Experiment 11

Aim: To understand AWS Lambda, its workflow, various functions and create your first Lambda functions using Python / Java / Nodejs.

Theory:

AWS Lambda

- AWS Lambda is a serverless computing service provided by Amazon Web Services (AWS). Users of AWS Lambda create functions, self-contained applications written in one of the supported languages and runtimes, and upload them to AWS Lambda, which executes those functions in an efficient and flexible manner.
- The Lambda functions can perform any kind of computing task, from serving web pages
and processing streams of data to calling APIs and integrating with other AWS services. The concept of “serverless” computing refers to not needing to maintain your own servers to run these functions.
- AWS Lambda is a fully managed service that takes care of all the infrastructure for you.
And so “serverless” doesn’t mean that there are no servers involved: it just means that the servers, the operating systems, the network layer and the rest of the infrastructure have already been taken care of so that you can focus on writing application code.

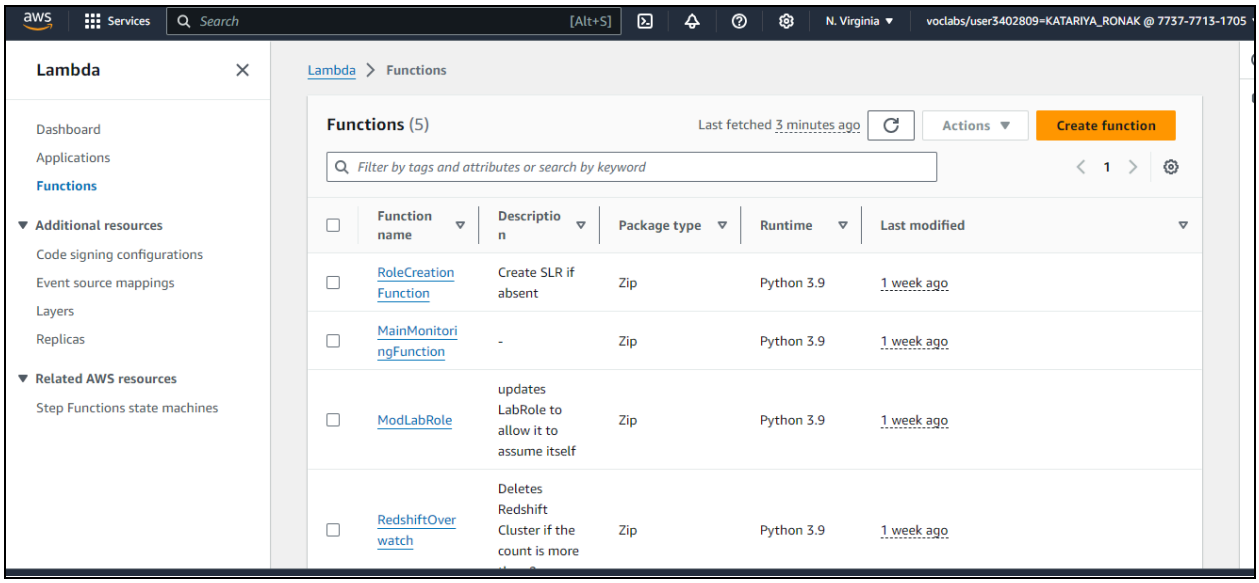
Features of AWS Lambda

- AWS Lambda easily scales the infrastructure without any additional configuration. It reduces the operational work involved.
- It offers multiple options like AWS S3, CloudWatch, DynamoDB, API Gateway, Kinesis, CodeCommit, and many more to trigger an event.
- You don’t need to invest upfront. You pay only for the memory used by the lambda function and minimal cost on the number of requests hence cost-efficient.
- AWS Lambda is secure. It uses AWS IAM to define all the roles and security policies.
- It offers fault tolerance for both services running the code and the function. You do not have to worry about the application down

Implementation:

Steps to create an AWS Lambda function

1. Open up the Lambda Console and click on the Create button. Be mindful of where you create your functions since Lambda is region-dependent.

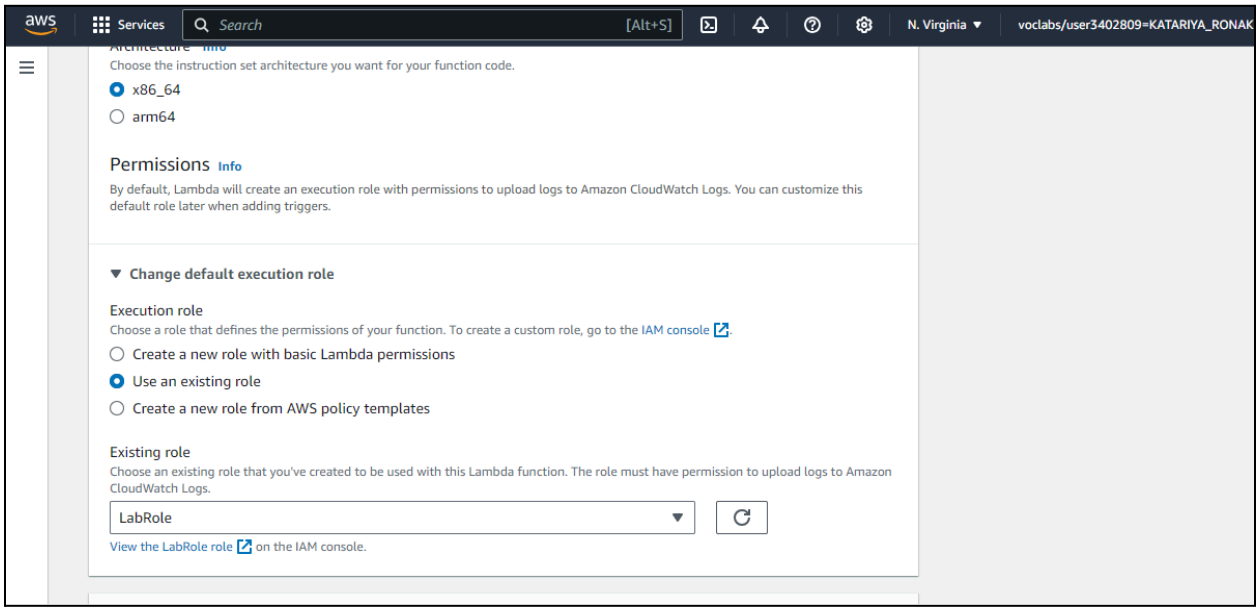


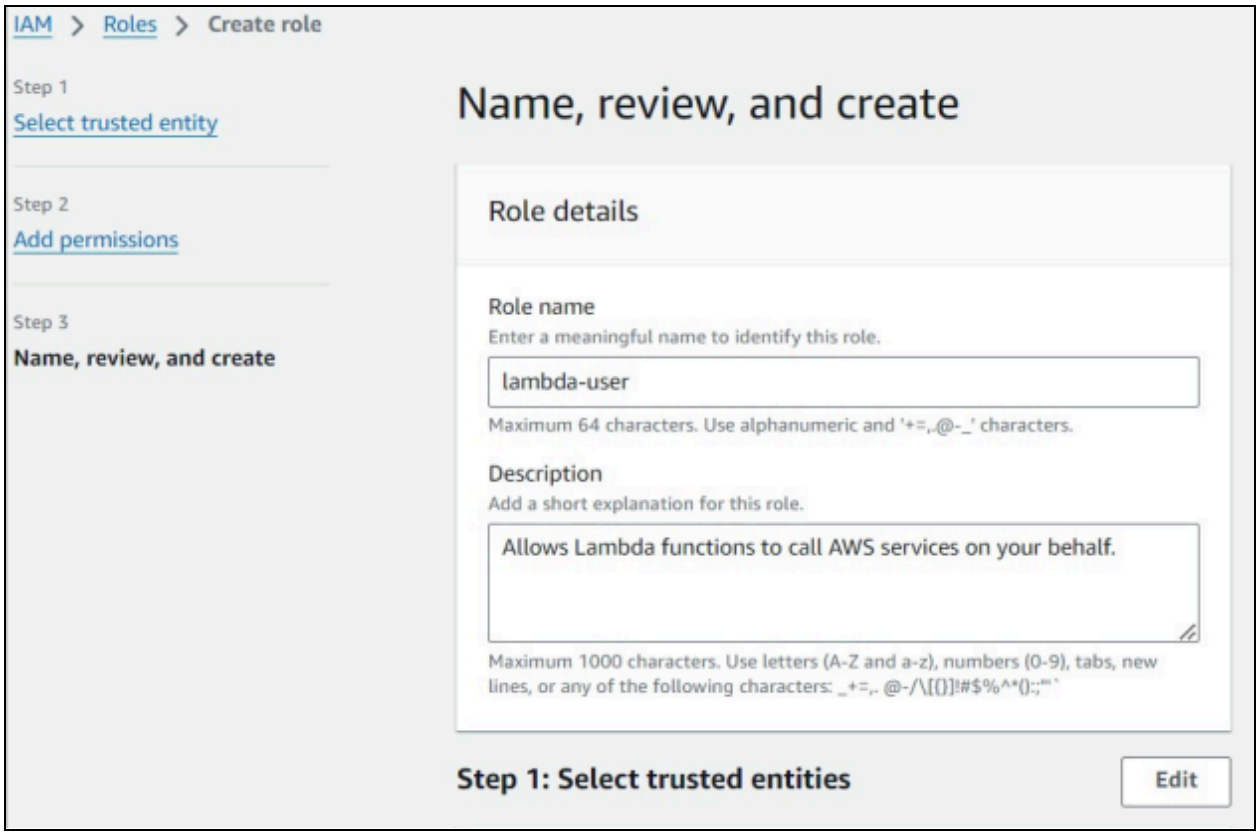
2. Attach CloudWatch Logs permissions:

● In the "Permissions" step, search for the policy called AWSLambdaBasicExecutionRole.

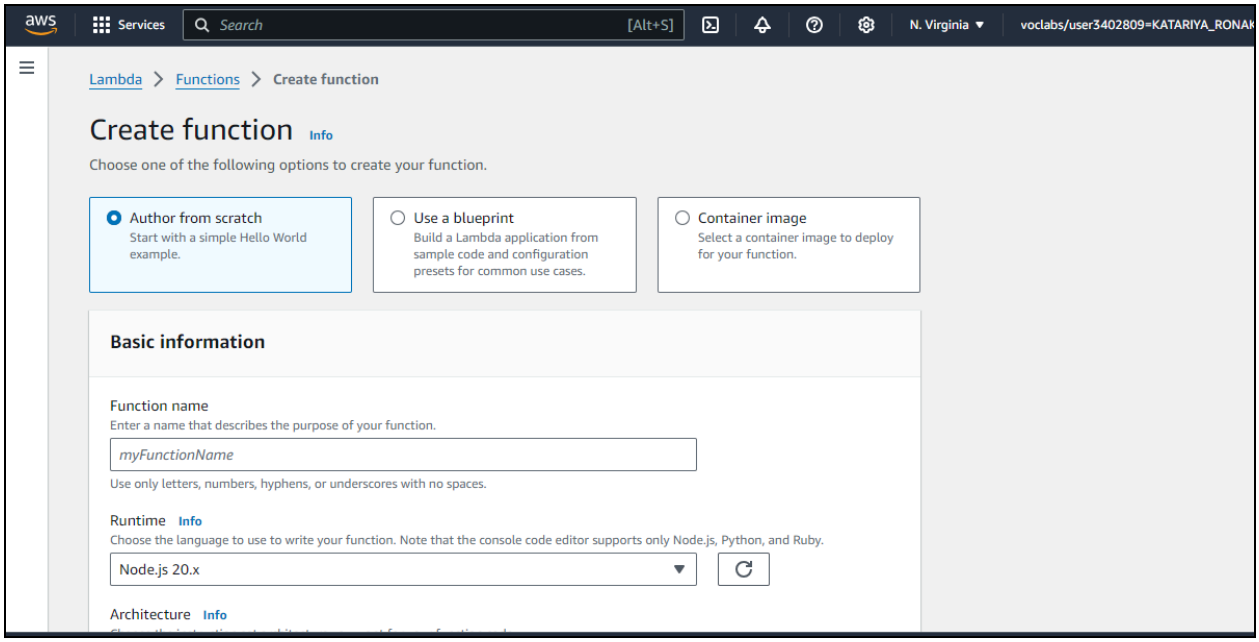
● Select this policy, which gives your Lambda function permission to write logs to CloudWatch.

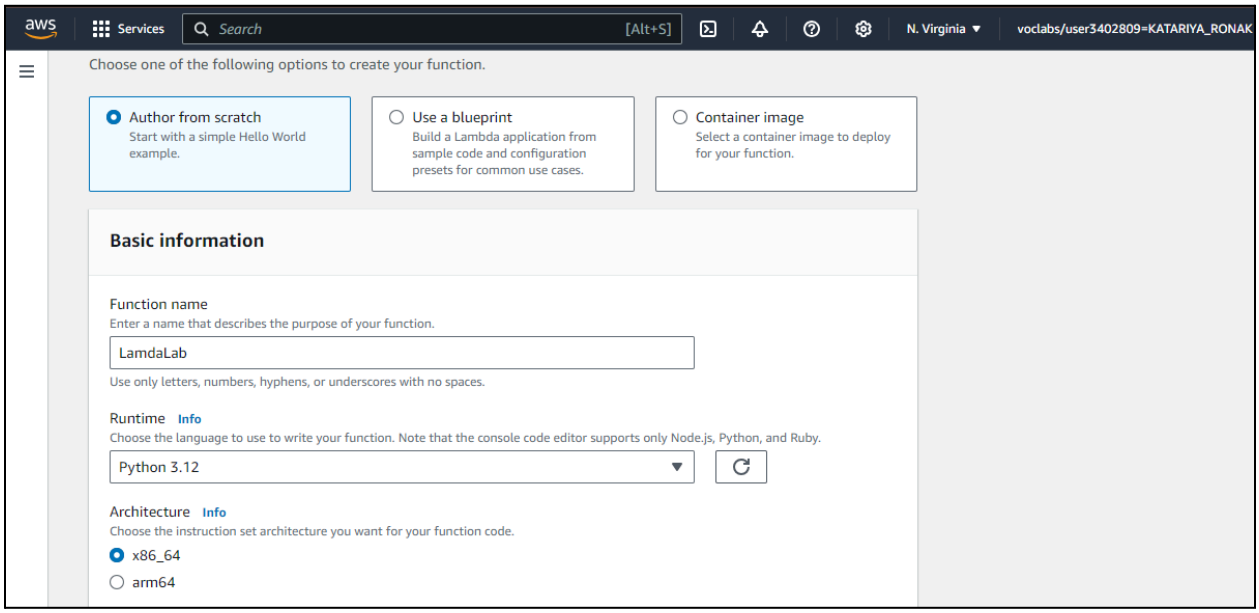
● Click Next.





2. Choose to create a function from scratch or use a blueprint, i.e templates defined by AWS for you with all configuration presets required for the most common use cases.
Then, choose a runtime env for your function, under the dropdown, you can see all the options AWS supports, Python, Nodejs, .NET and Java being the most popular ones.
After that, choose to create a new role with basic Lambda permissions if you don't have an existing one.



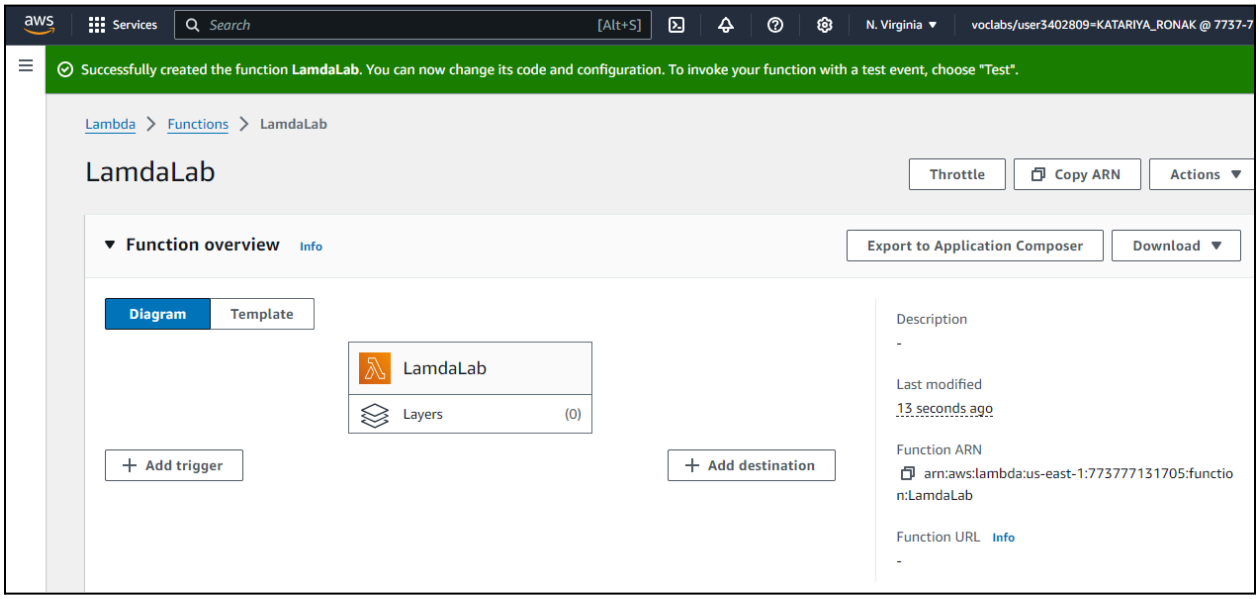


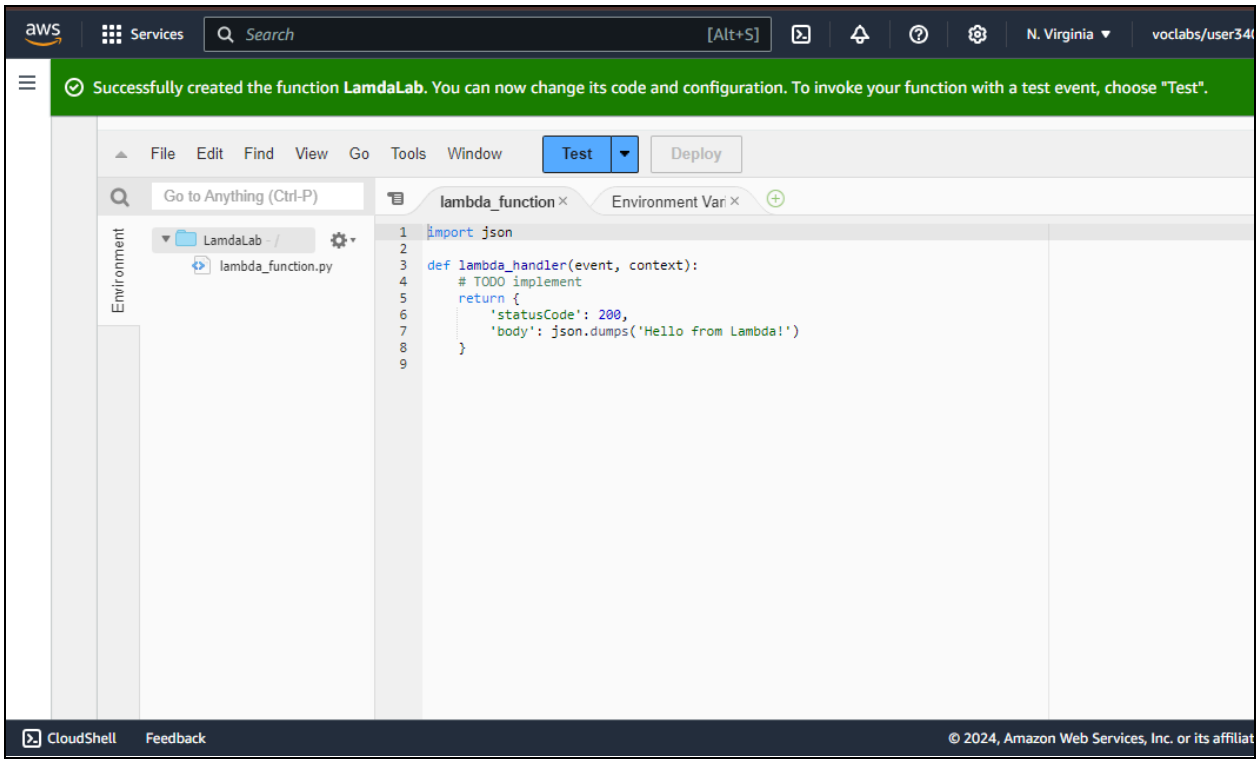
2. This process will take a while to finish and after that, you'll get a message that your function was successfully created

Edit Basic Settings:

● On the function's Configuration tab, locate the Basic settings section

Configuring test event which tiggers when the function is tested





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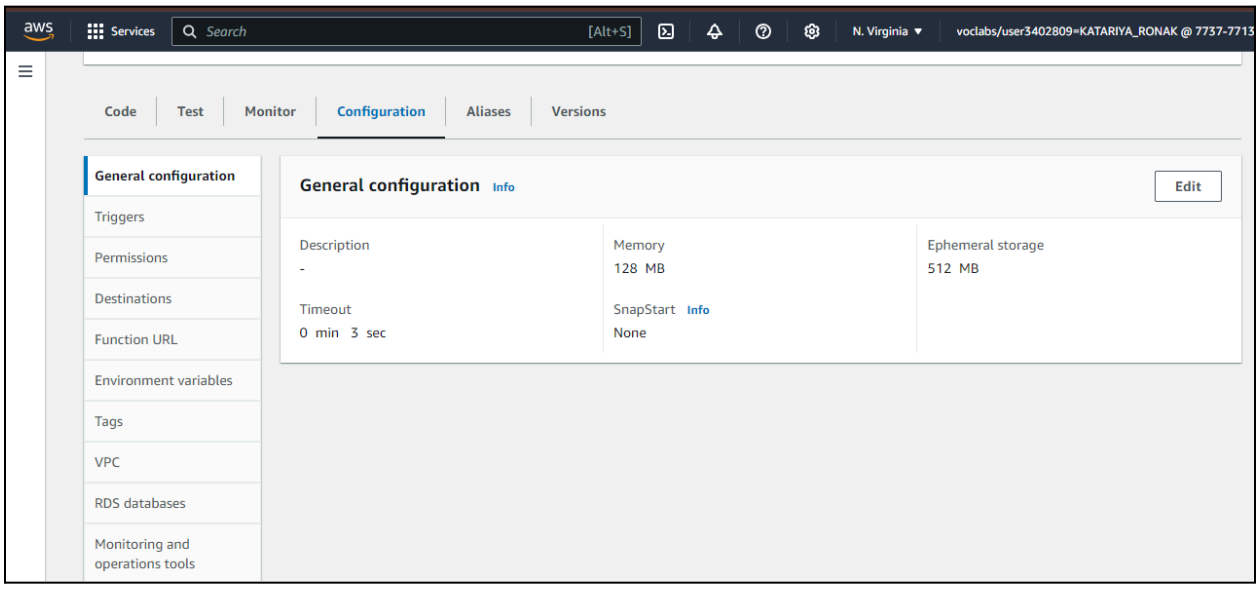

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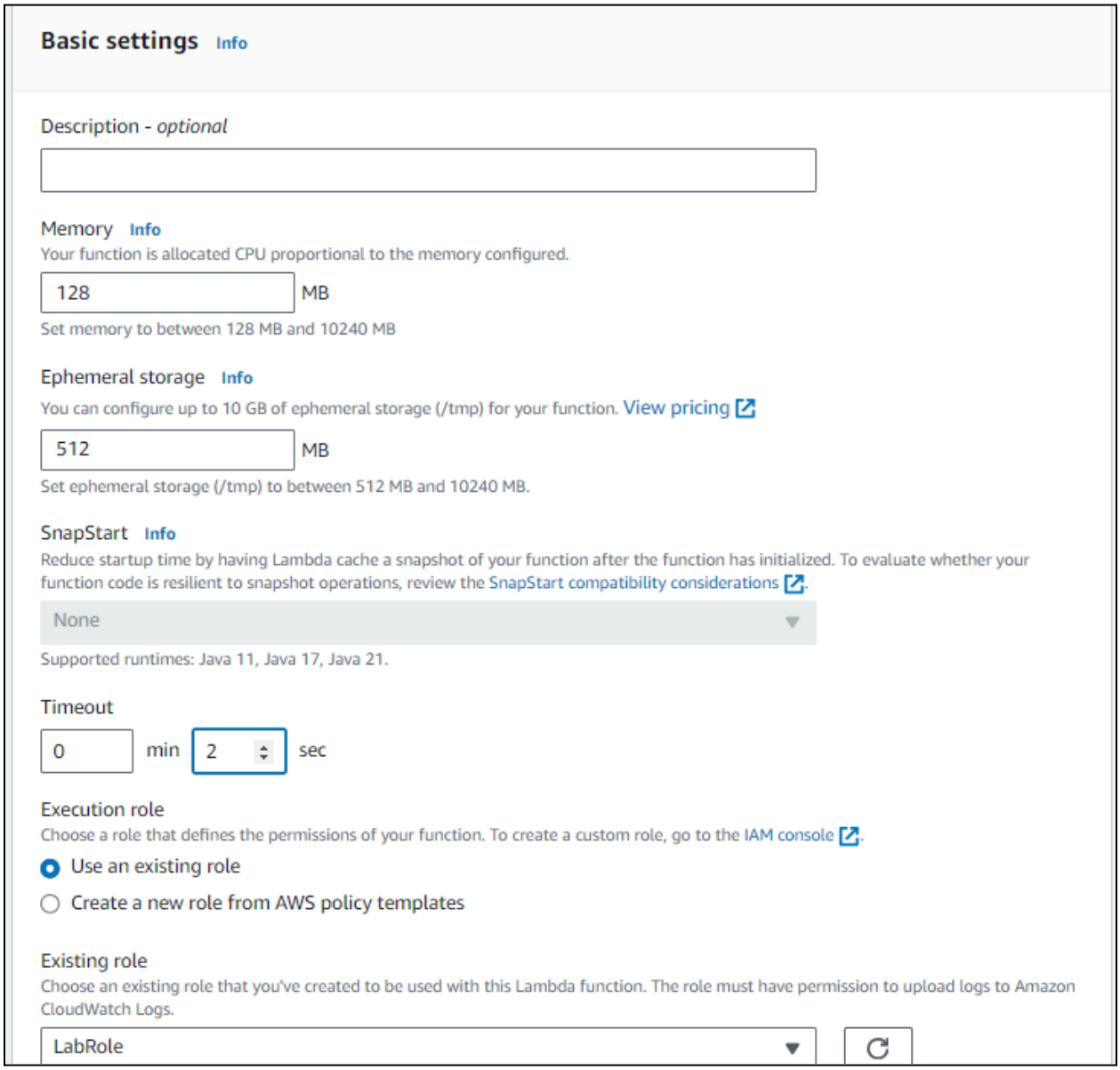

Conclusion:

AWS Lambda is a serverless computing service that allows you to run code without managing servers, making it highly scalable, cost-effective, and easy to use. It automatically manages the compute resources, executes your code in response to specific events such as API calls, file uploads, or database updates, and scales based on the demand.