

Functionless batch processing with EB

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About me

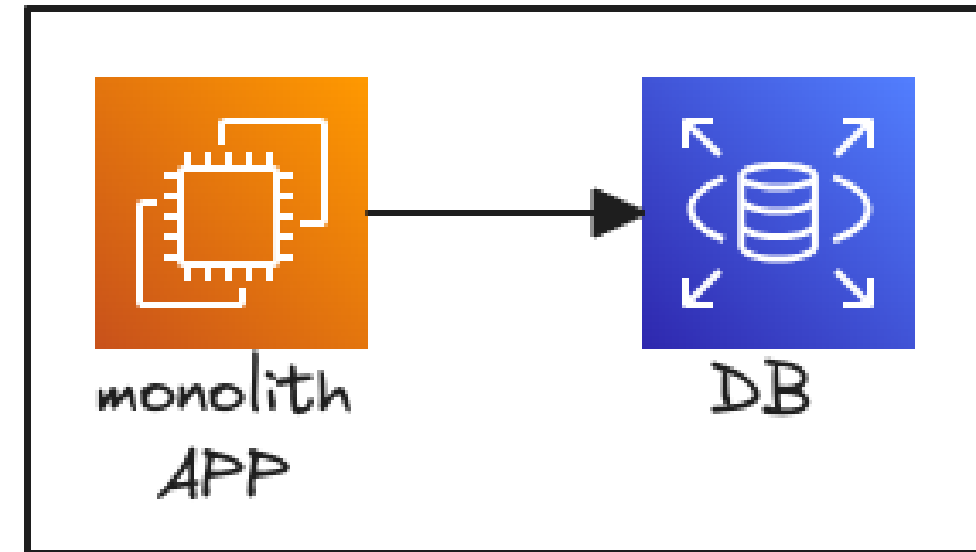
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Situation

We have a legacy monolith app running in EC2 + RDS

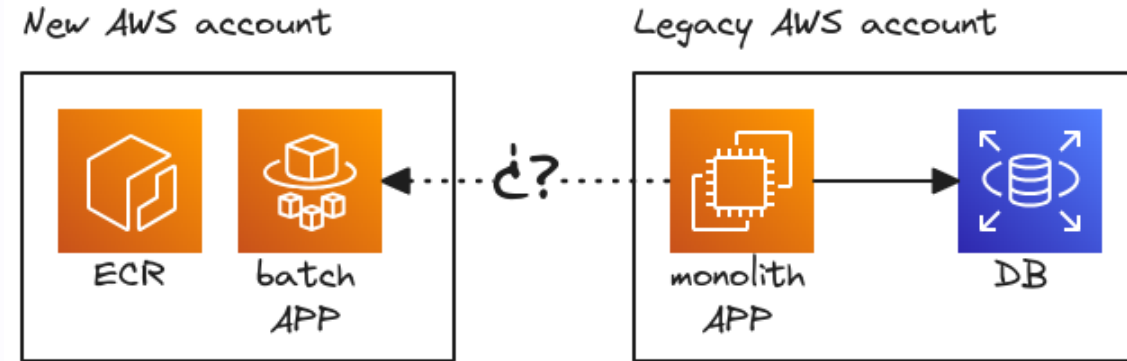
Legacy AWS account



Dockerization

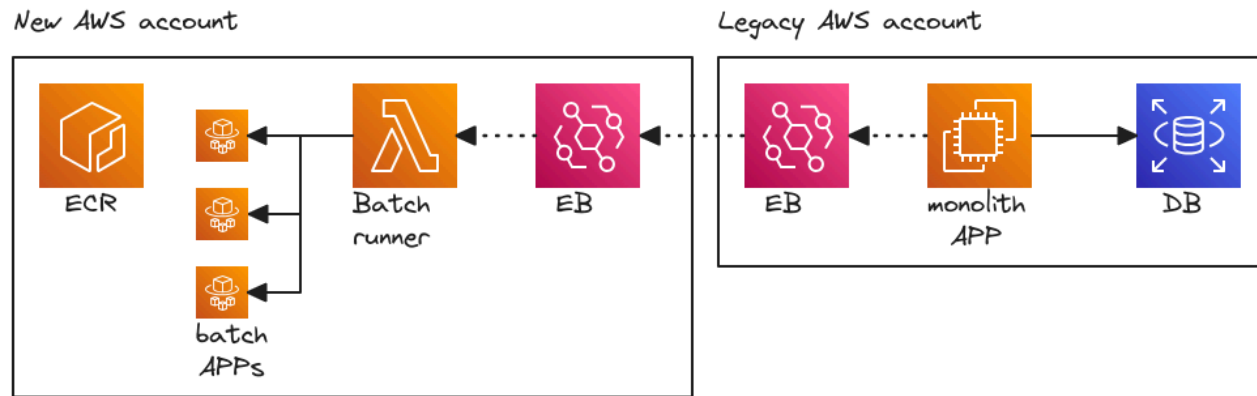
We dockerized some batch apps in a new account

How would you trigger those apps from the monolith? 🤔




What we did


We decide to trigger
batches based on
events



```
1 public async Task RunBatch(EventData detail, string traceId)
2 {
3     var ecsConfig = await _configProvider.GetConfig(detail, traceId);
4     var request = new RunTaskRequest
5     {
6         Cluster = ecsConfig.ClusterName,
7         TaskDefinition = ecsConfig.TaskDefinition,
8         NetworkConfiguration = new NetworkConfiguration
9         {
10             ... // omitted for brevity
11         },
12         Overrides = new TaskOverride
13         {
14             ContainerOverrides = new List<ContainerOverride>
15             {
16                 new()
17                 {
18                     Name = ecsConfig.TaskDefinition,
19                     Command = ecsConfig.CommandParams,
20                     Environment = ecsConfig.EnvironmentVariables
21                         .Select(source => new EcsKeyValuePair() { Name = source.Key, Value = source.Value })
22                         .ToList()
23                 }
24             }
25         }
26     };
27
28     var response = await _ecsClient.RunTaskAsync(request);
29 }
```



```
1 public async Task<EcsBatchConfig> GetConfig(EventData detail, string traceId)
2 {
3     var batchInfo = _supportedBatches.FirstOrDefault(b => b.BatchTypeId == detail.BatchTypeId);
4     if (batchInfo == null)
5         throw new NotImplementedException("Unsupported batch type");
6
7     var conf = _batchConfigurationProvider.Get(batchInfo.Id)
8     var config = new EcsBatchConfig(
9         conf.ClusterName,
10        conf.TaskDefinition,
11        ... // omitted for brevity
12        new List<string> { CommandName, CommandParamBatchTypeId, detail.BatchTypeId.ToString() }
13    );
14    config.EnvironmentVariables.Add(EnvVarTraceId, traceId); // For monitoring batch
15    if (detail.Parameters?.Any() ?? false)
16        // expose event parameters to batch
17        config.EnvironmentVariables.Add(EnvVarBatchParameters, detail.Parameters);
18    return config;
19 }
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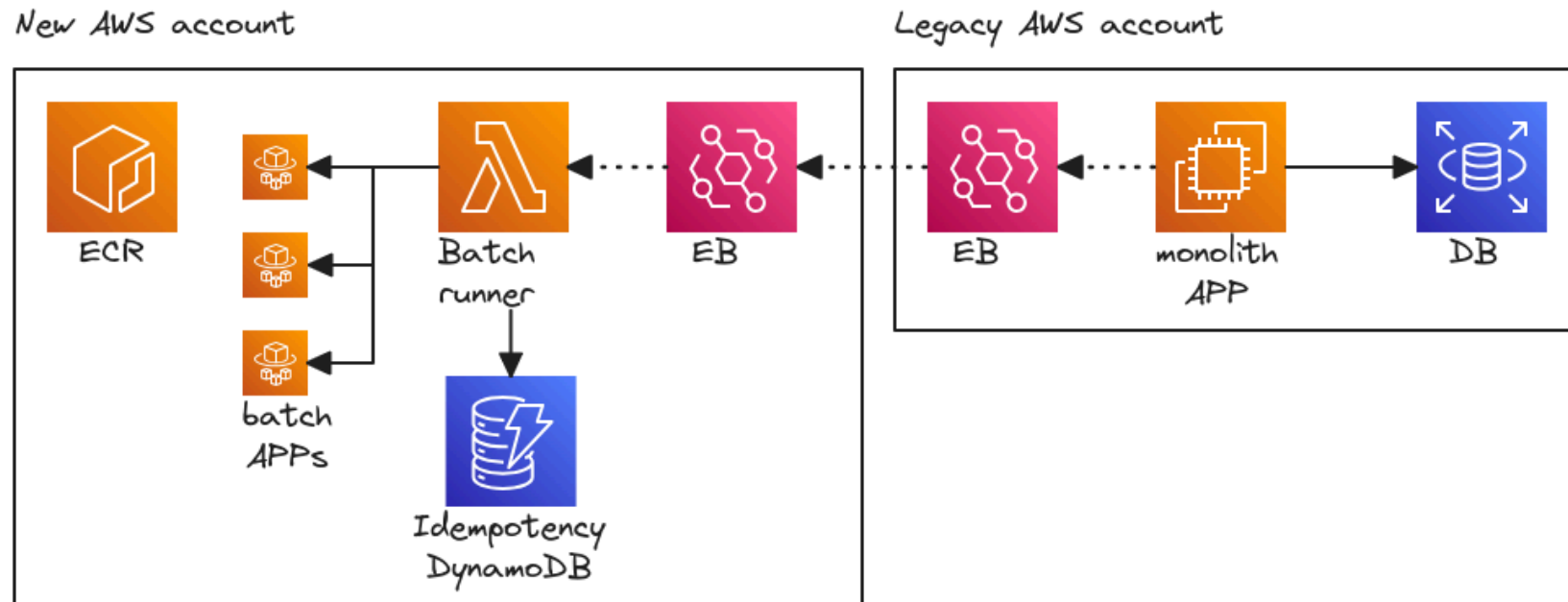
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1  execute_ecs_tasks = {  
2    effect = "Allow"  
3    actions = [  
4      "ecs:RunTask",  
5      "iam:PassRole"  
6    ]  
7    resources = ["batch-apps-*"]  
8    principals = []  
9  }  
10
```


wait

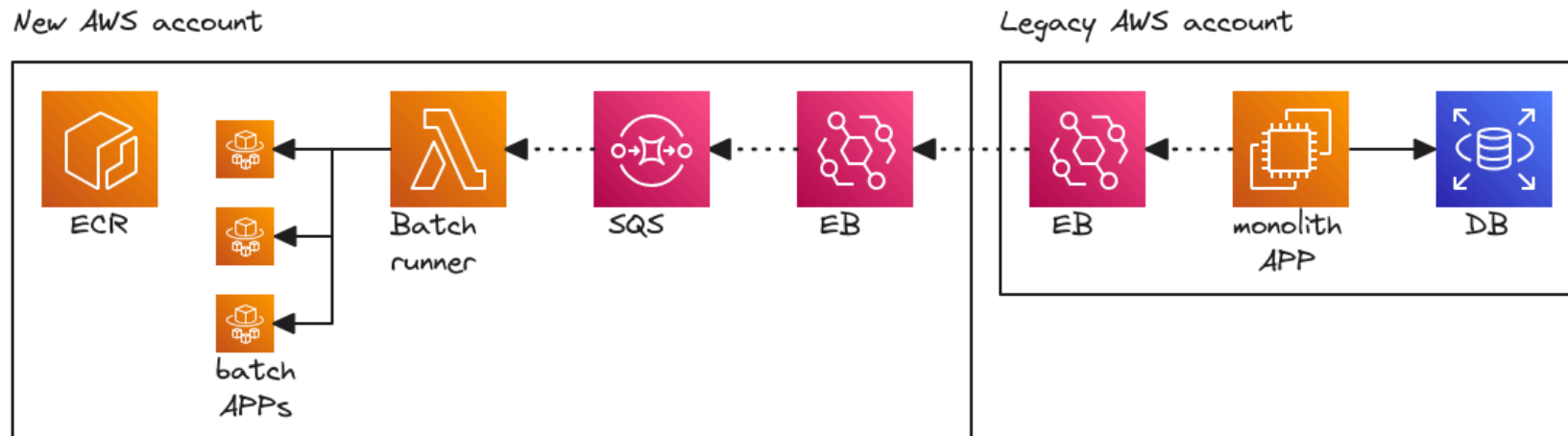
What about duplicated
events?



Idempotency with DynamoDB

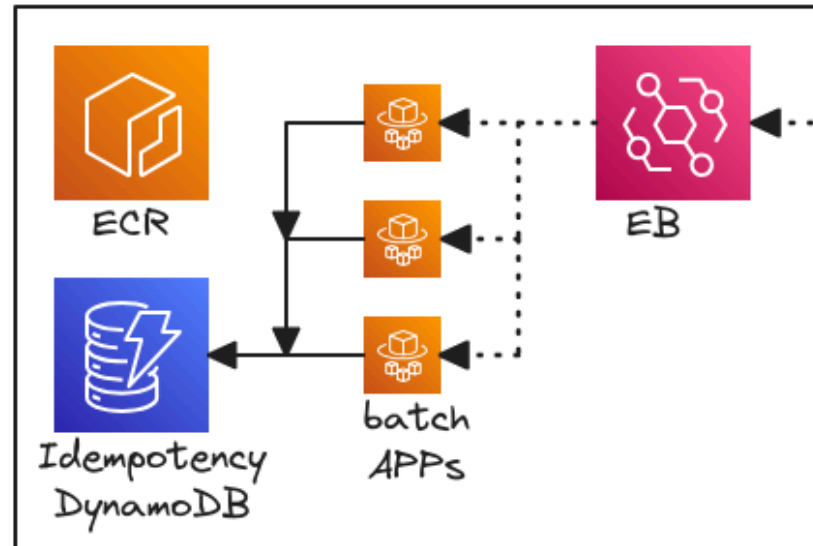


Idempotency with SQS

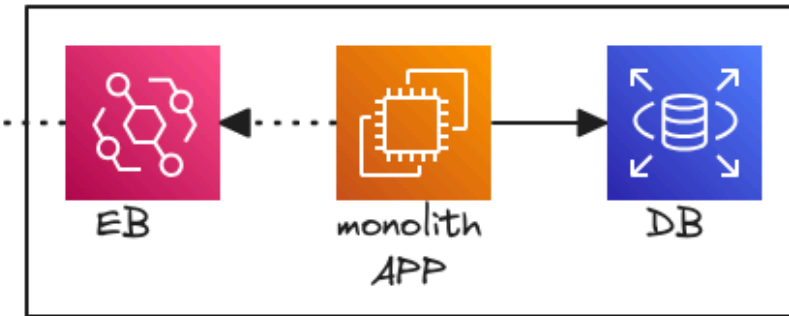


**simpler
solution?**

New AWS account



Legacy AWS account



What we learn

- lambda (+ SQS) offers more control
- EB + ECS is simpler but more expensive and adds logic to batch apps

Questions?