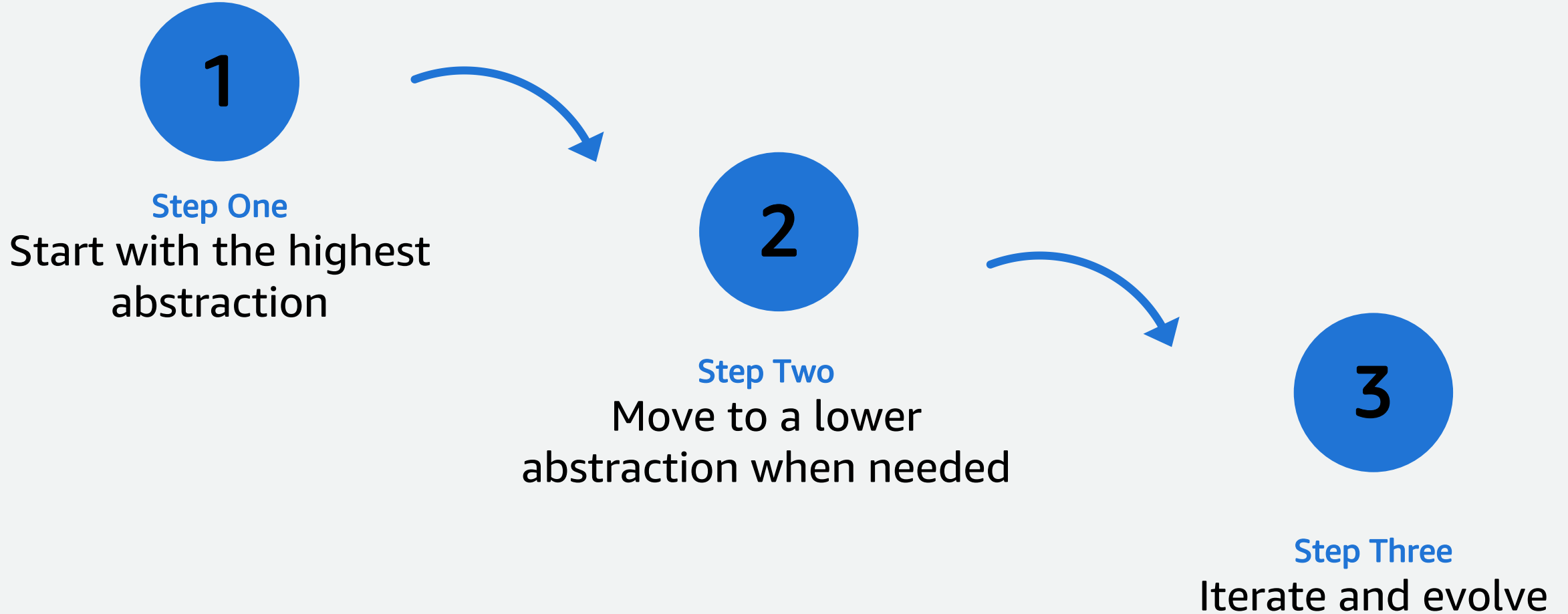
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Selecting services that fit your strategy



Design Principles

Modularity

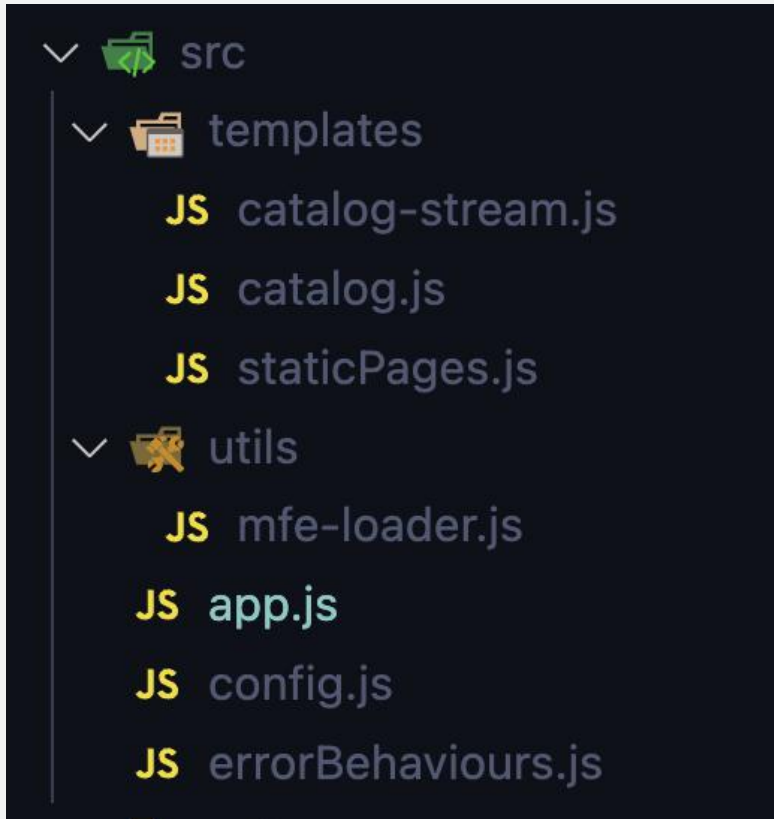
“Modularity: the quality of consisting of separate parts that, when combined, form a complete whole. ”

Cambridge Dictionary

**"A system lacks modularity when
a tweak to one of its components
affects the functioning of others. "**

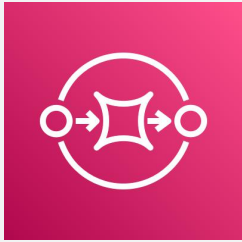
Cambridge Dictionary

Modularity using code



- Strong encapsulation
- Large usage of design patterns
- Decouple business logic from environment
- Developers discipline

Modularity using infrastructure

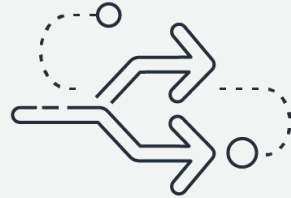


- More options to express your intents
- Configuration over code
- Many common built-in behaviors
- More control on what to develop

Architecture and patterns enabled by Serverless



Microservices



Event-Driven
Architectures



Data
Architectures



Integration
Patterns

How to design a workload using Serverless

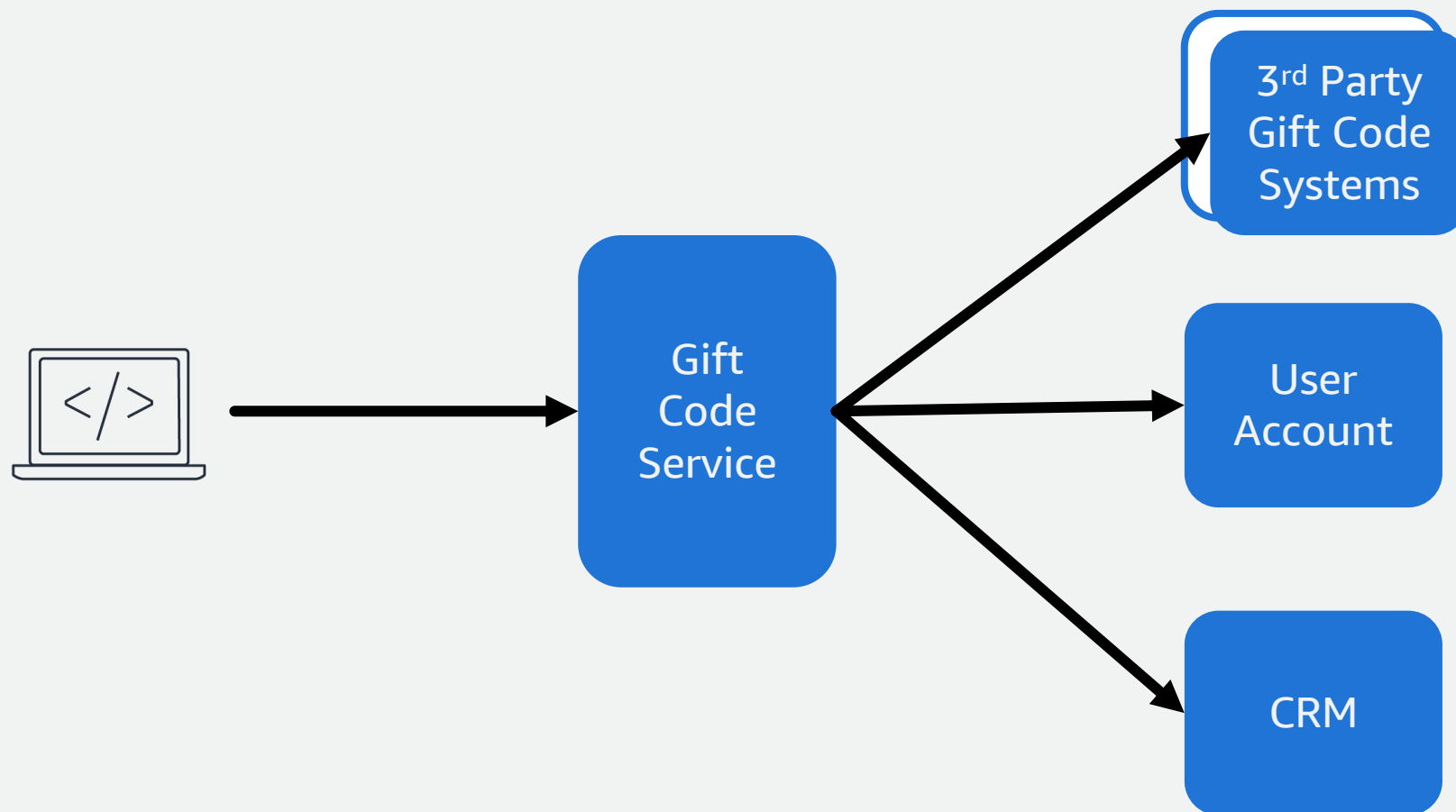
Business requirements

- Gift code service for an e-commerce
- Gift codes can be generated by the system or 3rd party companies
- For every gift code consumption we need to
 - Notify the customer support team
 - Update the user's account history
 - If the gift code was issued by 3rd party company notify them

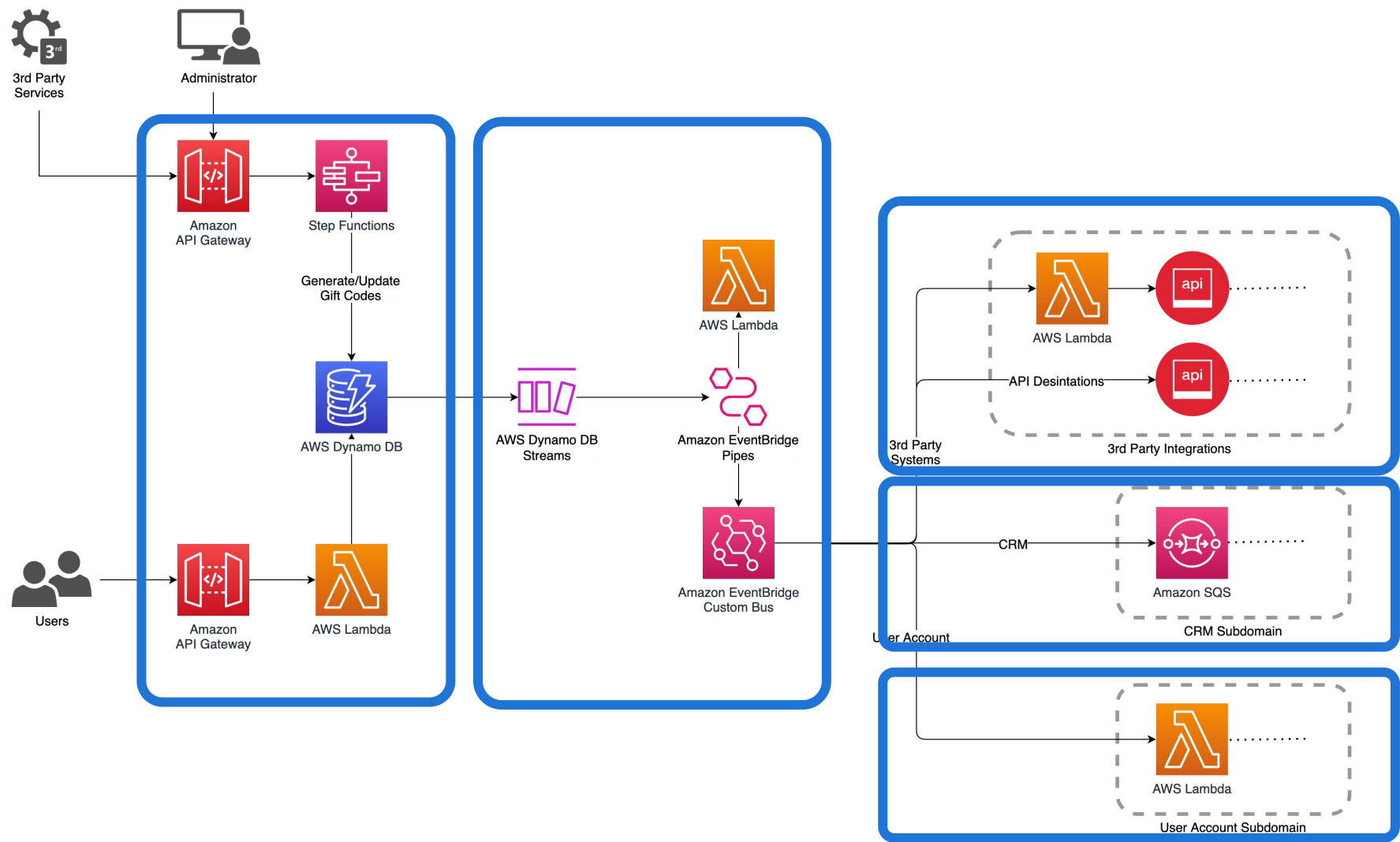
Workload Characteristics

- 99.99% availability on critical path
- 99.9% availability on the rest of the system
- Events to communicate across bounded context
- Under 1 second response time for the user facing APIs
- Scale to up 3000 TPS with 50% headroom
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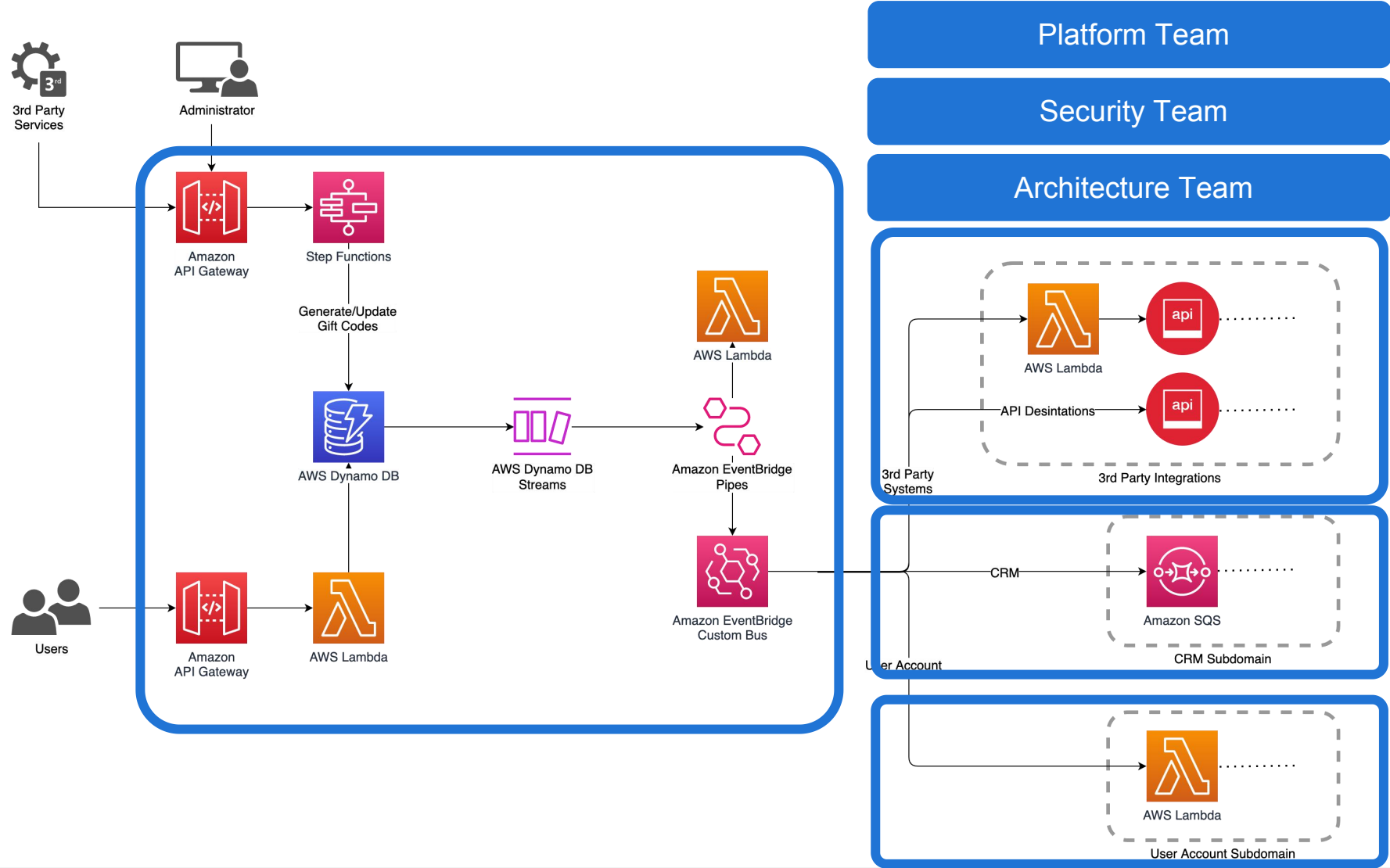
High-level architecture



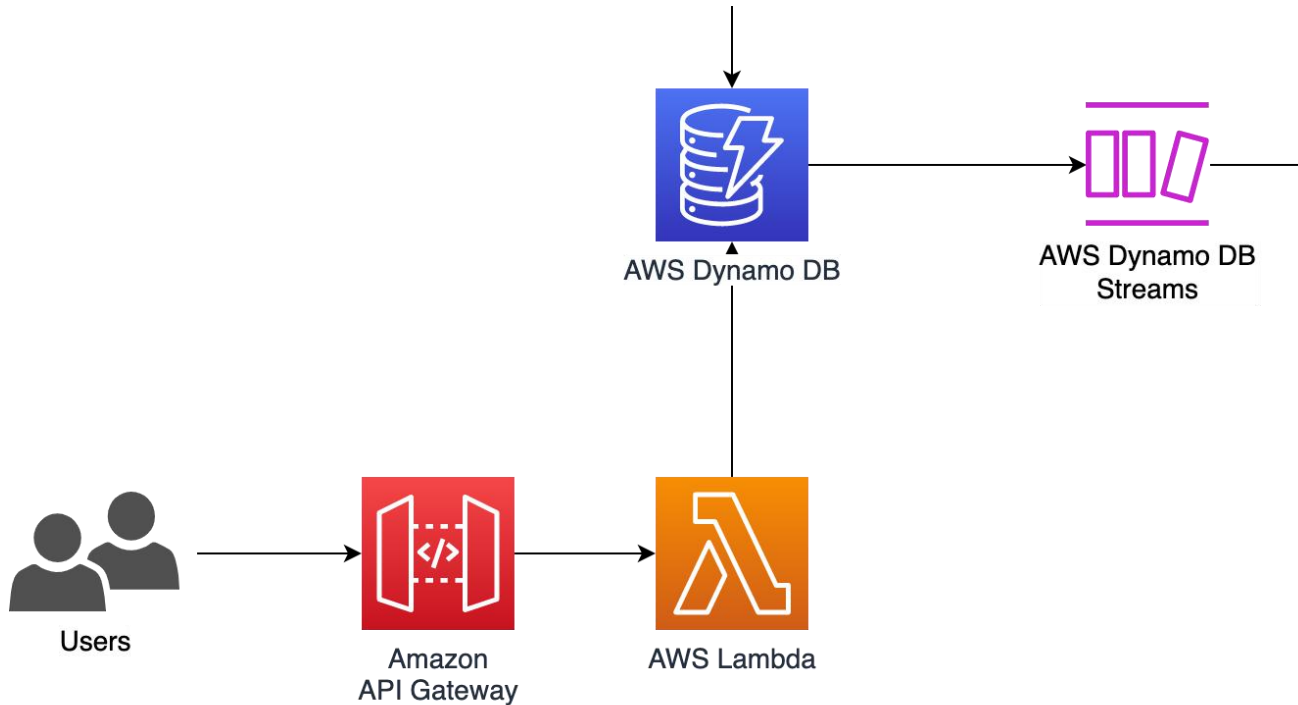
Architectural characteristics



Team topology

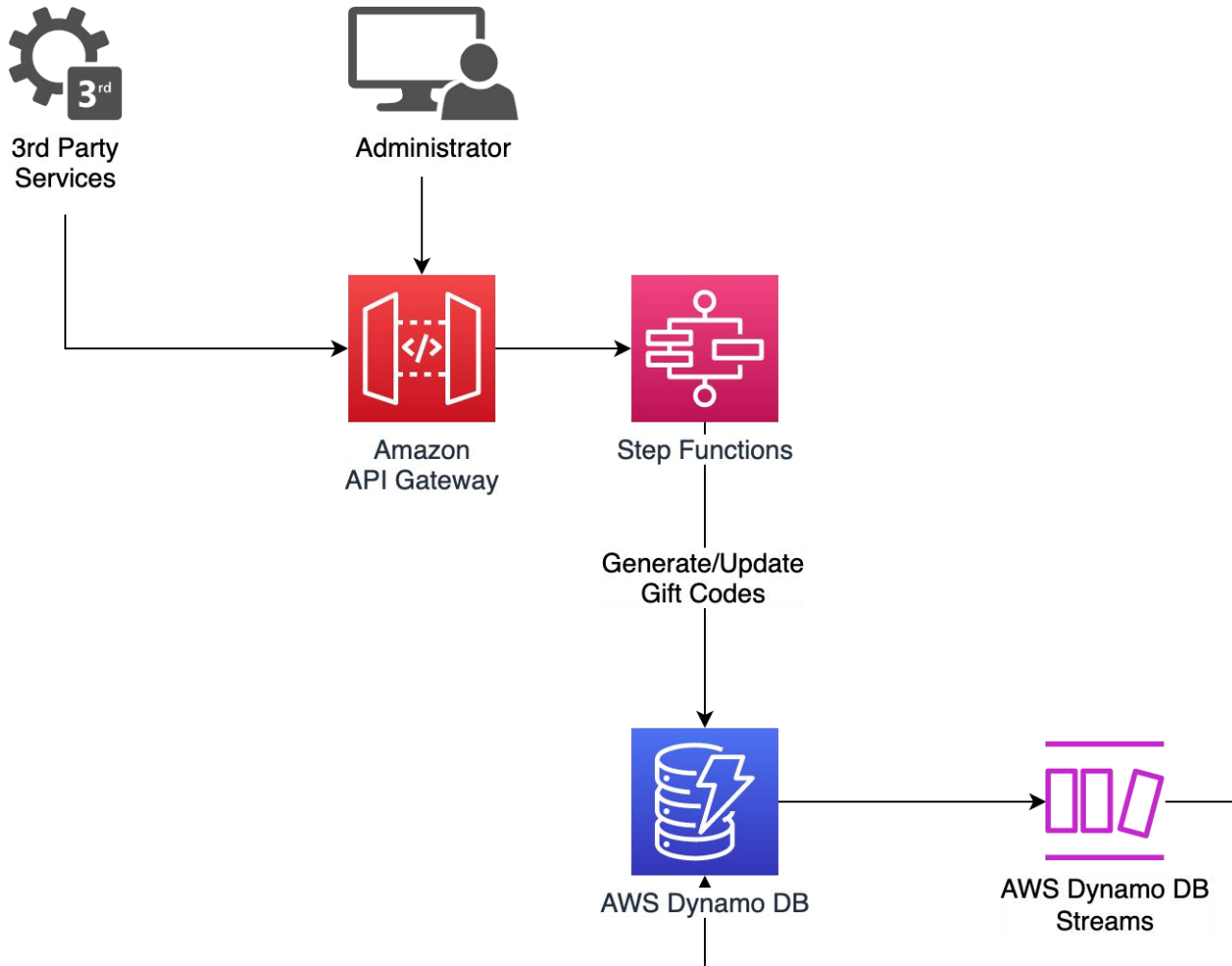


Serverless implementation



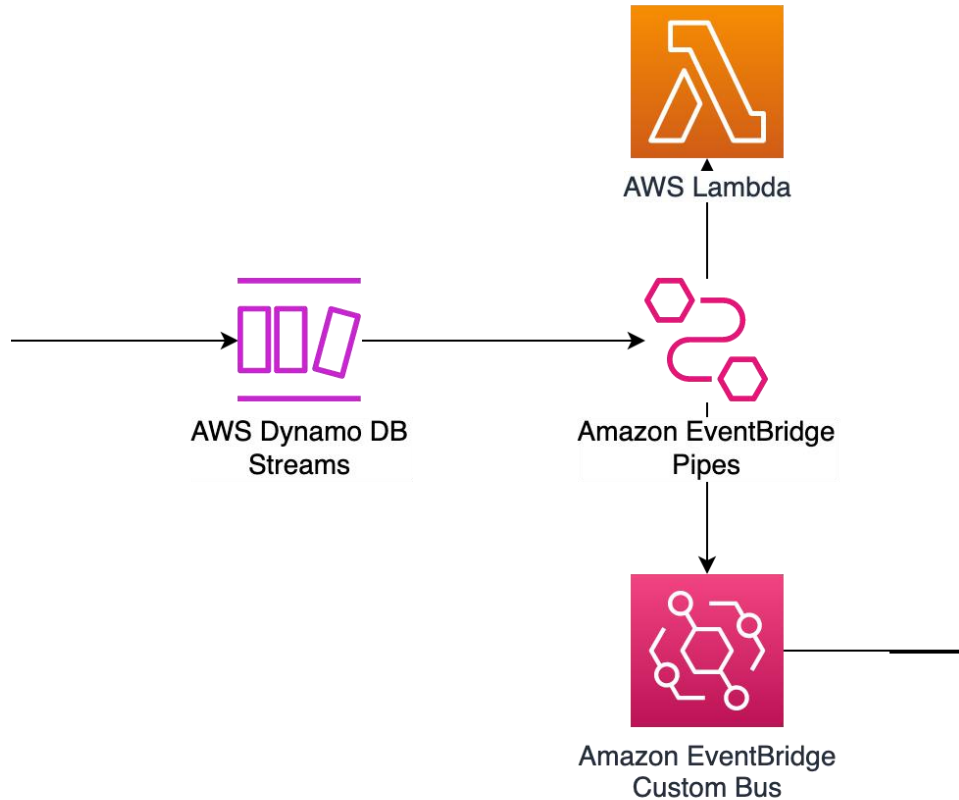
- Synchronous API
- Quick acknowledgment for the users
- Only part that needs to scale based on users traffic
- DynamoDB Streams becomes the glue with the asynchronous part of the system

Serverless implementation



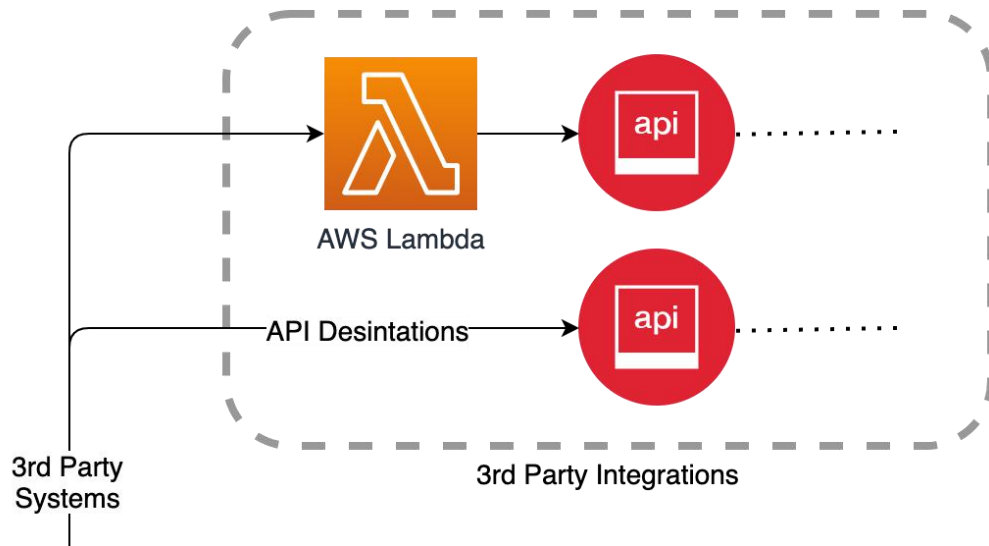
- Synchronous API
- Step Functions orchestrates different services to generate or update gift codes
- API Gateway helps to mitigate eventual traffic spikes from 3rd party services

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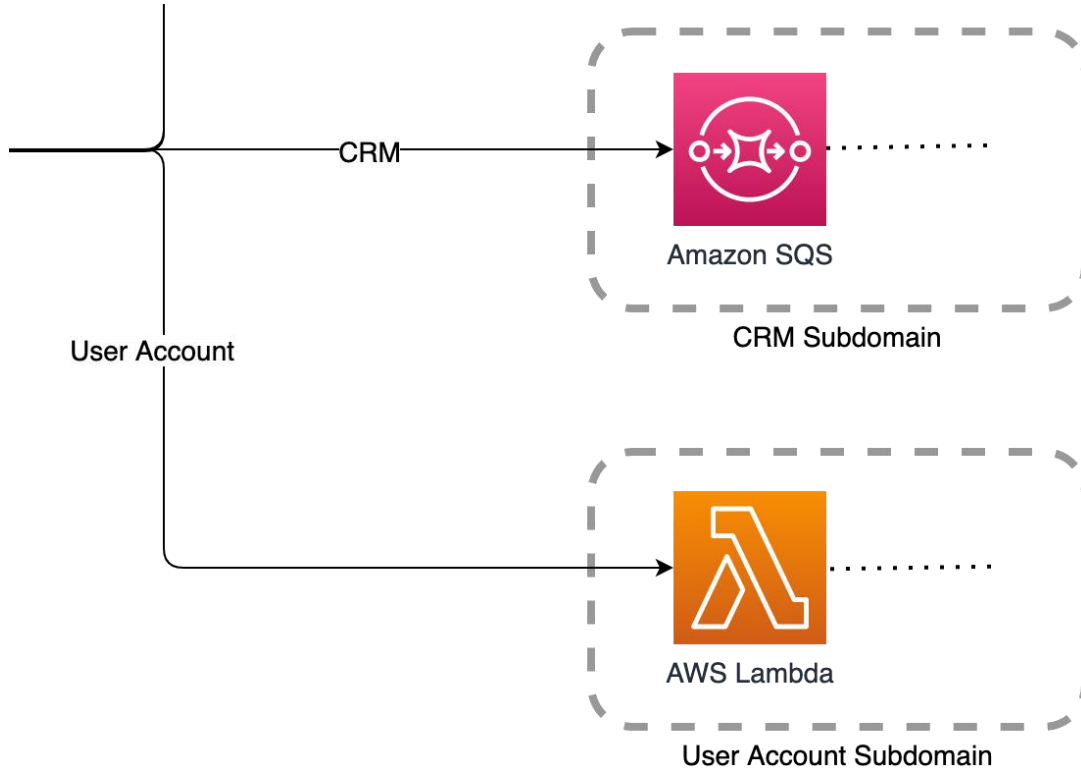
- Events allow the decoupling of producers and consumers
- DynamoDB Streams notifies every change in the DynamoDB table
- EventBridge Pipes enrich the information received for downstream services
- EventBridge is the message broker

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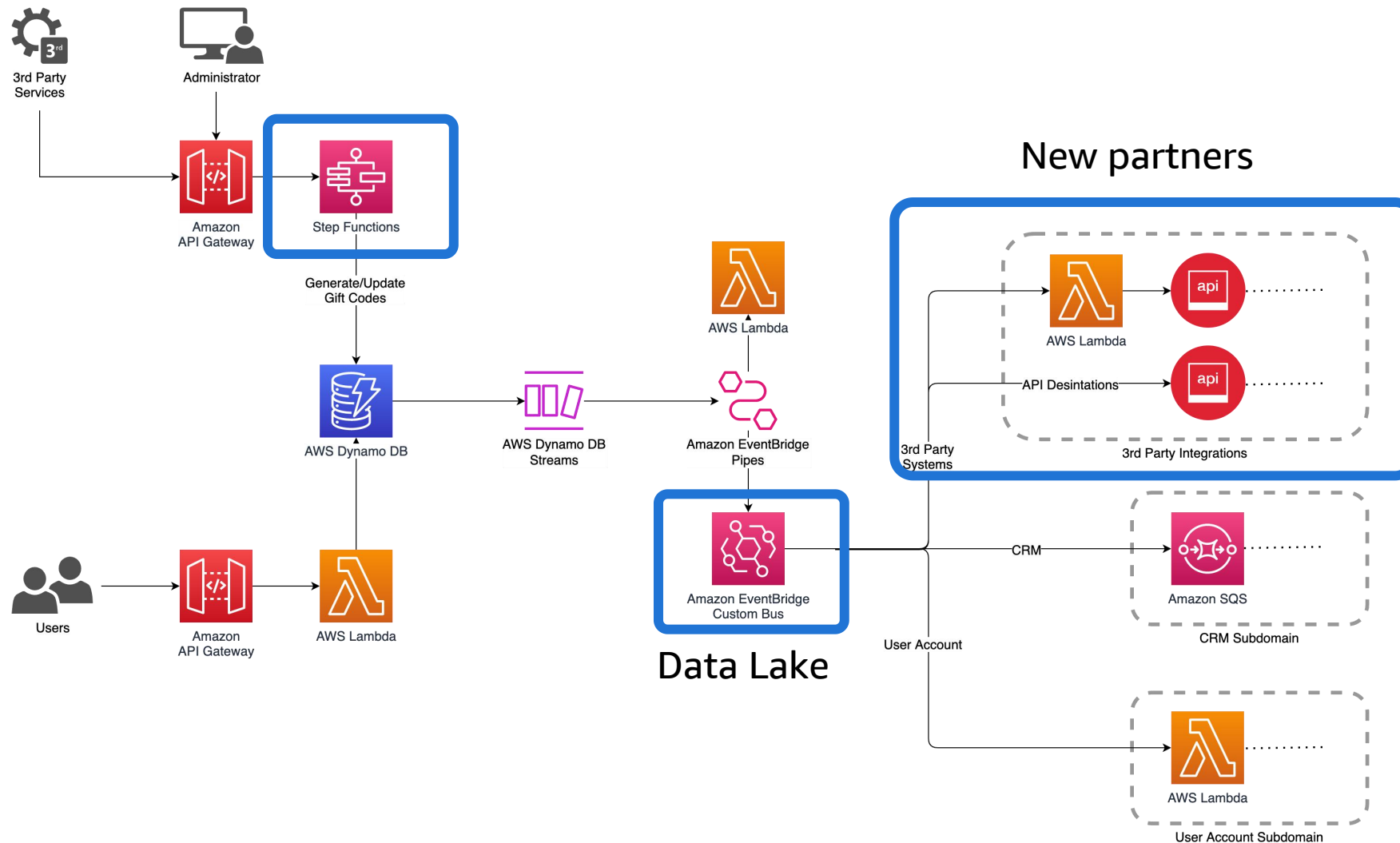
- Some 3rd party systems accepts an API calls in the format defined by your system
- Some others require to translate from JSON to XML or any other format
- More architectural patterns are also applicable

Serverless implementation



- CRM has API limits so a queue helps us to ease the traffic
- User account uses a Lambda function to manipulate the event and then integrate inside their bounded context

Ready for the future...



Express your architecture characteristics
and business requirements into
infrastructure **focusing on**
YOUR BUSINESS goals

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not build
SOFTWARE

Frederick Brooks (Computer Architect)

谢谢

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