

# Create an IAM Role for Lambda (with S3 Permissions)

This IAM role is specifically designed to allow your Lambda function to:

- **Read from the input bucket:** So, it can access the original images uploaded by users.
- **Write to the output bucket:** To save the processed images after transformation.
- **Log to CloudWatch:** Essential for debugging, monitoring, and viewing any output from your Lambda function.

Let's get this set up:

1. **Navigate to the IAM Console:** In your AWS console, search for "IAM" and click on the service.
2. **Start Creating a New Role:**
  - In the left-hand navigation pane, click on "Roles".
  - Then, click the "Create role" button.
3. **Select Trusted Entity and Use Case:**
  - For "Trusted entity type", choose "AWS service".
  - For "Use case", select "Lambda" from the list.
  - Click "Next".
4. **Attach Permissions Policies:** Now, we'll grant the specific permissions our Lambda function needs. In the "Add permissions" section:
  - In the search bar, type and select the following policies:
    - **AmazonS3FullAccess** (For simplicity during setup, we're granting full S3 access. In a production environment, you would want to restrict this to only the necessary read/write actions on your specific buckets.)

- **CloudWatchLogsFullAccess** (This allows your Lambda function to write logs to CloudWatch, which is incredibly useful for troubleshooting.)

- Click "Next".

#### **5. Name and Create the Role:**

- For "Role name", enter: **lambda-image-processing-role**
- (Optional: You can add a description to explain the role's purpose.)
- Review the selected policies and settings.
- Finally, click "Create role".