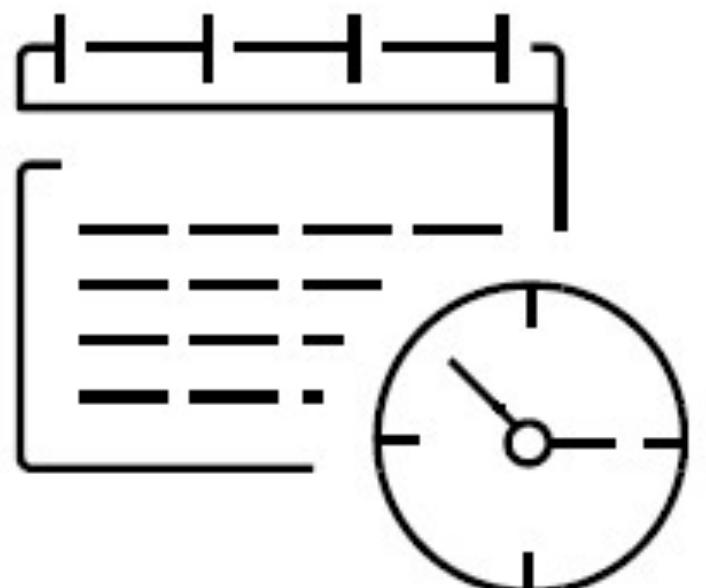


# AWS Hero Spotlight: Why & how to use Terraform AWS modules



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I ❤️ open-source:

└ [antonbabenko/terraform-aws-devops](https://github.com/antonbabenko/terraform-aws-devops) — my Terraform, AWS, and DevOps projects

└ [terraform-community-modules](https://github.com/HashiCorp/terraform-community-modules) + [terraform-aws-modules](https://github.com/HashiCorp/terraform-aws-modules)

└ [antonbabenko/pre-commit-terraform](https://github.com/antonbabenko/pre-commit-terraform) — clean code, documentation, and more

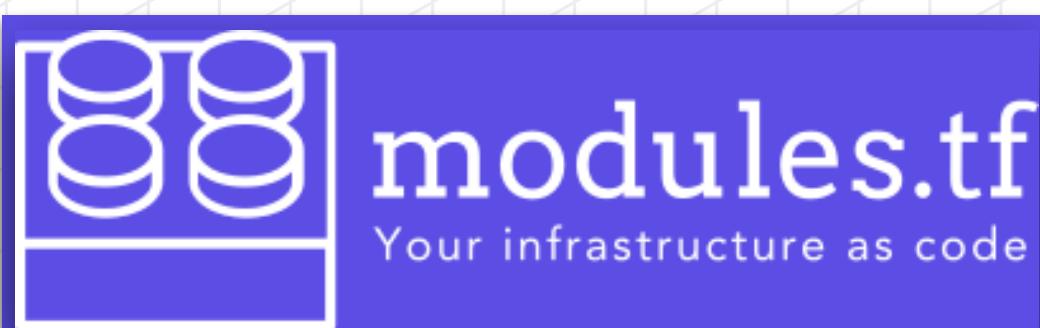
└ [serverless.tf](https://github.com/antonbabenko/serverless.tf) — Doing serverless on AWS with Terraform

└ [www.terraform-best-practices.com](http://www.terraform-best-practices.com)

└ [bit.ly/terraform-youtube](https://bit.ly/terraform-youtube) — Your weekly dose of Terraform (live stream)

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# SERVERLESS.TF

Build, deploy, and manage serverless applications  
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Collection of 40+ open-source Terraform AWS modules supported by the community with  
over 40 million provisions

(VPC, Autoscaling, RDS, Security Groups, EC2, ELB, ALB, Redshift, SNS, SQS, IAM, EKS,  
ECS, TGW, S3 bucket, CloudFront, Lambda, API Gateway, EventBridge, AppSync...)

[github.com/terraform-aws-modules](https://github.com/terraform-aws-modules/terraform-aws-modules)

[registry.terraform.io/modules/terraform-aws-modules](https://registry.terraform.io/modules/terraform-aws-modules)

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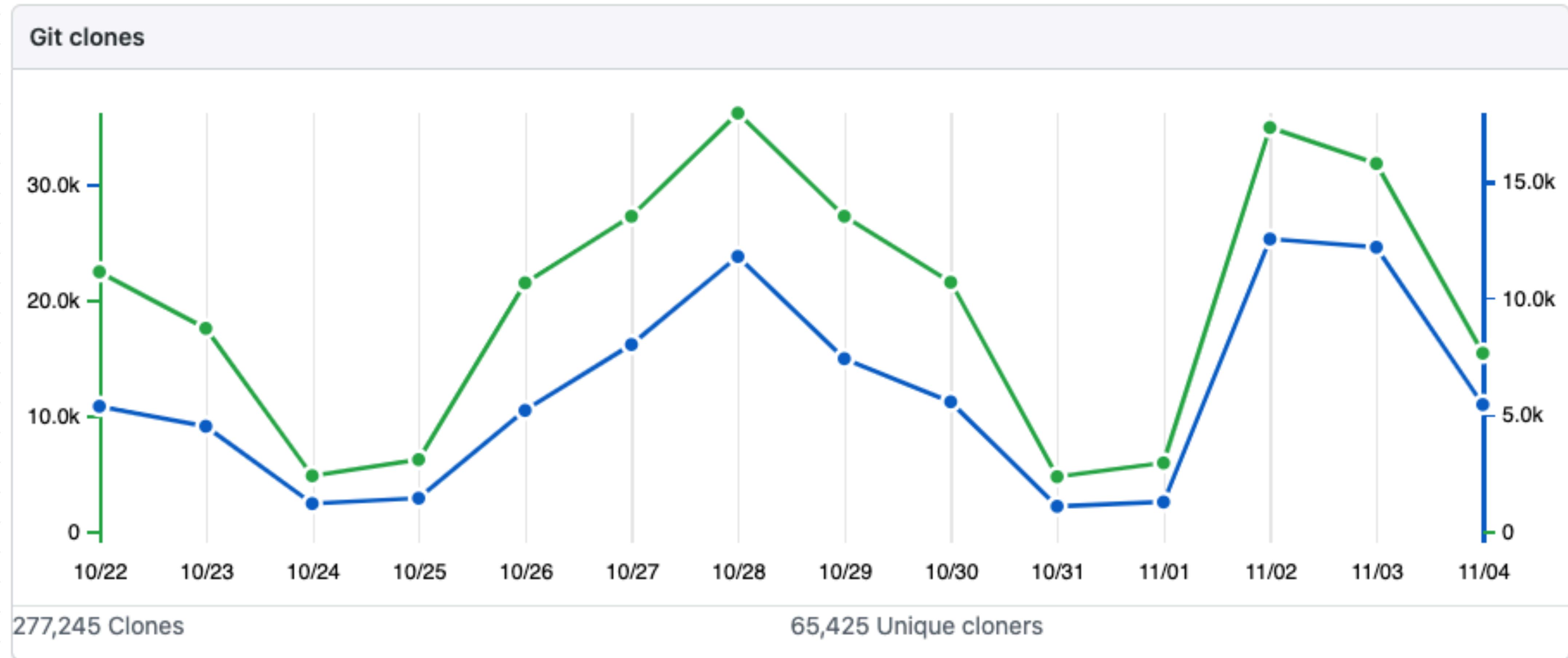


2000+ pull-requests and issues resolved!

Kudos to Thierno, Bryant, Sven, Ilya, Max, Alaric, and more than 300 other contributors!

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# GitHub traffic – terraform-aws-vpc \*



\* this graph does not include usages from the official Terraform Registry

# Why do developers like terraform-aws-modules?

- ▀ "Undifferentiated Heavy Lifting"
- ▀ Very large community
- ▀ Almost all features are shown in examples
- ▀ Documentation (by humans and pre-commit-terraform) – anything is better than nothing
- ▀ Modules compatibility and patterns used in each module
- ▀ Combine modules together to abstract away low-level complexity
- ▀ Week-zero support for the stable versions of Terraform

```
[{}{15:57}~/Sites/terraform-aws-modules ➜ scc **/*.tf
```

| Language  | Files | Lines | Blanks | Comments | Code  | Complexity |
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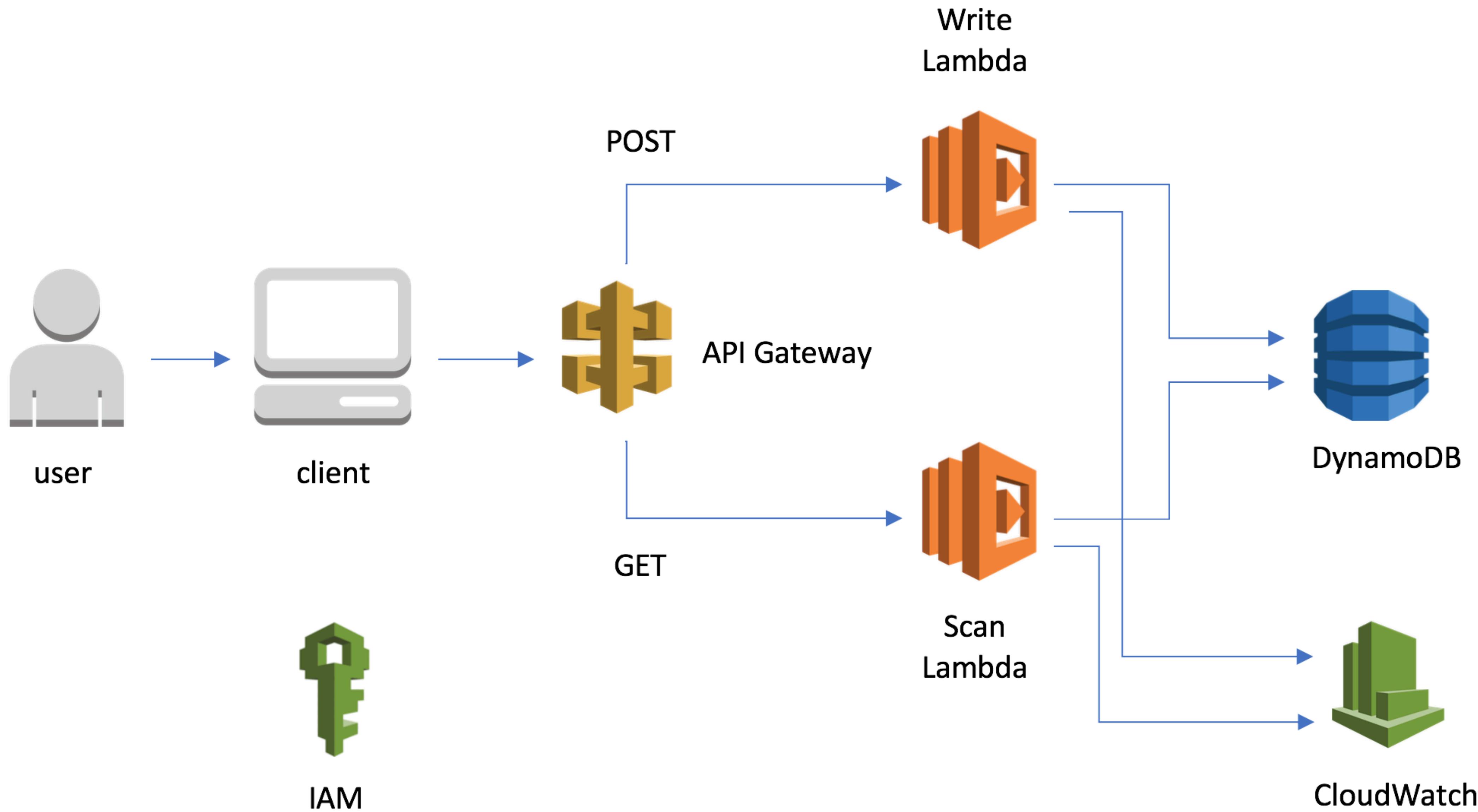
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Estimated Schedule Effort (organic) 17.676407 months

Estimated People Required (organic) 9.727723

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**Demo: terraform-aws-modules / serverless.tf**



```
# Option 1:  
# 1. ~40 resources + data-sources  
# 2. 200 lines of code  
  
#  
# Lambda GET  
resource "aws_lambda_function" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_lambda_permission" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_iam_role" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy_attachment" "lambda_get" {}  
  
# Lambda POST  
resource "aws_lambda_function" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_lambda_permission" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_iam_role" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy_attachment" "lambda_post" {}  
  
# API Gateway  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_api" "this" {}  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_domain_name" "this" {}  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_api_mapping" "this" {}  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_route" "this" {}  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_integration" "this" {}  
  
# DynamoDB  
resource "aws_dynamodb_table" "this" {}
```

```
# Option 2:  
# 1. ~40 resources + data-sources  
# 2. Add variables and outputs = 1000 lines of code  
  
# variables.tf  
variable "lambda_get_memory_size" {  
    description = "Memory size for get-record Lambda function"  
    default     = 256  
}  
  
# Lambda GET  
resource "aws_lambda_function" "lambda_get" {  
    function_name = "get-record"  
    memory_size  = var.lambda_get_memory_size  
    # ...  
}  
  
resource "aws_lambda_permission" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_iam_role" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy" "lambda_get" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy_attachment" "lambda_get" {}  
  
# Lambda POST  
resource "aws_lambda_function" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_lambda_permission" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_iam_role" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy" "lambda_post" {}  
resource "aws_iam_policy_attachment" "lambda_post" {}  
  
# API Gateway  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_api" "this" {}  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_domain_name" "this" {}  
resource "aws_apigatewayv2_api_mapping" "this" {}
```

```
# Option 3:  
# 1. Move resources into custom Terraform modules  
# 2. Reuse Terraform code for similar resources  
  
# Lambda GET  
module "lambda_get" {  
    source = "./lambda"  
  
    function_name = "get-record"  
    memory_size  = var.lambda_get_memory_size  
    # ... values for IAM role, policies, permissions...  
}  
  
# Lambda POST  
module "lambda_post" {  
    source = "./lambda"  
  
    function_name = "post-record"  
    memory_size  = var.lambda_post_memory_size  
    # ... values for IAM role, policies, permissions...  
}  
  
# API Gateway  
module "api_gateway" {}  
  
# DynamoDB  
module "dynamodb_table" {}
```

```
# Option 4:  
# 1. Use terraform-aws-modules  
# 2. Much more features than in custom modules  
# 3. Your configuration values = 100 lines of code  
  
# Lambda GET  
module "lambda_get" {  
    source = "terraform-aws-modules/lambda/aws"  
  
    function_name = "get-record"  
    memory_size   = 256  
    # ... values for IAM role, policies, permissions...  
}  
  
# Lambda POST  
module "lambda_post" {  
    source = "terraform-aws-modules/lambda/aws"  
  
    function_name = "post-record"  
    memory_size   = 512  
    # ... values for IAM role, policies, permissions...  
}  
  
# API Gateway  
module "api_gateway" {  
    source = "terraform-aws-modules/apigateway-v2/aws"  
}  
  
# DynamoDB  
module "dynamodb_table" {  
    source = "terraform-aws-modules/dynamodb-table/aws"  
}
```

# Resources

- Y <https://github.com/terraform-aws-modules>
- Y <https://registry.terraform.io/>
- Y <https://github.com/antonbabenko/serverless.tf-playground>

# Thanks!

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