SynBeerVoting App



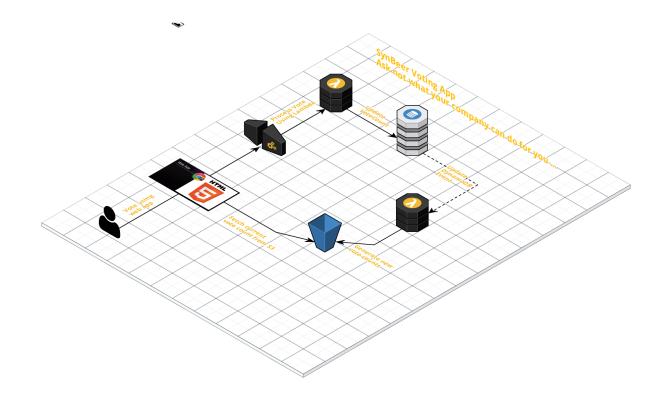
Ask not what your company can do for you, but what you can do for your company

John F. Kennedy https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_F._Kennedy#Uitspraken

How can you help?

The SynBeer Vote is the most important vote you will cast this year, as it will (hypothetically) determine the kind of beer style we will be brewing this year. However, we will need to build a web application first to allow people to vote and to see what the current score (votes per beer style) is.

As we are quite well equipped with AWS Lambda now, the beer gods have decided the web app should be built as a static AWS S3 website, implementing the relevant interactions with AWS Lambda functions.





Relevant code snippets can be found in Github:

https://github.com/mnuman/syntouch-aws-lambda-workshop/tree/master/4-Website.

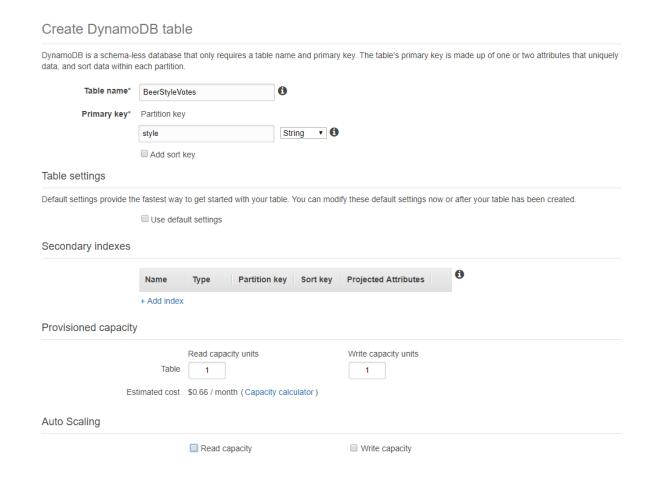
NoSQL: Create a table in DynamoDB

First we need to setup a NoSQL database table to store the votes; navigate to Amazon's DynamoDB console and define a simple table to hold the votes: name the table BeerStyleVotes, the primary key is to be called style and is a string.

This is all DynamoDB at its simplest require to store data, a table name and a primary key. DynamoDB does not care what else is stored inside the document ... Hey, it's **NoSQL** – no structure required (except for the primary key).

Make sure to <u>uncheck</u> the <u>autoscaling</u> on <u>both read</u> and <u>write</u> and to <u>reduce</u> the provisioned <u>read</u> and <u>write</u> capacity to <u>1 – we don't expect that many reads or writes</u>

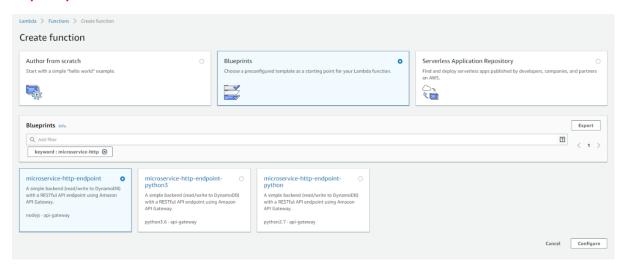
(https://docs.aws.amazon.com/amazondynamodb/latest/developerguide/HowItWorks.ProvisionedThroughput.html):

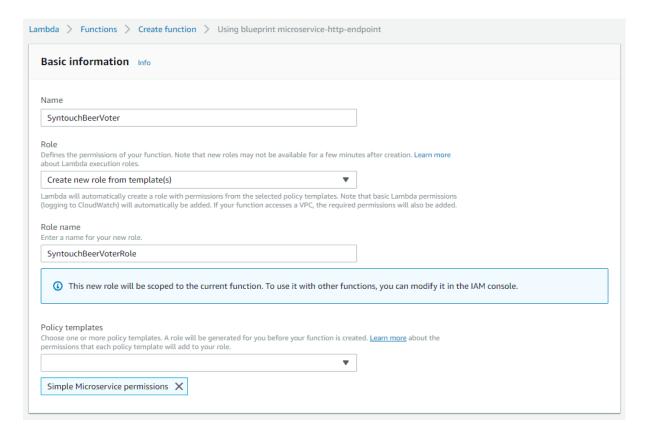


Lambda: function SyntouchBeerVoter

Next up is a lambda function to process the incoming vote, i.e. to register a vote in the DynamoDB table.

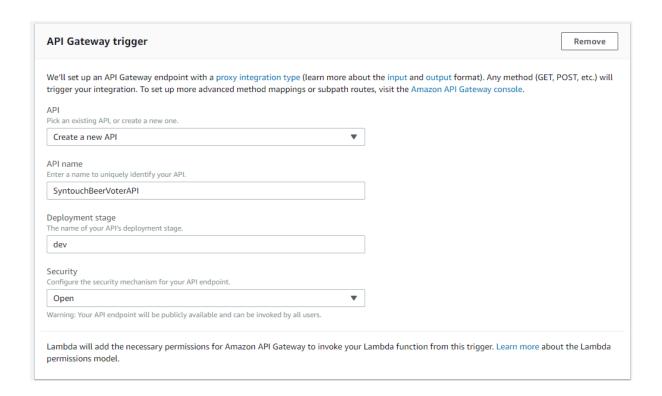
Create the function from the AWS Lambda console, by using a standard blueprint: microservicehttp-endpoint:





Check what permissions you're adding by using the standard set of "Simple Microservice permissions" (https://docs.aws.amazon.com/lambda/latest/dg/policy-templates.html#MicroServiceExecutionRole)

Also define the trigger (API Gateway definition) from the same form:



At this stage, you cannot define the function's code - you first need to create the function and the edit the function code inline:



Implement the code to trigger and update on the DynamoDB table:

```
};
   console.log('Casting Vote:', JSON.stringify(params, null, 2));
   dynamo.updateItem(params, (err, data) => {
       if (err) console.log(err, err.stack); // an error occurred
               else
       callback(err, data);
   });
}
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   console.log('Received event:', JSON.stringify(event, null, 2));
   const done = (err, res) => callback(null, {
       statusCode: err ? '400' : '204',
       body: err ? err.message : JSON.stringify(res),
       headers: {
           'Content-Type': 'application/json',
       },
   });
   switch (event.httpMethod) {
       case 'POST':
          // body is sending "style=Weizen" objects, so just need to
           // parse out the value after the equal sign!
           beervote({
                  "style" : event.body.split('=')[1]
               }, done);
           break;
       default:
           done(new Error(`Unsupported method "${event.httpMethod}"`));
   }
};
```

Testing, testing

Save the function and create a test event; the event structure is now an API Gateway proxy event type, the body should contain an attribute "style" with a value of your preference:

Configure test event X

A function can have up to 10 test events. The events are persisted so you can switch to another computer or web browser and test your function with the same events.

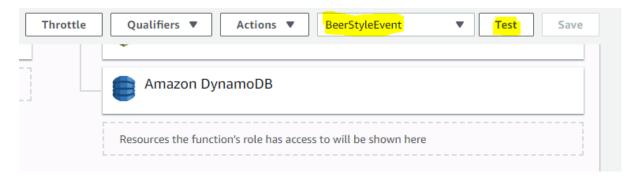
O Create new test event

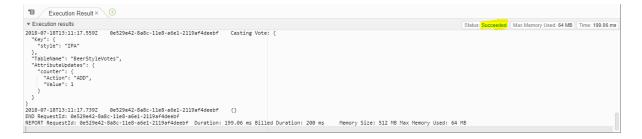
Edit saved test events

Saved Test Event

```
C
BeerStyleEvent
         "body": "style=Weizen",
"resource": "/{proxy+}",
2
   3
         "requestContext": {
   4 -
           "resourceId": "123456",
   5
   6
           "apiId": "1234567890",
            "resourcePath": "/{proxy+}",
   7
           "httpMethod": "POST",
"requestId": "c6af9ac6-7b61-11e6-9a41-93e8deadbeef",
"accountId": "123456789012",
   8
   9
  10
           "identity": {
    "apiKey": null,
  11 +
  12
            "userArn": null,
  13
              "cognitoAuthenticationType": null,
  14
             "caller": null,
  15
              "userAgent": "Custom User Agent String",
  16
              "user": null,
  17
             "cognitoIdentityPoolId": null,
  18
              "cognitoIdentityId": null,
  19
  20
              "cognitoAuthenticationProvider": null,
             "sourceIp": "127.0.0.1",
"accountId": null
  21
  22
  23
            "stage": "prod"
  24
  25
          "queryStringParameters": {
  26 -
  27
            "foo": "bar"
  28
  29 -
```

Perform the test and verify it completes successfully:





Did it work?

Navigate to your table and verify the document has been inserted properly:

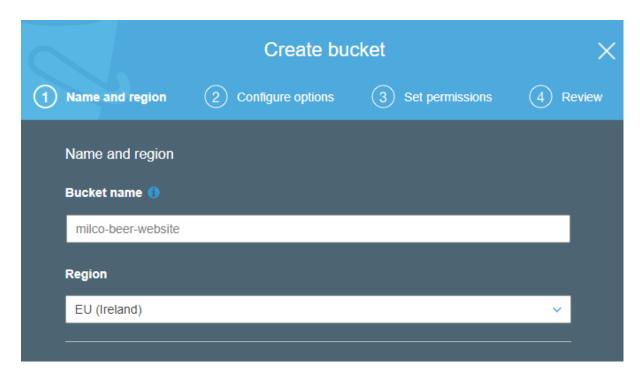


Repeat the testing and verify that the counter is actually updated to 2!

Hosting a website

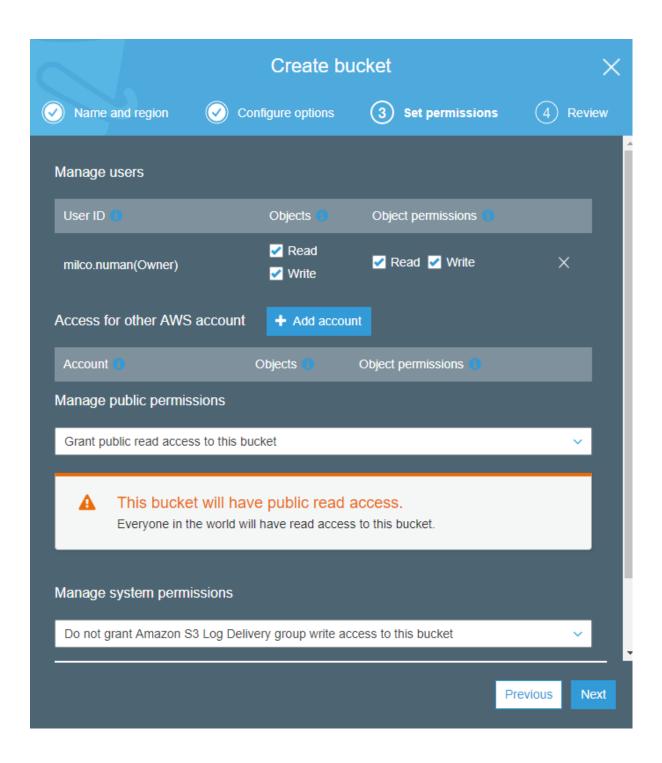
Amazon S3 is not only an object store, but can also be used to host (static) website items, like HTML pages, stylesheets, JavaScript files, images and the like.

First we'll **create a new bucket for the beerwebsite** (bucketnames must be **globally unique** - prefix with your name or initials):

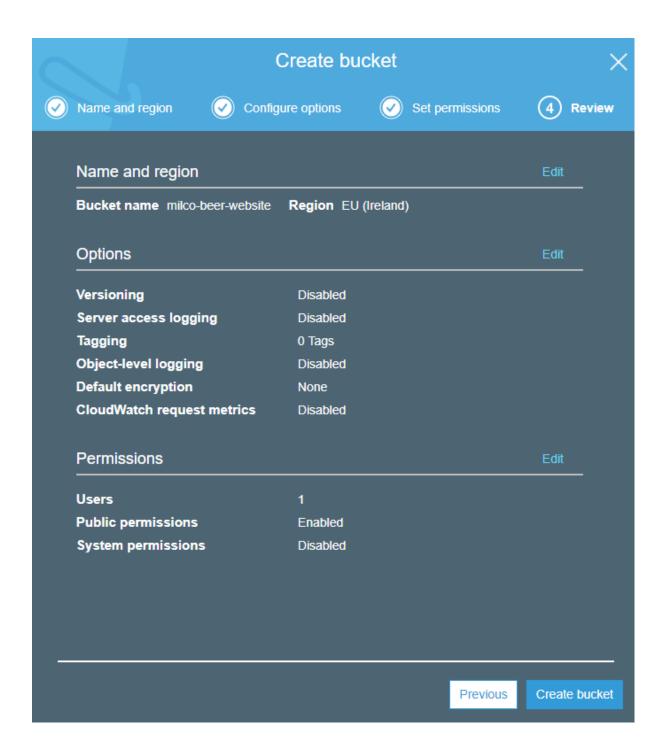


No options

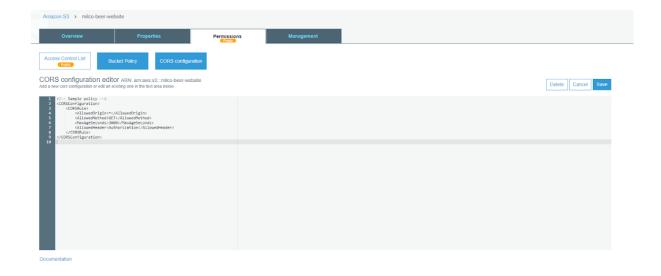
Set for public read access:



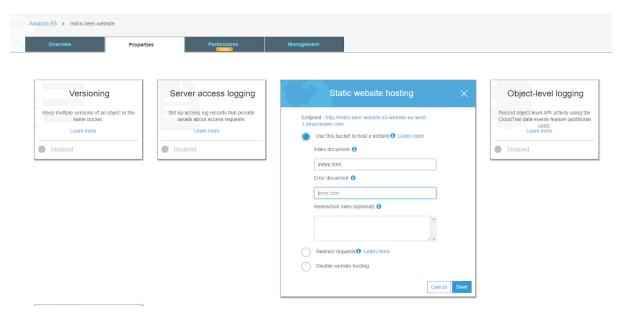
Review and create bucket:



Allow CORS (Cross Origin Resource Sharing) - the configuration is prefilled and can be accepted, just click save:



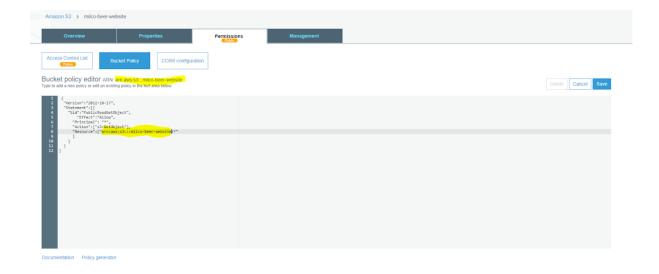
Enable this bucket for hosting a static website; specify the index document to be the standard index.html, leave the error document blank:



Navigate back to the bucket's permission's tab, select bucket policy and copy the bucket policy from the AWS documentation:

https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/dev/WebsiteAccessPermissionsReqd.html

Be sure to overwrite the resource (that is the bucketname) with your bucket name:

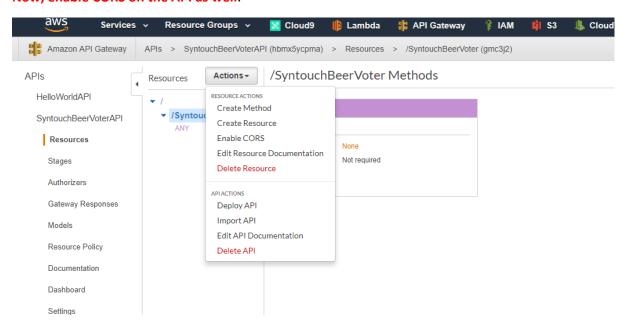


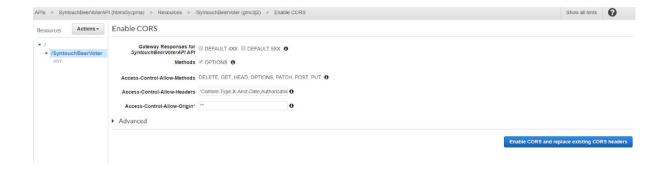
API Gateway – API response

Navigate to API gateway, remove the default HTTP/200 response code and add an HTTP/204 (No Content) response code:



Now, enable CORS on the API as well:





Confirm to replace existing values when asked.

Lambda Updating data file

Whenever an update to the DynamoDB table occurs, we need to generate a new data.json file as the votes have changed.

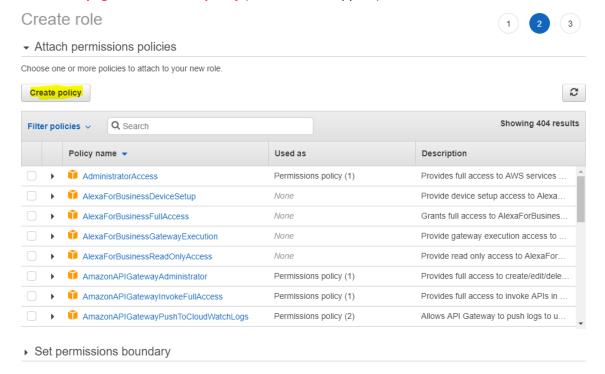
First IAM

First, let's create a new role that allows the BeerCounter lambda function to create log events and also allows it to create or modify files in the bucket used for our website.

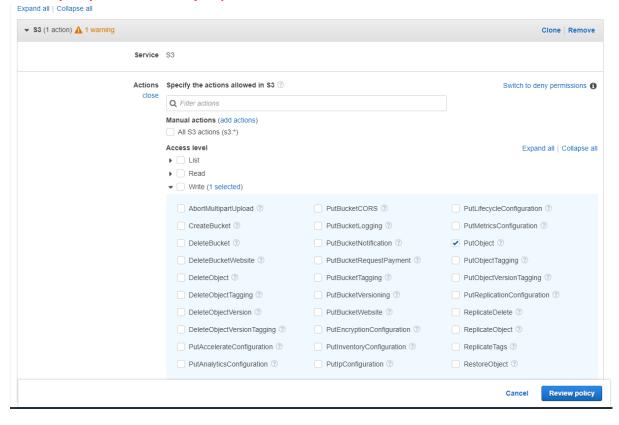
Navigate to the IAM console and create a new role.

Create a Role for AWS Lambda

On the next page, create a new policy (a new tab will appear):

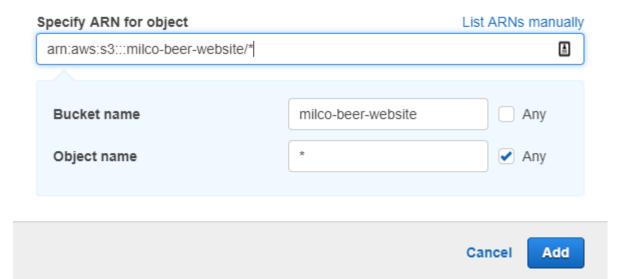


For this policy, allow S3 PutObject permissions:



Specify the ARN for your bucket (wildcard for the object name):



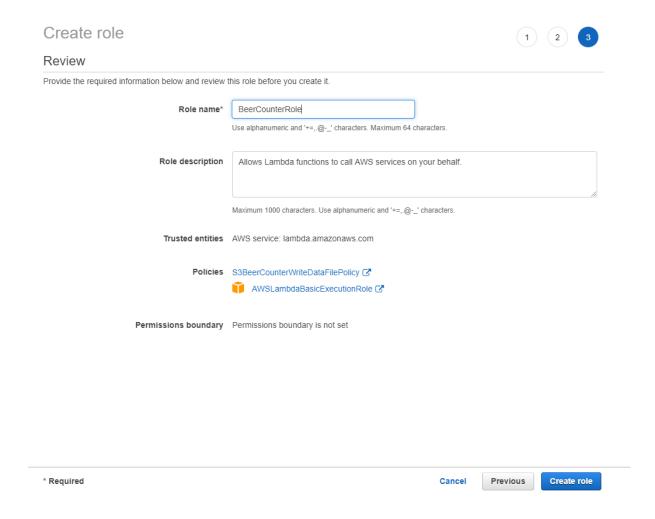


Review and create the policy: 1 2 Review policy Name* S3BeerCounterWriteDataFilePolicy Use alphanumeric and '+=,.@-_' characters. Maximum 128 characters. Allow writing of the datafile Maximum 1000 characters. Use alphanumeric and '+=,.@-_' characters. Summary Q Filter Service -Request condition Access level Resource Allow (1 of 142 services) Show remaining 141 Limited: Write ObjectPath | string like | All, None BucketName | string like | milco-beerwebsite

For your new role, attach both the new custom policy you just created (for allowing the Lambda function to write to the bucket) and the LambdaBasicExecution role for sending events to CloudWatch:

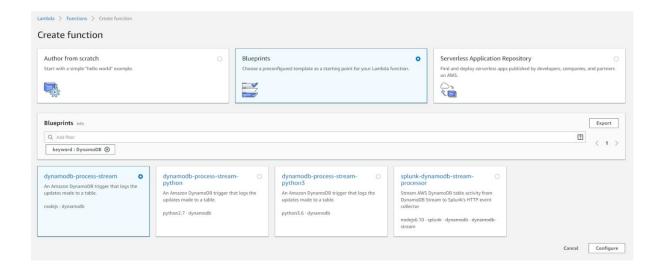
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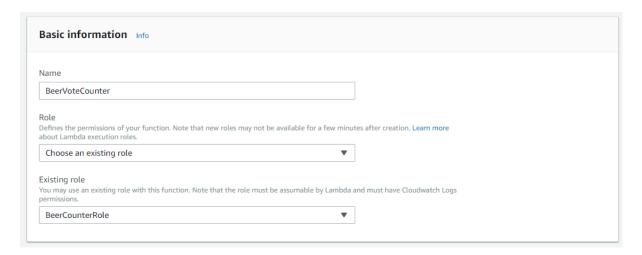
Cancel Previous Create policy



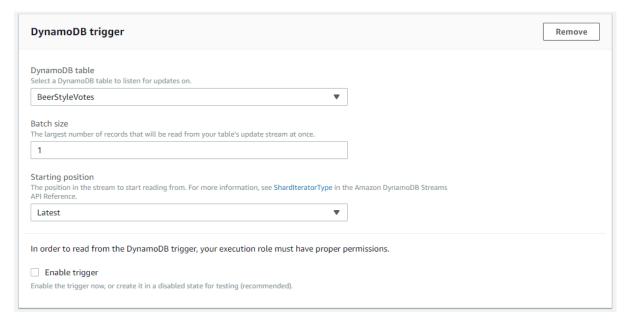
Create the Lambda implementation

Navigate to the AWS Lambda console and create a new nodejs lambda function based on the dynamodb process stream blueprint:





Make sure that updates to the BeerStyleVotes trigger this lambda function (batch size = 1, i.e. every single update will trigger the lambda function):



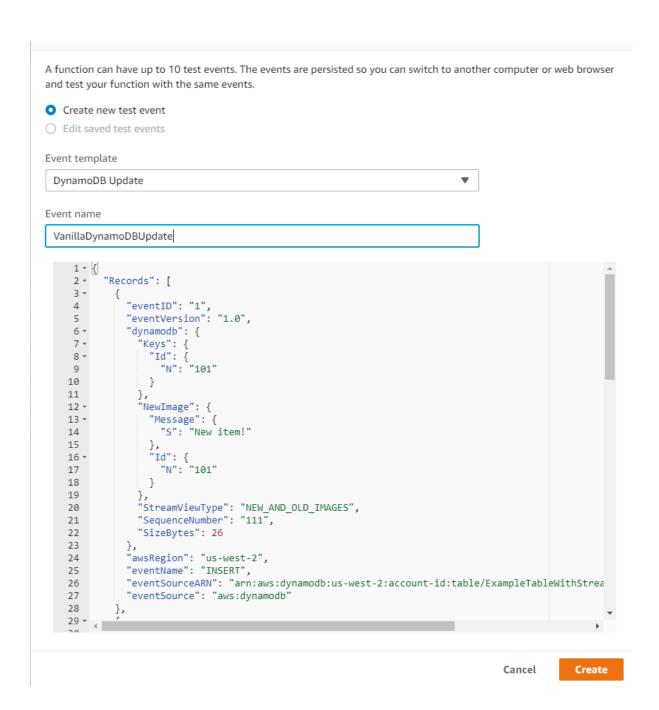
Create the function and modify the implementation; be sure to **refer to your bucket** in the write call and to **your table name in the table scan** operation:

```
'use strict';
console.log('Loading function');
const doc = require('dynamodb-doc');
const dynamo = new doc.DynamoDB();
const AWS = require('aws-sdk');
const s3 = new AWS.S3();
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   console.log('Received event:', JSON.stringify(event, null, 2));
    var writeResultsToS3 = (err, results) => {
       if ( err ) {
   console.log(err, err.stack);
          callback(err, 'There was an error');
          console.log(results);
          var params = {Bucket: 'milco-beer-website', Key: 'data.json', Body: $\forall SON.stringify(results.Items)};
          s3.upload(params, callback);
   };
   dynamo.scan({ TableName: 'BeerStyleVotes', ConsistentRead: true }, writeResultsToS3);
'use strict';
console.log('Loading function');
const doc = require('dynamodb-doc');
const dynamo = new doc.DynamoDB();
const AWS = require('aws-sdk');
const s3 = new AWS.S3();
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
    console.log('Received event:', JSON.stringify(event, null, 2));
     var writeResultsToS3 = (err, results) => {
          if ( err ) {
               console.log(err, err.stack);
               callback(err, 'There was an error');
          } else {
               console.log(results);
               var params = {Bucket: 'milco-beer-website', Key: 'data.json',
Body: JSON.stringify(results.Items));
              s3.upload(params, callback);
          }
     };
    dynamo.scan({ TableName: 'BeerStyleVotes', ConsistentRead: true },
writeResultsToS3);
```

Testing, testing

};

Create a new test event for a DynamoDB update (payload does not really matter, since we do not use any elements from it ... we're triggered by the mere fact the table as been updated)



Test the event against your lambda function and watch it fail. Can you figure out what goes wrong and how to solve it?

Are you peeking at the solution??

(It is on the next page ...)

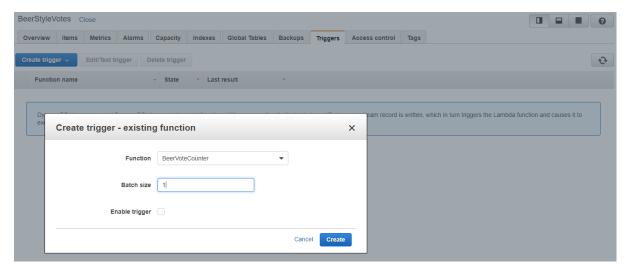
Reason: we have not yet authorized the Lambda function to SCAN the table we use for our data!

Solution: Add an additional policy to your role that allows Scans on your table for the DynamoDB server.

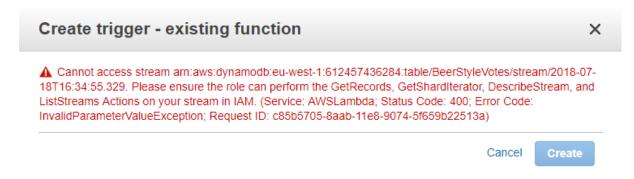


Trigger-Happy

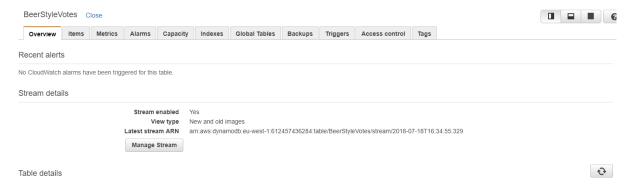
Let's hook up the DynamoDB table to the lambda function, from the DynamoDB console:



Again, we have not granted sufficient access permissions ...

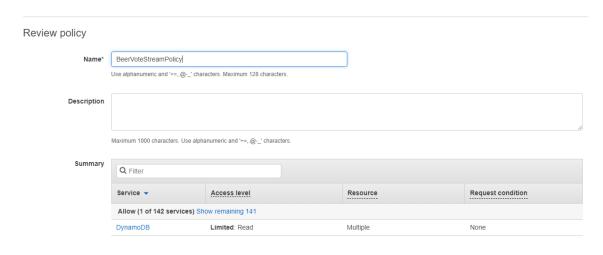


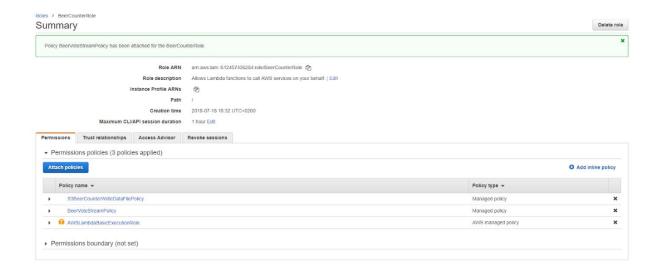
Go back to the DynamoDB table's overview page and copy your stream's ARN:



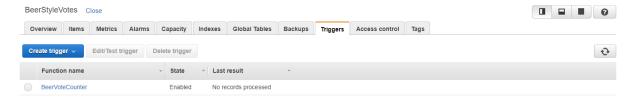
My ARN is arn:aws:dynamodb:eu-west-1:612457436284:table/BeerStyleVotes/stream/2018-07-18T16:34:55.329

Navigate to IAM and add the required access to a new policy and attach the policy to your role:

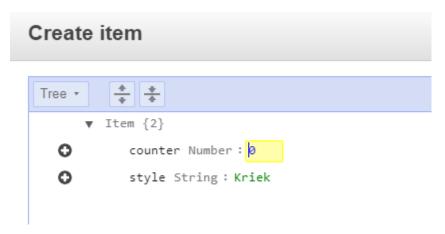




Now create the trigger, there should not be any errors this time:



Create a new item in the table (manually):



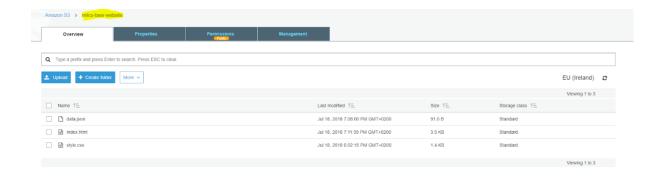
Save the new record and verify that the data.json file in your bucket is now updated. The file should have a structure like the one shown below:

```
}1□
2
              "style" : "Kriek",
3
              "counter": 0
4
              "style" : "IPA",
5
              "counter" : 5
 6
8
              "style" : "Weizen",
9
             "counter": 19
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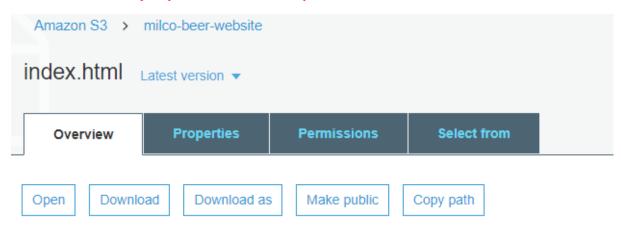
Now it is time to put all together: upload the index.html and the style.css files to your bucket (see the beginning of this exercise of a pointer on where to find these artefacts).

Open the webapp in browser

Open the S3 bucket and open the index.html file in your browser from the bucket:



On the index.html object you will see the link; open this from the S3 console:



Owner

milco.numan

Last modified

Jul 18, 2018 7:11:39 PM GMT+0200

Etag

9fe553745cff1044a9fafe8749ec4c4a

Storage class

Standard

Server-side encryption

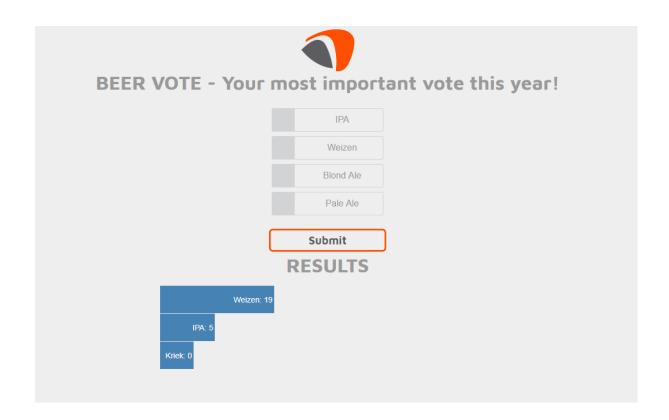
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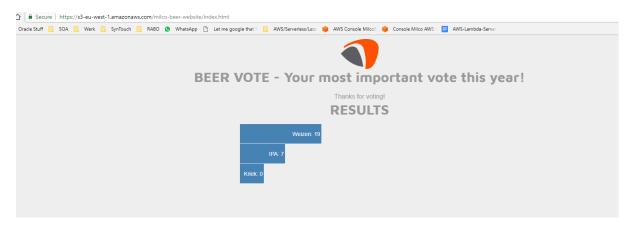
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Link

https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/milco-beer-website/index.html



Vote and wait for the refresh:



Cleanup

To avoid running into costs, remove the objects your created - specifically:

- DynamoDB table from the DynamoDB console
- S3 bucket from the S3 console
- Lambda functions
- API gateway entries
- (optionally) remove the log groups for the above from the CloudWatch console

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