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AWS Lambda Serverless Workshop

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WHAT IS SERVERLESS

Serverless Architectures

No more server ?

Serverless computing is a cloud computing execution model in which the cloud provider dynamically manages the allocation of machine resources. [...] It is a form of utility computing.

Serverless computing still requires servers. The name "serverless computing" is used because the server management and capacity planning decisions are completely hidden from the developer or operator.

Source: Wikipedia

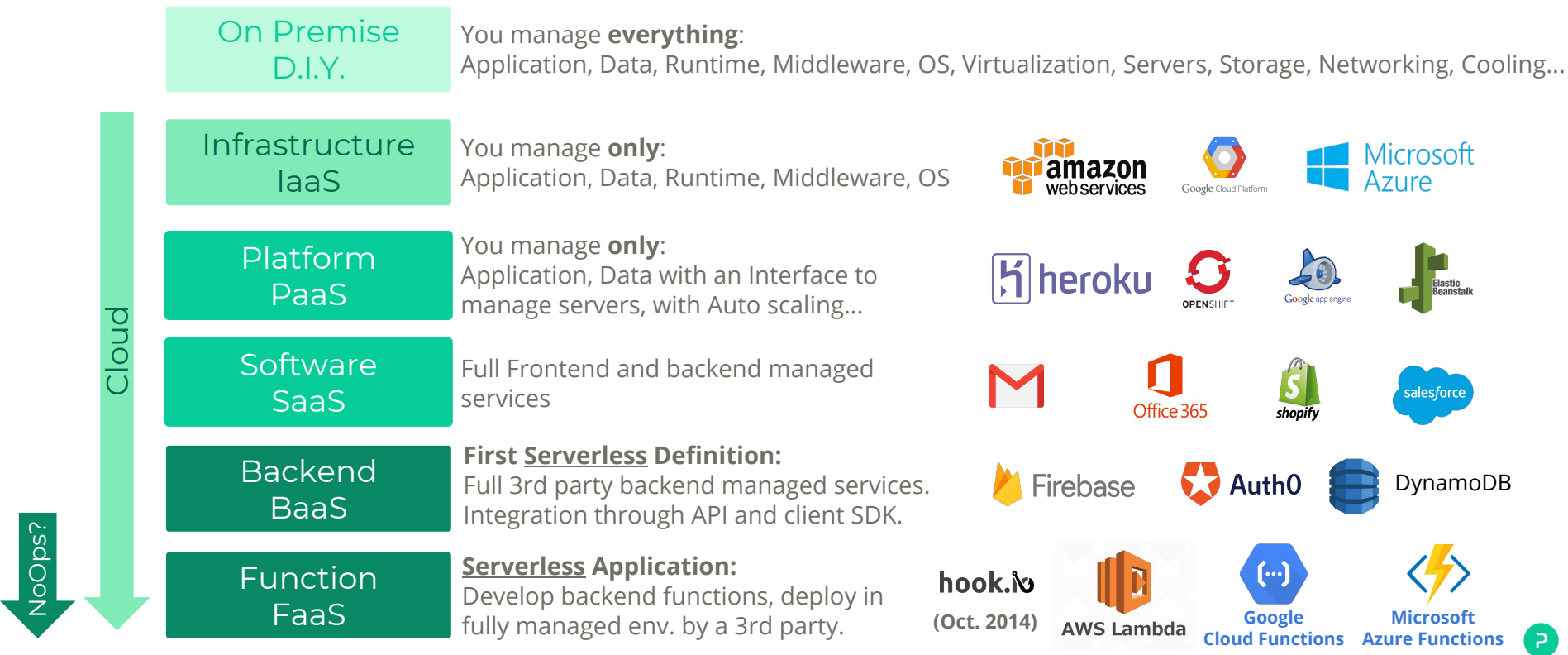
A **serverless architecture** approach replaces long-running virtual machines with ephemeral compute power that comes into existence on request and disappears immediately after use.

Source: ThoughtWorks Technology Radar



Serverless Architectures

The evolution of XaaS



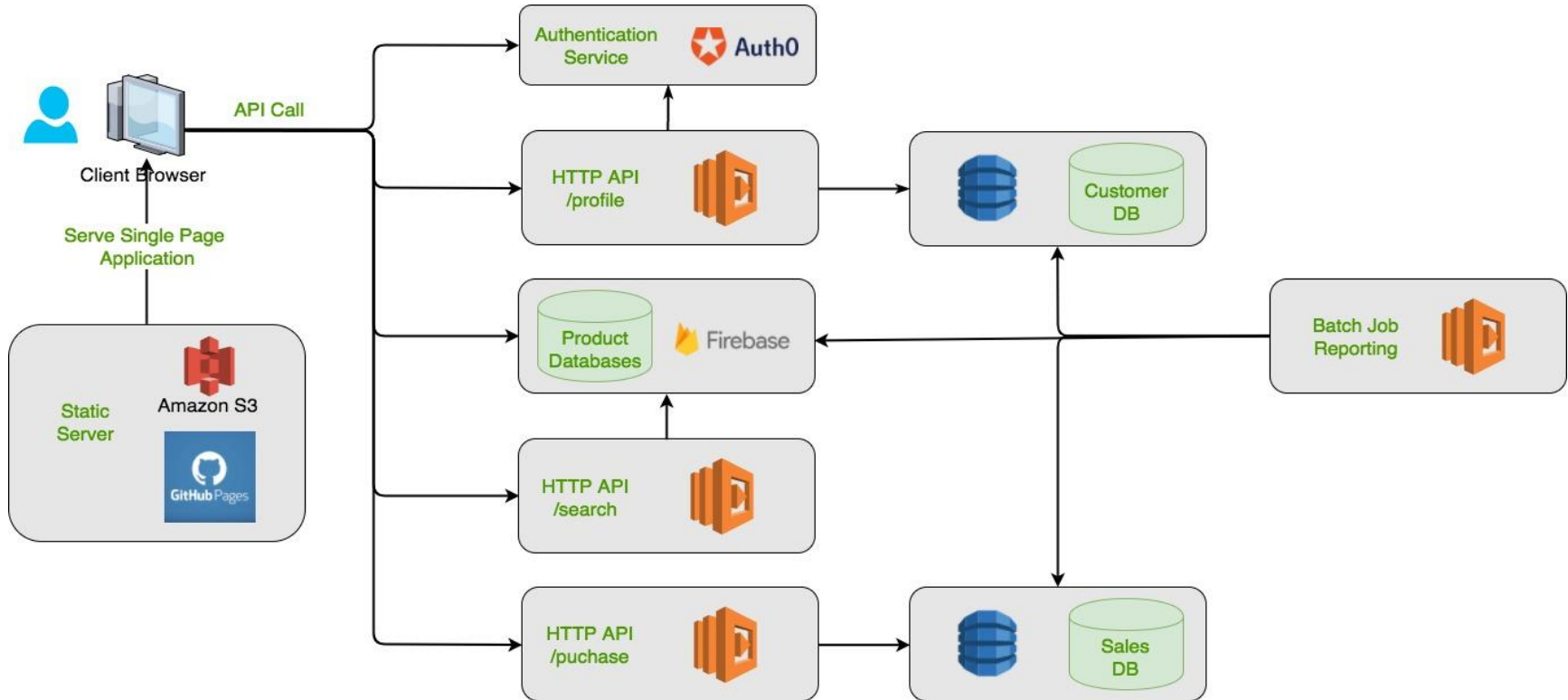
Serverless (FaaS)

Principal

- You develop a function and deploy a function.
- No management of server systems and applications servers.
- Function are deployed on request base and are Ephemere, thus stateless.
=> You can save state/sessions in a central storage like a NoSQL database.
- Execution Duration and Memory are dependent on third-party provider. (Remember, you don't manage the server anymore).
=> If you need more resources, you can launch multiple lambdas following master/worker pattern.
- Cold Start: Latency to take in account. => You can keep your function "warm"

Serverless Architectures

Example of a Full Serverless Architecture



Serverless

Benefits

- Reduce Operational Cost
- Reduce Development Cost (BaaS)
- Scaling
- “Zero” Administration
- Time to market, experimentation
- “Greener”. Mutualize resources
- By nature, you build a more decouple application (Microservice).
- Event-driven, Asynchronous architecture.
Can still work synchronously for HTTP call.

Challenges

- Vendor control, “Black Box”. No server access.
- Vendor limitations (cold start, duration, memory...)
- Vendor “lock-in”
- Multitenancy and Regulatory Compliance
- Security concerns
- Development environment setup.
- Testing. Unit testing easy, Integration testing harder
- Stateless Architecture
- Event-driven, Asynchronous architecture
- Distributed/Microservice Architecture challenges
(Data Consistency, DevOps, Monitoring, Deployment...)

Serverless Architectures

No More Ops ?

Serverless doesn't imply "No Ops".

- **"Sys Admin"** role may not be needed anymore depending how far you go with serverless.
- Ops is also **monitoring, deployment, security, networking, production debugging,...**
- Serverless architecture with FaaS are **distributed architectures** and come with their associated challenges. **DevOps** culture is important. Deployment, monitoring, operations and maintenance are shared responsibilities.

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AWS Lambda

AWS Lambda

AWS Lambda lets you run code without provisioning or managing servers. You pay only for the compute time you consume [...]. With Lambda, you can run code for virtually any type of application or backend service - all with zero administration. Just upload your code and Lambda takes care of everything required to run and scale your code with high availability. You can set up your code to automatically trigger from other AWS services or call it directly from any web or mobile app.

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



AWS Lambda

Language supported



AWS Lambda

Event-Base triggering

All Lambda can invoke manually or triggered through and event:



Amazon
DynamoDB



Amazon
S3



Amazon
SNS



Amazon
Kinesis



Amazon
SES



Scheduled
Events



Amazon
Cognito



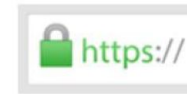
AWS SDKs via
Amazon API
Gateway



Amazon
CloudWatch



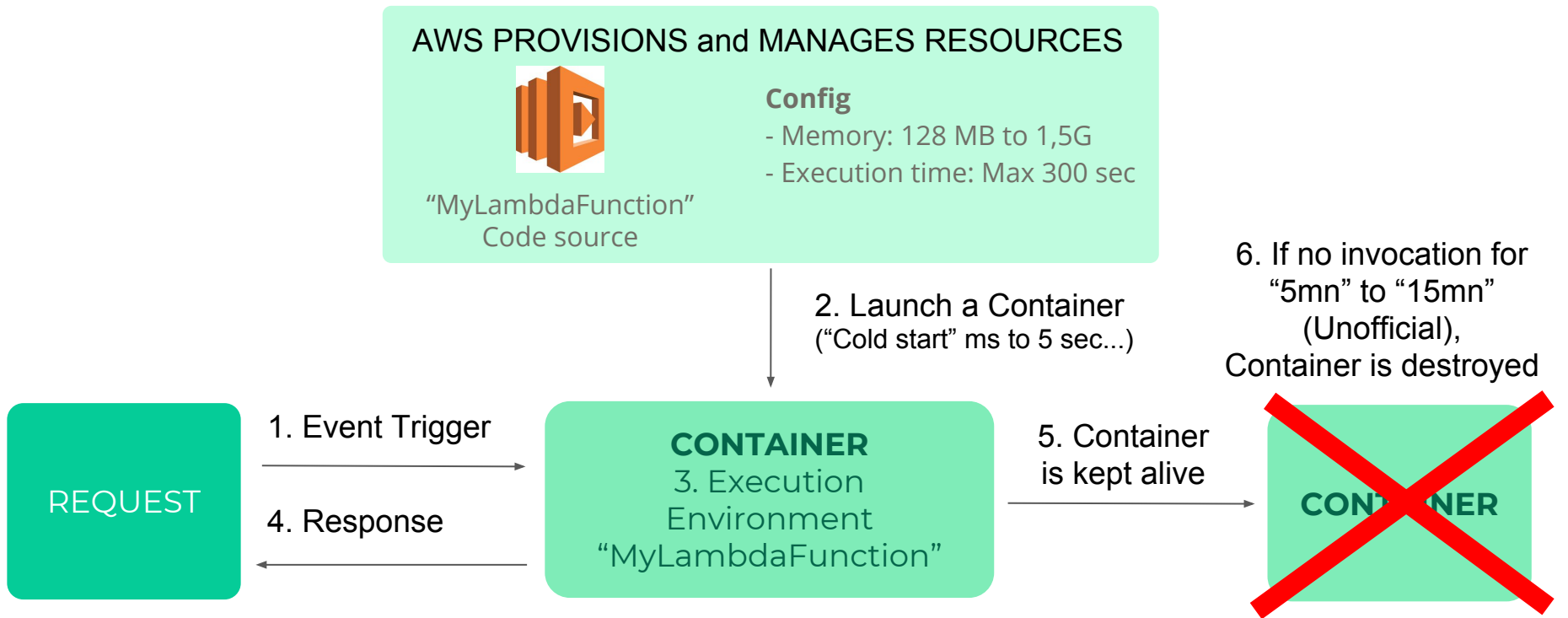
Amazon Echo:
Alexa Skills



HTTPS via API
Gateway

AWS Lambda

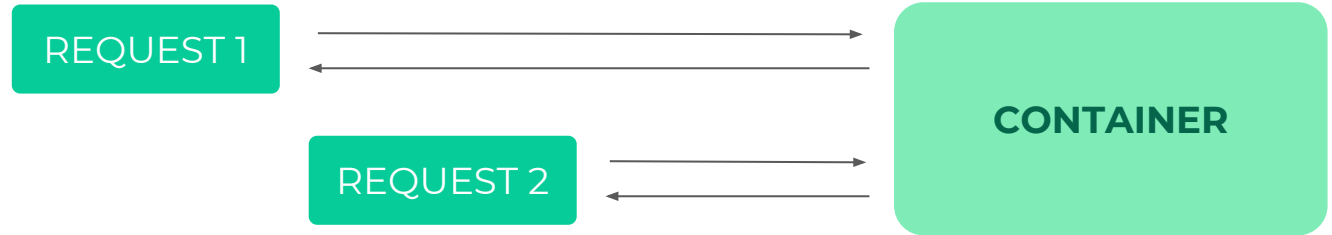
Behind the scene: THE CONTAINER MODEL



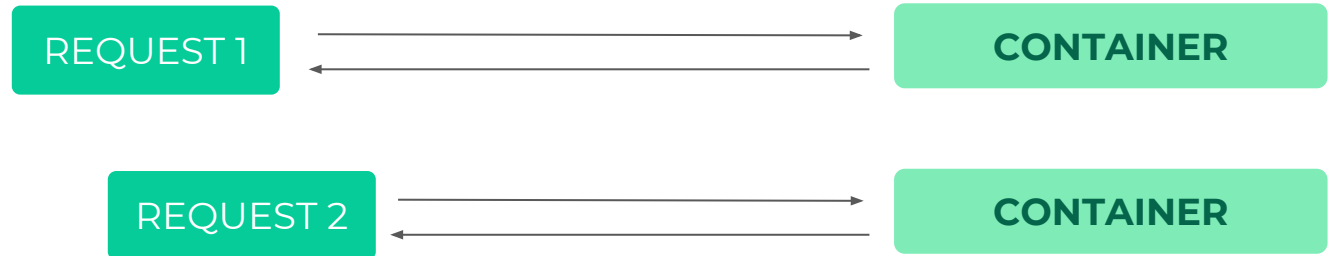
AWS Lambda

Behind the scene: Multiple requests

Sequential Requests:



Parallel Requests:



AWS Lambda

Cost

Number of requests:

- \$0.20 per 1 million requests thereafter (\$0.0000002 per request)

Duration:

- Duration is calculated from the time your code begins executing until it returns or otherwise terminates, rounded up to the nearest 100ms.
- The price depends on the amount of memory you allocate to your function.
- You are charged \$0.00001667 for every GB-second used.

Free-tiers: 1M free requests per month and 400,000 GB-seconds of compute time per month.

Source: <https://aws.amazon.com/lambda/pricing/>

DEMO

AWS Lambda “Hello World”

<http://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/getting-started-create-function.html>

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Serverless.com Framework

Serverless.com

Framework

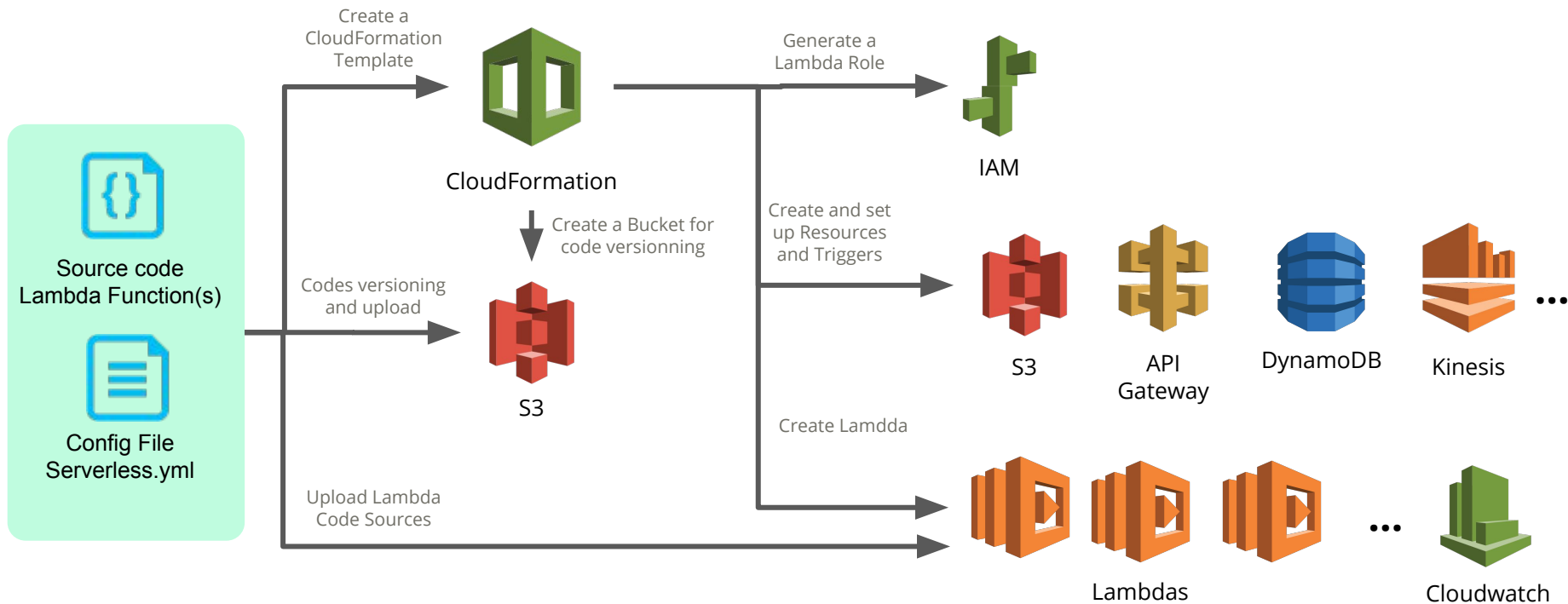
“Serverless is your toolkit for deploying and operating serverless architectures.”

Manage you serverless architecture as an Application:



Serverless.com

AWS Lambda



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Workshop

Workshop: Serverless.com with AWS Lambda

<https://github.com/lossingalex/aws-serverless-exercise>

- AWS Credentials Setup
- 4 Exercises using Serverless.com framework with AWS Lambda:
 - Exercise 1: Hello World Lambda
 - Exercise 2: Hello World through AWS Http Gateway Event
 - Exercise 3: Create Rest API TODO App with DynamoDB (Add TODO task and fetch list of tasks)
 - Exercise 4: Add a list of tasks from a CSV file using S3 Event with Lambda

A photograph of a woman and a man sitting at a desk in an office, both smiling. The woman is on the left, wearing a dark t-shirt and a patterned scarf. The man is on the right, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. In the foreground, there are laptops and papers on the desk. The background is slightly blurred, showing office equipment and a wall with some colorful sticky notes. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent teal overlay.

THANK YOU

Any questions? Feel free to ask!

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