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Build a Scalable File Processing System

PROJECT SYNOPSIS

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATION

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INTRODUCTION

In the modern digital landscape, managing and processing large volumes of files securely and efficiently is a growing challenge. Traditional server-based systems often face limitations related to scalability, maintenance, and cost. To address these challenges, this project titled "Build a Scalable File Processing System" leverages a serverless architecture using cloud technologies.

The system is built using Amazon Web Services (AWS) — specifically AWS Lambda, Amazon S3, and DynamoDB — to enable event-driven, fully automated file processing. Users can upload files through a responsive frontend interface developed with React.js and Tailwind CSS. Once a file is uploaded, AWS Lambda automatically processes it, and metadata is stored in DynamoDB for easy retrieval.

This project eliminates the need for manual server management and demonstrates how serverless computing can be used to build scalable, cost-effective, and highly available cloudnative applications.





METHODOLOGY / PLANNING OF WORK

The development of this project was carried out in a structured and phased manner to ensure systematic progress and completion. The key stages involved are:

1. Requirement Analysis

Identified the core functionality needed — including secure file upload, automatic processing, and metadata storage — and selected appropriate AWS services to implement them.

2. System Design

Designed architecture diagrams including Data Flow Diagrams (DFD) and Entity-Relationship Diagram (ERD). Planned user flow, database structure, and API routes.

3. Frontend Development

Created a responsive user interface using React.js and Tailwind CSS. Implemented routing, authentication forms, and file upload/dashboard components.

4. Backend Development & Cloud Integration

Developed APIs using Node.js and Express.js. Integrated AWS services (Lambda, S3, DynamoDB) to handle file storage, processing, and metadata management.

5. Testing & Deployment

Conducted functional, integration, and security testing using Postman and browser dev tools. Finalized the system with bug fixes and documented the complete workflow.