



Building 100% Serverless Blog Site Application with Right Observability

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AGENDA

- What We Gonna Do?
- What We Gonna Use?
- The Architecture
- Monitoring with CloudWatch
- Monitoring with Thundra
 - How to Setup
 - Local & Distributed Tracing
 - Invocation Tagging
 - Async Monitoring
- More Thundra Features



**WHAT WE GONNA
DO?**



The Blog Site Application

- Send Blog Post
- Get Blog Post
- Search Blog Post
- Delete Blog Post



Reference implementation available at



github.com/thundra-io/serverless-blog-site-workshop



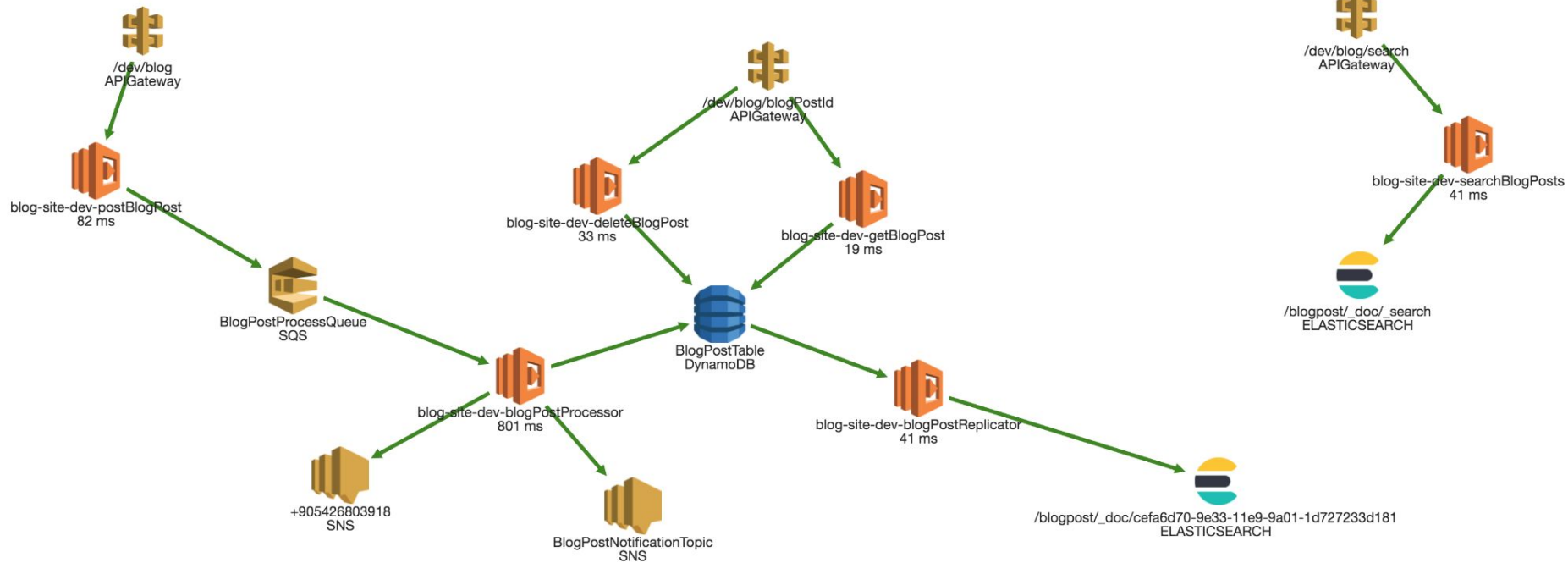
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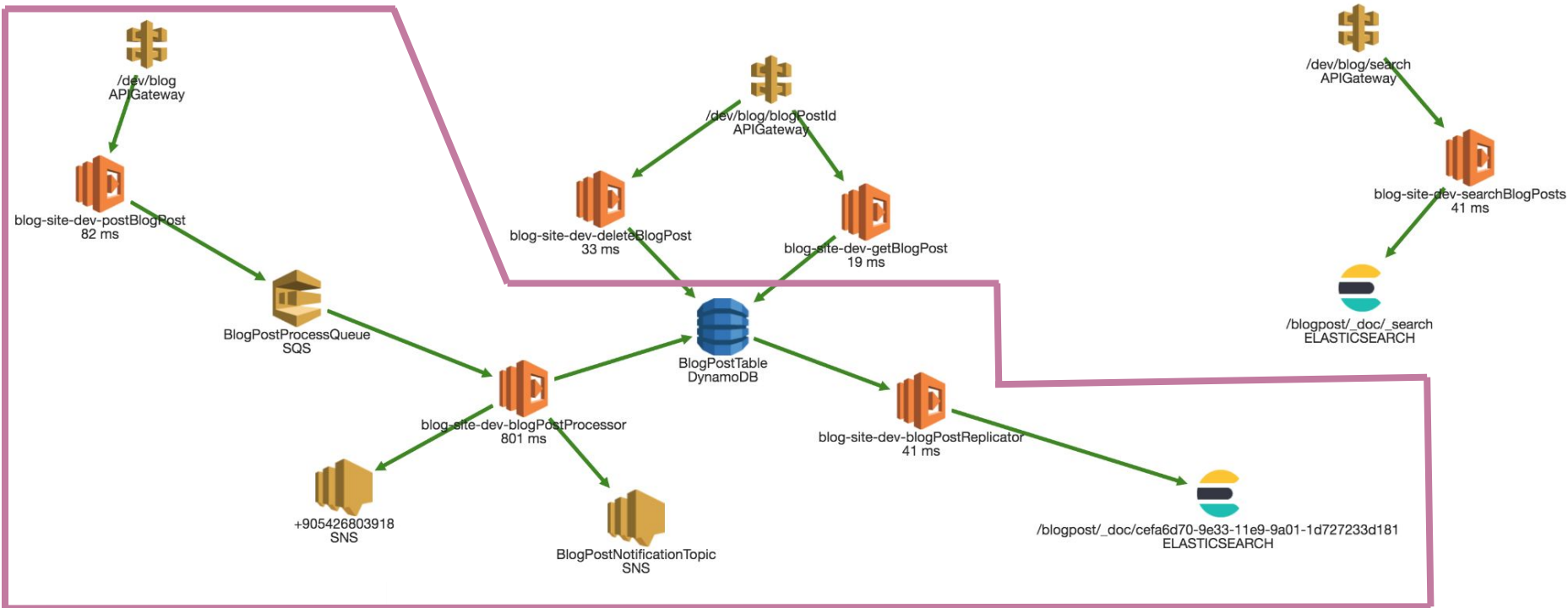


THE ARCHITECTURE

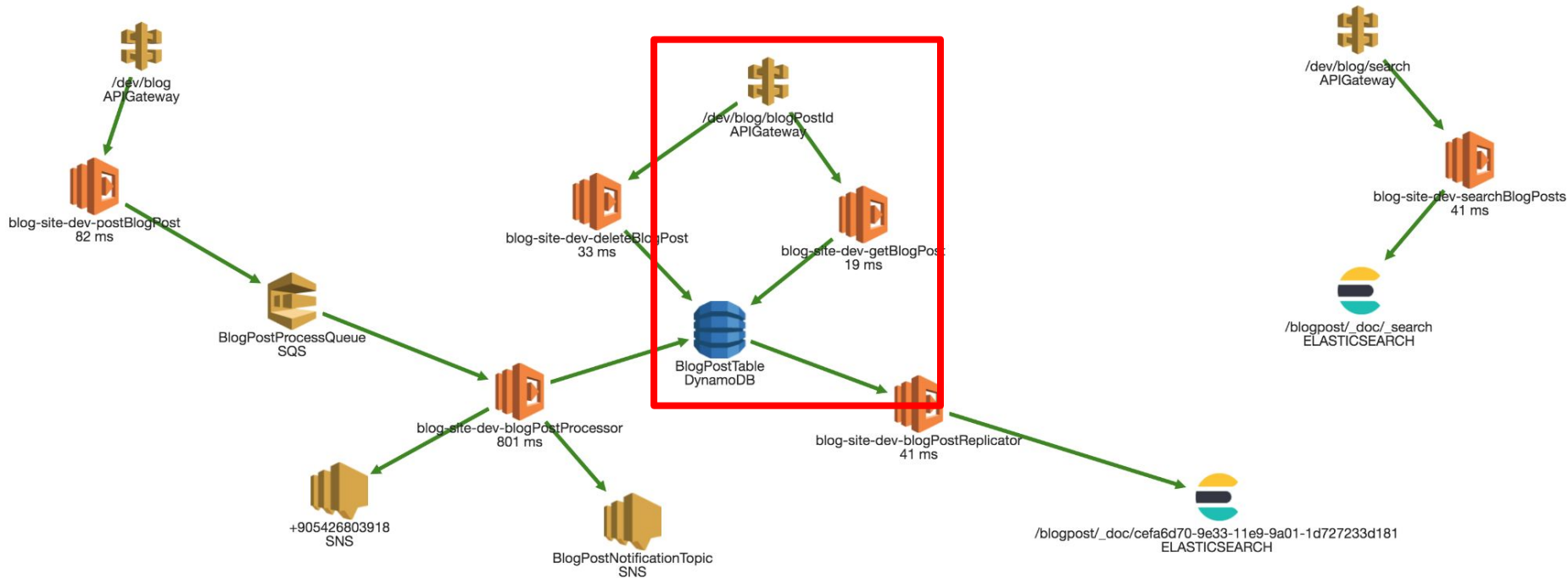




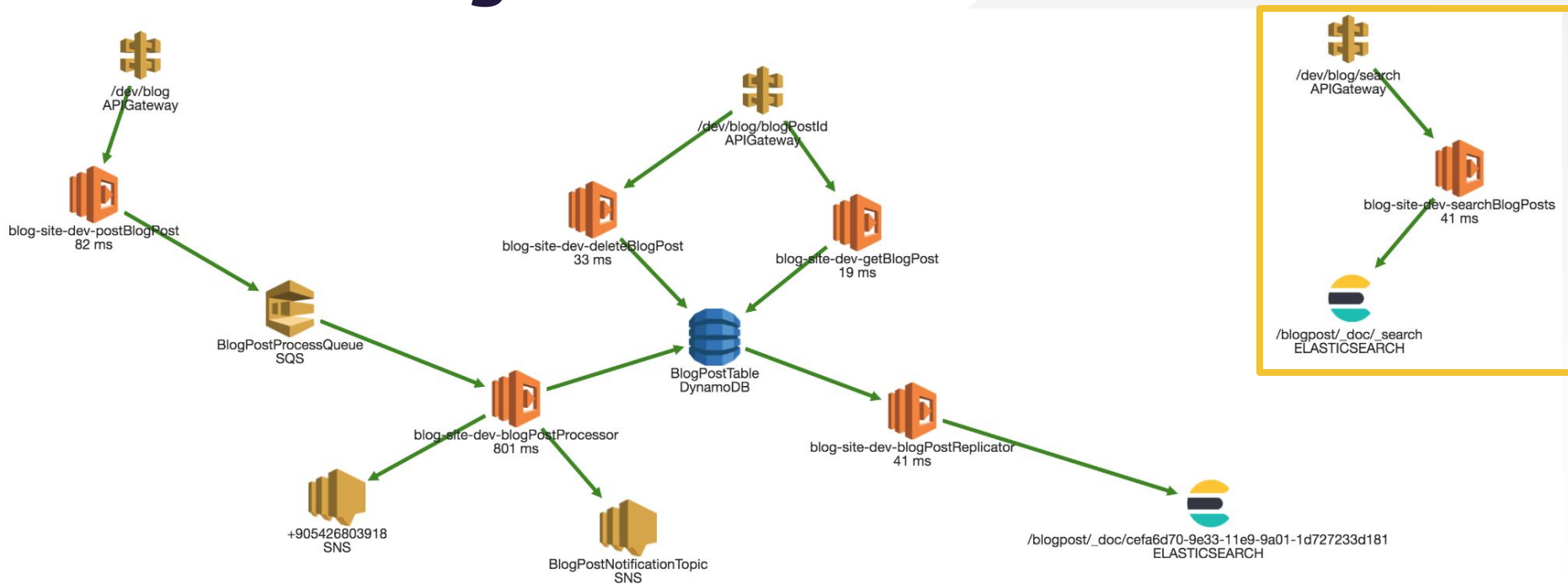
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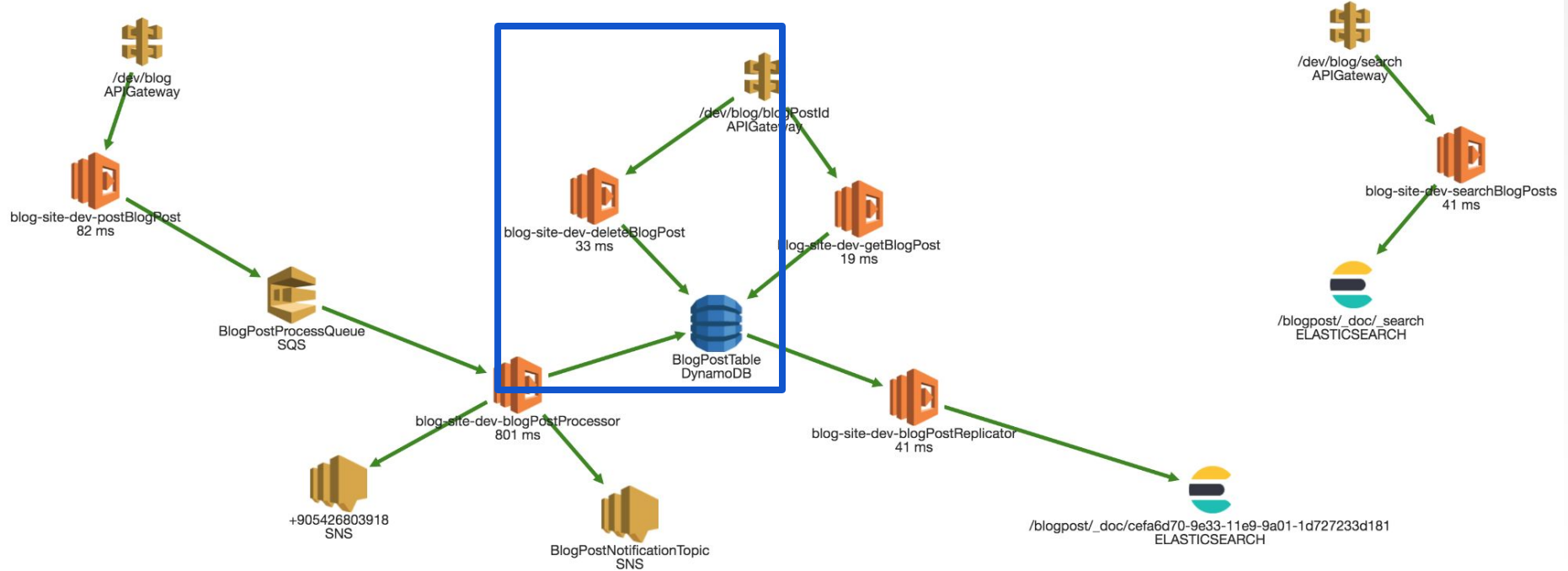
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Delete Blog Post

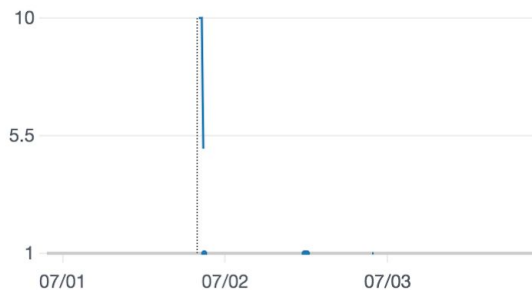


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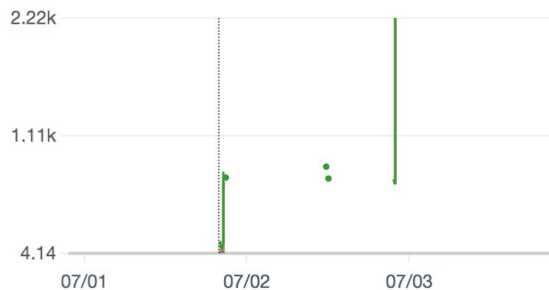


So What?

Invocations



Duration



Error count and success rate (%)



Throttles

IteratorAge

DeadL

2019-07-02 17:00 UTC

- 1. < ● Errors 10
- 2. > ● Success rate (%) 0



Finding Needles in Haystacks

2019-07-02

▶	17:39:55	2019-07-02T17:39:55.574Z b4ff0e19-f3f6-5ccf-a1b9-5b8c6ad429cc	Publishing notification for blog post: {"id":"2abf1ca0-9ccc-11e9-a244-2b91f2338ab9","title":"Ser
▶	17:39:55	2019-07-02T17:39:55.629Z b4ff0e19-f3f6-5ccf-a1b9-5b8c6ad429cc	Saving blog post: {"id":"2abf1ca0-9ccc-11e9-a244-2b91f2338ab9","title":"Ser
▼	17:39:56	2019-07-02T17:39:56.287Z b4ff0e19-f3f6-5ccf-a1b9-5b8c6ad429cc	{"errorMessage":"Invalid parameter: TopicArn","errorType":"InvalidParameter",

2019-07-02T17:39:56.287Z b4ff0e19-f3f6-5ccf-a1b9-5b8c6ad429cc

```
{
  "errorMessage": "Invalid parameter: TopicArn",
  "errorType": "InvalidParameter",
  "stackTrace": [
    "Request.extractError (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/protocol/query.js:47:29)",
    "Request.callListeners (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/sequential_executor.js:105:20)",
    "Request.emit (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/sequential_executor.js:77:10)",
    "Request.emit (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/request.js:683:14)",
    "Request.transition (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/request.js:22:10)",
    "AcceptorStateMachine.runTo (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/state_machine.js:14:12)",
    "/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/state_machine.js:26:10",
    "Request.<anonymous> (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/request.js:38:9)",
    "Request.<anonymous> (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/request.js:685:12)",
    "Request.callListeners (/var/runtime/node_modules/aws-sdk/lib/sequential_executor.js:115:18)"
  ]
}
```



MONITORING WITH THUNDRA



How to Setup

- Add Thundra layer

layers:

```
- arn:aws:lambda:${self:provider.region}:269863060030:layer:thundra-lambda-node-layer:15
```







- Get and set Thundra API key
- Happy monitoring!!!

environment:

```
thundra_apiKey: <YOUR API KEY HERE>
```

ORDER BY LastInvocationTime DESC

RUN SAVE

TRIGGER	INVOCATION TIME	DURATION	ERROR	COLD START	TIMEOUT	LATENCY BREAKDOWN
	2019-07-04-11:14:58	801	None	true	false	
	2019-07-04-10:57:38	584	None	false	false	
	2019-07-04-10:55:37	715	None	true	false	

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ORDER BY LastInvocationTime DESC

RUN SAVE

2019/07/04 09:53-2019/07/04 15:53

6 functions listed

blog-site-dev-blogPostProcessor	3	100%	Avg 37, Median 21, 99th 21	DURATION(ms) 700, MIDDORTIME 22	Insights
blog-site-dev-blogPostProcessor	0	0.00%	Avg 700, Median 715, 99th 801	DURATION(ms) 700, MIDDORTIME 22	Insights
blog-site-dev-blogPostProcessor	2	0.00%	Avg 70, Median 82, 99th 96	DURATION(ms) 70, MIDDORTIME 21	Insights
blog-site-dev-searchBlogPosts	7	100%	Avg 24, Median 22, 99th 41	DURATION(ms) 24, MIDDORTIME 23	Insights
blog-site-dev-deleteBlogPost	5	20%	Avg 48, Median 33, 99th 77	DURATION(ms) 48, MIDDORTIME 23	Insights
blog-site-dev-getBlogPost	5	0%	Avg 45, Median 31, 99th 77	DURATION(ms) 45, MIDDORTIME 22	Insights



Local Tracing

environment:

thundra_agent_lambda_trace_instrument_traceableConfig: `service.blogPostService.*[traceArgs=true,traceReturnValue=true]`

Function List / Function Detail / Invocation List / Invocation Detail

← **blog-site-dev-blogPostProcessor (4 hours ago)** Found in 1 trace

node - v8.10.0 eu-west-2 default default-project ColdStart

DURATION	MEMORY USAGE	CPU USAGE	ERROR TYPE	INVOCATION TIME	REQUEST ID
801.00ms	24mb/1024mb (2.33%)	2.56%	NONE	2019-07-04 11:14:58.5858 +03:00	0114f889-18b9-5f53-a710-ad1eaf032409

TRACE CHART LOGS

Service Name	Operation Name	0ms
Lambda	blog-site-dev-blog...	801ms
Method	validateBlogPost	1ms
Method	saveBlogPost	48ms

Method: saveBlogPost

SUMMARY

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Class/FilePath:service.blogPostService

```
function saveBlogPost(object blogPost: +){
  .....code here.....
  .....code here.....
  return object: +
}
```

6 items

```
{
  "phoneNumber": string "+905426803918"
  "post": string "Hello AWS Lambda"
  "id": string "cefa6d70-9e33-11e9-9a01-1d727233d181"
  "title": string "Serverless"
  "username": string "serkan"
  "timestamp": float 1562228096455
}
```

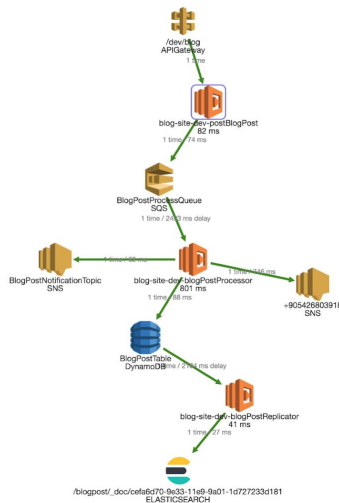
400.500ms 600.750ms



Distributed Tracing

- Integrated with all of the most used AWS services
- Supports multiple upstream transaction

Filters



>> Trace Chart

CloudWatch Logs Invocation

Service Name	Opera...	0ms	20.500ms	41.000ms	61.500ms
Lambda	blog-sit...	82ms			
Method	sendBlo...	38ms			
SQS	WRITE /...	74ms			

SUMMARY

TAGS

LOGS



Start Time: "2019-07-04 11:14:56 457"

End Time: "2019-07-04 11:14:56 531"

Duration: "74 ms"

Operation Type: "WRITE"

Queue Name: "BlogPostProcessQueue"

SQS Message:

{ 6 items

```
{
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Invocation Tagging

```
thundra.InvocationSupport.setTag('username', blogPost.username);
```

tags.username="serkan" ORDER BY LastInvocationTime DESC

 RUN SAVE 

TRIGGER	INVOCATION TIME	DURATION	ERROR	COLD START	TIMEOUT	LATENCY BREAKDOWN
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	2019-07-04-10:57:37	32	None	false	false	<div><div></div></div>
	2019-07-04-10:55:31	96	None	true	false	<div><div></div></div>

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Async monitoring

- No network delay
- Even works in VPC
- Add Thundra Serverless CloudWatch plugin

```
plugins:  
  - serverless-plugin-thundra-lambda-adapters-cw
```

- Enable CloudWatch based reporting

```
environment:  
  thundra_agent_lambda_report_cloudwatch_enable: true
```



MORE THUNDRA FEATURES



OpenTracing API/Spec Compatible

- OpenTracing compatible API
- OpenTracing specification compatible data model
- Easy to integrate with other APM solutions
 - Honeycomb
- github.com/opentracing/specification/blob/master/specification.md



Intelligent Sampling

- Samples periodically at every
 - N invocation
 - N seconds/minutes
- Samples when
 - duration exceeds given threshold
 - invocation fails with any (or specific) error
 - CPU/Memory usage exceeds threshold
- Custom: Implement your own sampler



Alerting

- Highly customizable alerts to create your own way of keeping eye on your system.
- Actionable insights to reduce the MTTR
- Customizable notification rules to your preferred channel and channels
- Different severity levels to prevent the alert fatigue in your organization



Your Data at Your Instance

- Thundra never see your data
- Splunk
 - stored at your Splunk deployment
 - Thundra provides Splunk App to visualize your data
 - or run your own queries
- Elasticsearch
 - stored at your Elasticsearch instance/clister
 - Thundra provides Kibana plugin to visualize your data
 - or run your own queries





Thank you !