

Modern Infrastructure as Code

AWS Cloud Development Kit (CDK)

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Infrastructure as Code (IaC):

Way to represent a system's architecture components in human readable text that is fed through an execution engine for repeatable provisioning.

Benefits of IaC

Draws from Software Engineering best practices

- Code as source of truth & documentation of Infrastructure
- Consistency via automation
- Accelerated environment provisioning
- Version controlled, auditable and peer reviewed



Challenges of IaC

Many technologies have successfully executed on the promises of IaC like Terraform, Ansible, Chef, Puppet, ...

All require a Domain Specific Language (DSL) and specialized skills

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The solution

Cloud Development Kit

- Abstraction over Cloud Formation with interfaces in common high-level programming languages and using OOP paradigm

AWS CDK

Technology Components

NodeJS based CLI utility

- Initialize CDK projects
- Synthesize CDK project to Cloud Formation Stacks
- Deploy synthesized stacks

Construct library

- OO classes representing cloud services & resources
- Base implementation in Typescript then translated to other languages via JSII (Python, Java, C#, Go, JavaScript)

Getting Started with CDK

Step 1

Install CDK CLI

```
npm install -g aws-cdk
```

Step 2

Initialize CDK App

```
cdk init app -l typescript
```

Step 3

Instantiate resource constructs

```
new s3.Bucket(this, "MyBucket");
```

Step 4

Build project

```
npm run build  
yarn build
```

Step 5

Synthesize to Cloud Formation Stack(s)

```
cdk synth
```

Step 6

Deploy stacks

```
cdk deploy
```

AWS CDK Class Types and Relationships

Application

App Stack

Lambda Function

API Gateway

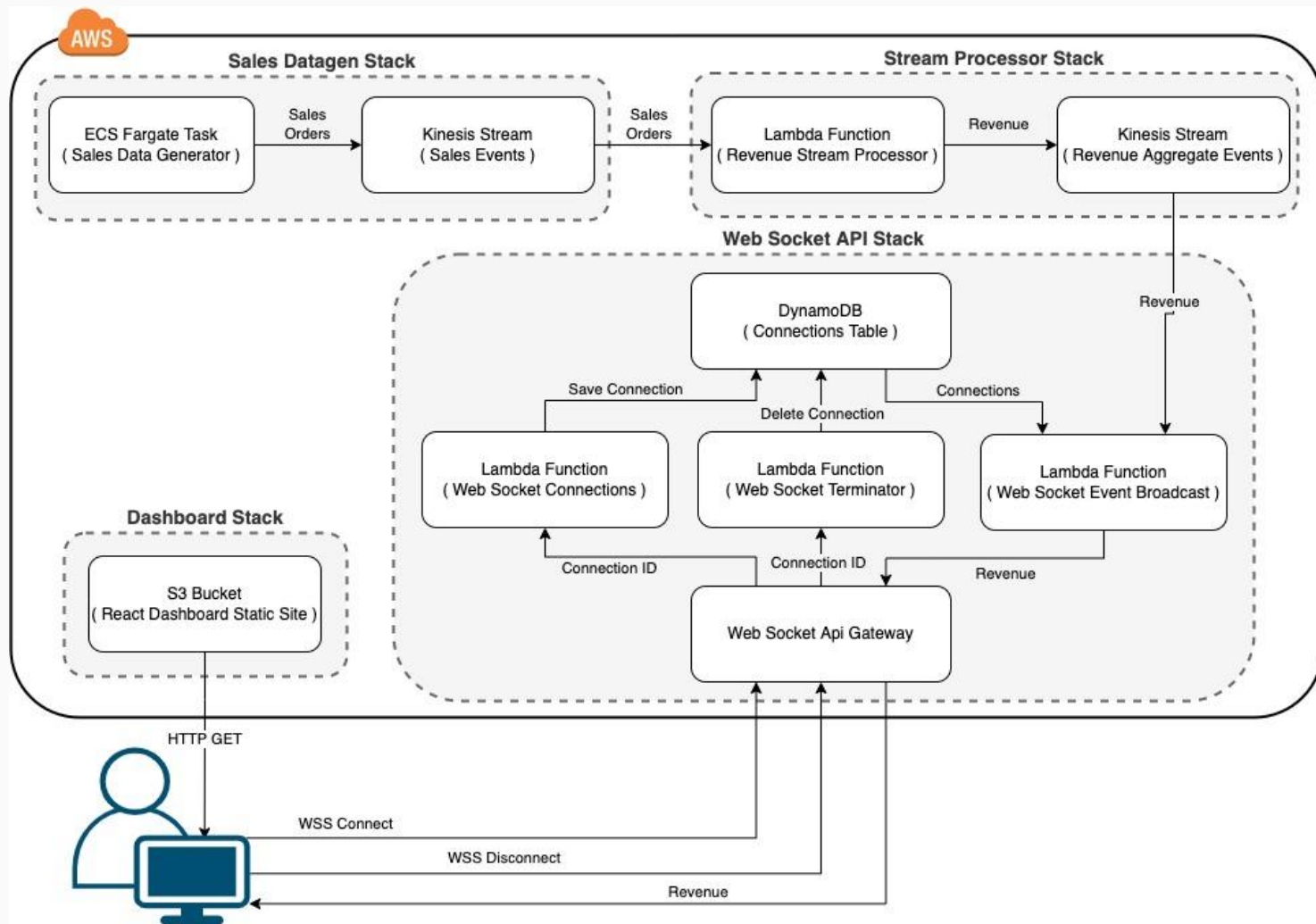
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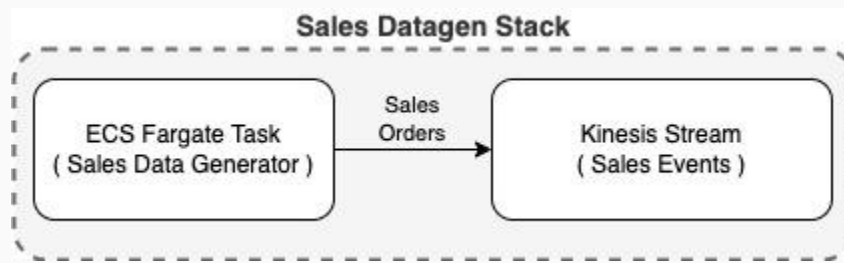
DynamoDB Table



AWS IaC Abstraction Hierarchy





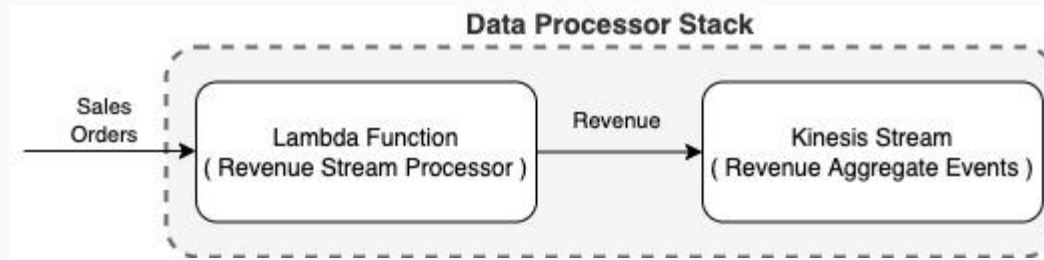


Constructs

- Stream (L2)
- Cluster (L2)
- Role (L2)
- FargateTaskDefinition (L2)
- FargateService (L2)

Deployed Resources

- Kinesis Stream
- VPC and Route Table
- 2 Public Subnets with Internet Gateway
- 2 Private Subnets with Nat Gateways
- Fargate Cluster
- ECS Fargate Task Definition
- ECS Fargate Service
- ECS Task with IAM Roles & Policies
- ECR Container Image
- CloudWatch Log Groups

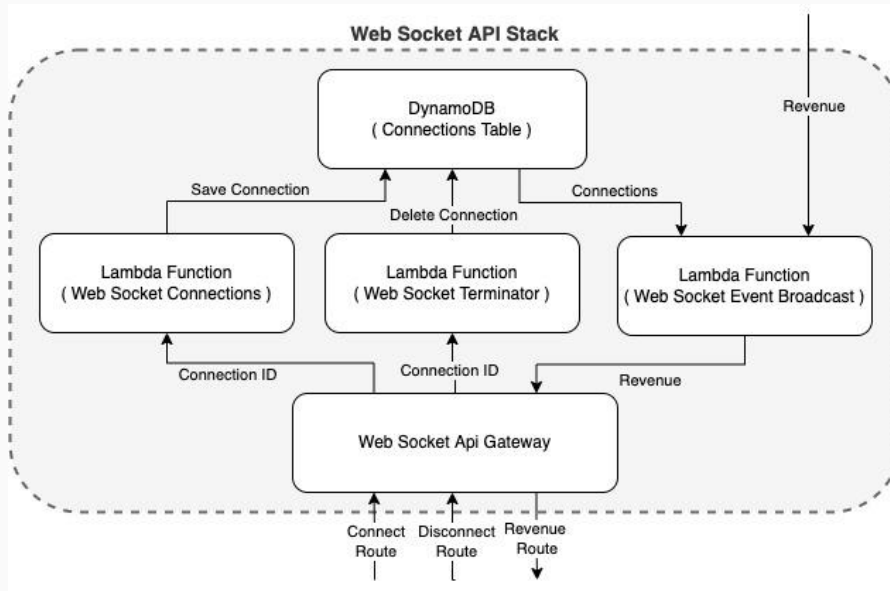


Constructs

- Stream (L2)
- NodejsFunction (L3)

Deployed Resources

- Kinesis Stream
- Lambda Function with IAM Role & Policy
- Lambda / Kinesis Event Source Mapping

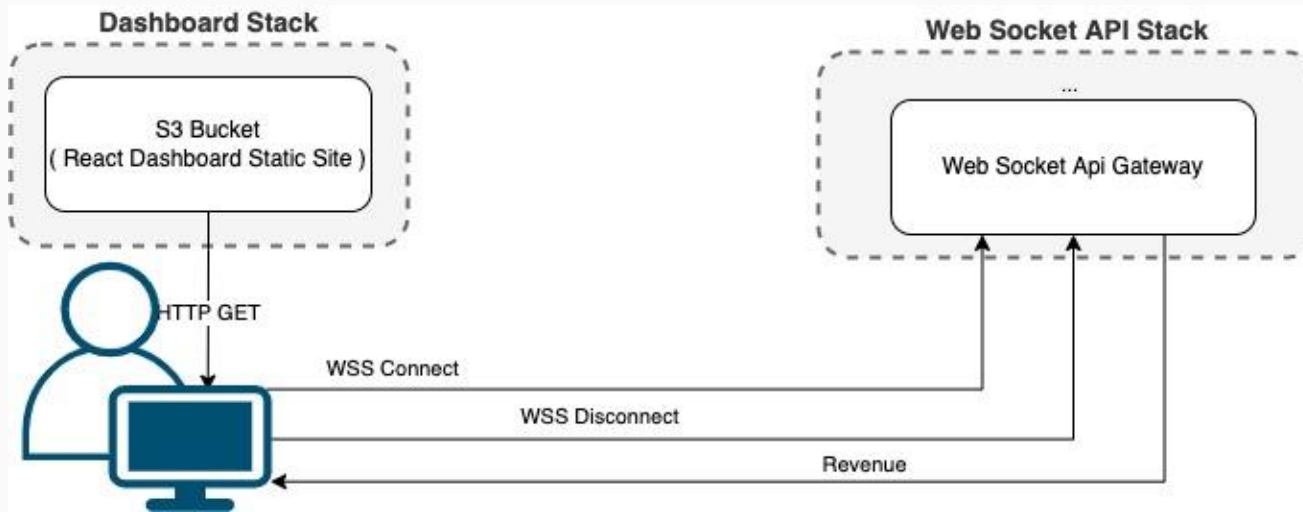


Constructs

- Table (L2)
- NodejsFunction (L3)
- WebSocketApi (Custom L2)
 - CfnApi
 - CfnDeployment
 - CfnStage
 - CfnIntegration
 - CfnRoute

Deployed Resources

- Dynamo DB Table
- Lambda Function with IAM Role & Policy (3)
- Lambda / Kinesis Event Source Mapping
- Api Gateway
- Api Gateway Deployment
- Api Gateway Route
- Api Gateway Integration



Constructs

- Bucket (L2)
- BucketDeployment (L3)

Deployed Resources

- S3 Bucket
- Lambda Function for Deploying Static Site

Q & A / Thank You!



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Slides, Demo Code, and YouTube

<https://github.com/amcquistan/nebcode-cdk>

<https://youtu.be/6yYpuVXWoPk>

AWS CDK Docs

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cdk/api/v2/>