COS20019 - Cloud Computing Architecture

Week 9: ACA Module 13 Challenge Lab - Implementing a Serverless Architecture for the Cafe

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Task 1: Downloading the source code

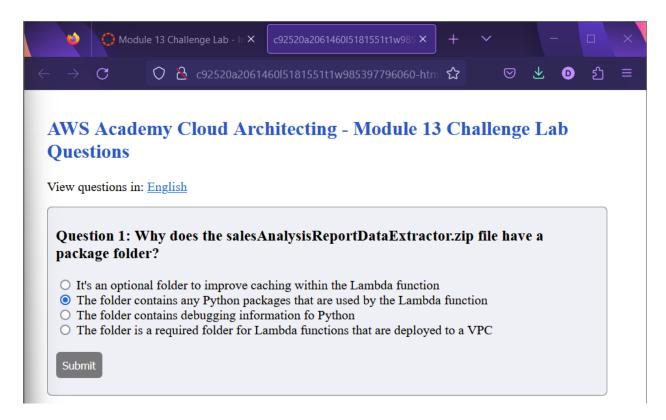
The code for generating the report is already written, packaged, and ready for you to deploy to AWS Lambda.

- 5. Download the following two files to your local machine:
 - Code for salesAnalysisReportDataExtractor
 - o Code for salesAnalysisReport
- 6. Extract each of the .zip files and examine the contents.

Answering questions about the lab

Answers will be recorded when you choose the blue **Submit** button at the end of the lab.

- 7. Access the questions in this lab.
 - o Choose the Details menu, and choose Show.
 - Choose the Access the multiple choice questions link that appears at the bottom of the page.
- 8. In the page you loaded, answer the first question:
 - **Question 1**: Why does the *salesAnalysisReportDataExtractor.zip* file have a package folder?

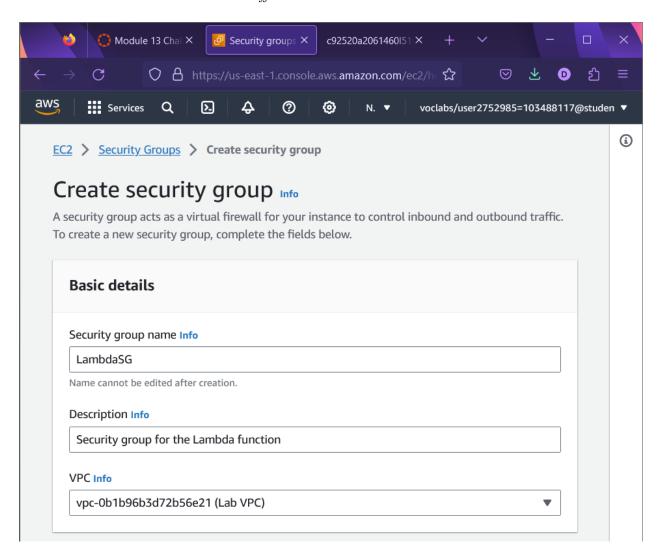


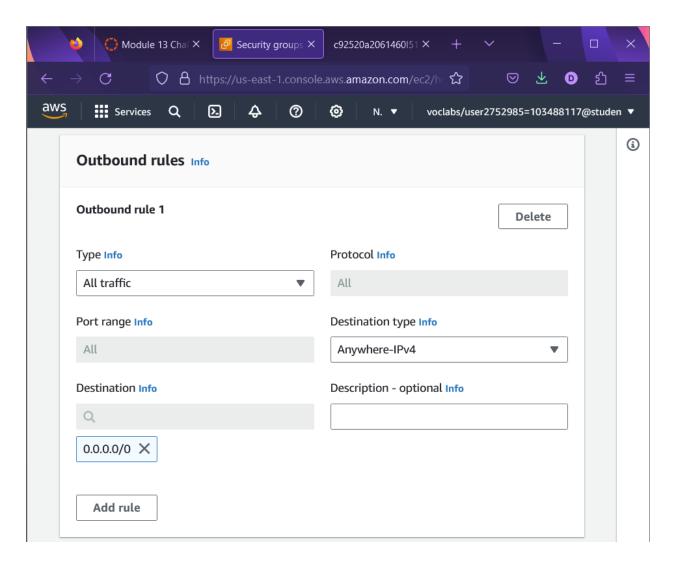
Note: Leave the questions webpage open in your browser tab. You will return to it later in this lab.

Task 2: Creating the DataExtractor Lambda function in the VPC

In this task, you will create the *DataExtractor* Lambda function that extracts the café's sales data from an Amazon RDS database. So the Lambda function can access the RDS database instance, you must update the database security group with a rule to allow connections from the Lambda function. To enable this communication, you will create a security group for the Lambda function and add it as an inbound rule to the security group of the RDS instance.

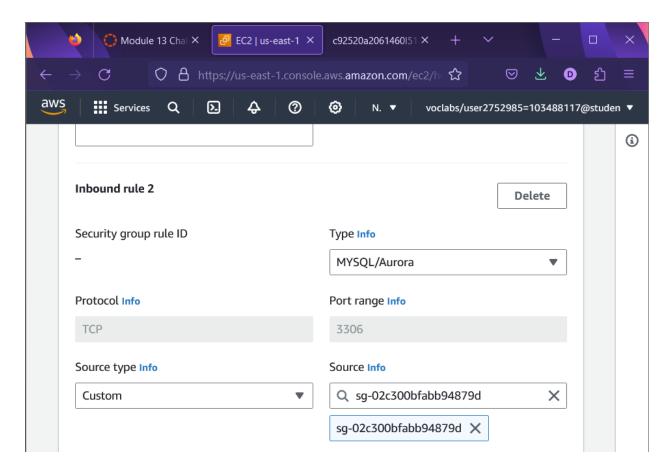
- 9. Create a security group for the Lambda function with the following settings:
 - o Security group name: LambdaSG
 - **VPC**: Lab VPC
 - Outbound Rules: All traffic to all addresses



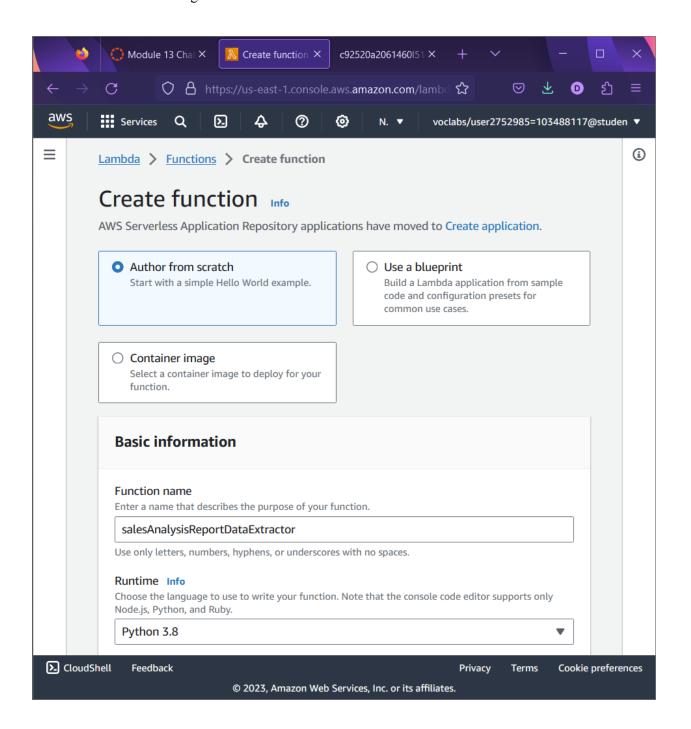


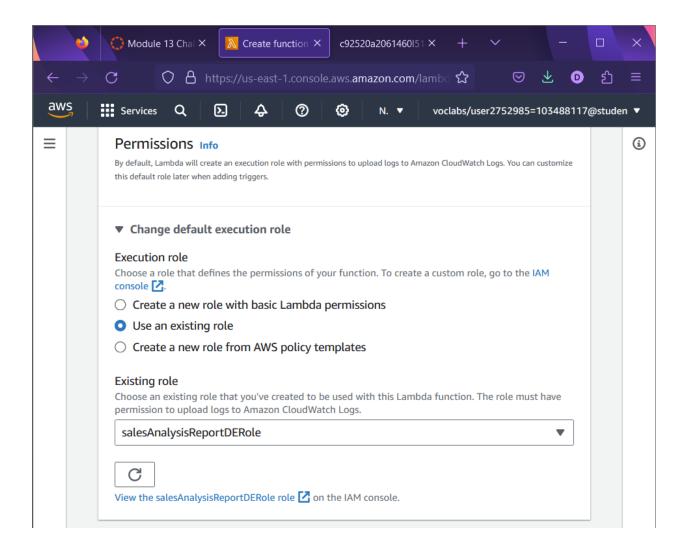
10. Update the **DatabaseSG** security group.

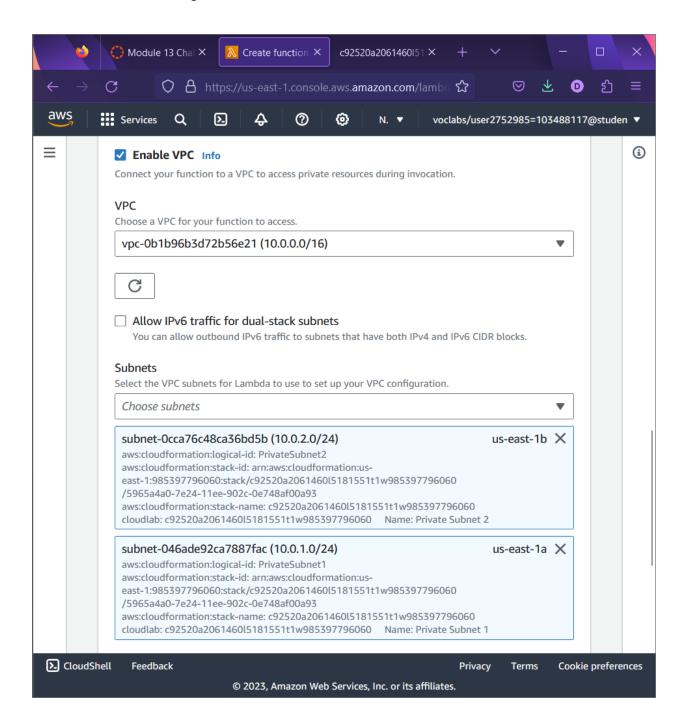
Add a second inbound rule. For the new rule, configure the Type as MYSQL/Aurora.
Then, in the search box to the right of Custom, type sg- and choose your new Lambda function security group as the source. Finally, choose Save rules.

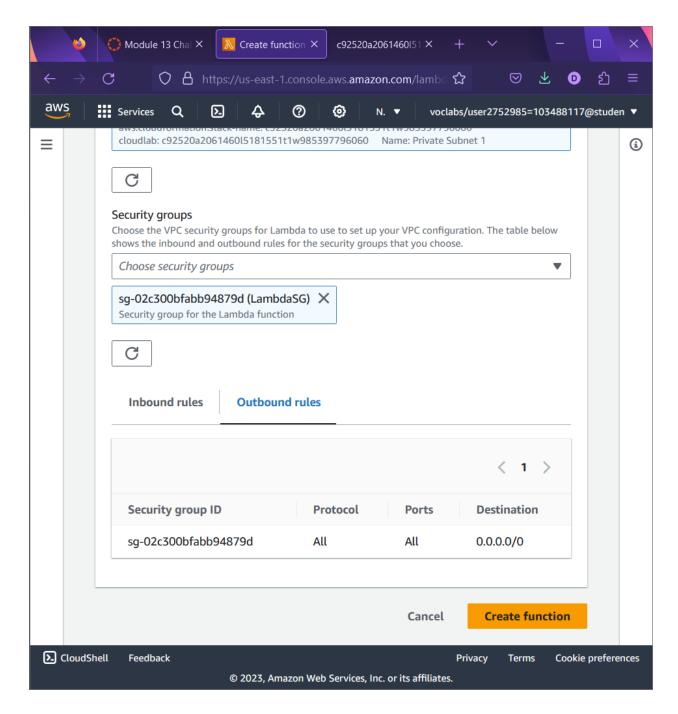


- 11. Create a Lambda function with the following settings:
 - o Function name: salesAnalysisReportDataExtractor
 - **Runtime**: *Python 3.8*
 - o **Role**: salesAnalysisReportDERole
 - o **VPC**:
 - **VPC**: *Lab VPC*
 - **Subnets**: *Private subnet 1* and *Private subnet 2*
 - Security Group: The Lambda function security group that you created
 - o **Tip**: It will take several minutes for the function to be created.

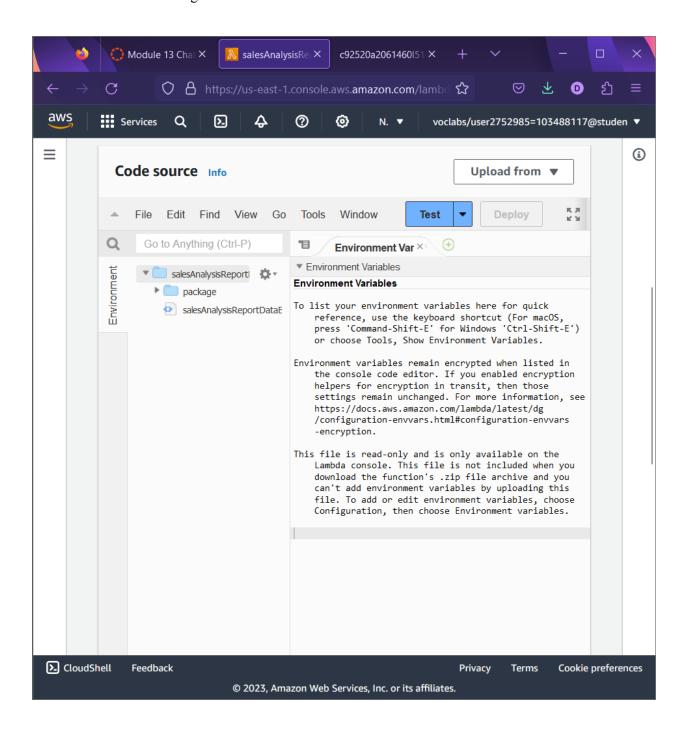


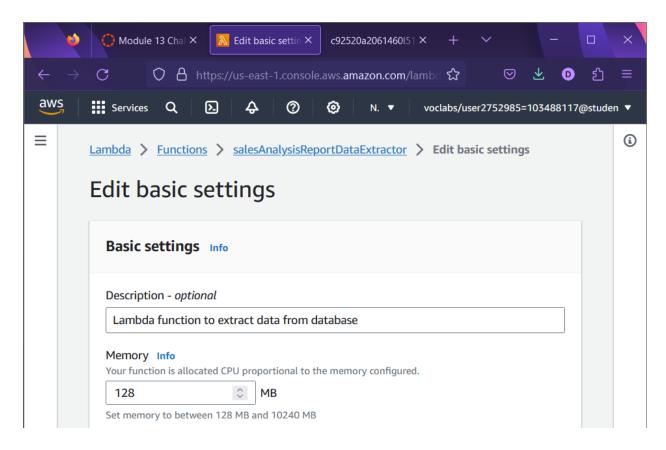


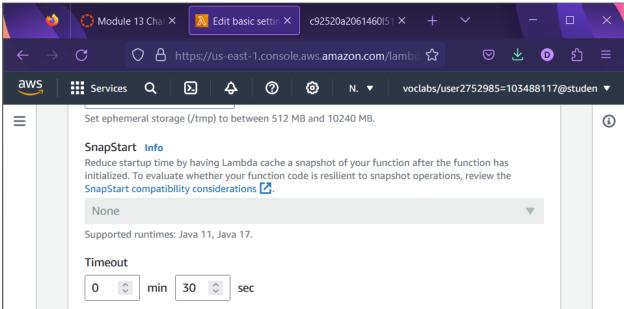


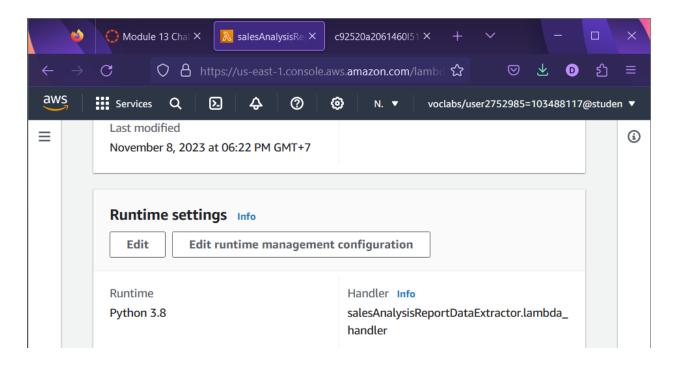


- 12. Configure the *DataExtractor* Lambda function as follows:
 - **Code**: Upload the *salesAnalysisReportDataExtractor.zip* file
 - Description: Lambda function to extract data from database
 - Handler: salesAnalysisReportDataExtractor.lambda_handler
 - Memory Size: 128 MB
 - o Timeout (seconds): 30

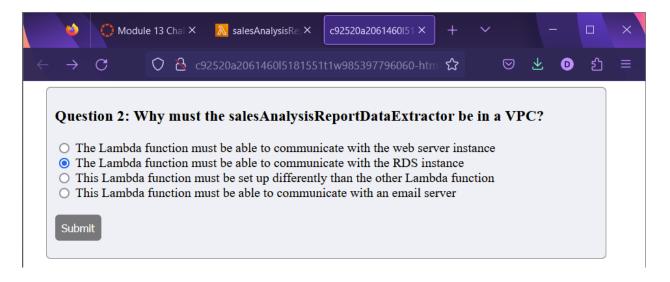








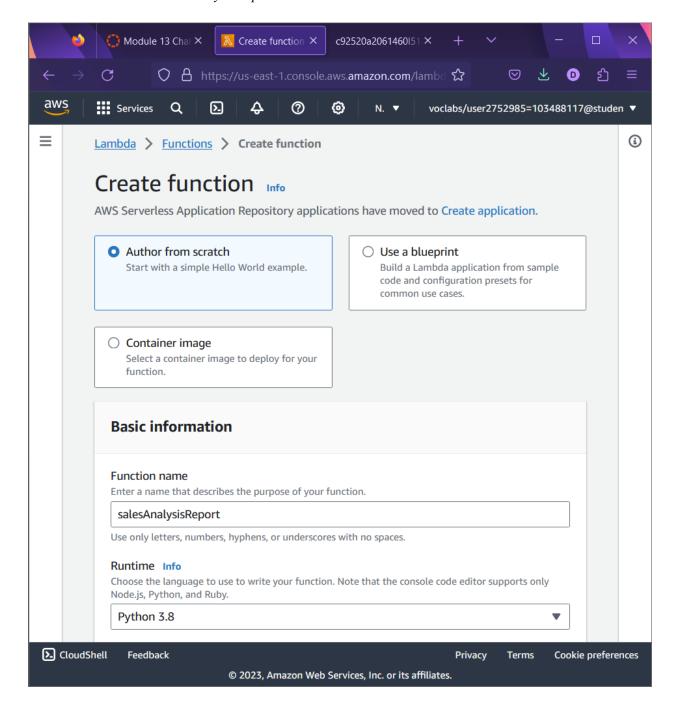
- 13. Return to the browser tab with the multiple-choice questions for this lab, and answer the following question:
 - **Question 2**: Why must the *salesAnalysisReportDataExtractor* be in a VPC?

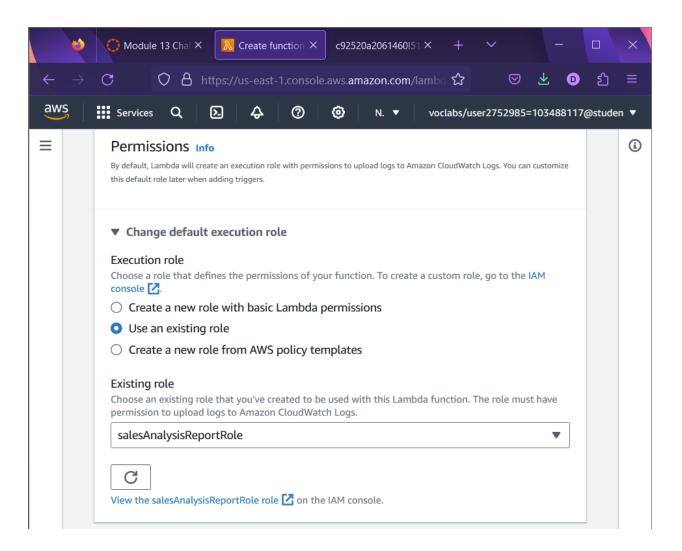


Task 3: Creating the sales Analysis Report Lambda function

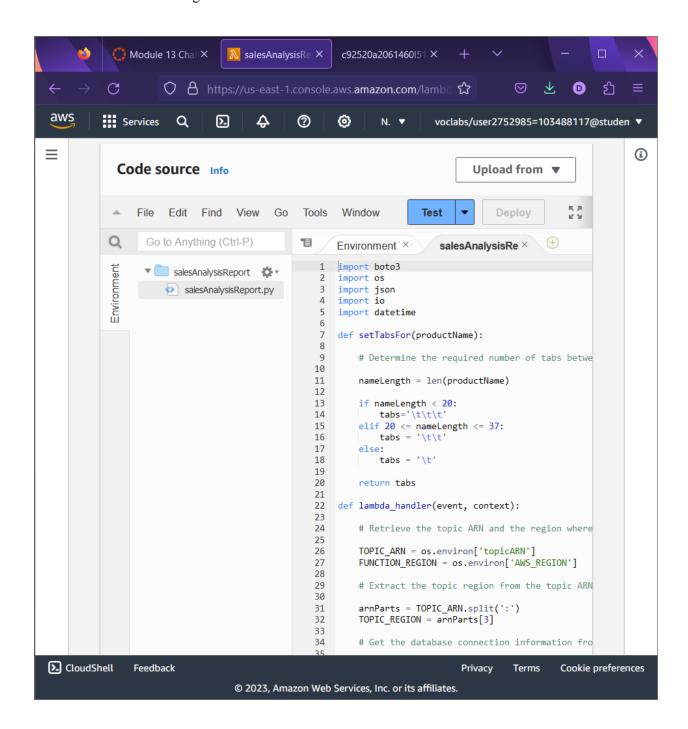
In this task, you will create the Lambda function that generates and sends the daily sales analysis report.

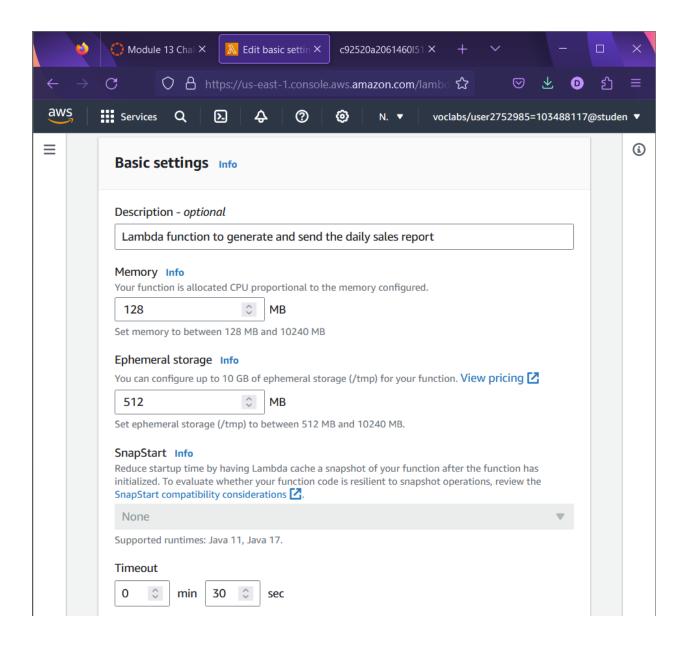
- 14. Create a second Lambda function with the following settings:
 - Function name: salesAnalysisReport
 - **Runtime**: *Python 3.8*
 - **Role**: salesAnalysisReportRole

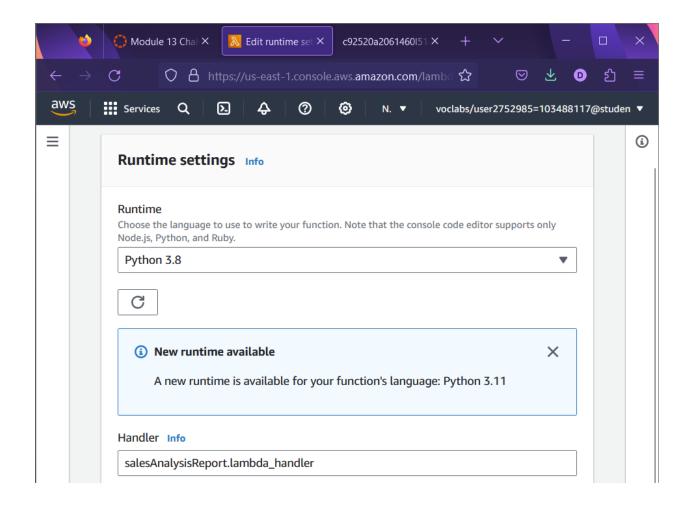




- 15. Configure the *salesAnalysisReport* Lambda function as follows:
 - **Code**: Upload the *salesAnalysisReport.zip* file
 - Description: Lambda function to generate and send the daily sales report
 - Handler: salesAnalysisReport.lambda_handler
 - Memory Size: 128 MBTimeout (seconds): 30



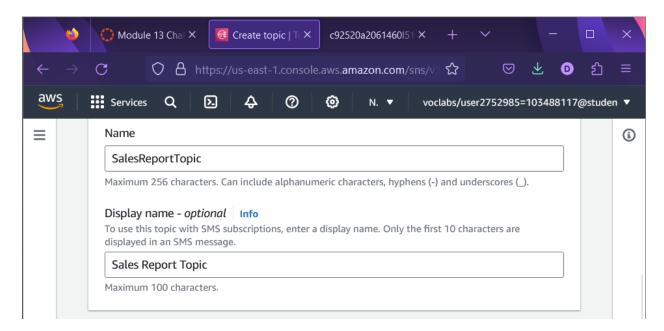




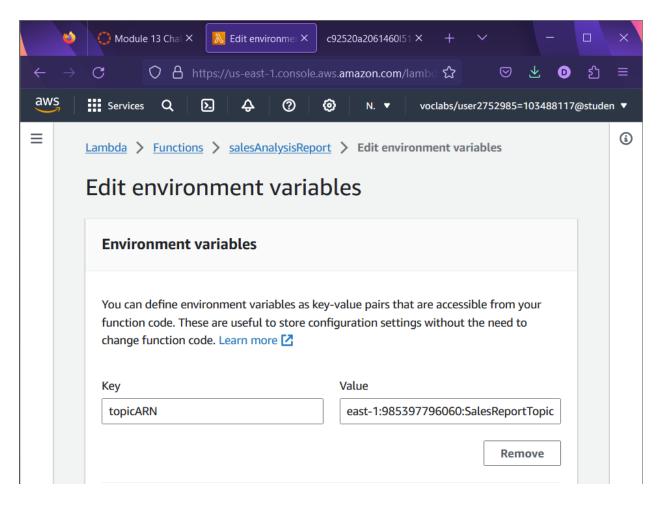
Task 4: Creating an SNS topic

The sales analysis report uses an SNS topic to send the report to email subscribers. In this task, you will create an SNS topic and update the environment variables of the *salesAnalysisReport* Lambda function to store the topic Amazon Resource Name (ARN).

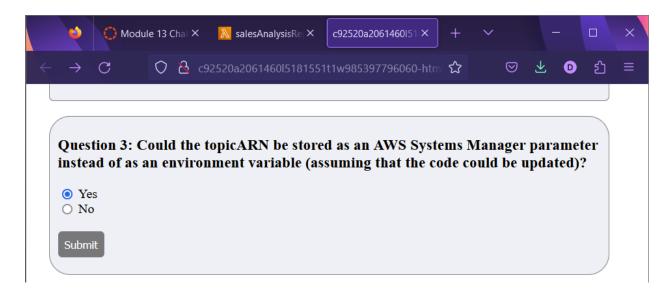
- 16. Create a standard SNS topic with the following configuration:
 - Name: SalesReportTopic
 - o Display Name: Sales Report Topic



- 17. Update the *salesAnalysisReport* Lambda function by adding the following environment variable:
 - Variable Name: topicARN
 - Variable Value: The ARN of the topic you just created



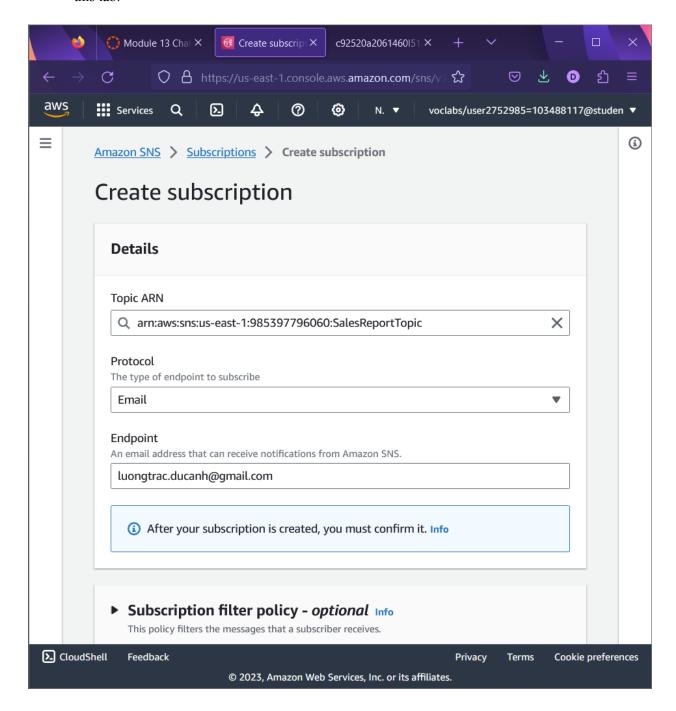
- 18. Return to the browser tab with the multiple-choice questions for this lab, and answer the following question:
 - **Question 3**: Could the *topicARN* be stored as an AWS Systems Manager parameter instead of as an environment variable (assuming that the code could be updated)?



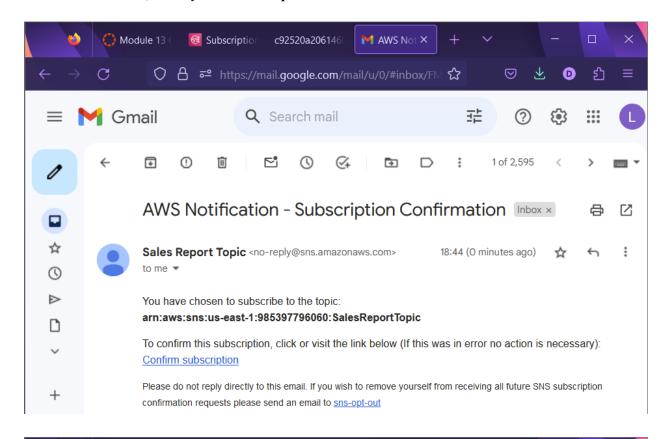
Task 5: Creating an email subscription to the SNS topic

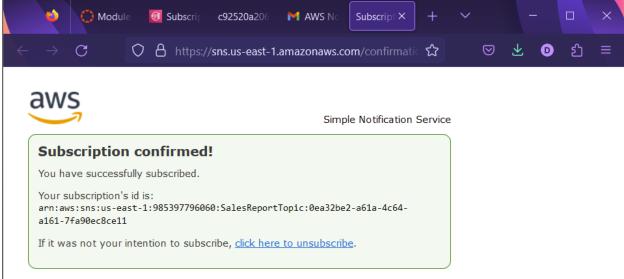
To receive the sales report through email, you must create an email subscription to the topic that you created in the previous task.

19. Create a new email subscription to the topic. Use an email address that you can easily access for this lab.

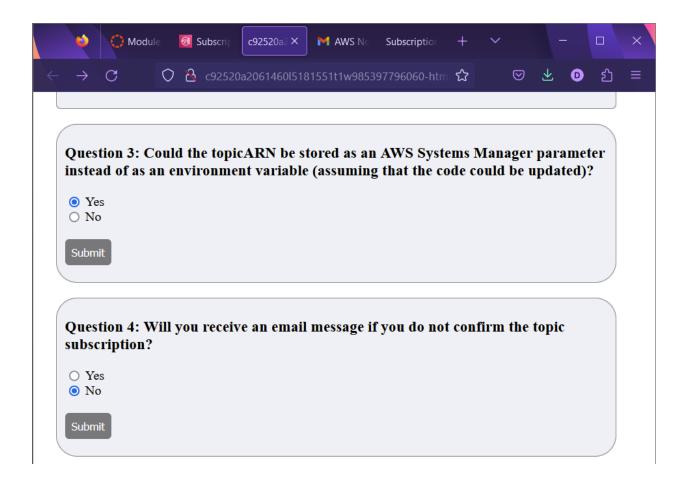


20. Confirm the email subscription from your email client. **Note**: If you don't receive an email confirmation, check your **Junk** or **Spam** folder.





- 21. Return to the browser tab with the multiple-choice questions for this lab, and answer the following question:
 - Question 4: Will you receive an email message if you do not confirm the topic subscription?

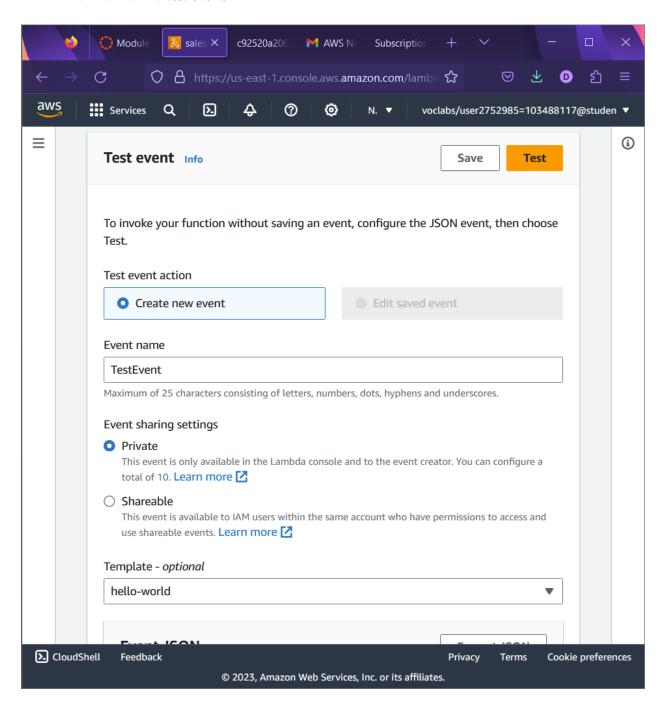


Task 6: Testing the salesAnalysisReport Lambda function

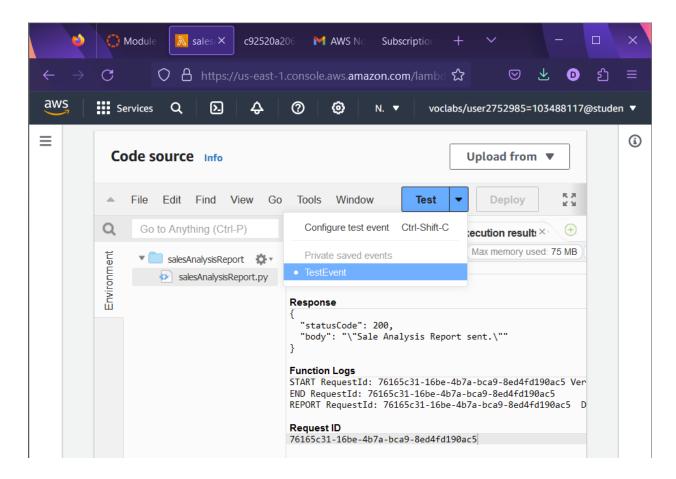
Before creating the daily reporting event, you must test that the *salesAnalysisReport* Lambda function works correctly.

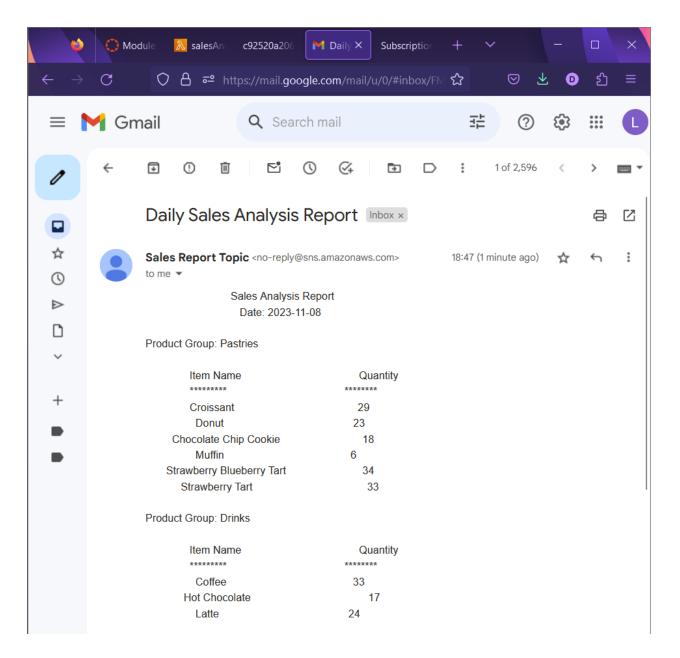
22. Create a test for the salesAnalysisReport Lambda function.

Tip: You don't need to worry about parameters, so enter an event name and accept the default hello-world test event.



23. Run the *salesAnalysisReport* test. If the test succeeds, you should have an email report in a couple of minutes.



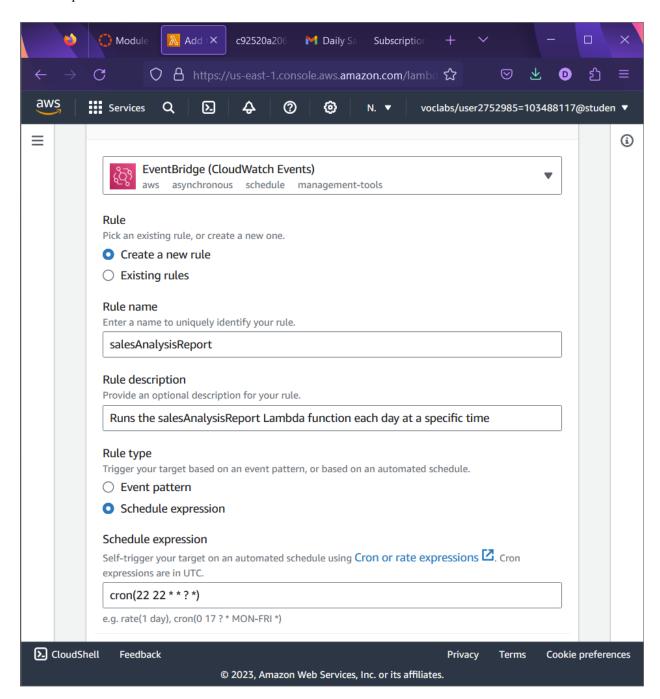


- 24. If the Lambda function test execution failed, use the logs to review any errors, address them, and run the test again. Here are some *troubleshooting tips* that you can try:
 - Review the logs from Amazon CloudWatch Logs for both Lambda functions:
 - If you see an error about connecting to the café database, check that your security groups are configured correctly.
 - If you see an error about timeout, check that the timeout is set to 30 seconds.
 - If you see an error about *lambda_function not found*, check that you have configured the correct handler.
 - Review your work to make sure that you completed all the steps.
 - Go to the *Submitting your work* section and follow the steps to submit your work. The submission report will show whether you completed the previous steps correctly.

Task 7: Setting up an Amazon EventBridge event to trigger the Lambda function each day

The last step in this challenge is to set up a trigger that will run the report each day.

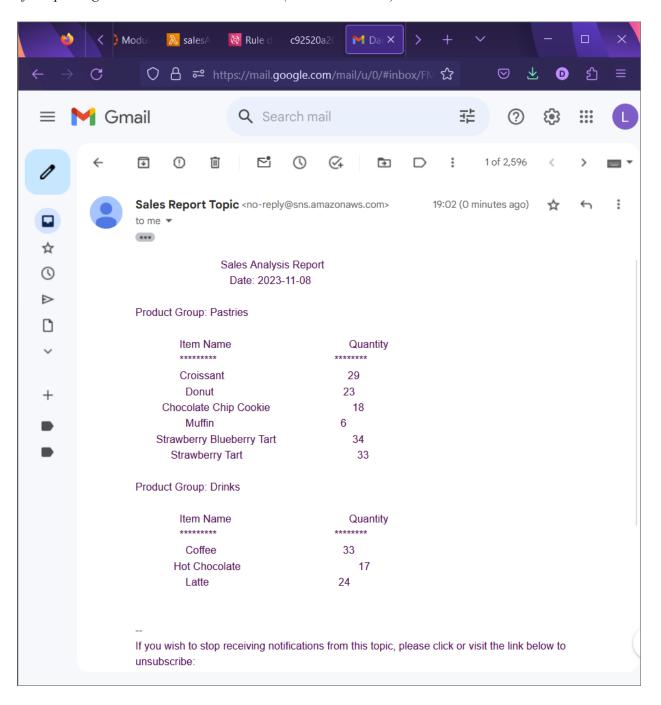
25. Create a new EventBridge rule that runs the *salesAnalysisReport* Lambda function each day at a specific time. Make sure to choose **Continue to create rule**.



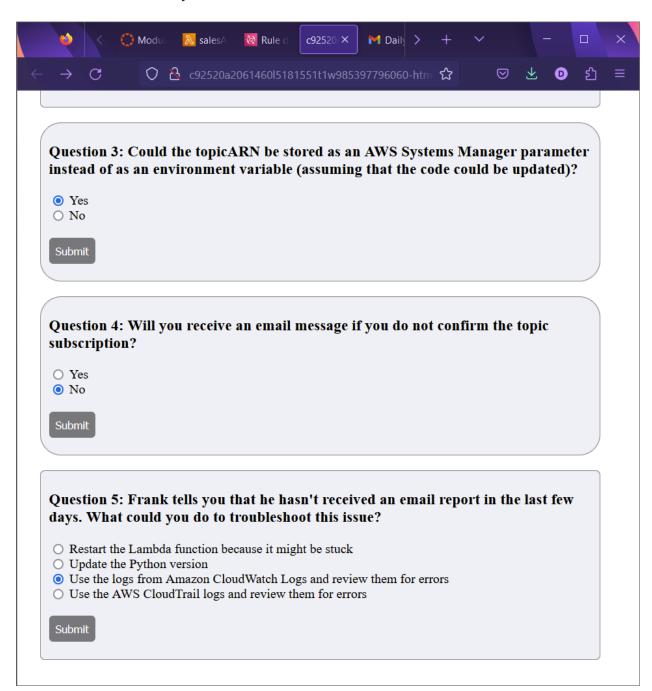
Hint: If you get stuck, see the <u>cron expression examples in the AWS Documentation</u>. **Tip**: Use a time that is close to your current time, but remember that the time must be specified in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)!

26. Check your email to see if you received the report.

After updating the time to the local time zone (7:02 PM GMT+7)



- 27. Return to the browser tab with the multiple-choice questions for this lab, and answer the following question:
 - **Question 5**: Frank tells you that he hasn't received an email report in the last few days. What could you do to troubleshoot this issue?



Update from the café

After Sofia finishes testing the reporting, she creates an email subscription for Frank and Martha. Frank and Martha are excited to receive the first daily report from the serverless solution.

Sofia is pleased that she automated sales reporting for the café, which will continue to help Frank and Martha analyze daily sales and plan the café's inventory. She's also happy that she successfully learned how to use AWS Lambda, Amazon SNS, and Amazon EventBridge. In fact, Sofia plans to implement more serverless and automated reporting features into the café's web application to help the café grow and manage their business.

Submitting your work

- 28. At the top of these instructions, choose Submit to record your progress and when prompted, choose **Yes**.
- 29. If the results don't display after a couple of minutes, return to the top of these instructions and choose Grades
 - **Tip**: You can submit your work multiple times. After you change your work, choose **Submit** again. Your last submission is what will be recorded for this lab.
- 30. To find detailed feedback on your work, choose Details followed by View Submission Report.

