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# Data modeling with Amazon DynamoDB in 60 minutes

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# What is Amazon DynamoDB?

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NoSQL database

Fully managed by AWS

HTTPS with AWS IAM auth

Fast, consistent performance as it scales

# Hyper-scale

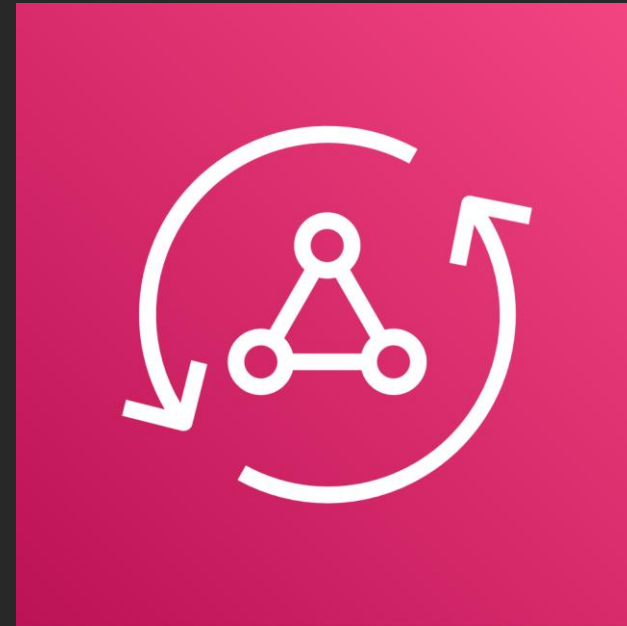


# lyft

# Hyper-ephemeral compute



**AWS Lambda**



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# Key concepts

# Concepts

- Table
- Item
- Primary key
- Attributes

Primary Key	Attributes		
SessionId			
01c1093b-7e54-4864-8d43-703e0fc1686b	Username	CreatedAt	ExpiresAt
	blackwidow	2019-05-02T22:09:08	2019-05-03T22:09:09
54ba2c29-d533-43f0-b7a6-114bcf2f003f	Username	CreatedAt	ExpiresAt
	thanos	2019-05-06T06:15:54	2019-05-07T06:15:54
f01fc912-5292-4ba1-821d-a1e05b42cdf9	Username	CreatedAt	ExpiresAt
	ironman	2019-04-26T20:38:18	2019-04-27T20:38:18
ed7d2e9e-699e-4f21-a8b4-96c607740d98	Username	CreatedAt	ExpiresAt
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# Primary key

- Simple primary key (*partition key*)
- Composite primary key (*partition key + sort key*)



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# Composite primary key

Primary Key		Attributes		
Actor (PARTITION)	Movie (SORT)			
Tom Hanks	Cast Away	Role	Year	Genre
		Chuck Noland	2000	Drama
Tom Hanks	Toy Story	Role	Year	Genre
		Woody	1995	Children's
Tim Allen	Toy Story	Role	Year	Genre
		Buzz Lightyear	1995	Children's
Natalie Portman	Black Swan	Role	Year	Genre
		Nina Sayers	2010	Drama

# API actions

- **Item-based actions**

Item-based actions – *Writing, updating, deleting*

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- **Query**

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# Query

Must  
provide  
partition  
key

May  
provide  
sort key  
conditions

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# API actions

- Item-based actions
- Query
- **Scan**

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Avoid!

Expensive  
at scale

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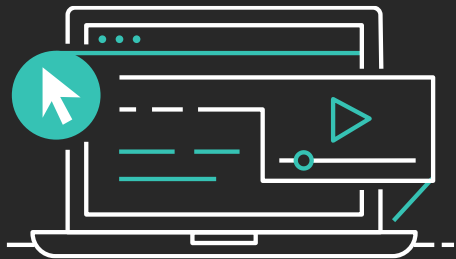
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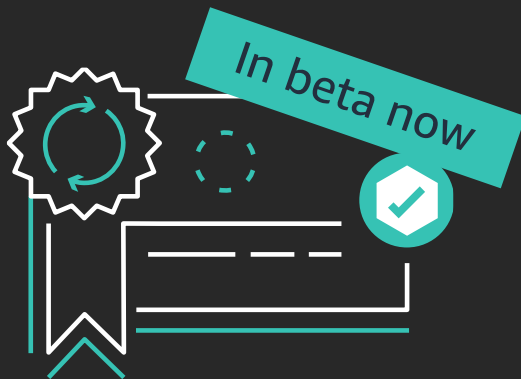
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