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Introduction to serverless architecture on AWS :

- Going serverless on cloud is quickly gaining popularity due to below reasons
 - No need to provision or manage servers
 - No idle time and hence no paying for resources which are not working
 - Automated scaling
- When we talk about serverless architecture , it does not mean there are no servers . It simply means they are provisioned in the background where we dont have control or even a visual on the same
- There are few popular choices when it comes to building a serverless architecture
 - S3
 - API gateway
 - Dynamodb
 - Lambda
 - Glue
- While designing the architecture , one needs to be aware of what the service brings to the table compared with other services which might be capable of doing the same job (for ex EC2 vs RDS)
- We'll create a sample architecture consisting api gateway , lambda and dynamodb

What is api gateway

-API gateway is primarily used as a trigger where we would want to invoke services using an api calls like put , post and get.

- There are various concepts in api gateway , lets look at few basic terminologies
 - Rest api : It uses http request to get ,put, post and delete data : cowin , applications where backend data needs to be shared : most commonly used
 - Web socket api : supports 2 way communication : chat application
 - Stages : logical isolation feature for various environments like dev , stage and prod

Creating a sample api resource

- Let us first try and create a simple api trigger which can invoke our lambda function and give a response

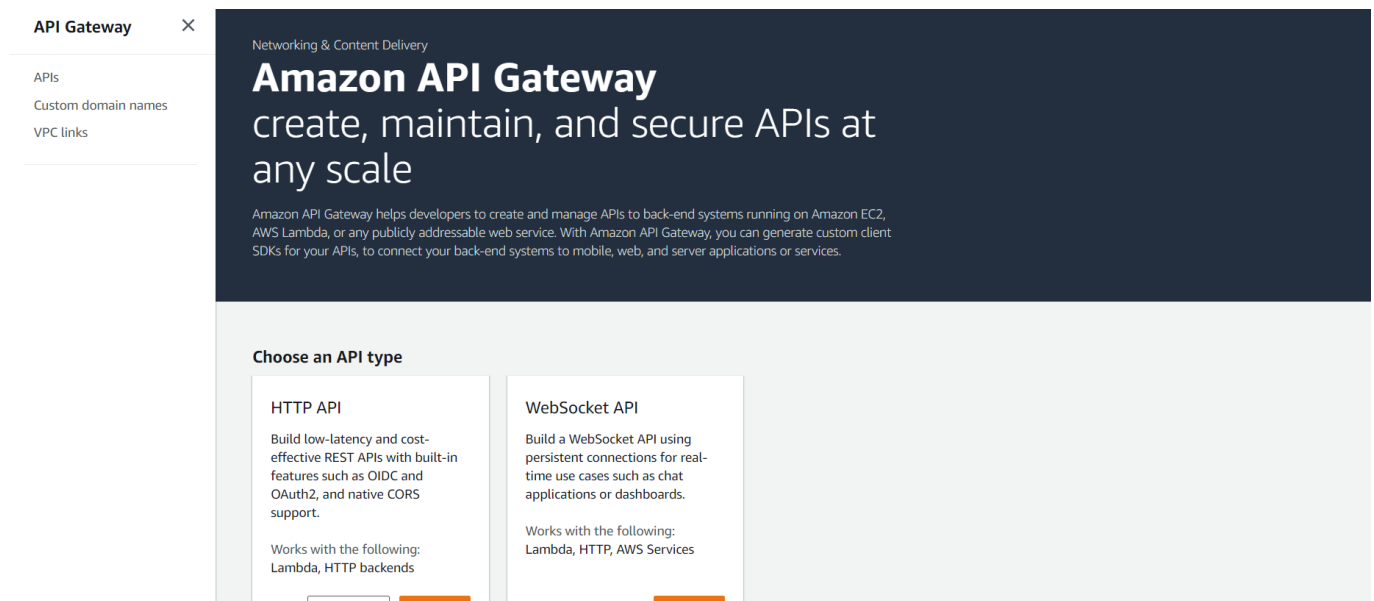
- Create a lambda function with any sample code , it need not be very complex . We can use below code as well for python 3.8

```
'''python import json
```

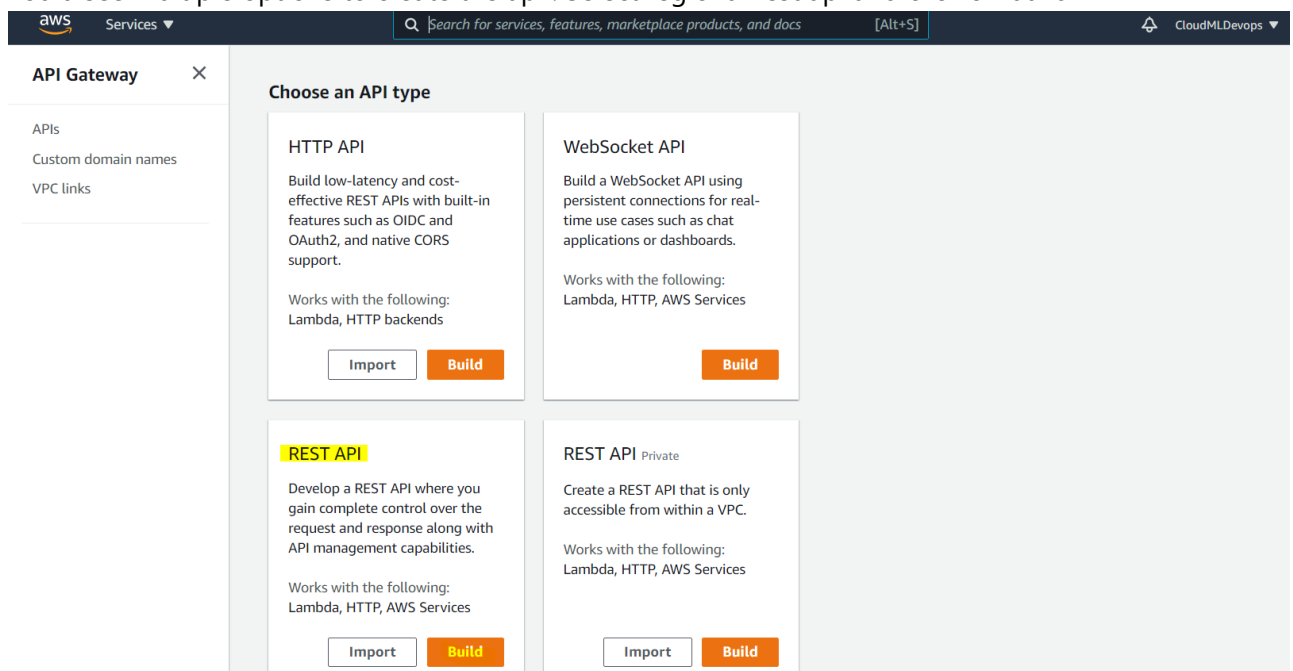
```
def lambda_handler(event, context): # TODO implement a = 10 b = 20 c = a+b return c
```

```
'''
```

- As we know lambda needs to be invoked by some trigger , we have already seen invocation via cloudwatch events as well as s3 events .
- Let us now create an api gateway which can act as a trigger to invoke our lambda
- Navigate to api gateway



- You'd see multiple options to create the api . Select regional rest api and click on build



- Select new api and give it an appropriate name

Amazon API Gateway APIs > Create [Show all hints](#) ?

Choose the protocol

Select whether you would like to create a REST API or a WebSocket API.

☒ REST ☐ WebSocket

Create new API

In Amazon API Gateway, a REST API refers to a collection of resources and methods that can be invoked through HTTPS endpoints.

☒ New API ☐ Import from Swagger or Open API 3 ☐ Example API

Settings

Choose a friendly name and description for your API.

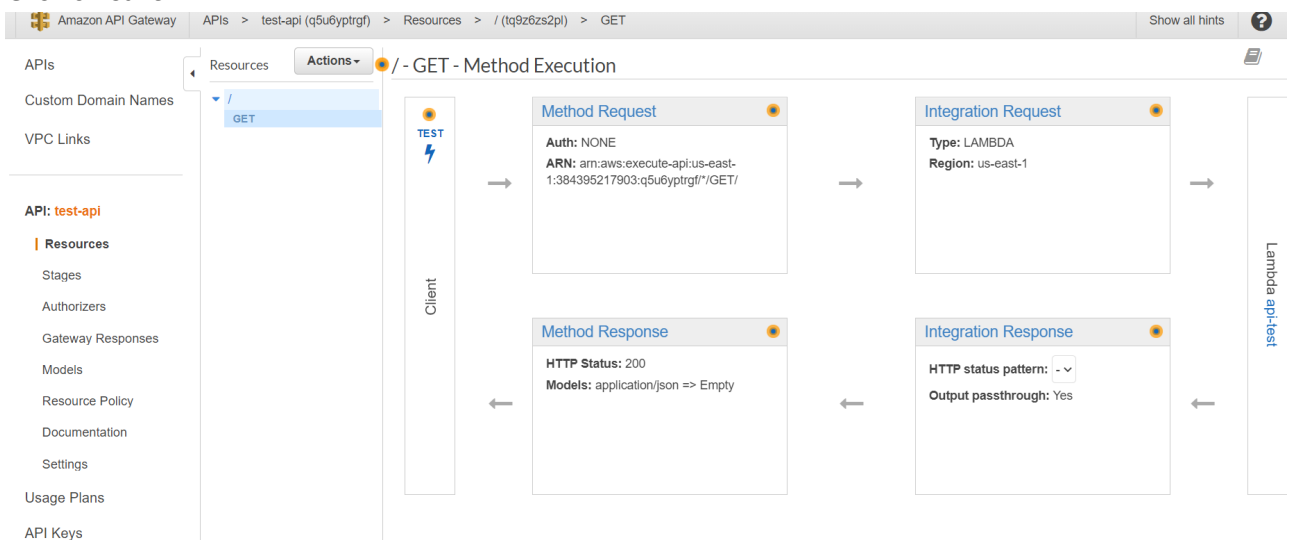
API name*

Description

Endpoint Type ⓘ

* Required Create API

- The resources tab will be automatically selected . These resources are kind of subdomains to your api call . Default one is root denoted with "/"
- Under resorces we can create multiple methods which can be used as trigger to invoke various aws resources
- Click on actions and select create method
- Select get method
- Under integration , keep the default option of lambda , and use the funcion name that we had created earlier
- Click on save



- You can see the flow of request above in the method .

- You can simply click on test and see the invocation result of the lambda

APIs

Resources

Actions

Method Execution / - GET - Method Test

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Headers

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Stage Variables

No [stage variables](#) exist for this method.

Request Body

Request Body is not supported for GET methods.

Request:

Status: 200

Latency: 265 ms

Response Body

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Response Headers

`{"X-Amzn-Trace-Id": "Root=1-60d3450d-82154bd041f1d26b8a1a88ba;Sampled=0","Content-Type": "application/json"}`

Logs

Execution log for request 4980bd4b-daaa-4492-92fb-8b5b40eb8304

Wed Jun 23 14:28:29 UTC 2021 : Starting execution for request: 4980bd4b-daaa-4492-92fb-8b5b40eb8304

Wed Jun 23 14:28:29 UTC 2021 : HTTP Method: GET, Resource Path: /

Wed Jun 23 14:28:29 UTC 2021 : Method request path: {}

Wed Jun 23 14:28:29 UTC 2021 : Method request query string: {}

Wed Jun 23 14:28:29 UTC 2021 : Method request headers: {}

- Once we are satisfied with the required result , we can deploy the changes to a stage . This is to ensure that the lambda is now exposed to internet

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Deploy API

Choose a stage where your API will be deployed. For example, a test version of your API could be deployed to a stage named beta.

Deployment stage

[New Stage]

Stage name*

Dev

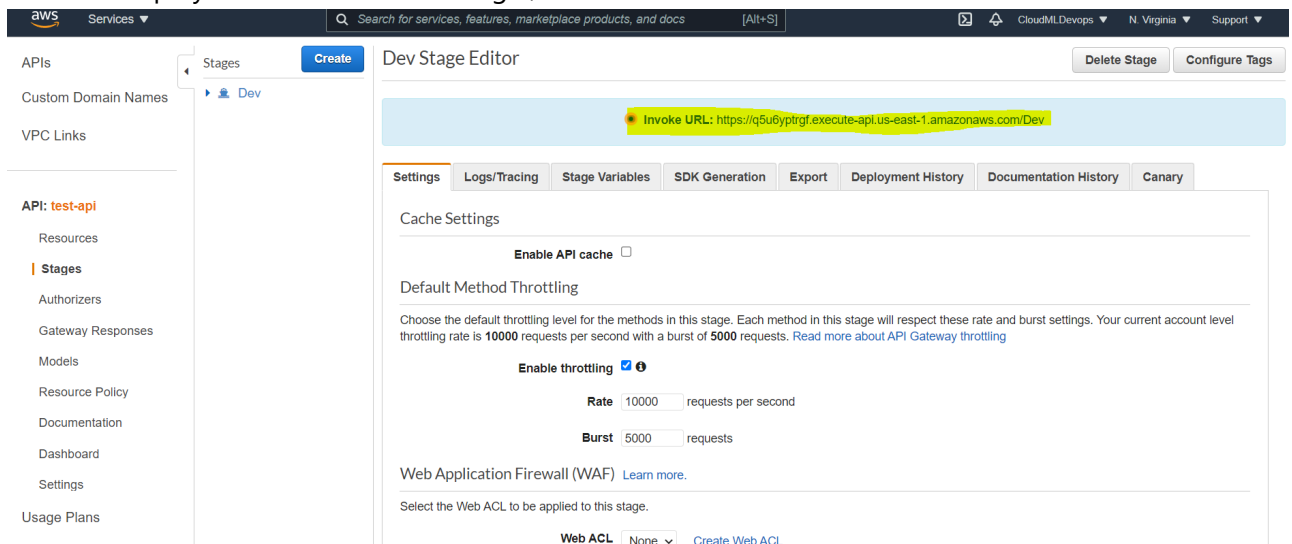
Stage description

Deployment description

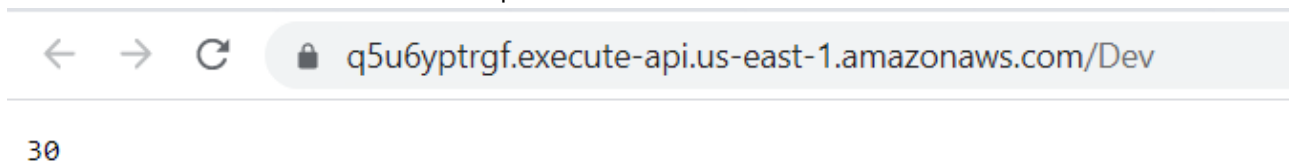
Cancel

Deploy

- Once we deploy the resource to the stage, it will be available to be used



- The invocation url is used to invoke this api



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Dynamodb

- Dynamodb is a NoSql database offering by AWS
- It is completely serverless and works on key value based entries
- Since its a NoSql db, it supports dynamic schema creation
- Items in the table represents a record
- Primary key and index can be considered as a parallel to partition in athena
- DynamoDB supports ACID transactions
- Similar to all other aws services, DDB can be accessed and used by console, SDK or CLI

Creating a table and adding entries in DDB

- Navigate to DDB
- Click on create table
- Give an appropriate name and the primary key. This key would act as a partition. Once included in the query, the results would be much faster. Similar to partition in athena
- Keep the rest of the settings as default and click on create table
- Items tab is where all the records would be stored. Let us enter a sample record. Remember, there is no specific schema that needs to be followed other than the primary key we have entered

- Click on create item

Create item

Tree ▾

↕

↕

▼ Item {4}

+

sno String : DW001

+

course String : aws

+

batch String : 7

+

name String : david

- Add items by clicking on "+" and selecting append
- Once you have added the record , click on save

Test [Close](#)

Overview

Items

Metrics

Alarms

Capacity

Indexes

Global Tables

Backups

Contributo

Create item

Actions ▾

Scan: [Table] Test: sno ^

Scan ▾

[Table] Test: sno ▾ ^

+ Add filter

Start search

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sno ⓘ

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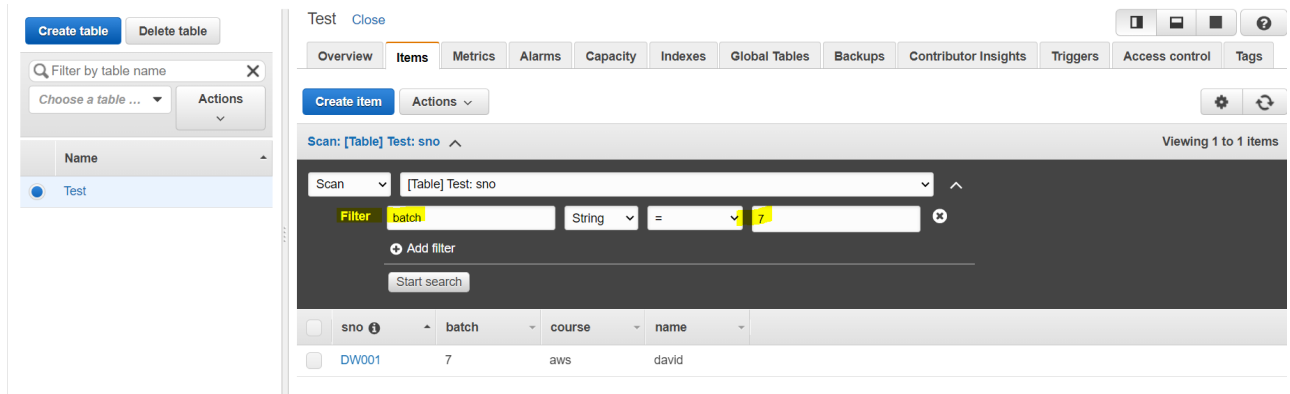
DW001

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aws

david

- Same data can be queried by using the filter tab just above items



Using api gateway and lambda to interact with DDB

- Since DDB is serverless , it can be a good fit where we want entire serverless architecture with a db
- Using lambda with boto , one can easily interact with the DDB tables
- In order to print a specific table from dynamodb , we can use below code

```
'''bash import json import boto3 dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb') table = dynamodb.Table('Test')

def lambda_handler(event, context): response = table.scan() print(response) #print(response[item])
```

```
# TODO implement
return {
    'statusCode': 200,
    'body': json.dumps(response)
}
```

'''

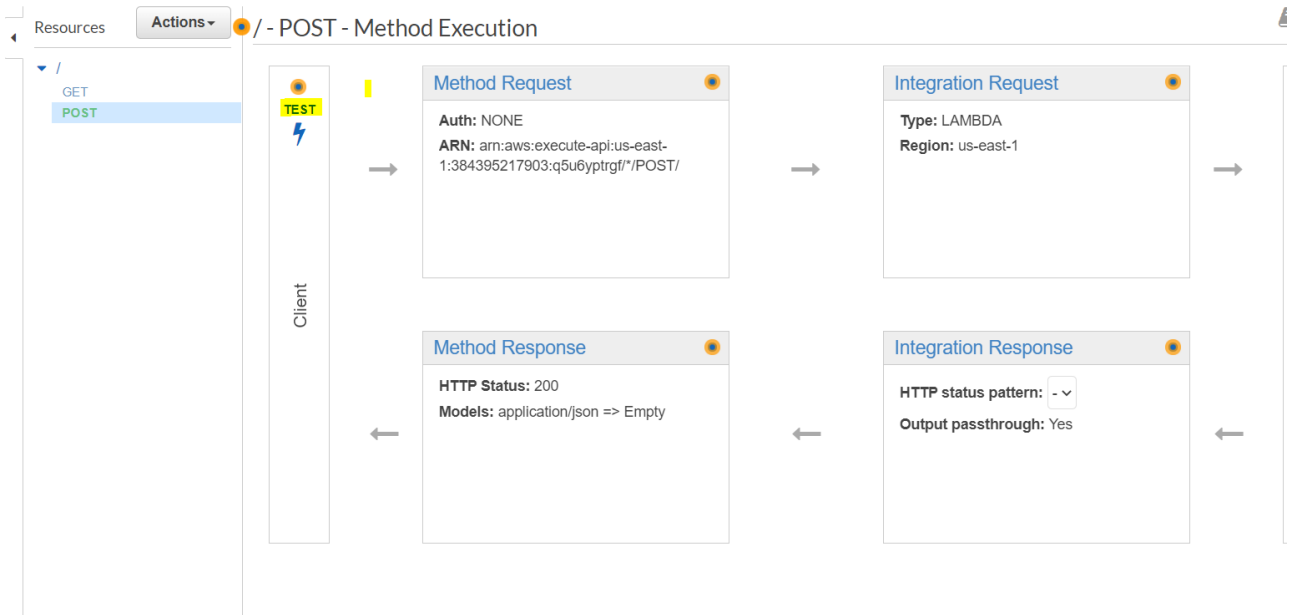
- Here the table name Test has to be replaced with the table name that you have created
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- We can also insert or pass information to the api call while invoking it .
- This information is stored in the event object and can be later utilized to operate on
- In below example , lets see if we can push data to DDB table using api gateway
- For this we'll be using post method which is generally used to insert/pass data
- Use below lambda code , make sure the function has permissions to interact with the DDB table we created earlier

```
'''bash import json import boto3 dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb') table = dynamodb.Table('Test') def
lambda_handler(event, context): # TODO implement table.put_item(Item=event) return { "statusCode": 200,
"message": "record inserted successfully" }
```

'''

- Above function is going to get the event from api gateway and use it to put the data to DDB table 'Test'
- Let us now create the invocation for the same in api gateway

- Navigate to the resource we created earlier and click on actions and select post method
- Similar to get method , here give the lambda function name that we created earlier
- Once done save the settings
- Now in order to test it , we'll have to pass a request body or event json



- Click on test

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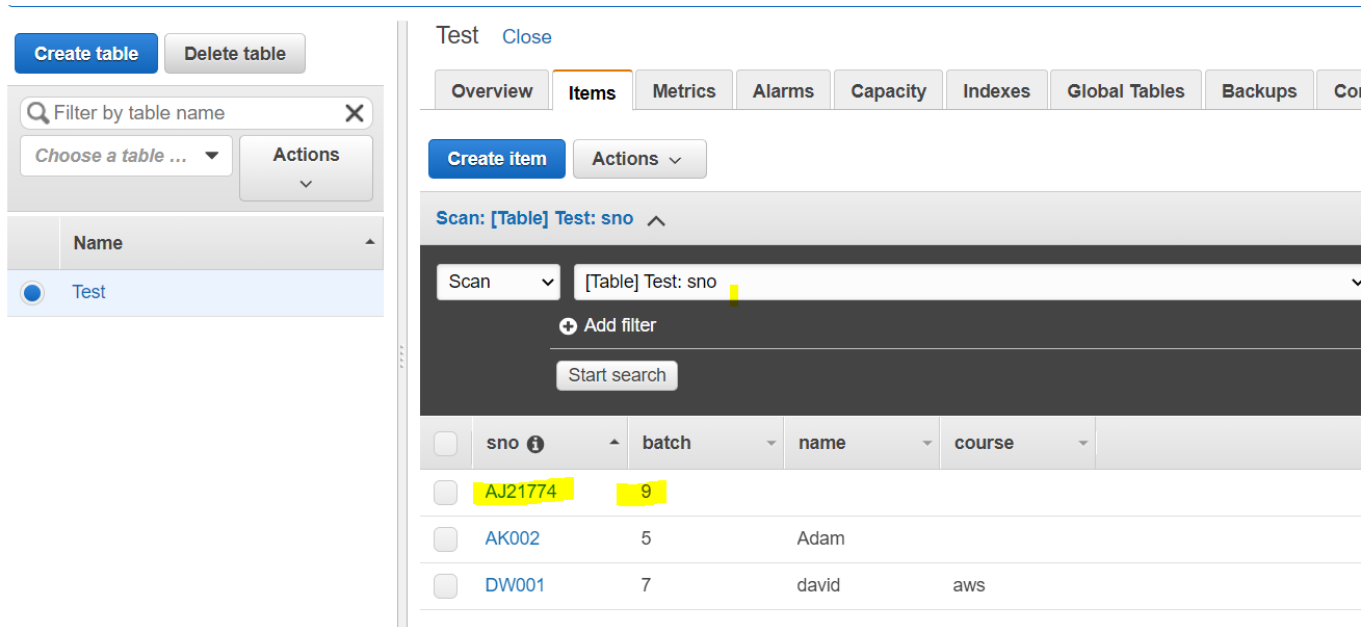
Stage Variables

No stage variables exist for this method.

Request Body

```
1 {
2   "sno" : "A321774",
3   "batch" : "9"
4 }
```

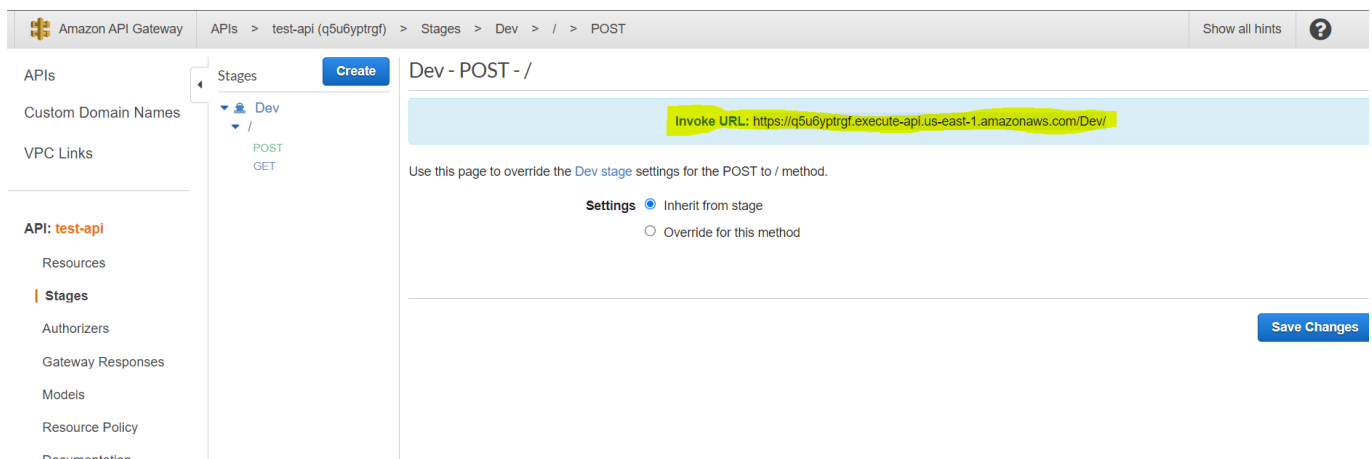
- We will pass a json with a sample schema which will be inserted .
- Once you click on test , see if the data is inserted in the table



The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Create table' and 'Delete table' buttons, a search bar, and a table list. The main area shows the 'Test' table details, including a 'Scan' button and a table of items. The table has columns: sno, batch, name, and course. The data rows are:

sno	batch	name	course
AJ21774	9		
AK002	5	Adam	
DW001	7	david	aws

- Now this has been a test scenario where you would be testing it in the api gateway UI
- Now when it comes to actually using it, we deploy the resource to a stage and invoke it using a url



The screenshot shows the Amazon API Gateway console. The breadcrumb trail is: APIs > test-api (q5u6yptgrf) > Stages > Dev > / > POST. The main area shows the 'Dev - POST - /' stage settings. The 'Invoke URL' is highlighted as 'https://q5u6yptgrf.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/Dev/'. The 'Settings' section shows 'Inherit from stage' selected. A 'Save Changes' button is at the bottom right.

- However in scenarios where we want to pass a request body with the api call, tools like postman comes in handy
- These tools help us make api calls and pass a request body along with it
- You can install postman on the machine which can be accessed via a browser
- Once installed select api, select post method and paste the invocation url

The screenshot shows the Postman application interface. On the left is the 'My Workspace' sidebar with a 'No APIs yet' message. The main area displays a POST request to `https://q5u6yprtgf.execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/Dev/`. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing a JSON payload: `{ "sno": "TT7438", "batch": "7" }`. Below the request, the 'Test Results' section shows a status of 200 OK, with a response body: `{ "statusCode": 200, "message": "record inserted successfully" }`.

- under body select raw and from drop down select json and paste a sample json
- click on send

The screenshot shows the AWS IAM console interface. On the left is a sidebar with 'Create table' and 'Delete table' buttons. The main area displays a table named 'Test' with the following columns: sno, batch, name, and course. The table contains four rows of data, with the last row highlighted in yellow.

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