

Serverless Observability

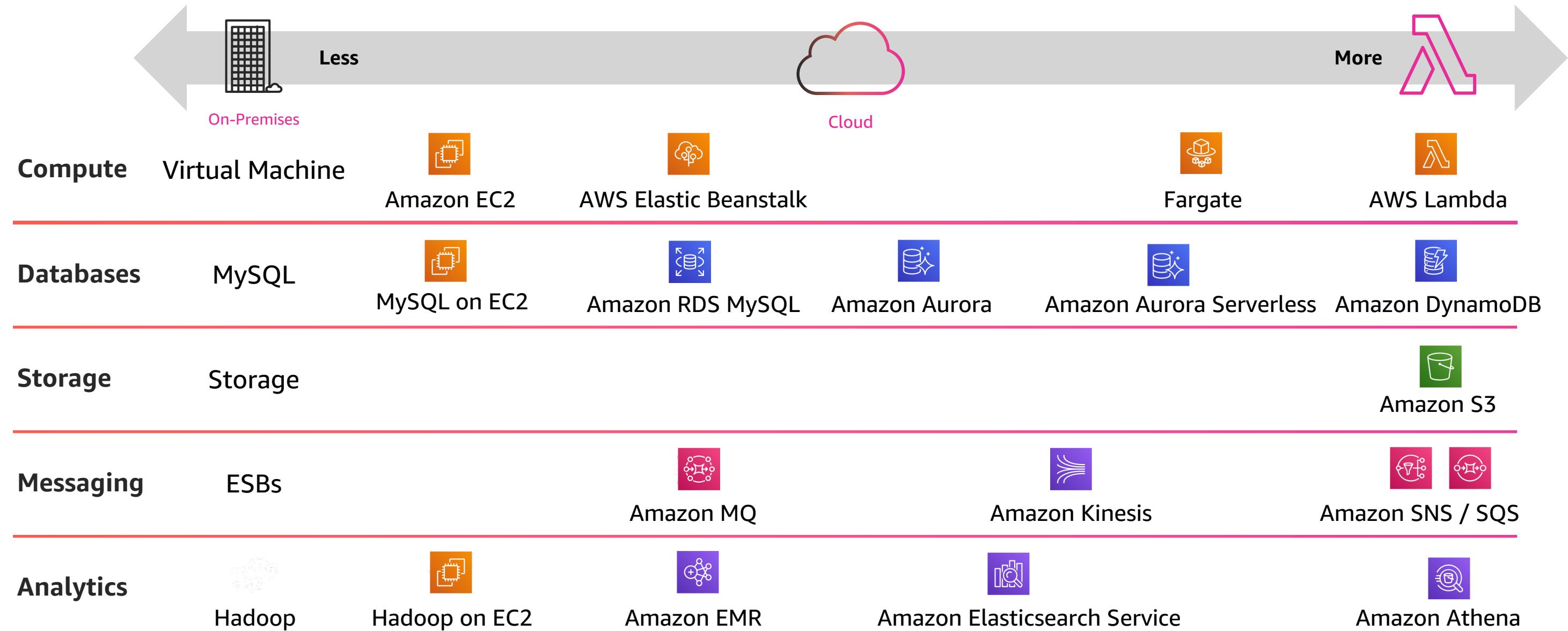
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AWS operational responsibility models



The Three Pillars of Observability



Distributed Systems Observability by Cindy Sridharan

Using Observability

Log aggregation
& analytics

Alerting

Visualizations

Event Logs

Metrics

Tracing

Using Observability

CloudWatch Logs
Insights

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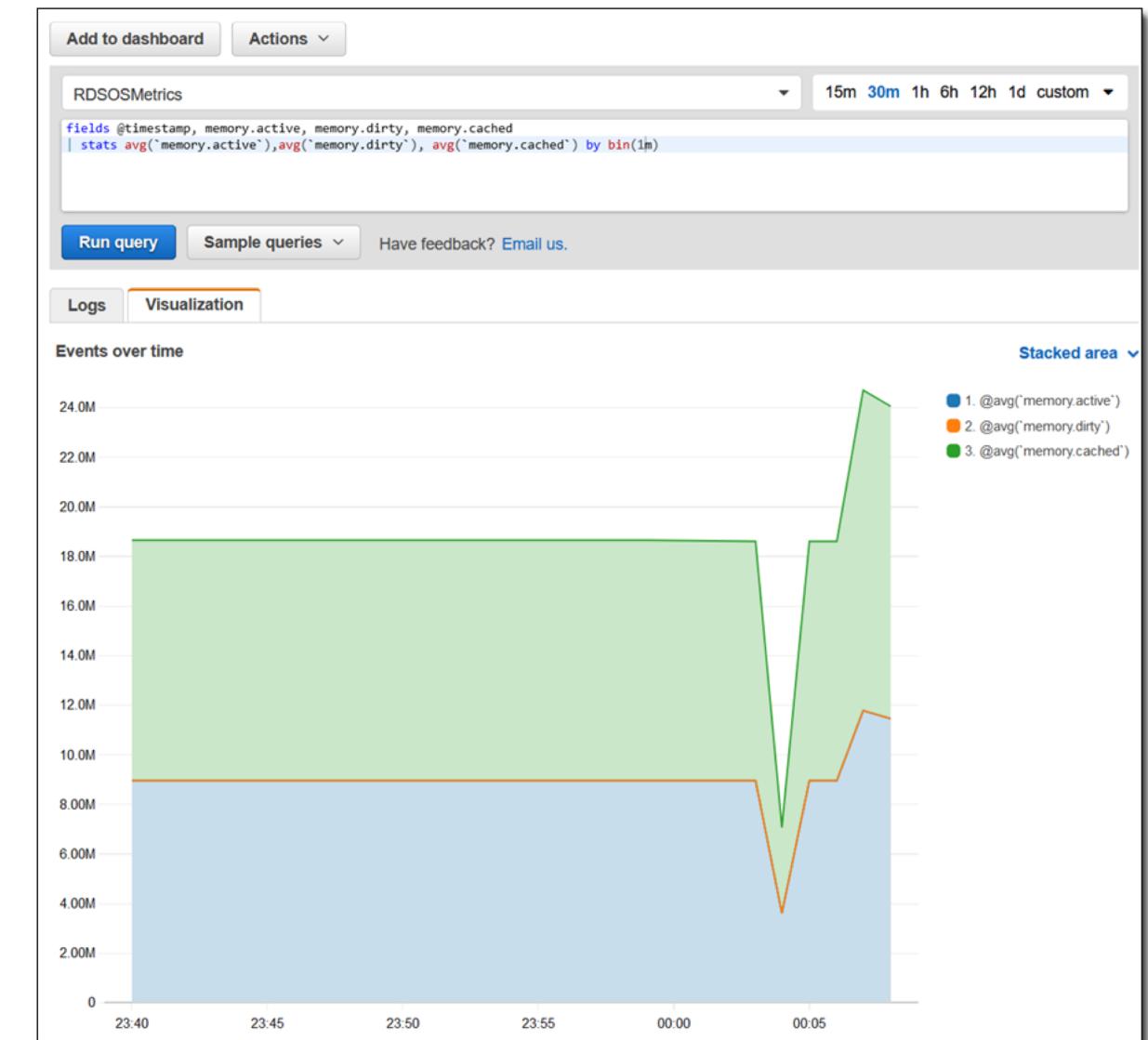
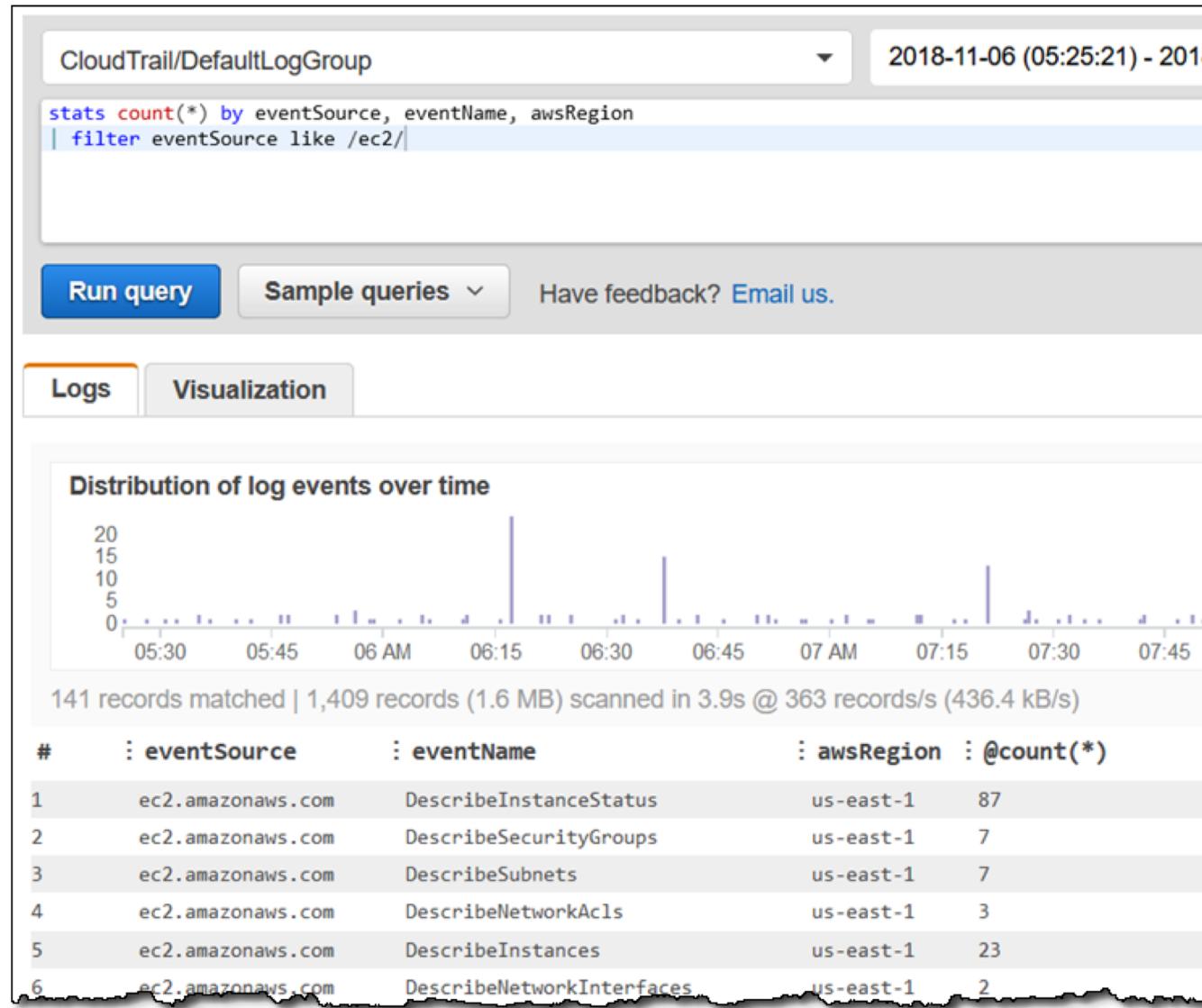
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Using Observability – CloudWatch Logs, Insights



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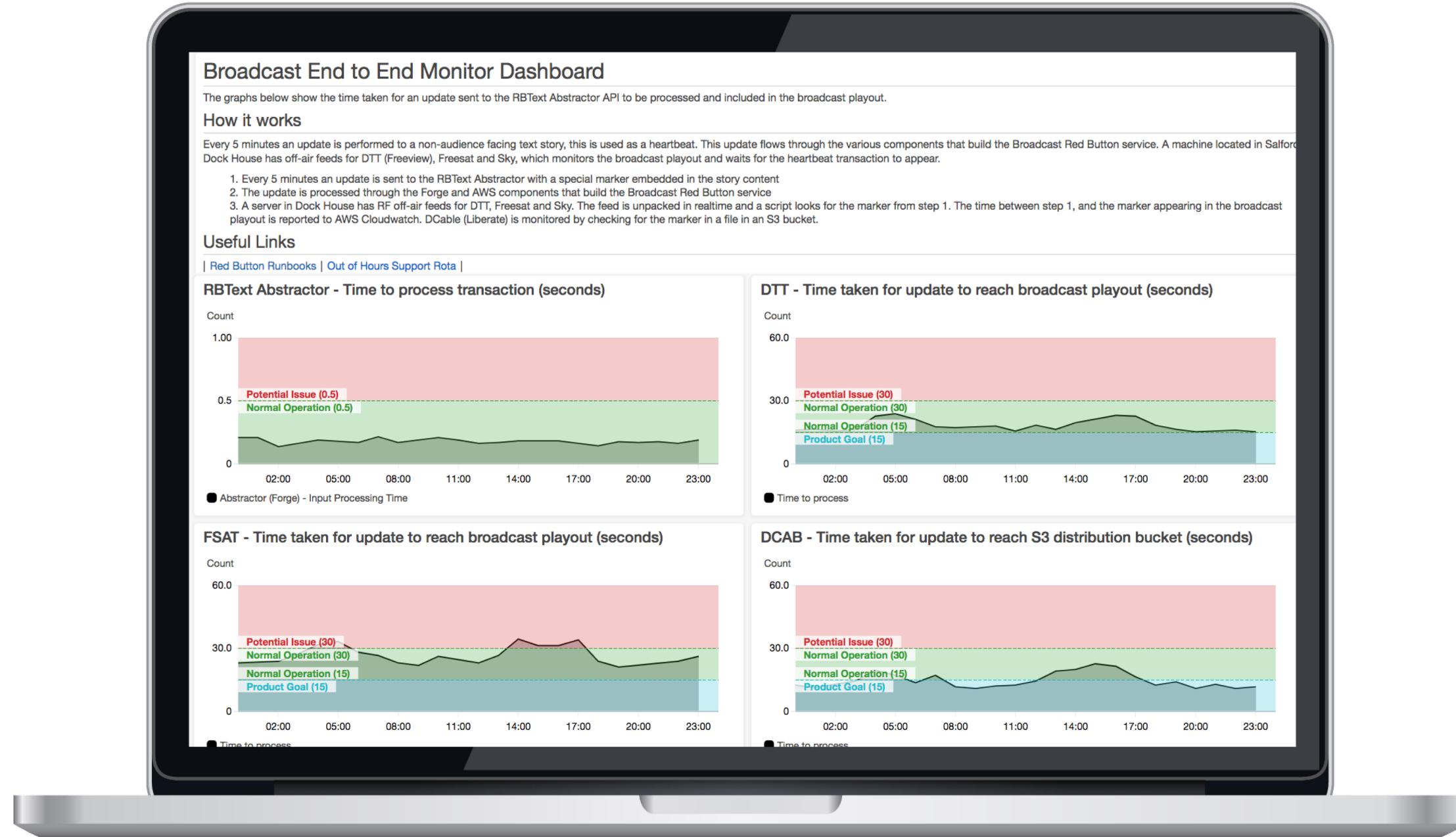
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Using Observability – CloudWatch Custom Metrics

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const metricData = await cloudWatch.putMetricData({  
    MetricData: [  
        {  
            MetricName: 'My Business Metric',  
            Dimensions: [  
                {  
                    Name: 'Location',  
                    Value: 'Paris'  
                }  
            ],  
            Timestamp: new Date(),  
            Value: 123.4  
        }  
    ],  
    Namespace: METRIC_NAMESPACE  
}).promise();
```

- Metric name
- Dimensions
- Timestamp
- Value
- Namespace

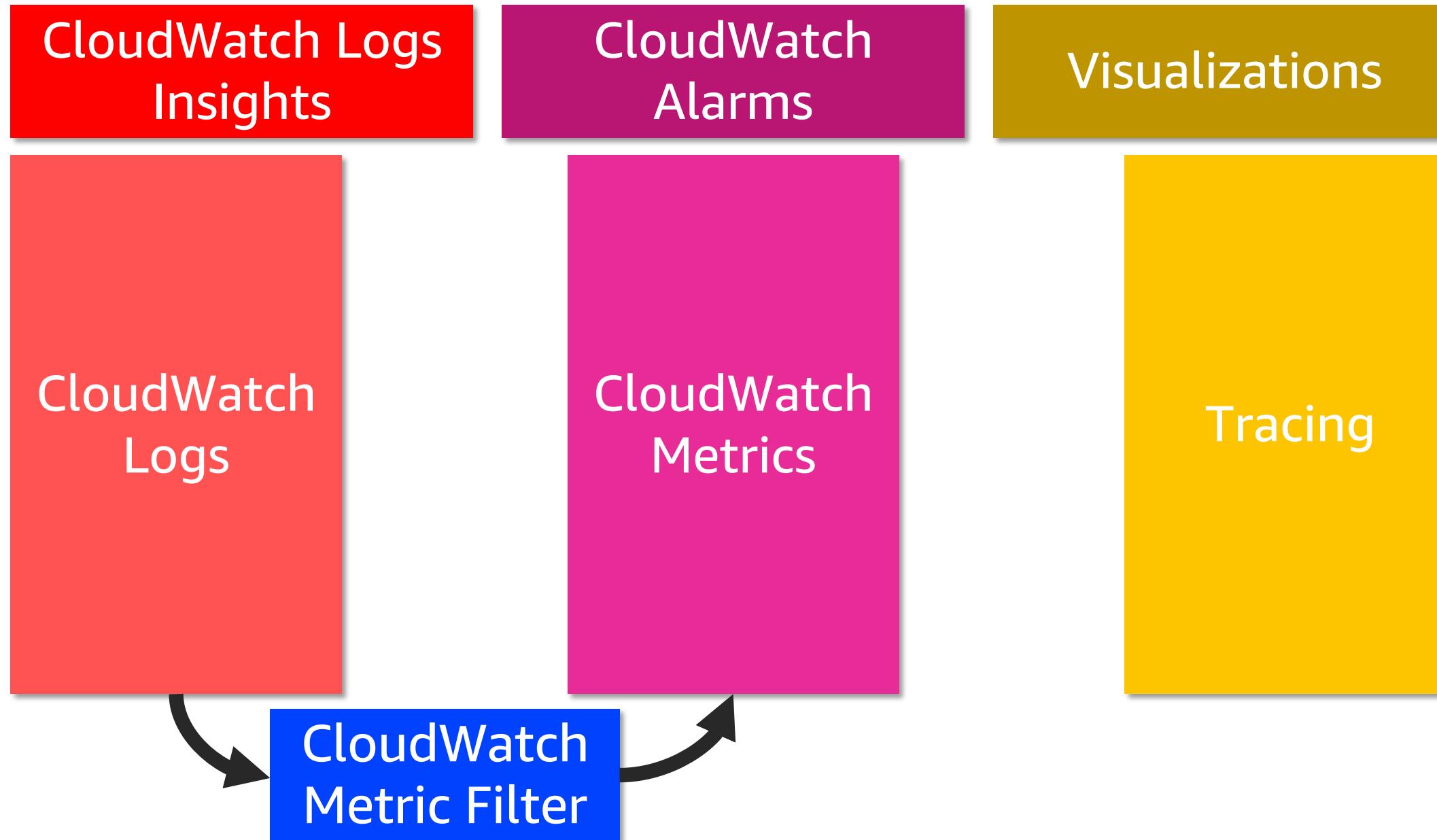
Using Observability – CloudWatch Metrics/Dashboard



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Using Observability



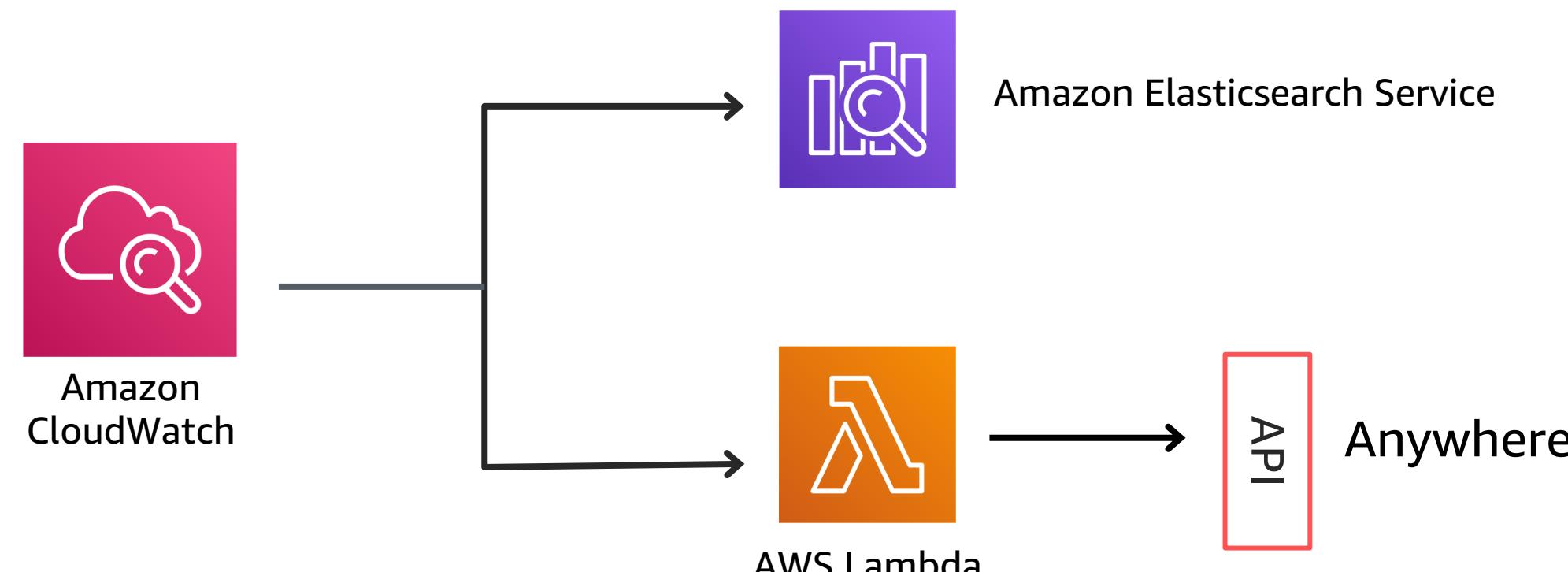
Using Observability – CloudWatch Logs Metric Filter

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|---|------------------------------|
| <p>Filter Name: live-broadcast-monitoring-backend-metrics- FilterAbstractorInputProcessingTime-9VKBTZAGJ4UP</p> <p>Filter Pattern: { \$.times.absInPut = * }</p> <p>Metric: BBC/Red Button/Monitoring Backend/e2emon / live-E2emonAbstractorInputTime</p> <p>Metric Value: \$.times.absInPut</p> <p>Default Value: none</p> | Create Alarm |
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Using Observability – CloudWatch Logs Subscription

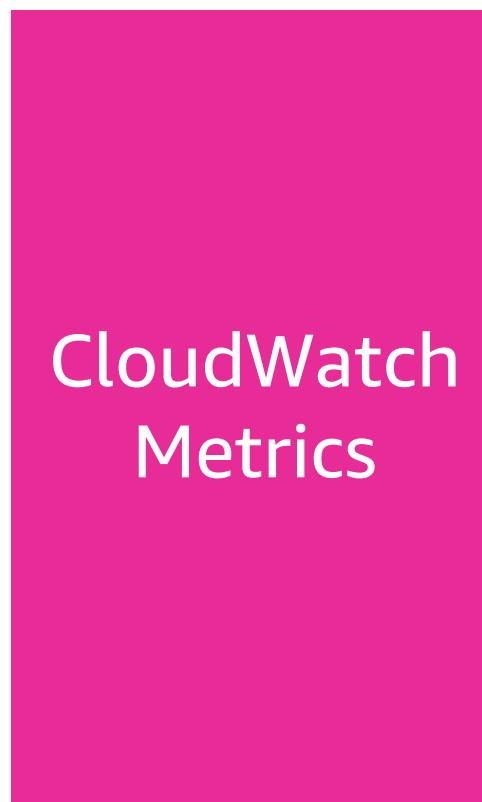


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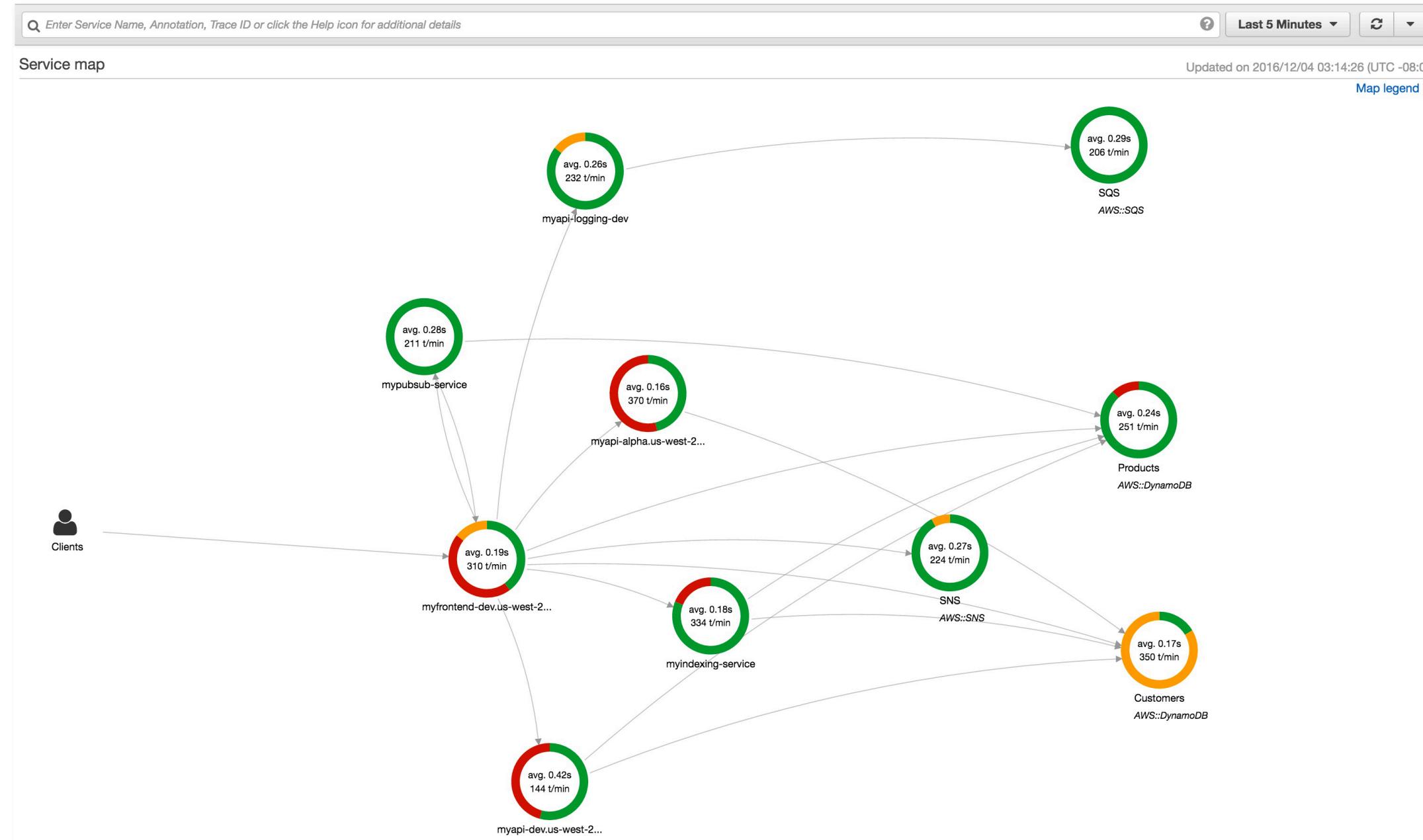
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AWS X-Ray Service
Graphs

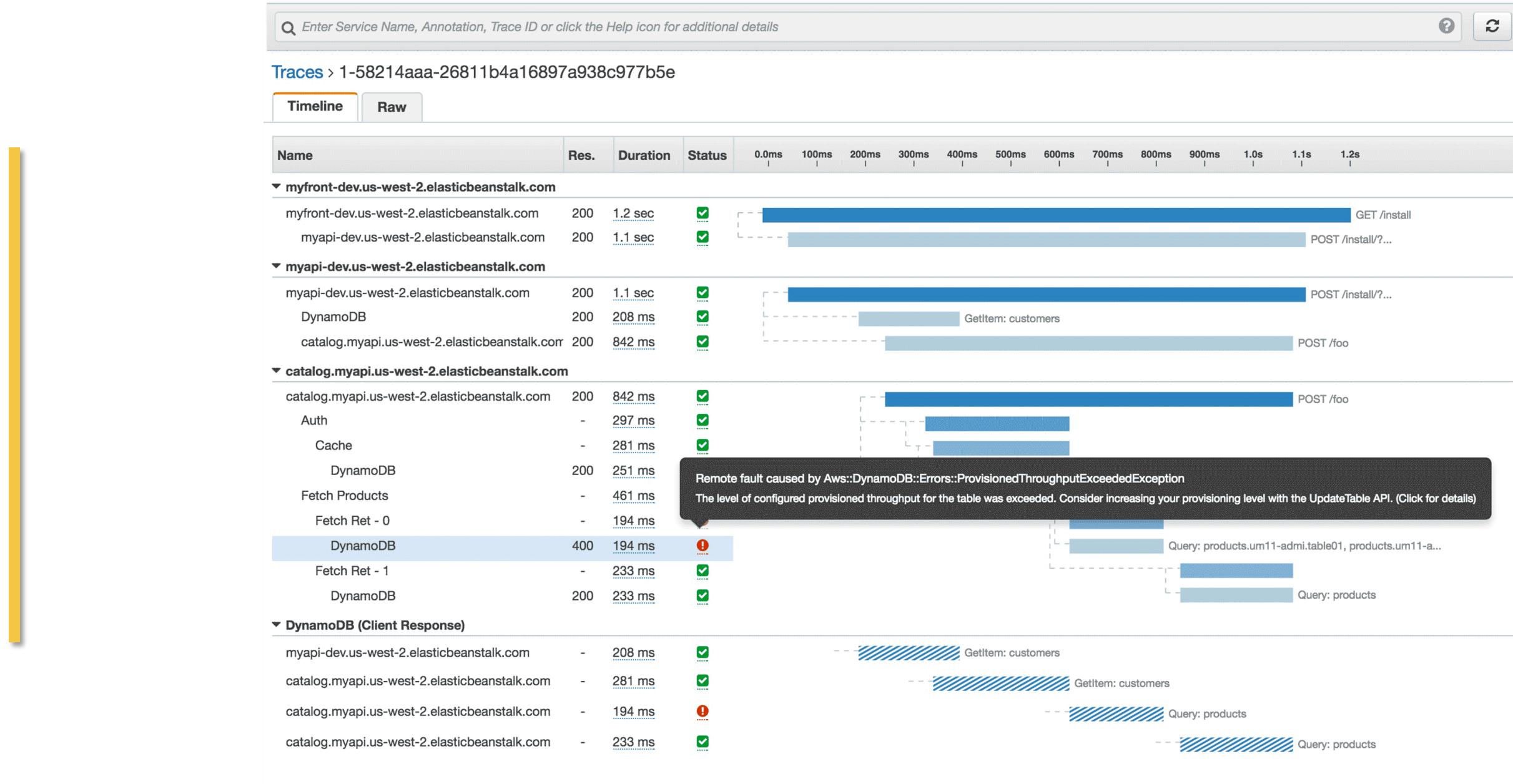


CloudWatch
Metric Filter

Using Observability – AWS X-Ray Service Graph



Using Observability – AWS X-Ray Traces



The story of the request



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The Serverless Shop

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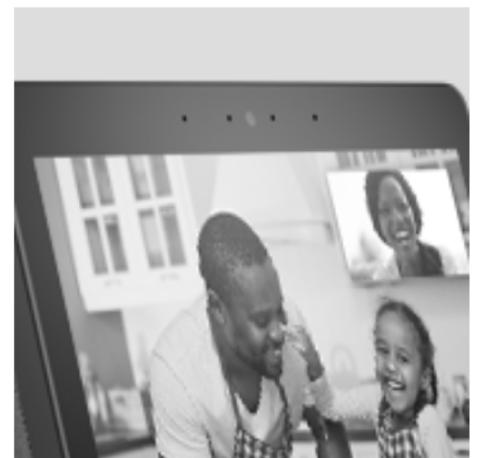
Serverless Catalog Shop

Simple e-commerce example

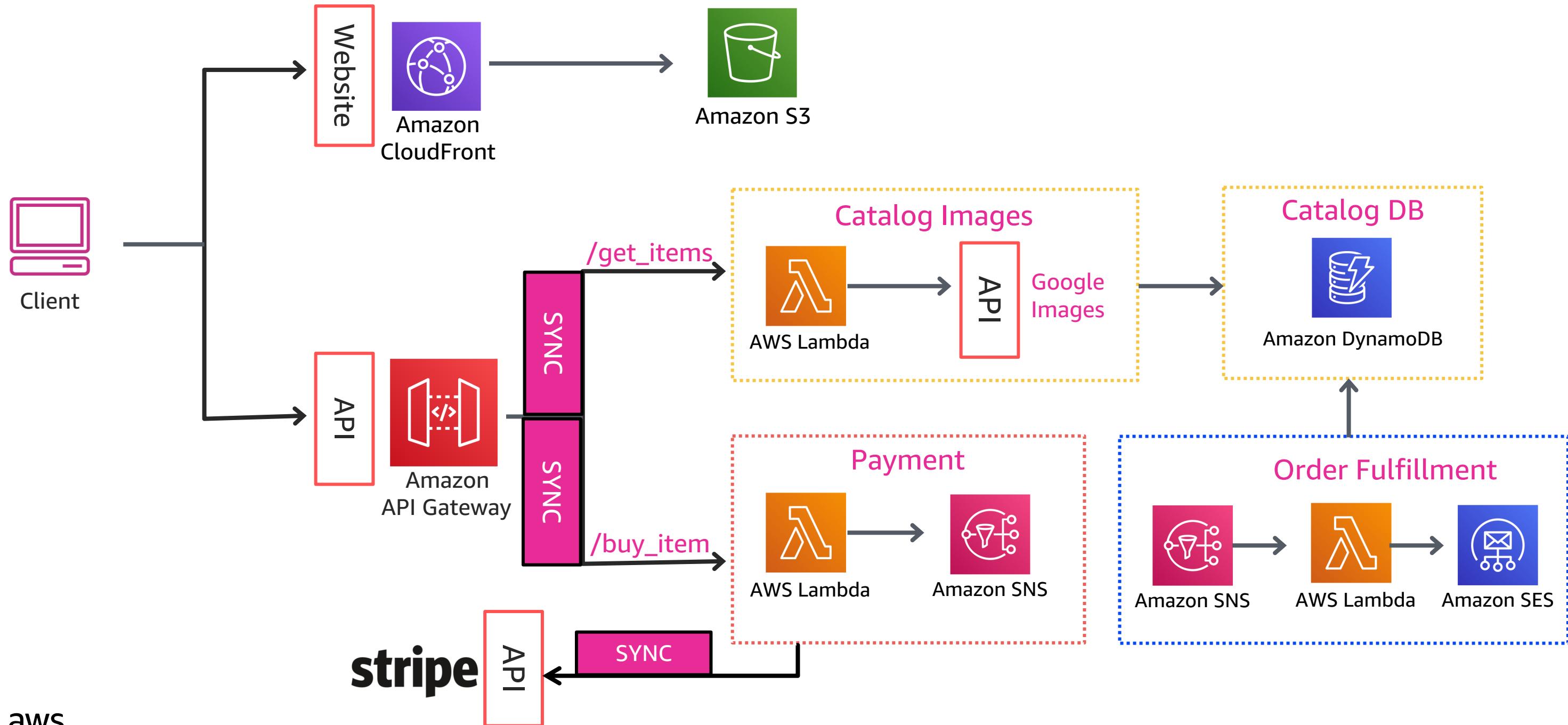
Browse and purchase products

Built 100% on Serverless resources

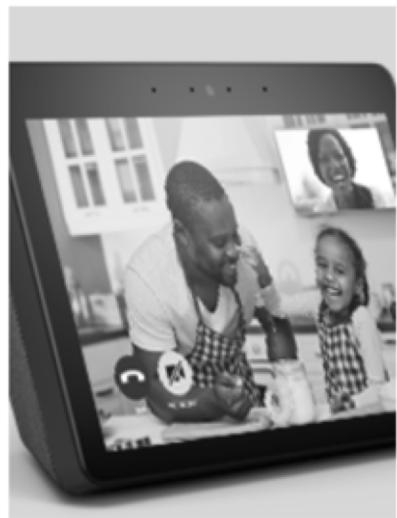
<https://store.epsagon.io>



The Serverless Shop: Architecture



The Serverless Shop: Catalog feature



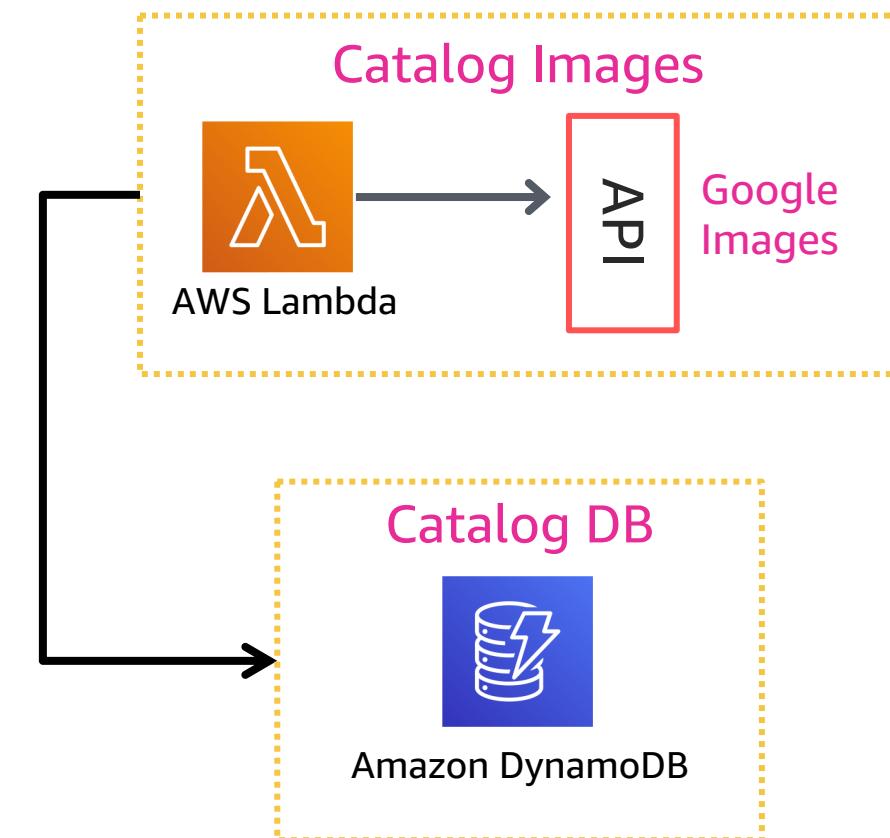
Fire TV Stick 4K
\$123



Kindle Paperwhite
\$123



Echo Dot (3rd Gen)
\$50



The Serverless Shop: Payment feature

Serverless Catalog Shop ≡

Kindle Paperwhite

Subtotal \$123.00
Shipping FREE

Total \$123.00

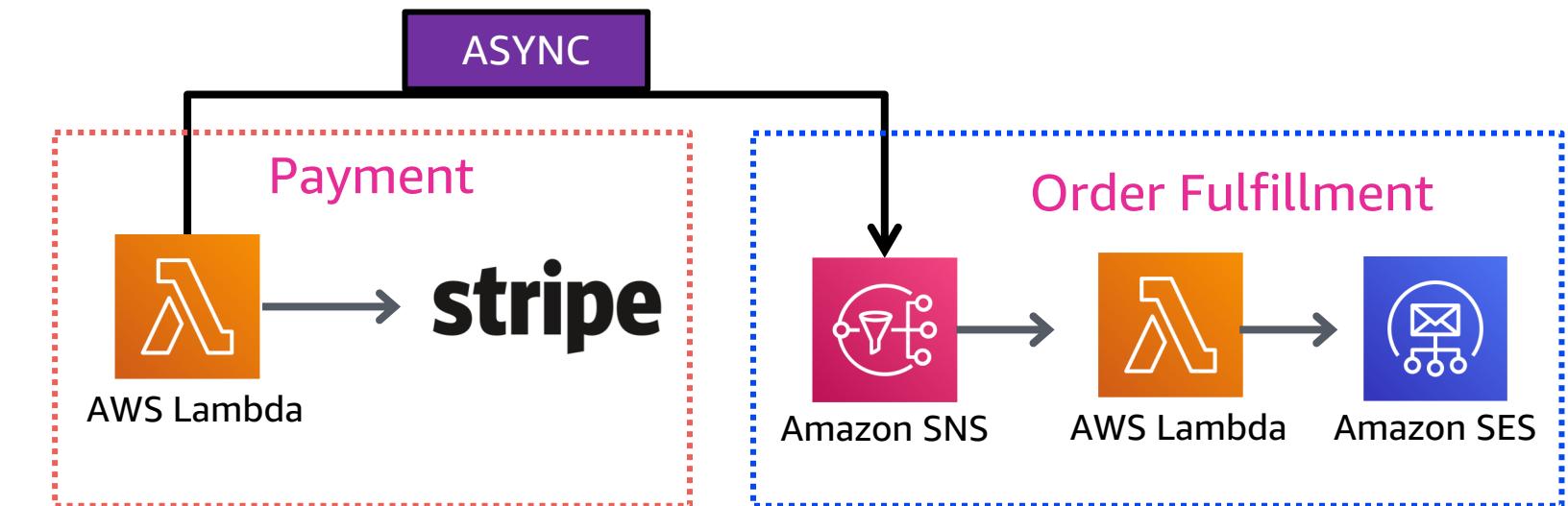
1 Your Email

Email Address

You will receive a receipt at this email address. We will never share your email with a 3rd party.

CONTINUE

2 Shipping Address



Business flows and KPIs

Catalog

Time to Catalog

How long it takes for customers to see our products



Payment

Time to purchase

How long it takes from checkout to confirmation mail



Let's go shopping!

Observability in action: Scenarios

Growth

Catalog grows by N

Image searching becomes a bottleneck



No stock

Runs out of products

And yet purchase is successful



Summary

Challenges of Serverless applications

- No access to the underlying infrastructure that runs the code
 - Troubleshooting event driven applications is hard
 - Cost calculation requires understanding of business transactions
 - Ephemeral and limited compute duration
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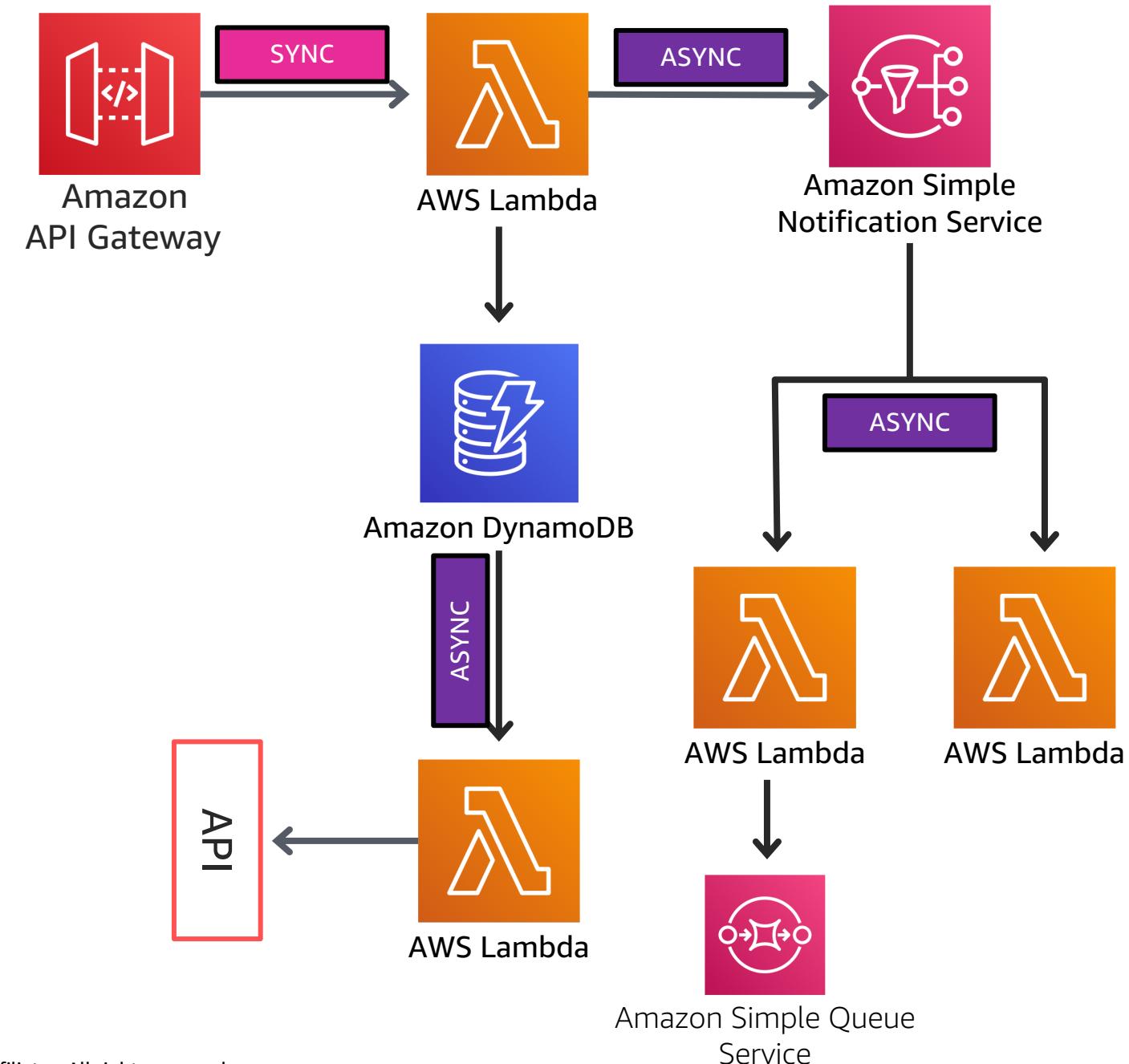
Challenges of ~~Serverless~~ distributed applications

Managing lots of resources and APIs

End to end performance

Correlation between logs

Distributed errors



Q&A

Appendix

Some ideas you can use to improve the shop

- Lazy loading images (front-end)
- Check stock before allowing purchase
- Structured logging
- Custom metrics (CloudWatch API) for KPIs
- Order service
- Metrics from front-end
- DLQs

Scenario #1: store grows

- More and more items are being added to the store
 - Searching for images becomes a bottleneck as it's done on the back-end
 - Result -> timeout -> user can't see any item in the store
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Scenario #2: stock run out

- 2 customers try buying the last piece of an item
 - Both get the confirmation screen, only one gets a success mail
 - Result -> Un-happy customer
 - Mis-handled request leads to business impact
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Example Epsagon tracing - Payment

