

WAN Pizza – Cloud-Based E-Commerce Application

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Abstract

Users can access WAN Pizza through a scalable cloud-based e-commerce platform that operates on AWS to choose pizzas while making online orders and personalizing their selections. This system utilizes EC2, RDS along with S3 and Lambda along with API Gateway to guarantee performance scalability as well as cost-efficiency. The main objective is to showcase a robust and resilient deployment system for a commercial web application which utilizes cloud infrastructure.

Introduction

WAN Pizza provides contemporary e-commerce services that support the digital pizza enjoyment of users. Users can access this web application through AWS because its design incorporates secure user access with seamless performance and high availability features. RDS manages structured database activities (users and orders and the menu) and S3 retains various image and static file types. The application runs its backend on EC2 while using API Gateway and Lambda as a scalable API component.

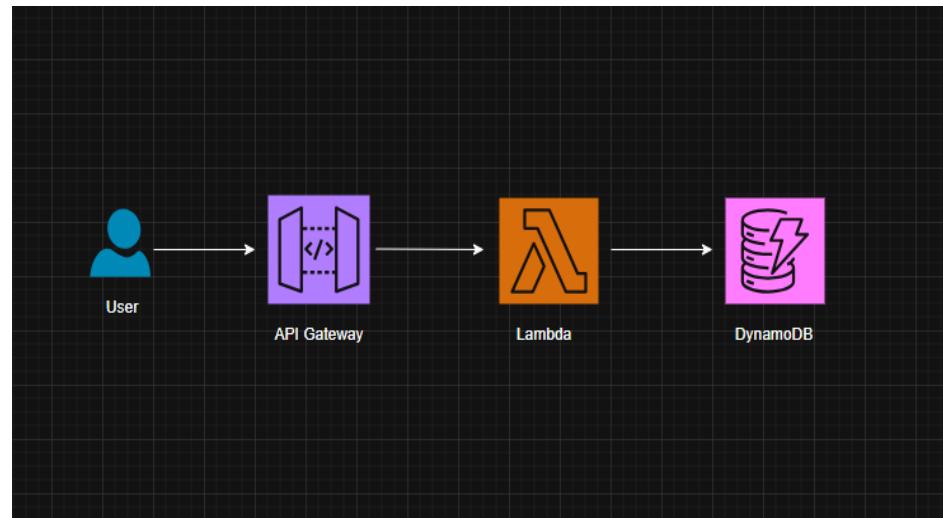
Cloud Architecture Design

Architecture Overview

The architecture consists of:

- **Frontend:** Static HTML pages served via Lambda (can optionally be hosted on S3).
- **Backend:** AWS Lambda function handles GET/POST HTTP methods.

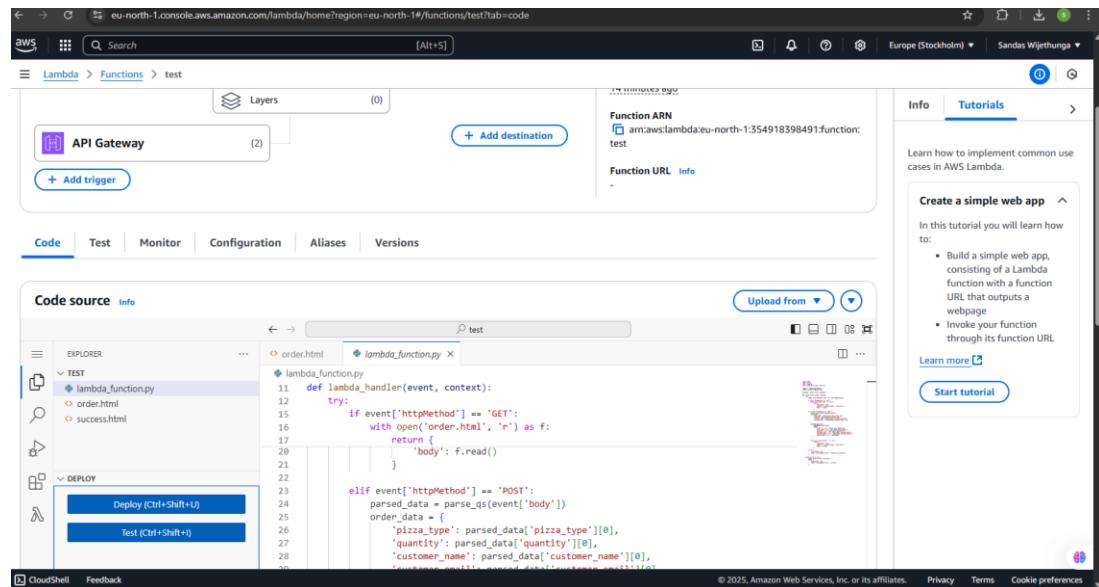
- **Database:** Amazon DynamoDB stores order data.
- **API Exposure:** API Gateway connects clients to Lambda endpoints.
- **Monitoring:** AWS CloudWatch for logs and diagnostics.



Implementation Details

Step 1: Create Lambda Function – Test

- Click "**Create function**"
- Choose runtime: python
- Handles GET and POST methods.
- Returns HTML form (GET) and processes orders (POST).
- Saves order data to DynamoDB.
- Successfully created as shown below



Step 2: Create DynamoDB Table – Pizza_ orders

- Navigate to DynamoDB
- Click "Create table"
- Table Name: pizza_orders
- Partition Key: email (String)
- Provisioned mode: On-Demand
- Successfully initiated table creation as shown:

DynamoDB	
Tables (1)	
Dashboard	
Tables	
Explore items	pizza_orders
PartiQL editor	
Backups	
Exports to S3	
Imports from S3	
Integrations	
Reserved capacity	
Settings	
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Clusters	
Subnet groups	
Parameter groups	
Events	

pizza_orders

Scan or query items

Completed. Read capacity units consumed: 2

customer_email (String)	customer_na...	order_id	order_status	pizza_type	quantity
piyatha@gmail.com	piyatha	2cebb446...	RECEIVED	BBQ Chicken	1
dumindu@gmail.com	sdadasd	a474e354...	RECEIVED	Pepperoni	1
sandas@gmail.com	sandas	b3bd19db...	RECEIVED	Pepperoni	2

Step 3: Connect Lambda to API Gateway

To allow users or your frontend to access the backend logic (Lambda), we need to expose an HTTP endpoint using **Amazon API Gateway**.

Steps Taken:

1. Go to **API Gateway** in AWS Console.
2. Create a new **HTTP API**.
3. Select "**Add integration**" → **Lambda function**.
4. Choose your Lambda function - test
5. Two methods created:

GET → Returns order form.

POST → Invokes Lambda to store order data.

6. Deploy the API and note the **public URL**.

<https://7tgv4a4s9g.execute-api.eu-north-1.amazonaws.com/test>

The screenshot shows the AWS API Gateway Resources page. On the left, there's a sidebar with navigation links like API Gateway, APIs, Stages, Authorizers, etc. The main area is titled 'Resources' and shows a single resource path '/'. Underneath it, there are two method entries: 'GET' and 'POST'. Each method has a 'Method type' column showing 'GET' and 'POST' respectively, an 'Integration type' column showing 'Lambda', and an 'Authorization' column showing 'None'. There are also 'Delete' and 'Create method' buttons. At the top right, there are 'API actions' and 'Deploy API' buttons. The browser address bar shows the URL: eu-north-1.console.aws.amazon.com/apigateway/main/apis/7tgv4a4s9g/resources?api=7tgv4a4s9g®ion=eu-north-1.

Cost Analysis and Optimization

Using serverless and on-demand services like Lambda and DynamoDB keeps costs minimal:

- **Lambda** only charges per invocation
- **DynamoDB** on-demand mode helps avoid over-provisioning
- **Cost Optimization Tactics:**
 - Use AWS Free Tier where possible
 - Monitor usage with **Billing Dashboard** and **CloudWatch**
 - Set alarms for unexpected costs

Security & IAM

- IAM roles created automatically for Lambda to access other services securely
- DynamoDB permissions restricted via IAM policies
- Lambda runs inside secured AWS environment
- CORS can be enabled if hosted frontend requires cross-origin requests.

Disaster Recovery and Backup

- Enable **DynamoDB point-in-time recovery** for data protection
- Use **CloudWatch Logs** to trace Lambda errors

Challenges & Solutions

Challenges	Solutions
Lambda to DynamoDB integration	Used boto3 SDK and IAM role permissions
Testing form data input	Built POST handler and tested via API Gateway
Visualizing backend data	Used DynamoDB Console to confirm order entry

Conclusion & Future Work

WAN Pizza effectively demonstrates how to build and deploy a scalable e-commerce app using AWS serverless technologies. It reduces operational complexity while offering flexibility for future expansion.

Future Improvements

- Integrate authentication via **Amazon Cognito**
- Build a dynamic frontend using **React** or **Vue.js**
- Add admin dashboard for analytics
- Implement email notifications upon order receipt

Conclusion & Future Work

WAN Pizza demonstrates a fully serverless, cost-effective e-commerce platform using AWS. It shows the flexibility and scalability cloud computing offers. Future improvements could include:

- User authentication with Cognito
- Full frontend integration with React
- Order history and admin dashboard

