Starting with Lambda Functions



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Outline

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- Size and resource limitations
- Other considerations

Lambda prerequisites

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- Debugging

Deploying our Lambda canary

- Walkthrough

Considerations and Limitations

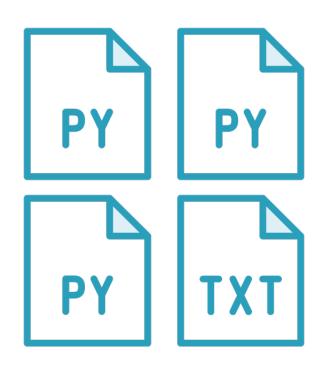
Picking Function Runtimes

Python (Python 2.7)

Node.js (v0.10.36, v4.3.2)

Java (Java 8)

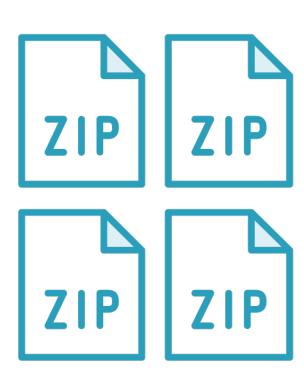
Size Limitations



Uncompressed code & dependencies < 250 MB

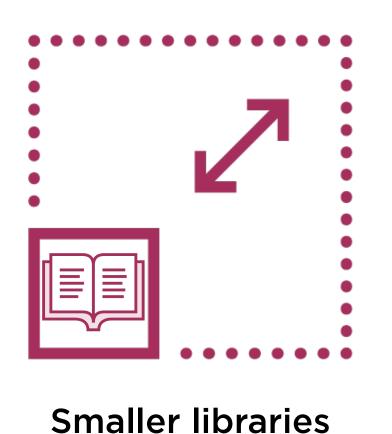


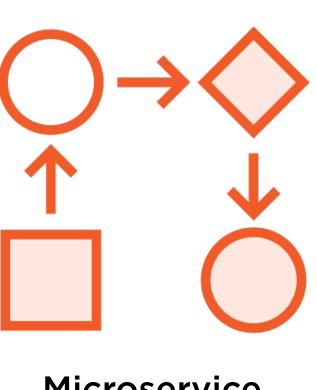
Compressed function package < 50MB

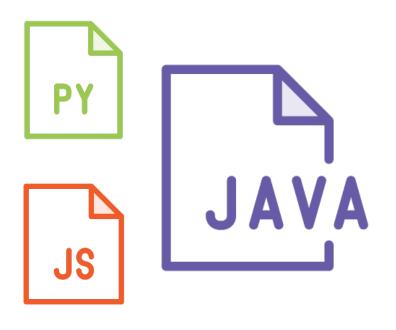


Total function packages in a region < 75 GB

Size Limitations - Workarounds



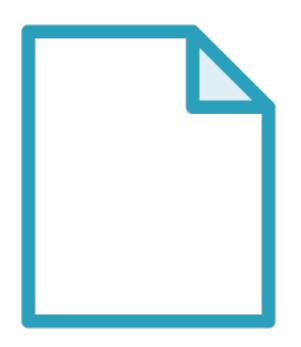




Microservice architectures

Other runtime options

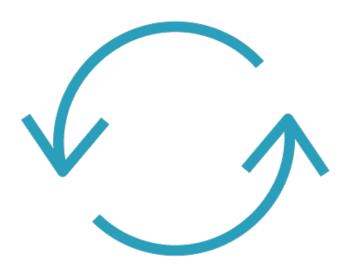
Resource Limitations



Ephemeral storage < 512 MB



Maximum execution duration < 300 seconds



Concurrent Lambda functions < 100

Resource Limitations - Workarounds



Load and store files in S3

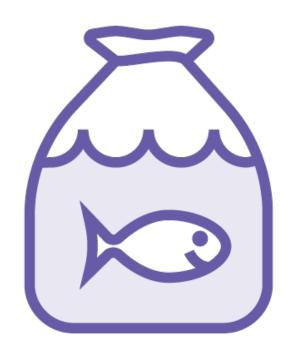


Chain functions together



Ask AWS about increasing limits

Memory, CPU and VPC



Memory 128 MB - 1.5 GB



CPU scales with memory



Virtual Private Cloud

AWS Lambda Considerations

Event driven code

Code size limitations

Lambda as a component

Performance limitations

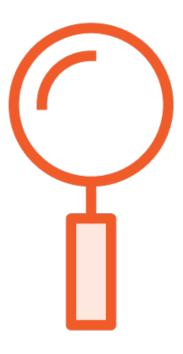
Long running workloads

Lambda Prerequisites

Lambda Canary



Set run interval



Function reviews website



Website status recorded

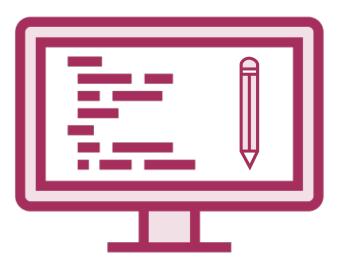
Gathering Dependencies



Writing Code

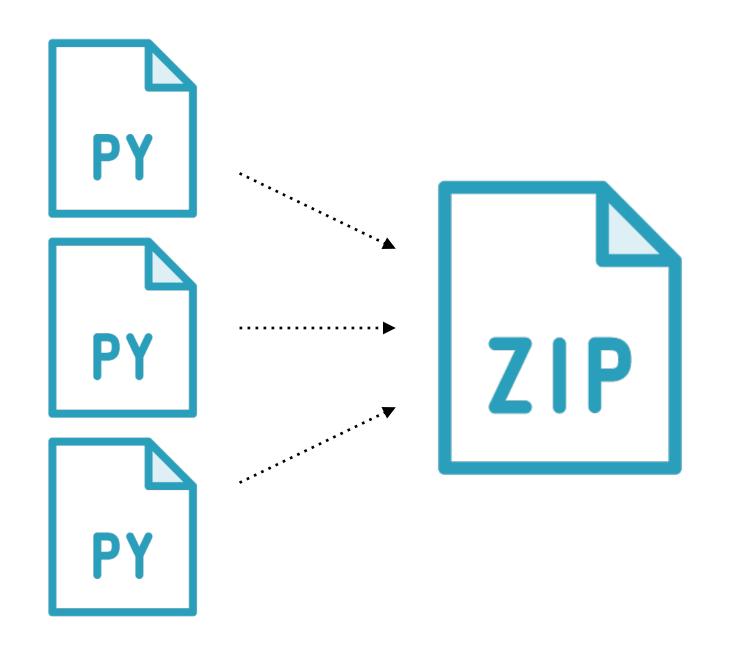


Locally

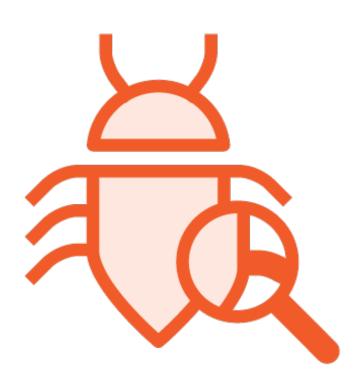


In AWS editor

Creating a Function Package



Debugging



Use logging
Environment differences
Search for your issues

Demo

Deploying the Lambda Canary

- Configure CloudWatch schedule
- Modify the Python function
- Adjust function settings
- Configure a default test
- Review our function results

Summary

What we've done

- Understood Lambda's limitations
- Learned workarounds for limitations
- Deployed first Lambda function
- Setup alerting and monitoring

What's next?

- Integrating Lambda & 3rd party APIs