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Process-as-a-Service: Unifying Elastic and Stateful Clouds with Serverless Processes

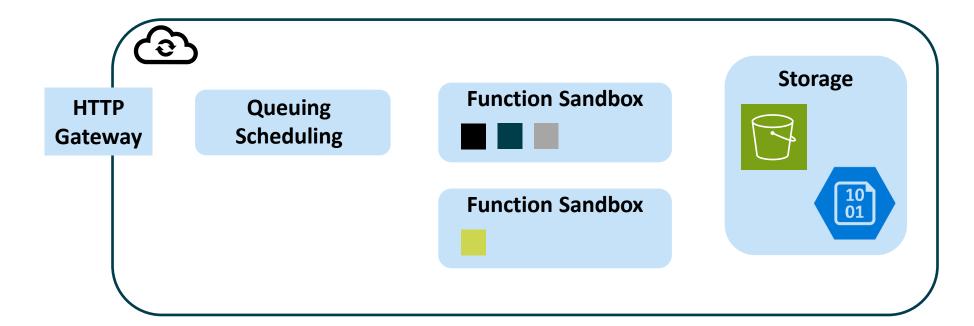








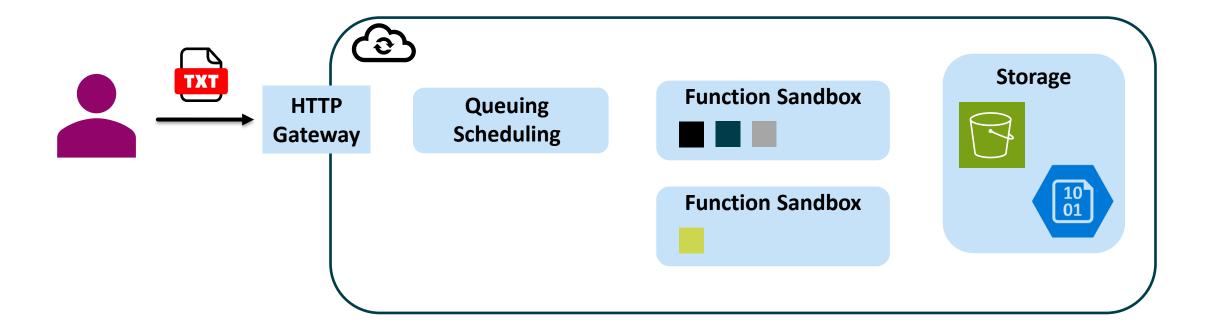




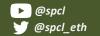




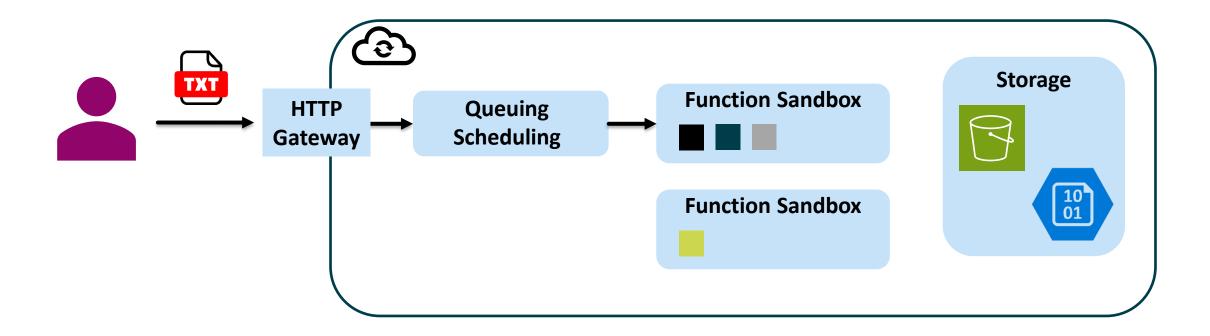












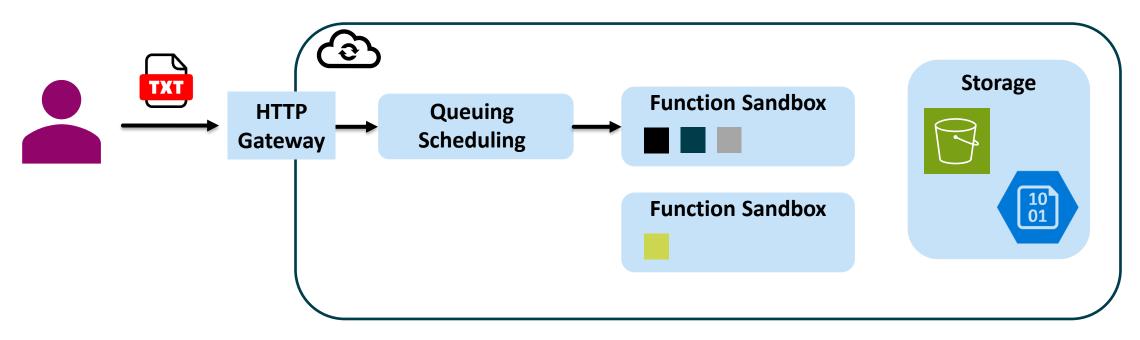






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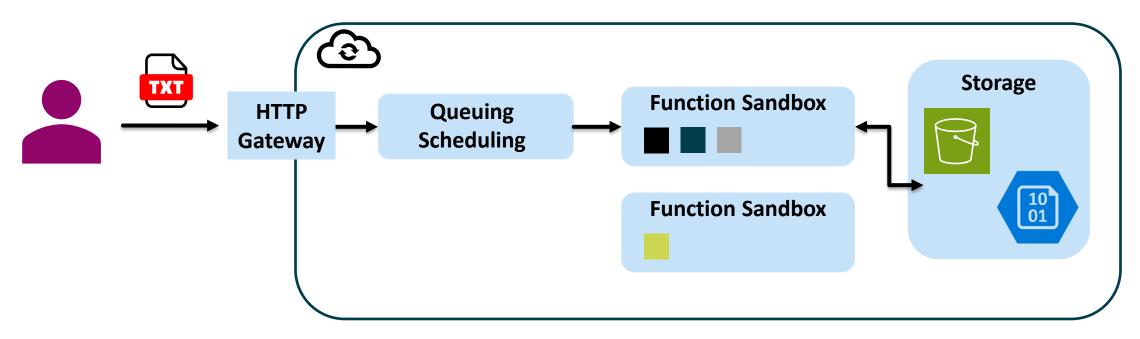








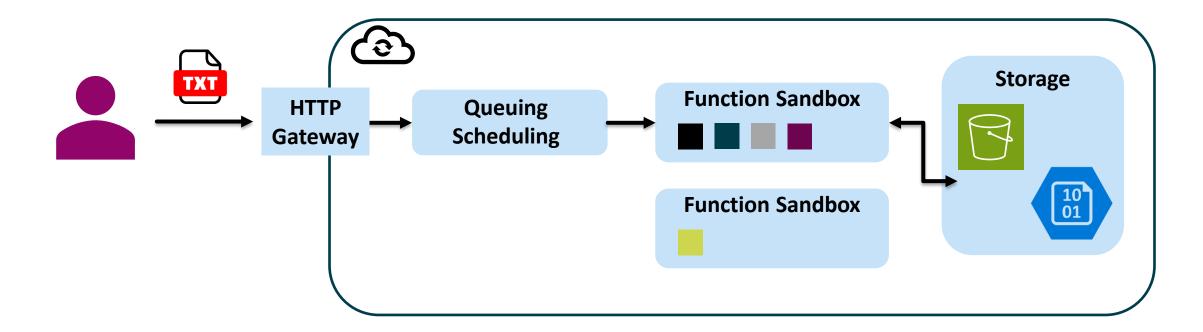
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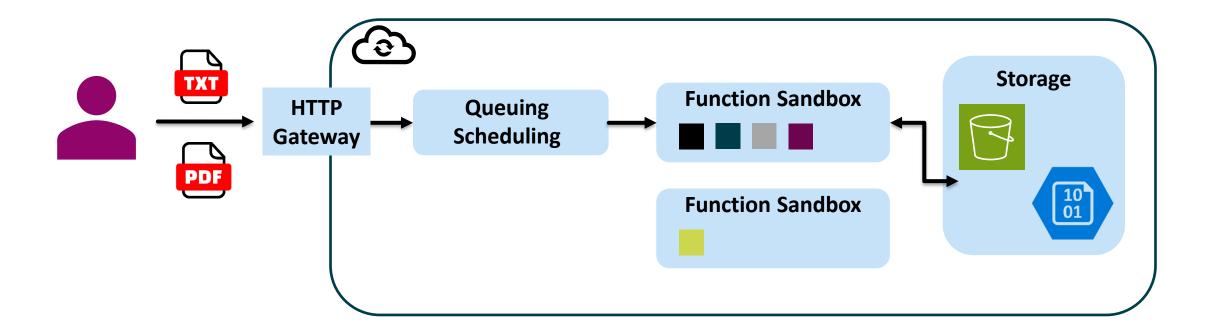


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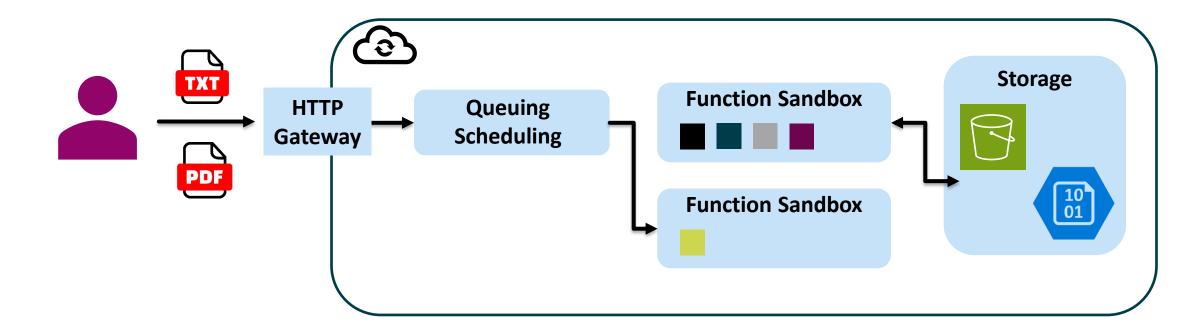


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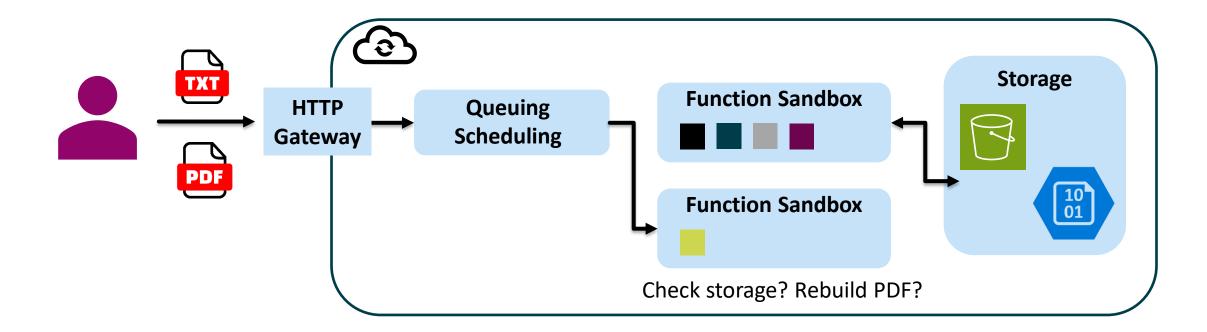


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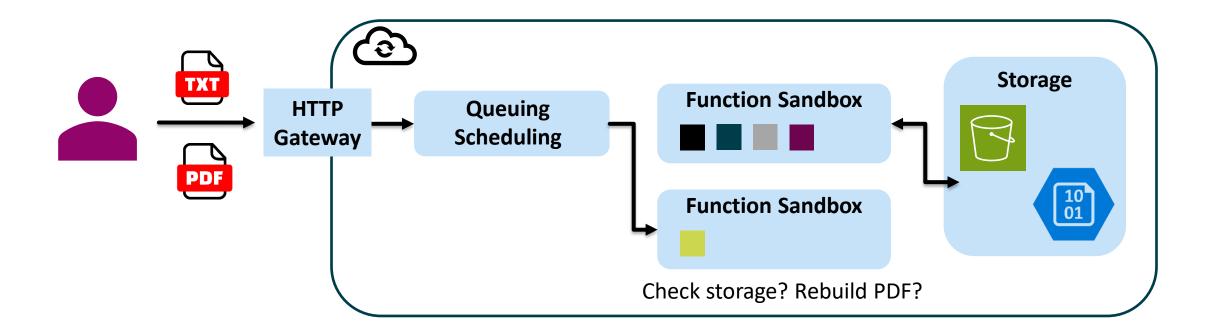


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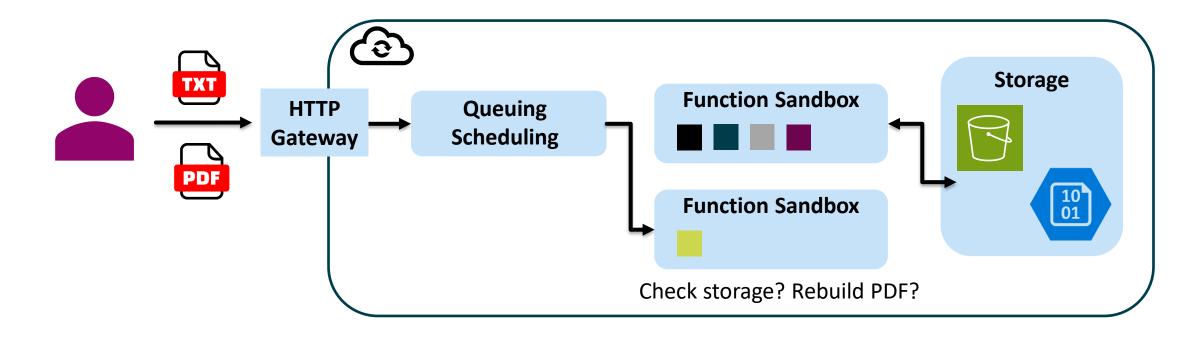
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Should we fix this problem with dedicated optimizations?

Maybe functions are not enough and need a better abstraction?

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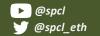














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**Provisioned** 



Persistent, local



**Months** 



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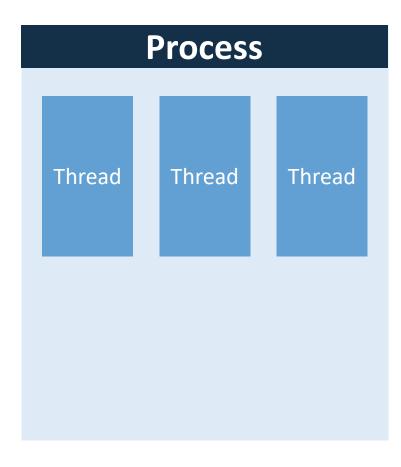


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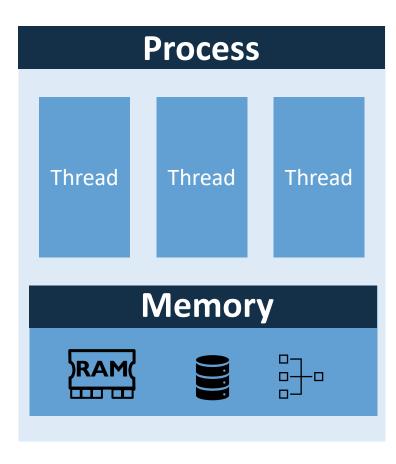








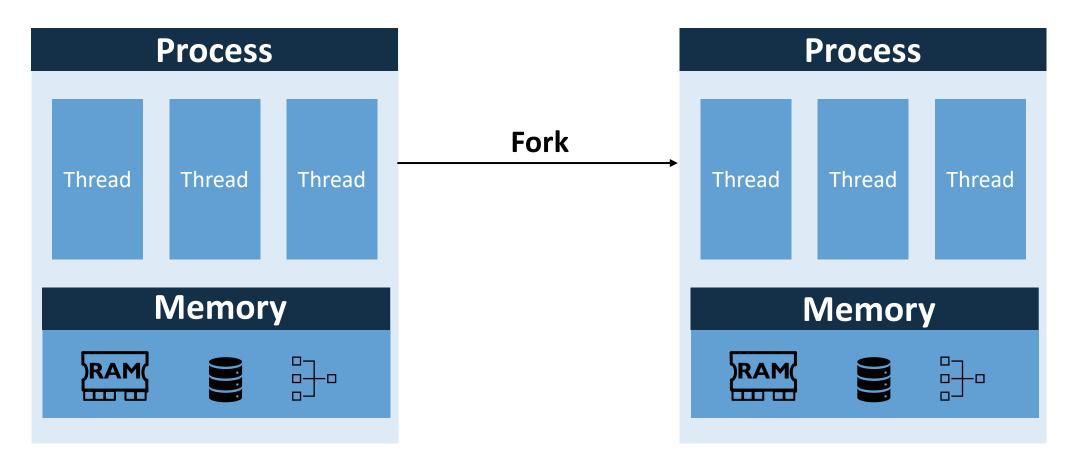








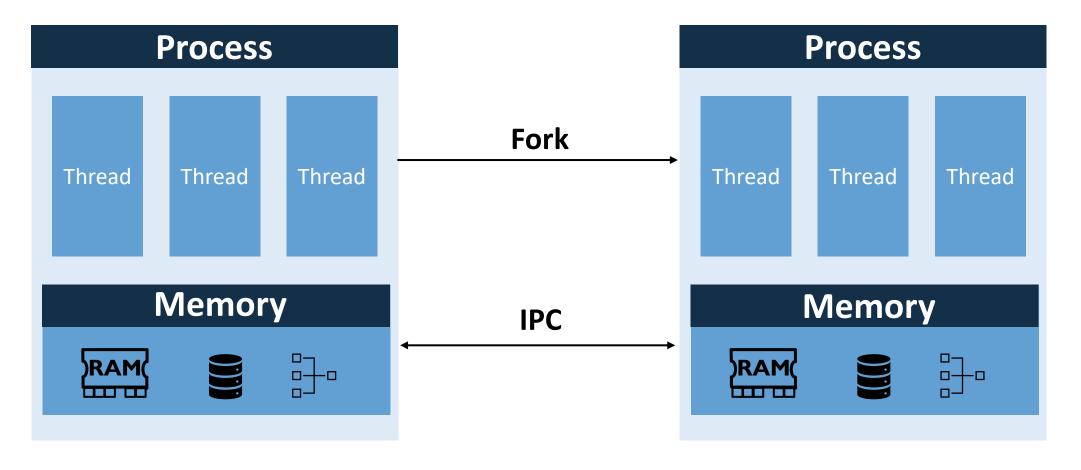








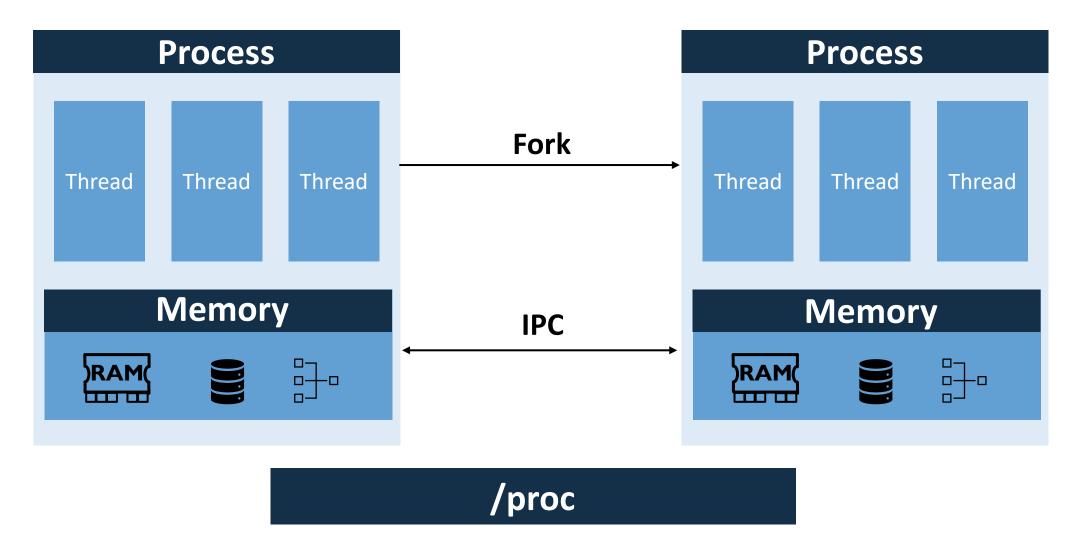


















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# **Durable state** of a container

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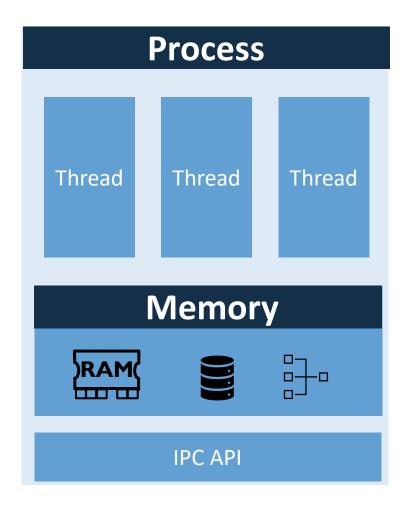
Durable state of a container and ephemeral compute of serverless.

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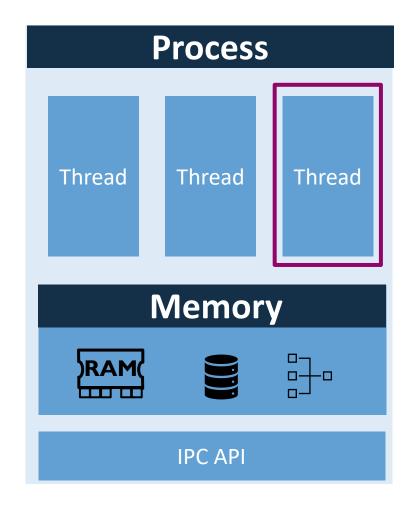


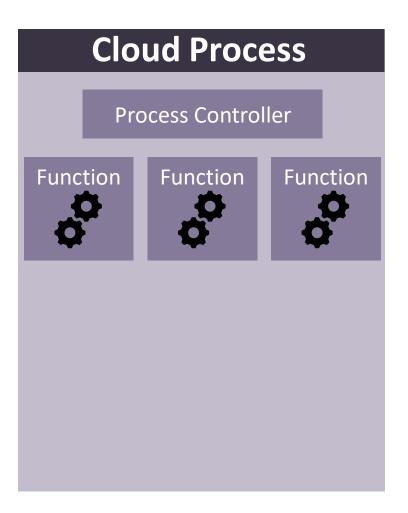
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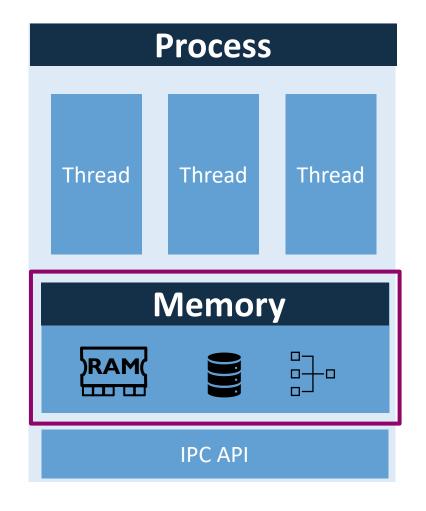


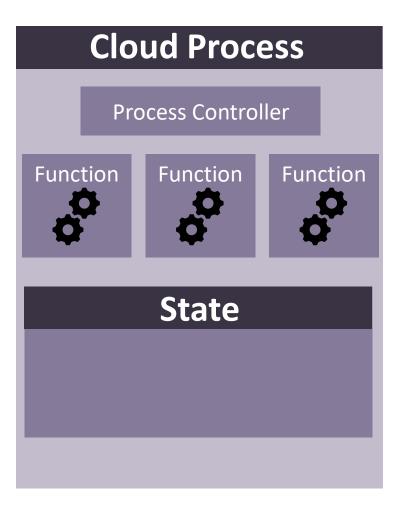
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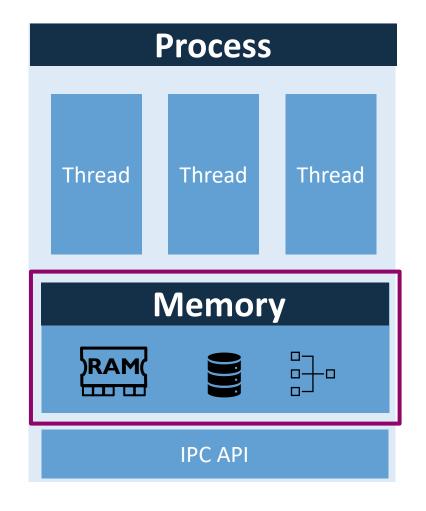


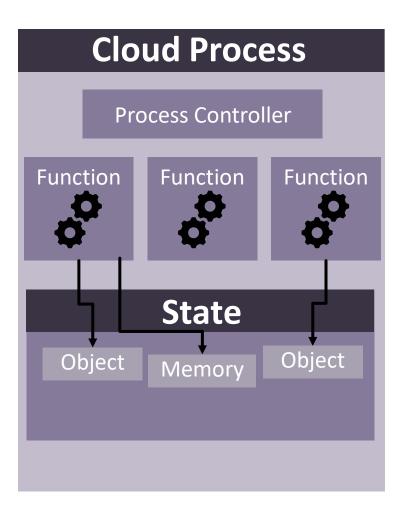
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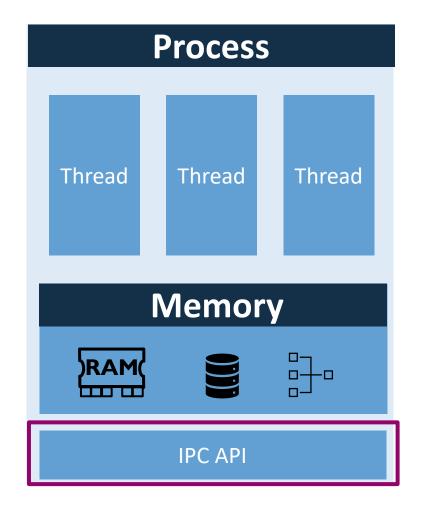


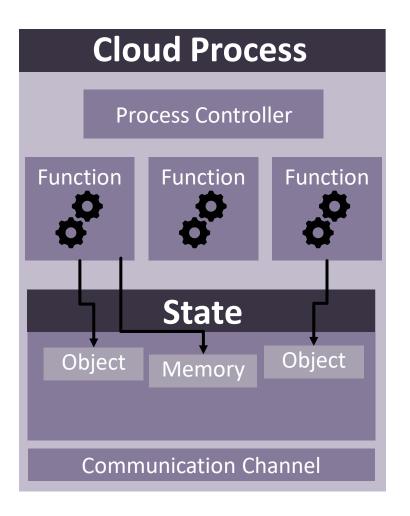
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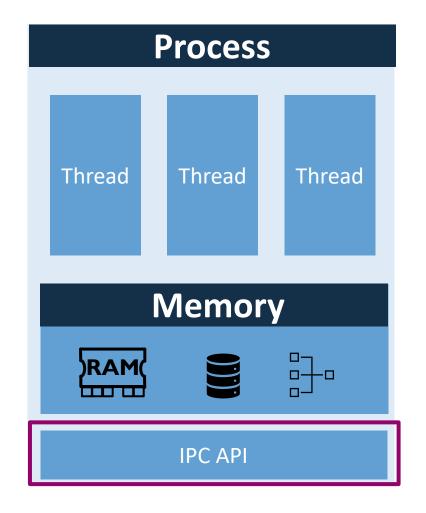


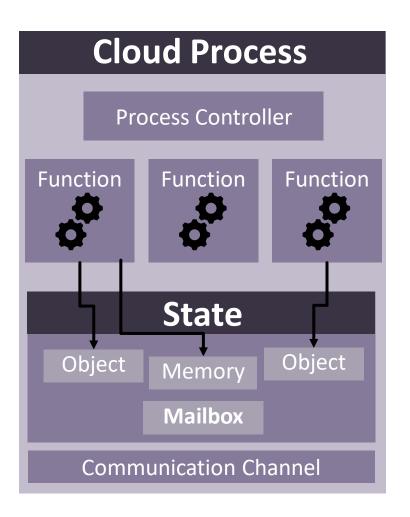
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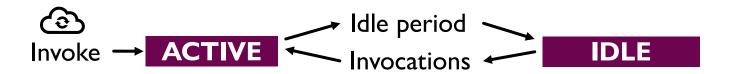
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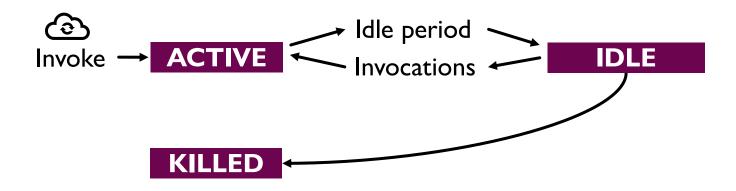








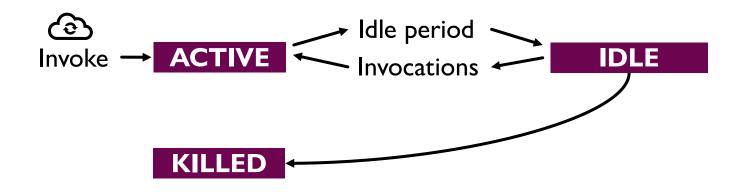












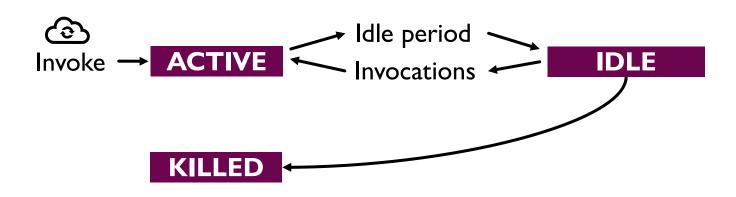
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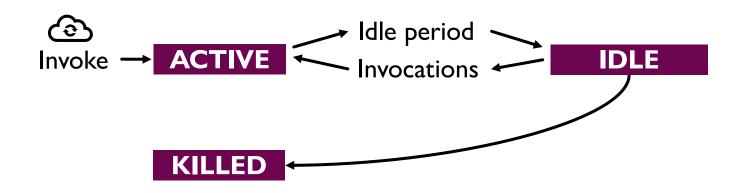


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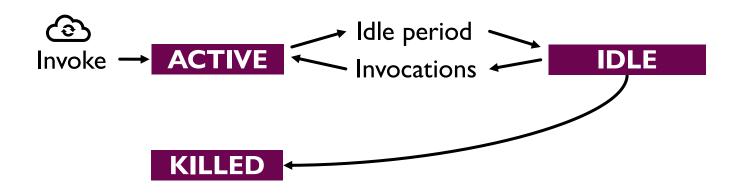


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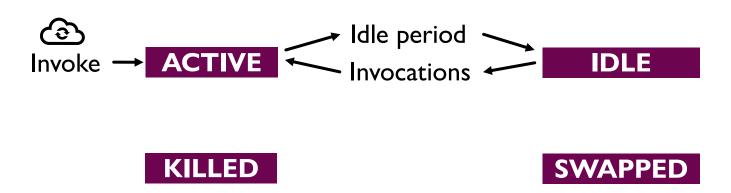
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Cloud Process states: idle, active, killed, swapped out.





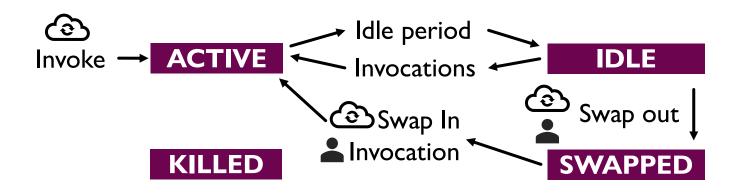








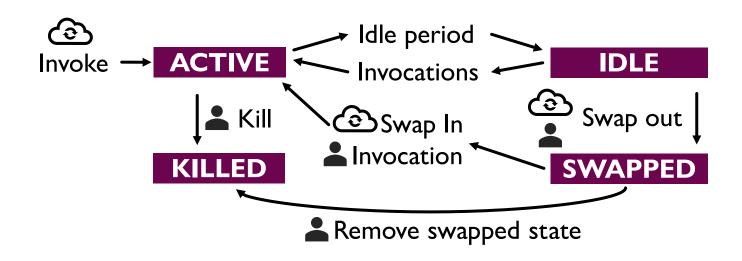








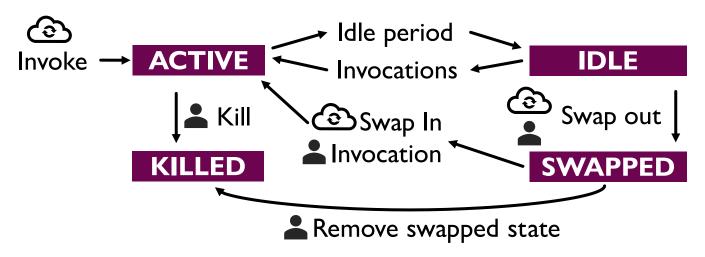










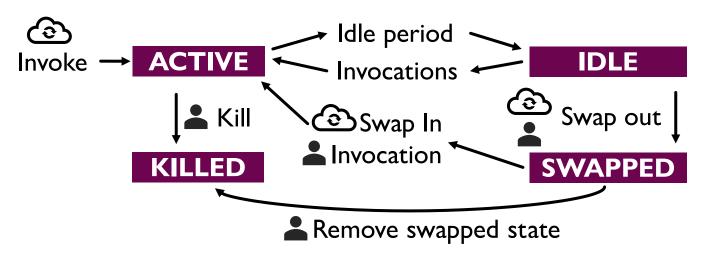


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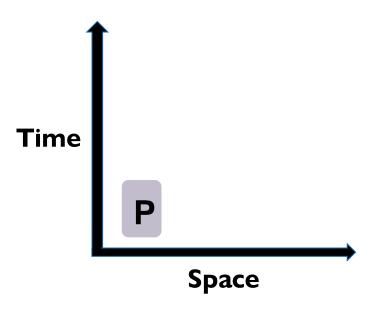


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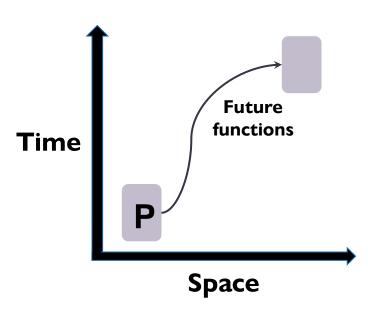








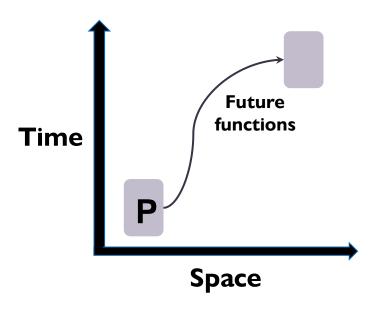










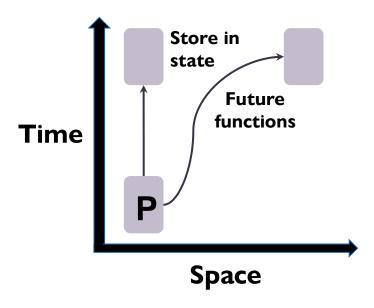


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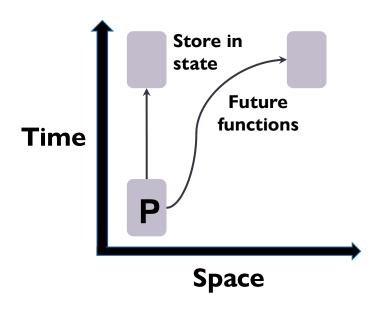


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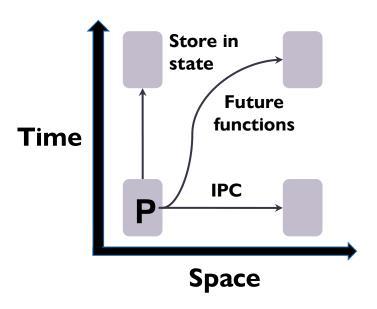


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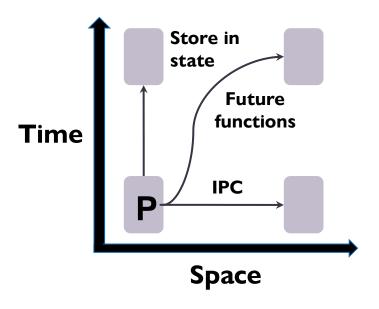


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send(pid_destination, key, data)
data = recv(pid_source, key)
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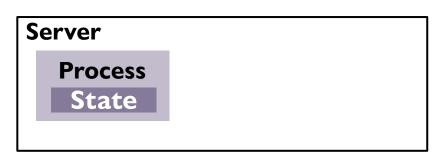


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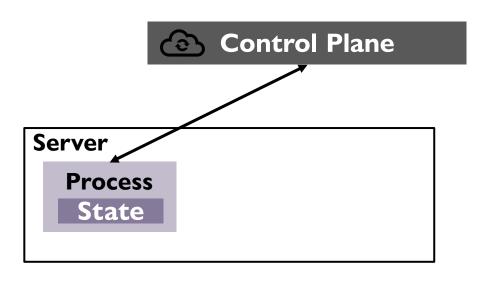








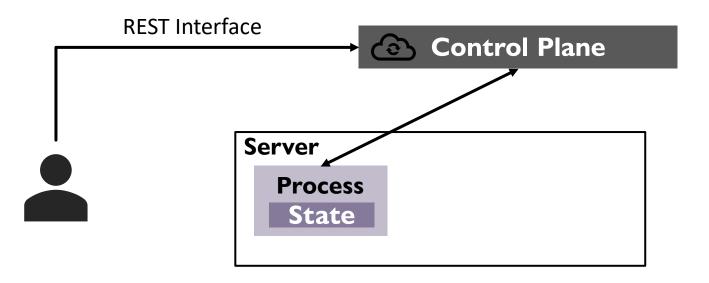








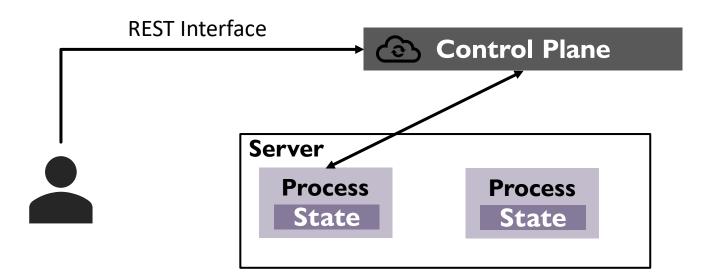


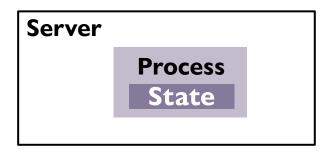








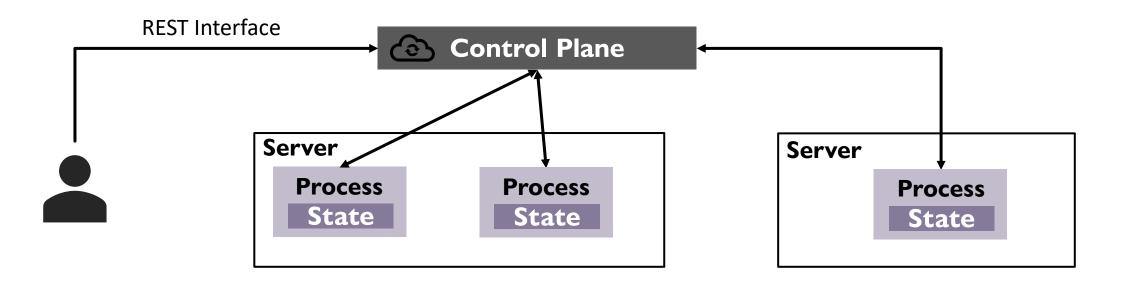








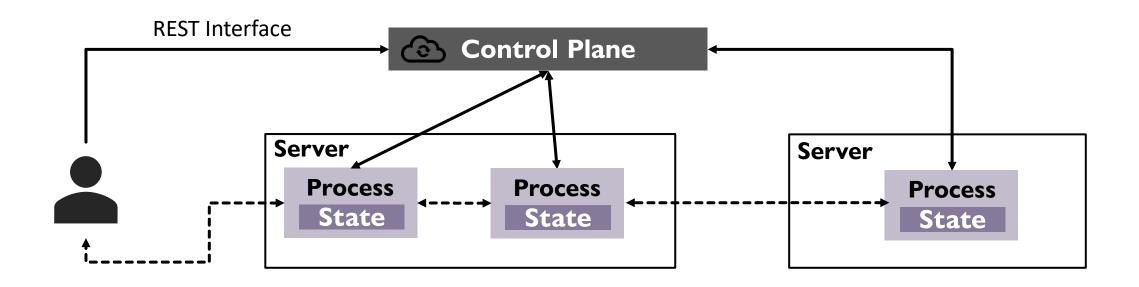








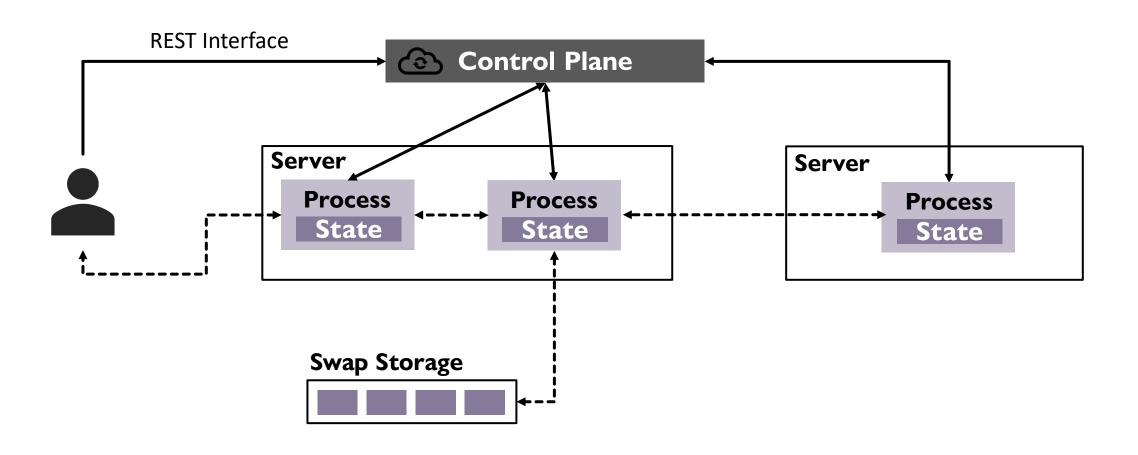








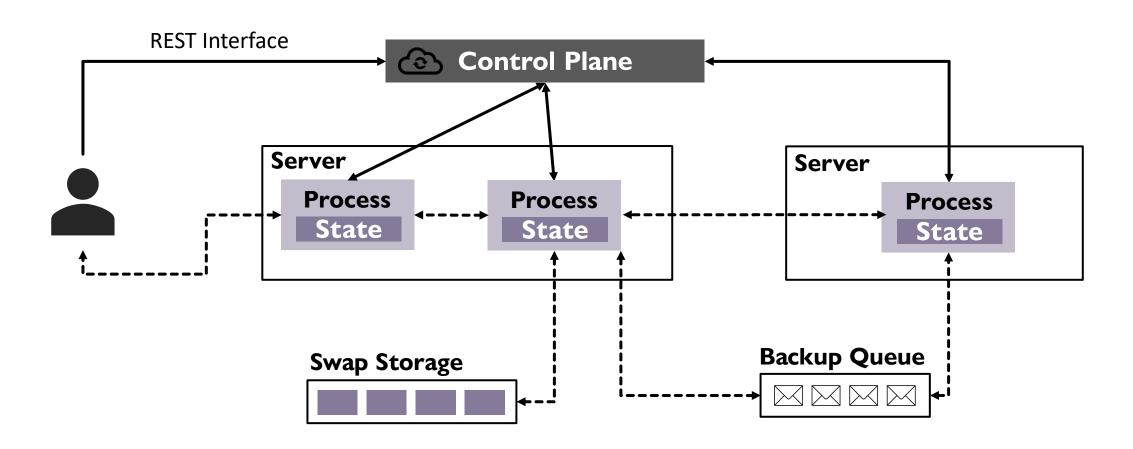
















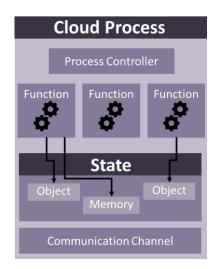










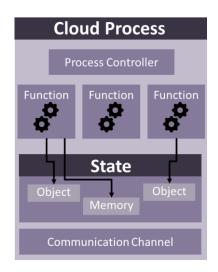












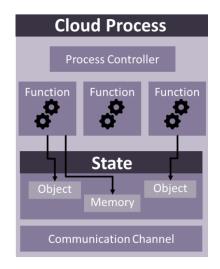
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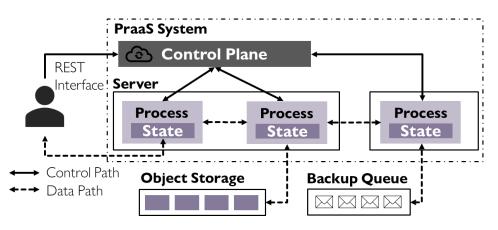






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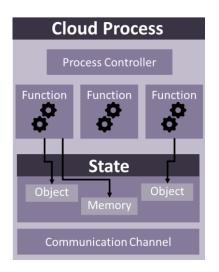






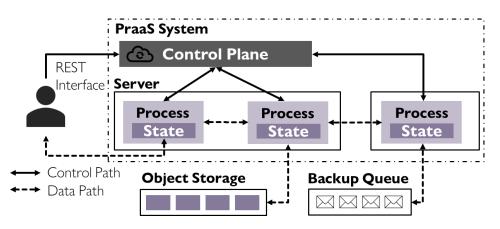






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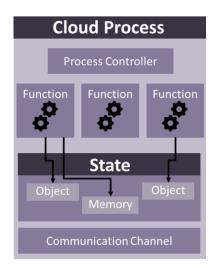


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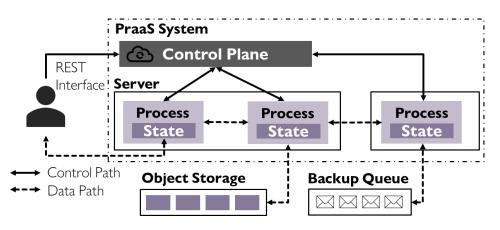






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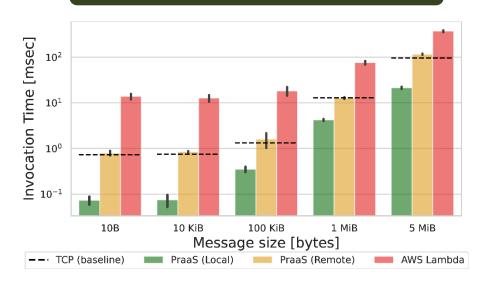








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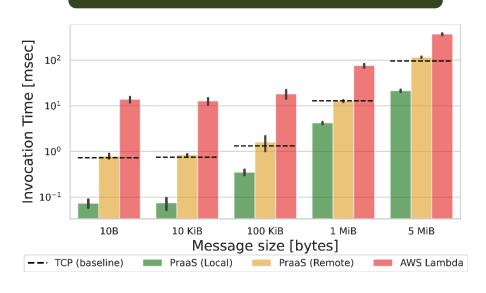


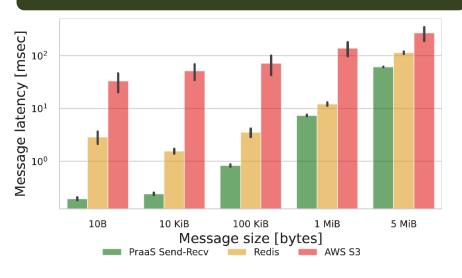






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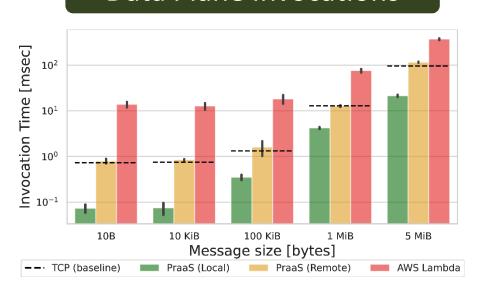


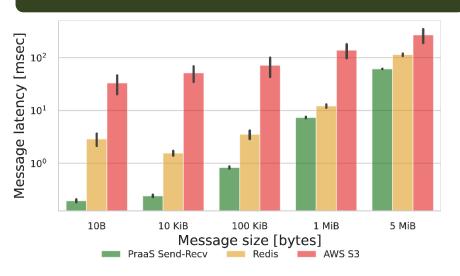


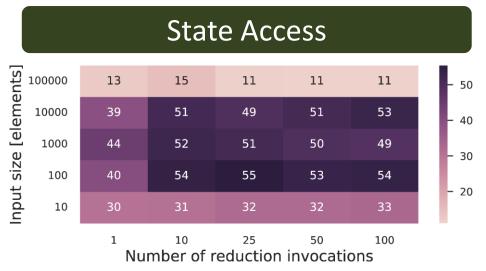




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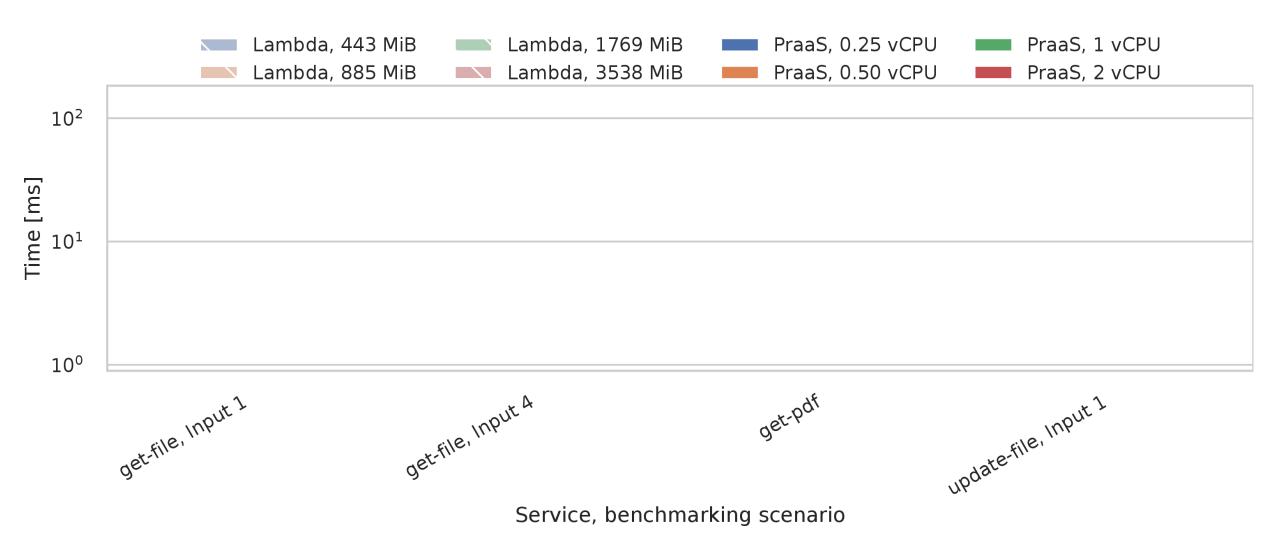








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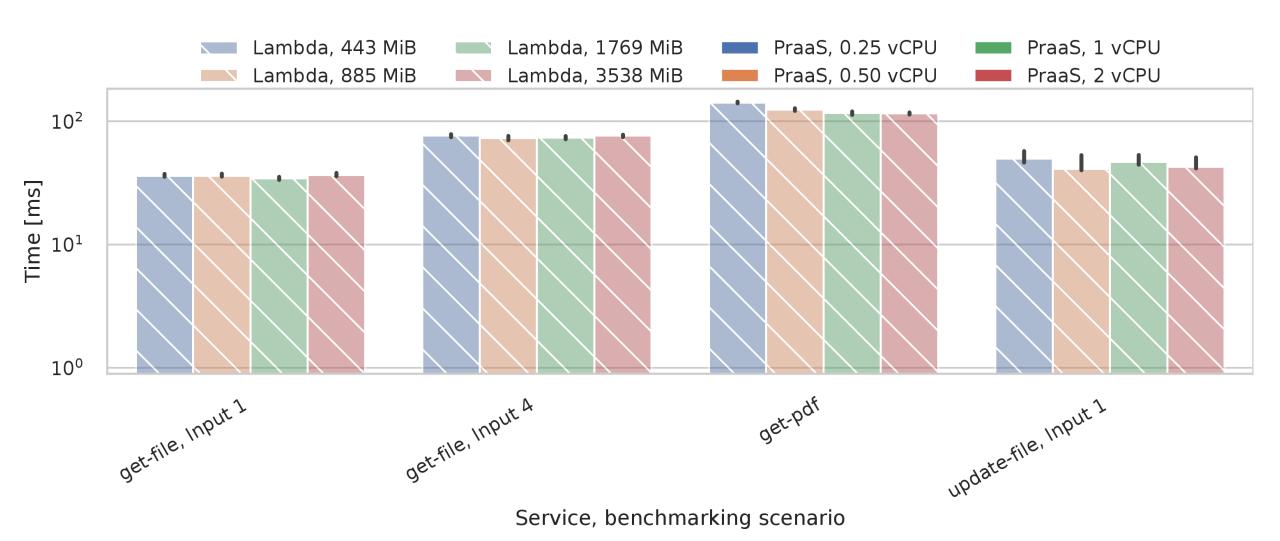








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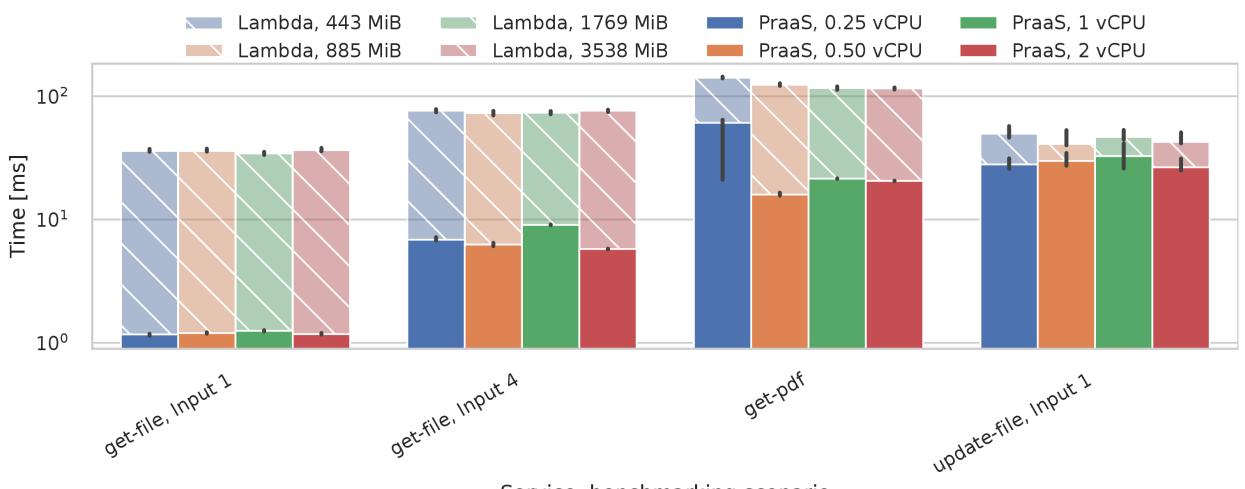








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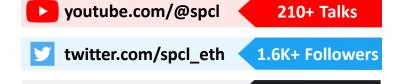


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