

# Setting up Amazon Web Services

This document will walk you through the steps to set up a basic Lambda + API Gateway system.

## Creating an Account

To begin, set up an Amazon account. For initial development purposes, one can set up a Free Tier personal account. As the project grows, it will need to be migrated to a business account. Due note that it will ask for credit card information, though you will not be charged unless you use charged services.

[https://aws.amazon.com/s/dm/optimization/server-side-test/free-tier/free\\_np/](https://aws.amazon.com/s/dm/optimization/server-side-test/free-tier/free_np/)

Once an account has been created, use it to sign in to the AWS Management Console:

<https://aws.amazon.com/console/>

## Setting up Lambda

Once at the console, search for “Lambda” to go to the Lambda Management Console and choose **Get Started** to set up a server.

Under **Select blueprint**, select a runtime of **Node.js** (we’ve developed against 6.10) and use a **Blank Function**.

### Select blueprint

Blueprints are sample configurations of event sources and functions. You can select a blueprint and customize as needed, or skip this step if you have your own code. Otherwise, blueprints are licensed under [Creative Commons](#).

Welcome to AWS Lambda! You can get started by selecting a blueprint or creating a new function.

Node.js 6.10

Filter

#### Blank Function

Configure your function from scratch. Define the trigger and deploy your code by stepping through our wizard.

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We won't need to configure any triggers right now, so skip this step.

### Configure triggers

You can choose to add a trigger that will invoke your function.

  **Lambda** Remove

[Cancel](#)

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When configuring the function, give it a name that clearly represents what that function will do so you can recall it later. Also give a basic description of what that function does.

### Configure function

A Lambda function consists of the custom code you want to execute. [Learn more](#) about Lambda functions.

**Name\***

**Description**

**Runtime\***

### Lambda function code

Provide the code for your function. Use the editor if your code does not require custom libraries (other than the aws-sdk). If you need custom libraries, you can upload your code and libraries as a ZIP file. [Learn more](#) about deploying Lambda functions.

Just below, paste in the lambda code (you can find it under \Lambda\Lambda.js in the project folder). You can paste it with the clipboard, or upload it as a ZIP archive.

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Code entry type

Edit code inline

```
44     var testNumber = Number(dataObj[row][column]);
45     testNumber = testNumber / Number(value);
46
47     dataObj[row][column] = testNumber;
48
49     return dataObj;
50
51 }`;
52 var Average = `
53 function Average(dataObj, column){
54
55     var sumColumn = 0;
56
57     for(var i = 1; i < dataObj.length - 1; i++){
58         sumColumn += Number(dataObj[i][column]);
59     }
60
61     sumColumn = sumColumn / dataObj.length;
62
63     dataObj[dataObj.length - 1][column] = sumColumn;
64     return dataObj;
65
66 }`;
67
68 exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
69
70     var application = ``;
71
72 <
```

You can define Environment Variables as key-value pairs that are accessible from your function code. These are useful to store configuration settings without the need to change function code. [Learn more](#). For storing sensitive information, we recommend encrypting values using KMS and the console's encryption helpers.

Ensure that the name of the handler in the next box is the same as the name of the handler function in the code.

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Enable encryption helpers ☐

Environment variables

Key

Value

### Lambda function handler and role

Handler\*

exports.handler



Give the function a Role. A Role is Amazon's way of bundling permissions – various functions and even users can be given Roles as a reusable common package of permissions. Our function doesn't need that many permissions right now as it is, so select **Create new role from template(s)** and give it **Simple Microservice permissions**. This can change later as the app is expanded.

### Lambda function handler and role

Handler\*

exports.handler



Role\*

Create new role from template(s)



Lambda will automatically create a role with permissions from the selected policy templates. Note that basic Lambda permissions (logging to CloudWatch) will automatically be added. If your function accesses a VPC, the required permissions will also be added.

Role name\*

Integrator



Policy templates

Simple Microservice per...



Review the information and click **Create Function**.

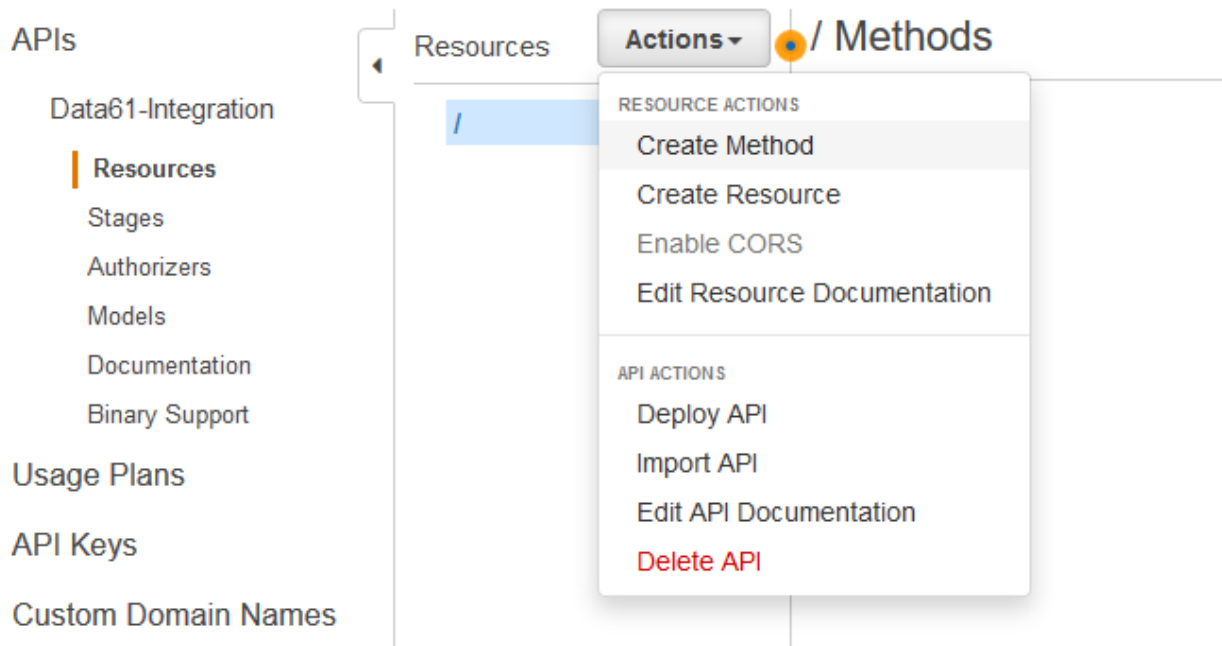
Once the function is created, use the **Test function** feature and paste in some test JSON data (the supplied *Integration.json* is useful for this purpose).

## SETTING UP GATEWAY

From the management console, search for “API Gateway”. Navigate to that page and click **Get Started**.

On the Create new API screen, check **New API** and give it a name and description. Then, continue by clicking **Create API**.

In the empty console, go up to the Actions dropdown and select **Create Method**:



Make the method a **POST** method in the drop-down that appears and click the check mark to create it.

If the page doesn't auto forward you, click on the new function that you created to edit it.

For this function, we want a **Lambda** function. Select a region (**ap-southeast-2** is Sydney) and type in the name of the Lambda function you created earlier (it should give you auto-populate results when you start typing). Click **Save** then **OK**.

### / - POST - Setup

Choose the integration point for your new method.

Integration type ☒ Lambda Function ⓘ

☐ HTTP ⓘ

☐ Mock ⓘ

☐ AWS Service ⓘ

Use Lambda Proxy integration ☐ ⓘ

Lambda Region

Lambda Function  ⓘ

If you want this to be accessible from a browser, you'll have to enable CORS. You can add some basic CORS support by going back up to actions and selecting **Enable CORS** and following through the wizard. This will create an OPTIONS method along with your POST method that will be used for preflight handshakes.

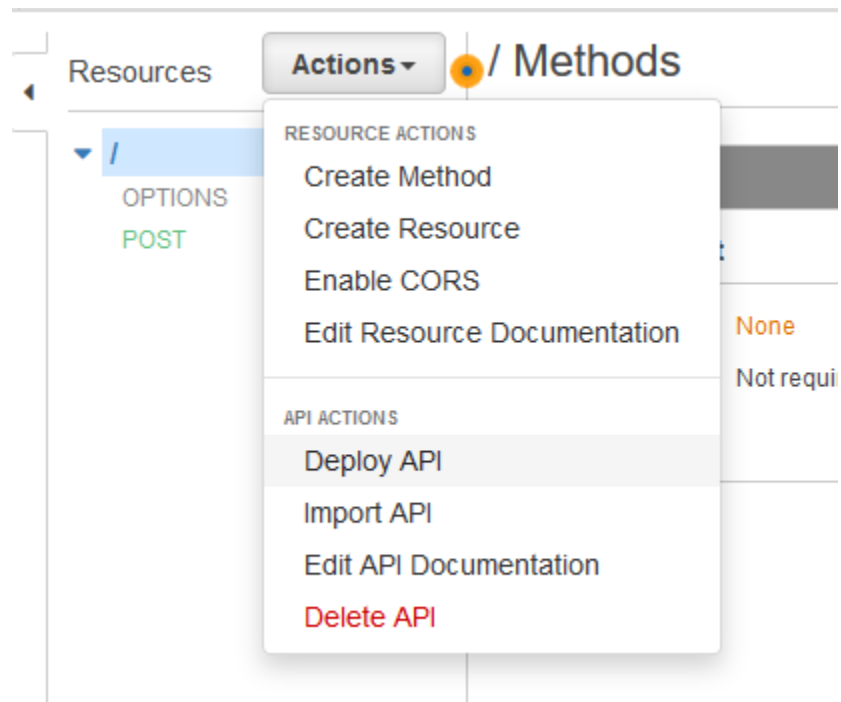
The screenshot displays the AWS API Gateway console interface. On the left, the 'Resources' sidebar shows a tree structure with a selected resource containing a 'POST' method. The main header area shows the breadcrumb path and the title '/ - POST - Method Execution'. A dropdown menu is open under the 'Actions' button, listing three categories of actions:

- METHOD ACTIONS**
  - Edit Method Documentation
  - Delete Method
- RESOURCE ACTIONS**
  - Create Method
  - Create Resource
  - Enable CORS** (highlighted)
  - Edit Resource Documentation
- API ACTIONS**
  - Deploy API
  - Import API
  - Edit API Documentation
  - Delete API

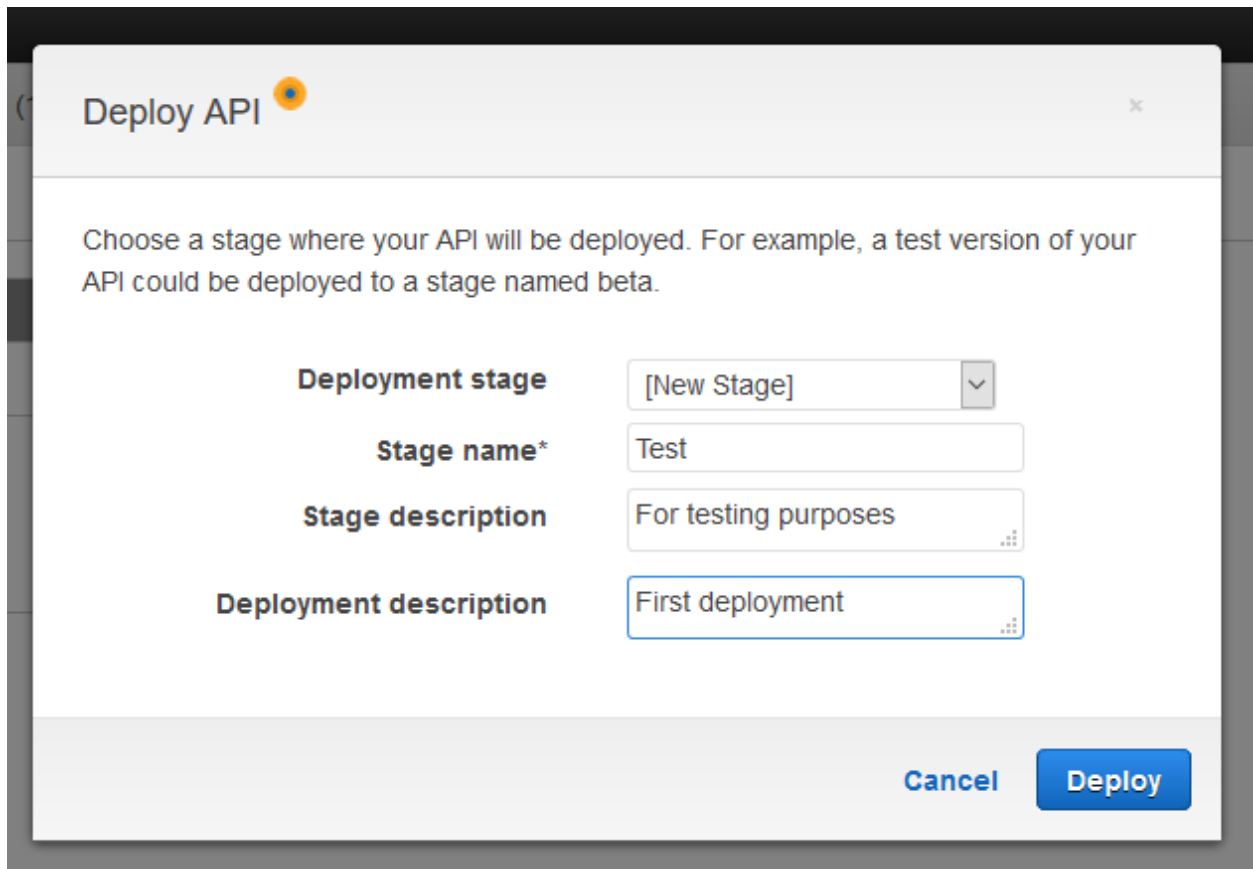
To the right of the dropdown, two panels provide details for the selected method:

- Method**
  - Auth:** NC
  - ARN:** arn:aws:apigateway:us-east-1::/restapis/...
- Method**
  - HTTP Status:** 200
  - Models:** ...

Once you've created your function(s), we must deploy the API. Go up to Actions and select ***Deploy API*** from the drop-down.



In the resulting box, we will specify a Stage. By “stage”, they are referring to a reusable moniker for a development stage, such as “Alpha”, “Beta”, or “Test”. Create a new stage for your deployment and give it a description. Then, give a description of this specific snapshot of your API that you are deploying. You’ll be able to swap out the API’s deployment to any snapshot of any stage at any time, so give it a meaningful description like you would a version control commit message. Click **Deploy** to deploy the API to the web.

A screenshot of a 'Deploy API' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with the text 'Deploy API' and a close button. Below the title bar, there is a paragraph of text: 'Choose a stage where your API will be deployed. For example, a test version of your API could be deployed to a stage named beta.' Below this text, there are four labels on the left and four input fields on the right. The labels are 'Deployment stage', 'Stage name\*', 'Stage description', and 'Deployment description'. The input fields contain the following text: '[New Stage]' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Test', 'For testing purposes', and 'First deployment'. At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Deploy'.

The resulting screen will give you an **Invoke URL**. This is the base URL to which your application will send its requests. Paste this URL into the provided `server.js` and run it under Node to receive the file!