

## Task 1

```
export const handler = async (event) => {
  const comments = [
    { title: "First Comment", body: "This is the first comment." },
    { title: "Second Comment", body: "This is the second comment." },
    { title: "Third Comment", body: "This is another user comment." }
  ];
  const response = {
    statusCode: 200,
    body: JSON.stringify(comments),
  };
  return response;
};
```



## Task 2


AWS Lambda is a serverless service, which means you don't need to set up or manage any servers. It automatically runs your code when needed, and you only pay for the time it takes to run. This makes it great for tasks that happen occasionally or have unpredictable demand. However, Lambda has limits, such as only running tasks for up to 15 minutes. You also don't have much control over how it runs behind the scenes.

Amazon EC2, on the other hand, gives you complete control over a virtual server. You can decide everything about how it runs, which is helpful for applications that need specific settings or need to run all the time. But with EC2, you are responsible for managing the server, including updates and maintenance, which takes more work. It can also be more expensive since you pay for the server the whole time it's running, even if you're not using it a lot.

## Task 3

For code plz see the js file


GET



GET        https://rsh88767l4.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/dev/comments

Params    Authorization    Headers (5)    Body    Scripts    Settings

### Query Params

	Key	Value
	Key	Value

body    Cookies    Headers (8)    Test Results    

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```
1  [
2    {
3      "title": "First Comment",
4      "body": "This is the first comment."
5    },
6    {
7      "title": "Second Comment",
8      "body": "This is the second comment."
9    },
10   {
11     "title": "Third Comment",
12     "body": "This is another user comment."
13   }
14 ]
```

## POST

The screenshot displays a REST client interface with a POST request to `https://rsh88767l4.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/dev/comments`. The request body is a JSON object with a title and a body. The response is a 201 Created status with a JSON body containing a success message and a list of comments, including the newly added one.

**Request:**

```
1 {
2   "title": "New Comment",
3   "body": "This is a new comment added via POST."
4 }
5
```

**Response:**

```
1 {
2   "message": "Comment added successfully.",
3   "comments": [
4     {
5       "title": "First Comment",
6       "body": "This is the first comment."
7     },
8     {
9       "title": "Second Comment",
10      "body": "This is the second comment."
11    },
12    {
13      "title": "Third Comment",
14      "body": "This is another user comment."
15    },
16    {
17      "title": "New Comment",
18      "body": "This is a new comment added via POST."
19    }
20  ]
21 }
```

## Task 4

The reason the newly created comment disappears after some time is because AWS Lambda is stateless. This means that any data stored in the Lambda function is not saved after the function completes. Every time the Lambda runs, it starts fresh, which is why only the original hardcoded comments are returned.

To keep comments persistent, we need a database to store them such as Amazon DynamoDB. DynamoDB can store the comments permanently, allowing you to read and write comments

between Lambda executions. This way, your data won't be lost, and all your added comments will persist.

## Task 5

First we need to set the Authorizer in API Gateway to the user pool we just created

### Create authorizer [Info](#)

**Authorizer details**

**Authorizer name**

**Authorizer type** [Info](#)  
Choose to authorize your API calls using one of your Lambda functions or a Cognito User Pool.  
☐ Lambda  
☒ Cognito

**Cognito user pool**  
Select the Cognito user pool that will authenticate requests to your API.

**Token source**  
Enter the header that contains the authorization token.

**Token validation - optional**  
Enter a regular expression to validate tokens.

[Cancel](#) [Create authorizer](#)

### Edit method request

**Method request settings**

**Authorization**

**Authorization scopes**

**Request validator**

☐ API key required

**Operation name - optional**

[▶ URL query string parameters](#)

[▶ HTTP request headers](#)

[▶ Request body](#)

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

On the Cognito side, we need to create a new user.

User: 04c8e448-6081-700b-2b05-e90c586ea0c2 Info

Actions

User information

User ID (Sub)  
04c8e448-6081-700b-2b05-e90c586ea0c2

Alias attributes used to sign in  
Email

MFA setting  
MFA inactive

MFA methods  
-

Account status  
Enabled

Confirmation status  
Confirmed

Created time  
November 22, 2024 at 16:38 PST

Last updated time  
November 22, 2024 at 16:40 PST

User attributes (2) Info

Edit

View and edit this user's attributes.

Filter by property or value

Attribute name	Value	Type
email	dengzecheng@hotmail.com Not verified	Optional
sub	04c8e448-6081-700b-2b05-e90c586ea0c2	Required

We login-in the Hosted-UI with that user, and we can see there is a Authorization Code in the URL



Successfully signed in

This is the default redirect page for Amazon Cognito user pools.

With that code, we can send the Authorization Code to exchange JWT tokens.  
All the information in header can be found in Cognito

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Send ▼

Params Authorization Headers (8) Body ● Scripts Settings

Cookies

Headers ↗ Hide auto-generated headers

	Key	Value	Description	...	Bulk Edit	Presets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Content-Type	<span>ⓘ</span> application/json				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Content-Length	<span>ⓘ</span> <calculated when request is sent>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host	<span>ⓘ</span> <calculated when request is sent>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User-Agent	<span>ⓘ</span> PostmanRuntime/7.42.0				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept	<span>ⓘ</span> */*				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept-Encoding	<span>ⓘ</span> gzip, deflate, br				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Connection	<span>ⓘ</span> keep-alive				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Authorization	Bearer eyJraWQlOiJkNGhWNHdieEk4VjVKYlNOV0hCemRwcEtFOEICV...				
	Key	Value	Description			

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Send ▼

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☐ none ☐ form-data ☐ x-www-form-urlencoded ☒ raw ☐ binary ☐ GraphQL JSON ▼

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Body Cookies Headers (8) Test Results ↺ 201 Created • 200 ms • 690 B 🌐 📄 Save Response ⋮

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON ▼ 🔍

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## Task 6

This attack wouldn't work because JWT tokens are cryptographically signed. If an attacker were to change the expiration time or other contents of the JWT, the signature of the token would become invalid. Without the secret key, the attacker cannot generate a valid signature. Similarly, if asymmetric encryption is used, the attacker cannot recreate the valid signature without access to the private key. When a modified JWT with an altered payload (like an extended expiration time) is sent to the server, the server verifies the token's signature. Since the attacker does not have the secret or private key, the modified token will fail verification, and the server will reject it. This makes it extremely difficult for an attacker to tamper with the contents of the token in any meaningful way.

This is why such an attack, where a token is modified to change its expiration time or user type, would not succeed.