

AWS
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CHALLENGE LAB

AWS Lambda Exercise



WEEK 9





Overview

Your Challenge

- Create a Lambda function to count the number of words in a text file. The general steps are as follows:
 - Use the AWS Management Console to develop a Lambda function in Python and create the function's required resources.
 - Report the word count in an email by using an SNS topic. Optionally, also send the result in an SMS (text) message.
 - Format the response message as follows: **The word count in the <textFileName> file is nnn.**
 - Enter the following text as the email subject: **Word Count Result**. Automatically invoke the function when the text file is uploaded to an S3 bucket.
- Test the function by uploading a few sample text files with different word counts to the S3 bucket.
- Forward the email that one of your tests produces and a screenshot of your Lambda function to your instructor.

Topics covered

- Create a Lambda function.
- Configure an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket to invoke a Lambda function when a text file is uploaded to the S3 bucket.
- Create an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic to report the word count in an email.

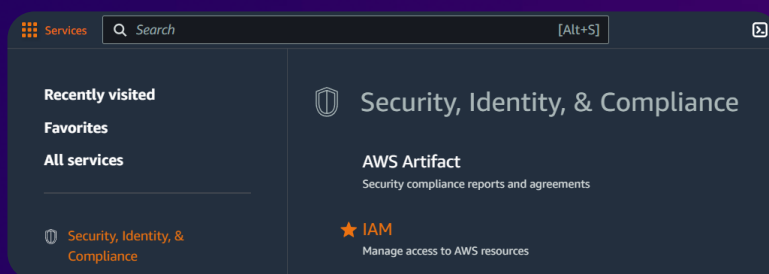


Task 1

Observing the IAM role settings

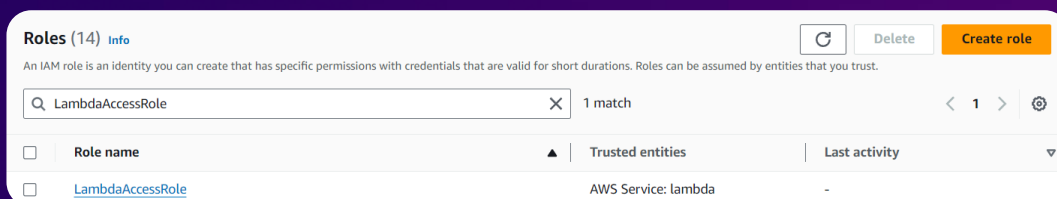
Step 1: Access the AWS Management Console

Open the AWS Management Console, and select IAM.



Step 2: Review Role

Navigate to the **Roles** section, and review the **LambdaAccessRole** role.





Task 1

Observing the IAM role settings

Step 3: Review Trusted entities

Choose the **LambdaAccessRole** role, and choose the **Trust relationships** tab, and notice that `lambda.amazonaws.com` is listed as a trusted entity, which means that the Lambda service can use this role.

Trusted entities Edit trust policy

Entities that can assume this role under specified conditions.

```
1 {  
2   "Version": "2012-10-17",  
3   "Statement": [  
4     {  
5       "Effect": "Allow",  
6       "Principal": {  
7         "Service": "lambda.amazonaws.com"  
8       },  
9       "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"  
10    }  
11  ]  
12 }
```

Step 4: Review Permissions policies

Choose the **Permissions** tab, and review the four permissions policies assigned to the **LambdaAccessRole** role.

Permissions policies (4) Info Refresh Simulate Remove Add permissions

You can attach up to 10 managed policies.

Filter by Type All types < 1 > Settings

<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy name	Type	Attached entities
<input type="checkbox"/>	AmazonS3FullAccess	AWS managed	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	AmazonSNSFullAccess	AWS managed	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole	AWS managed	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	CloudWatchFullAccess	AWS managed	1

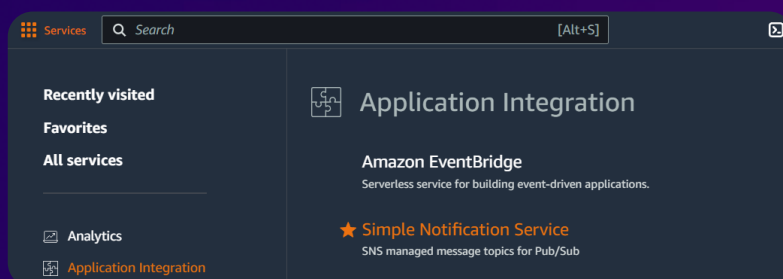


Task 2

Configuring notifications

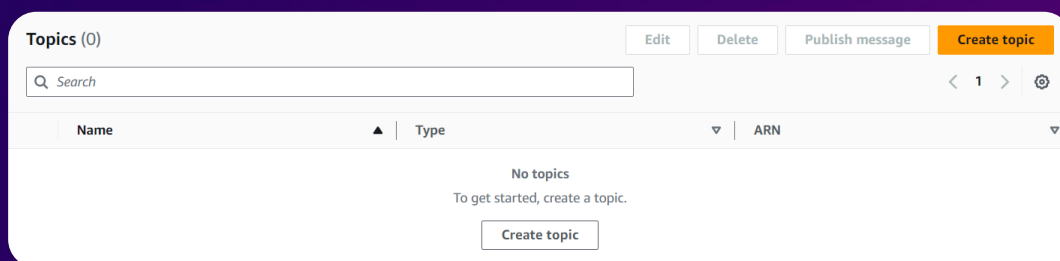
Step 1: Access the Simple Notification Service

In the AWS Management Console, select Simple Notification Service.



Step 2: Create topic

Navigate to the **Topics** section, and select [Create topic](#).





Task 2

Configuring notifications

Step 3: Topic Details

In the **Details** section, configure the following settings.

Details

Type [Info](#)

☒ **Standard**

- Best-effort message ordering
- At-least once message delivery
- Highest throughput in publishes/second
- Subscription protocols: SQS, Lambda, HTTP, SMS, email, mobile application endpoints

Name

wordCountTopic

Display name - optional [Info](#)

To use this topic with SMS subscriptions, enter a display name.

WCTopic

Step 4: Review Topic Creation

Review the newly created **wordCountTopic**, and make note of the ARN value.

Topics (1) [Edit](#) [Delete](#) [Publish message](#) [Create topic](#)

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Name	Type	ARN
wordCountTopic	Standard	arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:767397698918:wordCountTopic



Task 2

Configuring notifications

Step 5: Create subscriptions

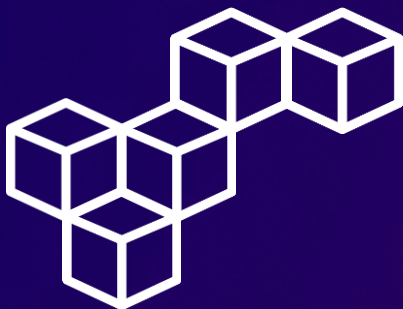
Navigate to the **Subscriptions** section, and select [Create subscription](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Subscriptions' page in the AWS IAM console. At the top, there are buttons for 'Edit', 'Delete', 'Request confirmation', 'Confirm subscription', and a prominent orange 'Create subscription' button. Below these is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search'. A table header is visible with columns: ID, Endpoint, Status, Protocol, and Topic. The table body is empty, displaying the message 'No subscriptions found' and a 'Create subscription' button at the bottom.

Step 6: Create Email Subscription

In the **Details** section, configure the following settings.

The screenshot shows the 'Details' section of the subscription configuration. It includes three fields: 'Topic ARN' with a text input containing 'arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:767397698918:wordCountTopic' and a clear button; 'Protocol' with a dropdown menu set to 'Email'; and 'Endpoint' with a text input containing 'cristhianbecerra99@gmail.com'. A small note below the endpoint field states: 'An email address that can receive notifications from Amazon SNS.'

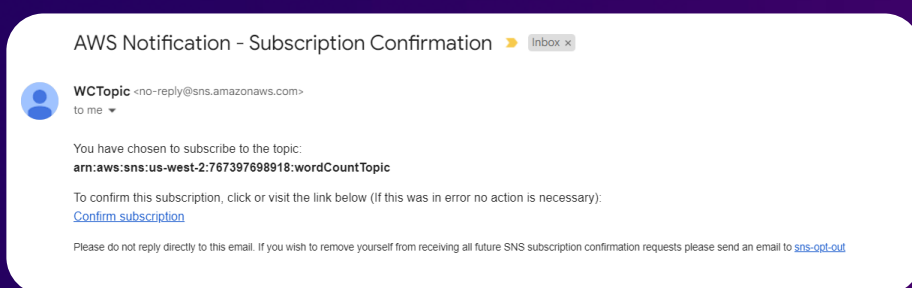


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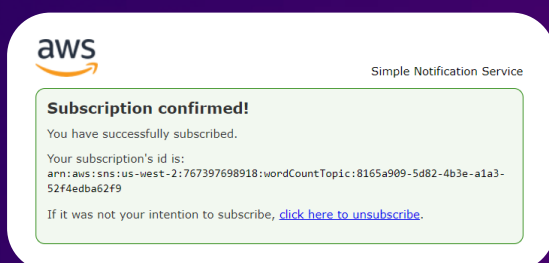
Step 7: Check your email inbox

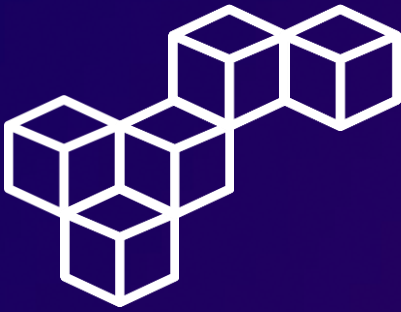
Check the inbox for the email address that you provided. You should see an email from WCTopic with the subject "AWS Notification - Subscription Confirmation."



Step 8: Confirm Email subscription

Choose [Confirm subscription](#). A new browser tab opens and displays a page with the message "Subscription confirmed!".





Task 2

Configuring notifications

Step 9: Create SMS subscription

In the **Subscriptions** section, select [Create subscription](#). In the **Details** section, configure the following settings.

Details

Topic ARN

arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:767397698918:wordCountTopic

Protocol

The type of endpoint to subscribe

SMS

Endpoint

A mobile number that can receive notifications from Amazon SNS.

+51951634354

Step 10: Review your Subscriptions

In the **Subscriptions** section, review your two new subscriptions.

Subscriptions (2)						
<div>Search</div>						
<div><div>EditDeleteRequest confirmationConfirm subscriptionCreate subscription</div></div>						
<div>< 1 > ⚙</div>						
ID	Endpoint	Status	Protocol	Topic		
<div><div></div>8165a909-5d82-4b3e-...</div>	cristhianbecerra99@gmail.com	<div><div></div>Confirmed</div>	EMAIL	wordCountTopic		
<div><div></div>02b95066-893d-4e05-...</div>	+51951634354	<div><div></div>Confirmed</div>	SMS	wordCountTopic		

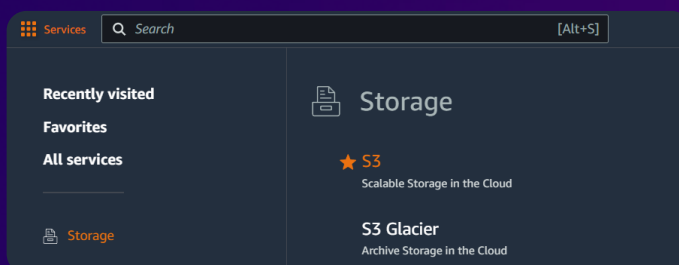


Task 3

Creating the S3 bucket

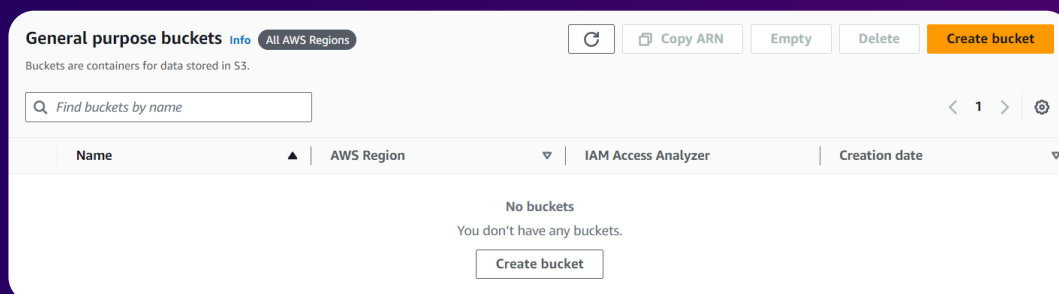
Step 1: Access the Amazon S3 Console

In the AWS Management Console, select S3.



Step 2: Create bucket

Navigate to the **Buckets** section, and select [Create bucket](#).





Task 3

Creating the S3 bucket

Step 3: General configuration

In the **General configuration** section, configure the following settings.

General configuration

AWS Region

US West (Oregon) us-west-2

Bucket type

[Info](#)

☒ General purpose

Recommended for most use cases and access patterns. General purpose buckets are the original S3 bucket type. They allow a mix of storage classes that redundantly store objects across multiple Availability Zones.

Bucket name

[Info](#)

wordcount.bucket

Step 4: Unblock public access

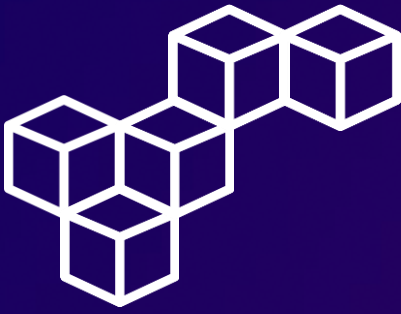
In the **Block Public Access settings for this bucket** section, **uncheck** Block all public access.

Block Public Access settings for this bucket

Public access is granted to buckets and objects through access control lists (ACLs), bucket policies, access point policies, or all. In order to ensure that public access to this bucket and its objects is blocked, turn on Block all public access. These settings apply only to this bucket and its access points. AWS recommends that you turn on Block all public access, but before applying any of these settings, ensure that your applications will work correctly without public access. If you require some level of public access to this bucket or objects within, you can customize the individual settings below to suit your specific storage use cases. [Learn more](#)

☐ Block all public access

Turning this setting on is the same as turning on all four settings below. Each of the following settings are independent of one another.

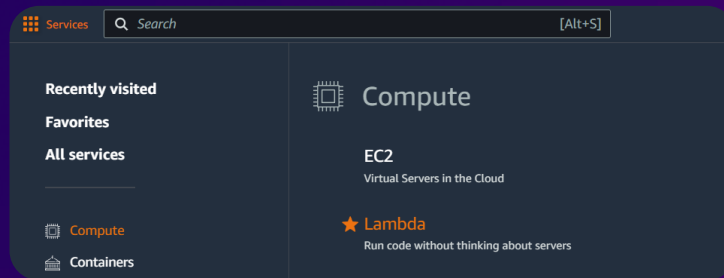


Task 4

Creating the wordCount Lambda function

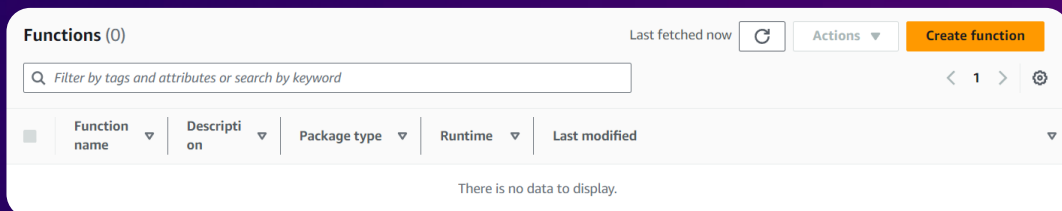
Step 1: Access the Lambda service

In the AWS Management Console, select Lambda.



Step 2: Create function

Navigate to the **Functions** section, and select [Create function](#).





Task 4

Creating the wordCount Lambda function

Step 3: Basic information

In the **Create function** page, select [Author from scratch](#), and configure the following settings in the **Basic information** section.

Basic information

Function name

Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.

wordCount

Runtime [Info](#)

Choose the language to use to write your function.

Python 3.10

▼ Change default execution role

Execution role

Choose a role that defines the permissions of your function.

☒ Use an existing role

Existing role

Choose an existing role that you've created to be used with this Lambda function. The role must have permission to upload logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs.

LambdaAccessRole

[View the LambdaAccessRole role](#) on the IAM console.


Step 4: Add trigger


In the **Function overview** panel, choose [Add trigger](#).

▼ Function overview [Info](#)

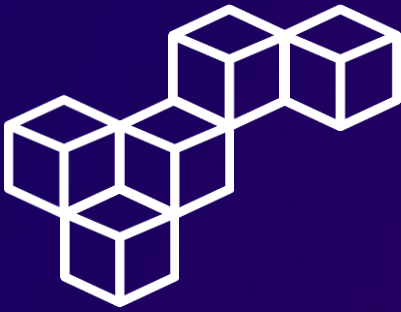
Diagram

Template

 wordCount

 Layers (0)

+ Add trigger




Task 4

Creating the wordCount Lambda function

Step 5: Trigger configuration

In the **Trigger configuration** section, configure the following settings.

Trigger configuration [Info](#)

 **S3**

aws asynchronous storage

Bucket
Choose or enter the ARN of an S3 bucket that serves as the event source. The bucket must be in the same region as the function.
 [×](#)
Bucket region: us-west-2

Event types
Select the events that you want to have trigger the Lambda function. You can optionally set up a prefix or suffix for an event. However, for each bucket, individual events cannot have multiple configurations with overlapping prefixes or suffixes that could match the same object key.

All object create events [×](#)

Suffix - optional
Enter a single optional suffix to limit the notifications to objects with keys that end with matching characters.


Step 6: Review Function overview


The new trigger is created and displayed in the **Function overview** panel.


Function overview [Info](#)

Diagram

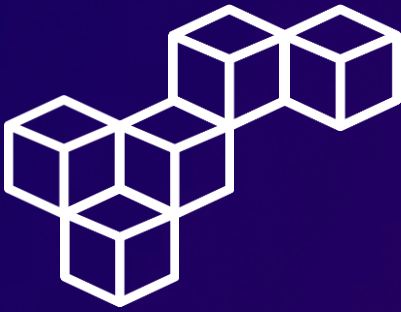
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Creating the wordCount Lambda function

Step 7: Edit Runtime settings

In the **Runtime settings** panel, choose [Edit](#).

Runtime settings [Info](#)

[Edit](#)[Edit runtime management configuration](#)

Runtime Python 3.10	Handler Info lambda_function.lambda_handler	Architecture Info x86_64
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▶ Runtime management configuration

Step 8: Handler

In the **Runtime settings** section, configure the following handler.

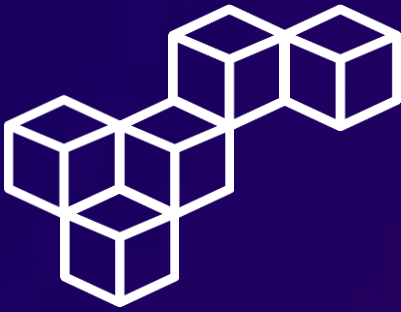
Runtime settings [Info](#)

Runtime
Choose the language to use to write your function.

Python 3.10 ▼

Handler [Info](#)

wordCount.lambda_handler



Task 4

Creating the wordCount Lambda function

Step 9: Edit Environment variables

Choose the **Configuration** tab, and choose **Environment variables**. Choose [Edit](#).

Environment variables

Edit

Find environment variables

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Key	Value
No environment variables	
No environment variables associated with this function.	
Edit	

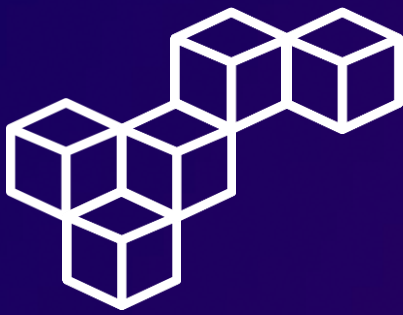
Step 10: Environment variables

In the **Environment variables** section, configure the following options.

Environment variables

You can define environment variables as key-value pairs that are accessible from your function code. These are useful to store configuration settings without the need to change function code. [Learn more](#)

Key	Value
topicARN	arn:aws:sns:us-west-2:76739769891

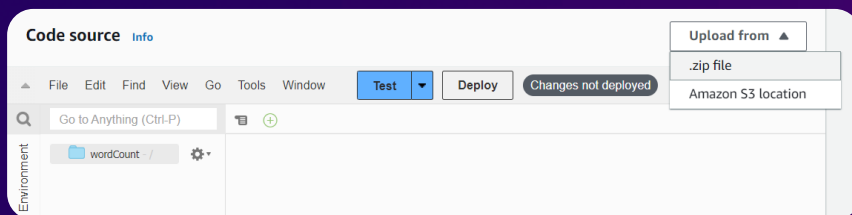


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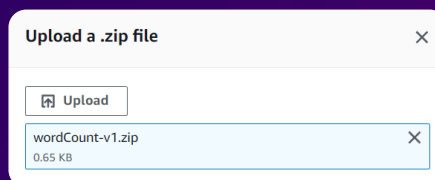
Step 11: Upload Code source

In the **Code source** panel, choose [Upload from](#), and select [.zip file](#).



Step 12: Upload a .zip file

Upload the .zip file containing the .py file with your Python code.





Task 4

Creating the wordCount Lambda function

Step 13: Review Code source

The Lambda function code is imported and displayed in the **Code source** panel. Review the Python code that implements the function. Read the comments included in the code to understand its logic flow.

The screenshot shows the AWS Lambda console's 'Code source' panel for a function named 'wordCount.py'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Find, View, Go, Tools, Window) and buttons for 'Test' and 'Deploy'. A search bar at the top left says 'Go to Anything (Ctrl-P)'. On the left, an 'Environment' pane shows a folder 'wordCount' containing the file 'wordCount.py'. The main area displays the Python code for the lambda_handler function, which is numbered 1 through 37. The code imports boto3, json, and os, then defines a lambda_handler function that creates S3 and SNS clients, retrieves a file from S3, counts its words, and publishes the result to SNS.

```
1 import boto3
2 import json
3 import os
4
5 def lambda_handler(event, context):
6
7     # Create the S3 and SNS clients.
8
9     s3Client = boto3.client('s3')
10    snsClient = boto3.client('sns')
11
12    # Retrieve the S3 Bucket and key.
13
14    bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
15    key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
16
17    # Determine the text file word count.
18
19    data = s3Client.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=key)
20    contents = data['Body'].read()
21    total_words = contents.split()
22    count = len(total_words)
23
24    # Publish the message to the topic.
25
26    response = snsClient.publish(
27        TopicArn = os.environ['topicARN'],
28        Message = "The word count in the " + key + " file is " + str(count) + ".",
29        Subject = 'Word Count Result'
30    )
31
32    # Return a successful function execution message.
33
34    return {
35        'statusCode': 200,
36        'body': json.dumps('Text File Word Count sent.')
37    }
```

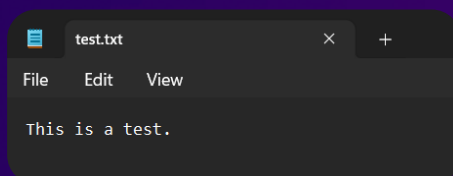


Task 5

Testing the wordCount Lambda function

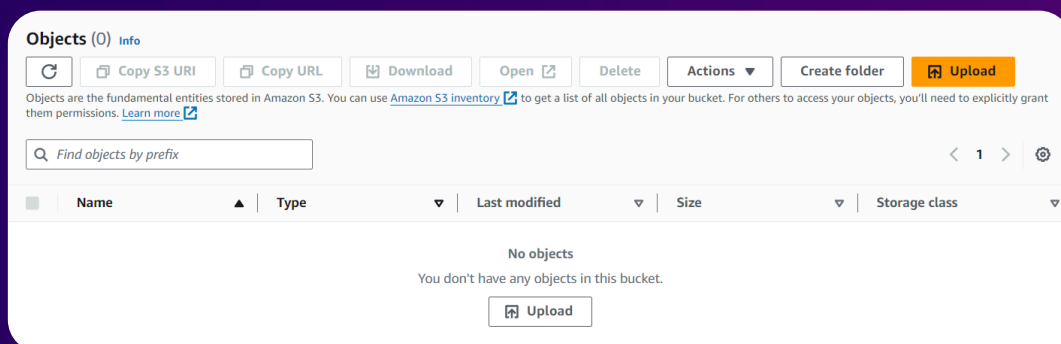
Step 1: Create a sample .txt file

Create a sample .txt file. For this test, the sample file named test.txt contains 4 words.



Step 2: Upload objects

In the S3 Console, navigate to the **Buckets** section, choose the **wordcount.bucket**, and in the **Objects** panel, select **Upload**.



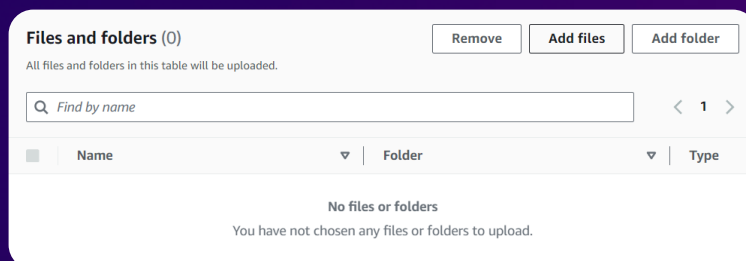


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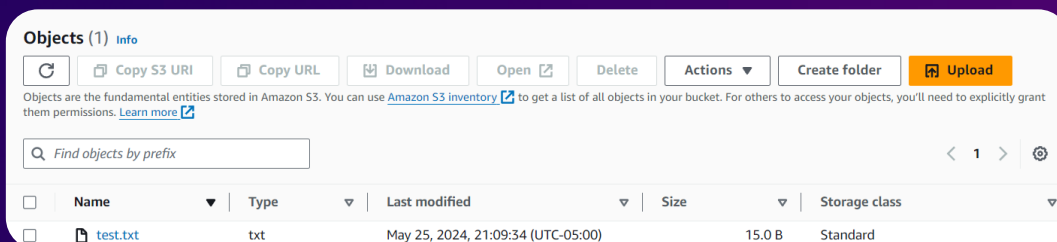
Step 3: Add files to upload

In the **Files and folders** section, select [Add files](#), and choose the test.txt file.



Step 4: Review uploaded objects

Review the uploaded text file in the **Objects** panel.



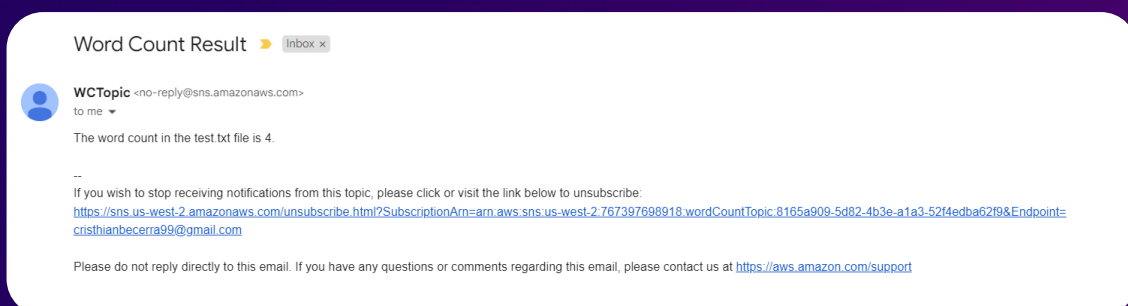


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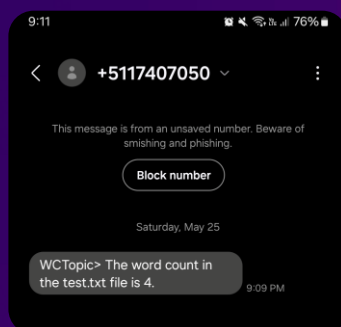
Step 5: Check your Email inbox

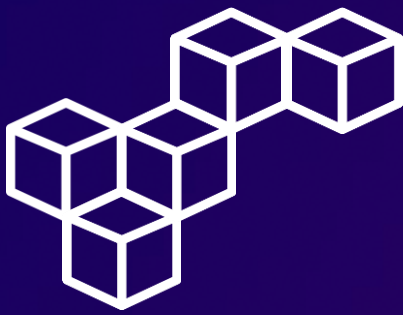
If there were no errors, you should see a new email from AWS Notifications with the subject "Word Count Result."



Step 6: Check your SMS messages

If there were no errors, you should see a new SMS message from AWS Notifications starting with "WCTopic>".





Conclusions

AWS Lambda

AWS Lambda allows you to run code without provisioning or managing servers, enabling scalable and cost-effective computing with automatic scaling and high availability.

Lambda Function

A Lambda function is a self-contained piece of code written in a supported language, executed in response to specific triggers, events, or conditions.

Runtime

The runtime provides the execution environment for Lambda functions, including the necessary libraries, dependencies, and runtime languages like Node.js, Python, or Java.

Execution Role

The execution role in AWS Lambda is an IAM role that grants the function permissions to interact with other AWS services, ensuring secure and controlled access to resources during function execution.

Triggers

Triggers are event sources that invoke Lambda functions, such as changes in data state in DynamoDB, updates in an S3 bucket, or messages in an SQS queue, enabling event-driven architecture.



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