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

WHAT WE GONNA USE?

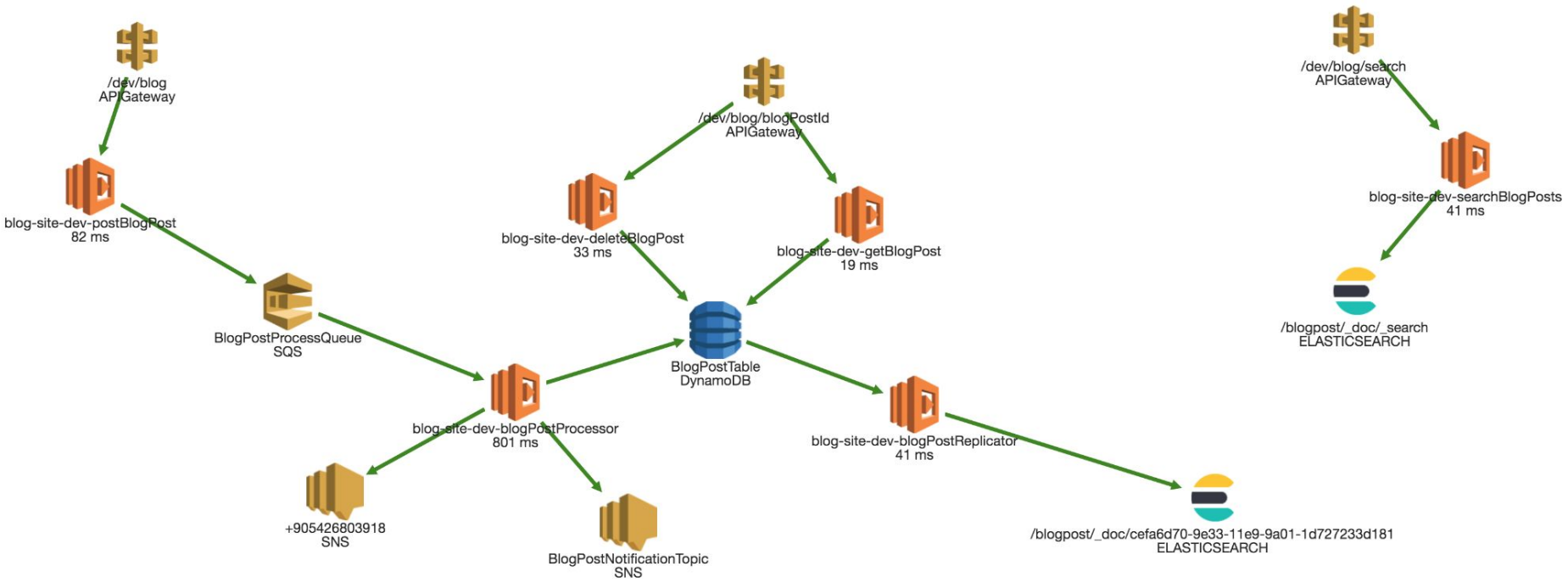

aws


node
js


serverless


THUNDRA

THE ARCHITECTURE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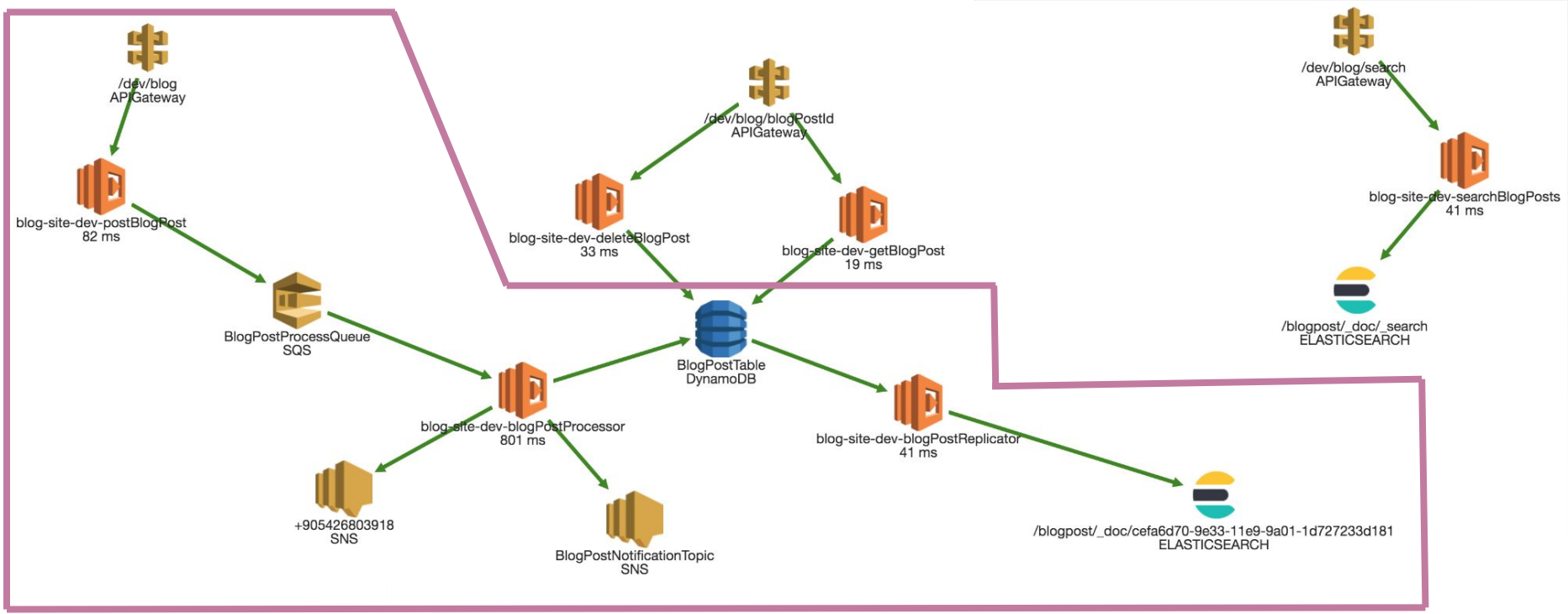
Send Blog Post



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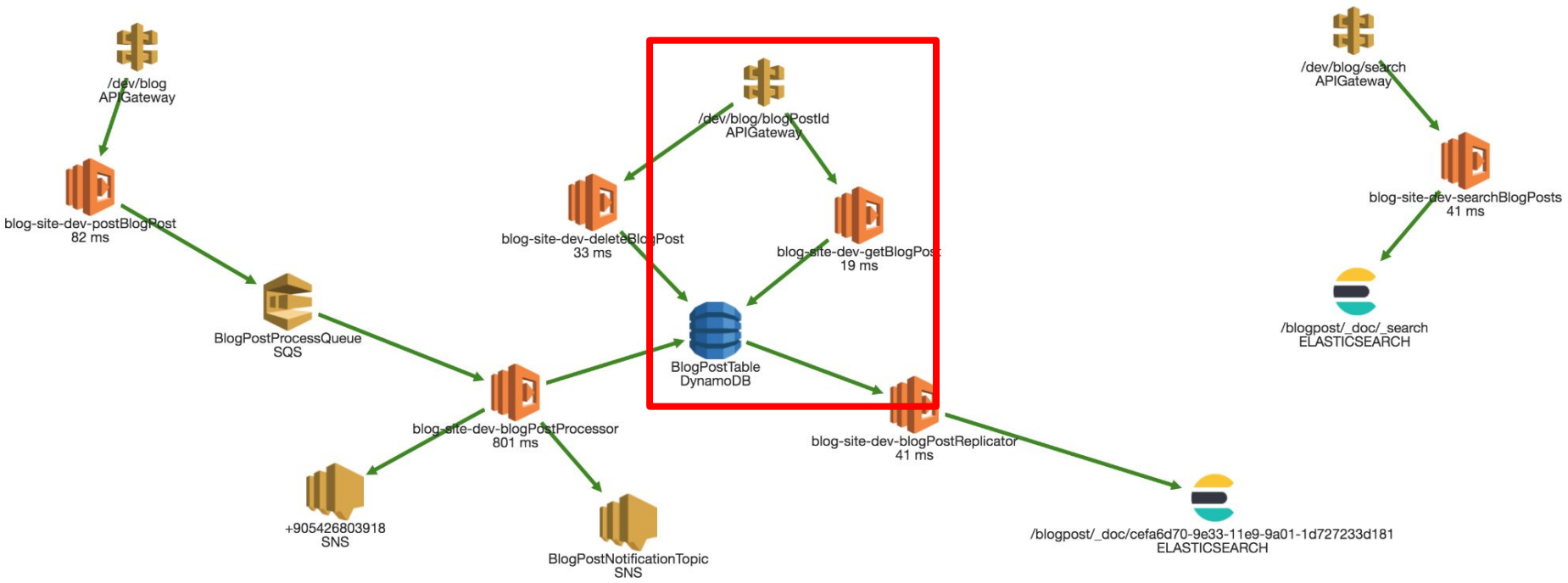

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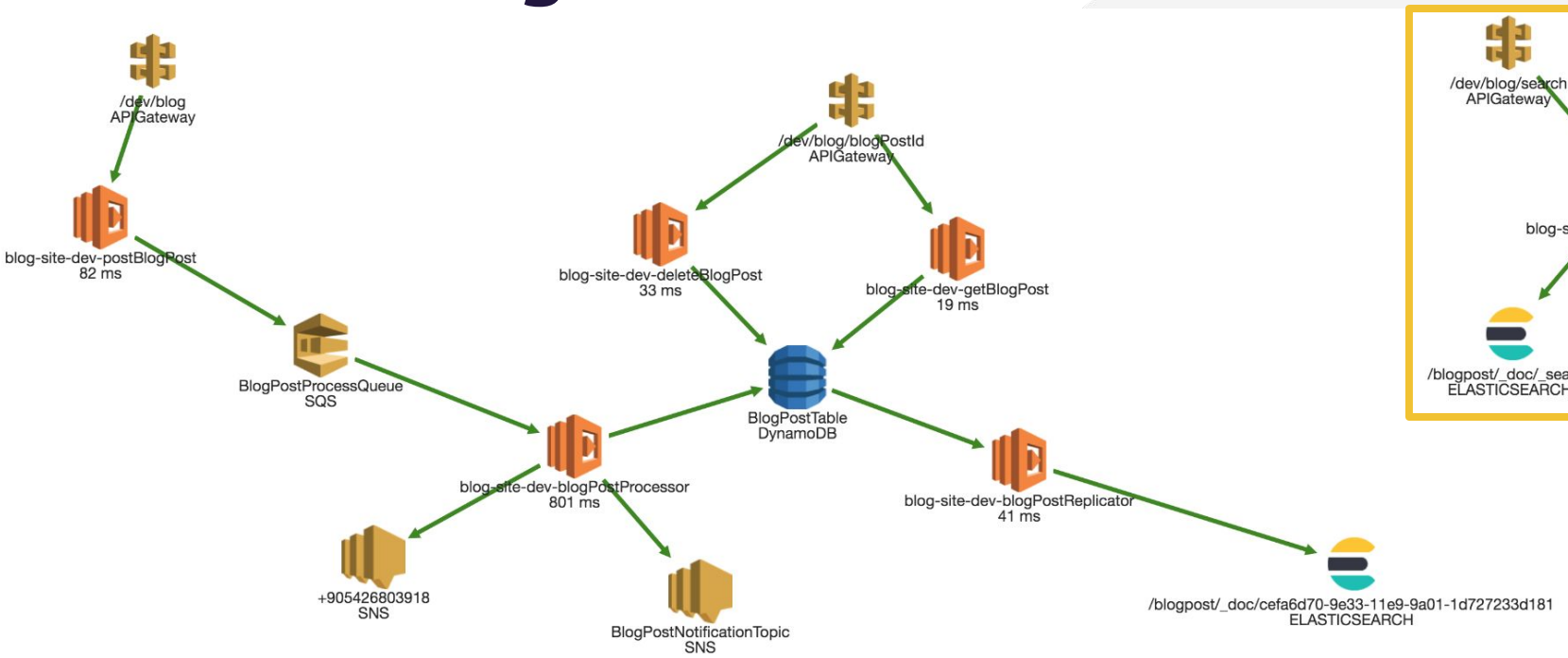

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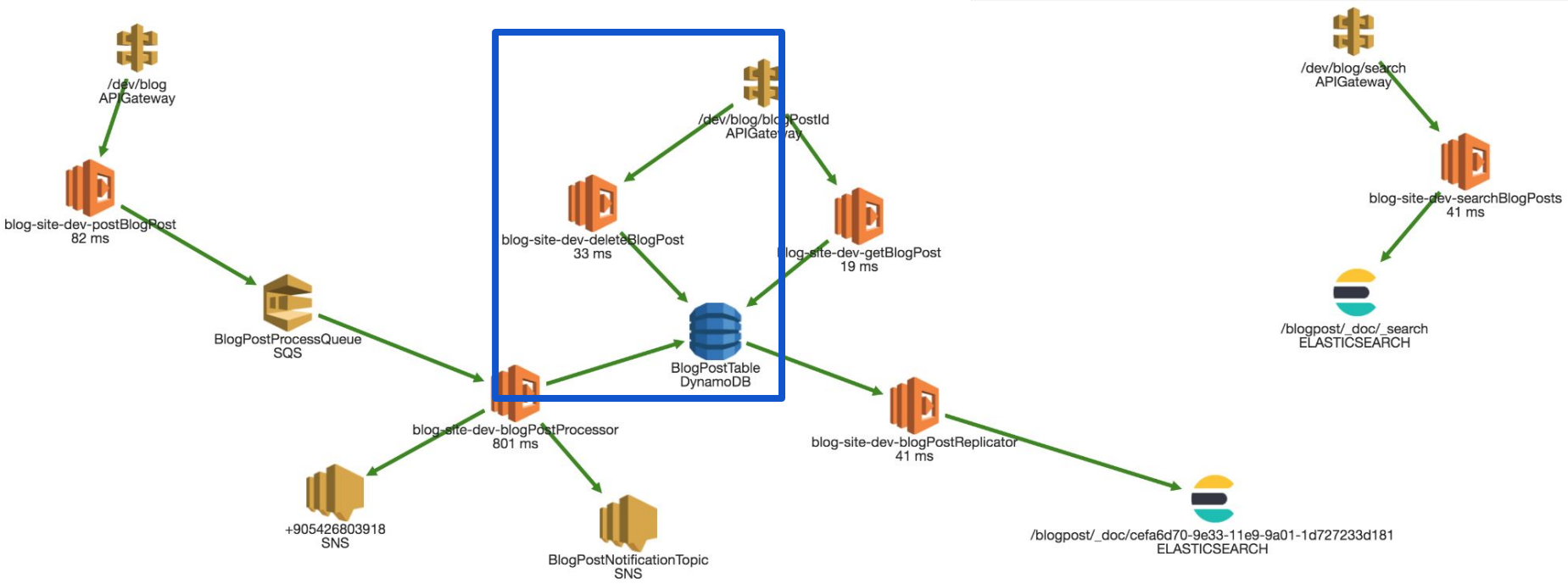
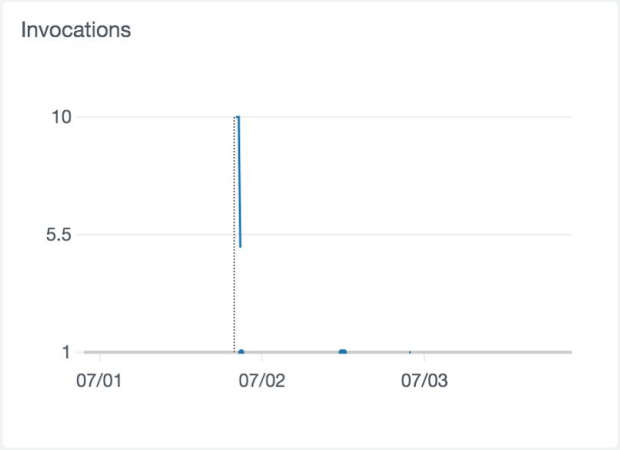


MONITORING WITH CLOUDWATCH

So What?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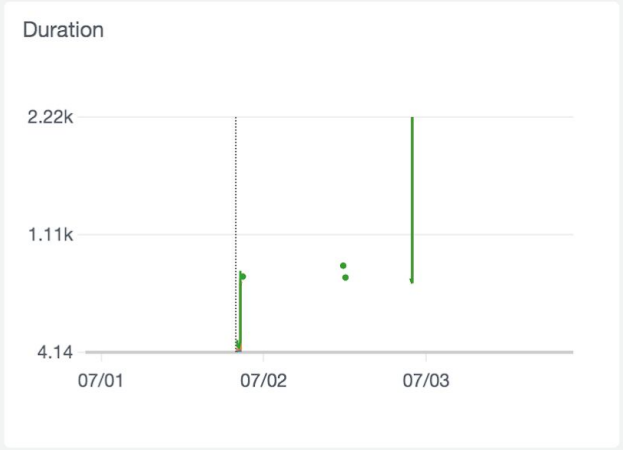
07/03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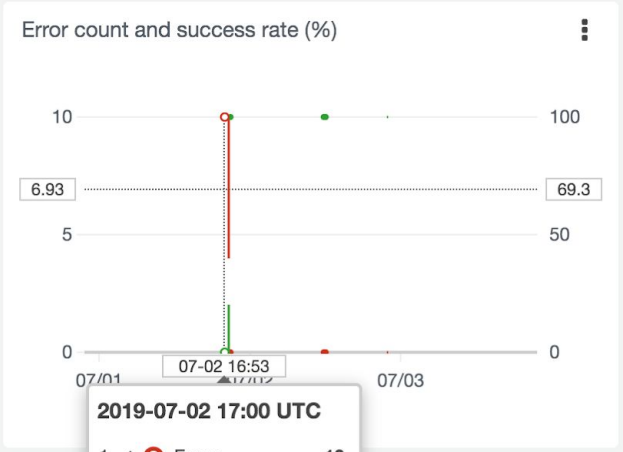
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6.93
5
0
100
69.3
50
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07/01
07/03
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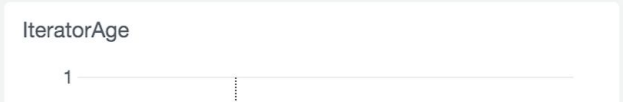
1. < Errors 10
2. > Success rate (%) 0


Throttles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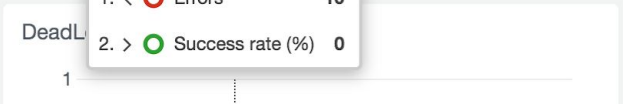
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Finding Needles in Haystacks

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        "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

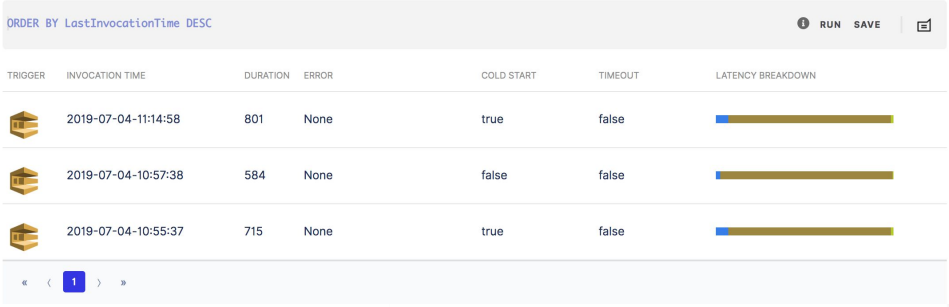
- Add Thundra layer

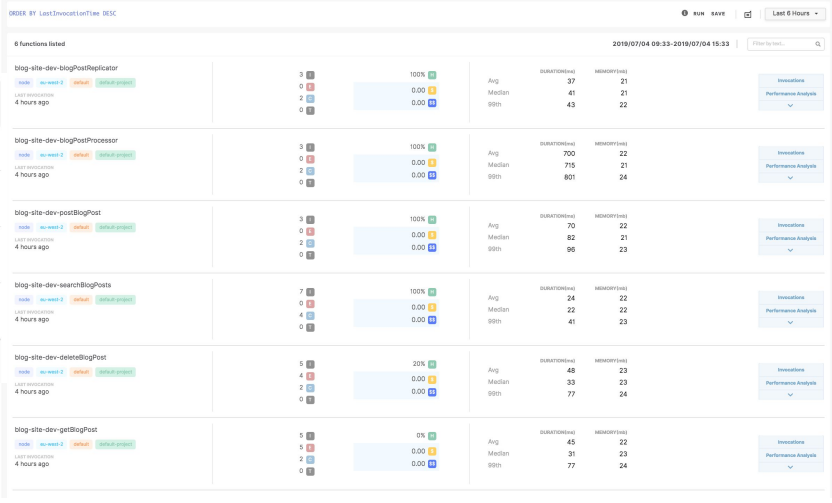
```
layers:
  - arn:aws:lambda:${self:provider.region}:269863060030:layer:thundra-lambda-node-layer:15
```

- Get and set Thundra API key

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

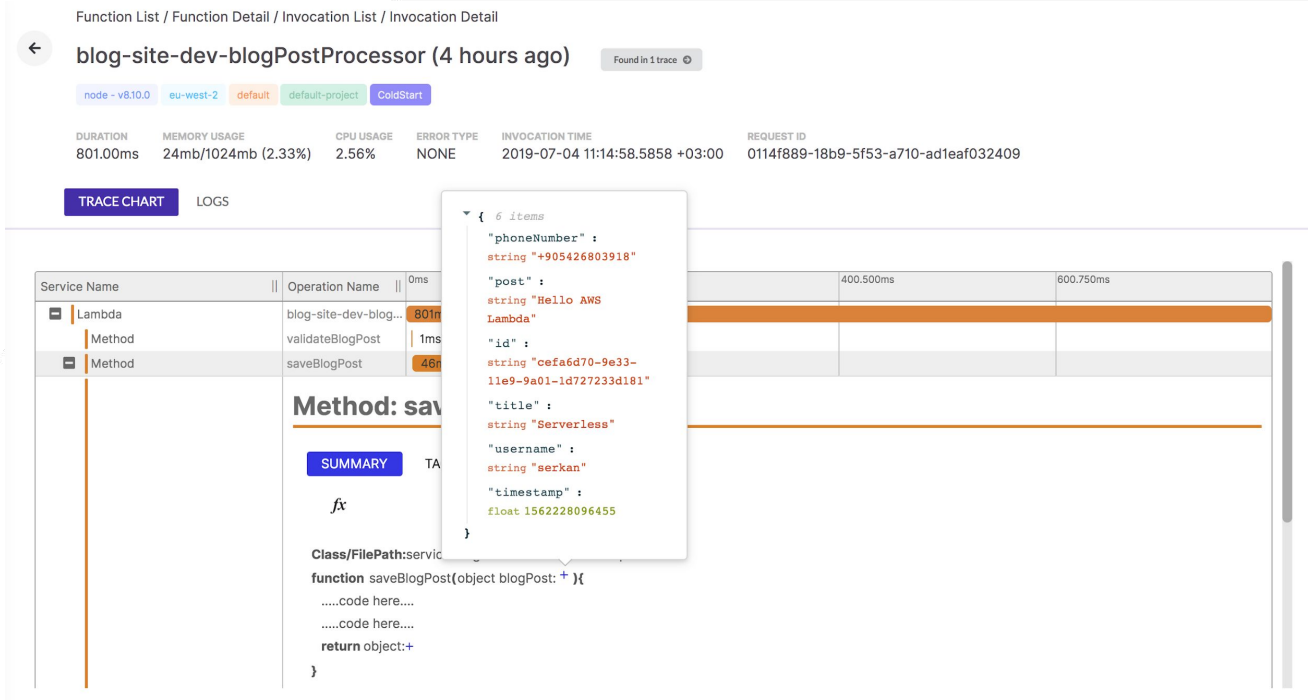
- Happy monitoring!!!





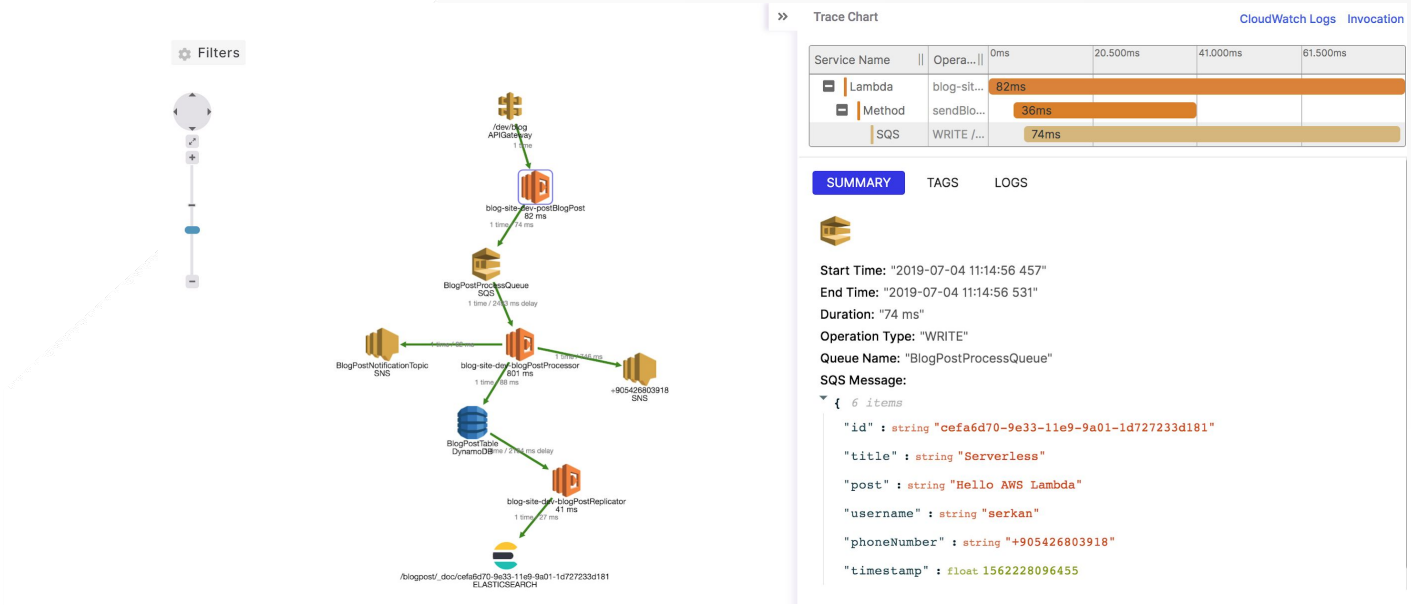
Local Tracing

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



Distributed Tracing

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



Invocation Tagging

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

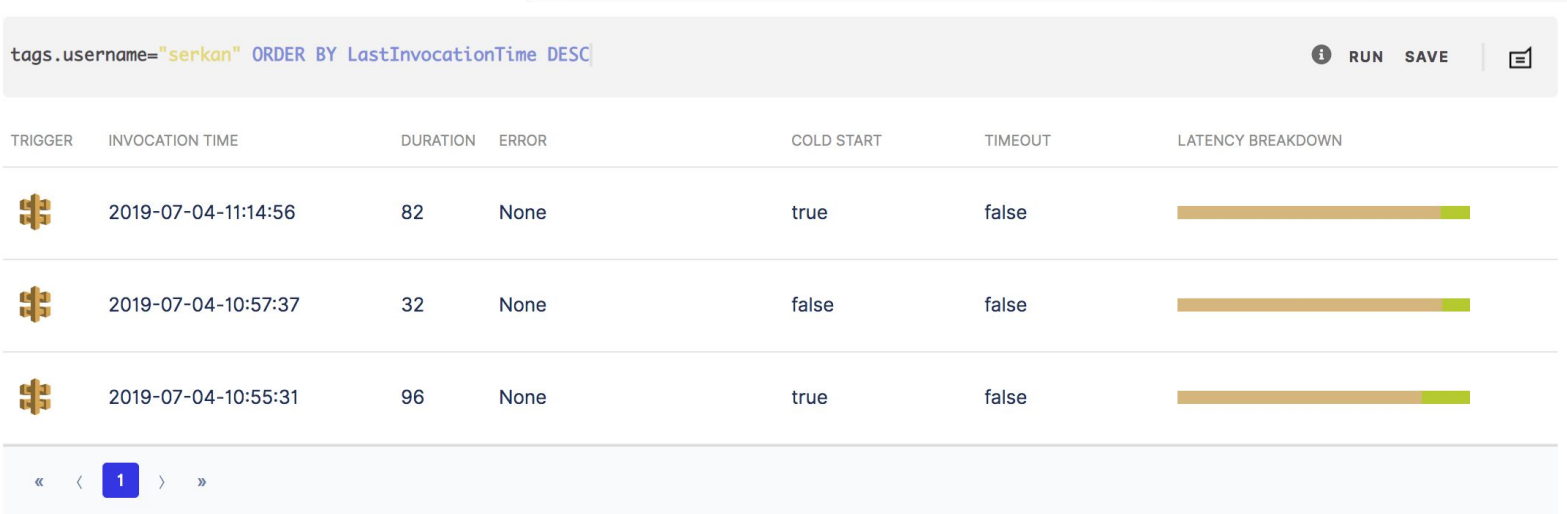

Async monitoring

- 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/cluster
  - Thundra provides Kibana plugin to visualize your data
  - or run your own queries

Thank you !