

Link to the demo: <https://dc8eru1q29n2p.cloudfront.net>

1. Domain

The chosen domain for this project is Education and personalised learning, more specifically, it is an AI-Assisted Code Understanding. Sometimes the code files I am looking at for open-source development are very complex to understand because of the use of libraries that I might not have used or seen before, or because of poor code writing practises. The objective of making this tool is to find or analyse the exact location in a file where a certain functionality exists, and answer code related questions.

2. Problem Statement

Modern software teams deal with large, complex codebases where understanding legacy code, onboarding new developers, or finding relevant functionality is time-consuming and error-prone. Traditional keyword-based search tools (like grep, or built-in IDE search) fail to capture the semantic meaning of code, leading to poor discovery, redundant work, and slow development cycles.

3. Business Case

Organizations waste hundreds of hours per developer annually on tasks like:

- Understanding unfamiliar code sections
- Searching for functions, APIs, or logic
- Asking teammates questions that could be answered from code.

This results in:

- Delayed feature delivery
- Frustrated engineers
- Higher onboarding time
- Increased bugs due to misunderstood logic.

The proposed system enables:

- Uploading a codebase
- Embedding it semantically using **CodeBERT**
- Creating an efficient vector index with **FAISS**
- Letting users ask **natural-language questions**
- Returning accurate, contextually relevant answers via model deployed on **SageMaker**.

4. Functional Requirements

- The system should allow users to upload either one zip file or a Github link to a codebase.
- The system should process the files so that when the user asks questions related to the content in the files, the system can answer the questions.
- The system should return answers that are relevant to the content of the uploaded code.
- The system should allow users to ask natural-language questions about their uploaded codebase.
- The received response from the system must be in English and should be visible on screen.
- A user should be able to ask multiple questions after they upload files or the Github link.
- The system should notify users if there is an error during upload, processing, or querying.

5. Non-Functional Requirements

Performance:

- The system should not take more than 10 minutes to answer user queries.
- The system should not take more than 10 minutes to process the uploaded files.
- The system should support more than one user concurrently.

Scalability:

- The system should be able to spawn more compute power (EC2 instances) if the demand spikes so that system doesn't become slow or throw error when it receives multiple requests at the same time.

Security:

- The system should restrict access to user-uploaded data such that only the owning user can query their code.
- All data transfers between client and server shall be encrypted.
- Back-end functionalities should only be accessible from the front-end and nowhere else (like terminal or other tools).
- Only the front-end / website / code should be able to access the back-end processing functionalities.

Data Handling:

- Data should be deleted after 30 days unless compliance to a government policy requires the storage of data for longer periods, or there is an explicit business requirement.

Monitoring and Logging:

- Requests to the Lambda functions and other AWS services must be monitored through CloudWatch.
- The system should expose operational metrics (e.g., job queue length, task duration, query latency) for observability.

Availability and Reliability:

- The system should be available most of the time to take user input.

6. Architecture Diagram

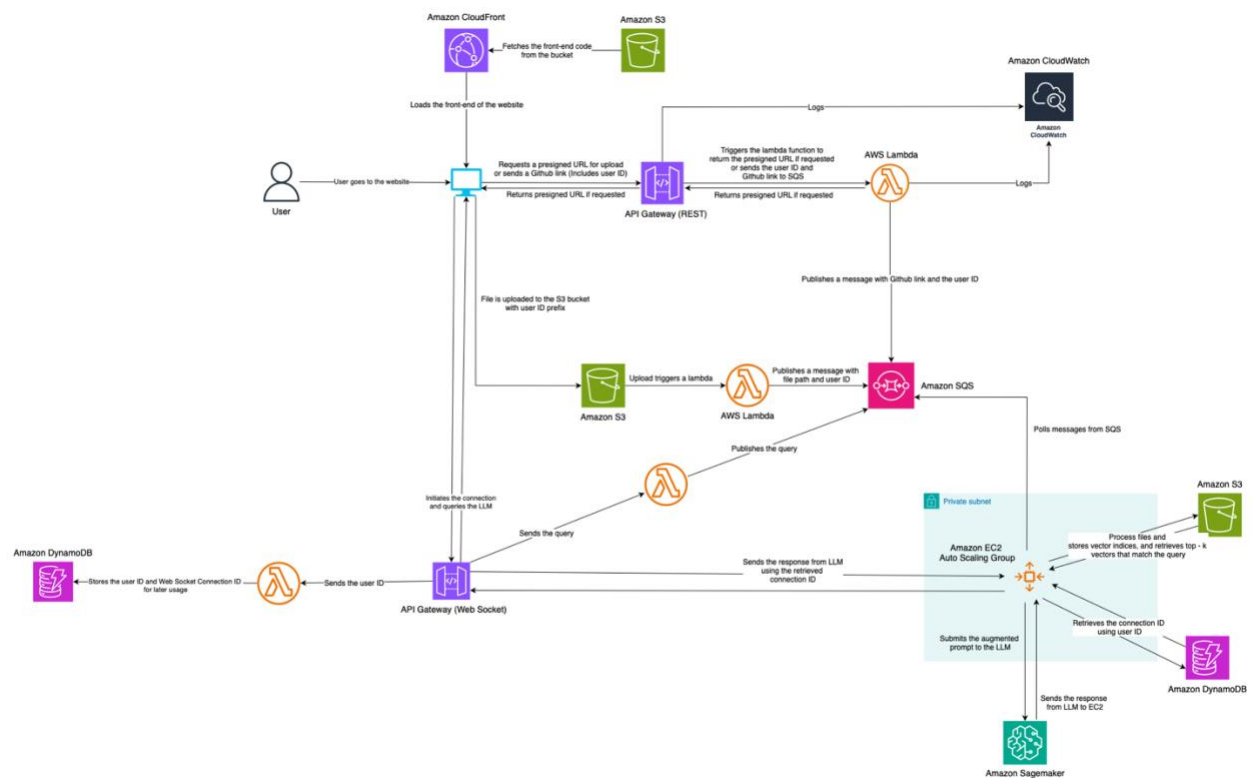


Fig. 6.1 Architecture Diagram

- I. User first access the website through Amazon CloudFront.
- II. When the user lands on the website, the browser initiates the connection to web socket so that the responses could be retrieved later on.
- III. Once the connection is open, a unique user ID is generated and wrapped in a message. This message is sent to the web socket.

- IV. This causes a lambda function to trigger. The lambda function will then extract the user ID from the message, and the connection ID from its invocation metadata, and stores them in the DynamoDB.
- V. Now user either uploads the zip file of the code, or enters the corresponding Github URL, and sends a request to API Getway.
- VI. API Gateway triggers a lambda function that will process these inputs. If the user has uploaded zip file of the code, it will generate a presigned URL and send that URL to the front-end. If the user has uploaded Github URL, the URL along with the user ID will be passed to the Amazon SQS. Once the user uploads the file using the presigned URL, the file path will be passed to the same Amazon SQS.
- VII. EC2 instance managed by Elastic Beanstalk will poll the messages from the queue and start processing the uploaded files. It will embed the files in chunks using CodeBERT model and store the vectors in FAISS index, the metadata in another S3 bucket.
- VIII. Once the processing is finished, it will query the DynamoDB for the connection ID using the user ID to notify the front-end using the web socket.
- IX. The front-end will allow user to input query.
- X. Once the query is entered, it will be sent as a message along with the user ID to the web socket, which will trigger a Lambda function.
- XI. The lambda function will put this message in a queue. EC2 will poll the message and starts processing the query.
- XII. The query will be embedded using CodeBERT. Then the program will retrieve vectors stored in FAISS index and search for the top – k similar embeddings / vectors that match the query vector.
- XIII. Once the matches have been found, they will be augmented into the user prompt and passed to the AI model deployed (Code Llama / Meta Llama / CodeBERT) on Amazon Sagemaker.
- XIV. Amazon Sagemaker will make use of augmented context into the prompt and return a response to the EC2 instance.
- XV. EC2 instance will send the response in chunks to the front-end of the website through the web socket.
- XVI. The user will be able to see the responses as they are received from the back-end.

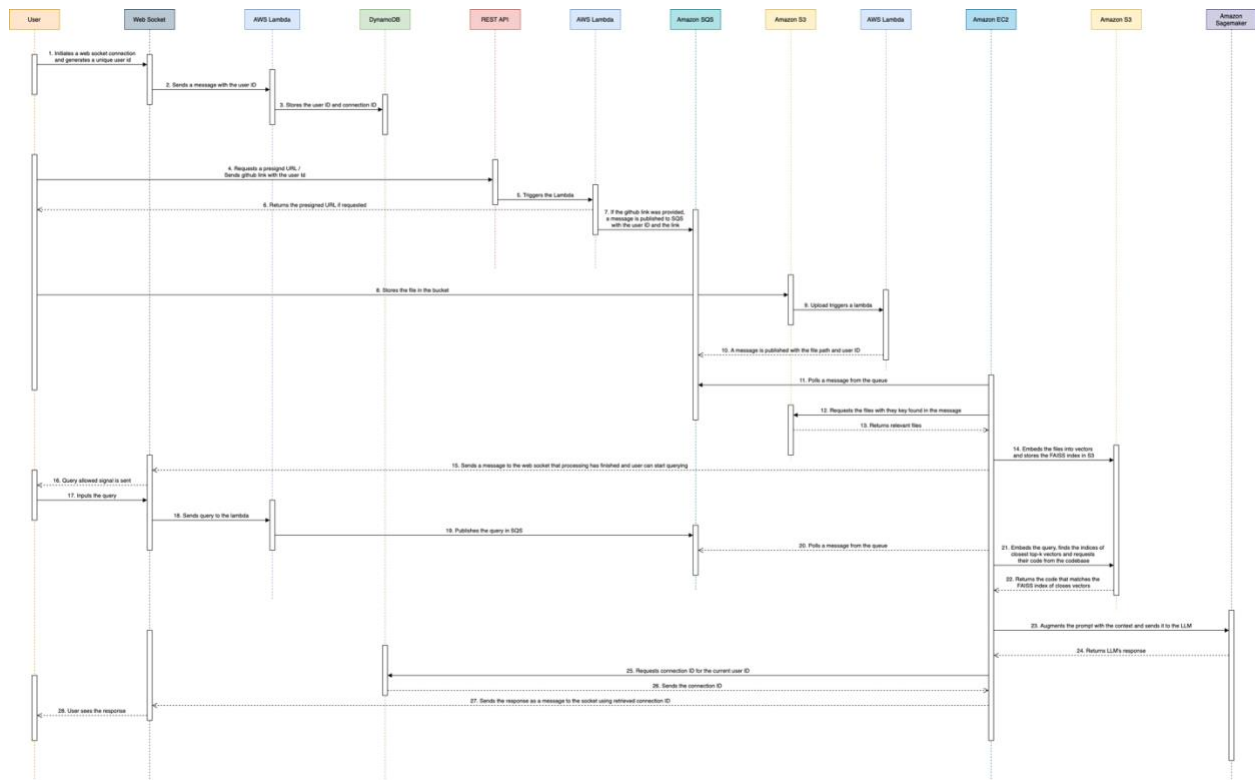


Fig 6.2 UML Data Sequence diagram

7. AWS Services and Tech Stack

Services:

Amazon CloudFront
 Amazon S3
 API Gateway (REST and Web Socket)
 AWS Lambda
 Amazon SQS
 Amazon DynamoDB
 Amazon EC2 (Auto Scaling Groups)
 Amazon Sagemaker
 Amazon CloudWatch

Programming Languages:

JavaScript for AWS Lambda
 Python for EC2 (back-end) code

Additional Tools:

CodeBERT from Hugging Face (for converting text data to vector)
 CodeLLama from Meta (to get response for the augmented prompt)

8. Potential Architectural Challenges

- Maintaining long-lived web socket connection, especially when there are multiple concurrent connections, could be tricky because of connection timeouts and scaling issues with concurrent users.
- If the model used to create embeddings gets updated, it can break the semantic alignment. Hence, it's important to keep track of specific version of the model used to create embeddings.
- Users with malicious intent can compromise the system while querying the model. Input sanitization is necessary to avoid this.
- If chunks are too large or too many, program might hit the token limit. It is important to embed the code in smaller chunks.

9. Initial cost estimation for overall implementation

<u>Service</u>	<u>Estimate & Assumptions</u>	<u>Cost*</u>
Amazon S3 (static hosting)	First 50 TB / month + per 1000 requests	\$0.023 + \$0.0054
CloudFront	First 1 TB monthly transfer + requests	\$0
API Gateway (REST + WebSocket)	1M REST calls & 1M WS messages	\$3.50 + \$1.00
AWS Lambda x 3	Price per milli seconds for 128MB memory functions + 1M requests	\$0.0000000021 + \$0.20 (x 3)
Amazon SQS	1 M requests + First 10 TB / Month data out	\$0.50 + \$0.09
Amazon DynamoDB	1M WRU/RRU + per GB per month (First 25 GB is free)	\$0.625 + \$0.125 + \$0.25
Amazon EC2	C6i.2xlarge on demand hourly with 15 GB storage	\$0.34
Amazon SageMaker	ml.g5.2xlarge instance for model deployment	\$1.212
Amazon S3 (vector store)	First 50 TB / month + per 1000 requests	\$0.023 + \$0.0054
Data transfer between services	(Mostly free within same AZ, negligible)	\$0
Total		\$8.33

* Costs have been retrieved from [AWS's official pricing pages](#). Free tier for services is ignored.

10. Explanation

- **Front-end hosted on S3 Bucket**

The bucket that hosts the front-end code is inaccessible to the outside world. Only the CloudFront distribution can access the bucket contents due to the policy set on the S3 Bucket. The S3 bucket has versioning enabled so that one can always go to the previous version in case of an anomaly.

The screenshot shows the AWS S3 console interface. At the top, there's a section for 'Block all public access' which is turned 'On' (indicated by a green checkmark). Below this is a link to 'Individual Block Public Access settings for this bucket'. The main section is titled 'Bucket policy' and contains a message stating that public access is blocked because the Block Public Access settings are turned on. A link 'Access' is provided. Below the message is a JSON policy document that grants 'GetObject' permission to the CloudFront service principal for the bucket 'arn:aws:s3:::5411-source-code-bucket/*', with a condition restricting access to the specific CloudFront distribution 'arn:aws:cloudfront::257394469414:distribution/E2NIVQVCUORMP9'.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "AllowCloudFrontServicePrincipal",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "cloudfront.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "s3:GetObject",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::5411-source-code-bucket/*",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "AWS:SourceArn": "arn:aws:cloudfront::257394469414:distribution/E2NIVQVCUORMP9"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

- **API Gateway**

There is a REST API and a Websocket API configured on API Gateway. While it doesn't require authorization to access the API at this point, the URLs for the APIs are stored along with the front-end code in the S3 bucket. This allows the front-end to fetch the API during runtime so the APIs are hidden. Both the APIs invoke lambda integrations.

Resources

Create resource

/

OPTIONS

PUT

API actions

Deploy API

/ - PUT - Method execution

Update documentation

Delete

ARN

arn:aws:execute-api:us-east-2:257394469414:euwo77toa1/*/PUT/

Resource ID

4q7jaskkik

Client

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Method request

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Integration request

→

Lambda

integration

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Integration response

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Method response

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Client

Method request

Integration request

Integration response

Method response

Test

Integration responses

Create response

Default - Response

Edit

Delete

Lambda error regex

Info

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Content handling

Learn more

Passthrough

Method response status code

200

Default mapping

True

Routes

Delete API

Deploy API

Create route

Route selection expression

Info

\$request.body.action

sendQuery

storeConnection

storeConnection

Enable two-way communication

Delete

ARN

arn:aws:execute-api:us-east-2:257394469414:8e8h4nm355/*/storeConnection

Client

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Route request

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Integration request

→

Lambda

integration

←

Integration response

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Route response

←

Client

Route request

Integration request

Integration response

Route response

Integration request settings

Edit

Integration type

Info

Lambda

Lambda proxy integration

Info

True

Timeout

29000 ms

Region

us-east-2

Lambda function

storeConnection

- **Lambda functions**

There are 4 lambda functions in this architecture. Each has been assigned specific IAM role so that they only have enough access to show logs on CloudWatch, access dynamo DB to store WebSocket connection information, integrate with S3 to generate presigned URLs, and publish messages to the queue (SQS). They have all been assigned environment variables to avoid hardcoding different AWS services URLs. They all run on ARM architecture to save costs.

Functions (4)

Last fetched 2 minutes ago  Actions 

<input type="checkbox"/>	Function name	Description	Package type	Runtime	Last modified
<input type="checkbox"/>	sendQuery	-	Zip	Node.js 22.x	1 day ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	storeConnection	-	Zip	Node.js 22.x	1 day ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	returnPresignedURL_or_uploadLink	-	Zip	Node.js 22.x	1 day ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	SendFilePathToQueue	-	Zip	Node.js 22.x	1 day ago

Environment variables (2)

The environment variables below are encrypted at rest with the default Lambda service key.

 Find environment variables

Key	Value
AWS_LAMBDA_EXEC_WRAPPER	/opt/otel-instrument
QUEUE_URL	https://sqs.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/257394469414/MessageQueue.fifo

Environment variables (2)

The environment variables below are encrypted at rest with the default Lambda service key.

 Find environment variables

Key	Value
AWS_LAMBDA_EXEC_WRAPPER	/opt/otel-instrument
TABLE	UserSocketConnections

Environment variables (3)

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 Find environment variables

Key	Value
AWS_LAMBDA_EXEC_WRAPPER	/opt/otel-instrument
QUEUE_URL	https://sqs.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/257394469414/MessageQueue.fifo
S3_BUCKET_NAME	5411-copilot-project-v2

Environment variables (2)

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 Find environment variables

Key	Value
AWS_LAMBDA_EXEC_WRAPPER	/opt/otel-instrument
QUEUE_URL	https://sqs.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/257394469414/MessageQueue.fifo

- **User upload store bucket**

This is the bucket where user uploaded files are stored. Each uploaded file is prefixed with a unique userId for efficient retrieval. A lifecycle management rule here deletes all the files after 1 day because user wouldn't need them after a session is over. This bucket is also inaccessible to the outside world and only resources with appropriate role can access this bucket (EC2 instances in this case).

DeleteAfterOneDay Info

EditDeleteActions

Lifecycle rule configuration

Lifecycle rule name DeleteAfterOneDay	Prefix -	Minimum object size - <small>When no minimum object size is specified, the minimum object size for transitions is determined by the lifecycle configuration. Learn more</small>
Status Enabled	Object tags -	Maximum object size -
Scope Entire bucket		

Review transition and expiration actions

Current version actions Day 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objects uploaded <div>↓</div> Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objects expire	Noncurrent versions actions Day 0 No actions defined.
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Block public access (bucket settings)

Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, access point policies, or all. In order to ensure that public objects is blocked, turn on Block all public access. These settings apply only to this bucket and its access points. AWS recommends that you turn on Block all of these settings, ensure that your applications will work correctly without public access. If you require some level of public access to your buckets or objects, individual settings below to suit your specific storage use cases. [Learn more](#)

Block all public access
On

► Individual Block Public Access settings for this bucket

Bucket policy

The bucket policy, written in JSON, provides access to the objects stored in the bucket. Bucket policies don't apply to objects owned by







Public access is blocked because Block Public Access settings are turned on for this bucket
To determine which settings are turned on, check your Block Public Access settings for this bucket. [Learn more about using Amazon Access](#)

No policy to display.

5411-copilot-project-v2 [Info](#)

[Objects](#) | [Metadata](#) | [Properties](#) | [Permissions](#) | [Metrics](#) | [Management](#) | [Access F](#)

Objects (26)



  Copy S3 URI  Copy URL  Download  Open  Delete [Actions](#) ▼

Objects are the fundamental entities stored in Amazon S3. You can use [Amazon S3 inventory](#) to get a list of all object objects, you'll need to explicitly grant them permissions. [Learn more](#)


<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Last modified	Size
<input type="checkbox"/>	12fef194-c0a5-4944-9d33-ba3d437e3b4c/	Folder	-	
<input type="checkbox"/>	17630239-7f84-4f8e-86d4-5cbf994d1230/	Folder	-	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1a16269c-94d1-424c-b561-31212236c11e/	Folder	-	


- **Dynamo DB**

UserSocketConnection table stores the user to connection mapping. There is no resource based policy attached to it.

UserSocketConnections   [Actions](#) [Explore table items](#)


[Settings](#) | [Indexes](#) | [Monitor](#) | [Global tables](#) | [Backups](#) | [Exports and stream](#)

 **Protect your DynamoDB table from accidental writes and deletes**
When you turn on point-in-time recovery (PITR), DynamoDB backs up your table data automatically so that you can restore to any given second in the preceding 1 to 35 days. Additional charges apply. [Learn more](#)


[Edit PITR](#) 

General information [Info](#)


Partition key
userid (String)


Alarms
 No active alarms

Average item size
70 bytes

Amazon Resource Name (ARN)
 arn:aws:dynamodb:us-east-2:257394469414:table/UserSocketConnections

Sort key
-

Point-in-time recovery (PITR) [Info](#)
 Off

Resource-based policy [Info](#)
 Not active

Capacity mode
[On-demand](#)

Item count
115


Table status
 Active

Table size
8.1 kilobytes

[Get live item count](#)

- **SQS**

This queue stores messages which has URL of files in S3 or GitHub link, and user query. It has a resource-based policy attached to it so that only resources (lambda functions) with appropriate role can access it.

MessageQueue.fifo

Edit Delete Purge Send and receive messages Start DLQ redrive

Details Info

Name MessageQueue.fifo	Type FIFO High throughput mode is off	ARN arn:aws:sqs:us-east-2:257394469414:MessageQueue.fifo
Encryption Amazon SQS key (SSE-SQS)	URL https://sqs.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/257394469414/MessageQueue.fifo	Dead-letter queue -

► More

SNS subscriptions Lambda triggers EventBridge Pipes Dead-letter queue Monitoring Tagging **Queue policies** Encryption Dead-letter queue redrive task

Access policy Info Edit

Define who can access your queue.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Id": "Policy1748098604569",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "Stmnt1748098591339",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "AWS": [
          "arn:aws:iam::257394469414:role/AllowSendingMessagesToQueue",
          "arn:aws:iam::257394469414:role/PresignedURLRole"
        ]
      },
      "Action": "sqs:SendMessage",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:sqs:us-east-2:257394469414:MessageQueue.fifo"
    }
  ]
}
```

- **S3 vector store bucket**

This bucket stores the vectors computed for files uploaded by users. It also has a lifecycle rule that deletes all the files after one day, and it's public access is also blocked by default.

5411-vector-db-store

Objects Metadata Properties Permissions Metrics **Management** Access Points

Lifecycle configuration

To manage your objects so that they are stored cost effectively throughout their lifecycle, configure their lifecycle. A lifecycle configuration group of objects. Lifecycle rules run once per day.

Default minimum object size for transitions
All storage classes 128K

Lifecycle rules (1) View details

Use lifecycle rules to define actions you want Amazon S3 to take during an object's lifetime such as transitioning objects to another storage class. [Learn more](#)

	Lifecycle rule name	Status	Scope	Current version action	Noncurrent version action
<input type="radio"/>	DeleteAfterOneDay	Enabled	Entire bucket	Expires	-

[View lifecycle configuration](#)

- **Amazon EC2**

The Auto Scaling Group launches instances in a private subnet. Each instance runs a user data script that retrieves the back-end code from an S3 bucket, installs the necessary dependencies, and starts the Python application. These EC2 instances do not have public IPv4 access. The Auto

Scaling Group monitors the SQS queue, and if the number of messages exceeds five, it provisions additional instances. The attached security group restricts traffic to outbound-only access. C6i instances are used to support multiple worker threads and handle transformer models efficiently. However, instance size may be reduced in the future based on CPU and memory usage analysis.

EC2-5411-MIDTERM (lt-0f4e2ff19f7dea8f1)

ActionsDelete template

Launch template details

Launch template ID
lt-0f4e2ff19f7dea8f1

Launch template name
EC2-5411-MIDTERM

Default version
1

Owner
arn:aws:iam::257394469414:root

DetailsVersionsTemplate tags

Launch template version details

ActionsDelete template version

Version
1 (Default)

Description
1.0

Date created
2025-05-30T19:02:41.000Z

Created by
arn:aws:iam::257394469414:root

Instance detailsStorageResource tagsNetwork interfacesAdvanced details

AMI ID
ami-06c8f2ec674c7112

Instance type
c6i.2xlarge

Availability Zone
-

Key pair name
first

Security groups
-

Security group IDs
sg-09ecef8323913c057

us-east-2.console.aws.amazon.com

container2/D...Mid-term Pro...Software Dev...Dalhousie Po...Dalhousie Po...Auto Scaling...EC2 | us-east-...UML architect...Inbox (580) ...On-Demand L...What is vCP...

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United States (Ohio)Siddik Patel

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▼ Elastic Block Store
VolumesSnapshotsLifecycle Manager

▼ Network & Security
Security GroupsElastic IPsPlacement GroupsKey PairsNetwork Interfaces

▼ Load Balancing
Load BalancersTarget GroupsTrust Stores

▼ Auto Scaling
Auto Scaling Groups

Settings

DetailsIntegrations - newAutomatic scalingInstance managementInstance refreshActivityMonitoring

Scaling policies resize your Auto Scaling group to meet changes in demand. With reactive dynamic scaling policies, you can track specific CloudWatch metrics and take action when the CloudWatch alarm threshold is met. Use predictive scaling policies along with dynamic scaling policies in the following situations: when your application demand changes quickly, but with a recurring pattern, or when your EC2 instances require more time to initialize.

Dynamic scaling policies (2) info

ActionsCreate dynamic scaling policy

AutoScaleBasedOnQueueSize

Policy type
Simple scaling

Enabled or disabled
Enabled

Execute policy when
SQS Overcrowd
breaches the alarm threshold: ApproximateNumberOfMessagesVisible > 5 for 1 consecutive periods of 604800 seconds for the metric dimensions:
QueueName = MessageQueue.fifo

Take the action
Add 1 capacity units

And then wait
120 seconds before allowing another scaling activity

ScaleInInstances

Policy type
Simple scaling

Enabled or disabled
Enabled

Execute policy when
SQS few messages
breaches the alarm threshold: ApproximateNumberOfMessagesVisible < 5 for 1 consecutive periods of 604800 seconds for the metric dimensions:
QueueName = MessageQueue.fifo

Take the action
Remove 1 capacity units

And then wait
120 seconds before allowing another scaling activity

Predictive scaling policies (0) info

ActionsCreate predictive scaling policy

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EC2 > Auto Scaling groups > 5411-midterm

5411-midterm

5411-midterm Capacity overview [Edit](#)

arn:aws:autoscaling:us-east-2:257394469414:autoScalingGroup:2a54e8bf-a910-4508-8aa8-a3a2964f02cd:autoScalingGroupName/5411-midterm

Desired capacity 1	Scaling limits (Min - Max) 1 - 5	Desired capacity type Units (number of instances)	Status Updating capacity
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Date created
Fri May 30 2025 16:17:51 GMT-0300 (Atlantic Daylight Time)

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Launch template

[Launch template](#)
lt-0f4e2ff19f7deabf1
EC2-5411-MIDTERM

Version
Default

Description
1.0

[View details in the launch template console](#)

AMI ID ami-06c8f2ec674c67112	Instance type c6i.2xlarge	Owner arn:aws:iam::257394469414:root
Security groups -	Security group IDs sg-09ecef8323913c057	Create time Fri May 30 2025 16:02:41 GMT-0300 (Atlantic Daylight Time)
Storage (volumes) /dev/xvda	Key pair name first	Request Spot instances No

Network

Availability Zones us-east-2c	Subnet ID subnet-03e9328257f0ce1b9	Availability Zone distribution Balanced best effort
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sg-09ecef8323913c057 - allow ec2 access

Security Group [Actions](#)

Details

Security group name allow ec2 access	Security group ID sg-09ecef8323913c057	Description SSH, HTTP and HTTPS	VPC ID vpc-0c9b2203850ed1067
Owner 257394469414	Inbound rules count 0 Permission entries	Outbound rules count 1 Permission entry	

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Inbound rules

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Search

Name	Security group rule ID	IP version	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source
No security group rules found						

sg-09ecef8323913c057 - allow ec2 access

Security Group [Actions](#)

Details

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Outbound rules (1)

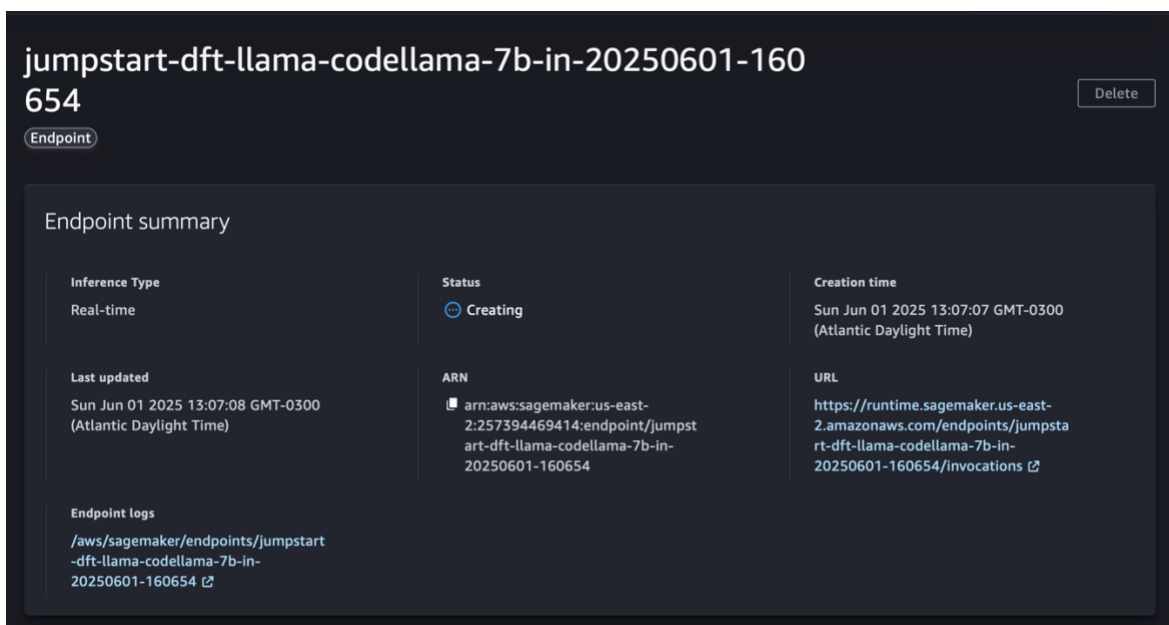
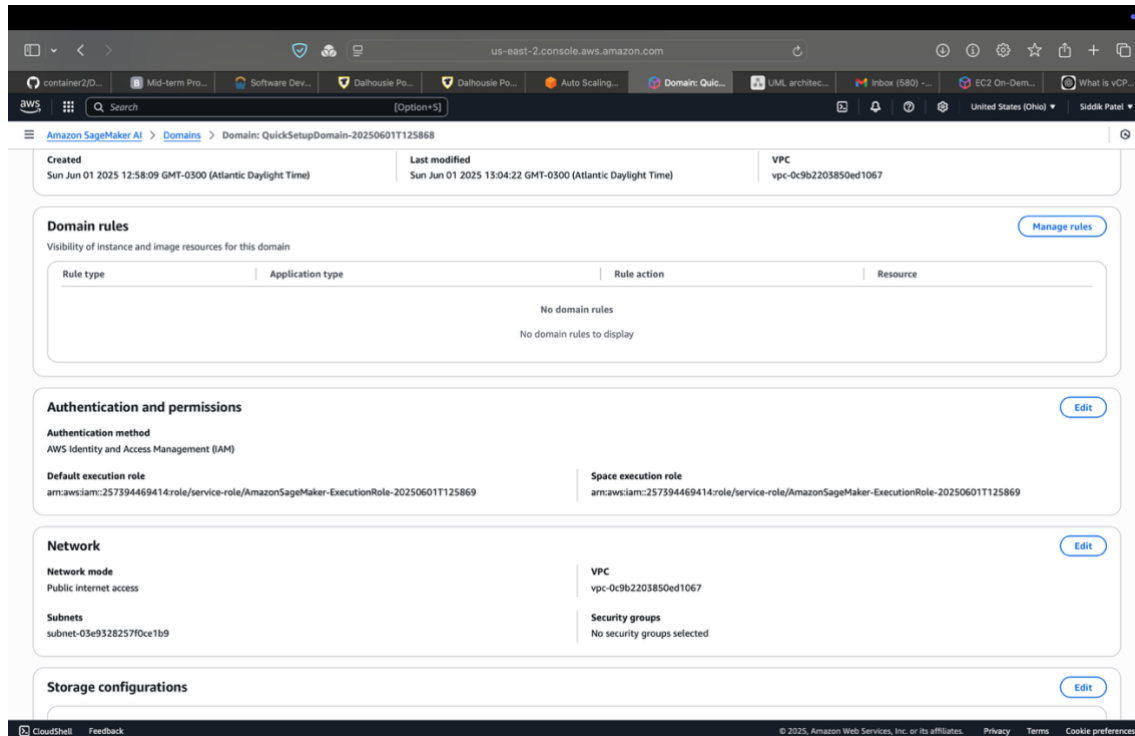
[Manage tags](#) [Edit outbound rules](#)

Search

Name	Security group rule ID	IP version	Type	Protocol	Port range	Destination
-	sgr-0b535b020bd65fe1a	IPv4	All traffic	All	All	0.0.0.0/0

- Amazon SageMaker AI

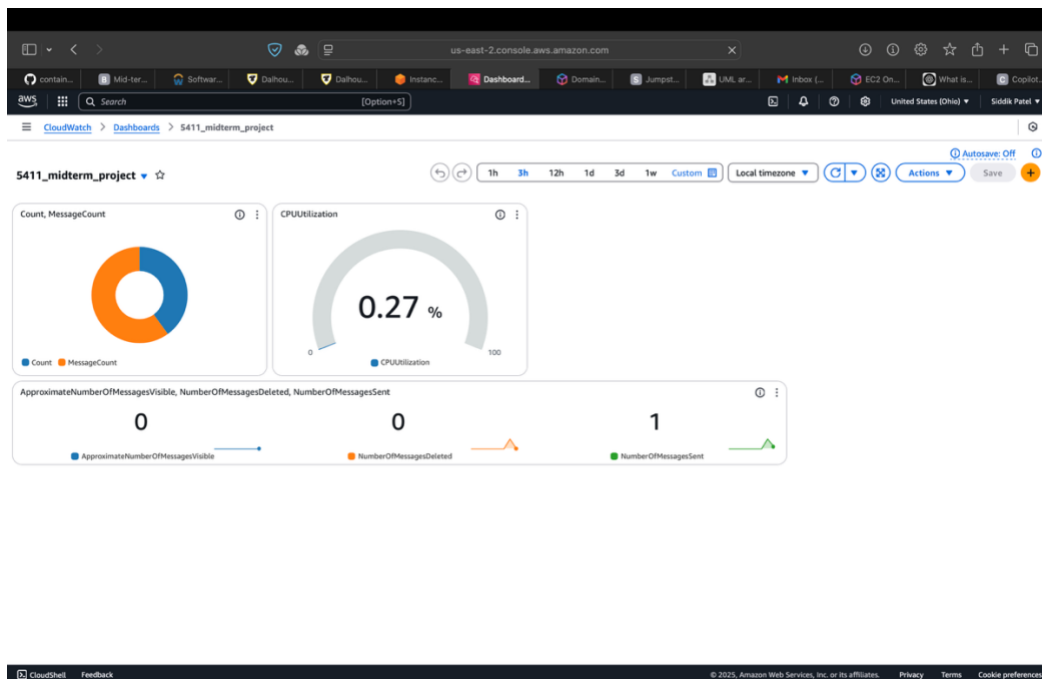
The SageMaker domain's network is also deployed in the private subnet where the security rules doesn't allow inbound access from the network. The CodeLlama model is deployed on a default endpoint. The endpoint is hosted on ml.g5.2xlarge instance because of the CodeLlama model's compatibility.



- **Amazon CloudWatch Logs**

All Lambda functions and the API Gateway generate logs for each request. Alarms configured for SQS trigger EC2 auto scaling when thresholds are met. The monitoring dashboard displays key metrics, including the number of messages in the queue, EC2 instance CPU utilization, and the number of requests received by the API Gateway.

If the back end becomes inactive for any reason and messages begin to accumulate, an SNS topic sends email notifications to alert me. Application traces provide visibility into the availability of Lambda functions.



Alarms (3)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Hide Auto Scaling alarms						
Clear selection Create composite alarm Actions						
Create alarm						
CloudWatch console feature						
Alarm state: Any Alarm type: Any Actions status: Any						
< 1 >						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	State	Last state update (Local)	Conditions	Actions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ConsumerUnresponsive	OK	2025-05-31 11:45:28	ApproximateNumberOfMessagesVisible >= 100 for 1 datapoints within 7 days	Actions enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SQS few messages	In alarm	2025-05-30 16:42:25	ApproximateNumberOfMessagesVisible < 5 for 1 datapoints within 7 days	Actions enabled	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SQS Overcrowd	OK	2025-05-30 16:30:37	ApproximateNumberOfMessagesVisible > 5 for 1 datapoints within 7 days	Actions enabled	

- ConsumerUnresponsive

Metric alarm

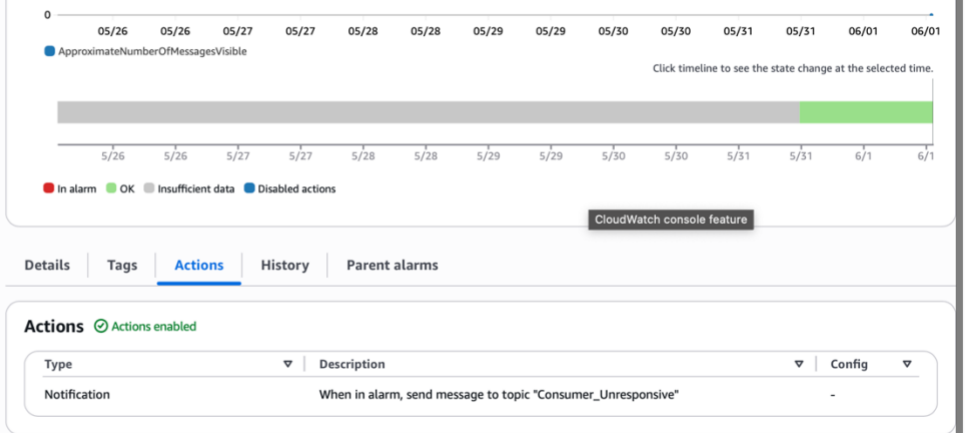
OK
- SQS few messages

Metric alarm

In alarm
- SQS Overcrowd

Metric alarm

OK



- ConsumerUnresponsive

Metric alarm

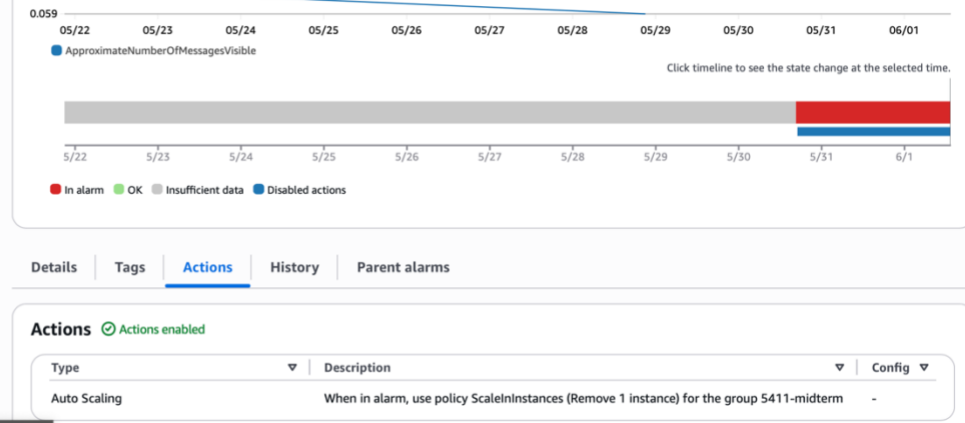
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OK



Services

30m 1h 3h 12h Custom Local timezone

Services by SLI status



Healthy (0) Unhealthy (0)
No SLO (4) Insufficient data (0)

Top services by fault rate

Service	Fault rate
No services with faults	

Top dependency paths by fault rate

Remote service	Service	Fault rate
No dependencies with faults		

Services (4)

Actions Enable Application Signals

Filter services and resources by text, property or value

Name	SLI status	Service Availa...	Application	Hosted in
SendFilePathToQueue	Create SLO	100%	-	Lambda function SendFilePathToQueue
storeConnection	Create SLO	100%	-	Lambda function storeConnection
returnPresignedURL_o...	Create SLO	100%	-	Lambda function returnPresignedURL_or_uploadLink
sendQuery	Create SLO	100%	-	Lambda function sendQuery

These are the log groups that contain logs from lambda functions, applications signals and API gateways.

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Alarms, Logs, Metrics, X-Ray traces, and Events. The main content area is titled "Log groups (11)" and lists various log groups. The log groups are organized into a table with columns for Log group, Log class, Anomaly detection, Data protection, Sensitive data, Retention, Metric filters, and Contributor Insights. The log groups listed are:

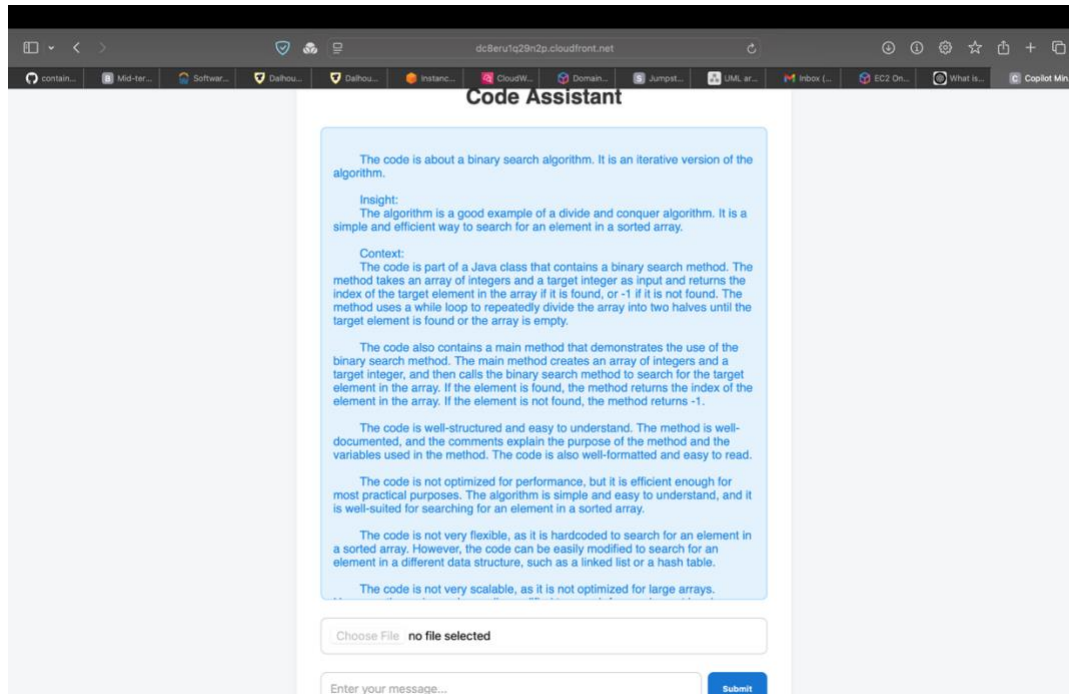
Log group	Log class	Anomaly d...	Data protec...	Sensitive da...	Retention	Metric filters	Conti
/aws/apigateway/8e84nm355/production	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/apigateway/welcome	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/application-signals/data	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/lambda-insights	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/lambda/SendFilePathToQueue	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/lambda/returnPresignedURL_or_uploadLink	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/lambda/sendQuery	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/lambda/storeConnection	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/sagemaker/Endpoints/jumpstart-dft-llama-code...	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
/aws/sagemaker/Endpoints/jumpstart-dft-llama-code...	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...
APIGatewayLogGroup	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	...

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console interface for the log group /aws/lambda/SendFilePathToQueue. The left sidebar contains navigation links for Alarms, Logs, Metrics, X-Ray traces, and Events. The main content area is titled "Log events" and displays a list of log events. The log events are organized into a table with columns for Timestamp and Message. The log events listed are:

Timestamp	Message
2025-06-01T13:20:18.472-03:00	AWS Application Signals metrics export interval capped to 60000
2025-06-01T13:20:18.477-03:00	Enabled batch unsampled span processor for Lambda environment.
2025-06-01T13:20:18.478-03:00	OTEL_LOGS_EXPORTER is empty. Using default otel exporter.
2025-06-01T13:20:18.483-03:00	OTEL_METRICS_EXPORTER contains "none". Metric provider will not be initialized.
2025-06-01T13:20:18.483-03:00	Setting TraceProvider for instrumentations at the end of initialization
2025-06-01T13:20:18.484-03:00	AWS Distro of OpenTelemetry automatic instrumentation started successfully
2025-06-01T13:20:18.486-03:00	(Node:9) [DEP0040] DeprecationWarning: The 'punycode' module is deprecated. Please use a userland alternative instead.
2025-06-01T13:20:19.000-03:00	2025-06-01T16:20:19.000Z undefined WARN Failed extracting version /var/task
2025-06-01T13:20:19.092-03:00	EXTENSION Name: cloudwatch_lambda_agent State: Ready Events: [INVOKE, SHUTDOWN]
2025-06-01T13:20:19.092-03:00	START RequestId: f9b5d04-5def-4fef-bc2d-4436e619b73a Version: SLATEST
2025-06-01T13:20:21.809-03:00	2025-06-01T16:20:21.809Z f9b5d04-5def-4fef-bc2d-4436e619b73a INFO SQS response: { 'Metadata': { 'httpStatusCode': 200, requestId: '2ba01e60-6091-5c96-96c7-7ad6e0947fba', extendedRequestId: undefined, cId: undefined, attempts: 1, totalRetryDelay: 0 }, 'MessageAttributes': { '0645f6d4012b32ca7f793dcafc5545b7', '4b9d86826c4f4076b990e4e5a8972cd', 'a1856443-b682-4a0b-a500-190a2e8dbb40', 'SequenceNumber': '1889443553278343616' } }
2025-06-01T13:20:23.327-03:00	END RequestId: f9b5d04-5def-4fef-bc2d-4436e619b73a

11. Application working

User can only upload a single file or a Github link. Repository should not exceed the size of 25 MB. Users are only allowed to upload 1 file or link per session.



12. Why?

I used SQS to decouple the front end from the back end to simplify debugging. Another reason was security. Since the API Gateway lacks proper authorization, allowing the front end to directly access the back end would expose it to potential threats. Due to decoupling, the back end doesn't need to handle incoming requests immediately, and the requests are guaranteed to be processed. Without this, high CPU utilization upon receiving requests could prevent them from being processed.

I used DynamoDB to store the userId to connectionId mapping because the application requires frequent read and write access. Using RDS would introduce unnecessary overhead, as each query goes through a SQL engine and maintains a TCP connection with each client, which limits scalability due to connection constraints. Since the data is simple and non-relational, a NoSQL key-value store like DynamoDB is a better fit for this use case.

13. Is it Well-Architected?

I have used AWS Managed service DynamoDB so that I don't need to manage the database myself. I have also implemented proper monitoring logs and dashboard so that a failure in any system would be visible. My front-end code can be changed independently of the back-end as both are decoupled using a queue service. The auto scaling EC2 instances fetch code from the source code bucket so manual configuration of code and the environment is not required. Front-

end also changes as per the code changes in the S3 bucket. All of these ensures operational excellence. Usage of CloudFront provides performance efficiency.

I have used roles with least privileges which ensures security of the architecture. A back-end failure would notify me via email, and all the components scale automatically, hence reliability is also ensured.

AWS cost optimizer has been enabled which would recommend me settings for cost optimization as well.

14. Security Measures

All the services in this architecture uses specific roles that provide least privilege access. Back-end computation is done in the EC2 instances deployed inside the Private subnet with no inbound access from the internet. Also, the front-end and the back-end has been decoupled by using SQS service. I have used NAT gateway so that EC2 can send messages to connected clients and download files from Github.

15. Model Selection

Microsoft's codebert-base model was used to create embeddings of query and user uploaded data because the model is trained on code and natural language to create better embeddings.

CodeLlama 7B Instruct model is used to answer the user queries. This model has been trained on code and natural languages and is fine tuned to support instruction handling. I didn't make any changes in the model. I deployed the model as it was.

16. Cost Optimization strategies

Each stored object is deleted after a day from S3 using lifecycle rul. This reduces cost because of less storage usage.

EC2 auto scaling with dynamic policies allows EC2 instances to shut down and start up whenever necessary. Hence, there is no manual reservation of EC2 instances.

17. Lesson learned and Future Improvements

Even though the model works reasonably well, if the embeddings aren't good enough and if the code chunks aren't properly embedded, the generated response could become irrelevant. In future, a better embedding model for query, and a better method for chunking user data could be used so that the context is relevant to the query and the LLM can answer the question. Currently, each file has its own chunk, and the embeddings aren't as close to the chunk's embedding as required for better performance. This causes the top_k result to vary, and therefore the results.