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Case Study 20: Automated Notifications Using SNS

- **Concepts Used:** AWS Lambda, S3, SNS.
- **Problem Statement:** "Create a Lambda function that triggers when a new file is uploaded to an S3 bucket and sends an email notification using SNS with details of the uploaded file."
- **Tasks:**
 - Write a Python Lambda function that triggers on S3 upload events.
 - Extract the file name and size from the event and format a notification message.
 - Use SNS to send the notification to a configured email address.
 - Test by uploading a file to the S3 bucket and verifying that an email is received.

These case studies focus on AWS Lambda's event-driven capabilities, allowing students to explore how Lambda interacts with other AWS services like S3, DynamoDB, CloudWatch, and API Gateway. Each task provides practical experience with real-world scenarios and can be completed within a short timeframe.

Aim: The aim is to design a solution that automates the notification process when a file is uploaded to an Amazon S3 bucket. This is achieved by utilizing AWS Lambda to automatically trigger upon file uploads, extract the necessary file details (such as name and size), and send email notifications through Amazon SNS. The goal is to enhance real-time monitoring and automate alerting mechanisms for file uploads, thus improving system responsiveness and operational efficiency.

Implementation:

1. **Amazon S3 Setup:**
 - Create a new S3 bucket to store files that will trigger the notification process.
 - Configure S3 events to capture file upload actions (PUT requests).
2. **Amazon SNS Setup:**
 - Create an SNS topic to handle the distribution of notifications.
 - Subscribe an email address to this SNS topic, ensuring email notifications are received for each event.
3. **AWS Lambda Function Development:**
 - Write a Python-based Lambda function that will:
 - Trigger when a file is uploaded to the S3 bucket.
 - Extract the file's details (name and size) from the event payload.
 - Format a message that includes the file name and size.
 - Use the SNS service to publish this message to the subscribed email address.
4. **S3 Event Trigger:**
 - Associate the Lambda function with the S3 bucket, ensuring the function is invoked for every file upload event.
5. **Testing and Monitoring:**
 - Upload a test file to the S3 bucket to trigger the Lambda function.
 - Verify that the email notification is sent with the correct file details.
 - Monitor logs through AWS CloudWatch to confirm successful function execution.

Step 1: Create an S3 Bucket

1. **Login to AWS Management Console** in your Learner Lab environment.
2. **Go to S3** from the Services menu.
3. **Create a new bucket:**
 - Choose a bucket name (e.g., `my-file-upload-bucket`).
 - Select the appropriate region.

- Leave the rest of the settings as default unless specific customizations are needed.
- Click **Create Bucket**.

Amazon S3 > Buckets > Create bucket

Create bucket [Info](#)

Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

General configuration

AWS Region
US East (N. Virginia) us-east-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](#)

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.

[Choose bucket](#)

Example: s3://bucket-name

Amazon S3 > Buckets

Account snapshot - updated every 24 hours [All AWS Regions](#)
Storage lens provides visibility into storage usage and activity trends. [Learn more](#)

[View Storage Lens dashboard](#)

General purpose buckets | Directory buckets

General purpose buckets (1) [Info](#) [All AWS Regions](#)

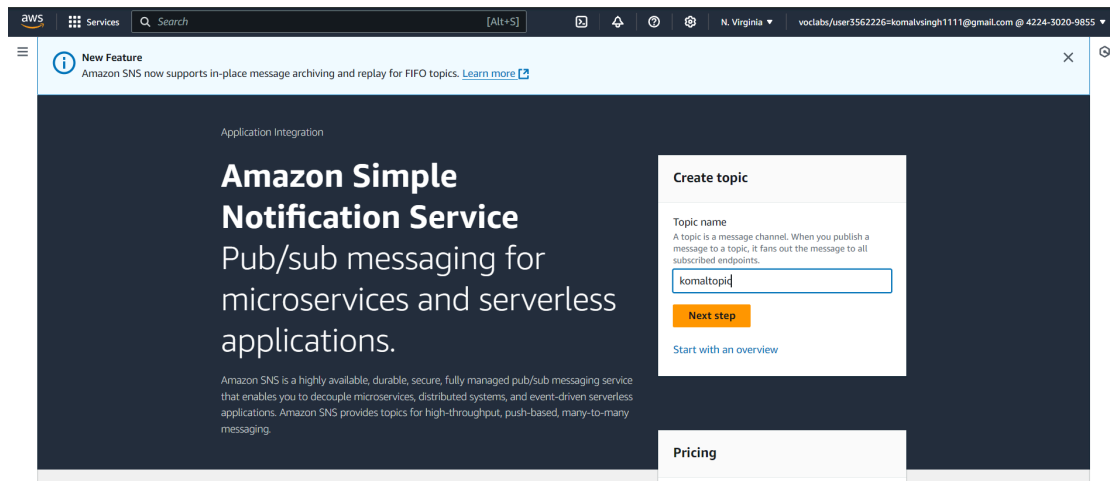
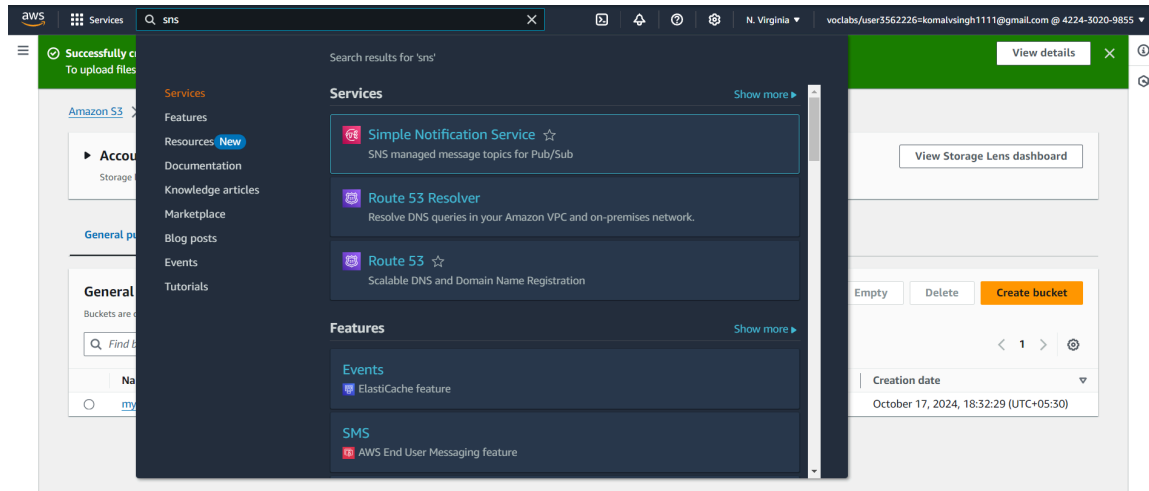
Buckets are containers for data stored in S3.

Name	AWS Region	IAM Access Analyzer	Creation date
<input type="radio"/> my-komal-bucket	US East (N. Virginia) us-east-1	View analyzer for us-east-1	October 17, 2024, 18:32:29 (UTC+05:30)

Step 2: Create an SNS Topic

1. Go to **SNS** from the Services menu.
2. Click **Topics** on the left panel.
3. Click **Create Topic**.
 - Select **Standard** as the topic type.
 - Name the topic (e.g., **S3FileUploadNotification**).
 - Click **Create Topic**.
4. After creating the topic, click **Create Subscription**:
 - Choose the **Protocol** as **Email**.
 - Enter the **email address** where notifications should be sent.
 - Click **Create Subscription**.

- Confirm the subscription by checking your email and clicking the confirmation link.
- Replace **region** and **account-id** in **sns_topic_arn** with your values from the SNS topic.



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Amazon SNS

Topics

Create topic

Create topic

Details

Type

Info

Topic type cannot be modified after topic is created

☐ FIFO (first-in, first-out)

- Strictly-preserved message ordering
- Exactly-once message delivery
- High throughput, up to 300 publishes/second
- Subscription protocols: SQS

☒ Standard

- Best-effort message ordering
- At-least once message delivery
- Highest throughput in publishes/second
- Subscription protocols: SQS, Lambda, HTTP, SMS, email, mobile application endpoints

Name

komaltopic

Maximum 256 characters. Can include alphanumeric characters, hyphens (-) and underscores (_).

Display name - optional

Info

To use this topic with SMS subscriptions, enter a display name. Only the first 10 characters are displayed in an SMS message.

My Topic

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Amazon SNS

Dashboard

Topics

Subscriptions

Mobile

- Push notifications
- Text messaging (SMS)

New Feature

Amazon SNS now supports in-place message archiving and replay for FIFO topics. [Learn more](#)

Topic komaltopic created successfully.

You can create subscriptions and send messages to them from this topic.

Publish message

Amazon SNS

Topics

komaltopic

komaltopic

Edit

Delete

Publish message

Details

Name	komaltopic	Display name	-
ARN	arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:422430209855:komaltopic	Topic owner	422430209855
Type	Standard		

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Subscriptions

Access policy

Data protection policy

Delivery policy (HTTP/S)

Delivery status logging

Encryption

Tags

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Amazon SNS

Subscriptions

Create subscription

Create subscription

Details

Topic ARN

arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:422430209855:komaltopic

Protocol

The type of endpoint to subscribe

Email

Endpoint

An email address that can receive notifications from Amazon SNS.

2022.komal.singh@ves.ac.in

After your subscription is created, you must confirm it. [Info](#)



New Feature

Amazon SNS now supports in-place message archiving and replay for FIFO topics. [Learn more](#)

[Amazon SNS](#) > [Topics](#) > [komaltopic](#) > Subscription: 3be31c94-d896-48cb-8dc1-f085c602057b

Subscription: 3be31c94-d896-48cb-8dc1-f085c602057b

Details

ARN

arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:422430209855:komaltopic:3be31c94-d896-48cb-8dc1-f085c602057b

Endpoint

2022.komal.singh@ves.ac.in

Topic

[komaltopic](#)

Subscription Principal

arn:aws:iam::422430209855:role/voclabs

Status

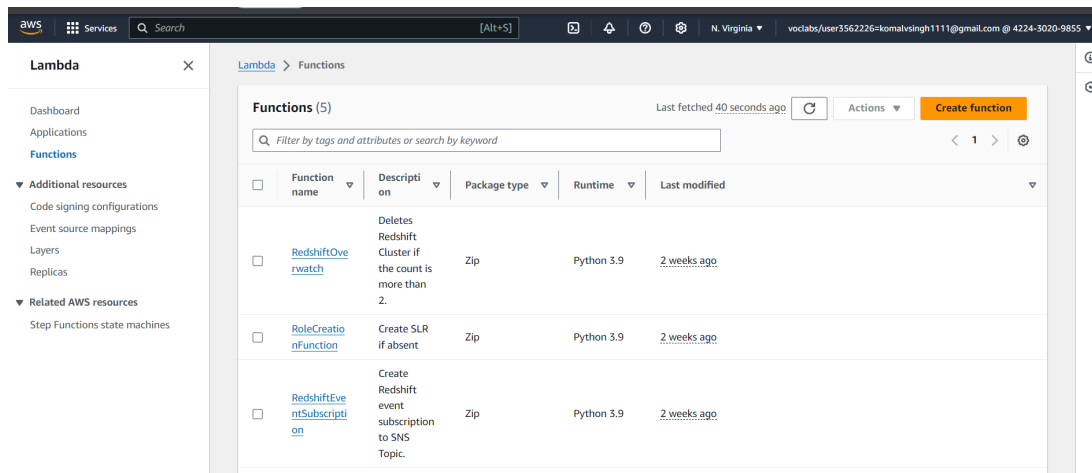
✔ Confirmed

Protocol

EMAIL

Step 3: Create the Lambda Function

1. Go to **Lambda** from the Services menu.
2. Click **Create Function**.
 - Choose **Author from scratch**.
 - Name the function (e.g., **S3UploadNotificationLambda**).
 - Set the **runtime** to **Python 3.x**.
 - Choose or create an appropriate **execution role** that has access to S3 and SNS.
3. In the function editor, replace the default code with the following Python code:



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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.

Basic information

Function name

Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.

komal-lambda

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

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Permissions [Info](#)

By default, Lambda will create an execution role with permissions to upload logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. You can customize this default role later when adding triggers.

▼ Change default execution role

Execution role

Choose a role that defines the permissions of your function. To create a custom role, go to the [IAM console](#).

☐ Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions

☒ Use an existing role

☐ Create a new role from AWS policy templates

Existing role

Choose an existing role that you've created to be used with this Lambda function. The role must have permission to upload logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs.

LabRole

View the [LabRole role](#) on the IAM console.

► Additional Configurations

Use additional configurations to set up code signing, function URL, tags, and Amazon VPC access for your function.

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Successfully created the function komal-lambda. You can now change its code and configuration. To invoke your function with a test event, choose "Test".

Lambda > Functions > komal-lambda

komal-lambda

Throttle

Copy ARN

Actions

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▼ Function overview [Info](#)


Export to Application Composer

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Diagram

Template

 komal-lambda

 Layers (0)

+ Add trigger

+ Add destination


Description

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Last modified

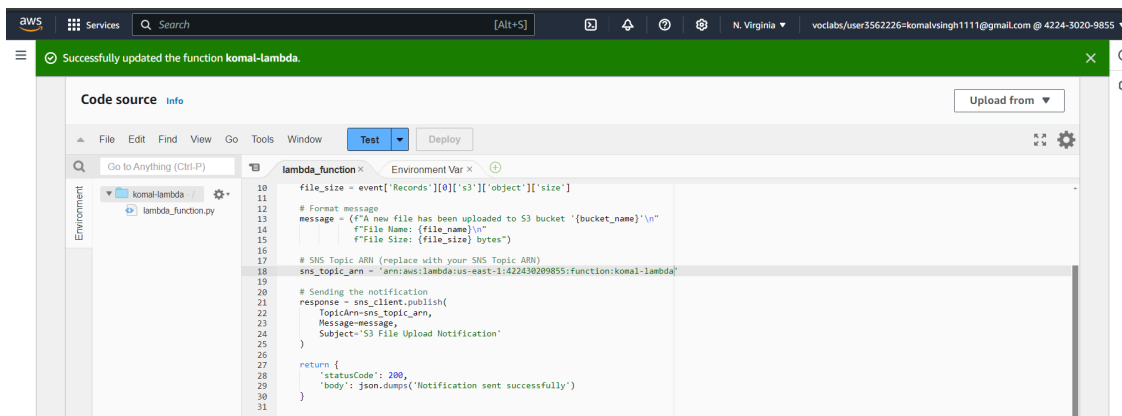
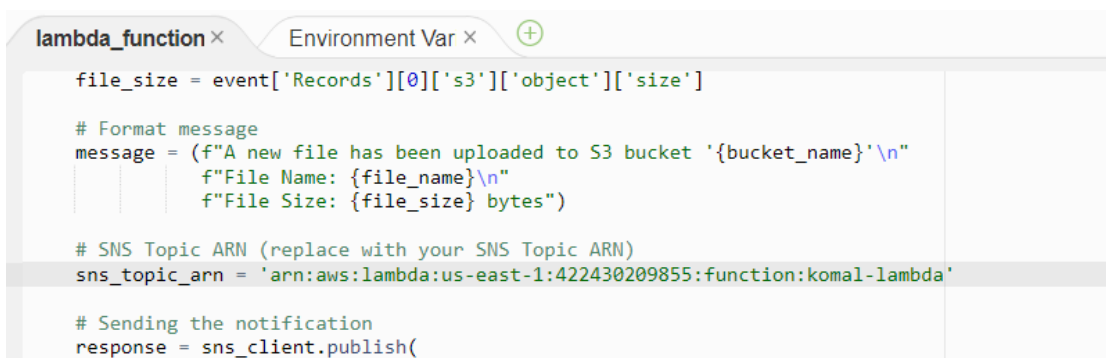
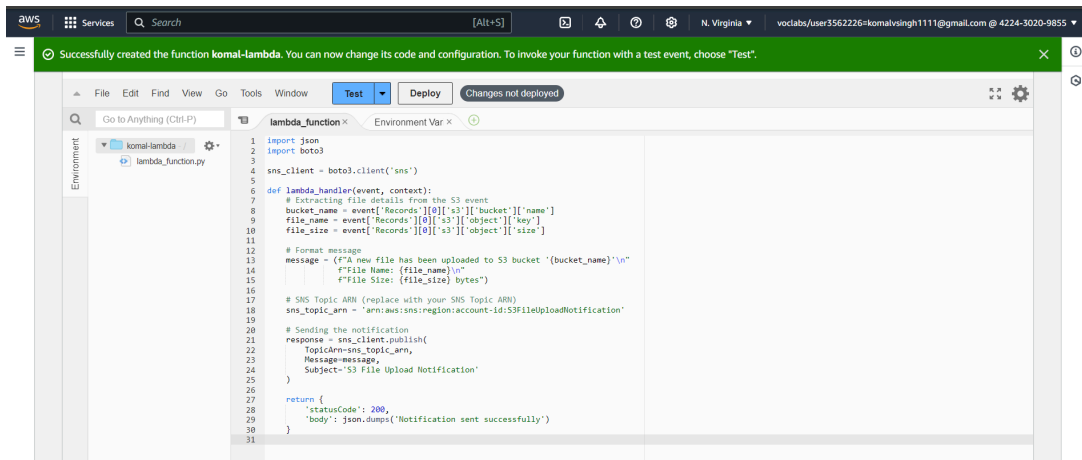
53 seconds ago

Function ARN

 arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:422430209855:function:komal-lambda

Function URL [Info](#)

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Step 4: Configure S3 Trigger for Lambda

1. Go to the **S3 bucket** you created earlier.
2. Click on **Properties**.
3. Scroll down to **Event notifications** and click **Create event notification**.
 - o Name the event (e.g., **S3UploadEvent**).
 - o Under **Event types**, select **All object create events**.

- Under **Destination**, select **Lambda Function** and choose your Lambda function (**S3UploadNotificationLambda**).
- Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the AWS console interface for creating an event notification. The breadcrumb trail is: Amazon S3 > Buckets > my-komal-bucket > Create event notification. The page title is 'Create event notification' with an 'Info' link. A descriptive paragraph states: '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
Input field contains: komalevent
Event name can contain up to 255 characters.

Prefix - optional
Limit the notifications to objects with key starting with specified characters.
Input field contains: images/

Suffix - optional
Limit the notifications to objects with key ending with specified characters.
Input field contains: .jpg

Event types

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:*

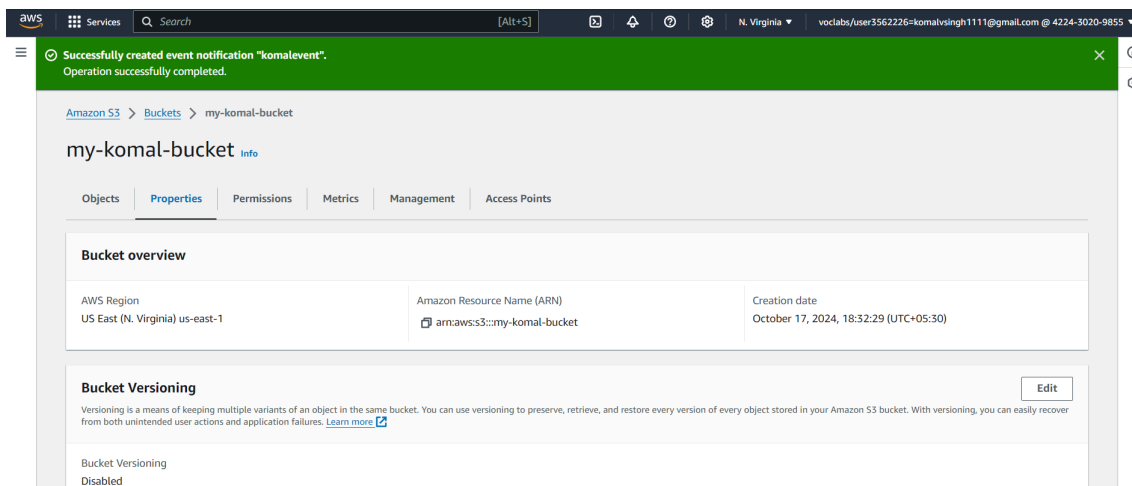
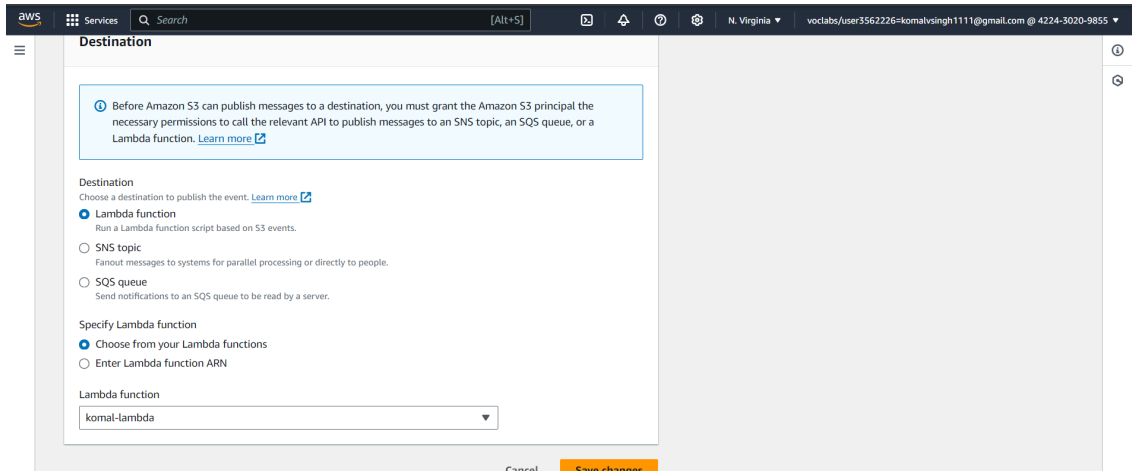
☐ Put
s3:ObjectCreated:Put

☐ Post
s3:ObjectCreated:Post

☐ Copy
s3:ObjectCreated:Copy

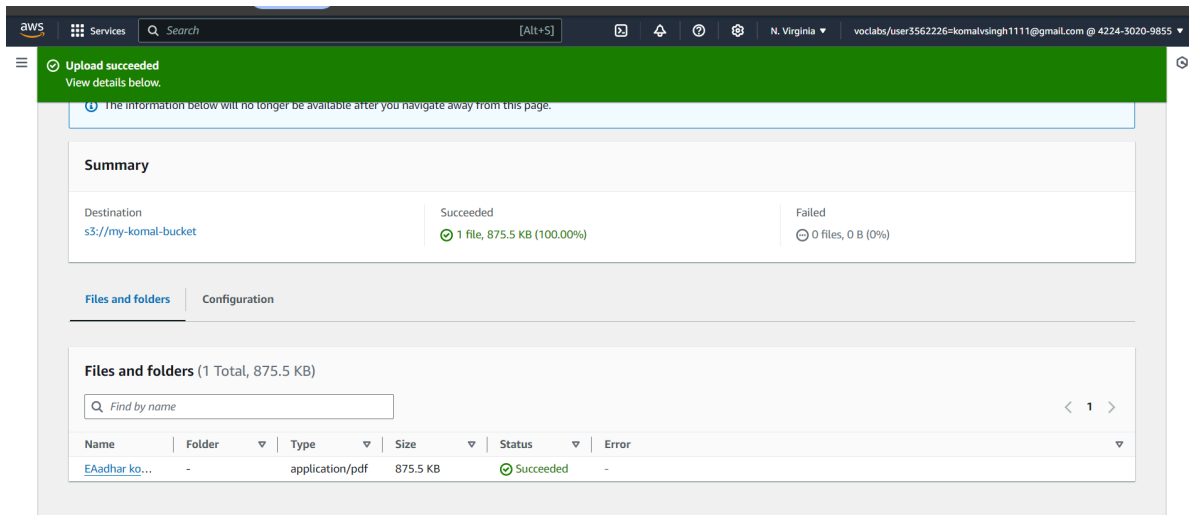
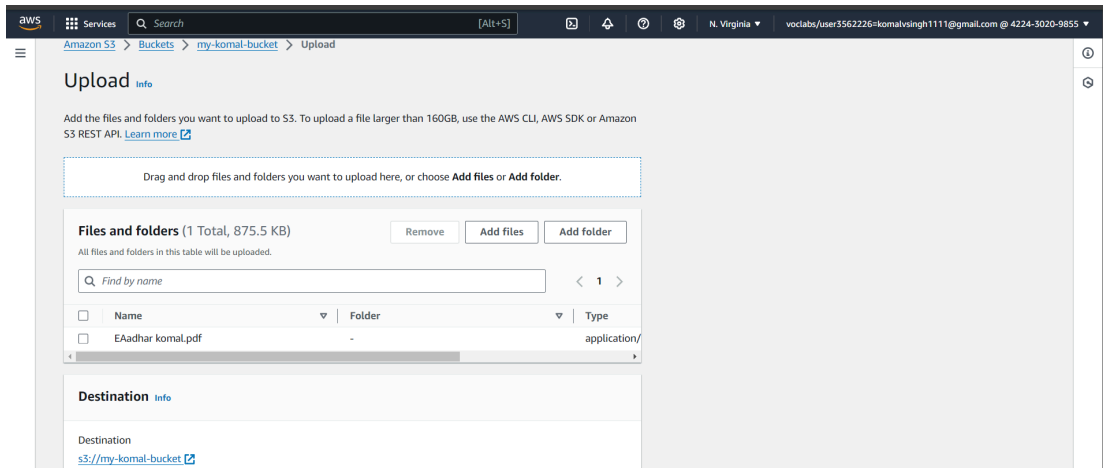
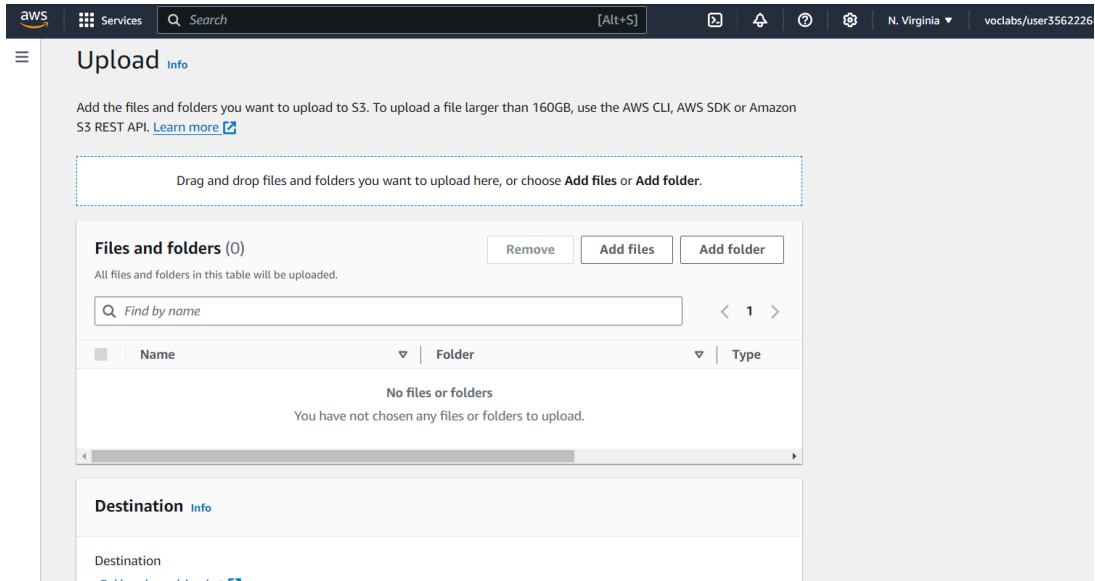
☐ Multipart upload completed
s3:ObjectCreated:CompleteMultipartUpload

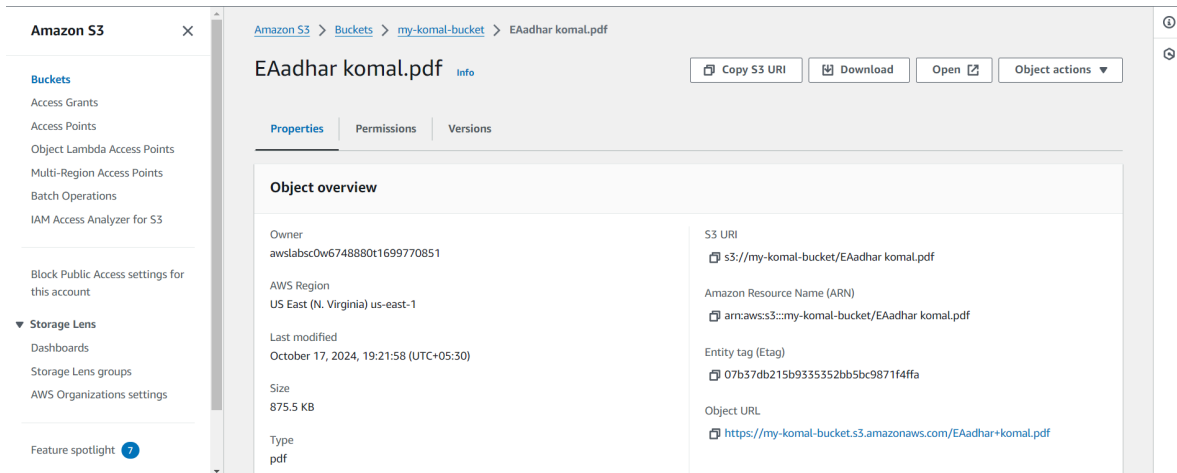
Object removal



Step 5: Test the Setup

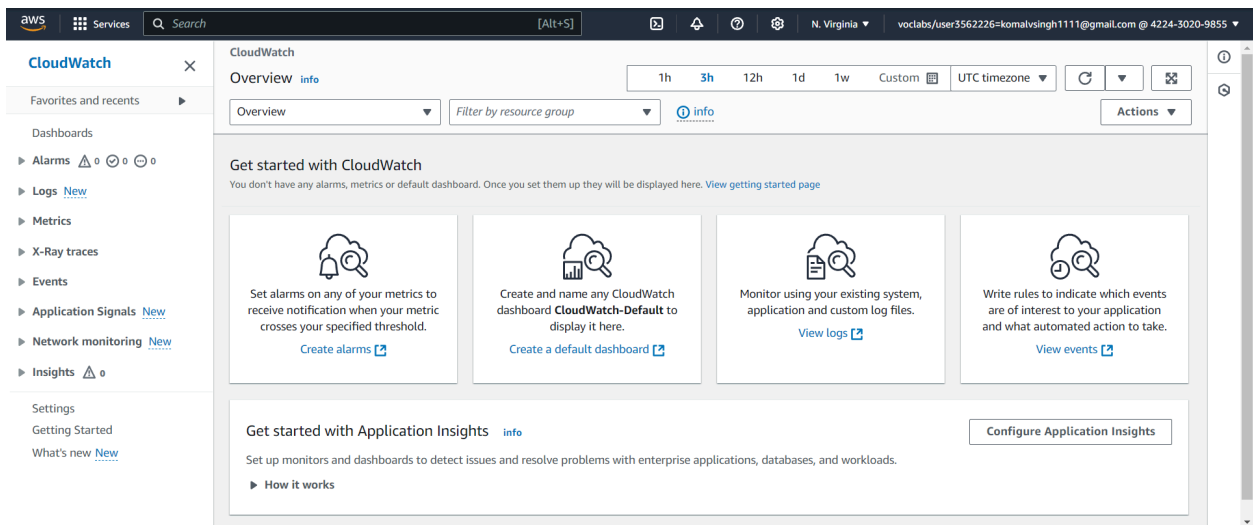
1. Upload a file to your S3 bucket.
 - Go to the **S3 bucket**.
 - Click **Upload** and choose a file.
2. Wait for the Lambda function to trigger.
3. Check the configured email for the notification with the uploaded file's details.





Step 6: Monitor Logs

- Go to **CloudWatch Logs** to verify Lambda execution:
 - Navigate to **Log groups**.
 - Find the log group for your Lambda function.
 - Check for any issues or confirm that the Lambda executed successfully.



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CloudWatch

Log groups

Log groups (4)

By default, we only load up to 10000 log groups.

Filter log groups or try prefix search

Exact match

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	Log group	Log class	Anomaly d...	Data p...	Sensiti...	Retenti...	Metric
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/RedshiftEventSubscription	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/RedshiftOverwatch	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/RoleCreationFunction	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	/aws/lambda/komal-lambda	Standard	Configure	-	-	Never expire	-

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CloudWatch

Log groups

/aws/lambda/komal-lambda

/aws/lambda/komal-lambda

Log group details

Log class
Standard

ARN
arn:aws:logs-us-east-1:422430209855:log-group:/aws/lambda/komal-lambda:*

Creation time
6 minutes ago

Retention
Never expire

Stored bytes
-

Metric filters
0

Subscription filters
0

Contributor Insights rules
-

KMS key ID
-

Anomaly detection
Configure

Data protection
-

Sensitive data count
-

Log streamsTagsAnomaly detectionMetric filtersSubscription filtersContributor InsightsData protection

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CloudWatch

Log groups

/aws/lambda/komal-lambda

2024/10/17/[\$LATEST]33abfb0d0176464ca78ffea3d1eff56

Log events

You can use the filter bar below to search for and match terms, phrases, or values in your log events. [Learn more about filter patterns](#)

Filter events - press enter to search

Clear1m30m1h12hCustomUTC timezoneDisplay

Timestamp	Message
No older events at this moment. Retry	
2024-10-17T13:51:59.499Z	INIT_START Runtime Version: python:3.12.v36 Runtime Version ARN: arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1::runtime:188d9ca2e2714ff5637bd2bbe...
2024-10-17T13:52:00.158Z	START RequestId: 608d2381-5e32-42e0-a6bd-6d123698e08e Version: \$LATEST
2024-10-17T13:52:00.780Z	LAMBDA_WARNING: Unhandled exception. The most likely cause is an issue in the function code. However, in rare cases, a Lambd...
2024-10-17T13:52:00.780Z	[ERROR] InvalidParameterException: An error occurred (InvalidParameter) when calling the Publish operation: Invalid paramete...
2024-10-17T13:52:00.783Z	END RequestId: 608d2381-5e32-42e0-a6bd-6d123698e08e
2024-10-17T13:52:00.783Z	REPORT RequestId: 608d2381-5e32-42e0-a6bd-6d123698e08e Duration: 624.05 ms Billed Duration: 625 ms Memory Size: 128 MB Max M...
2024-10-17T13:53:01.952Z	START RequestId: 608d2381-5e32-42e0-a6bd-6d123698e08e Version: \$LATEST
2024-10-17T13:53:02.441Z	LAMBDA_WARNING: Unhandled exception. The most likely cause is an issue in the function code. However, in rare cases, a Lambd...
2024-10-17T13:53:02.441Z	[ERROR] InvalidParameterException: An error occurred (InvalidParameter) when calling the Publish operation: Invalid paramete...
2024-10-17T13:53:02.457Z	END RequestId: 608d2381-5e32-42e0-a6bd-6d123698e08e

Conclusion:

The integration of AWS Lambda, S3, and SNS provides an efficient, scalable solution for automated file upload notifications. By setting up this system, users receive real-time alerts whenever a file is uploaded to the S3 bucket. This process improves operational awareness, facilitates prompt responses to data uploads, and reduces the need for manual monitoring. The solution is highly customizable, allowing easy adaptation for various use cases such as alerting for critical file uploads, workflow automation, or data pipeline monitoring. Moreover, the serverless nature of Lambda and the robustness of SNS ensure cost-effectiveness, reliability, and scalability without the need for ongoing management of infrastructure.