

Building a Serverless Web Application

Objective: Create a serverless web application using AWS Lambda, API Gateway, S3, and DynamoDB.

Approach:

- **Set Up Backend:** Create Lambda functions to handle backend logic. These functions will interact with a DynamoDB table for data storage.
- **API Gateway:** Set up API Gateway to create RESTful endpoints that trigger the Lambda functions.
- **Frontend Hosting:** Host a static website on S3 that interacts with the backend via API Gateway.
- **Integration:** Ensure that the frontend can successfully send requests to the backend and display responses.

Goal: Understand the basics of building and connecting serverless backend services with a static frontend, enabling a fully serverless web application.

1. First of all, we have to create a function by selecting Lambda from services.

Basic information

Function name

Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.

serverless_test

Use only letters, numbers, hyphens, or underscores with no spaces.

Runtime [Info](#)

Choose the language to use to write your function. Note that the console code editor supports only Node.js, Python, and Ruby.

Python 3.12

Architecture [Info](#)

Choose the instruction set architecture you want for your function code.

☒ x86_64

☐ arm64

Permissions [Info](#)

By default, Lambda will create an execution role with permissions to upload logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. You can customize this default role later when adding triggers.

▼ Change default execution role

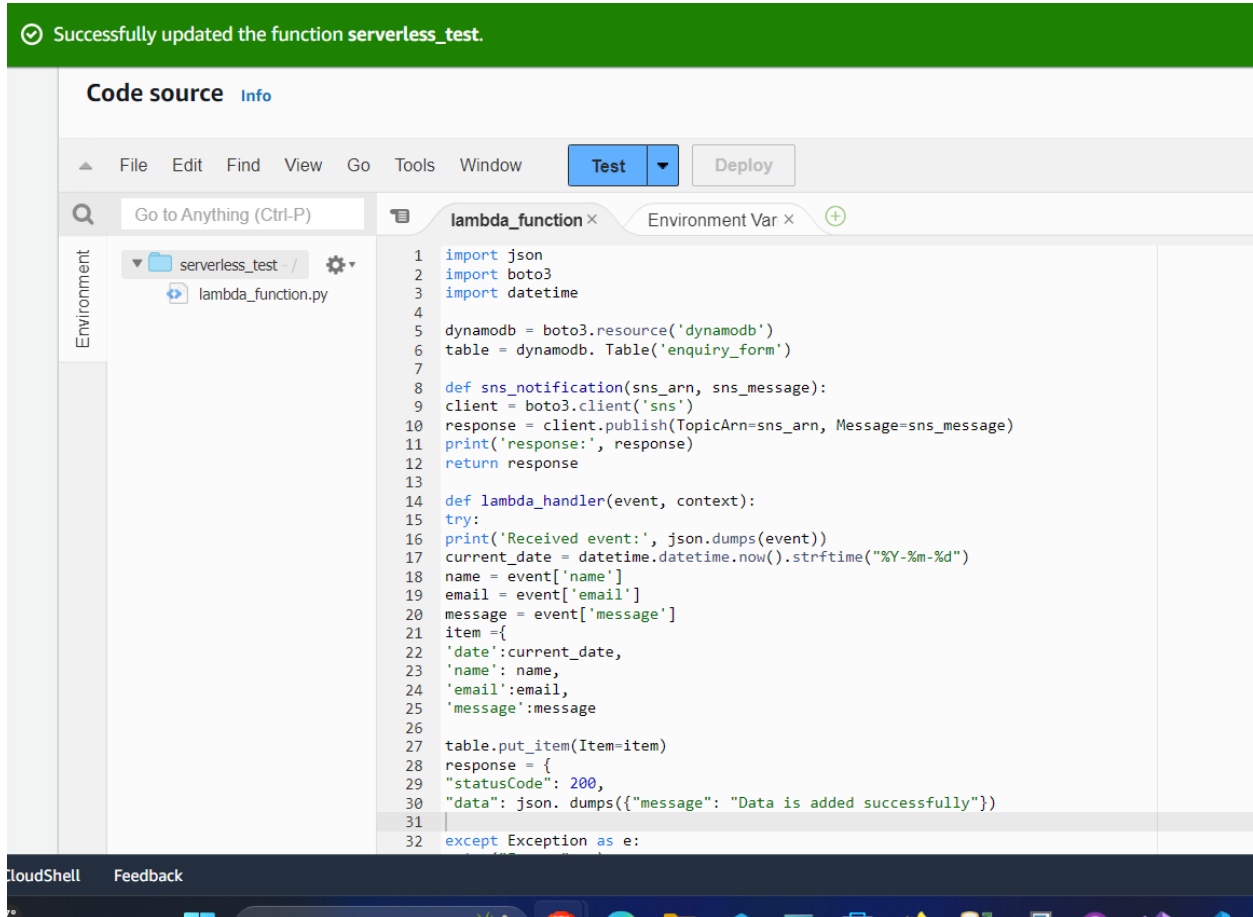
Execution role

Choose a role that defines the permissions of your function. To create a custom role, go to the [IAM console](#).

☐ Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions

☒ Use an existing role

2. Then use a code and deploy that.



3. Go to API gateway and build and new REST API

REST API

Develop a REST API where you gain complete control over the request and response along with API management capabilities.

Works with the following:

Lambda, HTTP, AWS Services

Import

Build

✓ Successfully created REST API 'api test (m66dmztqxl)' ✕

[API Gateway](#) > [APIs](#) >

Resources - api test (m66dmztqxl)

Resources

API actions ▼

Deploy API

4. Now create a new resource for the apis

✓ Successfully created REST API 'api test (m66dmztqxl)' >

[API Gateway](#) > [APIs](#) > [Resources - api test \(m66dmztqxl\)](#) > [Create resource](#)

Create resource

Resource details

☐ Proxy resource [Info](#)
Proxy resources handle requests to all sub-resources. To create a proxy resource use a path parameter that ends with a plus sign, for example {proxy+}.

Resource path

/ ▼

Resource name

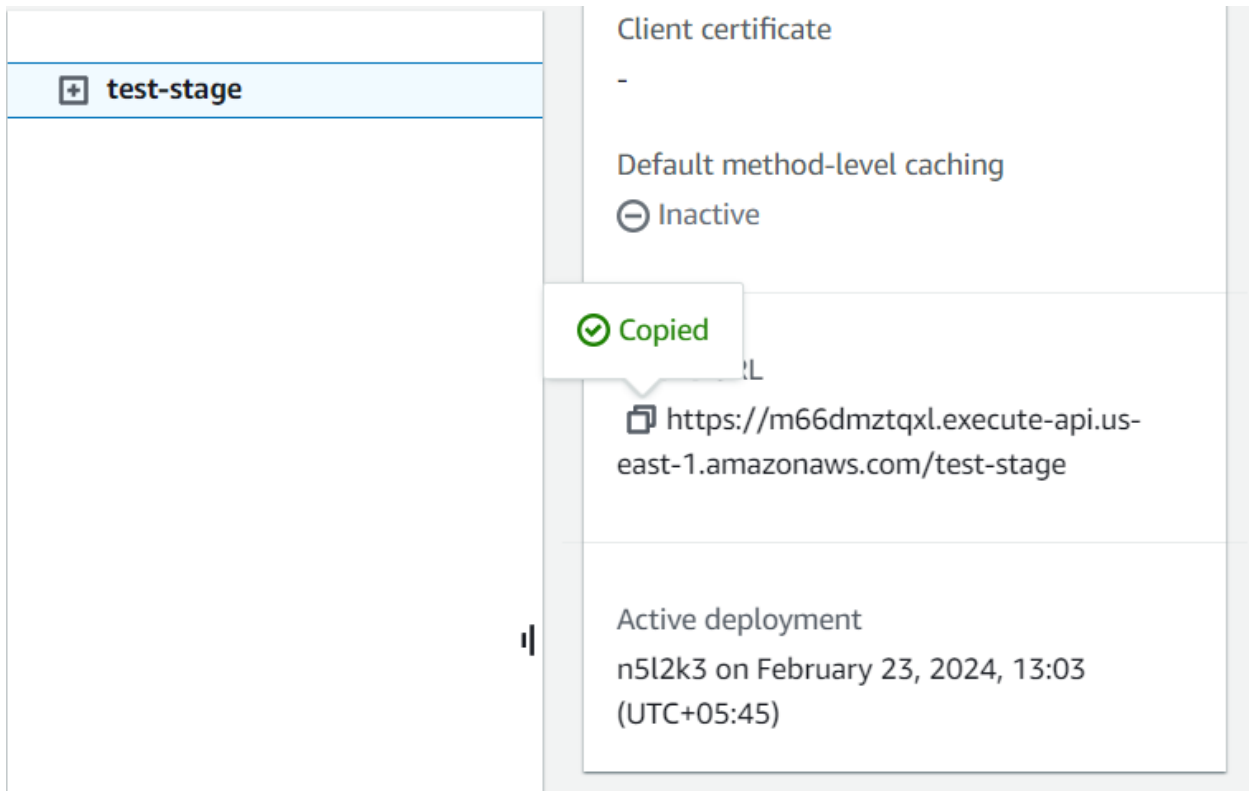
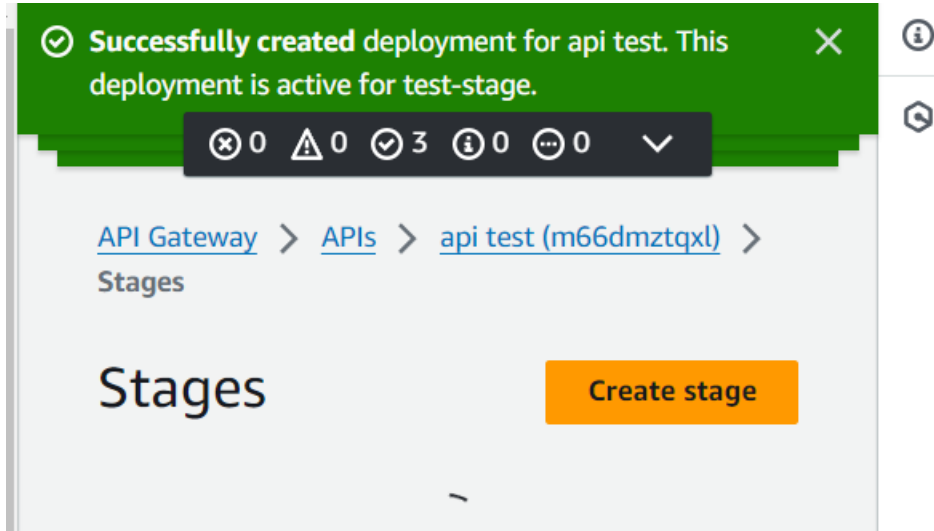
my-resource

☒ **CORS (Cross Origin Resource Sharing)** [Info](#)
Create an OPTIONS method that allows all origins, all methods, and several common headers.

Cancel

Create resource

5. Then create a new stage too.



6. Api gateway is added to the lambda function


serverless_test


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▼ Function overviewInfo

Export to Application ComposerDownload ▼

DiagramTemplate

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 Layers (0)

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7. Go to resources of your APIs and then also create a new post method

API Gateway > APIs > Resources - api test (m66dmztqxl)

Resources

Create resource

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/my-resource

OPTIONS

Resource details

DeleteUpdate documentationEnable CORS

Path
/my-resource

Resource ID
dt4va1

Methods (1)

DeleteCreate method

	Method type ▲	Integration type ▼	Authorization ▼	API key ▼
<input type="radio"/>	OPTIONS	Mock	None	Not required

8. Creating a new post method.

Create method

Method details

Method type

POST

Integration type

☒ Lambda function

Integrate your API with a Lambda function.



☐ HTTP

Integrate with an existing HTTP endpoint.



☐ Mock

Generate a response based on API Gateway mappings and transformations.



☐ AWS service

Integrate with an AWS Service.



☐ VPC link

Integrate with a resource that isn't accessible over the public internet.



9. Select enable cors option and after successfully creating that we get screen like this.

✔ Successfully enabled CORS

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▶ Details

[API Gateway](#) > [APIs](#) > [Resources - api test \(m66dmztqxl\)](#)

Resources

API actions ▼

Deploy API

Create resource

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[-] /my-resource

OPTIONS

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10. You can see that the lambda function is triggered now with api test.

Lambda > Functions > Lambda_function_test

Lambda_function_test

Throttle Copy ARN Actions

Function overview Info

Export to Application Composer Download

Diagram Template

Lambda_function_test

Layers (0)

API Gateway

+ Add trigger

+ Add destination

Description

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Last modified

14 minutes ago

Function ARN

arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:979147213970:function:Lambda_function_test

Function URL Info

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Configuration Aliases Versions

Triggers (1) Info

Find triggers

Trigger

API Gateway: [api test](#)

arn:aws:execute-api:us-east-1:979147213970:m66dmztqxl/*/POST/my-resource

API endpoint: <https://m66dmztqxl.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/test-stage/my-resol>

Details

10. Create a new s3 bucket and configure it accordingly.

Create bucket [Info](#)

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3. [Learn more](#)

General configuration

AWS Region

US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1 ▼

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.

☐ Directory - *New*

Recommended for low-latency use cases. These buckets use only the S3 Express One Zone storage class, which provides faster processing of data within a single Availability Zone.

Bucket name [Info](#)

namebucket

Bucket name must be unique within the global namespace and follow the bucket naming rules. [See rules for bucket naming](#)

Copy settings from existing bucket - *optional*

Only the bucket settings in the following configuration are copied.

Choose bucket

Format: s3://bucket/prefix

Object Ownership [Info](#)


Control ownership of objects written to this bucket from other AWS accounts and the use of access control lists (ACLs). Object ownership determines who can specify access to objects.

☐ ACLs disabled (recommended)

All objects in this bucket are owned by this account. Access to this bucket and its objects is specified using only policies.

☒ ACLs enabled

Objects in this bucket can be owned by other AWS accounts. Access to this bucket and its objects can be specified using ACLs.

 We recommend disabling ACLs, unless you need to control access for each object individually or to have the object writer own the data they upload. Using a bucket policy instead of ACLs to share data with users outside of your account simplifies permissions management and auditing.



Object Ownership

☒ Bucket owner preferred

If new objects written to this bucket specify the bucket-owner-full-control canned ACL, they are owned by the bucket owner. Otherwise, they are owned by the object writer.

☐ Object writer

The object writer remains the object owner.

 If you want to enforce object ownership for new objects only, your bucket policy must specify that the bucket-owner-full-control canned ACL is required for object uploads. [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.

☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* access control lists (ACLs)**

S3 will block public access permissions applied to newly added buckets or objects, and prevent the creation of new public access ACLs for existing buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing permissions that allow public access to S3 resources using ACLs.

☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *any* access control lists (ACLs)**

S3 will ignore all ACLs that grant public access to buckets and objects.

☐ **Block public access to buckets and objects granted through *new* public bucket or access point policies**

S3 will block new bucket and access point policies that grant public access to buckets and objects. This setting doesn't change any existing policies that allow public access to S3 resources.

☐ **Block public and cross-account access to buckets and objects through *any* public bucket or access point policies**

S3 will ignore public and cross-account access for buckets or access points with policies that grant public access to buckets and objects.

**Turning off block all public access might result in this bucket and the objects within becoming public**

AWS recommends that you turn on block all public access, unless public access is required for specific and verified use cases such as static website hosting.



I acknowledge that the current settings might result in this bucket and



Successfully created bucket "namebucketq"



To upload files and folders, or to configure additional bucket settings, choose **View details**.

[View details](#)

[Amazon S3](#) > Buckets

▼ **Account snapshot**

[View Storage Lens dashboard](#)

Last updated: Feb 22, 2024 by Storage Lens. Metrics are generated every 24 hours. Metrics don't include directory buckets. [Learn more](#)

Total storage

417.0 B

Object count

14

Average object size

29.8 B

You can enable advanced metrics in the
"default-account-dashboard" configuration.

11. Upload the html file

Files and folders (1 Total, 324.0 B)

RemoveAdd filesAdd folder

All files and folders in this table will be uploaded.

Find by name

< 1 >

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Folder	Type	Size
<input type="checkbox"/>	index.html	-	text/html	324.0 B

Destination [Info](#)

Destination

s3://namebucketq

► Destination details

Bucket settings that impact new objects stored in the specified destination.

► Permissions

Grant public access and access to other AWS accounts.

► Properties

Specify storage class, encryption settings, tags, and more.

CancelUpload

12. Since static web hosting is off it didn't work .

This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<Error>
  <Code>AccessDenied</Code>
  <Message>Access Denied</Message>
  <RequestId>SX63ZWXV1FCWA28X</RequestId>
  <HostId>CsWgkperF7IUj+gbbjUW7tcx1hT12XTFXwQGbbSVavrUuocTK6/2c8DGd429257sENyzjaEpswM=</HostId>
</Error>
```

13. After this we turn on the static hosting and it should be made public.

Static website hosting

Edit

Use this bucket to host a website or redirect requests. [Learn more](#)

Static website hosting



Enabled

Hosting type

Bucket hosting

Bucket website endpoint

When you configure your bucket as a static website, the website is available at the AWS Region-specific website endpoint of the bucket. [Learn more](#)

 <http://namebucketq.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com> 

[Amazon S3](#) > [Buckets](#) > [namebucketq](#) > Make public


Make public [Info](#)

The make public action enables public read access in the object access control list (ACL) settings. [Learn more](#)

 When public read access is enabled and not blocked by Block Public Access settings, anyone in the world can access the specified objects.

Specified objects

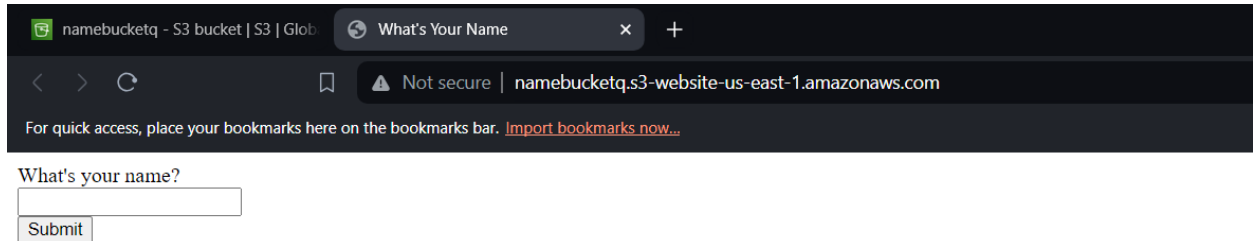
 Find objects by name

Name	Type	Last modified	Size
 index.html	html	February 23, 2024, 13:40:48 (UTC+05:45)	324.0 B

Cancel

Make public

14. Then after we check the dns we get the index.html file loaded from the aws server.
15. Since I got many issues that I couldn't get the lambda triggered. So I created everything again from new lambda function .



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a dark theme. The address bar displays 'namebucketq.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com' with a 'Not secure' warning. Below the address bar, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'What's your name?' and a 'Submit' button.

403 Forbidden

- Code: AccessDenied
 - Message: Access Denied
 - RequestId: CJAAGHJ2P53HFTSH
 - HostId: 5Llht4x5y1Z7uIoJmKC3dA88Hm1lGtrhBDmVLlbNZ1iWCQatn2zpiQfBWw5GD5vpFd8ThXWFPg0=
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Trigger configuration [Info](#)



API Gateway

aws api application-services backend HTTP REST serverless



Add an API to your Lambda function to create an HTTP endpoint that invokes your function. API Gateway supports two types of RESTful APIs: HTTP APIs and REST APIs. [Learn more](#)

Intent

Use an existing api or have us create one for you.

☐ Create a new API

☒ Use existing API

Existing API

Attach an existing API.



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Deployment stage

The name of your API's deployment stage.

test-stage



When you connect your function to an existing API stage, Lambda deploys the API to that stage.

Security

Configure the security mechanism for your API endpoint.

IAM



Lambda will add the necessary permissions for Amazon API Gateway to invoke your Lambda function from this trigger.

[Learn more](#) about the Lambda permissions model.

Cancel

Add

Create function [Info](#)

Choose one of the following options to create your function.

☒ **Author from scratch**

Start with a simple Hello World example.

☐ **Use a blueprint**

Build a Lambda application from sample code and configuration presets for common use cases.

☐ **Container image**

Select a container image to deploy for your function.

Basic information

Function name

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get_name

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Runtime [Info](#)

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☐ arm64

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[Change default execution role](#)

Method type

POST

Integration type

☒ **Lambda function**

Integrate your API with a Lambda function.



☐ **HTTP**

Integrate with an existing HTTP endpoint.



☐ **Mock**

Generate a response based on API Gateway mappings and transformations.



☐ **AWS service**

Integrate with an AWS Service.



☐ **VPC link**

Integrate with a resource that isn't accessible over the public internet.



☒ **Lambda proxy integration**

Send the request to your Lambda function as a structured event.

Lambda function

Provide the Lambda function name or alias. You can also provide an ARN from another account.

us-east-1

Q s:lambda:us-east-1:979147213970:function:get_nameA X

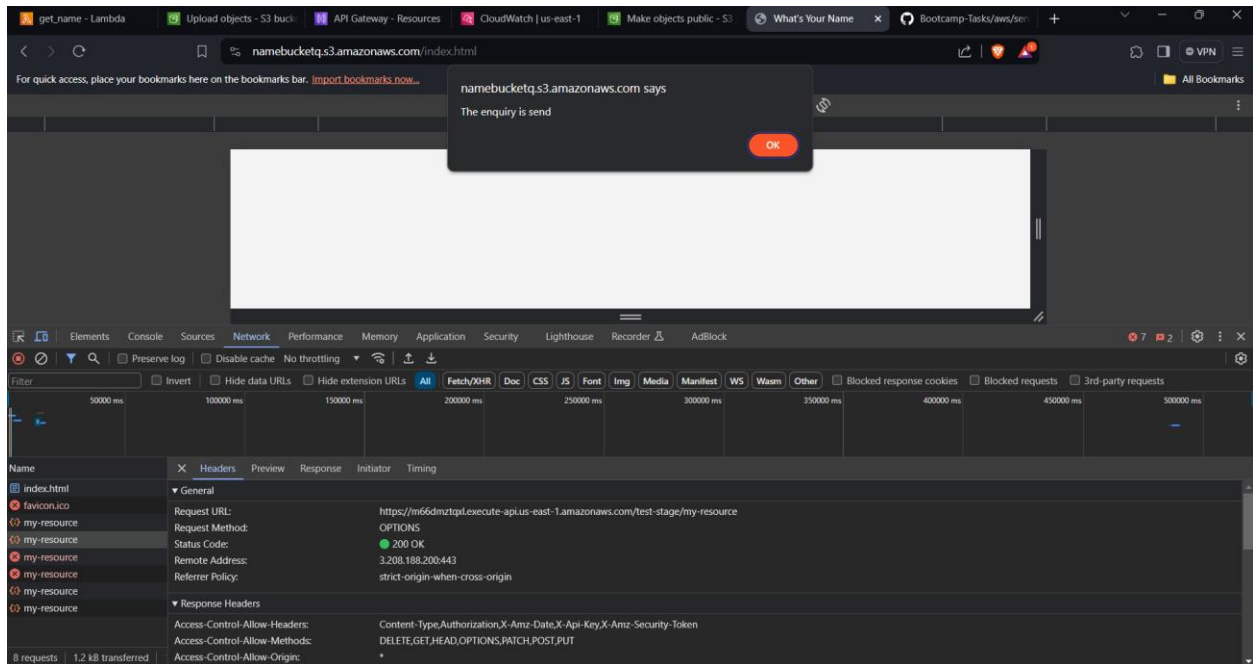
arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:979147213970:function:get_nameA



Grant API Gateway permission to invoke your Lambda function. To turn off, update the function's resource policy yourself, or provide an invoke role that API Gateway uses to invoke your function.

☒ **Default timeout**

16. Then finally the Lambda function was triggered and I was able to send the data from html to our server.



CloudWatch > Log groups

Log groups (5)

By default, we only load up to 10000 log groups.

Filter log groups or try prefix search ☐ Exact match

[Refresh](#) [Actions](#) [View in Logs Insights](#) [Start tailing](#) [Create log group](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Log group	Log class	Anomaly d...	Data ...	Sensit...	Retenti...	Metric ...	Contrib...	Subscription filters
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/RedshiftEventSubscription	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/RedshiftOverwatch	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/RoleCreationFunction	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/functionForS3	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/get_name	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-	-	-