

Case Study

Serverless Image Processing Workflow

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Problem Statement:

- **Concepts Used:** AWS Lambda, S3, and CodePipeline.
- **Problem Statement:** "Create a serverless workflow that triggers an AWS Lambda function when a new image is uploaded to an S3 bucket. Use CodePipeline to automate the deployment of the Lambda function."
- **Tasks:**
 - Create a Lambda function in Python that logs and processes an image when uploaded to a specific S3 bucket.
 - Set up AWS CodePipeline to automatically deploy updates to the Lambda function.
 - Upload a sample image to S3 and verify that the Lambda function is triggered and logs the event.

SOLUTION

Step 1: Set Up an S3 Bucket

1. **Log in to AWS Console** and go to the **S3** service.
2. Click **Create Bucket**, give it a unique name (e.g., **image-processing-bucket**), and choose a region.
3. Enable **versioning** if needed and leave other options as default. Click **Create Bucket**.

Create bucket [info](#)

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

General configuration

AWS Region
Europe (Stockholm) eu-north-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**
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](#)
image-bucket-eesha

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.

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.

Step 2: Create a Lambda Function to Process Images

1. Go to the **Lambda** service in AWS.
2. Click **Create Function** and choose **Author from Scratch**.
 - **Name:** ImageProcessingLambda
 - **Runtime:** Python 3.x (e.g., Python 3.9)

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.

☐ **Browse serverless app repository**
Deploy a sample Lambda application from the AWS Serverless Application Repository.

Basic information

Function name
Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.
ImageProcessingLambda

Function name must be 1 to 64 characters, must be unique to the Region, and can't include spaces. Valid characters are a-z, A-Z, 0-9, hyphens (-), and underscores (_).

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](#)

Create a simple web app
In this tutorial you will learn how to:
 • Build a simple web app, consisting of a Lambda function with a function URL that outputs a webpage
 • Invoke your function through its function URL
[Learn more](#)

3. IAM Role for Lambda:

- Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions:
 - Choose **Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions**.
 - It automatically assigns the policy **AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole** to the role, which allows the function to write logs to **CloudWatch**.

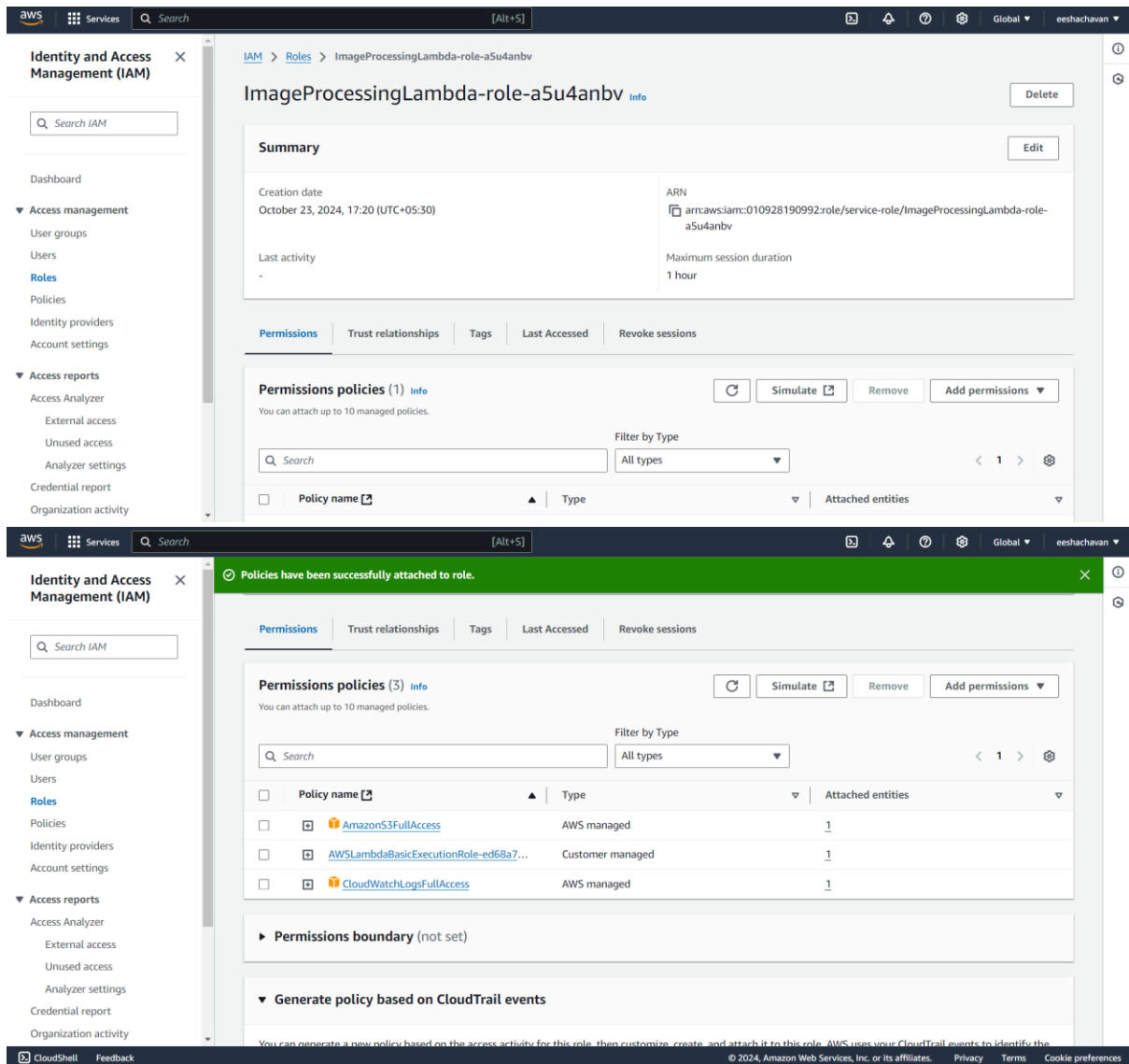
4. After the function is created, add the following permissions to access the S3 bucket:
 - Click on **Configuration > Permissions > Execution Role**.

- Click on the role and attach the following permissions:
 - **AmazonS3FullAccess**
 - **CloudWatchLogsFullAccess**

The screenshot displays the AWS Management Console interface for configuring the execution role of a Lambda function named `ImageProcessingLambda`. The console shows the `Configuration` tab with the `Execution role` section selected. The role name is `ImageProcessingLambda-role-a5u4anbv`. Under the `Resource summary` section, a dropdown menu shows `Amazon CloudWatch Logs` with 3 actions and 2 resources. The `By resource` tab is active, displaying a table of permissions:

Resource	Actions
<code>arn:aws:logs:eu-north-1:010928190992:*</code>	<code>Allow: logs:CreateLogGroup</code>
<code>arn:aws:logs:eu-north-1:010928190992:log-group:/aws/lambda/ImageProcessingLambda:*</code>	<code>Allow: logs:CreateLogStream</code> <code>Allow: logs:PutLogEvents</code>

On the right side of the console, a tutorial titled `Create a simple web app` is visible, providing guidance on building a web application using AWS Lambda.



5. Add Python Code to Process Images:

- Go back to **Code** section and replace the sample code with:

CODE:

```
import json
import boto3

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    # Log the event in CloudWatch
    print("Event: ", json.dumps(event))

    # Extract S3 bucket and object details
    s3 = boto3.client('s3')
    bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
    key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']

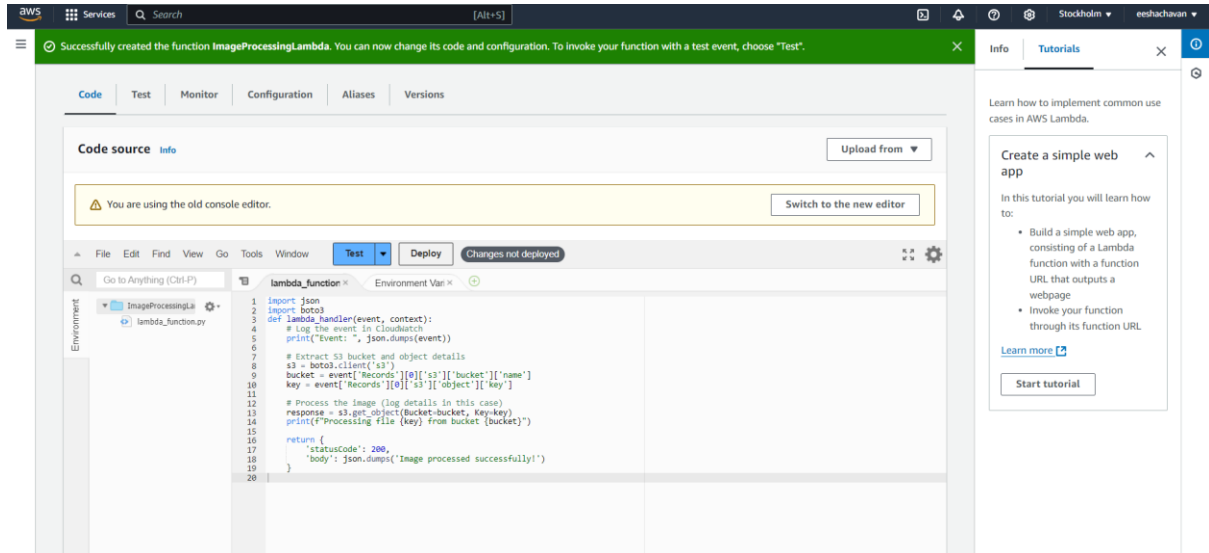
    # Process the image (log details in this case)
```

```

response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=key)
print(f"Processing file {key} from bucket {bucket}")

return {
    'statusCode': 200,
    'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully!')
}

```



- This code logs the S3 event and retrieves basic information about the uploaded image.

Step 3: Set Up S3 Event Notification to Trigger Lambda

1. Go back to the **S3** service and select your bucket (**image-bucket-eesha**).
2. In the **Properties** tab, scroll to the **Event Notifications** section and click **Create Event Notification**.
 - **Event Name:** **ImageUploadEvent**
 - **Event Type:** Select **All object create events** (i.e., triggers when any file is uploaded).
 - **Destination:** Choose **Lambda function** and select **ImageProcessingLambda**.

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Create event notification

Create event notification Info

To enable notifications, you must first add a notification configuration that identifies the events you want Amazon S3 to publish and the destinations where you want Amazon S3 to send the notifications.

General configuration

Event name

Event name can contain up to 255 characters.

Prefix - optional

Limit the notifications to objects with key starting with specified characters.

Suffix - optional

Limit the notifications to objects with key ending with specified characters.

Event types

Specify at least one event for which you want to receive notifications. For each group, you can choose an event type for all events, or you can choose one or more individual events.

Object creation

☒ All object create events
s3:ObjectCreated:*

☐ Put
s3:ObjectCreated:Put

☐ Post
s3:ObjectCreated:Post

☐ Copy
s3:ObjectCreated:Copy

☐ Multipart upload completed
s3:ObjectCreated:CompleteMultipartUpload

Object removal

☐ All object removal events
s3:ObjectRemoved:*

☐ Permanently deleted
s3:ObjectRemoved:Delete

☐ Delete marker created
s3:ObjectRemoved:DeleteMarkerCreated

Object restore

☐ All restore object events
s3:ObjectRestore:*

☐ Restore initiated
s3:ObjectRestore:Post

Destination

Before Amazon S3 can publish messages to a destination, you must grant the Amazon S3 principal the necessary permissions to call the relevant API to publish messages to an SNS topic, an SQS queue, or a Lambda function. [Learn more](#)

Destination

Choose a destination to publish the event. [Learn more](#)

☒ Lambda function
Run a Lambda function script based on S3 events.

☐ SNS topic
Fanout messages to systems for parallel processing or directly to people.

☐ SQS queue
Send notifications to an SQS queue to be read by a server.

Specify Lambda function

☒ Choose from your Lambda functions

☐ Enter Lambda function ARN

Lambda function

Cancel

Save changes

3. Click **Save Changes**.

Step 4 :Step-by-Step Guide Using CodeBuild:

1. **Create a Buildspec File:** In your GitHub repo (where your `lambda_function.py` is), add a `buildspec.yml` file. This file will tell CodeBuild how to package and deploy your Lambda function.

Example `buildspec.yml`:

CODE:

version: 0.2

phases:

install:

commands:

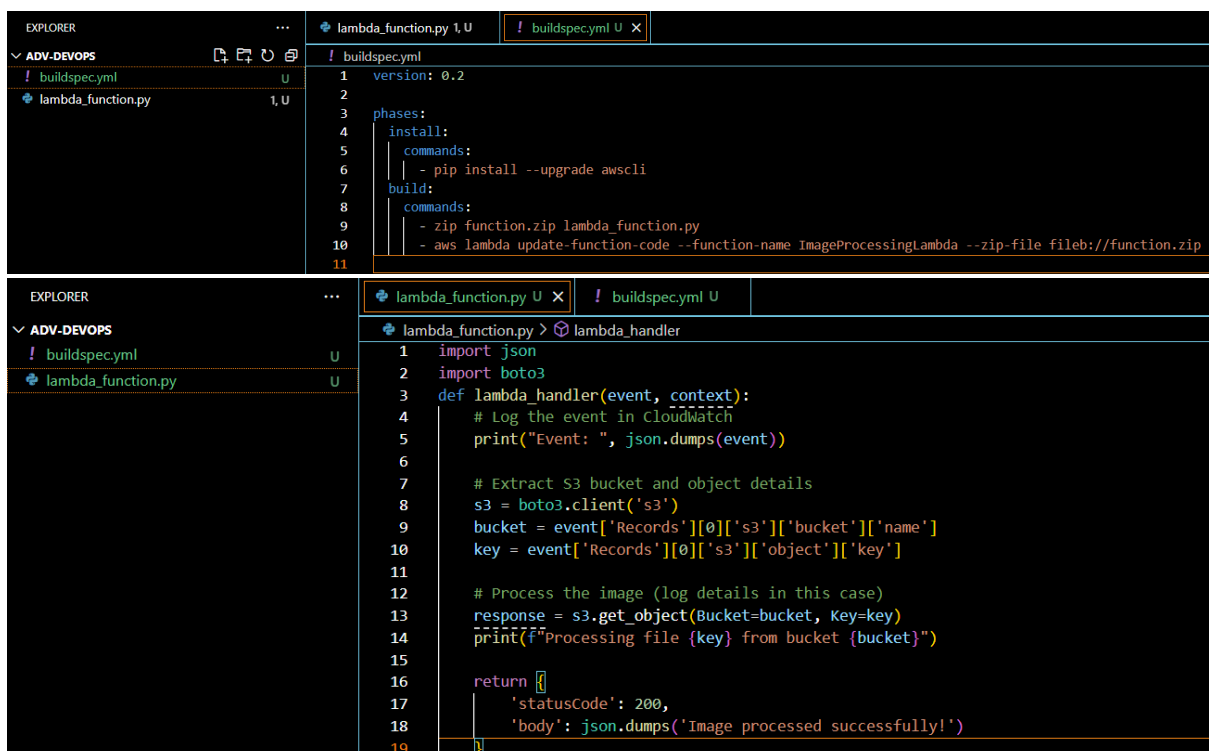
- pip install --upgrade awscli

build:

commands:

- zip function.zip lambda_function.py

- aws lambda update-function-code --function-name ImageProcessingLambda --zip-file fileb://function.zip



The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with two files open: `buildspec.yml` and `lambda_function.py`. The `buildspec.yml` file contains the following content:

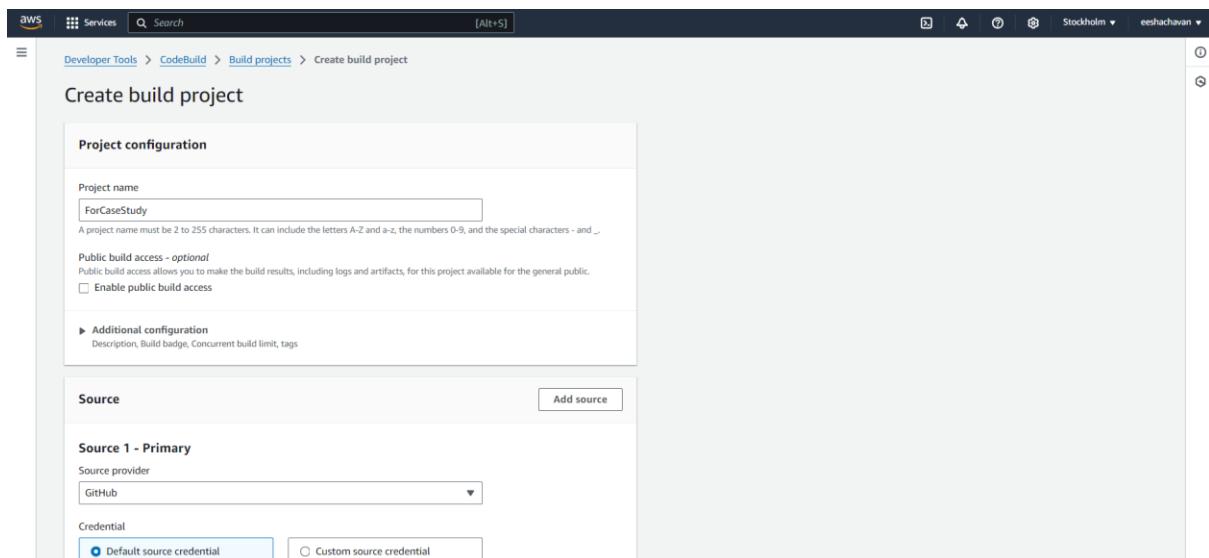
```
1 version: 0.2
2
3 phases:
4   install:
5     commands:
6       - pip install --upgrade awscli
7   build:
8     commands:
9       - zip function.zip lambda_function.py
10      - aws lambda update-function-code --function-name ImageProcessingLambda --zip-file fileb://function.zip
11
```

The `lambda_function.py` file contains the following content:

```
1 import json
2 import boto3
3 def lambda_handler(event, context):
4     # Log the event in CloudWatch
5     print("Event: ", json.dumps(event))
6
7     # Extract S3 bucket and object details
8     s3 = boto3.client('s3')
9     bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
10    key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
11
12    # Process the image (log details in this case)
13    response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=key)
14    print(f"Processing file {key} from bucket {bucket}")
15
16    return {
17        'statusCode': 200,
18        'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully!')
19    }
```

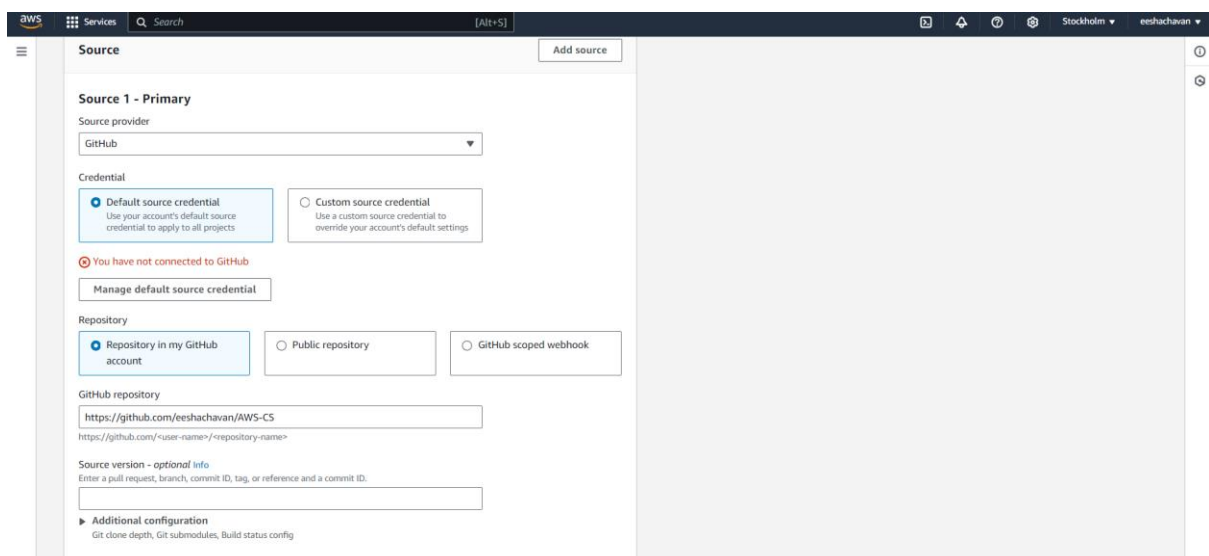
2. Create a CodeBuild Project:

- Go to **AWS CodeBuild** and create a new build project.



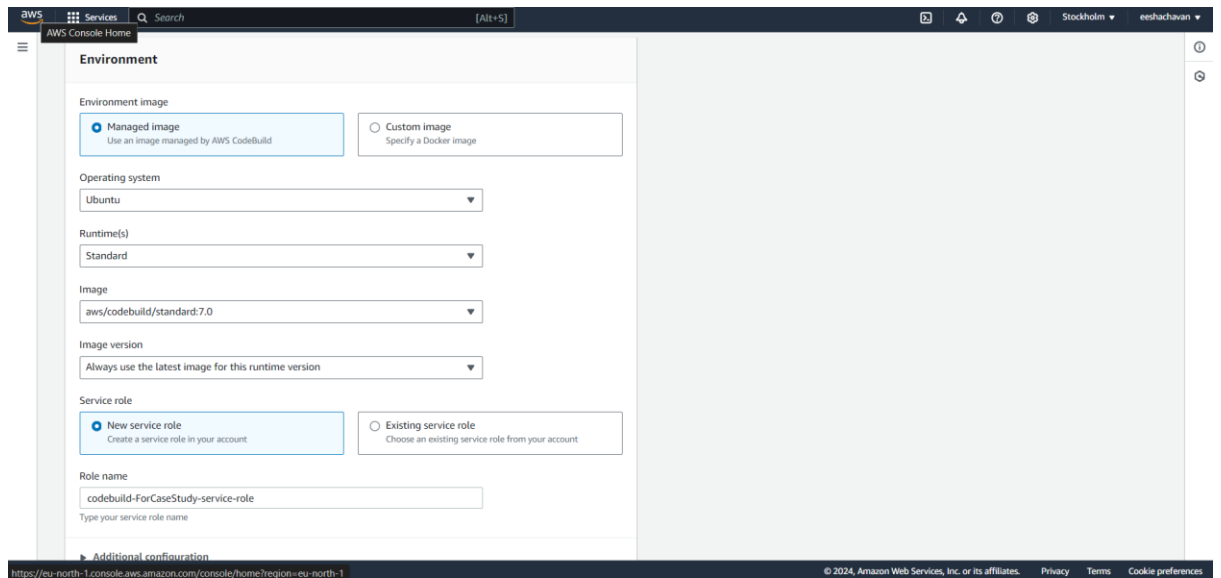
The screenshot shows the 'Create build project' page in the AWS CodeBuild console. The 'Project configuration' section is visible, with the 'Project name' field set to 'ForCaseStudy'. Below this, there is a section for 'Public build access - optional' with a checkbox for 'Enable public build access'. Further down, there is an 'Additional configuration' section with a link to 'Description, Build badge, Concurrent build limit, tags'. The 'Source' section is also visible, showing 'Source 1 - Primary' with 'Source provider' set to 'GitHub' and 'Credential' set to 'Default source credential'.

- For the **Source**, select the same GitHub repo you are using.

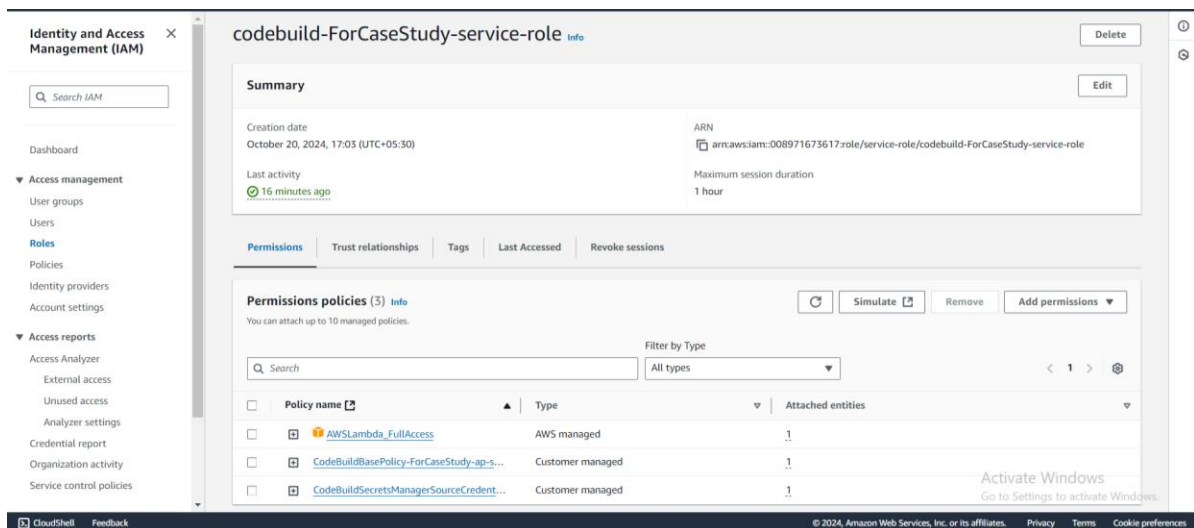


The screenshot shows the 'Source' configuration page in the AWS CodeBuild console. The 'Source 1 - Primary' section is visible, with 'Source provider' set to 'GitHub'. Under 'Credential', there are two options: 'Default source credential' (selected) and 'Custom source credential'. Below this, there is a message 'You have not connected to GitHub' with a 'Manage default source credential' button. The 'Repository' section shows three options: 'Repository in my GitHub account' (selected), 'Public repository', and 'GitHub scoped webhook'. The 'GitHub repository' field is set to 'https://github.com/eeshachavan/AWS-CS'. Below this, there is a 'Source version - optional info' section with a text input field. At the bottom, there is an 'Additional configuration' section with a link to 'Git clone depth, Git submodules, Build status config'.

- For the **Environment**, select a managed image (e.g., Ubuntu with standard runtimes).



- Ensure that the environment has the correct permissions to update the Lambda function (using a role with **AWSLambdaFullAccess** or similar).



- Specify the **buildspec.yml** file from your GitHub repository.

Buildspec

Build specifications

☐ Insert build commands
Store build commands as build project configuration

☒ Use a buildspec file
Store build commands in a YAML-formatted buildspec file

Buildspec name - optional
By default, CodeBuild looks for a file named buildspec.yml in the source code root directory. If your buildspec file uses a different name or location, enter its path from the source root here (for example, buildspec-two.yml or configuration/buildspec.yml).

buildspec.yml

Batch configuration
You can run a group of builds as a single execution. Batch configuration is also available in advanced option when starting build.

☐ Define batch configuration - optional
You can also define or override batch configuration when starting a build batch.

Artifacts Add artifact

Artifact 1 - Primary

Type
No artifacts

Step 5: Set Up AWS CodePipeline to Automate Lambda Deployment

1. Go to the **CodePipeline** service and click **Create Pipeline**.
2. **Pipeline Settings:**
 - **Pipeline Name:** ImageProcessingPipeline
 - **Service Role:** Allow CodePipeline to create a new role.

Choose pipeline settings info

Step 2 of 6

Pipeline settings

Pipeline name
Enter the pipeline name. You cannot edit the pipeline name after it is created.

ImageProcessingPipeline
No more than 100 characters

Pipeline type

☒ You can no longer create V1 pipelines through the console. We recommend you use the V2 pipeline type with improved release safety, pipeline triggers, parameterized pipelines, and a new billing model.

Execution mode
Choose the execution mode for your pipeline. This determines how the pipeline is run.

☐ Superseded
A more recent execution can overtake an older one. This is the default.

☒ Queued (Pipeline type V2 required)
Executions are processed one by one in the order that they are queued.

☐ Parallel (Pipeline type V2 required)
Executions don't wait for other runs to complete before starting or finishing.

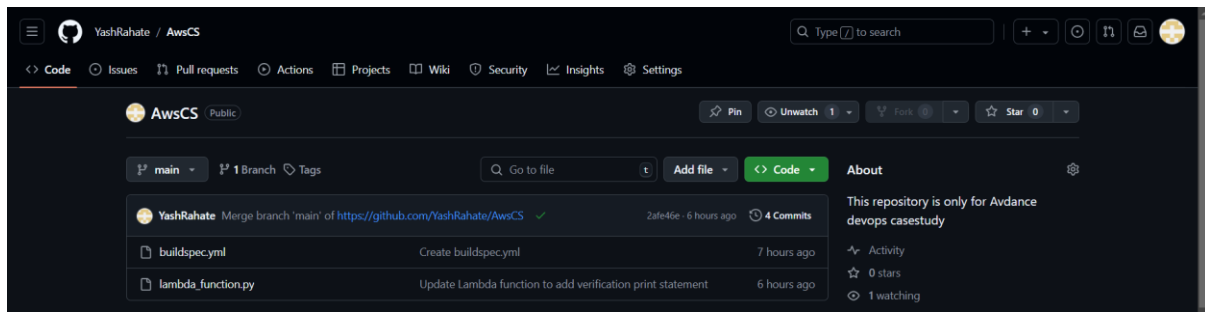
Service role

☒ New service role
Create a service role in your account.

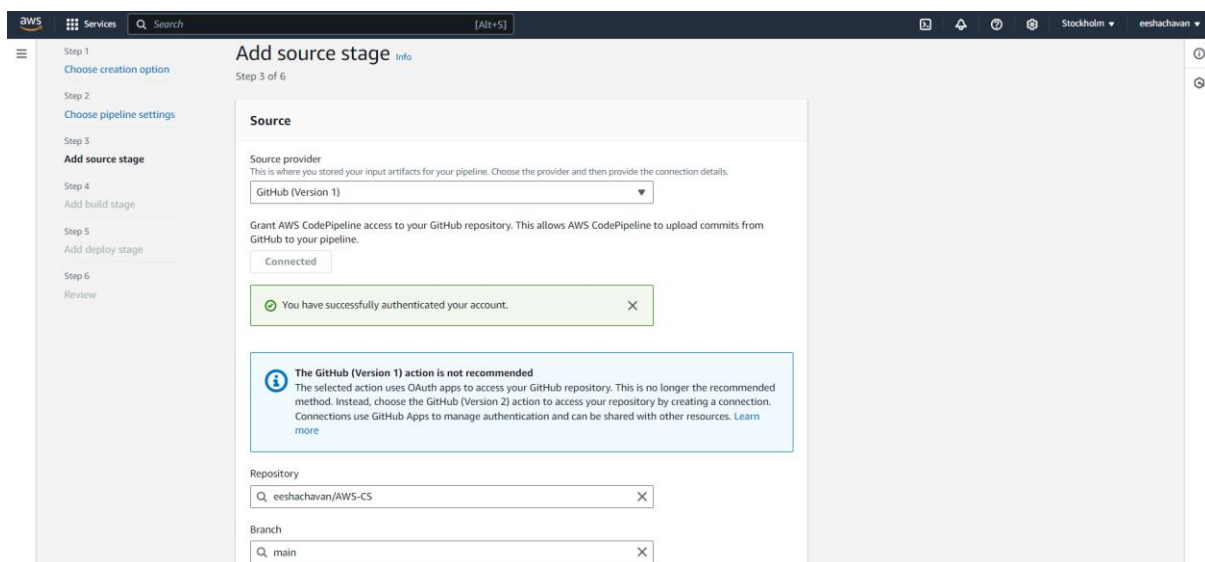
☐ Existing service role
Choose an existing service role from your account.

Role name
AWSCodePipelineServiceRole-eu-north-1-ImageProcessingPipeline

3. **Source Stage (Code Repository):**
 - For **Source Provider**, choose **GitHub** or **AWS CodeCommit** based on your code repository.



- Connect your repository that contains the Lambda code (use the same code as in Step 2).



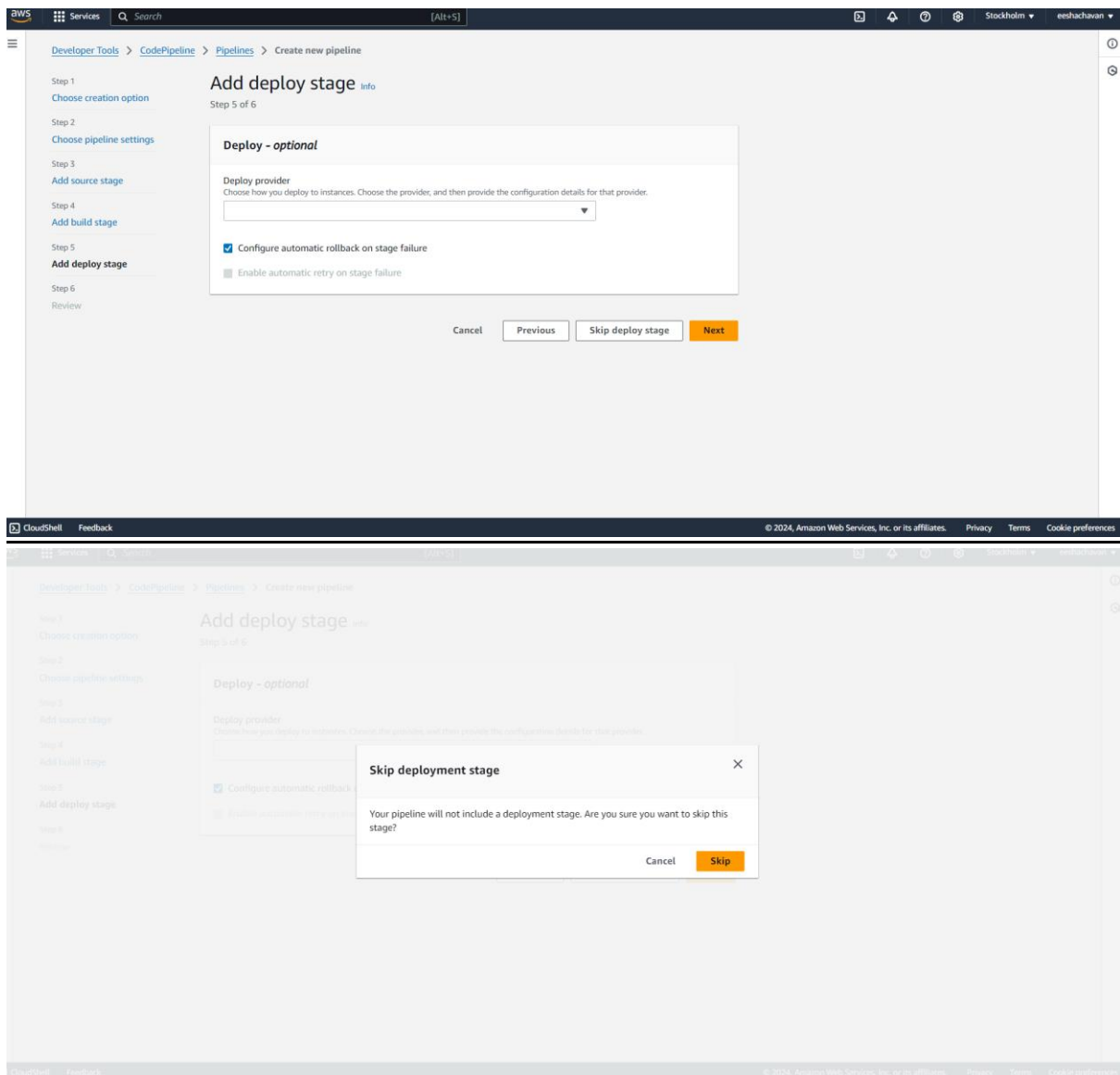
4. Add CodeBuild to CodePipeline:

- In your CodePipeline, add **CodeBuild** as the **Build Stage** (instead of a Deploy Stage).
- This will allow CodePipeline to trigger the CodeBuild project, which will run the **buildspec.yml** commands to package and deploy the Lambda function.

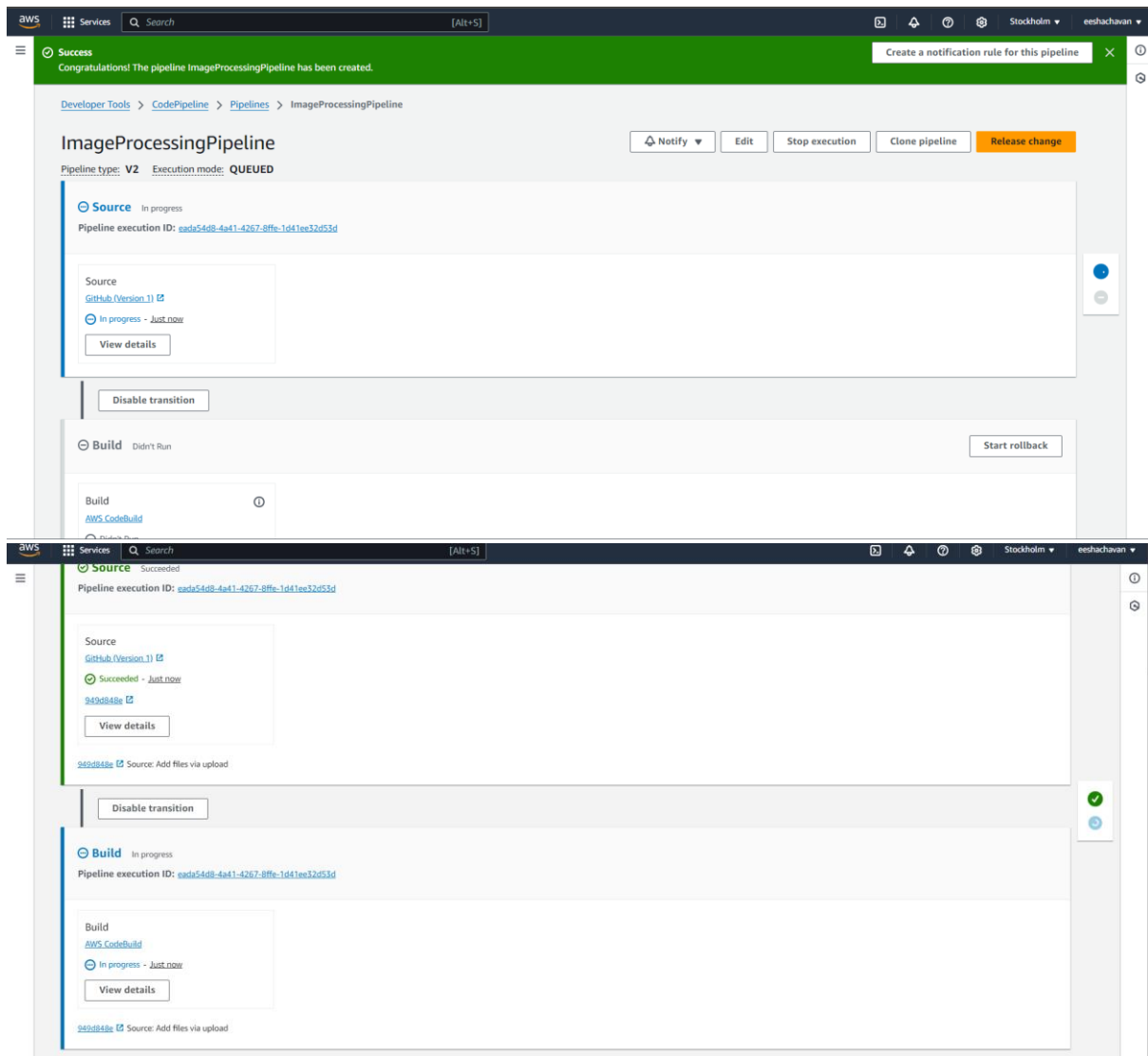
The screenshot displays the AWS CodePipeline console interface during the configuration of a new pipeline. The top navigation bar includes the AWS logo, a 'Services' menu, a search bar, and a keyboard shortcut '[Alt+5]'. On the right, it shows the current region as 'Stockholm' and the user's name 'eeshachavan'. A left-hand sidebar lists the steps of the pipeline creation process: Step 2 (Choose pipeline settings), Step 3 (Add source stage), Step 4 (Add build stage - currently selected), Step 5 (Add deploy stage), and Step 6 (Review). The main content area is titled 'Step 4 of 6' and 'Build - optional'. It contains several sections: 'Build provider' with radio buttons for 'Commands' and 'Other build providers' (selected), a dropdown menu showing 'AWS CodeBuild', 'Project name' with a search bar containing 'ForCaseStudy' and a 'Create project' button, 'Environment variables - optional' with an 'Add environment variable' button, 'Build type' with radio buttons for 'Single build' (selected) and 'Batch build', 'Region' with a dropdown menu showing 'Europe (Stockholm)', and 'Input artifacts' with a 'Learn more' link. The bottom of the screen features a footer with 'CloudShell', 'Feedback', and copyright information for Amazon Web Services, Inc. or its affiliates, along with links for 'Privacy', 'Terms', and 'Cookie preferences'.

5. Deploy Stage (Deploy to Lambda):

- SKIP THIS (as Choose **AWS Lambda** as the deploy provider Does not exist.)

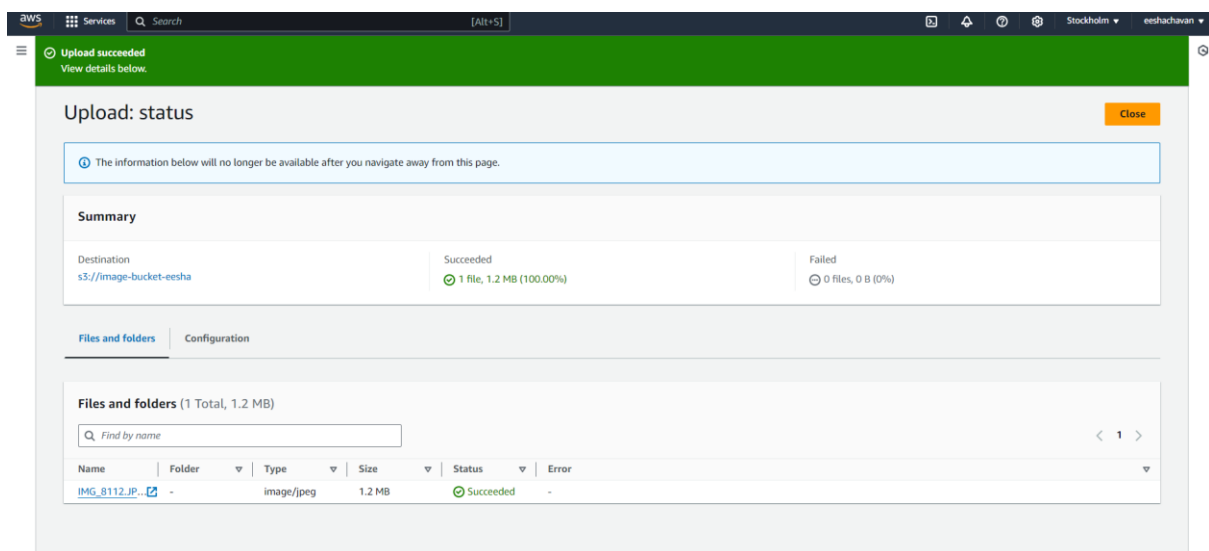
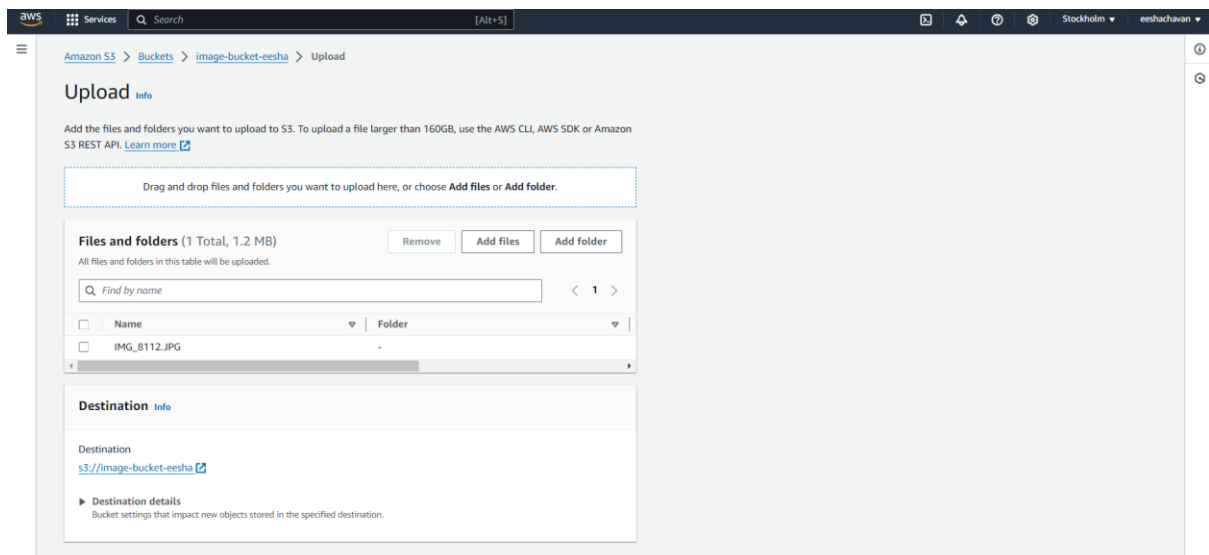


6. Click **Create Pipeline** to finish setting up.



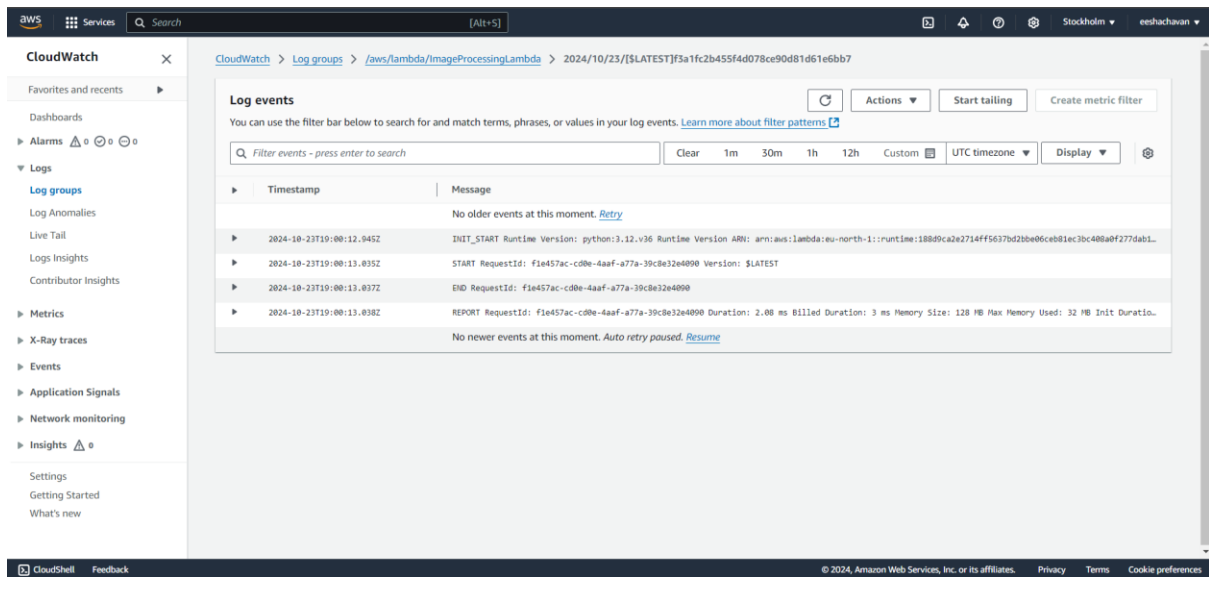
Step 6: Test the Serverless Workflow

1. **Upload a sample image** to your S3 bucket:
 - Go to **S3**, select the bucket **image-bucket-eesha**, and click **Upload**.
 - Upload any image



2. Check CloudWatch Logs:

- Go to **CloudWatch > Logs > Log groups**.
- You should see a new log group for **ImageProcessingLambda**.
- In the logs, you'll see details about the S3 event, including the bucket name and the key (filename).



Step 7: Verify CodePipeline Automation

1. **Make a change** to the Lambda function code (e.g., update the print statement).

```

EXPLORER
  ADV-DEVOPS
    ! buildspec.yml
    + lambda_function.py
  lambda_function.py > ...
1  import json
2  import boto3
3
4  def lambda_handler(event, context):
5      # Log the event in CloudWatch
6      print("Event: ", json.dumps(event))
7
8      # Extract S3 bucket and object details
9      s3 = boto3.client('s3')
10     bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
11     key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
12
13     # Process the image (log details in this case)
14     response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=key)
15     print(f"Processing file {key} from bucket {bucket}")
16
17     # New print statement for verification
18     print(f"Lambda function updated! Now processing {key} from {bucket}.")
19
20     return {
21         'statusCode': 200,
22         'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully!')
23     }

```

New Code:

```
import json
import boto3
```

```
def lambda_handler(event, context):
    # Log the event in CloudWatch
    print("Event: ", json.dumps(event))
```

```
    # Extract S3 bucket and object details
    s3 = boto3.client('s3')
    bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']
    key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']
```



```
# Process the image (log details in this case)
response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket, Key=key)
print(f"Processing file {key} from bucket {bucket}")

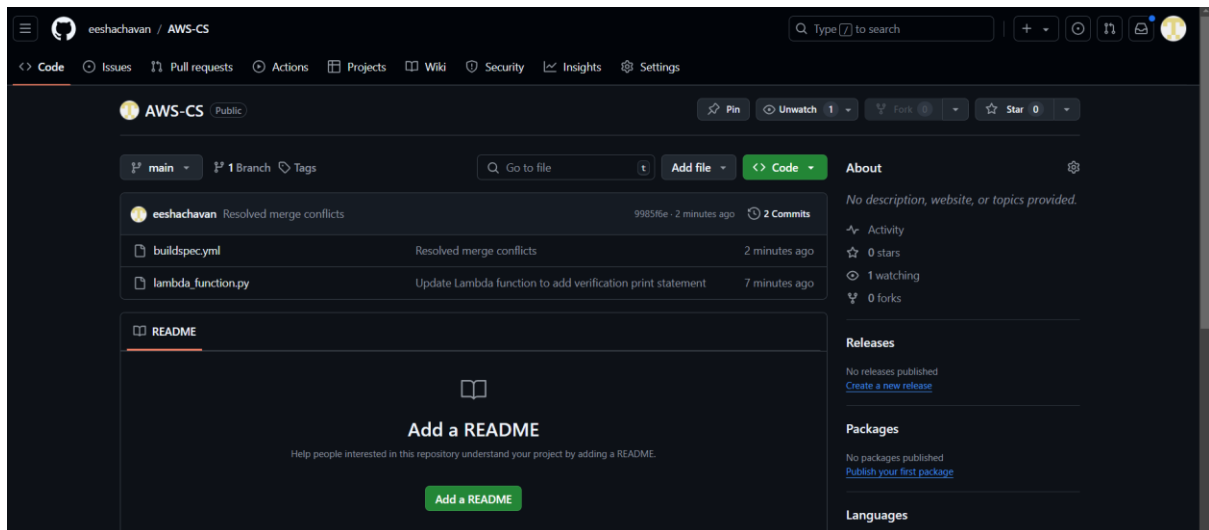
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print(f"Lambda function updated! Now processing {key} from {bucket}.")

return {
    'statusCode': 200,
    'body': json.dumps('Image processed successfully!')
}
```

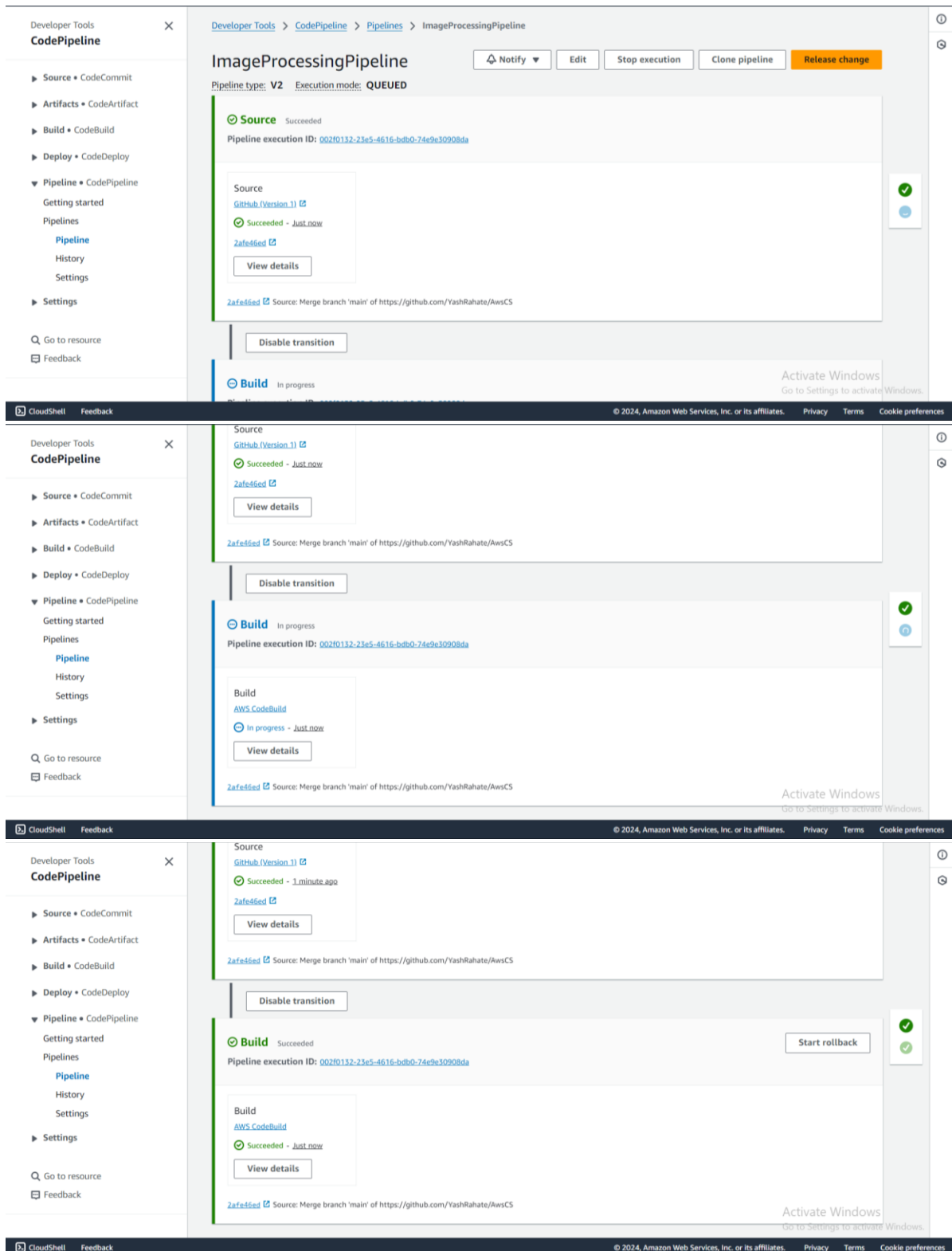
2. **Push the changes** to the GitHub or CodeCommit repository.

```
git add lambda_function.py
git commit -m "Update Lambda function to add verification print statement"
git push origin main
```

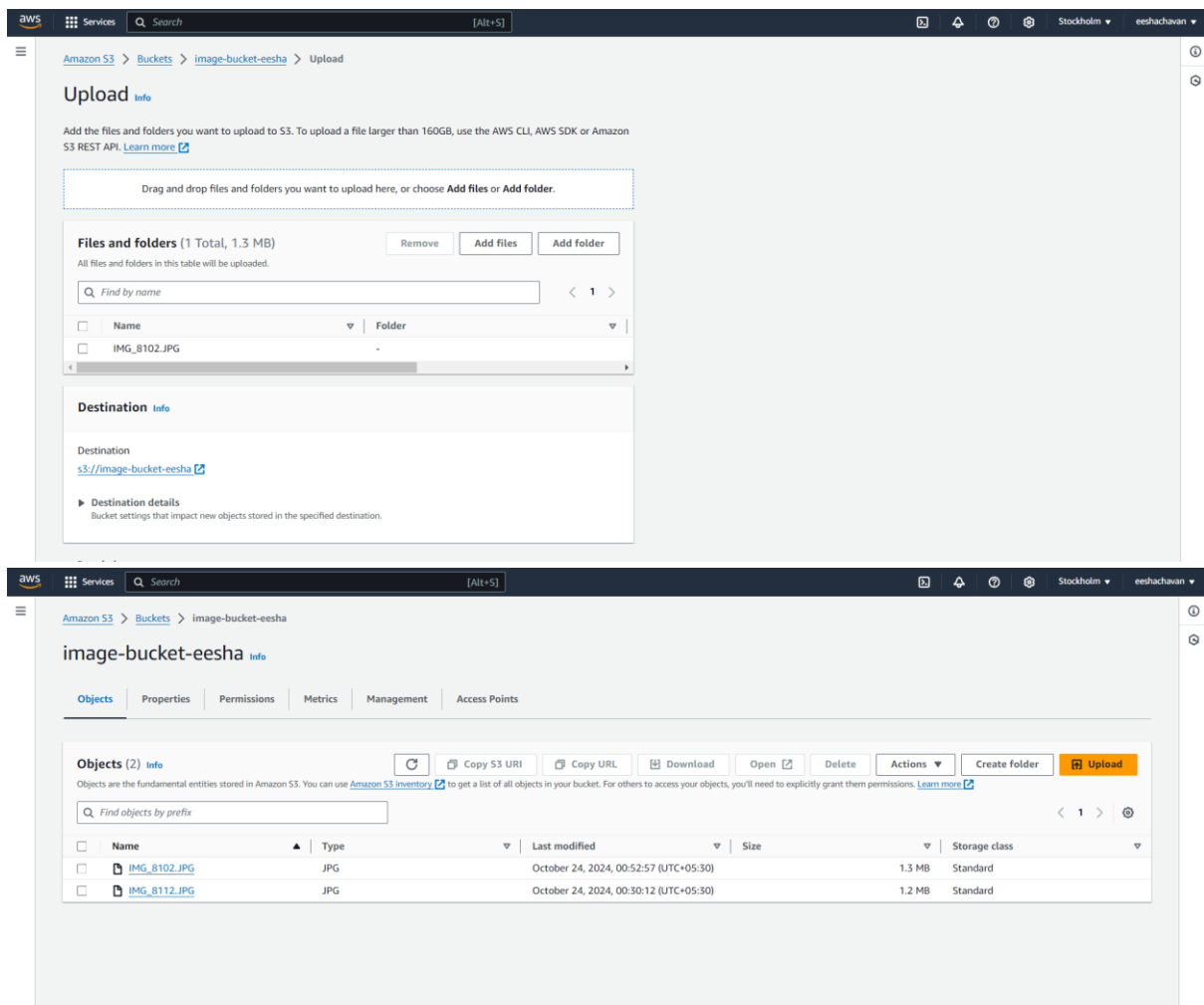
```
PS C:\Users\Eesha Chavan\Desktop\adv-devops> git push origin main
>>
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 466 bytes | 233.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
To https://github.com/eeshachavan/AWS-CS.git
df24502..9985f6e  main -> main
```



3. CodePipeline will automatically detect the changes and redeploy the updated Lambda function.



4. Verify that the updated function gets deployed by checking CloudWatch logs after uploading another image.



The top screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console for the log group `/aws/lambda/ImageProcessingLambda`. The left sidebar contains navigation options like Alarms, Logs, Metrics, and Insights. The main content area shows the 'Log group details' for the specified log group. It includes a search bar, a 'Log streams (2)' section with a table of log streams, and a 'Log events' section.

Log stream	Last event time
2024/10/23/[LATEST]2fa966984f3a4d5e8e41933ee7457e2f	2024-10-23 19:22:57 (UTC)
2024/10/23/[LATEST]f3a1fc2b455f4d078ce90d81d61e6bb7	2024-10-23 19:00:13 (UTC)

The bottom screenshot shows the 'Log events' for the log stream `2024/10/23/[LATEST]2fa966984f3a4d5e8e41933ee7457e2f`. It displays a list of events with timestamps and messages. The events are as follows:

Timestamp	Message
2024-10-23T19:22:57.786Z	INLET_START Runtime Version: python:3.12.v36 Runtime Version ARN: arn:aws:lambda:eu-north-1::runtime:18809ca2e2714ff5637bd2b0e06ce8b1ec3bc408a0f277dab1...
2024-10-23T19:22:57.854Z	START RequestId: 2e153ab4-a3ba-42c3-a315-6804a95833eb Version: \$LATEST
2024-10-23T19:22:57.856Z	END RequestId: 2e153ab4-a3ba-42c3-a315-6804a95833eb
2024-10-23T19:22:57.856Z	REPORT RequestId: 2e153ab4-a3ba-42c3-a315-6804a95833eb Duration: 2.13 ms Billed Duration: 3 ms Memory Size: 128 MB Max Memory Used: 32 MB Init Duration...

Conclusion

This workflow will set up a fully serverless image processing system that triggers an AWS Lambda function whenever a new image is uploaded to S3, and it will automate the deployment using AWS CodePipeline.