

# URL shortener with AWS

## Scenario:

In Company M, employees often share internal documents via URLs. However, these URLs are often lengthy and non-descriptive, so there is a need for a URL shortening solution for convenience and clarity. As the documents are confidential, free online services like TinyURL.com are prohibited. As the solution architect, you are tasked with designing and implementing a Proof of Concept (PoC) URL shortener using AWS. The url should be auto-generated, and expire after 10 minutes, as the documents are expected to be opened shortly. Operational efficiency is important and the company wants to manage as little infrastructure as possible.

## Functional requirements:

- Provide a web interface for users to submit long URLs and receive shortened versions of it
- Generate short URLs in the format: `http://xxxxx.xxx/H3LL0`
- Last segment of the short URL should be a random 5-character string in letters and digits
- Do not care about the domain for this PoC
- Each short URL should be valid for 10 minutes after creation

## Infrastructure requirements:

- Leverage Infrastructure as Code (IaC), e.g. Terraform, AWS SAM or AWS CDK
- Utilise Amazon API Gateway for REST API implementation
- Implement CRUD logic using AWS Lambda
- Leverage additional AWS services as needed based on your design
- Ensure that all chosen services are eligible for the free tier

## Deliverables:

- IaC templates and associated code
- Architecture diagram of the solution (in the README file)
- URL of the deployed web interface (in the README file)
- Detailed steps for building, deploying and running the application (in the README file)
- Show progress in Git history through meaningful commits.

## Optional items (Bonus):

- Only expire the short url if it has not been accessed for 10 min  
i.e. every time when users access it, start countdown of 10 min all over again
- Allow users to customise the short URL suffix, instead of random generation
- Only allow users with IP range from `218.189.44.128 - 218.189.44.255` to call API
- Estimate the cost of running this setup (do not consider free tier quotas)
- Suggest potential improvements if additional time and resources are given