

# Initialize outside the handler

**BAD!**

```
import os

def get_user_handler(event, context):

    DB_URL = os.getenv("DB_URL")
    db_client = db.connect(DB_URL)
    user = db_client.get(user_id = event["user_id"])

    return user
```

The DB connection is established  
At every function invocation

**GOOD!**

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DB_URL = os.getenv("DB_URL")
db_client = db.connect(DB_URL)

def get_user_handler(event, context):

    user = db_client.get(user_id = event["user_id"])

    return user
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The DB connection is established once  
And re-used across invocations