ADVANCE DEVOPS CASE STUDY REPORT

CASE STUDY TOPIC:

Case Study No:19:Building a Serverless REST API

- Concepts Used: AWS Lambda, API Gateway, DynamoDB.
- Problem Statement: "Create a simple serverless REST API using AWS Lambda and API Gateway to manage user data in a DynamoDB table. The API should support adding a new user and retrieving user details."

Tasks:

- Create a DynamoDB table to store user data.
- Write two Lambda functions: one for adding a user to the table and another for retrieving user details by ID.
- Set up an API Gateway to trigger these Lambda functions based on HTTP methods (POST for adding and GET for retrieving).
- o Test the API using curl or Postman.

INTRODUCTION:

Case Study Overview:

• This case study focuses on building a serverless REST API using AWS Lambda, API Gate way, and DynamoDB. The goal is to manage user data effectively by creating a simple, scal able, and efficient solution without the need for traditional server management.

Key Feature and Application:

- Unique Feature: The serverless architecture eliminates the need for server provisioning an d management. It scales automatically based on demand, reducing costs and operational c omplexity.
- Practical Use: This setup is ideal for applications requiring scalable APIs with minimal infra structure management, such as mobile backends, microservices, and realtime data processing.

Third-Year Project Integration:

Integrating Serverless REST API in Glamease Salon Appointment Management System

In Glamease, we can leverage the serverless architecture (AWS Lambda, API Gateway, and DynamoDB) to streamline various functionalities. This integration will make the system more scalable, cost-effective, and easier to maintain without managing traditional servers.

1. User and Salon Registration

- How: The Lambda function can handle both user and salon registration. When a user or salon admin registers, the registration form data is sent via a POST request through API Gateway to the Lambda function.
- Integration: This allows storing the user/salon details in a DynamoDB table. The system
 can then fetch and display this data in the admin dashboard using a GET request to the
 same API.

2. Salon Admin Dashboard: Viewing Profiles

- How: Admins can view profiles using another Lambda function integrated with GET requests. This API retrieves user or salon information from DynamoDB and displays it on the admin dashboard.
- **Integration**: The admin dashboard triggers the API when accessing user profiles or their own salon details. The serverless nature ensures real-time scalability and reduced maintenance effort.

3. Appointment Booking and Management

- **How**: Users can book appointments through a **POST request** to the API, which sends the appointment data (e.g., date, time, salon ID) to the Lambda function.
- **Integration**: The Lambda function stores appointment details in **DynamoDB**, and salon admins can view/manage appointments by sending **GET requests** to retrieve appointment information.

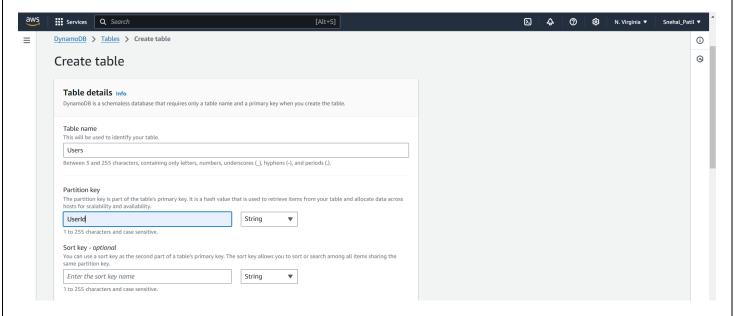
4. Managing Salon Services and Products

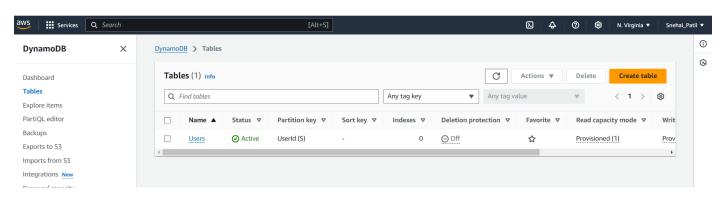
- How: Salon admins can use the API to add or update services, products, and packages by sending data through POST/PUT requests.
- **Integration**: The Lambda function stores this data in **DynamoDB**, allowing users to view updated services by querying the API.

2. Step-by-Step Explanation

Step 1: Initial Setup - Creating a DynamoDB Table

- Log in to AWS Management Console.
- Open DynamoDB from the services.
- Create a Table:
 - Table Name: Users
 - Partition Key: UserId (String)
 - Leave other settings as default.
 - Click Create Table.

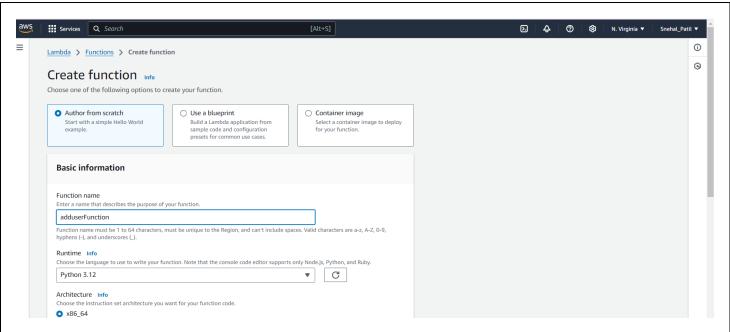




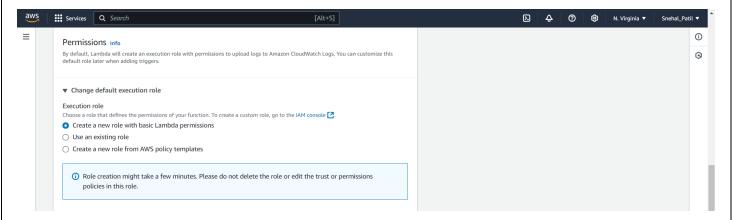
Step 2: Creating AWS Lambda Functions

Creating addUserFunction

- 1. Open **AWS Lambda** from the services.
- 2. Click Create Function.
- 3. Choose Author from scratch.
 - Function Name: addUserFunction
 - Runtime: Python 3.12



- 4. Create new role with permission to access DynamoDB.
- 5. Click Create Function.



Code for addUserFunction:

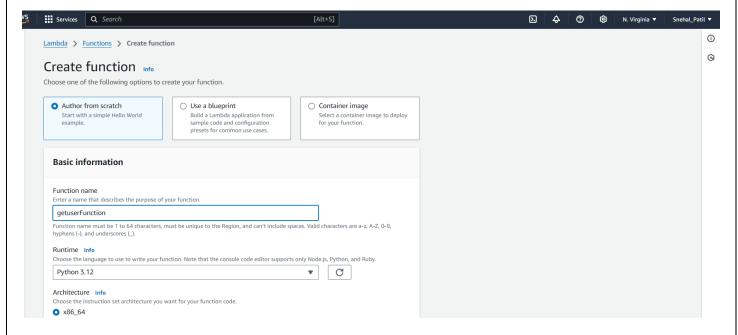
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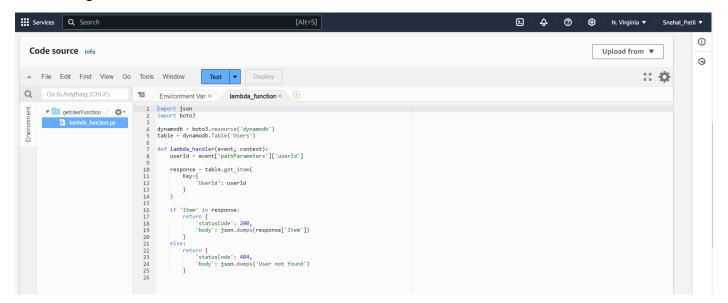
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                                            dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb')
table = dynamodb.Table('Users')
                                           def lambda_handler(event, context):
   body = json.loads(event['body'])
   userId = body['userId']
   name = body['name']
   email = body['email']
                                               response = table.put_item(
   Item={
        'UserId': userId,
        'name': name,
        'email': email
                                              ) }
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Creating getUserFunction

- 1. Repeat the process to create another Lambda function.
 - Function Name: getUserFunction
 - Runtime: Python 3.x
 - Select the same execution role that has DynamoDB access.



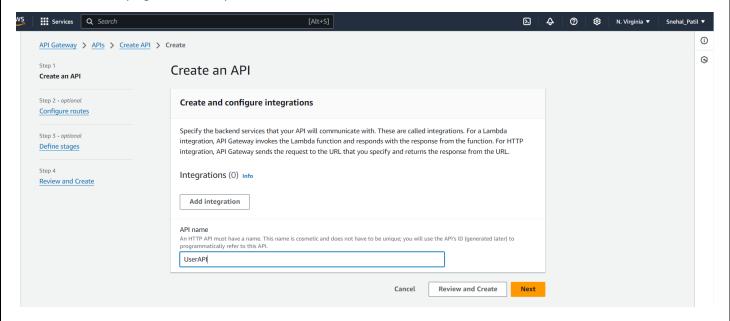
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Step 3: API Gateway Configuration

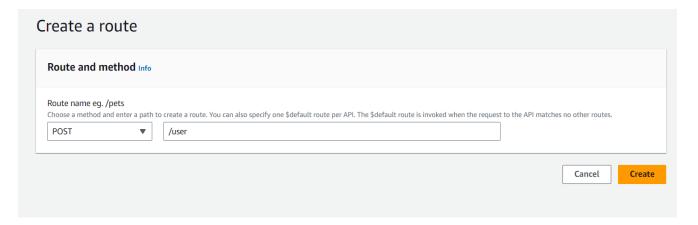
Creating the API

- 1. Open API Gateway from the services.
- 2. Click Create API.
- 3. Choose HTTP API or REST API.
- 4. Name it (e.g., UserAPI).

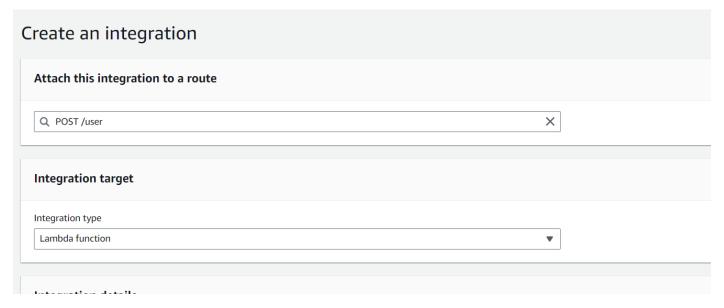


Creating POST Method for Adding User

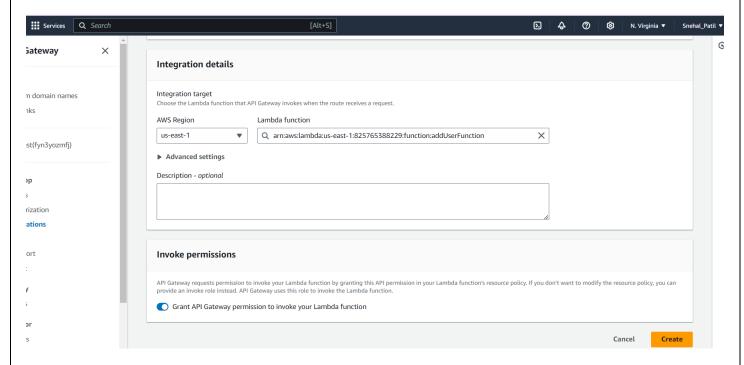
- 1. Inside API Gateway, click **Actions > Create Resource**.
- 2. Provide a Resource Name (e.g., user).
- 3. Keep the Resource Path as /user.
- 4. Click Actions > Create Method.
- 5. Select POST.



6. Under Integration Type, choose Lambda Function.

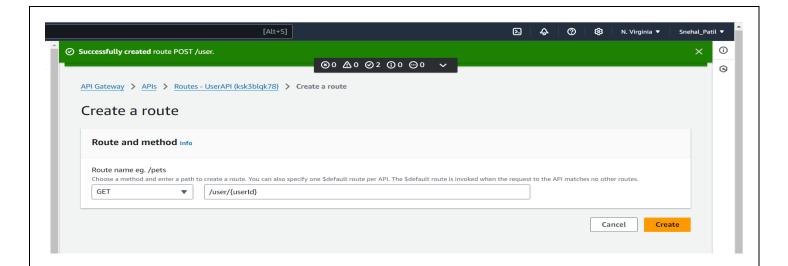


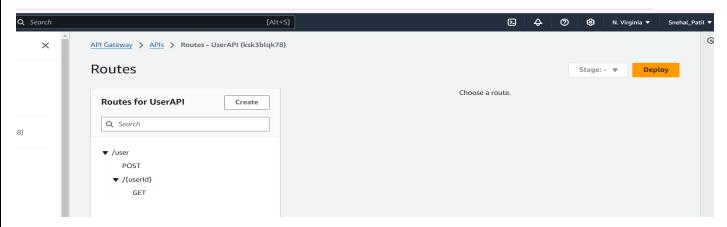
- 7. Select the addUserFunction Lambda function.
- 8. Click create.



Creating GET Method for Retrieving User by ID

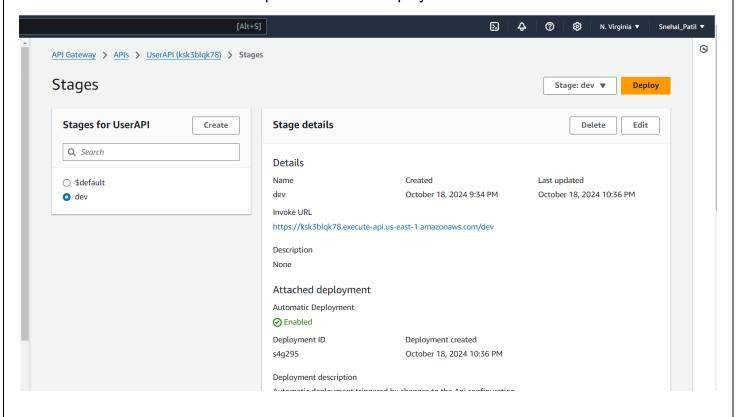
- 1. Under Actions, select Create Method.
- 2. Choose GET.
- 3. Under Integration Type, choose Lambda Function.
- 4. Select the getUserFunction Lambda function.
- 5. Set Path Parameters (e.g., /user/{userId}).
- 6. Click Create.



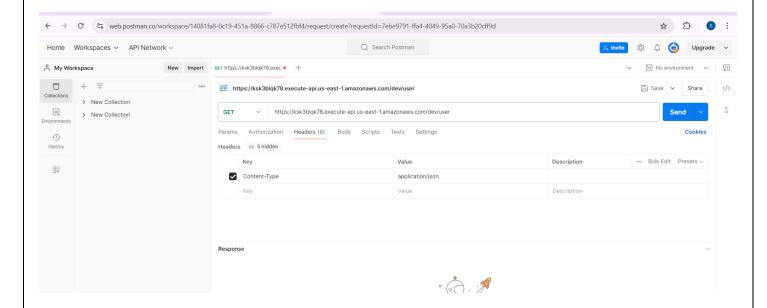


Deploying the API

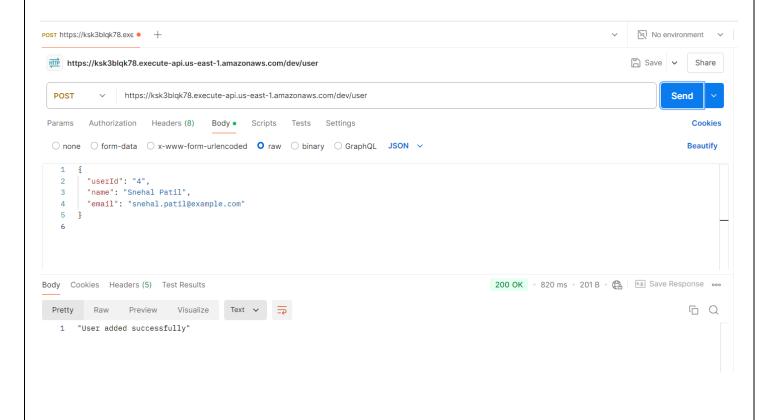
- 1. Click **Deploy API**.
- 2. Create a new deployment stage (e.g., dev).
- 3. You will receive the API endpoint URL once deployed.

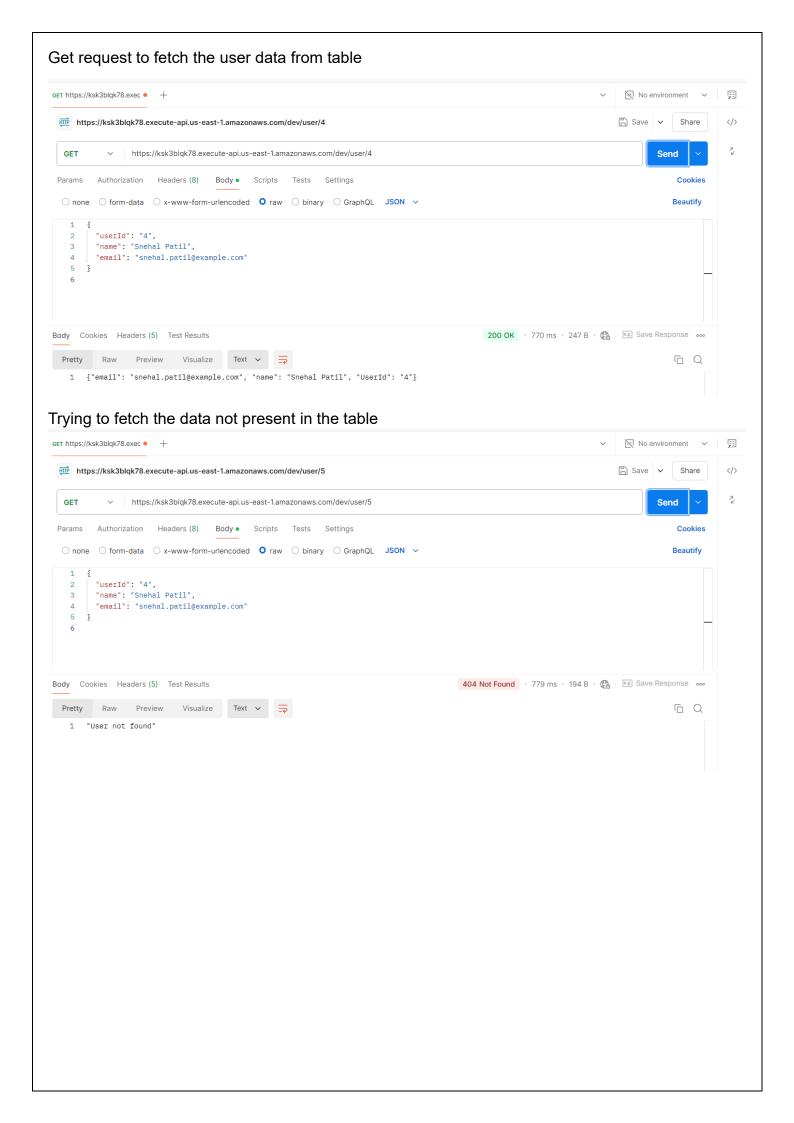


Testing the api on postman:



Post request to add data to the dynamo table





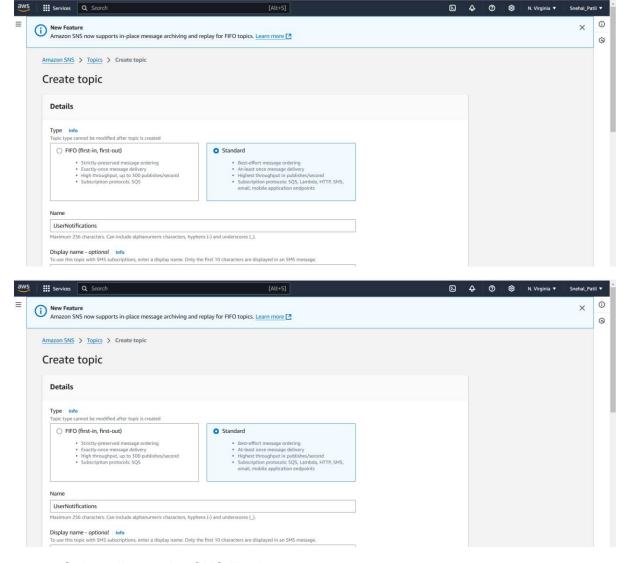
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Steps for Implementing AWS SNS in Serverless API

1. Set Up AWS SNS

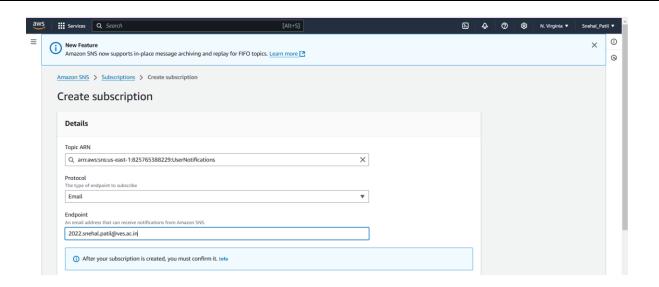
1. Create an SNS Topic:

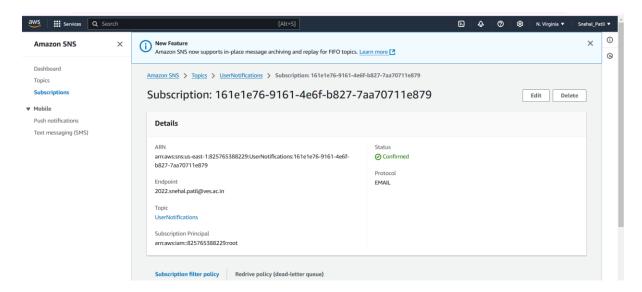
- Go to the <u>AWS SNS Console</u>.
- Click Create Topic.
- Choose a topic type (Standard or FIFO).
- Enter a topic name (e.g., UserNotifications).
- Click Create Topic and save the ARN provided.



2. Subscribe to the SNS Topic:

- Open the topic you just created.
- Click Create Subscription.
- Choose a protocol (e.g., Email, SMS).
- Enter the endpoint (e.g., email address or phone number).
- Click Create Subscription.





Update IAM Role for Lambda Functions

- 1. Open IAM Management Console:
 - Go to the **IAM Console**.
 - Select Roles in the left-hand menu.
 - Find and select the role associated with your Lambda function.

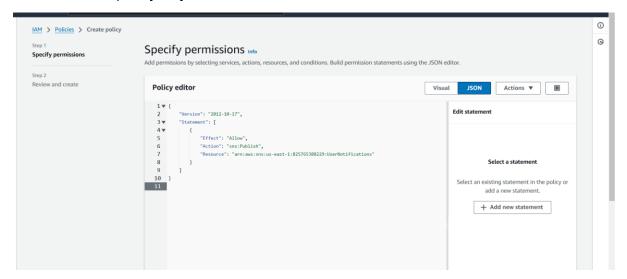
2. Attach SNS Publish Policy:

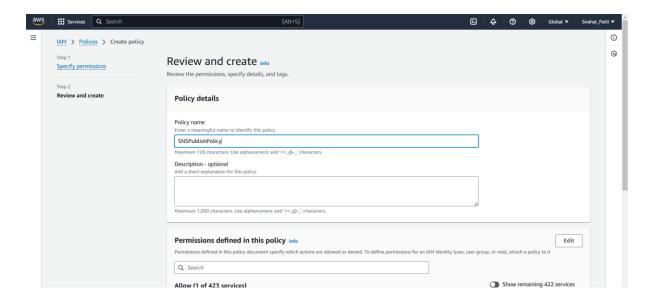
- In the Permissions tab, click Add permissions -> Attach policies.
- Click Create policy.
- Switch to the JSON tab and paste the following:

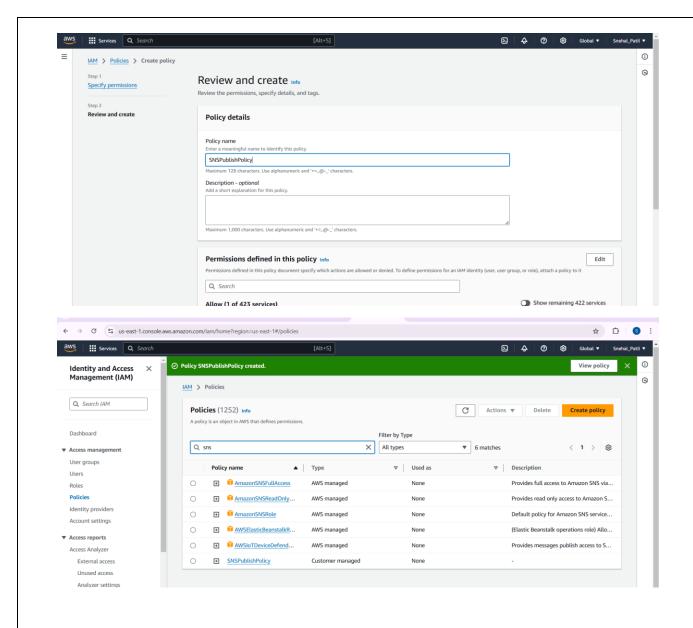
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"Action": "sns:Publish",

"Resource": "arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:YOUR_ACCOUNT_ID:UserNotifications"
}
]
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- Click **Review policy**, name it (e.g., SNSPublishPolicy), and create the policy.
- Attach this policy to your Lambda function role.

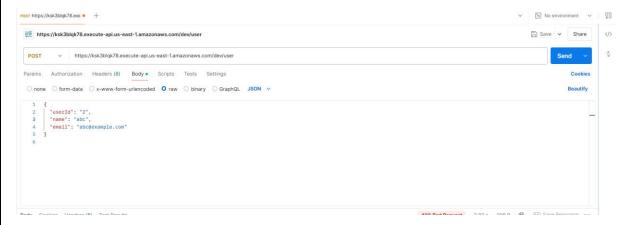




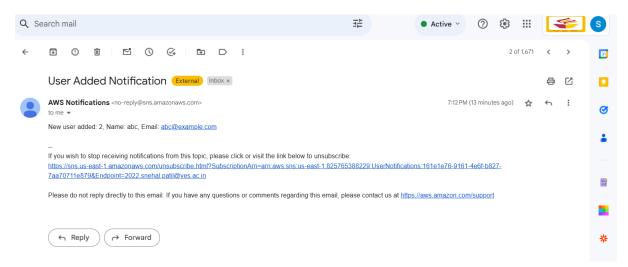


Updated script in lambda function:

User added successfully:

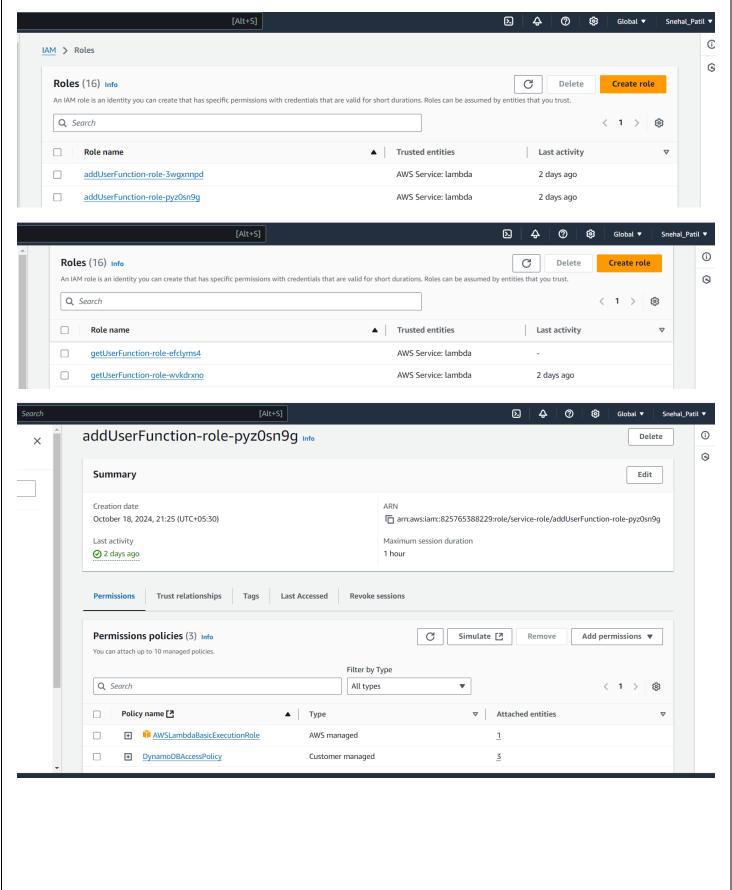


Email notification of user added:



Guidelines

- Ensure IAM roles have correct permissions:
 - Attach DynamoDBAccessPolicy with actions: dynamodb:PutItem and dynamodb:Get
 Item
 - Attach AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole for logging.



Problems I Faced During execution:

Problem 1: Permissions Error

- **Issue**: Encountered AccessDeniedException when the Lambda function tried to perform op erations on DynamoDB.
- **Solution**: Updated the IAM role to include the necessary permissions.

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Attached the following policy:

{

"Version": "2012-10-17",

"Statement": [

{

 "Effect": "Allow",

"Action": [

 "dynamodb:PutItem",

"dynamodb:GetItem"

],

"Resource": "arn:aws:dynamodb:us-east-1:825765388229:table/Users"
}

]

}
```

Problem 2: DynamoDB Validation Error

- Issue: Encountered ValidationException due to missing Userld key in the item.
- **Solution**: Ensured the UserId key in the item matched the DynamoDB table's partition key:

```
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const params = {
    TableName: 'Users',
    Item: {
        'UserId': userId,
        'name': name,
        'email': email
    }
};
```

Conclusion

In this case study, I have successfully built a Serverless REST API using AWS Lambda, API Gate way, and DynamoDB. The key features include the serverless architecture that eliminates the nee d for server management, and the scalability and cost-efficiency provided by AWS services.

Throughout the project, we tackled several challenges, including configuring permissions, ensuring correct setup of the Lambda functions, and managing costs. By leveraging these technologies, we demonstrated how to efficiently manage user data with minimal overhead and high reliability.

This project showcases the practical application of cloudnative solutions in building robust and scalable APIs, emphasizing the importance of proper config uration and diligent cost management.

The implementation of this Serverless REST API is a testament to the power of cloud services in c reating efficient, scalable, and cost-effective solutions for modern applications.