Serverless concept

Serverless is a managed, native cloud architecture that shifts operational responsibility of servers to the cloud. That allows you, the developer, to focus on building applications and services without even thinking about the servers and software needed to run your code.

Cost-efficiency is intertwined with serverless because you only pay for what you use, whereas even virtual servers cost money to run 24/7.

In this lesson, we will use a serverless frontend called **API Gateway** which will send the request to a **Lambda Function**, which will serve as our backend.

That Lambda will either set or get the user's name from a managed, in-memory database service. The Lambda will return the name back to the user via the API Gateway.

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ElastiCache

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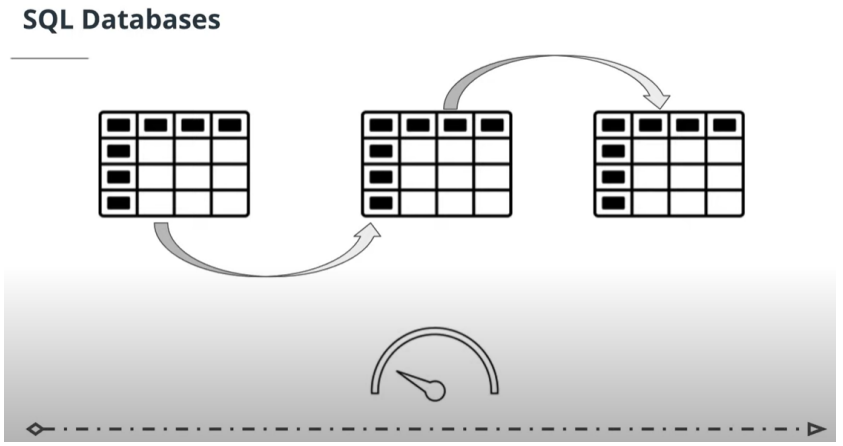
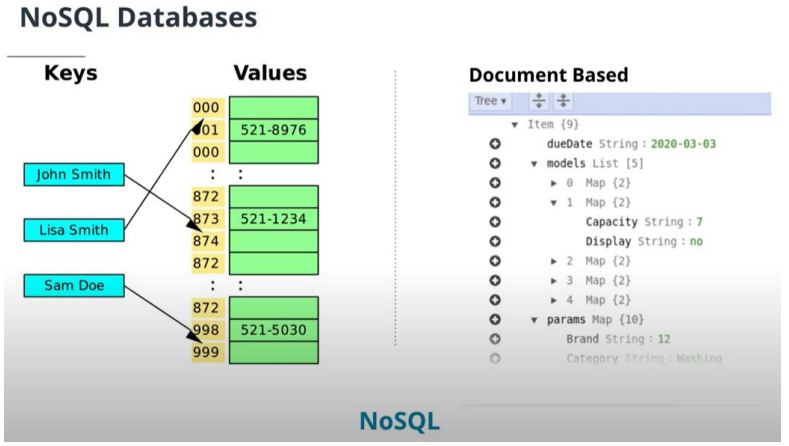
- Managed, in-memory NoSQL database
- For security, instances are deployed to a private subnet by default and lack a publicly reachable address
- Redis is an open-source data store, whereas ElastiCache is AWS's proprietary service the hosts Redis databases for AWS users
- Great choice for real-time applications such as gaming, chat, and video
- Easily scalable and replicable



Rational databases
structured data



Not only SQL databases
flexible data requirements

Exercise: ElastiCache For Redis

In this exercise, you will launch a Redis instance on ElastiCache. You will continue to use this instance in the next exercise.

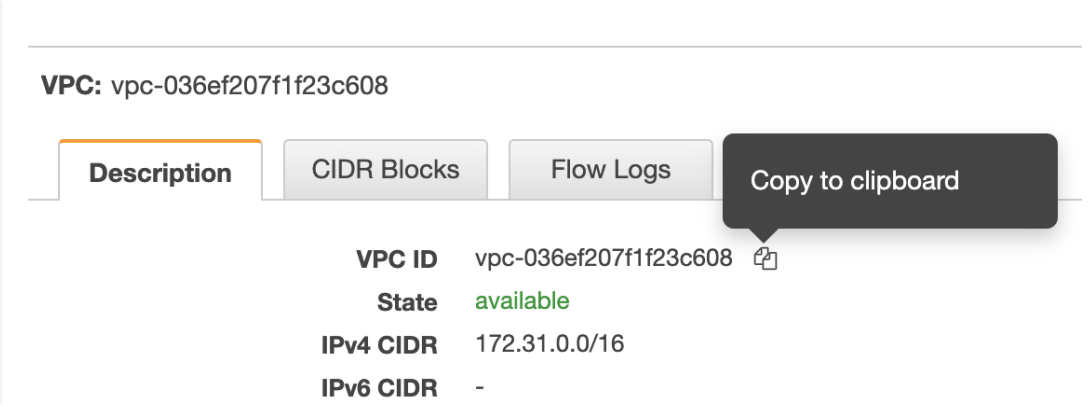
Instructions

- **Single node** with **no replication**
- **t2.micro** type
- **us-east-1 N.Virginia** region
- Setup on the **default VPC**
- No encryption either **in transit** (No Auth) or **at-rest**
- Name the node **redis**

Before you start, you need to get the Virtual Private Cloud ID of the default VPC:

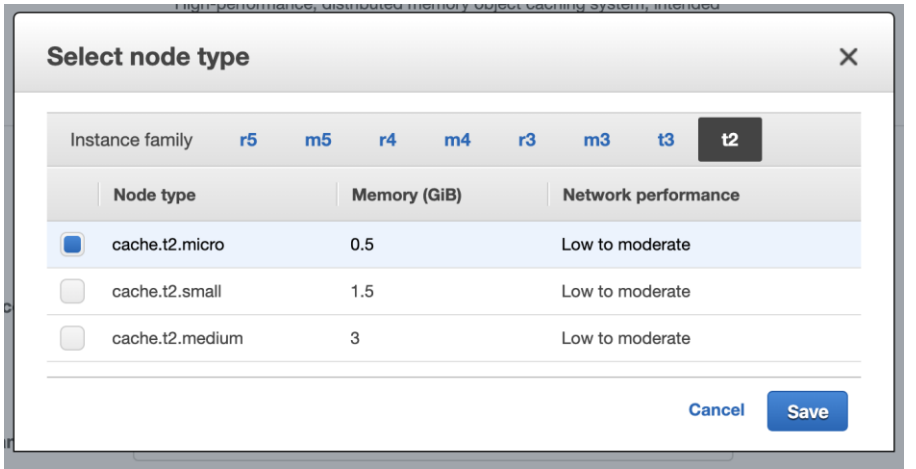
Default VPC ID

1. Open the VPC console
2. Note the default VPC ID

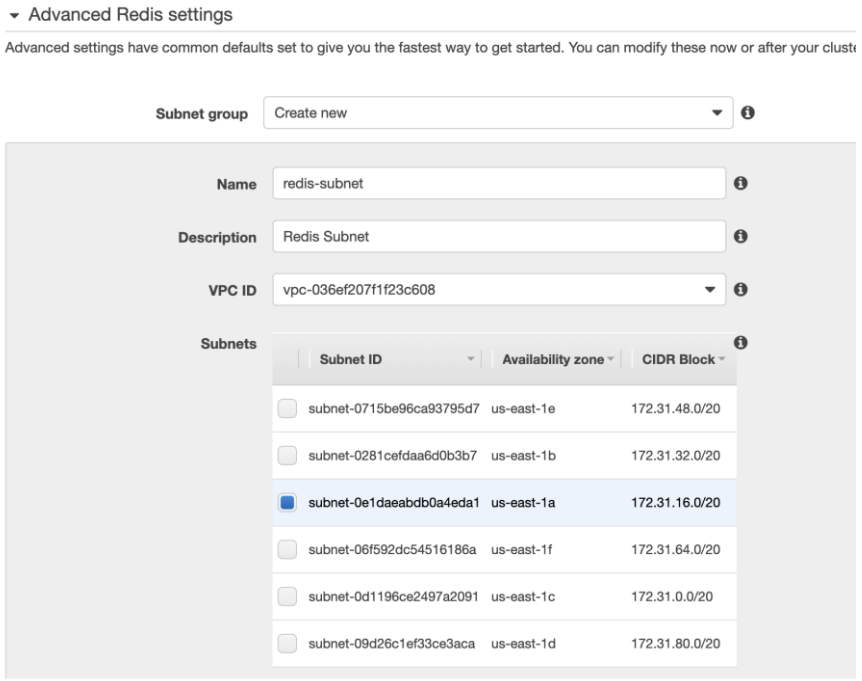


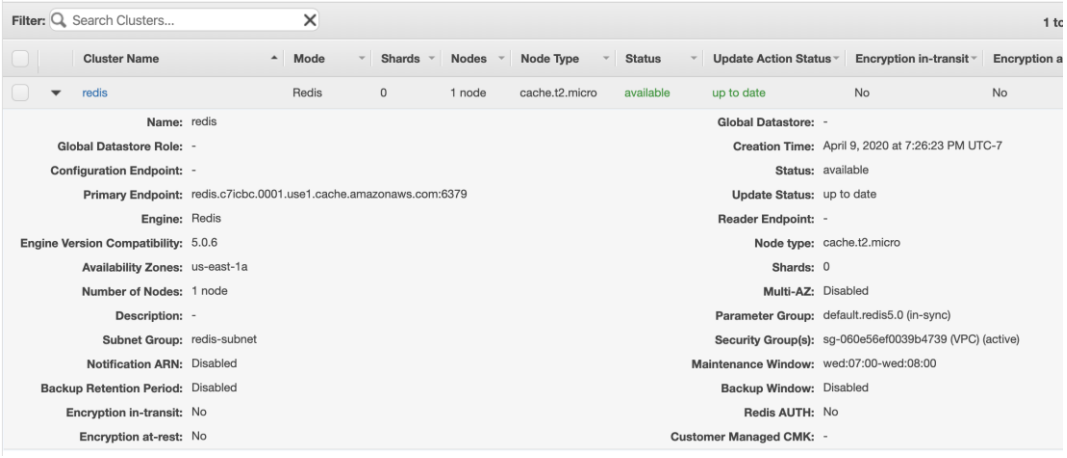
Create the ElastiCache Redis Instance

1. Open the ElastiCache console
2. Change the region on the top right to be **us-east-1 N.Virginia**
3. Click **Redis** on the sidebar menu, then click the **Create** button
4. Name the instance **redis**
5. Change the number of replicas to 0
6. Change the **Node type** to be **t2.micro**
7. Save



8. Under the Advanced Redis Settings, set the **Name** to be **redis-subnet**
9. Set the **Description** to **Redis Subnet**
10. Change the VPC ID to the default VPC ID that you noted previously
11. Select **us-east-1a** as the subnet



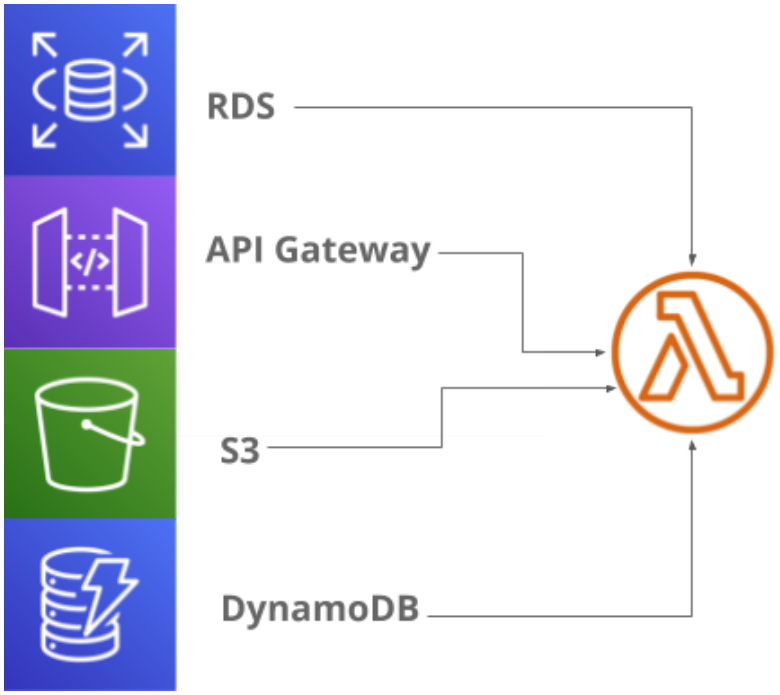


12. Scroll down to the **Backup** section and deselect **Enable Automatic backups**
13. Click on the **Create** button

Wait a few minutes for the instance to initialize. You can refresh the dashboard using the refresh arrows icon in the top-right corner of the dashboard.

Lambda Function

- Serverless fast solution to run code for a task
- Write code directly in the AWS console or upload a zip package with dependencies
- Supports multiple code languages
- Can be tested from the console



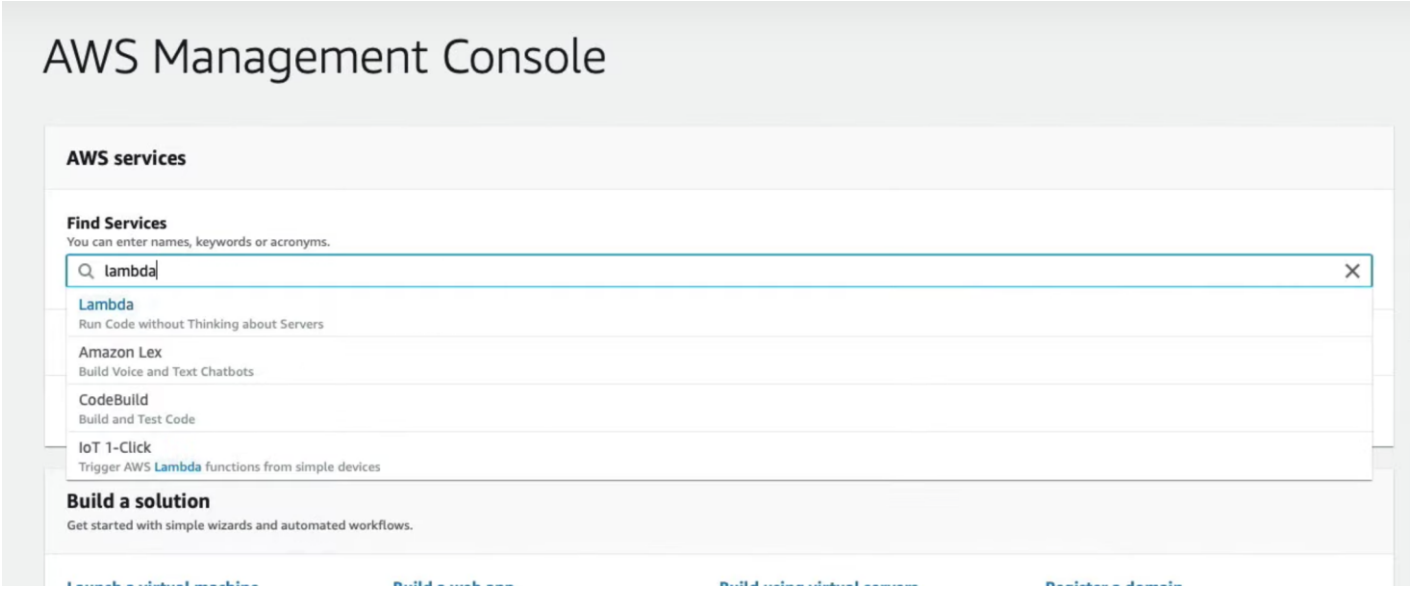
Exercise: Hello from Lambda

In this exercise, you will create a basic Lambda Function.

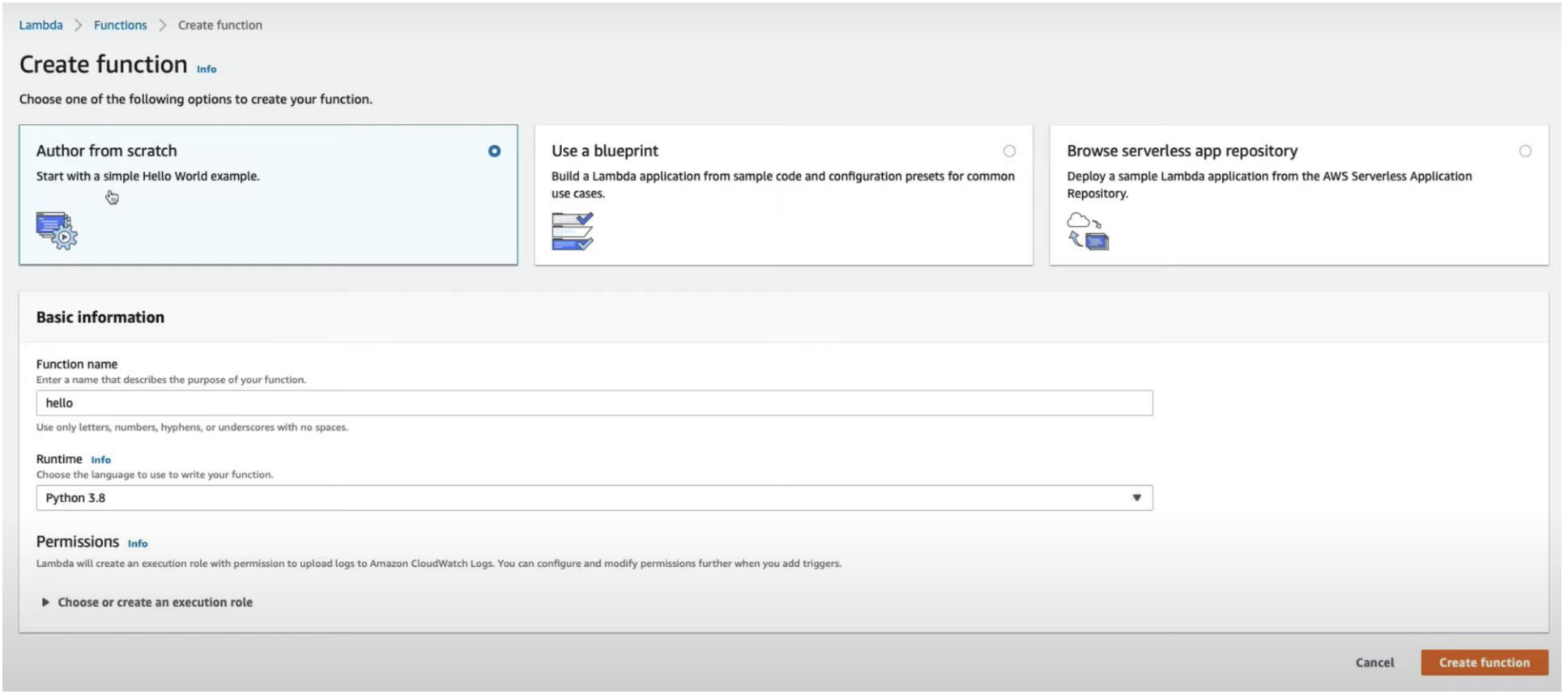
Instructions

- Create a Lambda Function from scratch
- The Lambda Handler should be set to the default **lambda_function.lambda_handler**
- Manually trigger the Lambda via a test event and verify the message "Hello from Lambda“

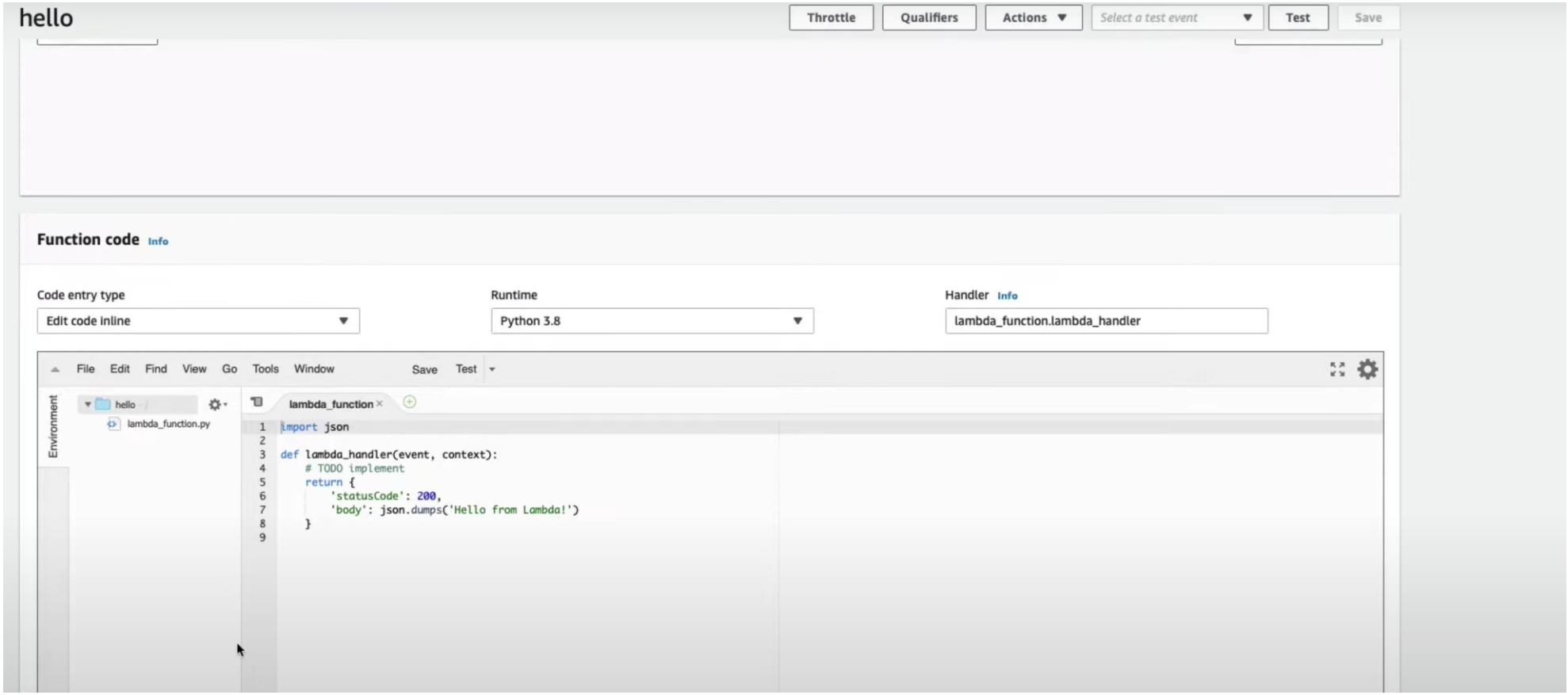
1. Navigate to the Lambda Console by searching for **Lambda** under **Find Services**



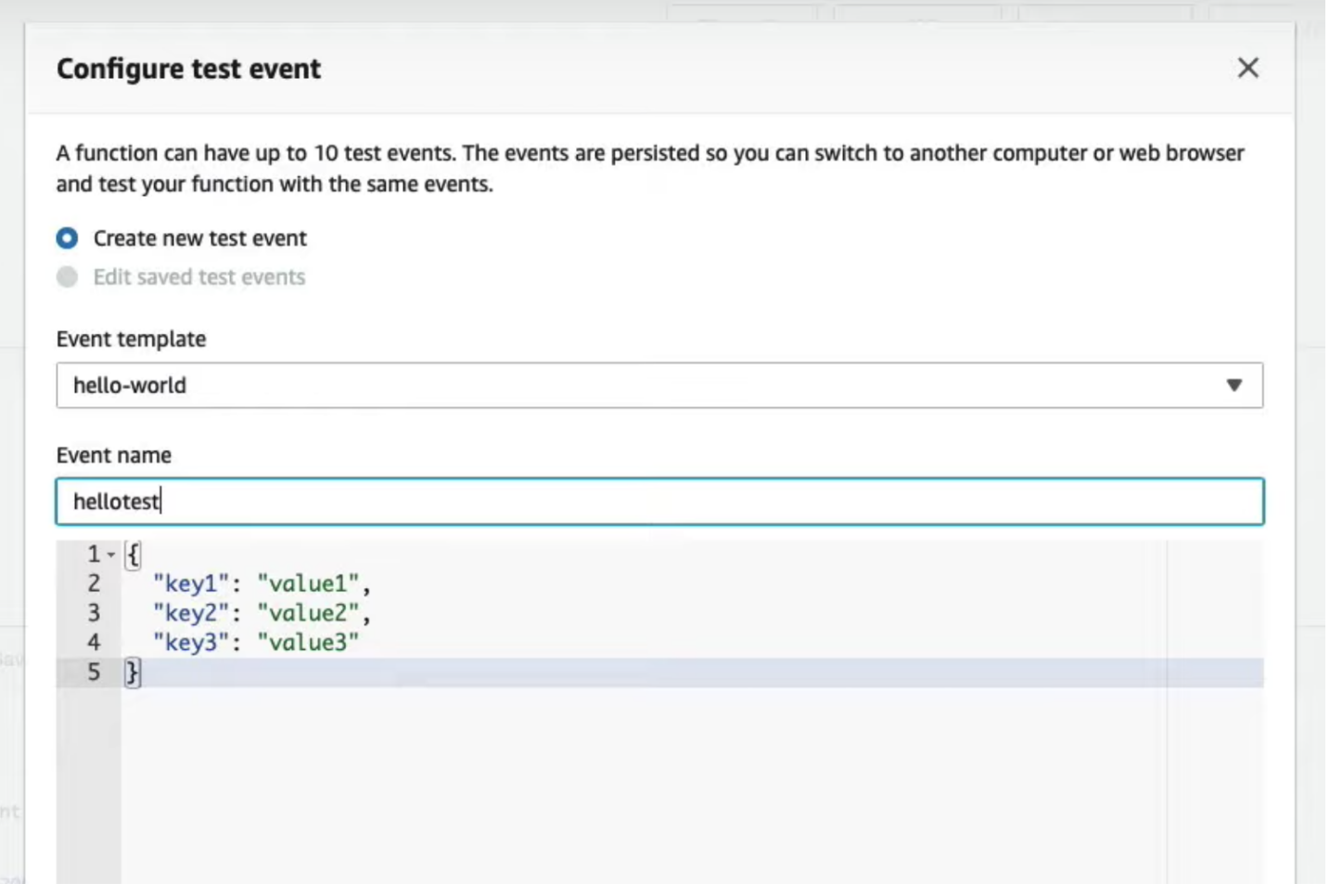
2. Click the **Create function** button and select **Author from scratch**
3. Name the function **hello**
4. Set the runtime to **Python3.8**
5. Click the **Create Function** button



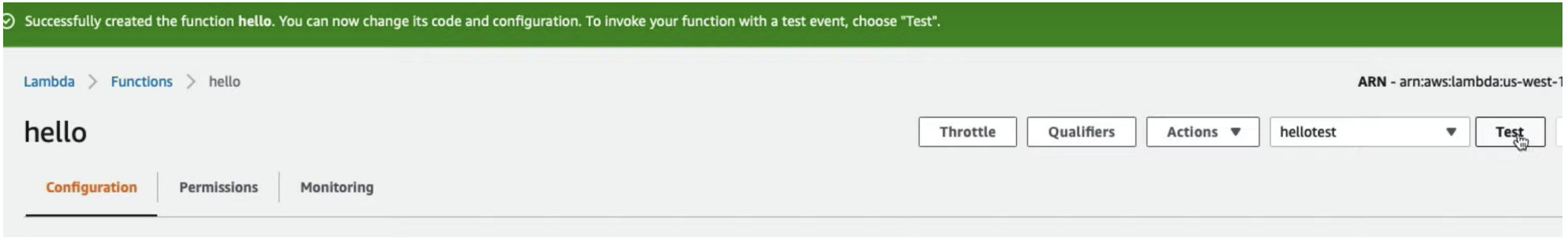
6. Notice the **handler** field on the embedded code page. It's format is **file-name.function-name**. In our case, the file name is **lambda_function.py** and the code function name is **lambda_handler**, which is why the handler is pre-set to **lambda_function.lambda_handler**.



7. Click on the **Test** button and configure a test event.
8. Name the event **hellotest** and save the event.

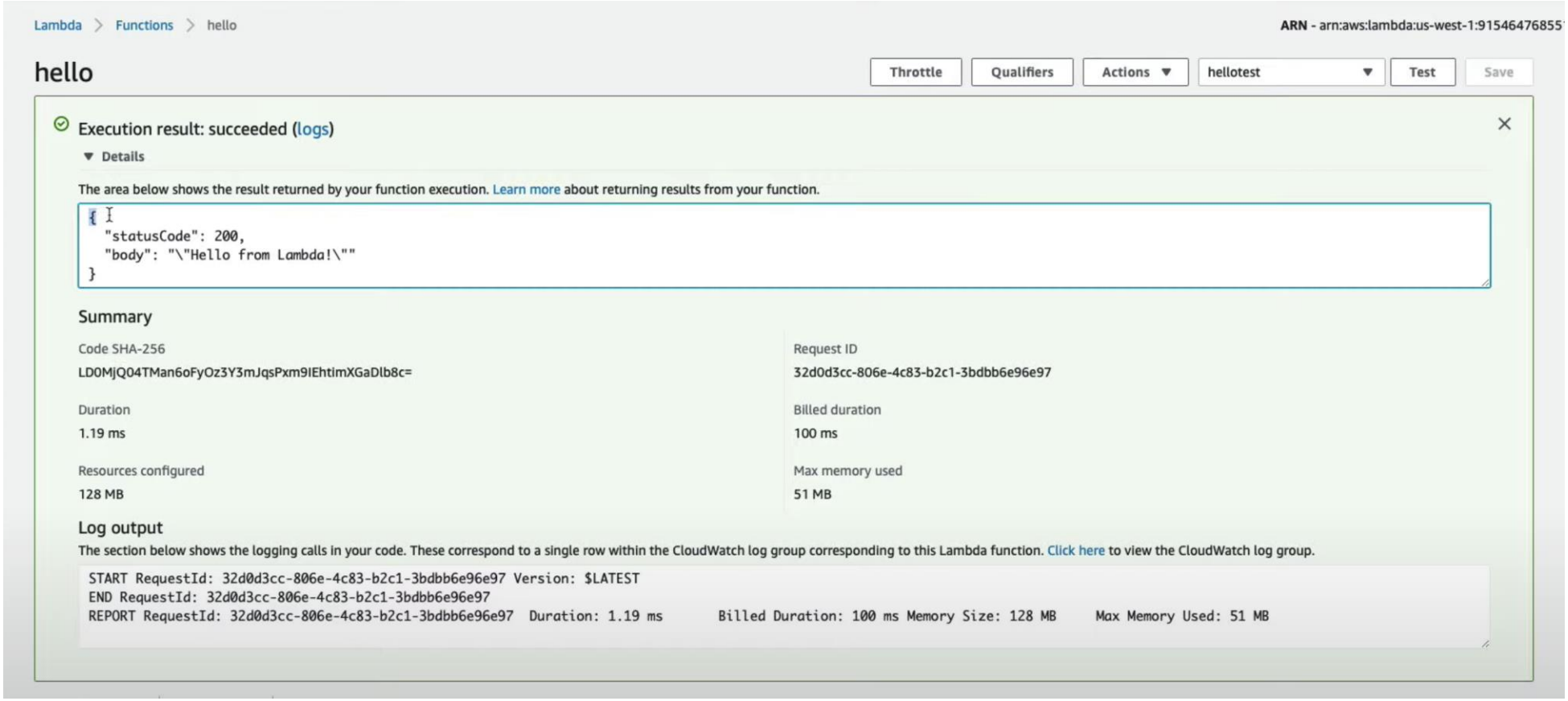


9. Click the **Test** button again while the **hellotest** event is pre-selected



10. Expand the **Execution result**

11. Verity the message: **"Hello From Lambda!"**



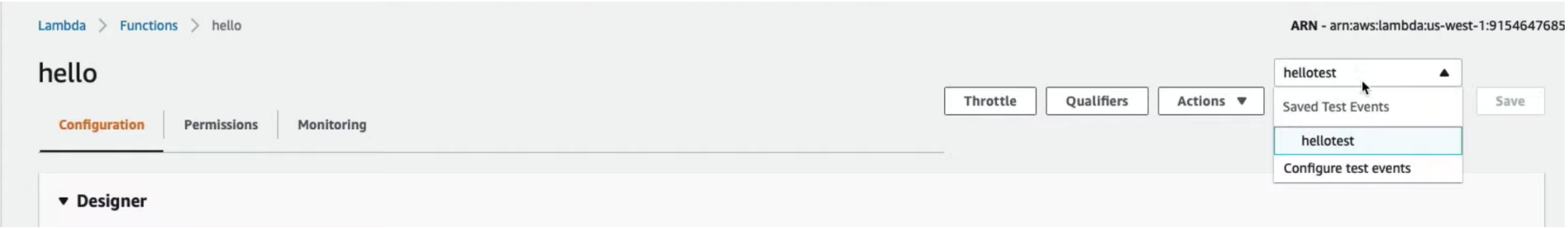
Exercise: Lambda Events

Modify the **testhello** event for the Lambda with the existing field:

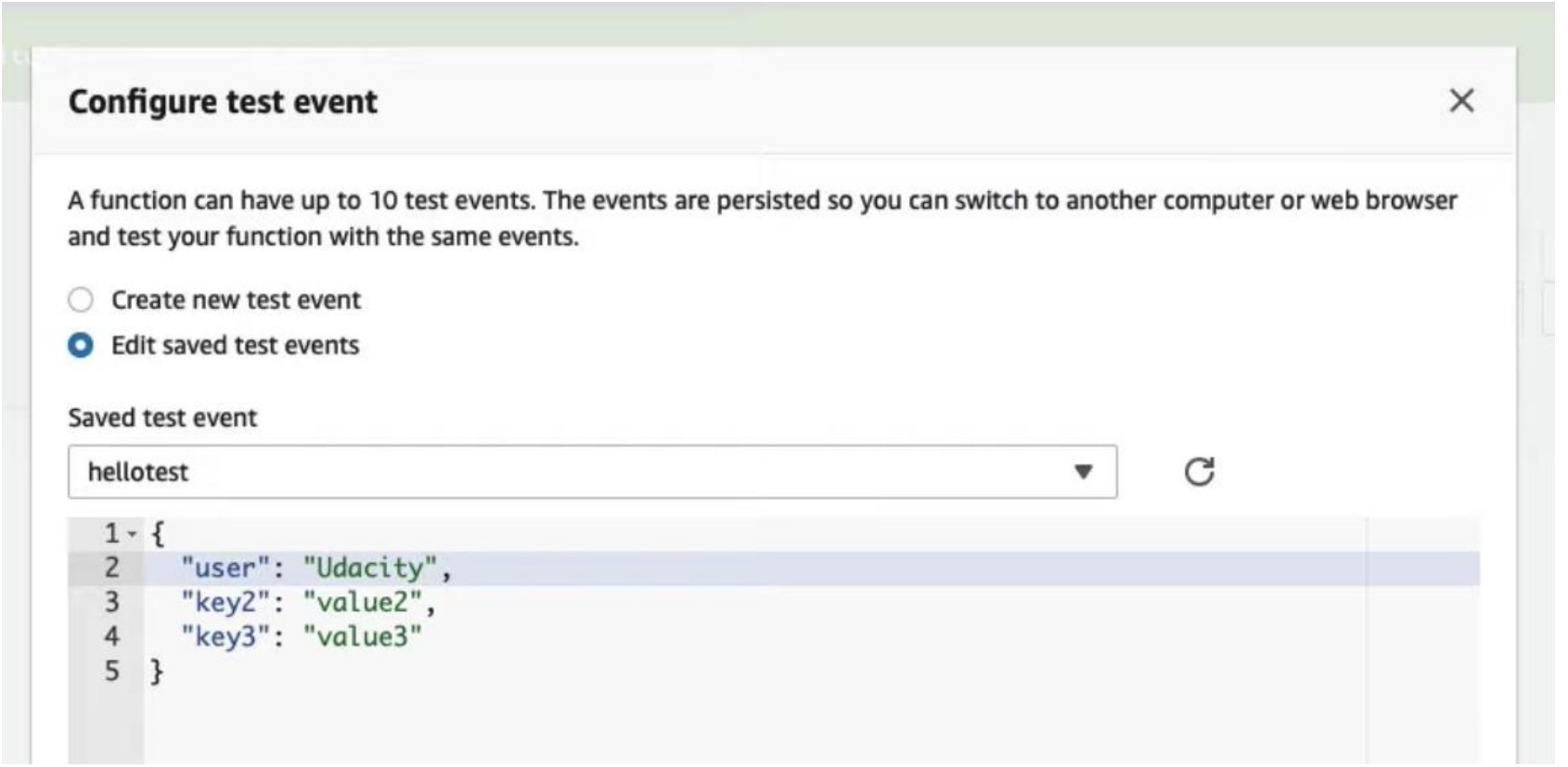
```
{"user": "Udacity"}
```

- Modify the Lambda Function code to read the user out of the event field and display "Udacity".

1. From the `hello` Lambda Function, click on the **hellotest** dropdown menu and select **Configure test events**



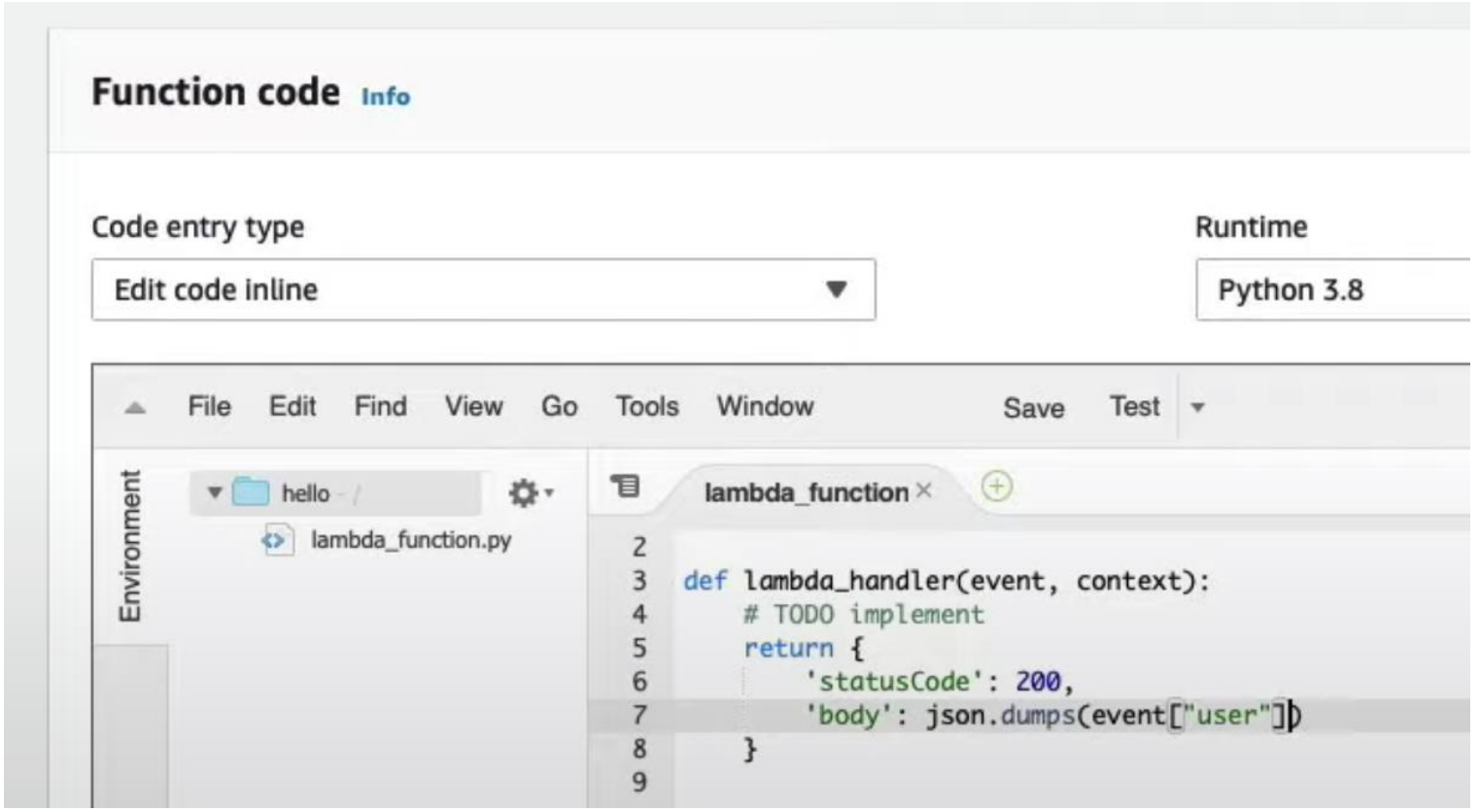
2. Select **Edit saved test events** option (it should be pre-selected already)
3. Change **key1** to be "**user**"
4. Change the value for "**user**" to be "**Udacity**"
5. Click Save Event



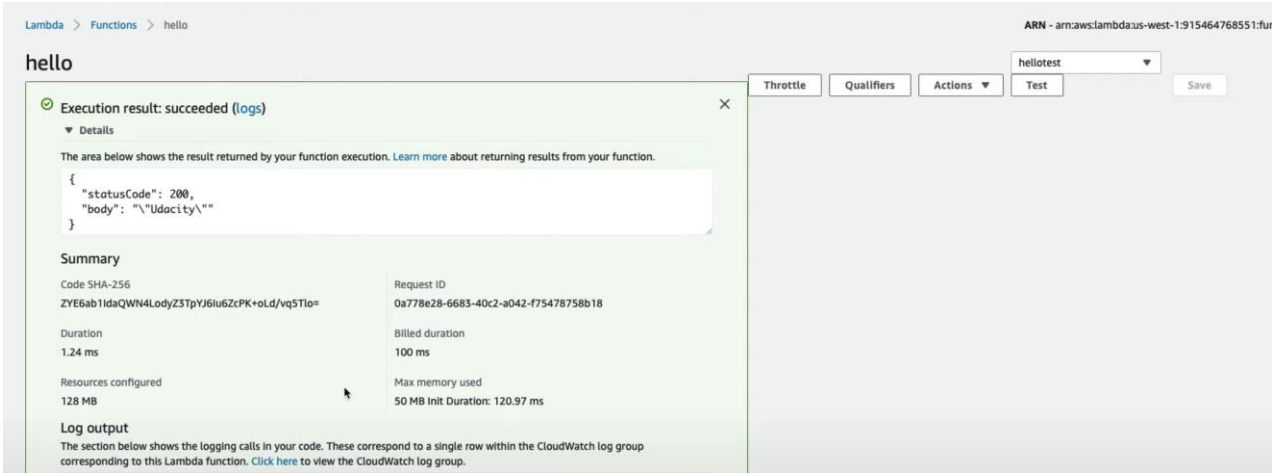
6. Edit the code in the editor and set the **body** on **line 7** to be:

```
json.dumps(event["user"])
```

7. Click **Save**.



8. Click the **Test** button.
9. Expand the results.
10. Verify message: **Udacity**



Exercise: Packaging Code For Lambda Deployment

In this exercise, you will prepare a package for a Lambda deployment. Your code will include both the Lambda Function code *and* the **Redis** dependency.

Prerequisites

To complete this exercise, you will need:

- Python3
- pip

Instructions

- Install the **Redis** dependency into the **package** folder
    - Hint: use `pip install --target`
- Zip the folder

Code to include as `main.py`

```
import redis
import os
import json

def handler(event, context):
    print("Received event: " + json.dumps(event, indent=2))
    redis_host = os.environ.get("REDIS_HOST")
    redis_port = 6379
    redis_password = ""

    r = redis.StrictRedis(
        host=redis_host,
        port=redis_port,
        password=redis_password,
        decode_responses=True
    )

    name = event.get("name")

    if event.get("body"):
        name = json.loads(event["body"]).get("name")

    if name:
        redis_successful_set = r.set("name", name)
        if redis_successful_set:
            return {
                "statusCode": 200,
                "body": "Success! {name} was written to Redis".format(name=name.capitalize())
            }
        else:
            return {
                "statusCode": 500,
                "body": "Oops! Could not write {name} to Redis".format(name=name.capitalize())
            }

    return {
        "statusCode": 200,
        "body": "Hello {name} nice to meet you".format(name=r.get("name").capitalize())
    }
```

Prerequisites
To complete this exercise solution, you will need:
- Python3 installed

Create the Lambda Package
For this section, you will need to have Python3 installed.

Lambda Functions are triggered by **events**. When our Lambda Function is triggered, our function will check if the event has a "name" field. if the even has a "name" field, our function will store the name in Redis. If the event does not have a name field, our function will fetch the name set in Redis.

1. Create a new folder on your computer called **hello**
2. Create a new file called **main.py** inside the **hello** folder
3. Copy the code into the **main.py** file (see code on previous slide).

4. Use the following command to install the code dependencies into a folder called **package**
```
pip3 install --target ./package Redis
```

5. Create a ZIP archive of the dependencies using the following command
```
~hello$ cd package
~hello/package$ zip -r9 ../function.zip .
```

6. Add your function code to the archive
```
~/hello/package$ cd ..
~/hello$ zip -g function.zip main.py
```