



Building serverless APIs

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A photograph of Werner Vogels, CTO of Amazon.com, standing on a stage during the AWS re:Invent 2015 conference. He is positioned in the center of the stage, facing the audience. Behind him is a large screen displaying the text "No Server Is Easier To Manage Than No Server". The stage is lit with warm, orange-toned lights, and the background screen has a pattern of diagonal lines. Two podiums with the AWS logo are visible on either side of the stage.

No Server Is Easier To Manage Than No Server

Werner Vogels, CTO, Amazon.com
AWS re:Invent 2015

Serverless architecture

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Managed services

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AWS Lambda



Amazon API
Gateway



Amazon
DynamoDB



Amazon
Kinesis Streams



Amazon S3

AWS Lambda



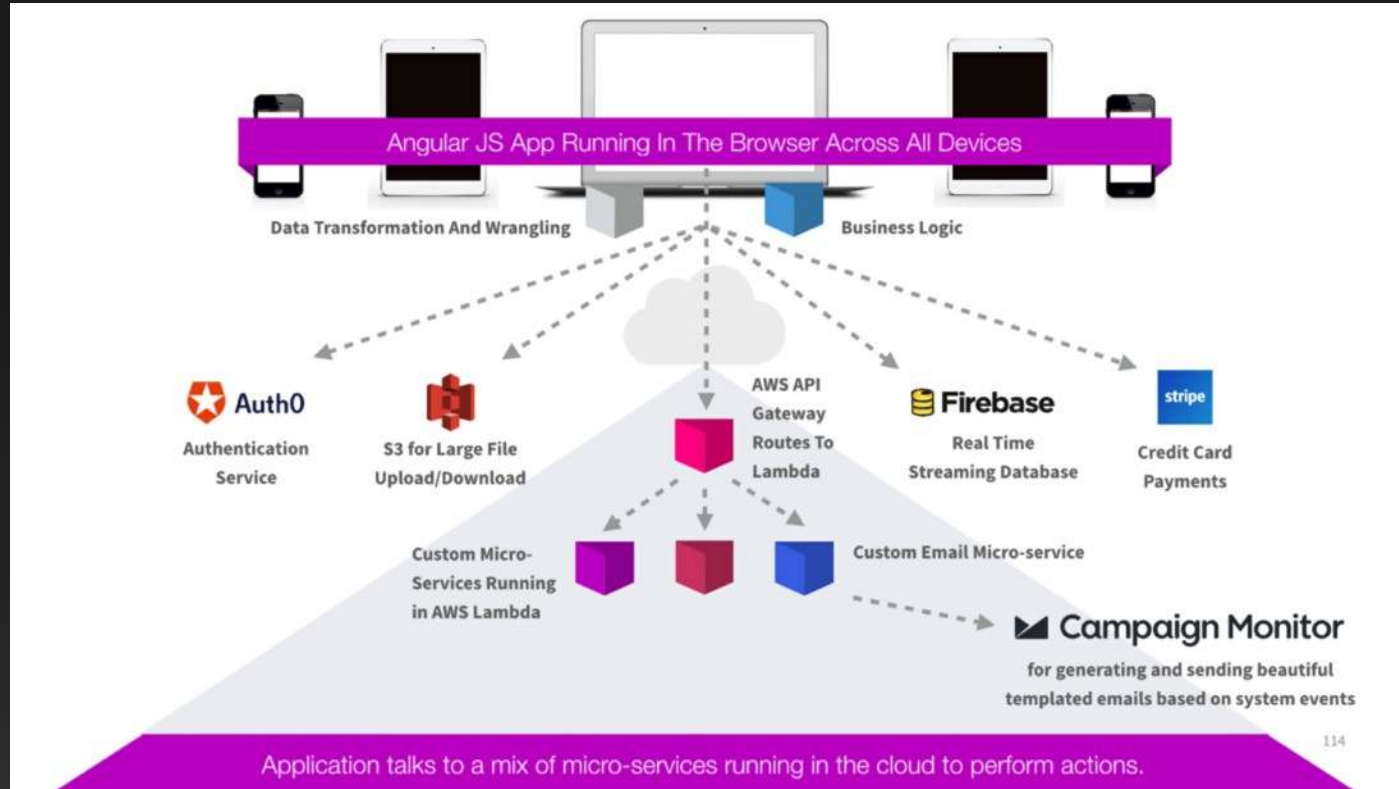
- Announced at re:Invent 2014
- Deploy **pure functions** in Java, Python, Node.js and C#
- Just **code**, without the infrastructure drama
- Built-in **scalability** and **high availability**
- **Integrated** with many AWS services
- **Pay as you go**
 - Combination of execution time (100ms slots) & memory used
 - Starts at \$0.000000208 per 100ms
 - Free tier available: first 1 million requests per month are free

What can you do with AWS Lambda?



- Grow ‘connective tissue’ in your AWS infrastructure
 - Example: <http://www.slideshare.net/JulienSIMON5/building-a-serverless-pipeline>
- Build event-driven applications
- Build APIs together with Amazon API Gateway
 - RESTful APIs
 - Resources, methods
 - Stages

A Cloud Guru: 100% Serverless



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How Much Does It Cost To Run A Serverless API on AWS?

By **Eric Hammond** Dec 12, 2016

Lambda

API Gateway

Serving 2.1 million API requests for \$11

Folks tend to be curious about how much real projects cost to run on AWS, so here's a real example with breakdowns by AWS service and feature.

This article walks through the AWS invoice for charges accrued in November 2016 by the [TimerCheck.io](#) API service which runs in the us-east-1 (Northern Virginia) region and uses the following AWS services:

<https://alestic.com/2016/12/aws-invoice-example/>

Typical development workflow

1. Write and deploy a Lambda function
2. Create and deploy a REST API with API Gateway
3. Connect the API to the Lambda function
4. Invoke the API
5. Test, debug and repeat ;)

Simplifying Development

Code samples available at https://github.com/juliensimon/aws/tree/master/lambda_frameworks

The Serverless framework

formerly known as JAWS: Just AWS Without Servers



- Announced at **re:Invent 2015** by Austen Collins and Ryan Pendergast
- Supports **Node.js**, as well as **Python** and **Java** (with restrictions)
- Auto-deploys and runs **Lambda functions**, **locally** or **remotely**
- Auto-deploys your **Lambda event sources**: API Gateway, S3, DynamoDB, etc.
- Creates all required infrastructure with **CloudFormation**
- Simple configuration in **YML**

<http://github.com/serverless/serverless>

<https://serverless.com>

AWS re:Invent 2015 | (DVO209) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_U6luQ6l90 & <https://vimeo.com/141132756>



Serverless: “Hello World” API

```
$ serverless create
```

Edit handler.js, serverless.yml and event.json

```
$ serverless deploy [--stage stage_name]
```

```
$ serverless invoke [--local] --function function_name
```

```
$ serverless info
```

```
$ http $URL
```

Gordon

- Released in Oct'15 by Jorge Batista
- Supports **Python**, **Javascript**, **Golang**, **Java**, **Scala**, **Kotlin** (including in the same project)
- Auto-deploys and runs **Lambda functions**, locally or remotely
- Auto-deploys your **Lambda event sources**: API Gateway, CloudWatch Events, DynamoDB Streams, Kinesis Streams, S3
- Creates all required infrastructure with **CloudFormation**
- Simple configuration in **YML**

Gordon: “Hello World” API

```
$ gordon startproject hellonode
```

```
$ gordon startapp hello
```

Write function

```
$ gordon build
```

```
$ echo '{"name":"Julien"}' | gordon run hello.helloworld
```

```
$ gordon apply [--stage stage_name]
```

```
$ http post $URL name=Julien
```

AWS Chalice

Think of it as a serverless framework for Flask apps

- Released in Jul'16, still in **beta**
- Just add **your Python code**
 - Deploy with a **single call** and **zero config**
 - The API is created **automatically**, the IAM policy is **auto-generated**
- Run APIs **locally** on port 8000 (similar to Flask)
- **Fast & lightweight** framework
 - 100% *boto3* calls (AWS SDK for Python) → fast
 - No integration with CloudFormation → no creation of event sources

AWS Chalice: “Hello World” API

```
$ chalice new-project helloworld
```

Write your function in app.py

```
$ chalice local
```

```
$ chalice deploy
```

```
$ export URL=`chalice url`
```

```
$ http $URL
```

```
$ http put $URL/hello/julien
```

```
$ chalice logs [ --include-lambda-messages ]
```

AWS Chalice: PUT/GET in S3 bucket

```
$ chalice new-project s3test
```

Write your function in app.py

```
$ chalice local
```

```
$ http put http://localhost:8000/objects/doc.json value1=5 value2=8
```

```
$ http get http://localhost:8000/objects/doc.json
```

```
$ chalice deploy [stage_name]
```

```
$ export URL=`chalice url`
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Summing things up

Serverless

The most popular
serverless framework

Built with and for Node.js.
Python and Java: YMMV

Rich features, many event
sources

Not a web framework

Gordon

Great challenger!

Node.js, Python, Java,
Scala, Golang

Comparable to Serverless
feature-wise

Not a web framework

Chalice

AWS project, in beta

Python only

Does only one thing, but
does it great

Dead simple, zero config

Flask web framework

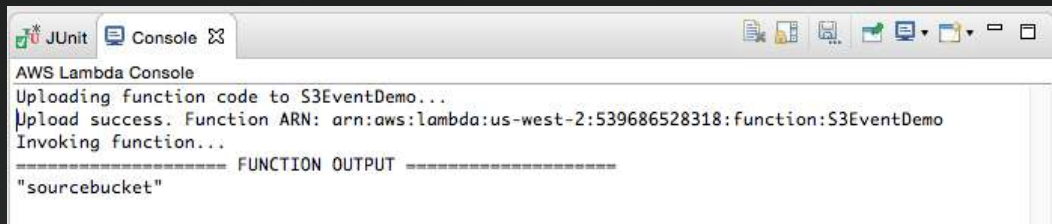
More Lambda frameworks

- **Kappa** <https://github.com/garnaat/kappa>
 - Released Dec'14 by Mitch Garnaat, author of boto and the AWS CLI (still maintained?)
 - Python only, multiple event sources
- **Apex** <https://github.com/apex/apex>
 - Released in Dec'15 by TJ Holowaychuk
 - Python, Javascript, Java, Golang
 - Terraform integration to manage infrastructure for event sources
- **Zappa** <https://github.com/Miserlou/Zappa>
 - Released in Feb'16 by Rich Jones
 - Python web applications on AWS Lambda + API Gateway
- **Docker-lambda** <https://github.com/lambci/docker-lambda>
 - Released in May'16 by Michael Hart
 - Run functions in Docker images that “replicate” the live Lambda environment

2 Java tools for AWS Lambda

Eclipse plug-in

- Code, test and deploy Lambdas from Eclipse
- Run your functions locally and remotely
- Test with local events and JUnit4
- Deploy standalone functions, or with the AWS Serverless Application Model (Dec'16)



<https://java.awsblog.com/post/TxWZES6J1RSQ2Z/Testing-Lambda-functions-using-the-AWS-Toolkit-for-Eclipse>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/developer/aws-toolkit-for-eclipse-serverless-application>

<https://github.com/awslabs/aws-serverless-java-container>

Serverless Java Container

- Run Java RESTful APIs as-is
- Default implementation of the Java servlet `HttpServletRequest` `HttpServletResponse`
- Support for Java frameworks such as Jersey or Spark

Simplifying Deployment

AWS Serverless Application Model (SAM)

formerly known as Project Flourish

- CloudFormation extension released in Nov'16 to bundle Lambda functions, APIs & events
- 3 new CloudFormation resource types
 - `AWS::Serverless::Function`
 - `AWS::Serverless::Api`
 - `AWS::Serverless::SimpleTable`
- 2 new CloudFormation CLI commands
 - `'aws cloudformation package'`
 - `'aws cloudformation deploy'`
- Integration with CodeBuild and CodePipeline for CI/CD
- Expect SAM to be integrated in most / all frameworks



AWS::Template::FormatVersion: '2010-09-09'

Transform: AWS::Serverless-2016-10-31

Description: Get items from a DynamoDB table.

Resources:

GetFunction:

Type: AWS::Serverless::Function

Properties:

Handler: index.get

Runtime: nodejs4.3

Policies: AmazonDynamoDBReadOnlyAccess

Environment:

Variables:

TABLE_NAME: !Ref Table

Events:

GetResource:

Type: Api

Properties:

Path: /resource/{resourceId}

Method: get

Table:

Type: AWS::Serverless::SimpleTable

Sample SAM template for:

- Lambda function
- HTTP GET API
- DynamoDB table

Going further

New Lambda videos from re:Invent 2016

AWS re:Invent 2016: What's New with AWS Lambda (SVR202) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwxWhyGteNc>

AWS re:Invent 2016: Serverless Apps with AWS Step Functions (SVR201) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75MRve4nv8s>

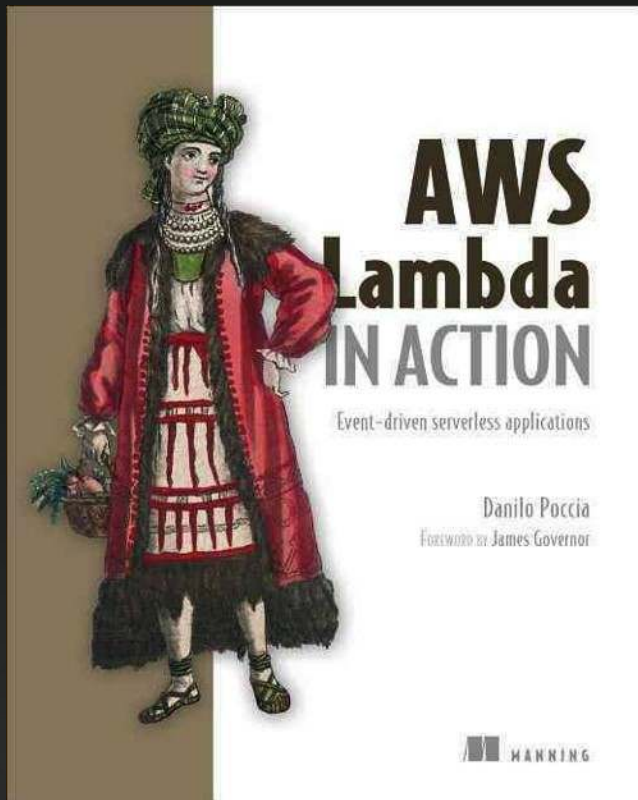
AWS re:Invent 2016: Real-time Data Processing Using AWS Lambda (SVR301) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFLKOy4GKXQ>

AWS re:Invent 2016: Serverless Architectural Patterns and Best Practices (ARC402) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7UMoc1iUYw>

AWS re:Invent 2016: Bringing AWS Lambda to the Edge (CTD206) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j26novaqF6M>

AWS re:Invent 2016: Ubiquitous Computing with Greengrass (IOT201) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQQjX8GTEko>

The only Lambda book you need to read



Written by AWS Technical Evangelist Danilo Poccia

Just released!

<https://www.amazon.com/Aws-Lambda-Action-Event-driven-Applications/dp/1617293717/>



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