# AWS Serverless Image Recognition – Project Documentation

## 1. Introduction

This project is an event-driven serverless image recognition system built entirely on AWS. Users upload images via a static website, which are automatically analyzed using Amazon Rekognition. Detected labels are stored in DynamoDB, and notifications are sent via SNS.

#### **Motivation:**

Manual tagging of images is slow and error-prone. Serverless architecture ensures automation, scalability, and secure processing.



# 2. Problem Statement

Millions of images are uploaded daily on platforms like e-commerce websites. Manual tagging is time-consuming and often inaccurate. A serverless, automated solution is required to detect objects, people, and scenes in images.

# 3. Project Objectives

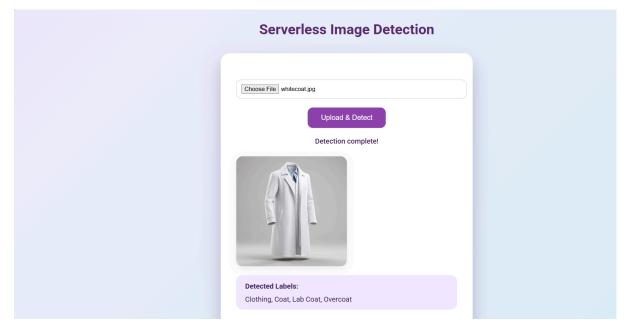
- 1. Build a serverless image recognition system.
- 2. Automate workflow: upload  $\rightarrow$  recognition  $\rightarrow$  store  $\rightarrow$  notify.
- 3. Provide a **user-friendly frontend** to upload images and view results.
- 4. Ensure **security and scalability** using AWS services.

# 4. System Architecture

## 4.1 Architecture Overview

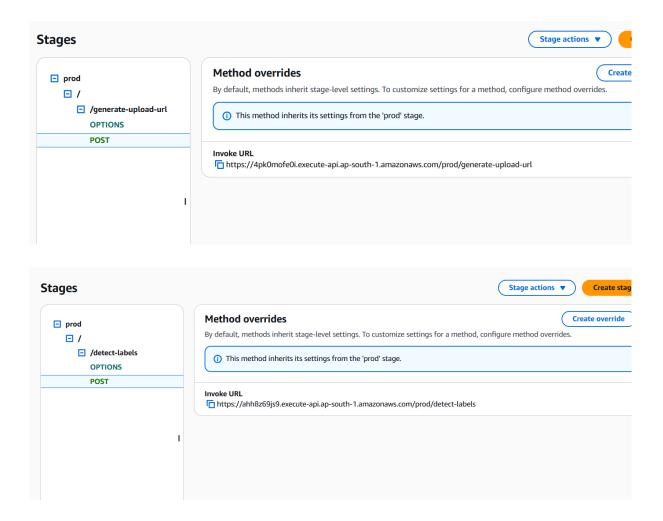
## Frontend (S3 Static Website):

The frontend is a static website hosted on Amazon S3 where users can upload images and view the detected labels. The interface provides buttons to select and upload images, and it displays the recognition results directly on the page.



#### **API Gateway:**

API Gateway exposes two endpoints: /generate-upload-url integrated with GenerateUploadURLLambda to provide secure pre-signed S3 URLs, and /detect-labels integrated with DetectLabelsLambda to fetch the labels stored in DynamoDB.



#### Lambda Functions:

The system has three main Lambda functions: GenerateUploadURLLambda creates secure pre-signed URLs for S3 uploads; ProcessImageUploadLambda is triggered by S3, calls Rekognition to analyze the image, stores results in DynamoDB, and sends notifications via SNS; DetectLabelsLambda retrieves the stored labels and returns them to the frontend via API Gateway.

```
C:\Users\akshi\OneDrive\Desktop>create_function1.py
Using existing role 'urlrole' with ARN: arn:aws:iam::985539786698:role/urlrole
Lambda function 'GenerateUploadURL' created successfully
Temporary files cleaned up. SDK Lambda deployment complete.
```

C:\Users\akshi\OneDrive\Desktop>create\_function2.py
Lambda function 'ProcessImageUpload' created successfully

-DetectLabels deployed manually.

#### Amazon S3:

S3 stores all uploaded images and triggers the ProcessImageUploadLambda on new uploads. It provides durable, scalable storage and allows secure direct uploads using pre-signed URLs.

```
C:\Users\akshi\OneDrive\Desktop>create_bucket_with_cors.py
Bucket 'image-upload-bucket-akshita' created successfully in ap-south-1
CORS configuration applied to 'image-upload-bucket-akshita'
```

## **Amazon Rekognition:**

Rekognition analyzes uploaded images and generates labels for objects, people, and scenes with confidence scores. It provides automatic image recognition without manual intervention.

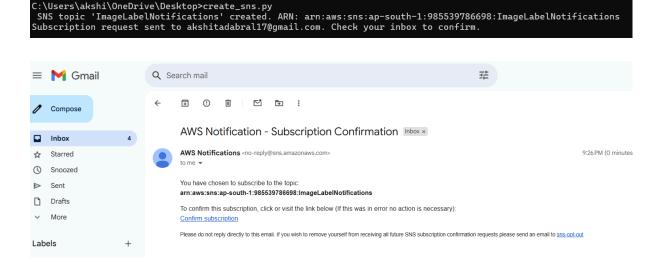
#### **Amazon DynamoDB:**

DynamoDB stores metadata for each uploaded image, including the file name, timestamp, and detected labels. This allows quick retrieval of labels when requested by the frontend.

```
C:\Users\akshi\OneDrive\Desktop>create_dynamotable.py
DynamoDB table 'ImageLabels' creation started...
DynamoDB table 'ImageLabels' is now active and ready
```

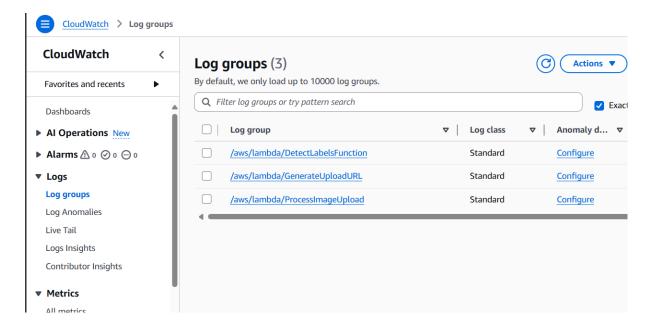
#### **Amazon SNS:**

SNS sends email notifications to users with the detected labels for each uploaded image. This provides automated feedback to users without needing to check the website manually.

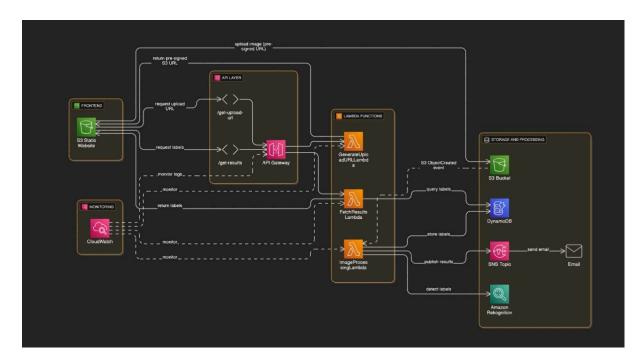


### **Amazon CloudWatch:**

CloudWatch monitors all Lambda executions and helps debug issues in the system.



# **Architecture Diagram**



## 5. AWS Services Used

Amazon S3: Stores uploaded images and triggers Lambda functions on new uploads.

**AWS Lambda:** Processes uploaded images, calls Rekognition, stores results in DynamoDB, sends SNS notifications, and generates pre-signed URLs.

Amazon Rekognition: Detects objects, people, and scenes in uploaded images.

**Amazon DynamoDB:** Stores detected labels and image metadata for later retrieval.

Amazon SNS: Sends email notifications with recognition results to users.

**Amazon API Gateway:** Exposes APIs (/generate-upload-url and /detect-labels) for frontend interaction.

**Amazon CloudWatch:** Provides logging, monitoring, and alerts for Lambda and API Gateway.

# 6. Deployment Steps

## 6.1 Backend Scripts (Automated via Python)

The backend infrastructure is mostly created using Python scripts with Boto3 for automation.

• **create\_urlrole.py:** Creates an IAM role for Lambda functions with required permissions.

```
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```

```
import boto3
import json
import time
iam = boto3.client("iam")
role name = "urlrole"
assume role policy = {
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": {"Service": "lambda.amazonaws.com"},
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
    ]
}
try:
    response = iam.create role(
        RoleName=role name,
        AssumeRolePolicyDocument=json.dumps(assume role policy),
        Description="Role for Lambda functions in Image Upload project"
    print("Role created:", response["Role"]["Arn"])
except iam.exceptions.EntityAlreadyExistsException:
    print("Role already exists")
policies = [
    "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonS3FullAccess",
    "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess",
    "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonSNSFullAccess",
    "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/AmazonRekognitionFullAccess",
    "arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/service-role/AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole"
]
for policy arn in policies:
    try:
        iam.attach role policy(
            RoleName=role name,
            PolicyArn=policy arn
        print(f" Attached policy: {policy arn}")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Failed to attach policy {policy arn}: {e}")
print("Waiting 10 seconds for IAM role propagation...")
time.sleep(10)
print("IAM role setup complete and ready for Lambda.")
```

• **create\_bucket\_with\_cors.py:** Creates an S3 bucket and applies CORS configuration to allow frontend uploads.

```
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import boto3
from botocore.exceptions import ClientError
# Create S3 client
s3 = boto3.client("s3", region name="ap-south-1")
bucket name = "image-upload-bucket-akshita"
# Define CORS configuration
cors config = {
    "CORSRules": [
            "AllowedHeaders": ["*"],
"AllowedMethods": ["GET", "PUT", "POST", "HEAD"],
            "AllowedOrigins": ["*"],
            "ExposeHeaders": ["ETag"],
            "MaxAgeSeconds": 3000
    ]
    # Check if bucket already exists
    s3.head bucket(Bucket=bucket name)
   print(f" Bucket '{bucket name}' already exists. Skipping creation.")
except ClientError as e:
    error_code = int(e.response["Error"]["Code"])
    if error code == 404: # Bucket not found
            # Create bucket
            s3.create bucket(
                Bucket=bucket name,
                CreateBucketConfiguration={"LocationConstraint": "ap-south-1"}
            print(f"Bucket '{bucket_name}' created successfully in ap-south-1")
        except ClientError as ce:
           print(f"Error creating bucket: {ce}")
        print(f" Unexpected error: {e}")
    s3.put bucket cors(Bucket=bucket name, CORSConfiguration=cors config)
    print(f" CORS configuration applied to '{bucket_name}'")
except ClientError as e:
   print(f" Error applying CORS: {e}")
```

 create\_dynamotable.py: Creates a DynamoDB table to store image metadata and detected labels.

```
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import boto3
from botocore.exceptions import ClientError
# Create DynamoDB client
dynamodb = boto3.client("dynamodb", region name="ap-south-1")
table name = "ImageLabels"
try:
    # Create table
   response = dynamodb.create table(
       TableName=table name,
       KeySchema=[
           {"AttributeName": "ImageKey", "KeyType": "HASH"} # Partition key
       1,
       AttributeDefinitions=[
           {"AttributeName": "ImageKey", "AttributeType": "S"}
       BillingMode="PAY PER REQUEST"
   print(f"DynamoDB table '{table name}' creation started...")
   # Wait until the table exists
   waiter = dynamodb.get waiter('table exists')
   waiter.wait(TableName=table name)
   print(f"DynamoDB table '{table_name}' is now active and ready")
except ClientError as e:
    if e.response['Error']['Code'] == 'ResourceInUseException':
       print(f" Table '{table name}' already exists")
   else:
       print(f" Error creating table: {e}")
```

 create\_sns.py: Creates an SNS topic and adds a subscription for email notifications.

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import boto3
from botocore.exceptions import ClientError
# Create SNS client
sns = boto3.client("sns", region_name="ap-south-1")
topic_name = "ImageLabelNotifications"
email = "akshitadabral17@gmail.com" # Replace with your email
    # Create SNS topic
    response = sns.create topic(Name=topic name)
    topic arn = response['TopicArn']
    print(f" SNS topic '{topic_name}' created. ARN: {topic_arn}")
    # Subscribe email
    sns.subscribe(
        TopicArn=topic_arn,
        Protocol="email",
        Endpoint=email
    print(f"Subscription request sent to {email}. Check your inbox to confirm.")
except ClientError as e:
    print(f" Error creating SNS topic: {e}")
```

## create\_function1.py:

Deploys the GenerateUploadURLLambda function for generating pre-signed URLs.

```
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```
import boto3
import json
import zipfile
import os
import time
from botocore.exceptions import ClientError
# CONFIGURATION
role_name = "urlrole"
function name = "GenerateUploadURL"
bucket name = "image-upload-bucket-akshita"
region = "ap-south-1"
lambda_file_name = "generate_upload_url.zip" # Temporary zip for Lambda code
# LAMBDA FUNCTION CODE
lambda code = """
import json
import boto3
s3_client = boto3.client('s3')
bucket name = '{}'
def lambda handler(event, context):
   print("Received event:", event)
        # Handle JSON body from API Gateway
if "body" in event:
           body = json.loads(event["body"])
        else:
           body = event
        file_name = body.get("fileName")
        if not file_name:
            return {{
                "statusCode": 400,
                "headers": {{
                    "Content-Type": "application/json",
                    "Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"
                11.
                "body": json.dumps({{"message": "fileName missing"}})
            } }
```

```
}},
"body": json.dumps({{"message": "fileName missing"}})
           presigned_url = s3_client.generate_presigned_url(
    'put_object',
    Params={{'Bucket': bucket_name, 'Key': file_name}},
                 ExpiresIn=3600
           return {{
                  "statusCode": 200,
"headers": {{
                      aders": {{
  "Content-Type": "application/json",
  "Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"
                  "body": json.dumps({{"uploadUrl": presigned_url}})
           }}
      except Exception as e:
           return {{
    "statusCode": 500,
                 "headers": {{
    "Content-Type": "application/json",
    "Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"
                 }},
"body": json.dumps({{"message": str(e)}})
""".format(bucket_name)
|iam_client = boto3.client("iam")
     :
role = iam_client.get_role(RoleName=role_name)
printf("Using existing role '{role_name)' with ARN: {role['Role']['Arn']}")
ept iam_client.exceptions.NoSuchEntityException:
raise Exception(f"The IAM role '{role_name}' does not exist. Please create it first.")
time.sleep(5)
with open("lambda_function.py", "w") as f:
    f.write(lambda_code)
with zipfile.ZipFile(lambda_file_name, 'w') as zipf:
      zipf.write("lambda function.py")
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"Content-Type": "application/json",

"Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"
                    "body": json.dumps({{"message": str(e)}})
            }}
""".format(bucket_name)
iam_client = boto3.client("iam")
      role = iam_client.get_role(RoleName=role_name)
print(f"Using existing role '{role_name}' with ARN: {role['Role']['Arn']}")
 except iam_client.exceptions.NoSuchEntityException:
    raise Exception(f"The IAM role '{role_name}' does not exist. Please create it first.")
time.sleep(5)
with open("lambda function.py", "w") as f:
      f.write(lambda code)
with zipfile.ZipFile(lambda file name, 'w') as zipf:
      zipf.write("lambda_function.py")
lambda client = boto3.client("lambda", region name=region)
      response = lambda_client.get_function(FunctionName=function_name)
      print(f"Lambda function '{function name|' already exists")

print(f"Lambda_client.exceptions.ResourceNotFoundException:
      role_arn = iam_client.get_role(RoleName=role_name)['Role']['Arn']
      response = lambda_client.create_function(
    FunctionName=function_name,
             Runtime="python3.11",
            Role=role_arn,
Randler="lambda_function.lambda_handler",
Code={"ZipFile": open(lambda_file_name, 'rb').read()},
Description="Generate S3 presigned URL for uploads",
             Timeout=10.
             MemorySize=128,
             Publish=True
      print(f"Lambda function '{function name}' created successfully")
os.remove("lambda_function.py")
os.remove(lambda_file_name)
print("Temporary files cleaned up. SDK Lambda deployment complete.")
```

## create\_function2.py:

Deploys the ProcessImageUploadLambda function, which analyzes uploaded images and stores results.

```
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                 "Content-Type": "application/json",
                 "Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"
             "body": json.dumps({{"message": str(e)}})
        11
""".format(bucket_name)
iam client = boto3.client("iam")
try:
    role = iam client.get role(RoleName=role name)
    print(f"Using existing role '{role name}' with ARN: {role['Role']['Arn']}")
except iam client.exceptions.NoSuchEntityException:
    raise Exception(f"The IAM role '{role_name}' does not exist. Please create it first.")
time.sleep(5)
with open("lambda function.py", "w") as f:
    f.write(lambda code)
with zipfile.ZipFile(lambda file name, 'w') as zipf:
    zipf.write("lambda function.py")
lambda client = boto3.client("lambda", region name=region)
    response = lambda client.get function(FunctionName=function name)
    print(f"Lambda function '{function_name}' already exists")
except lambda_client.exceptions.ResourceNotFoundException:
    role arn = iam client.get role(RoleName=role name)['Role']['Arn']
    response = lambda client.create function(
        FunctionName=function name,
        Runtime="python3.11",
        Role=role arn,
        Handler="lambda function.lambda handler",
        Code={"ZipFile": open(lambda_file_name, 'rb').read()},
        Description="Generate S3 presigned URL for uploads",
        Timeout=10,
        MemorySize=128,
        Publish=True
    print(f"Lambda function '{function name}' created successfully")
os.remove("lambda function.py")
os.remove(lambda file name)
print ("Temporary files cleaned up. SDK Lambda deployment complete.")
```

```
key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
    response = rekognition.detect_labels(
       Image={'S3Object': {'Bucket': bucket, 'Name': key}},
        MaxLabels=10,
       MinConfidence=80
    labels = [label['Name'] for label in response['Labels']]
    table.put_item(Item={
        'ImageKey': key,
'Labels': labels,
        'UploadTime': datetime.utcnow().isoformat()
    sns.publish(
        TopicArn=sns_topic_arn,
       Message=f"Labels detected for {key}: {', '.join(labels)}"
    return {'statusCode': 200, 'body': f"Processed {key} successfully"}
# Create in-memory zip
zip buffer = io.BytesIO()
with zipfile.ZipFile(zip_buffer, 'w', zipfile.ZIP_DEFLATED) as zf:
    zf.writestr('process image upload.py', lambda code str)
zip buffer.seek(0)
# Create Lambda function
try:
    lambda client.get function(FunctionName=function name)
    print(f"Lambda function '{function name}' already exists")
except lambda client.exceptions.ResourceNotFoundException:
   response = lambda client.create function(
       FunctionName=function_name,
        Runtime='python3.11',
        Role=role arn,
        Handler='process image upload.lambda handler', # matches file inside zip
        Code={'ZipFile': zip_buffer.read()},
        Timeout=15,
        MemorySize=128,
       Publish=True
    print(f"Lambda function '{function_name}' created successfully")
```

## • create\_s3trigger.py:

Configures S3 bucket events to trigger ProcessImageUploadLambda automatically on image upload.

```
import boto3
s3 = boto3.client("s3", region_name="ap-south-1")
lambda_client = boto3.client("lambda", region_name="ap-south-1")
bucket_name = "image-upload-bucket-akshita"
lambda_name = "ProcessImageUpload"
# Get Lambda ARN
lambda_arn = lambda_client.get_function(FunctionName=lambda_name)["Configuration"]["FunctionArn"]
# Add permission for S3 to invoke Lambda
try:
    lambda_client.add_permission(
          FunctionName=lambda_name,
StatementId="S3InvokeProcessImageUpload",
          Action="lambda:InvokeFunction",
          Principal="s3.amazonaws.com",
SourceArn=f"arn:aws:s3:::{bucket_name}"
print("Permission added to Lambda for S3 trigger")
except lambda_client.exceptions.ResourceConflictException:
     print("Permission already exists")
# Configure S3 event notification
     "LambdaFunctionConfigurations": [
               "LambdaFunctionArn": lambda_arn,
               "Events": ["s3:ObjectCreated:*"]
{\tt s3.put\_bucket\_notification\_configuration(}
    Bucket=bucket name,
NotificationConfiguration=notification
print(f" S3 bucket '{bucket name}' is now configured to trigger Lambda '{lambda name}' on upload")
```

## create\_deploy.py:

Deploys the frontend static website to an S3 hosting bucket.

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```
import boto3
from botocore.exceptions import ClientError
import json
import os
BUCKET NAME = "image-rekognition-deploy-akshita"
FILE_NAME = "myproject.html"
FILE PATH = os.path.join(os.getcwd(), FILE NAME)
REGION = "ap-south-1"
s3 = boto3.client("s3", region_name=REGION)
try:
    s3.create bucket(
        Bucket=BUCKET NAME,
        CreateBucketConfiguration={"LocationConstraint": REGION}
    print(f"Bucket '{BUCKET_NAME}' created successfully.")
except ClientError as e:
    if "BucketAlreadyOwnedByYou" in str(e):
       print(f"Bucket '{BUCKET_NAME}' already exists and is owned by you.")
    else:
       print("Error creating bucket:", e)
try:
    s3.put_public_access_block(
        Bucket=BUCKET NAME,
        PublicAccessBlockConfiguration={
            "BlockPublicAcls": False,
            "IgnorePublicAcls": False,
            "BlockPublicPolicy": False,
             "RestrictPublicBuckets": False
    )
    print("Public access settings updated.")
except ClientError as e:
    print("Error updating public access settings:", e)
try:
    s3.put bucket website(
        Bucket=BUCKET NAME,
        WebsiteConfiguration={
            'IndexDocument': {'Suffix': FILE_NAME},
'ErrorDocument': {'Key': FILE_NAME}
    print("Static website hosting enabled.")
except ClientError as e:
    print("Error enabling static website hosting:", e)
```

```
s3.put bucket website(
        Bucket=BUCKET NAME,
        WebsiteConfiguration={
            'IndexDocument': {'Suffix': FILE_NAME},
            'ErrorDocument': {'Key': FILE NAME}
    print("Static website hosting enabled.")
except ClientError as e:
   print("Error enabling static website hosting:", e)
bucket_policy = {
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
            "Sid": "PublicReadAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": "*",
            "Action": "s3:GetObject",
            "Resource": f"arn:aws:s3:::{BUCKET_NAME}/*"
       }
    ]
}
    s3.put bucket policy(Bucket=BUCKET NAME, Policy=json.dumps(bucket policy))
   print("Bucket policy applied.")
except ClientError as e:
   print("Error setting bucket policy:", e)
if os.path.exists(FILE PATH):
        s3.upload_file(FILE_PATH, BUCKET_NAME, FILE_NAME, ExtraArgs={'ContentType': 'text/html'})
        print(f"File '{FILE NAME}' uploaded successfully.")
    except ClientError as e:
      print("Error uploading file:", e)
    print(f"File '{FILE PATH}' not found. Check the path.")
website url = f"http://{BUCKET NAME}.s3-website.{REGION}.amazonaws.com"
print(f"Website deployed! Access it at: {website url}")
```

## 6.2 Manual Steps (AWS Console)

A few steps are done manually using the AWS Management Console.

 DetectLabelsLambda: Manually create the Lambda function and paste the detectlabels.py code into the editor:

```
import boto3
import json

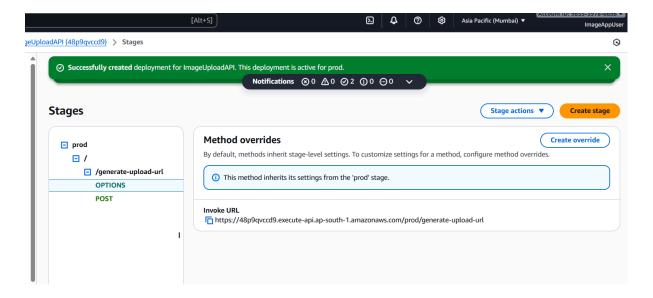
rekognition = boto3.client("rekognition")

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    try:
        # Handle proxy or non-proxy event
        if "body" in event:
        body = json.loads(event["body"])
```

```
else:
    body = event
  bucket = body["bucket"]
  key = body["key"]
  response = rekognition.detect_labels(
     Image={"S3Object": {"Bucket": bucket, "Name": key}},
    MaxLabels=10,
    MinConfidence=70
  )
  labels = [label["Name"] for label in response["Labels"]]
  return {
    "statusCode": 200,
    "headers": {
       "Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*",
       "Content-Type": "application/json"
    },
    "body": json.dumps({"labels": labels})
  }
except Exception as e:
  return {
    "statusCode": 500,
    "headers": {"Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"},
    "body": json.dumps({"error": str(e)})
  }
```

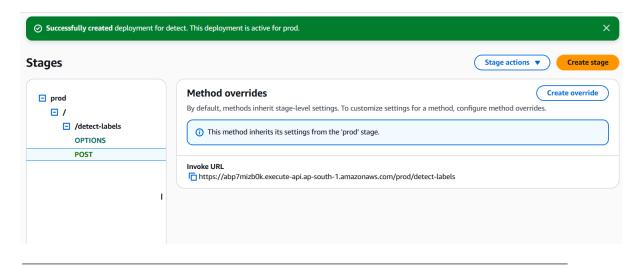
# • API Gateway (/generate-upload-url):

Create a resource, add a POST method, integrate with GenerateUploadURLLambda, and deploy to production.



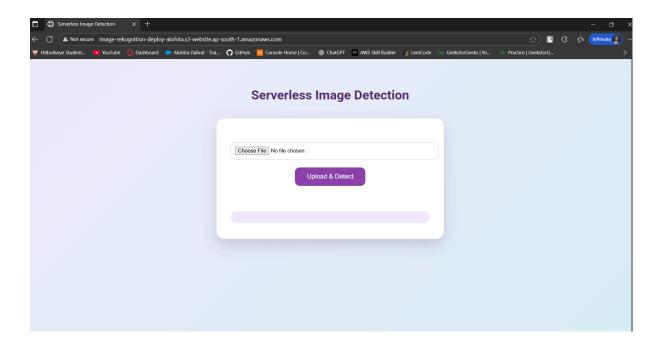
# • API Gateway (/detect-labels):

Create a resource, add a POST method, integrate with DetectLabelsLambda, enable CORS, and deploy.

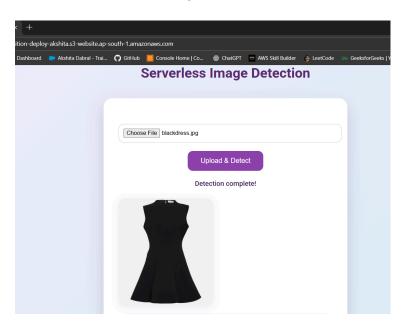


# 7. User Workflow

1. Open the static website hosted on S3.

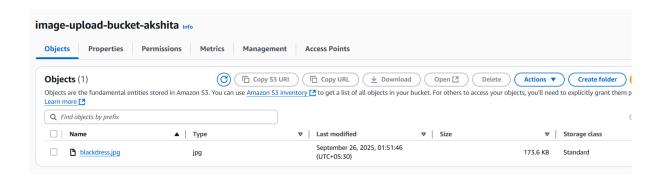


2. Select and **upload an image**.

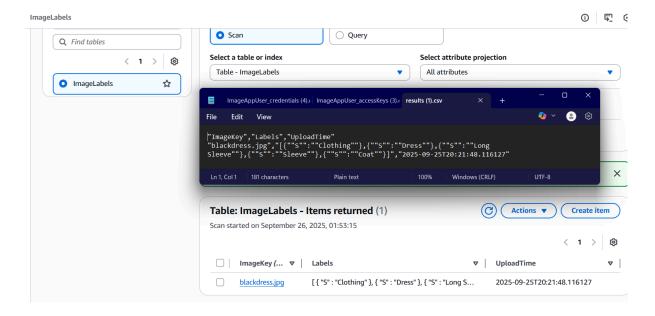


## 3. System automatically:

o Uploads image to S3 securely using pre-signed URL.



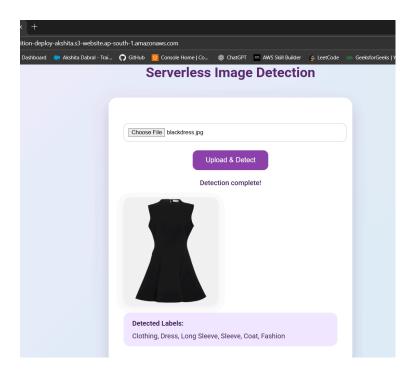
- Analyzes image using Rekognition.
- o Stores detected labels in DynamoDB.



Sends email notification via SNS.



4. User sees detected labels on the website.

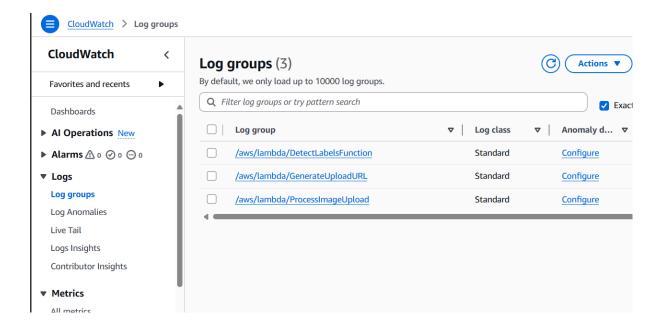


# 8. Security Measures

- IAM Roles & Policies Least privilege applied.
- S3 Security Public access blocked, uploads via pre-signed URLs.
- API Gateway Security Only exposes Lambda endpoints securely.

# 9. Monitoring & Automation

- **CloudWatch** Tracks Lambda executions, errors, and performance.
- Event-driven Lambda Automatically triggers on S3 uploads.
- Boto3 Scripts Automates backend resource creation.
- SNS Notifications Sends alerts automatically after image analysis.



# 10. Repository Structure