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Deep dive into new AWS services

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Deep dive into new AWS services

- Firecracker Container by Niv Yungelson - DevOps Team Lead @ Skycure (acquired by Symantec)
- Lambda Layers by Eitan Sela - Cloud & Big Data Systems Architect @ WeissBeerger

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Thank you

Firecracker

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What am I going to talk about

- What's Firecracker?
- Things that we're already familiar with that are running on Firecracker
- Advantages of the use of the Firecracker technology
- Why shouldn't we use it

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Firecracker What?

- MicroVM technology
- KVM based
- Amazon built it for their Lambda and Fargate services

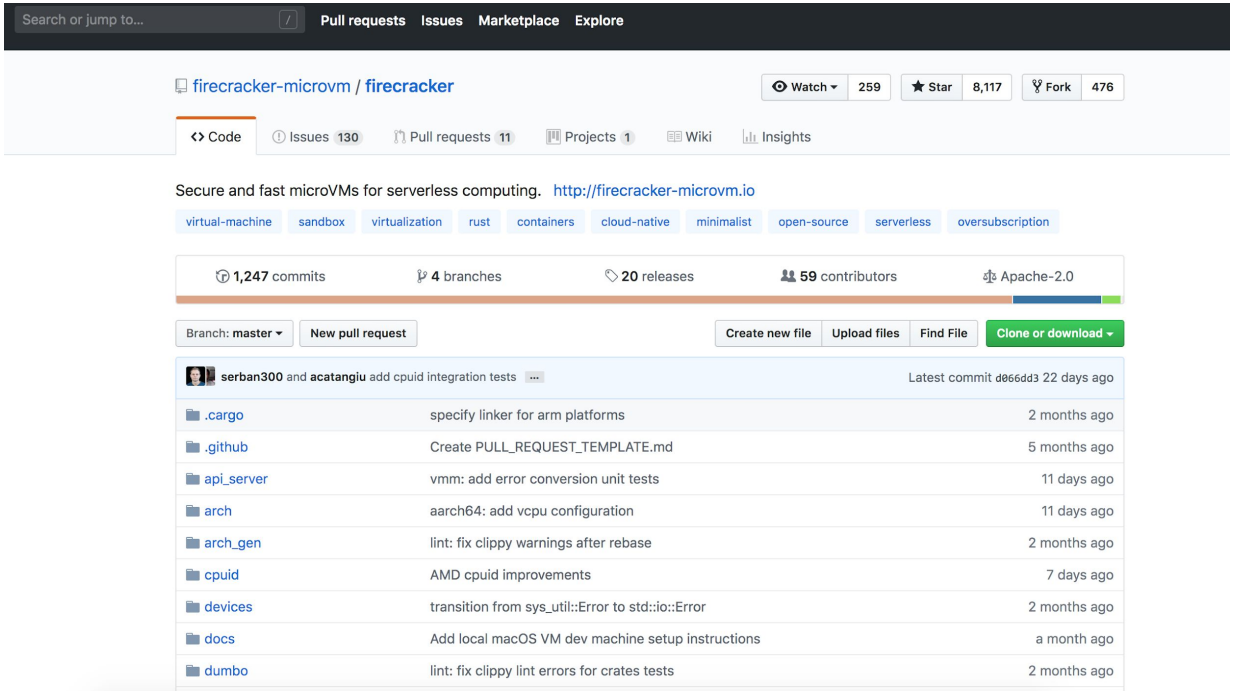
Have we met before?

- Lambda functions – from running on per-costumer EC2 instances managed by AWS, to Firecracker.
- Fargate – From Docker containers on EC2 instances to MicroVMs .

Why is it good?

- More secure –
  - Each VM runs on their own kernel
  - Jailed with seccompBPF (SECure COMPuting with filters)
- Faster - produce 5Mb microVMs that spin up in around 125ms
- Lightweight - About 5 MiB (~5.24 MB) of memory.
- Open Source!

Open source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M5 General Purpose Metal	m5.metal	384.0 GiB	$4.608000 hourly
I3 High I/O Metal	i3.metal	512.0 GiB	$4.992000 hourly
M5 General Purpose Metal	m5d.metal	384.0 GiB	$5.424000 hourly
R5 Metal	r5.metal	768.0 GiB	$6.048000 hourly
R5D Metal	r5d.metal	768.0 GiB	$6.912000 hourly
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U-9TB1 Metal	u-9tb1.metal	9216.0 GiB	unavailable
U-12TB1 Metal	u-12tb1.metal	12288.0 GiB	unavailable

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Launch Failed

You have requested more instances (1) than your current instance limit of 0 allows for the specified instance type. Please visit http://aws.amazon.com/contact-us/ec2-request to request an adjustment to this limit.

Hide launch log

Creating security groups	Successful (sg-04fbed205de56f28b)
Authorizing inbound rules	Successful
Initiating launches	Failure Retry

Correspondence

Reply

Was this response helpful? Click here to rate:

Amazon Web Services

Tue Apr 30 2019
11:55:20 GMT+0300
(Israel Daylight Time)

I am following up to notify you that we've received your limit increase request.

I see that you have requested the following:
[US_EAST_1]: EC2 Instances / Instance Limit (i3.metal), New Limit = 2

This specific limit increase request requires further internal review before approval and I have initiated the review at this time. Please note that this can take some time to complete. We will notify you as soon as we have an update.

I really appreciate your patience while we evaluate this limit increase request.

Niv Yungelson

Tue Apr 30 2019
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(Israel Daylight Time)

Limit increase request 1
Service: EC2 Instances
Region: US East (Northern Virginia)
Primary Instance Type: i3.metal
Limit name: Instance Limit
New limit value: 2

Use case description: Hi,
Please increase the limit of the instances I can run.
Right now it's 0.

Thanks,
Niv.

Why not?

- It provides no support for graphics or other accelerators, and no hardware pass-through, it only works with very recent kernels, and only with specific compilation options.
- Ruins the magic of serverless.

firecracker-containerd

“This repository enables the use of a container runtime, containerd, to manage Firecracker microVMs. Like traditional containers, Firecracker microVMs offer fast start-up and shut-down and minimal overhead. Unlike traditional containers, however, they can provide an additional layer of isolation via the KVM hypervisor.”

Questions?

How to use AWS Lambda Layers

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What we’re going to talk today

- Quick review on serverless
- Previously on AWS Lambda
- Anatomy of a Lambda function
- Introducing AWS Lambda Layers
- Demo
- Few ideas on best practices

What are the benefits of serverless?

No servers to provision or manage

Scales with usage

Never pay for idle

Built in availability and fault tolerance

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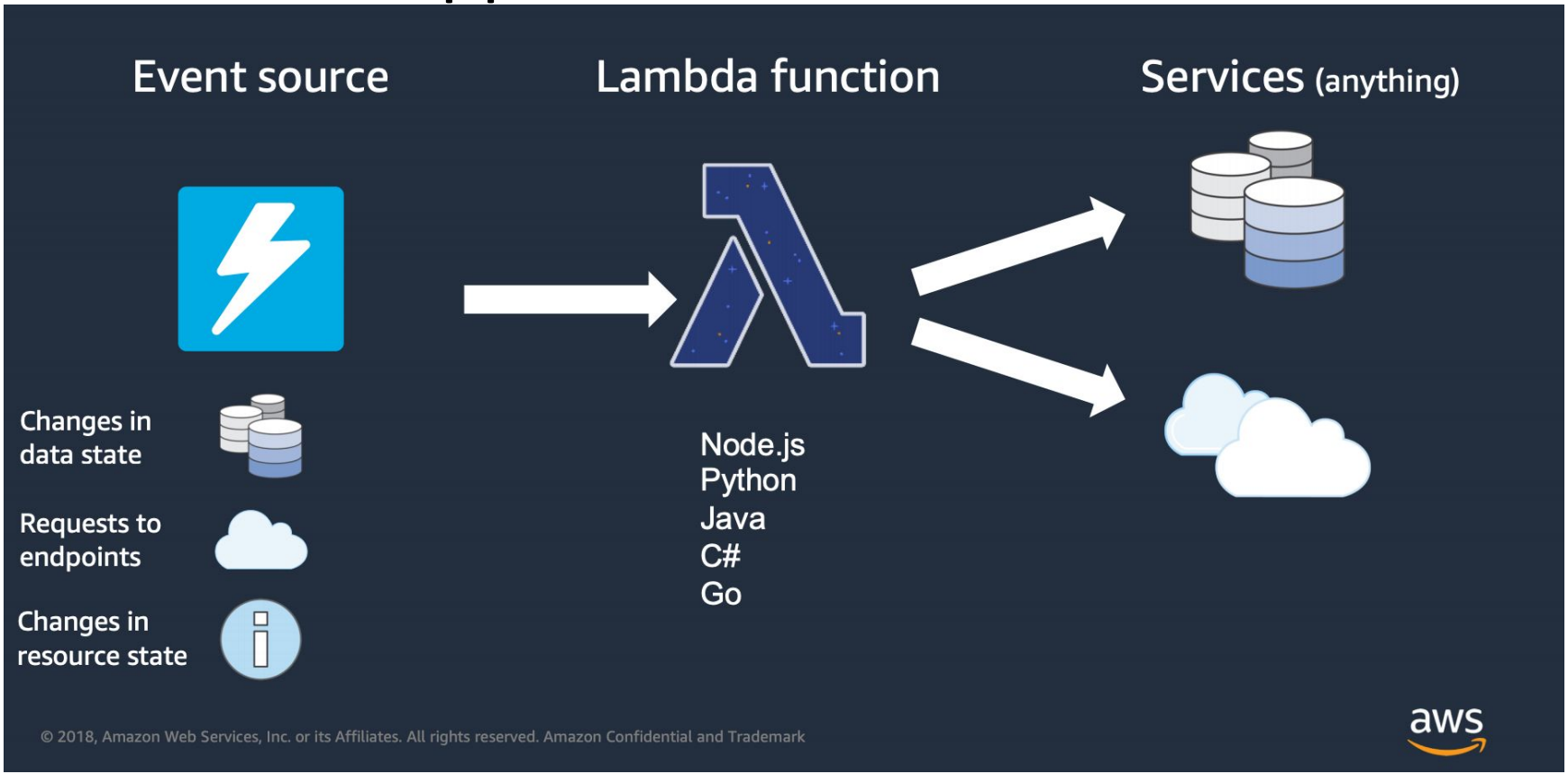
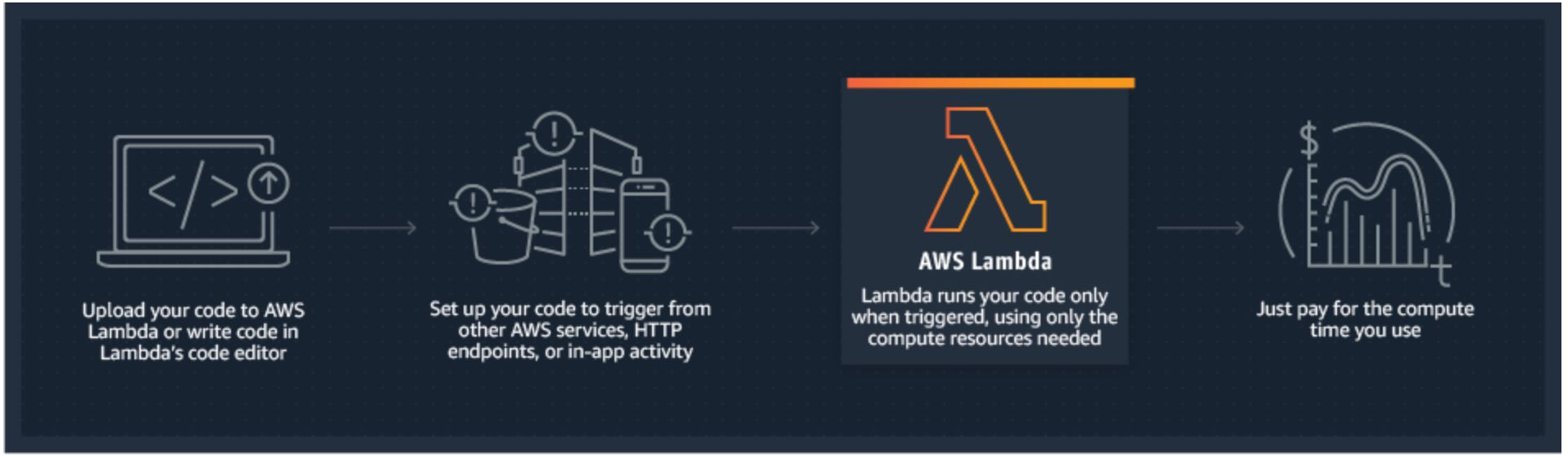
Serverless Applications



How it works


Upload your code to AWS Lambda or write code in Lambda's code editor
Set up your code to trigger from other AWS services, HTTP endpoints, or in-app activity
AWS Lambda
Lambda runs your code only when triggered, using only the compute resources needed
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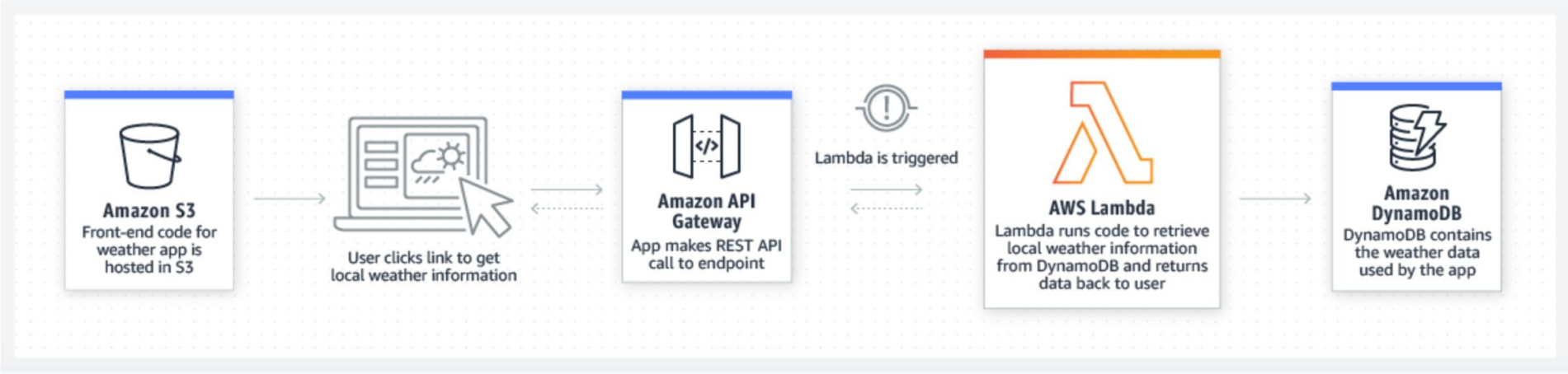
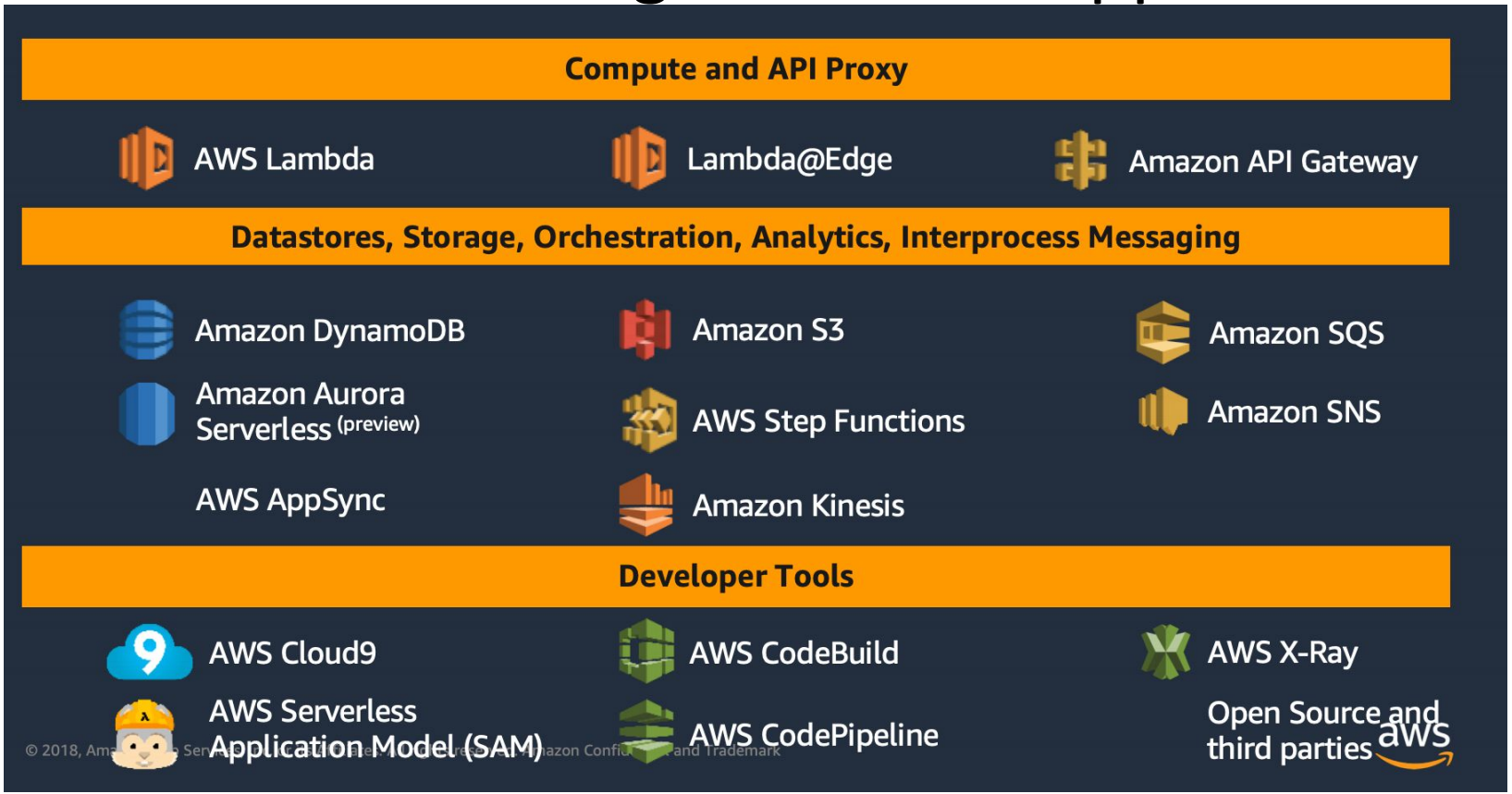
Just pay for the compute time you use

Use cases - REAL-TIME FILE PROCESSING

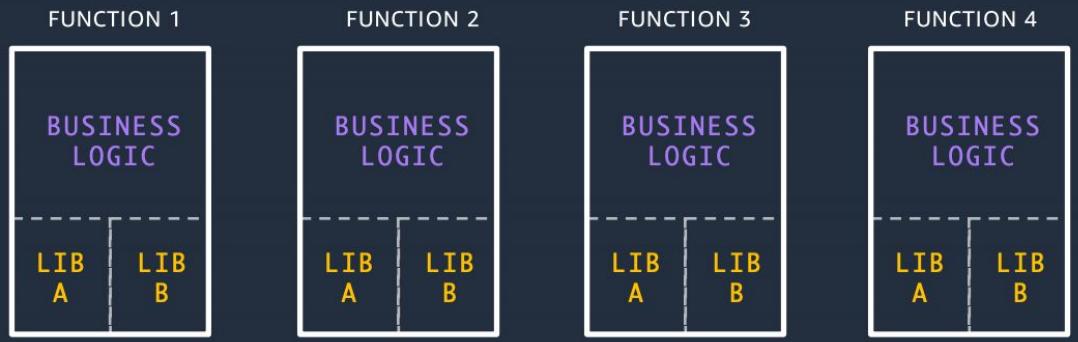
Use cases - WEB APPLICATIONS



Services for Building Serverless Applications



Previously on AWS Lambda



How?

- How about common functions?
- How to separate lib, modules, frameworks?
- How to share common libs?

Anatomy of a Lambda function

Handler() function

Function to be executed upon invocation

Event object

Data sent during Lambda function Invocation

Context object

Methods available to interact with runtime information (request ID, log group, more)

```
public String handleRequest(Book book, Context context) {
    saveBook(book);

    return book.getName() + " saved!";
}
```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Anatomy of a Lambda function

```
Function myhandler(event, context) {
    <Event handling logic> {
        result = SubfunctionA()
    }else {
        result = SubfunctionB()

    return result;
}

Function subFunctionA(thing){
 ## logic here
}
```

Functions will then grow in complexity with business logic sub-functions.

```
Function subFunctionA(thing){
 ## logic here
}
```

```
Import sdk
Import http-lib
Import ham-sandwich
```

Dependencies, configuration information and common helper functions

```
Pre-handler-secret-getter()
Pre-handler-db-connect()

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}

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}

Function Pre-handler-db-connect(){
}
```

Common helper functions

```
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 ## logic here
}

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 ## logic here
}
```
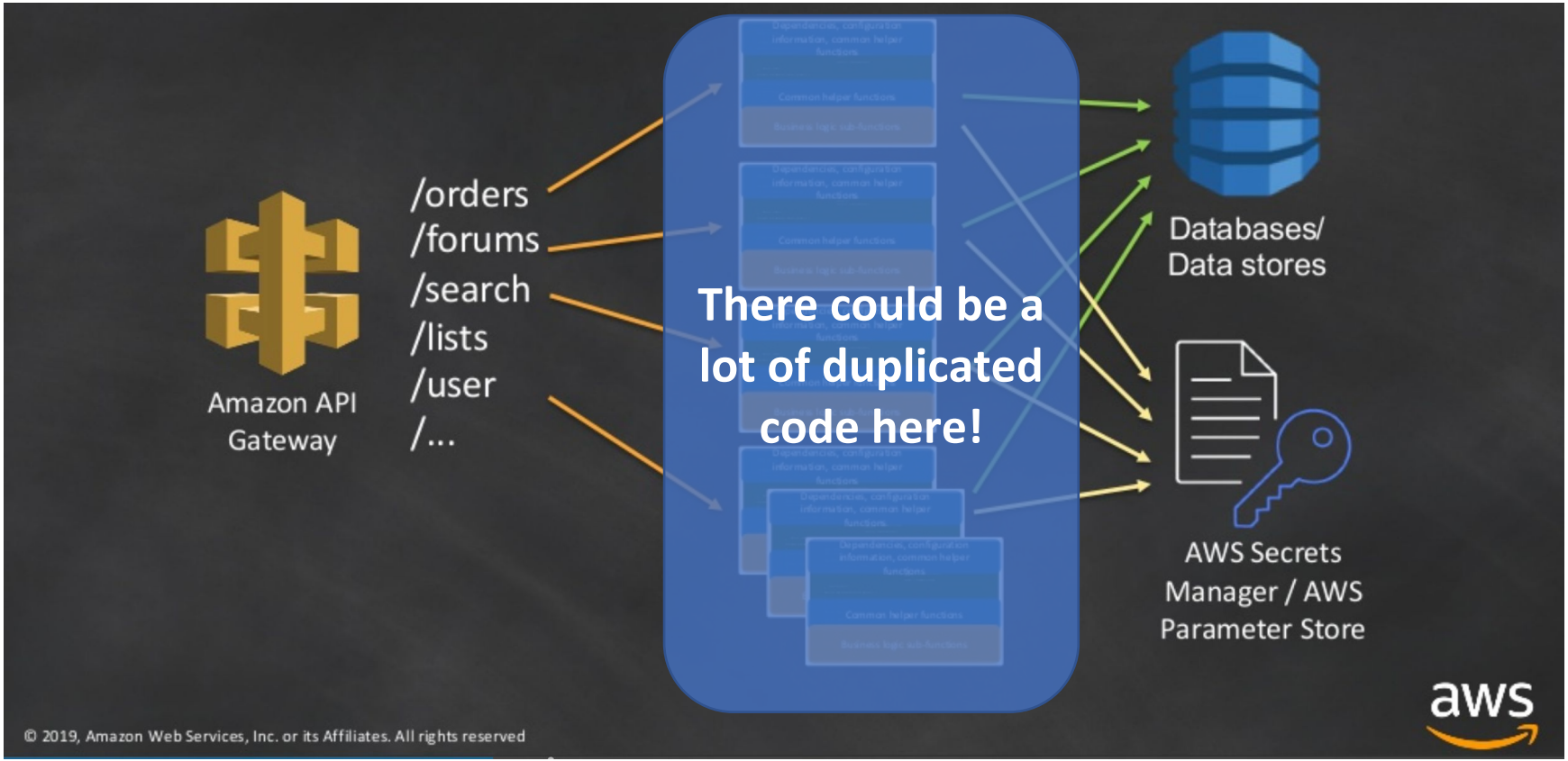
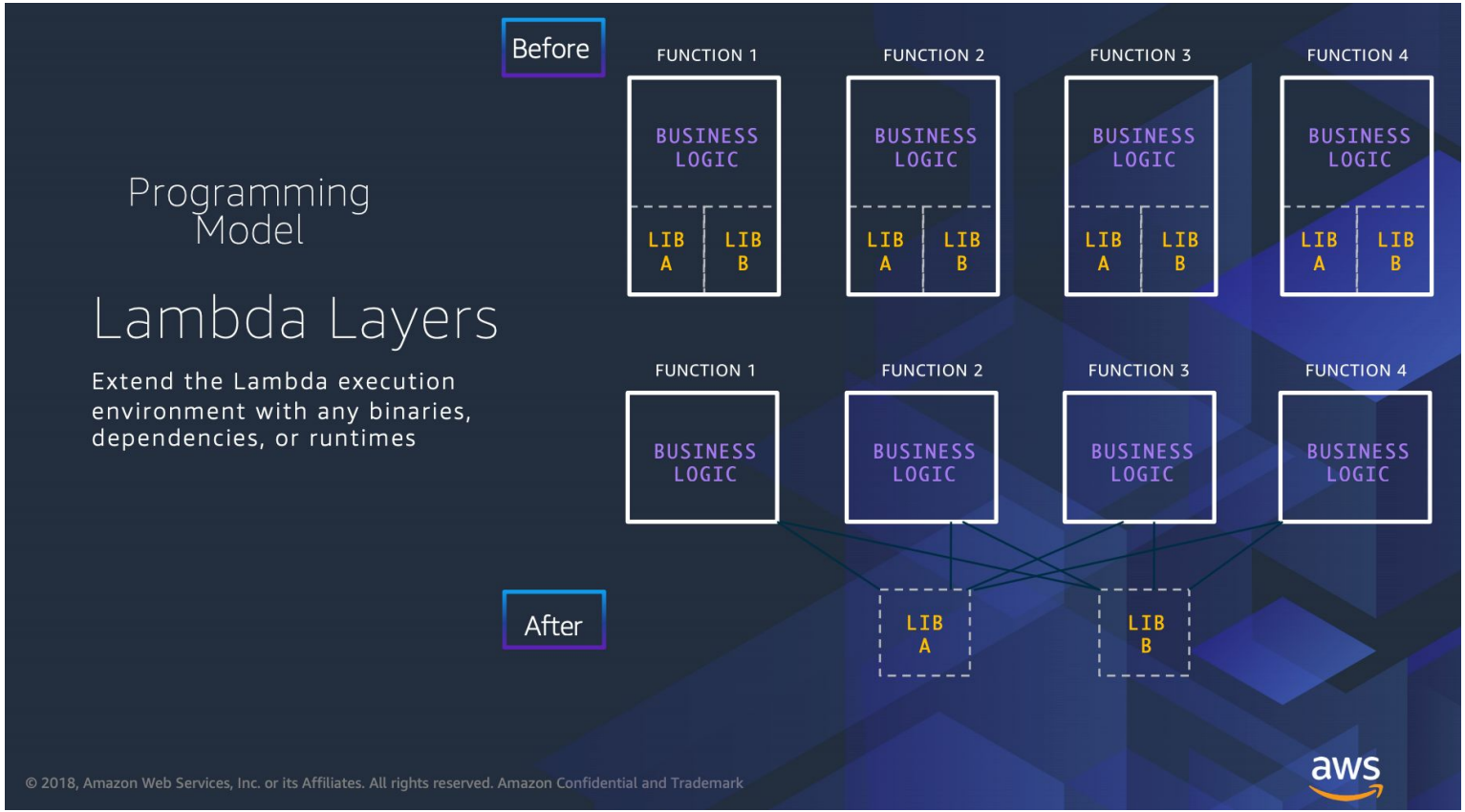

Business logic sub-functions

Anatomy of a a serverless application



Introducing AWS Lambda Layers



When you should use Lambda Layers?

- To share code between functions in the same project, use shared modules in the same repo. Shared modules are put inside a dedicated folder, depends on the runtime (Java, Python, Node.js, etc).
- To share code between functions across projects, publish the shared code as libraries to package managers such as NPM, pip or Gradle.
- To share code (or use) from/to another AWS account:
  - Datadog's Lambda Layer
  - Epsagon Node Layer
  - Epsagon Python Layer

* For other cool Lambda Layers resources: https://github.com/mthenw/awesome-layers

Including Library Dependencies in a Layer

- **Node.js** – `nodejs/node_modules`, `nodejs/node8/node_modules` (`NODE_PATH`)
  Example AWS X-Ray SDK for Node.js

```
xray-sdk.zip
└ nodejs/node_modules/aws-xray-sdk
```

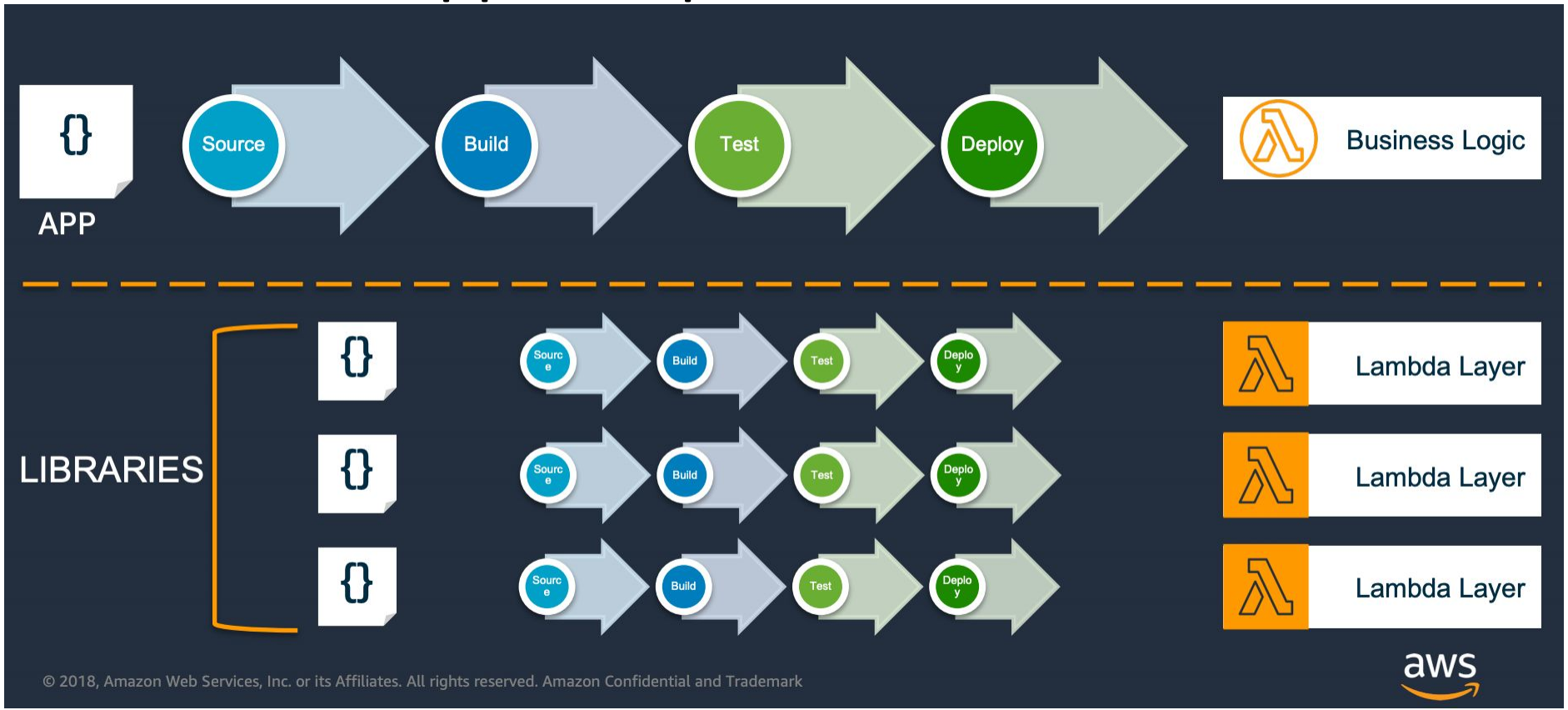
- **Python** – `python`, `python/lib/python3.7/site-packages` (site directories)
  Example Pillow

```
pillow.zip
| python/PIL
└ python/Pillow-5.3.0.dist-info
```

- **Java** – `java/lib` (classpath)
  Example Jackson

```
jackson.zip
└ java/lib/jackson-core-2.2.3.jar
```

CI/CD for App & Dependencies



Demo

https://github.com/eitansela/lmabda-layers-demo

Demo - Steps

- Write a Lambda function code
- Package Lambda function
- Write a Lambda layer code
- Package Lambda layer
- Deploy Lambda function and Lambda layer
- Attached a layer to function
- Call a method
- Verify the results

Few ideas on best practices

- Take advantage of Execution Context reuse to improve the performance of your function.
- Use AWS Lambda Environment Variables to pass operational parameters to your function – works even better with AWS Systems Manager Parameter Store.
- Control the dependencies in your function's deployment package.
- Minimize your deployment package size to its runtime necessities.
- Avoid using recursive code.
- For CI/CD – Use Serverless or SAM.
- Use Lambda Layers.

Q & A