



SERVERLESS BLOG WORKSHOP

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INTRODUCTION

- Introduction to AWS & Serverless Framework

THE SERVERLESS BLOG WORKSHOP

What we'll do

WORKSHOP THEME: BLOG BACKEND

Create a backend for the blog application running at <http://hackathon-blog.serverless.fi/>
(sources at <https://github.com/SC5/aws-serverless-hackathon>)

Backend must have a REST API with methods

1. POST /dev/posts
2. GET /dev/posts
3. PUT /dev/posts/{postId} - OPTIONAL
4. DELETE /dev/posts/{postId} - OPTIONAL

Use e.g. AWS DynamoDB as the database for blog posts.

Step-by-step walkthrough available at <http://hackathon.serverless.fi/workshop.pdf>

RESOURCES

Blog client:

<https://github.com/SC5/aws-serverless-hackathon>

Reference implementation:

<https://github.com/SC5/serverless-blog-workshop>

This presentation:

<http://serverless.fi/docs/blog-workshop.pdf>

Code snippets:

<http://serverless.fi/docs/blog-workshop>

GETTING READY FOR THE WORKSHOP / HACKATHON

Instructions for getting set up:

<http://serverless.fi/docs/workshop-preps>

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. CREATE SERVERLESS PROJECT

```
> sls install -u https://github.com/SC5/sc5-serverless-boilerplate  
> mv sc5-serverless-boilerplate serverless-blog  
> npm install
```

This creates a new project `serverless-blog` based on `sc5-serverless-boilerplate` and installs the node modules required by the project.

Modify the name of the service in *serverless.yml* to e.g. *serverless-blog*

2. CREATE DYNAMODB TABLE FOR POSTS (USING SERVERLESS)

- ❑ Serverless uses AWS Cloudformation to deploy resources (defined in *serverless.yml*)
- ❑ Uncomment resources and Resources in *serverless.yml* and add snippet *blog-table.yml* (check indenting)

Permissions to the table are granted by default in the boilerplate template.

```
# DynamoDB Blog table for workshop
BlogTable:
  Type: AWS::DynamoDB::Table
  DeletionPolicy: Retain
  Properties:
    AttributeDefinitions:
      -
        AttributeName: id
        AttributeType: S
    KeySchema:
      -
        AttributeName: id
        KeyType: HASH
    ProvisionedThroughput:
      ReadCapacityUnits: 1
      WriteCapacityUnits: 1
    TableName: ${stage}-${serviceName}-blog
```

3. CREATE FUNCTION AND SET ENDPOINTS

- ❑ Create function posts for your service

```
> sls create function -f posts --  
handler posts/index.handler
```

- ❑ Add HTTP endpoints by adding the snippet *http-events.yml* to the posts function in *serverless.yml*

```
events:  
  - http:  
    path: posts  
    method: get  
    cors: true  
    integration: lambda  
  - http:  
    path: posts  
    method: posts  
    cors: true  
    integration: lambda  
  - http:  
    path: posts/{id}  
    method: put  
    cors: true  
    integration: lambda  
  - http:  
    path: posts/{id}  
    method: delete  
    cors: true  
    integration: lambda
```

4. IMPLEMENT THE LOGIC

- Implement the logic for the function into `posts/`. The entry point for the Lambda function is `index.js` in that folder.
- Copy the snippets `index.js` and `blog_storage.js` from github (unless you want to code them yourself)
- If you opt to code yourself, we recommend to use.
`AWS.DynamoDB.DocumentClient` to access the database table.
The table name is `${process.env.SERVERLESS_STAGE}-blog-${process.env.SERVERLESS_PROJECT}`

5. TEST THE FUNCTION

- ❑ Copy the snippet `posts.js` to `test/`
- ❑ Deploy (requires the resources) and run tests using `serverless-mocha-plugin`

```
> sls deploy  
> sls invoke test --region us-east-1 --stage dev
```

6. SET UP ENDPOINTS IN THE SAMPLE APP

- ❑ Launch the blog application at

`http://hackathon-blog.serverless.fi`

- ❑ Enter the endpoint URL (`https://.../dev/posts`) to the form and save (use `sls info` to get the endpoint)
- ❑ Try writing, editing, deleting posts

9. YOU DID IT! CONGRATS!

Next:

1. If you want to work more on serverless, check opportunities at <https://sc5.io/careers>
2. If you are interested in serverless, join the "Serverless Finland" meetup at <http://www.meetup.com/Helsinki-Serverless/> and follow <http://serverless.fi>



THANK YOU!

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