AWS Lambda Function: Word Count in a Text File

This manual guides you through creating an AWS Lambda function to count words in a text file. It includes setting up the function, using SNS for notifications, and automating execution through S3 uploads.

Step 1: Create an AWS Lambda Function

- 1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console.
- 2. Navigate to AWS Lambda and click 'Create function'.
- 3. Choose 'Author from scratch', name the function 'WordCountFunction'.
- 4. Set runtime to Python 3.x and select 'LambdaAccessRole' as the execution role.
- 5. Click 'Create function'.

Step 2: Write the Lambda Function Code

1. In the function's code editor, replace the default code with the following:

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import json
import boto3

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    s3 = boto3.client('s3')
    sns = boto3.client('sns')
    bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
    file_key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']

    response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=file_key)
    text = response['Body'].read().decode('utf-8')
    word_count = len(text.split())

    message = f"The word count in the {file_key} file is {word_count}."

        sns.publish(TopicArn='your-sns-topic-arn', Message=message, Subject="Word Count Result")

    return {"statusCode": 200, "body": message}
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Step 3: Configure S3 Trigger

1. Navigate to S3 and select your bucket.

- 2. Go to 'Properties' > 'Event notifications' > 'Create event'.
- 3. Set an event name and choose 'Put' as the event type.
- 4. Select 'Lambda Function' as the destination and link it to your Lambda function.
- 5. Save the changes.

Step 4: Test the Function

- 1. Upload a sample text file to your S3 bucket.
- 2. Check CloudWatch Logs for execution details.
- 3. Verify that you received an SNS email notification.

Conclusion

Your AWS Lambda function is now configured to automatically count words in uploaded files and send notifications via SNS.