

Crypto Currencies Prices Tracking Microservices Using Apache OpenWhisk

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Introduction

- There are multiple platforms available that provide Function-as-a-Service (FaaS) like AWS Lambda, Google Cloud Function, Microsoft Azure Functions...
- In this project, we decided to use IBM Cloud Functions platform.

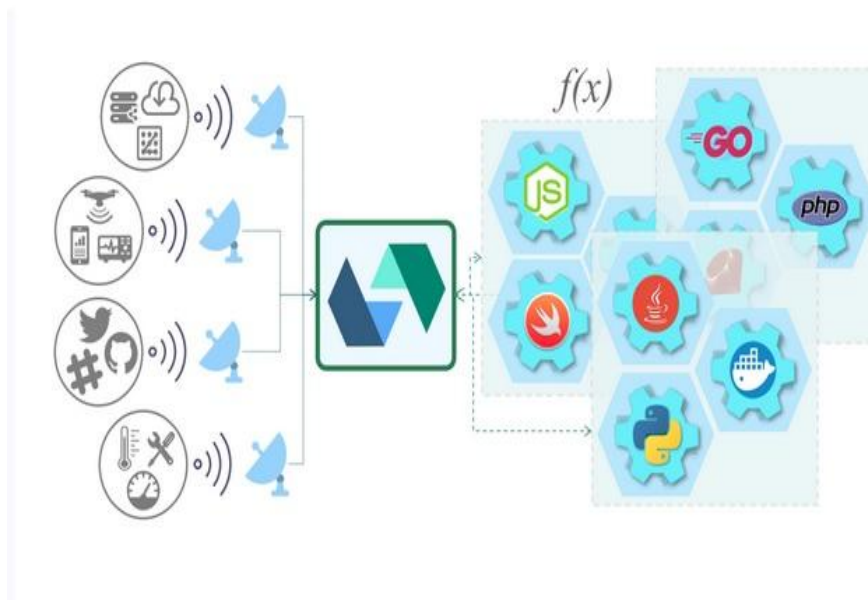
Project Goals and Objectives

- Created a Crypto Currencies Prices Tracker Microservices using Apache OpenWhisk Functions and deploy it to IBM Cloud Functions so anyone can access it.

Apache OpenWhisk

- Open-source and server-less platform.
- Execute functions as Actions.
- Uses docker to management.

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Main Features of Apache OpenWhisk

- Flexibility in deployment.
- Supports multiple programming languages.
- Support for integration.
- Combines Functions of different programming platforms.

Traditional Computing



Figure 01: Three Tier Architecture

Serverless Computing

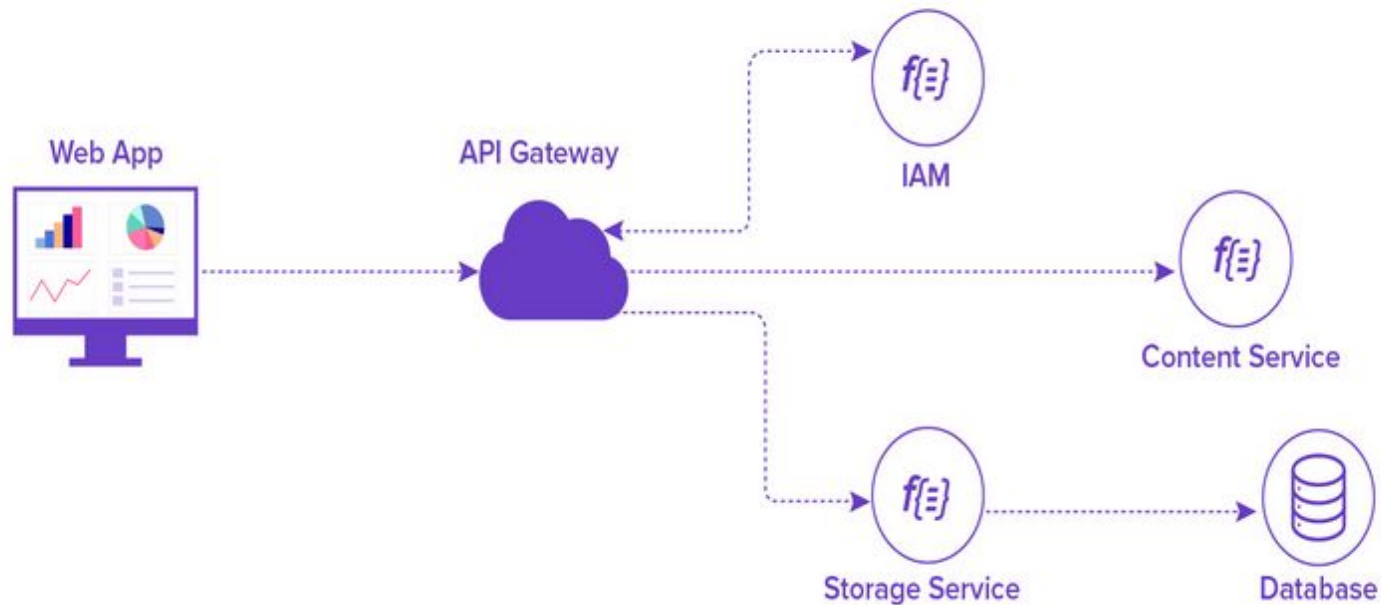


Figure 02: Serverless Computing

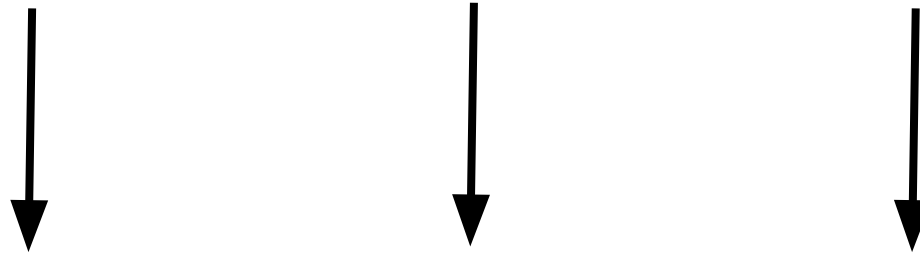
Main Benefits of Serverless Computing

- No Servers/Operating Systems
- Easy and Efficient Scaling
- High Availability
- No Idle Capacity

IBM Cloud Introduction

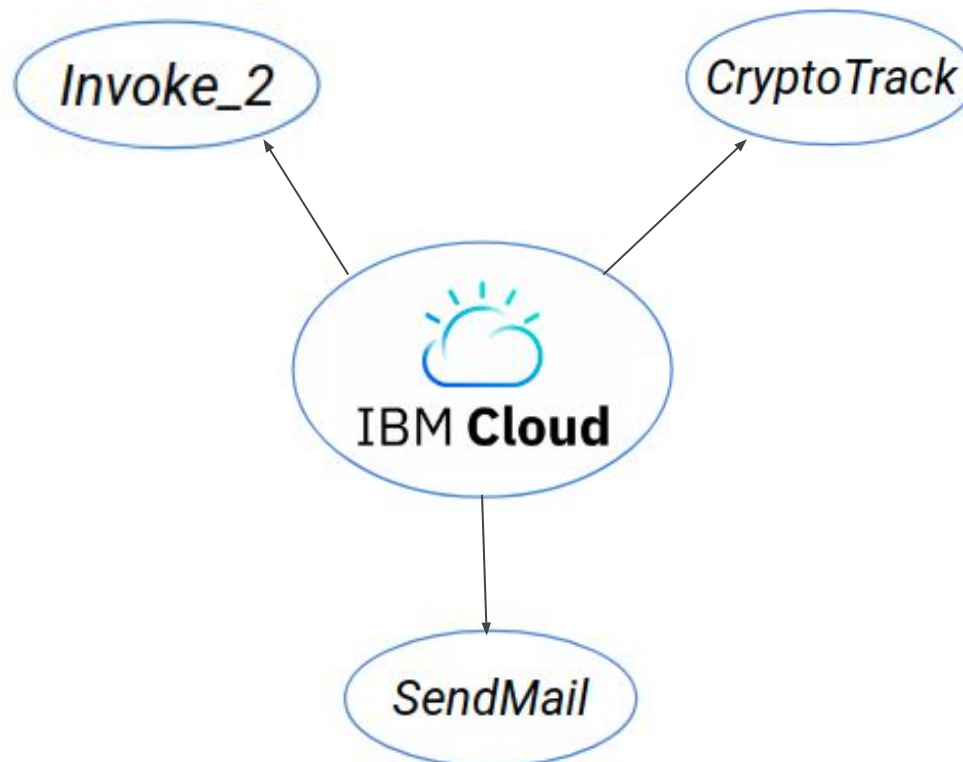
- cloud platform by IBM
- former known as IBM Bluemix
- provides multiple cloud computing service
 - “170 products and services covering data, containers, AI, IoT, and blockchain.”
 - Kubernetes, Cloud Foundry, OpenShift, VMware, etc...
- Live Demonstration
- Function-as-a-Service → IBM Cloud Functions
- Apache OpenWhisk ↔ IBM Cloud Functions

Application Goal

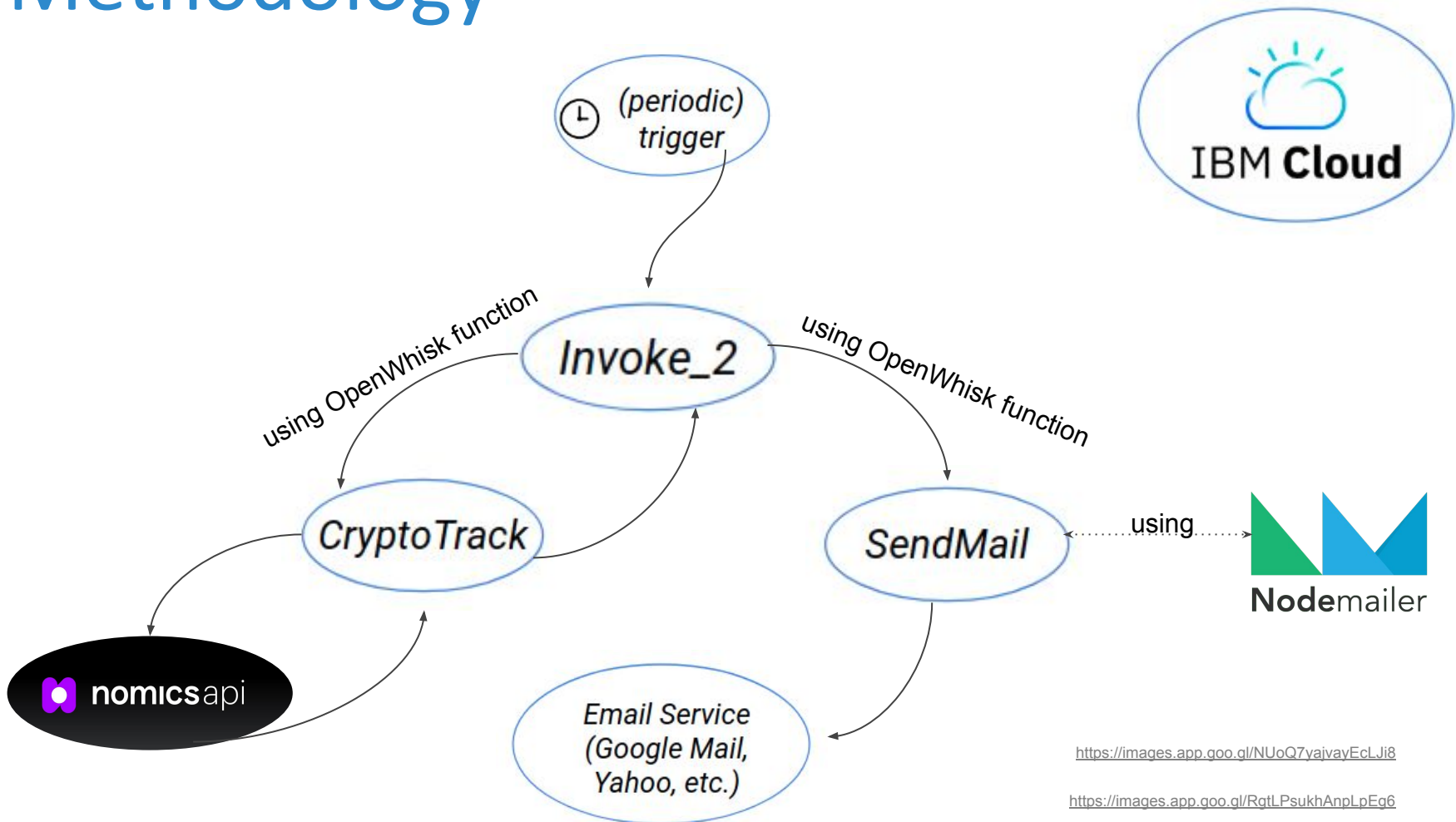


Get exchange rates of 5 crypto currencies periodically via email

Methodology



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Live Demonstration

Conclusion & Future Ideas

- Through this project, our team members learn about the Apache OpenWhisk platform and its commercial product IBM Cloud Functions.
- Things we want to improve: Create a web app that uses parameters to decide if you want the exchange rates in euro or in USD. Use different SendMail API to avoid the need to change the credential in Google mail account.

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