2. Creating a Serverless API

Objective: Develop a serverless API using AWS Lambda and API Gateway.

Approach:

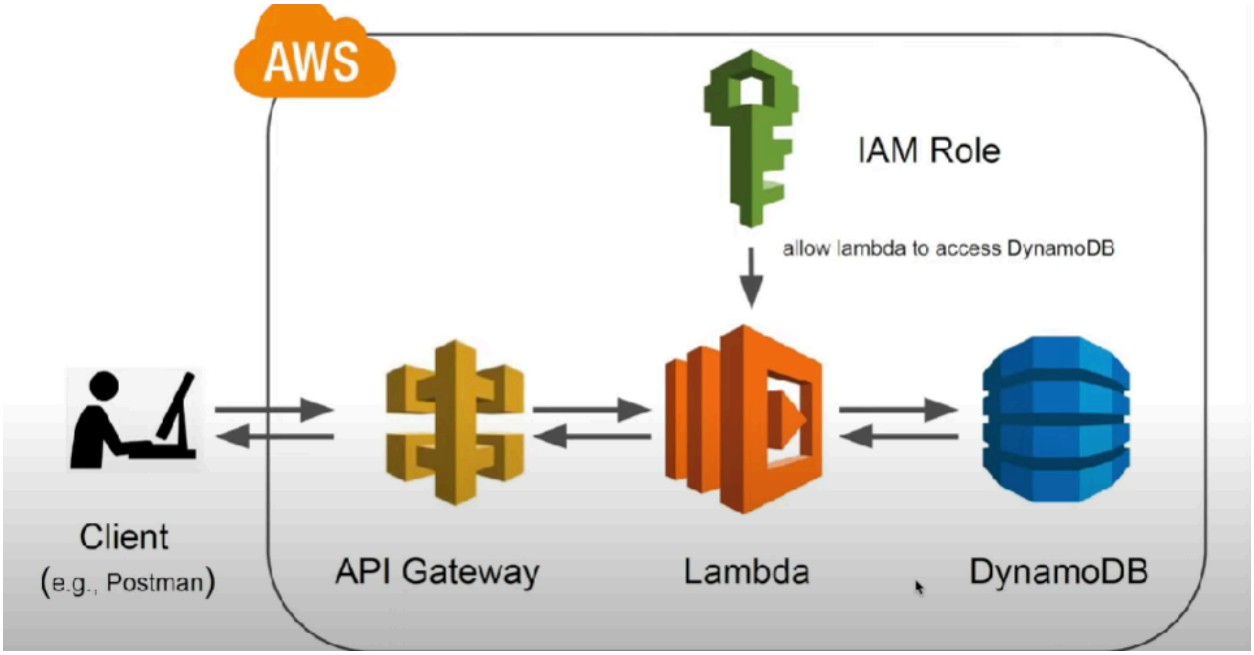
- **Define API**: Design a simple RESTful API (e.g., for a todo list application).
- **Lambda Functions**: Create Lambda functions for each API method (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE).
- **API Gateway Setup**: Use API Gateway to set up the API endpoints, connecting each endpoint to the corresponding Lambda function.
- **Testing**: Test the API using tools like Postman or AWS API Gateway test functionality.

Goal: Gain hands-on experience in building and deploying a serverless API, understanding the integration between Lambda and API Gateway.

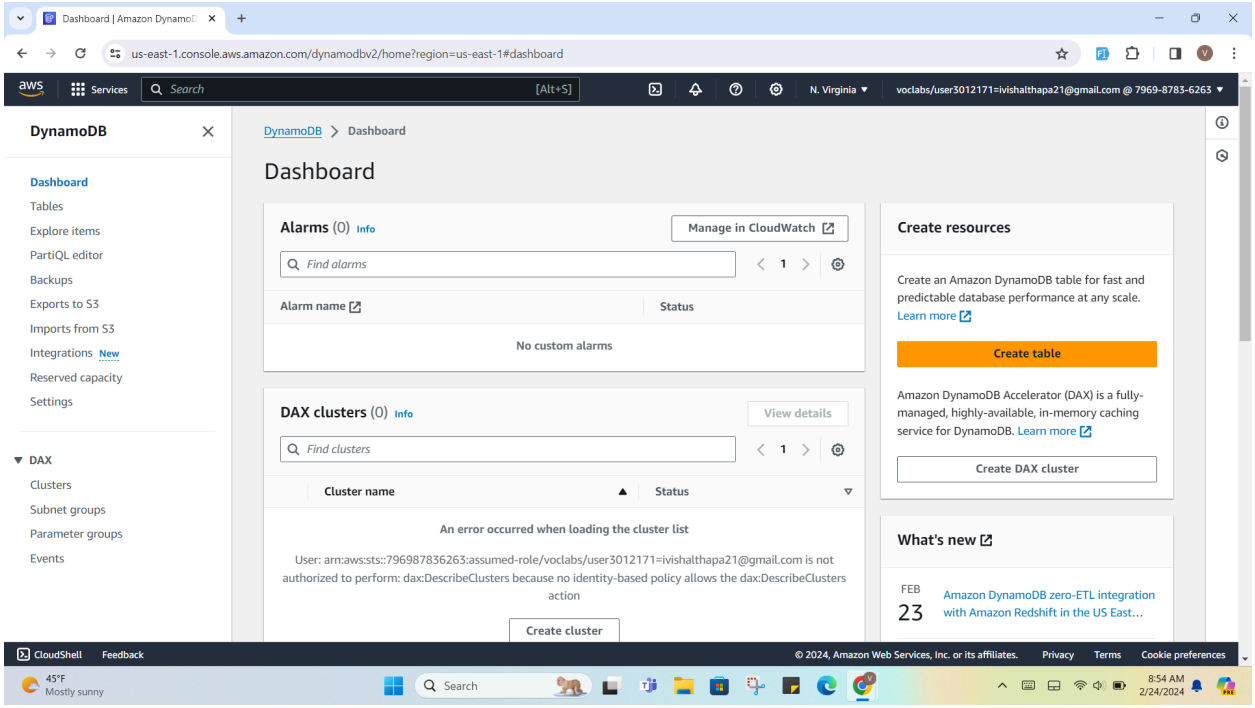
SOLUTION:

Serverless API Advantages:

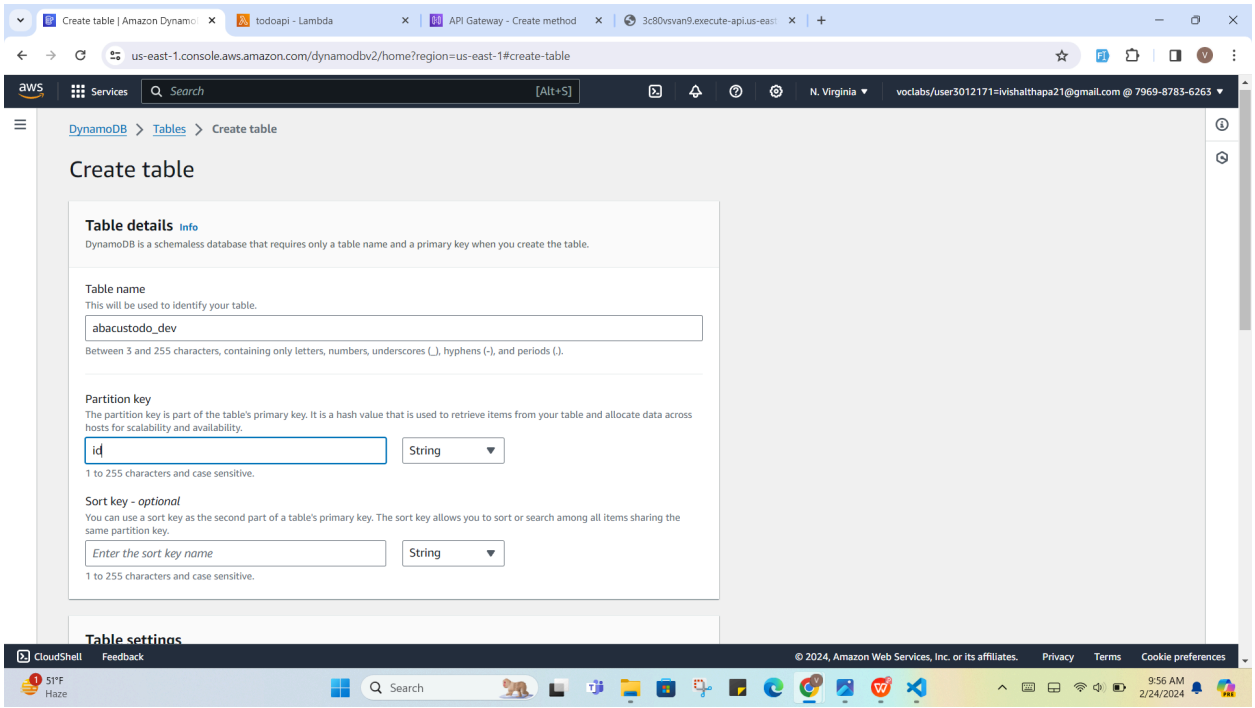
1. No need to provision or manage the servers
2. Horizontal scaling
3. Never pay for idle
4. More reliable



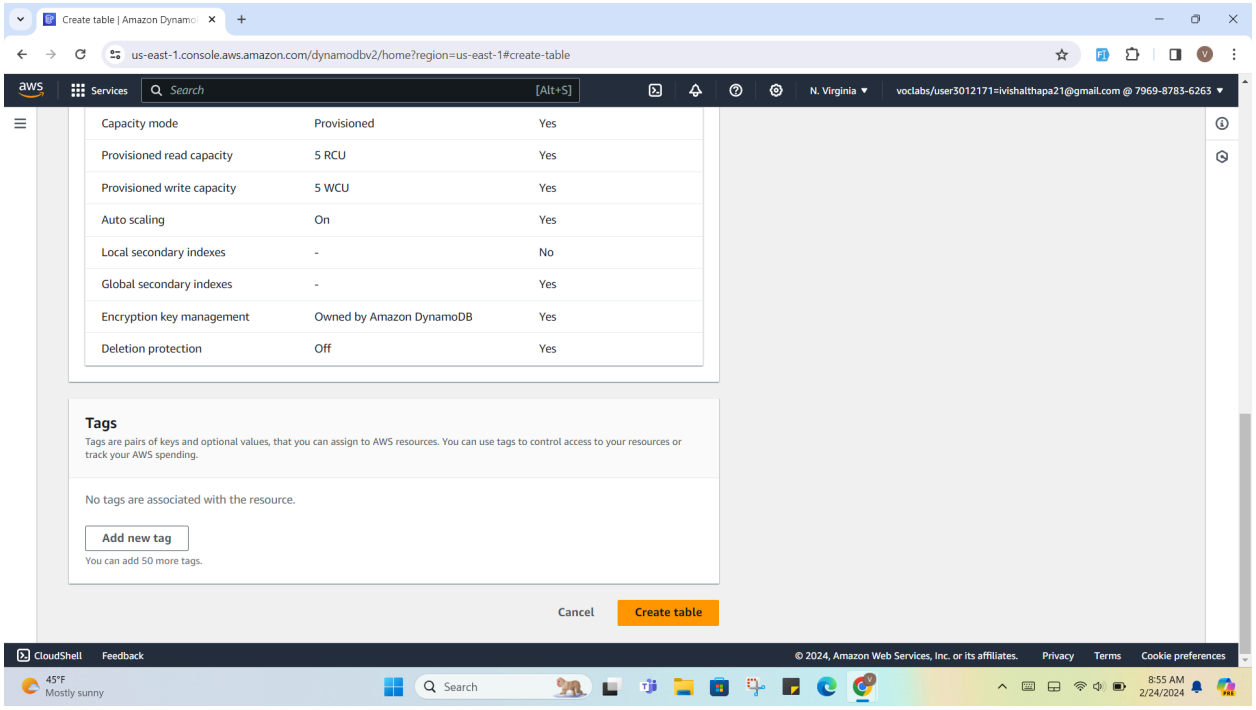
1. First of all go to the searchbar and type dynamoDB to access the dynamoDB dashboard.

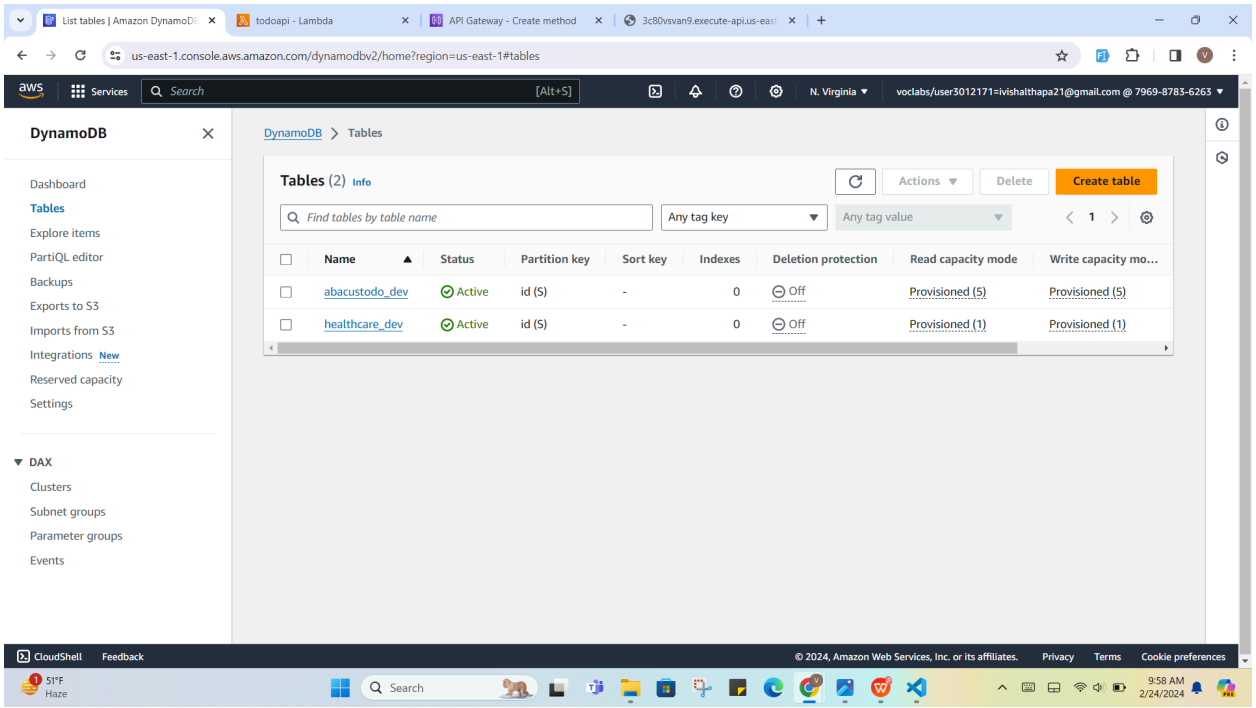


2. Click on the “create table” button to create a table in the dynamoDB using the table name and the partition key (id in our case).

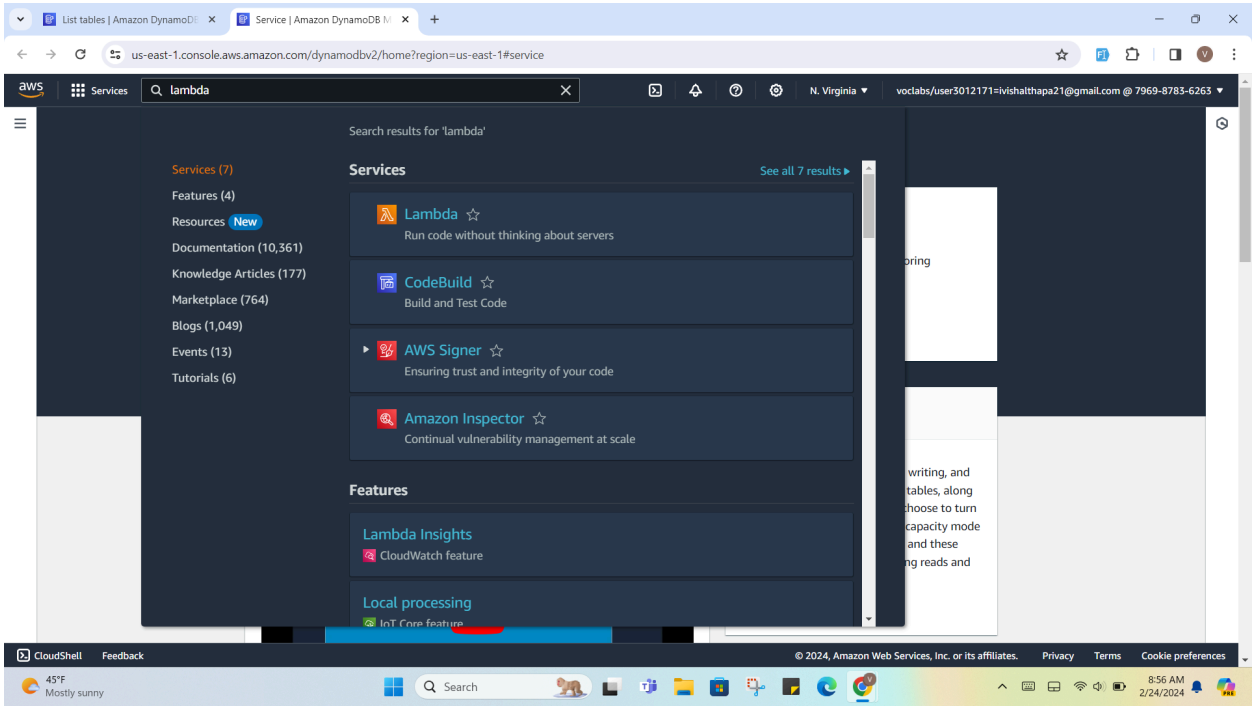


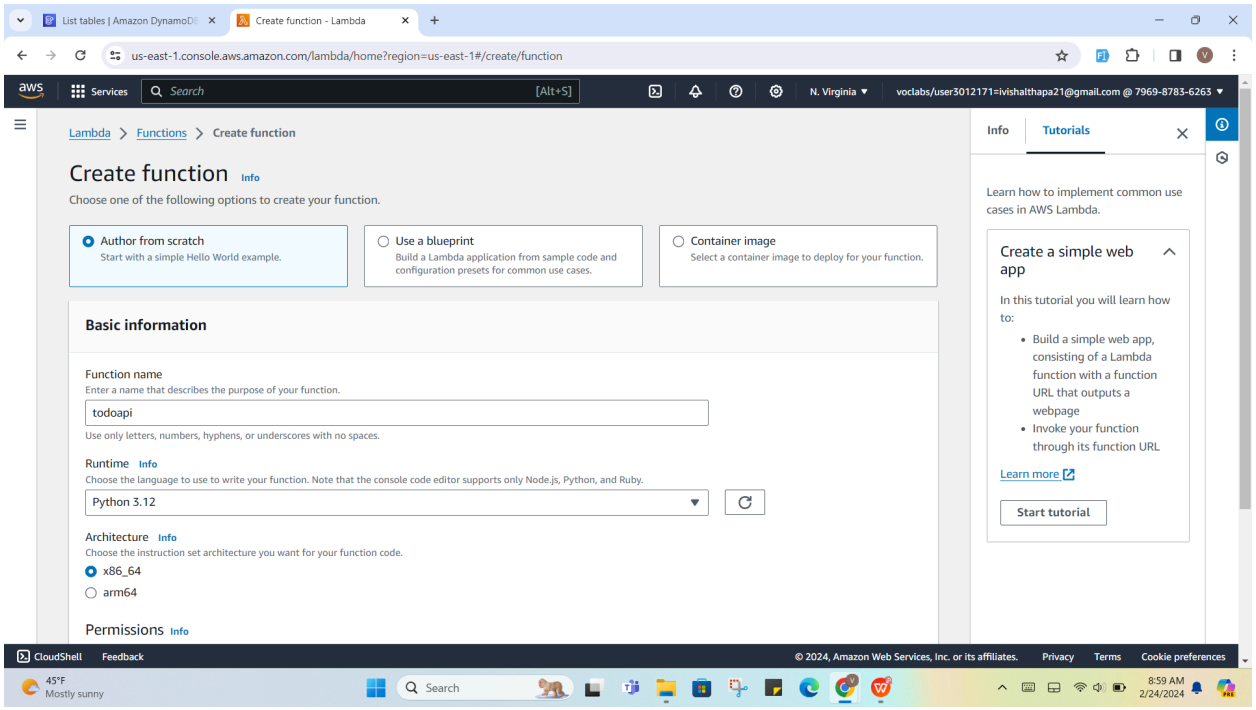
3. Click on the “Create table” button and we just created a dynamoDB table that is just empty, we haven’t added anything here.

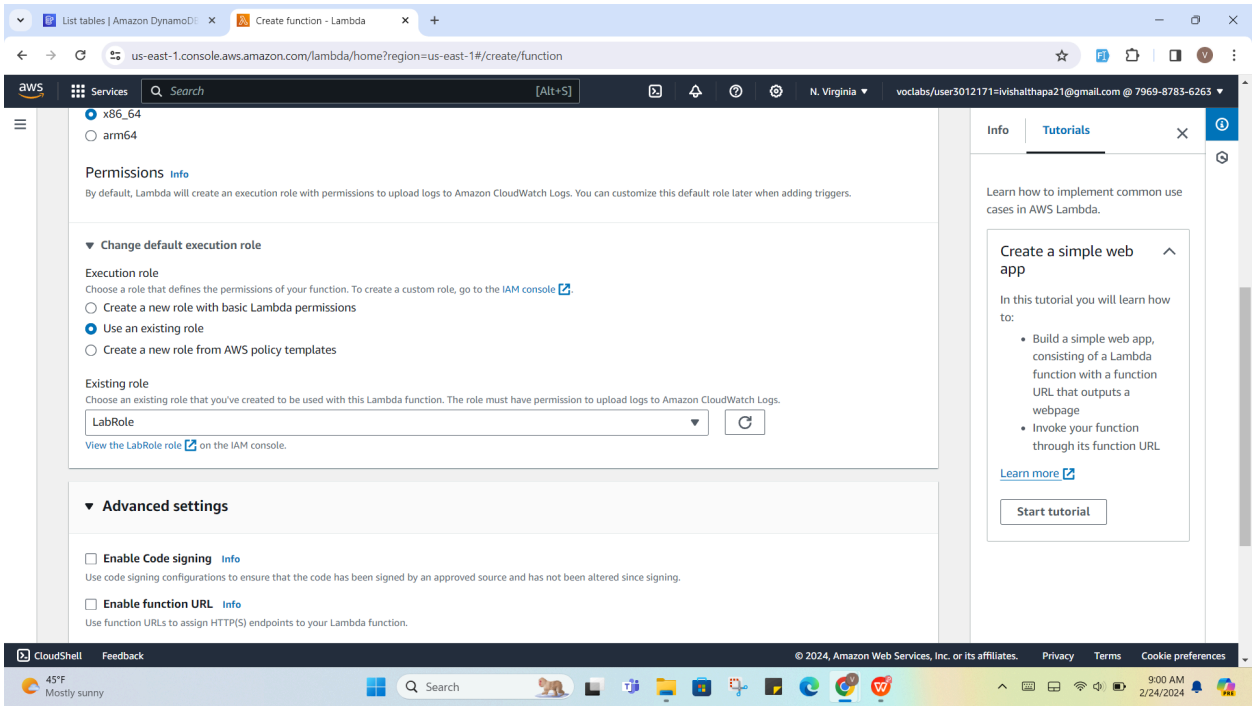




4. Now we are going to create a lambda function, same process type dynamoDB from search bar where we need name, runtime details and we can use existing roles or create new. In our case we used an already existing jobRole. Click on the “create function” button to create the function.



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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
Create a new role from AWS policy templates
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.
LabRole
View the LabRole role on the IAM console.
Advanced settings
Enable Code signing Info
Use code signing configurations to ensure that the code has been signed by an approved source and has not been altered since signing.
Enable function URL Info
Use function URLs to assign HTTP(S) endpoints to your Lambda function.
Info
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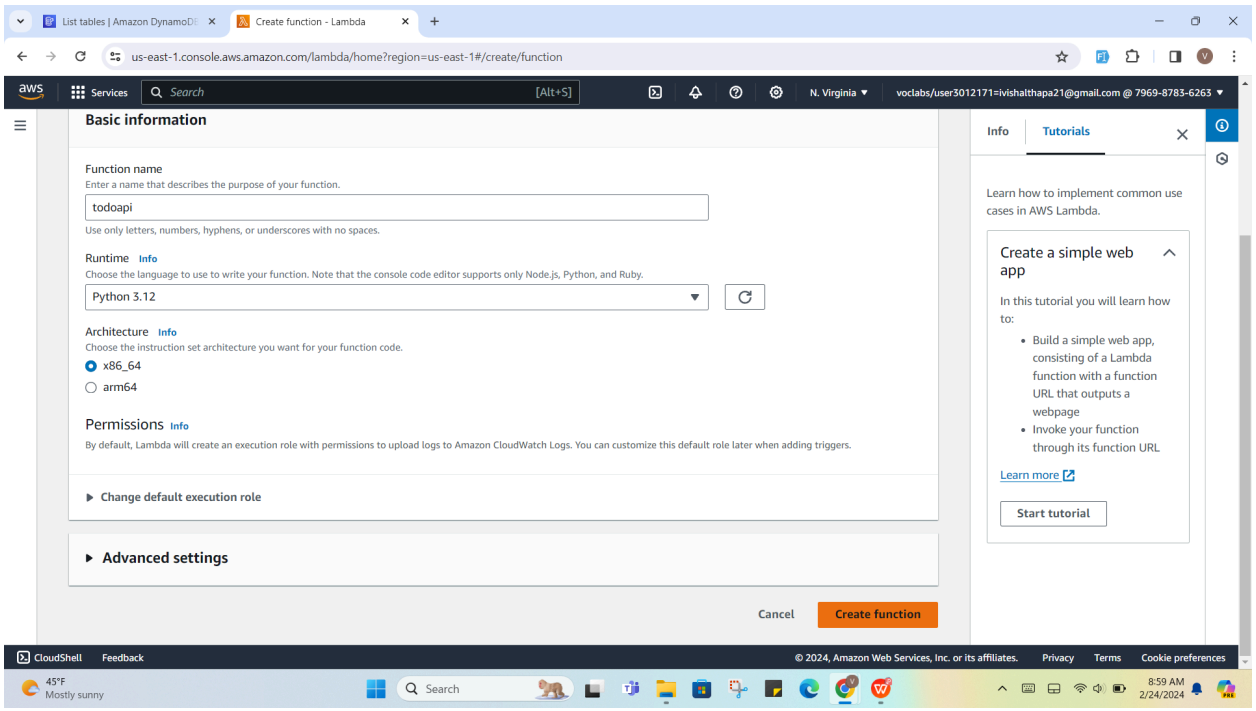
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Basic information
Function name
Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.
todoapi
Use only letters, numbers, hyphens, or underscores with no spaces.
Runtime Info
Choose the language to use to write your function. Note that the console 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
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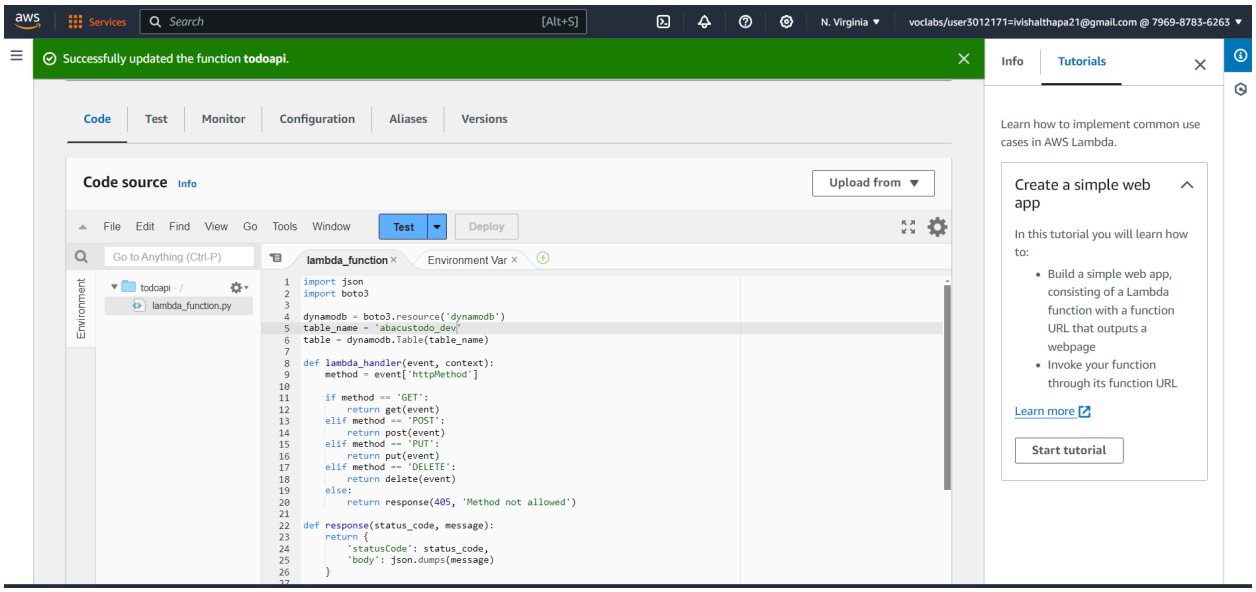
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Successfully updated the function todoapi.
Code
Test
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Configuration
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Code source Info
Upload from
File Edit Find View Go Tools Window
Test
Deploy
Go to Anything (Ctrl-P)
Environment
todoapi
lambda_function.py
lambda_function
Environment Var
import json
import boto3
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb')
table_name = 'abacustodo_dev'
table = dynamodb.Table(table_name)
def lambda_handler(event, context):
method = event['httpMethod']
if method == 'GET':
return get(event)
elif method == 'POST':
return post(event)
elif method == 'PUT':
return put(event)
elif method == 'DELETE':
return delete(event)
else:
return response(405, 'Method not allowed')
def response(status_code, message):
return {
'statusCode': status_code,
'body': json.dumps(message)
}
Info
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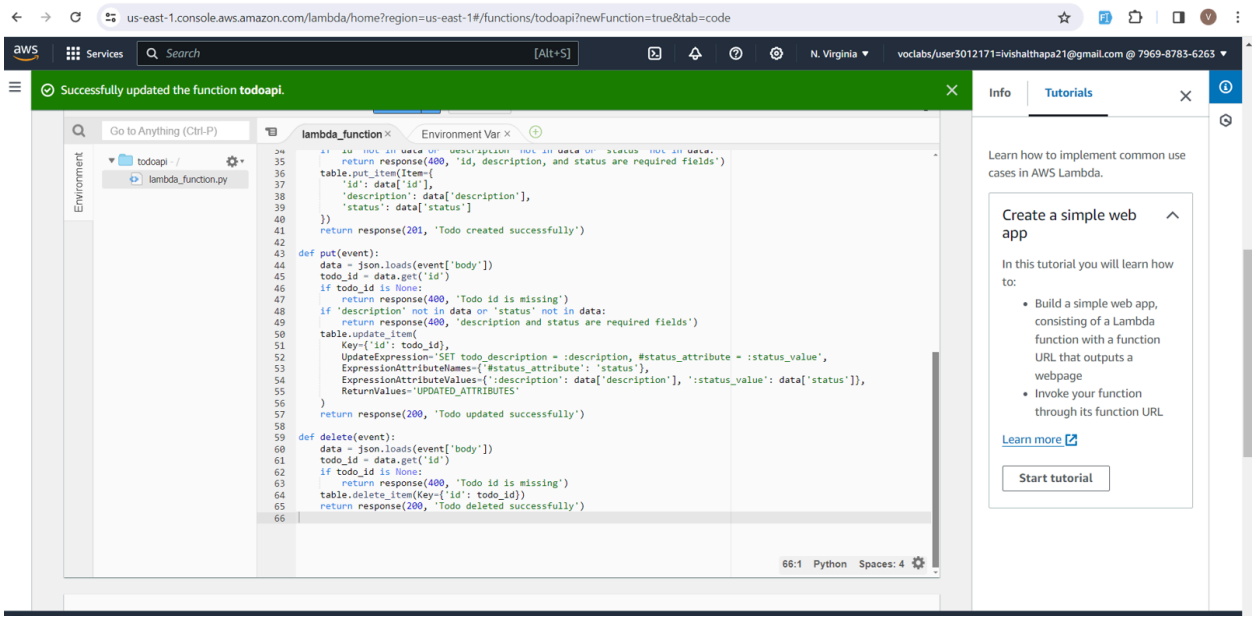
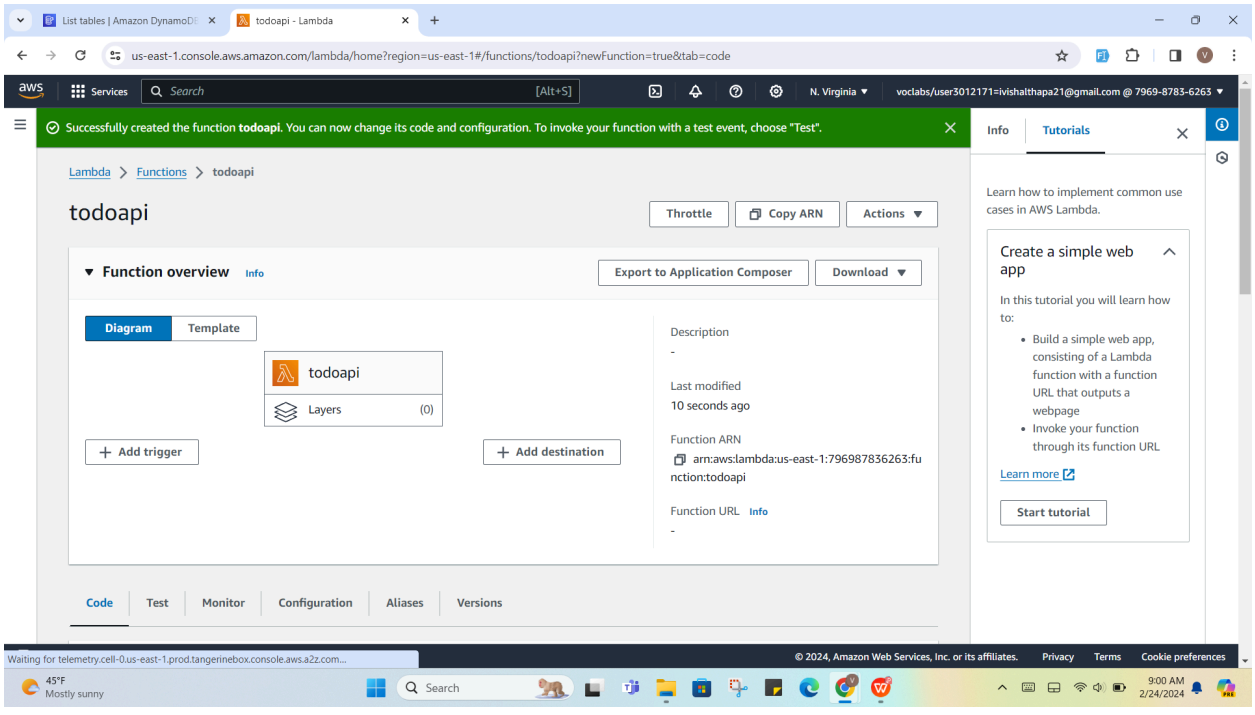
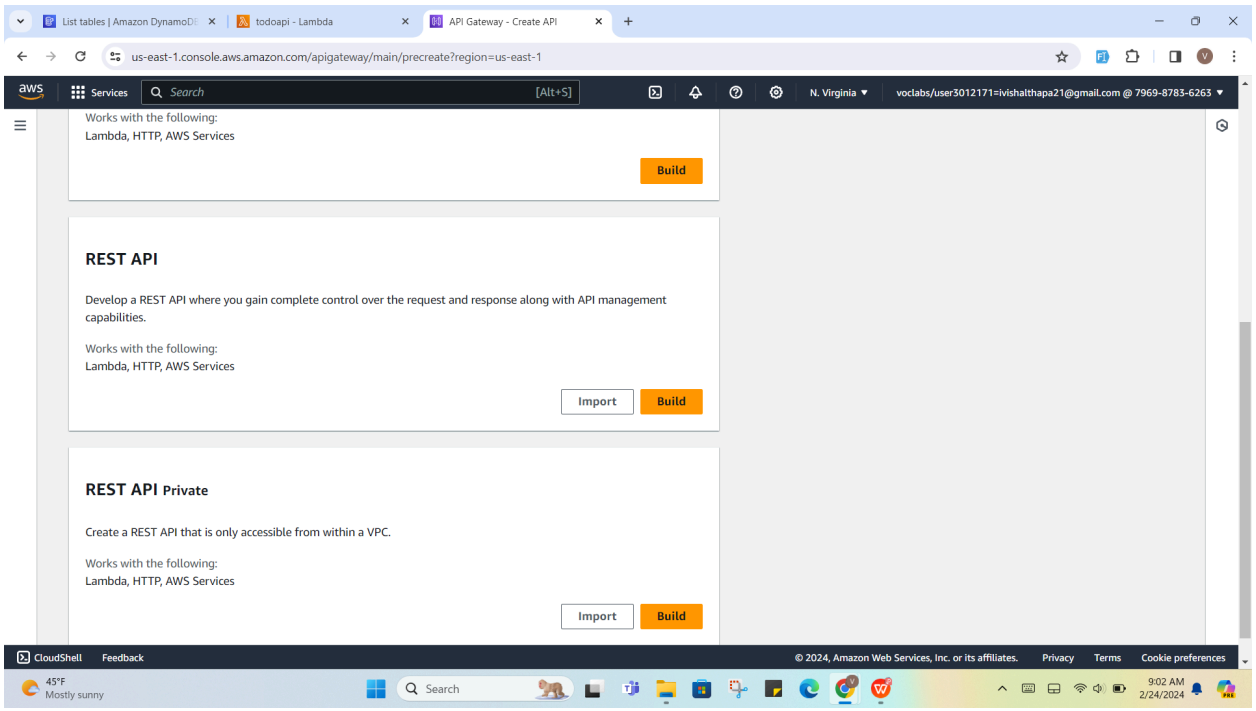


5. Now we need to create an API gateway. We create a new REST API using name as todo api, endpoint as regional and create API. From resource on left nav , Now create resource from the left navbar with name todo and enable API gateway cors and create resource. Inside the todo resource, we will create all required methods for API endpoints. We need to deploy API as well

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Works with the following:
Lambda, HTTP, AWS Services
Build
REST API
Develop a REST API where you gain complete control over the request and response along with API management capabilities.
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Import
Build
REST API Private
Create a REST API that is only accessible from within a VPC.
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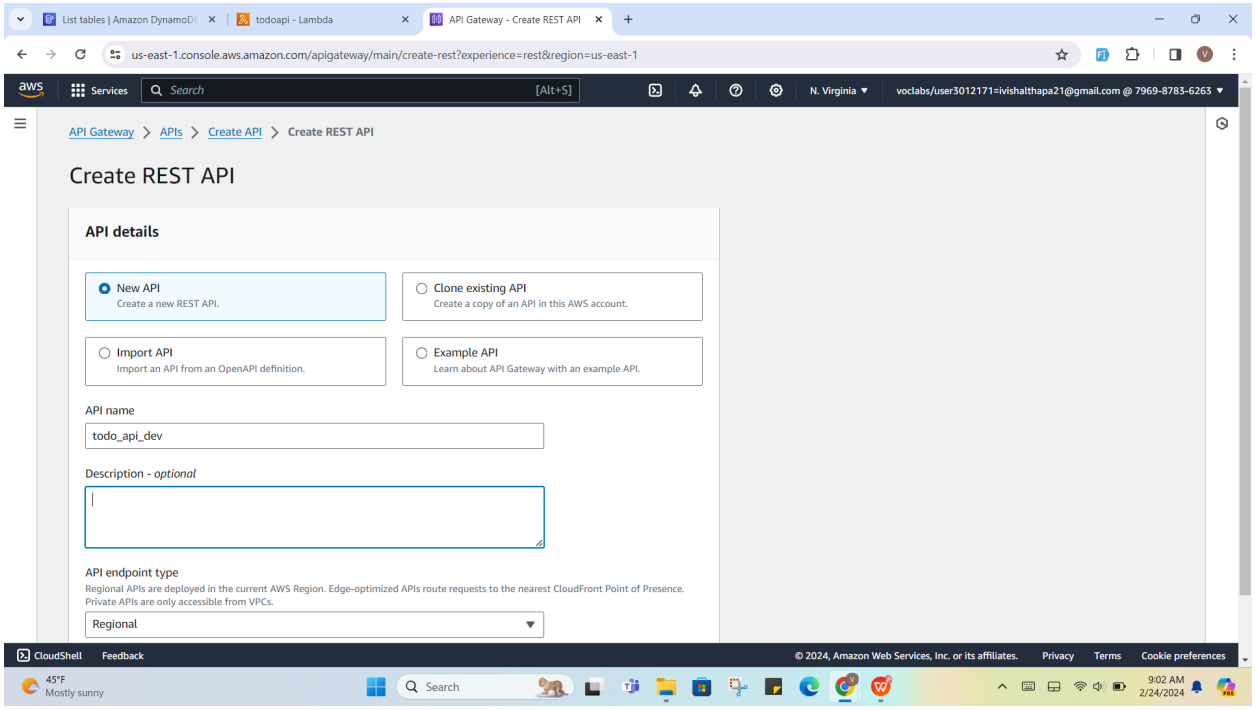
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API Gateway > APIs > Create API > Create REST API
Create REST API
API details
New API
Create a new REST API.
Clone existing API
Create a copy of an API in this AWS account.
Import API
Import an API from an OpenAPI definition.
Example API
Learn about API Gateway with an example API.
API name
todo_api_dev
Description - optional
API endpoint type
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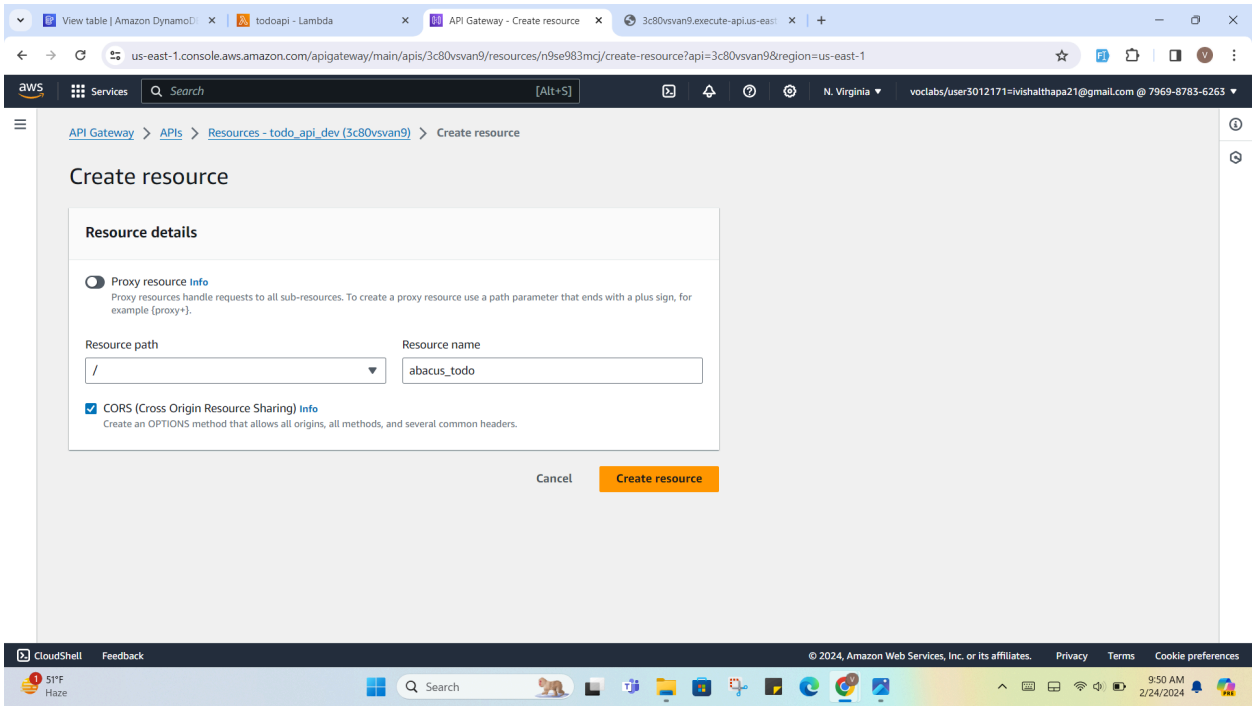
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API Gateway > APIs > Resources - todo_api_dev (3c80vsvan9) > Create resource
Create resource
Resource details
Proxy resource Info
Proxy resources handle requests to all sub-resources. To create a proxy resource use a path parameter that ends with a plus sign, for example {proxy+}.
Resource path
/
Resource name
abacus_todo
CORS (Cross Origin Resource Sharing) Info
Create an OPTIONS method that allows all origins, all methods, and several common headers.
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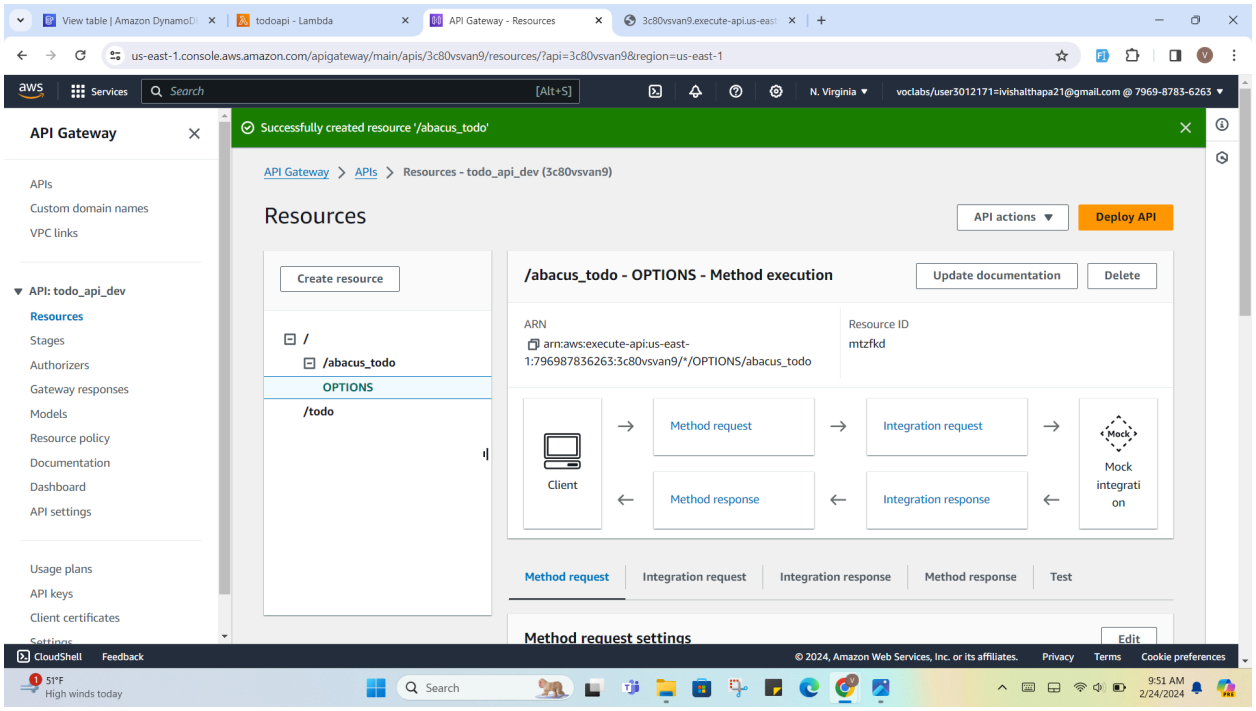
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API: todo_api_dev
Resources
Stages
Authorizers
Gateway responses
Models
Resource policy
Documentation
Dashboard
API settings
Usage plans
API keys
Client certificates
Settings
Successfully created resource '/abacus_todo'
API Gateway > APIs > Resources - todo_api_dev (3c80vsvan9)
Resources
API actions
Deploy API
Create resource
/
/abacus_todo
OPTIONS
/todo
/abacus_todo - OPTIONS - Method execution
Update documentation
Delete
ARN
arn:aws:execute-api:us-east-1:796987836263:3c80vsvan9/*/OPTIONS/abacus_todo
Resource ID
mtzfkd
Client
Method request
Integration request
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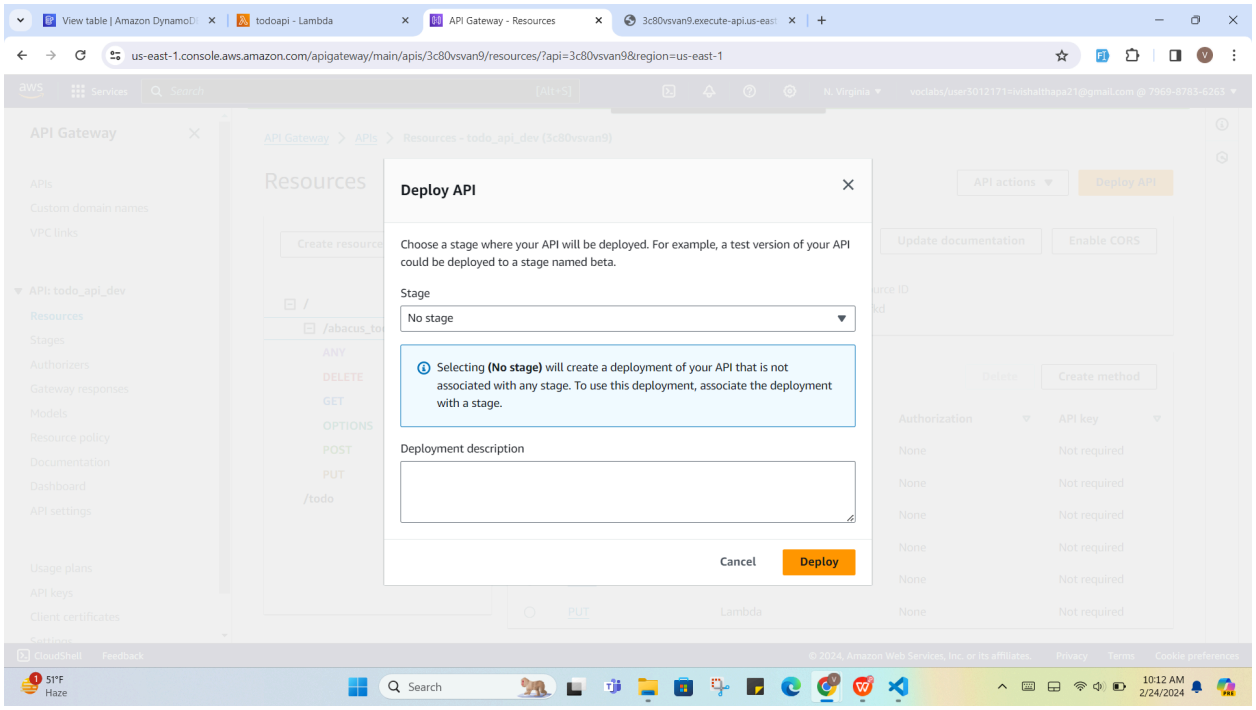

Now from the API settings inside the API gateway we can use the default endpoint to access the api methods and perform actions in dynamoDB.