Building A Serverless Web App



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- 1. Bring up DB and associated tables with RDS (MySQL)
- 2 Create and deploy serverless functions with Lambda (Python 3.x)
- 3. Integration and deployment of these functions with API Gateway
- 4. Static hosting of web files with S3 bucket
- 5. Enabling the DNS redirection with Route 53
- 6. Making site secure by issuing a certificate with Certificate Manager





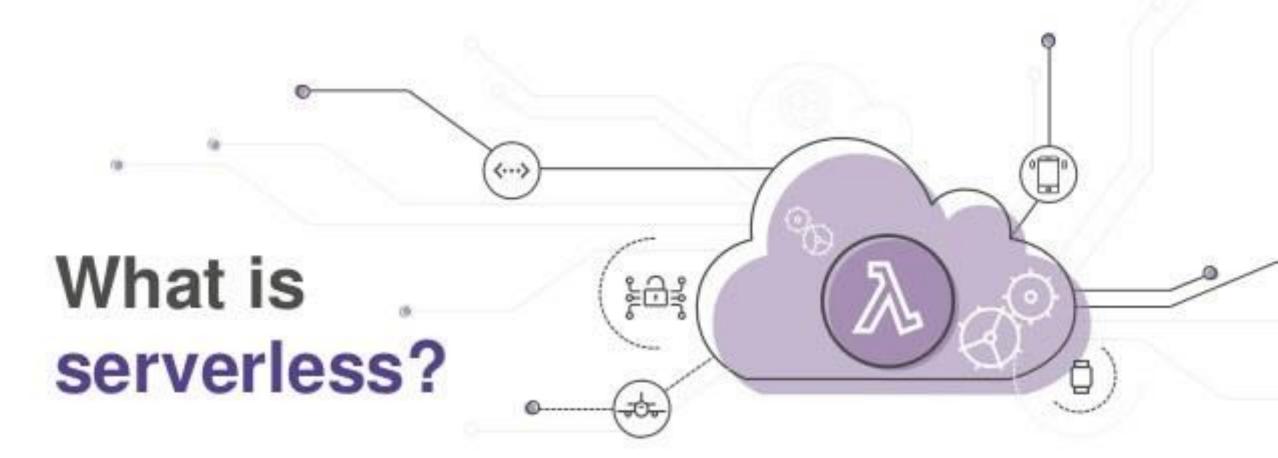






Ready for serverless run?





Build and run applications without thinking about servers



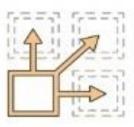




"Serverless computing is a cloud computing execution model in which the cloud provider dynamically manages the allocation of machine resources. Pricing is based on the actual amount of resources consumed by an application." (via Wikipedia)



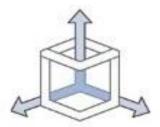
Removes the need for...



Provisioning and Utilization



Operations and Management



Scaling



Availability and Fault Tolerance

Provides these...



Abstraction of servers

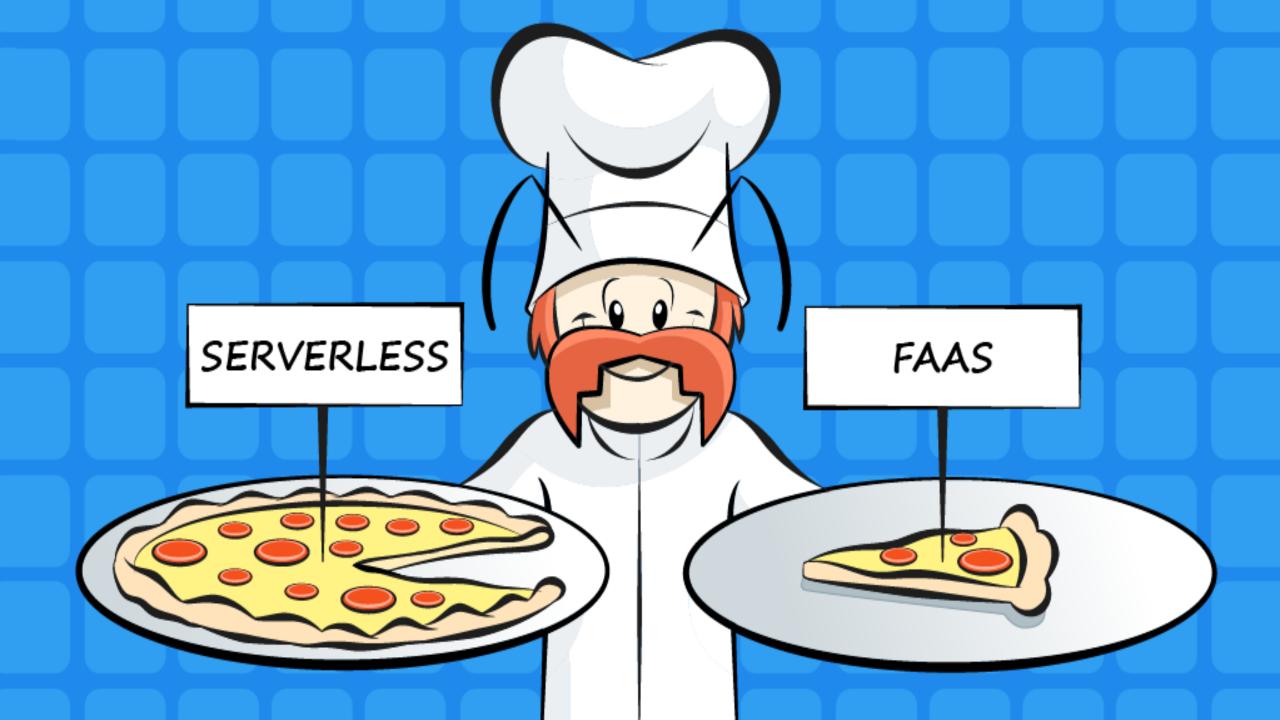


Eventdriven/ instant scale





laaS CaaS PaaS FaaS **Platform Containers** Serverless Servers SaaS On Premise AWS EC2 AWS Beanstalk AWS Lambda Azure VMs Google Container Engine Azure App Azure Functions Azure Container Service Google Compute Engine Google App Engine Google Cloud Functions OpenStack AWS Container Service OpenShift Apache OpenWhisk **VMWare** Heroku More control Less control Management overhead No Management Highly customizable No customization High Velocity Low Velocity High Abstraction Low Abstraction





Programming Model

- Event Driven
- Shares Nothing
- Stateless

Operational Model

- Zero Ops
- Managed
 Security
- Auto Scaling

Billing Model

- Pay for usage
- Cost scales to zero

A Few Good Resources

AWS Info page on serverless

https://aws.amazon.com/serverless/

Serverless Architectures

https://martinfowler.com/articles/serverless.html

Lambda + Serverless

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71cd5XerKss

JUMP OUT...

THINK SERVERLESS!





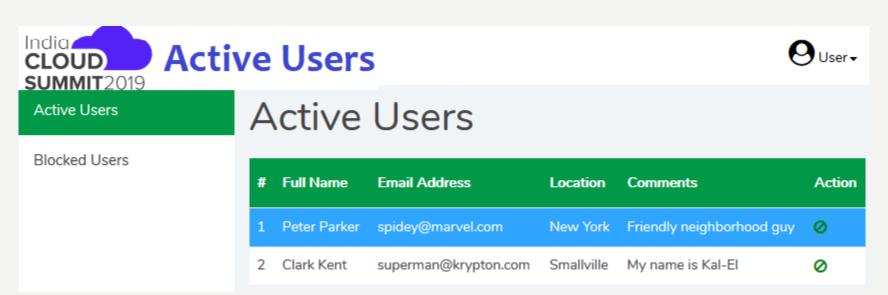
What are we building today?



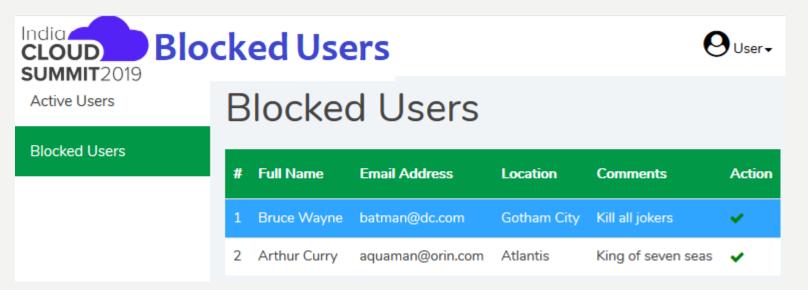
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Email:
Password:
Login
Not a registered user? Click here to register







Show active users







Pre-requisites

- AWS Free Tier
- Source Code

https://github.com/roommen/serverless101

- Basic knowledge of Python, HTML, JS, CSS
- A good IDE like Visual Studio Code

Let's fire up the DB

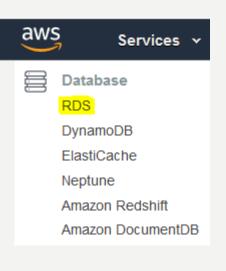
- Login to AWS Console
- Select "RDS" from Database category

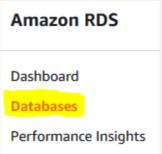
Click "Databases" from the left-menu

Click on "Create database"



Select "MySQL" as the engine and click "Next"







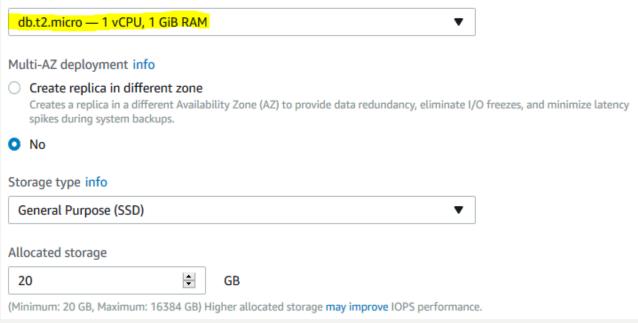
MySQL setup

In next screen, choose "Dev/Test – MySQL"



Instance Specifications





DB instance class info

MySQL DB settings

Settings DB instance identifier Info Specify a name that is unique for all DB instances owned by your AWS account in the current region. serverless101 DB instance identifier is case insensitive, but stored as all lower-case, as in "mydbinstance". Must contain from 1 to 63 alphanumeric characters or hyphens (1 to 15 for SQL Server). First character must be a letter. Cannot end with a hyphen or contain two consecutive hyphens. Master username Info Specify an alphanumeric string that defines the login ID for the master user. root Master Username must start with a letter. Must contain 1 to 16 alphanumeric characters. Confirm password Info Master password Info •••••• Master Password must be at least eight characters long, as in "mypassword". Can be any printable ASCII character except "/", """, or "@".

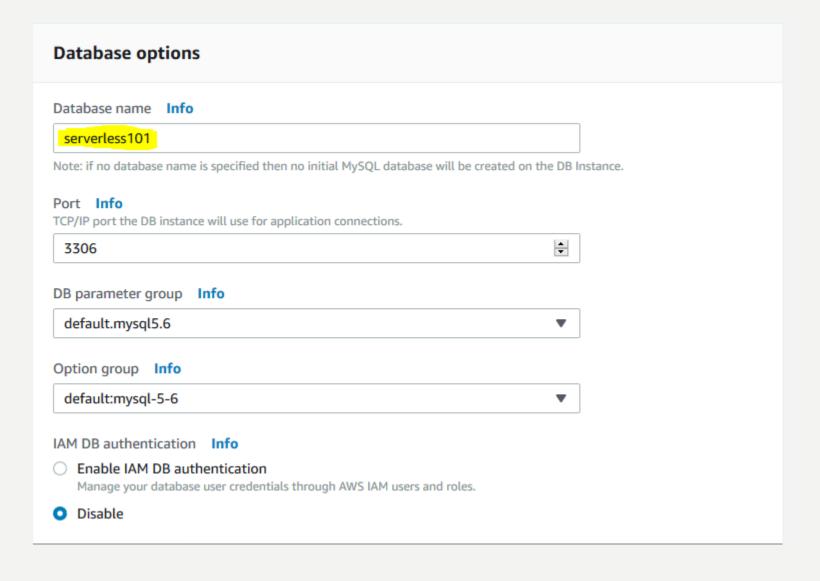
Provide DB instance name and credentials

MySQL advanced settings - Network & Security

Network & Security Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) info VPC defines the virtual networking environment for this DB instance. Default VPC (vpc-59541030) Only VPCs with a corresponding DB subnet group are listed. Subnet group info DB subnet group that defines which subnets and IP ranges the DB instance can use in the VPC you selected. default Public accessibility info Yes EC2 instances and devices outside of the VPC hosting the DB instance will connect to the DB instances. You must also select one or more VPC security groups that specify which EC2 instances and devices can connect to the DB instance. ○ No DB instance will not have a public IP address assigned. No EC2 instance or devices outside of the VPC will be able to connect. Availability zone info No preference VPC security groups Security groups have rules authorizing connections from all the EC2 instances and devices that need to access the DB instance. Create new VPC security group Choose existing VPC security groups

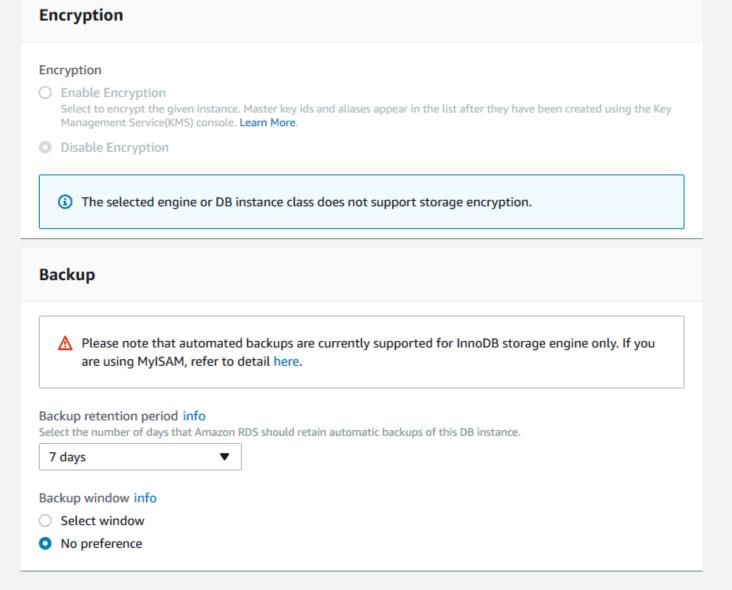
Keep everything as the default setting

MySQL advanced settings – Database options



Provide appropriate DB name

MySQL advanced settings – Encryption & Backup



Leave everything as default

MySQL advanced settings – Monitoring, Log, Maintenance

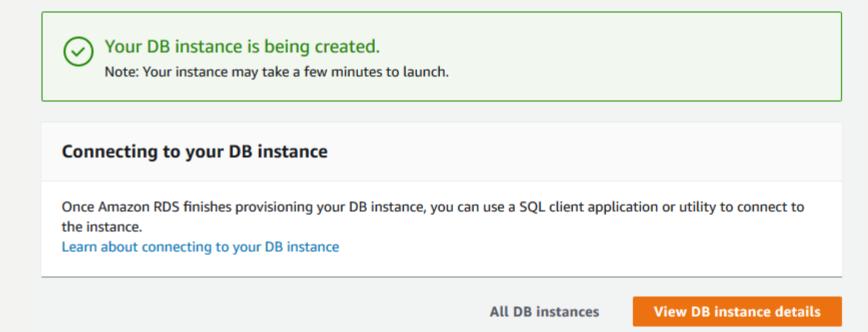
- Leave everything as default
- Click on "Create database"

Cancel

Previous

Create database

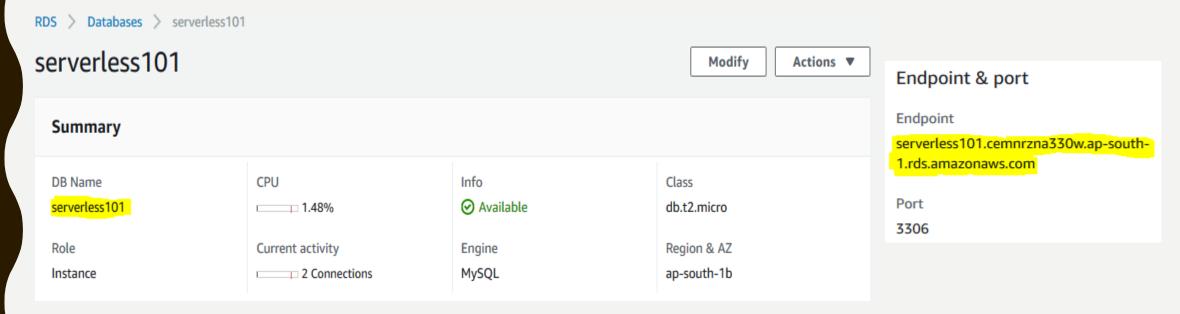
MySQL getting initialized

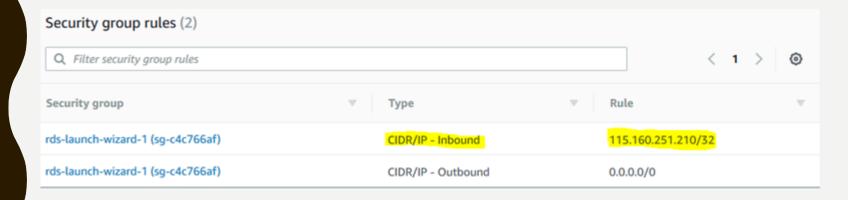


It may take sometime for DB to be initialized and available depending on region

MySQL Endpoint

Once the DB creation is successful, you should have something like this:

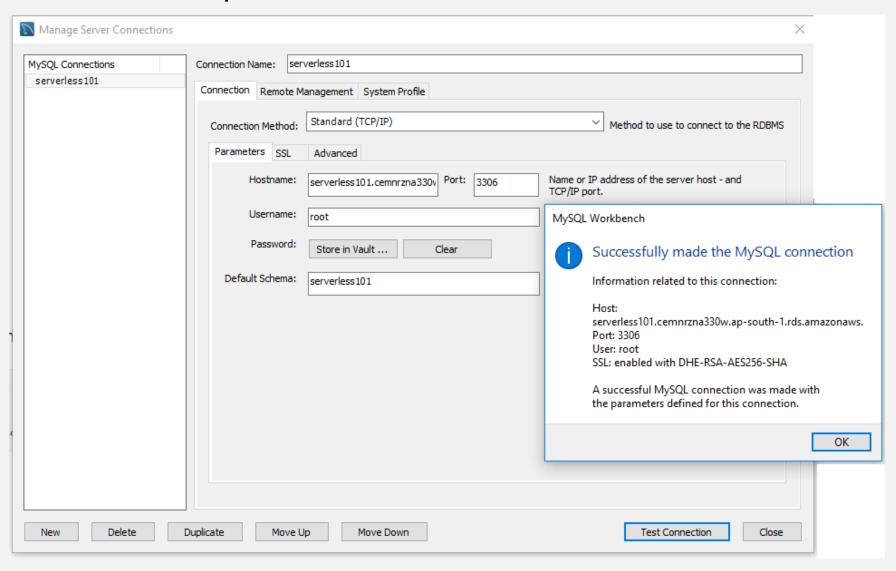




Make sure you've the right inbound and outbound rules associated with the security group

Test the connection

Use a software like MySQL Workbench to test connection, view table details, run queries etc..



Creating Users table

- Go to the cloned serverless 101 repository location
- Navigate to the "dbscripts" folder
- Edit the 'CreateTableUsers.py' file with the DB info you created earlier

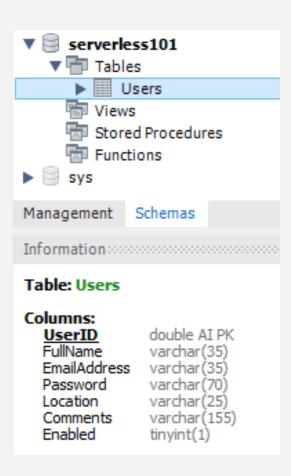
```
import mysql.connector
 def create users():
     connection, cursor = None, None
     try:
         # Database connection parameters - replace this with your DB endpoint
         serverless101cnxstr = {'host': 'serverless101.cemnrzna330w.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com', 'user': 'root', \
          'password': 'password', 'database': 'serverless101'}
         connection = mysql.connector.connect(host=serverless101cnxstr['host'], user=serverless101cnxstr['user'], \
         password=serverless101cnxstr['password'], database=serverless101cnxstr['database'])
         cursor = connection.cursor()
         cursor.execute('CREATE TABLE Users (UserID DOUBLE NOT NULL AUTO INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY, \
         FullName VARCHAR(35) NOT NULL, EmailAddress VARCHAR(35) NOT NULL, Password VARCHAR(70) NOT NULL, \
         Location VARCHAR(25) NOT NULL, Comments VARCHAR(155) NOT NULL, Enabled BOOLEAN NOT NULL);')
         print("Table Users created successfully.")
     except mysql.connector.Error as err:
         print(err)
     finally:
         if connection:

> connection.close()
         if cursor:
             cursor.close()
∃ if __name__ == '__main__':
     create users()
```

Run the CreateTableUsers.py file

runcy@runcyoommen-PC:/mnt/f/serverless101/dbscripts\$ python3 CreateTableUsers.py

Table Users created successfully.



- Go to MySQL Workbench
- Verify the Users table got created successfully

AWS Lambda with Python - Steps

- In this web app example, we have:
 - Login Registration handled by loginregister.py
 - User Login handled by login.py
 - Active Users handled by activeusers.py
 - Blocked Users handled by blockedusers.py
 - Allow User handled by allowuser.py
 - Block User handled by blockuser.py
- Edit each of these .py files with DB connection parameters as created earlier
- For Python to be enabled as AWS Lambda function, we need to zip all our source code and dependencies – we have mysql.connector as a dependency in each of these files

AWS Lambda with Python – Extract dependencies

- Create a temp folder called login and copy login.py to it
- Do a pip install of the mysql-connector under that folder (Use specific version 2.1.4 I was getting an error for the latest one)

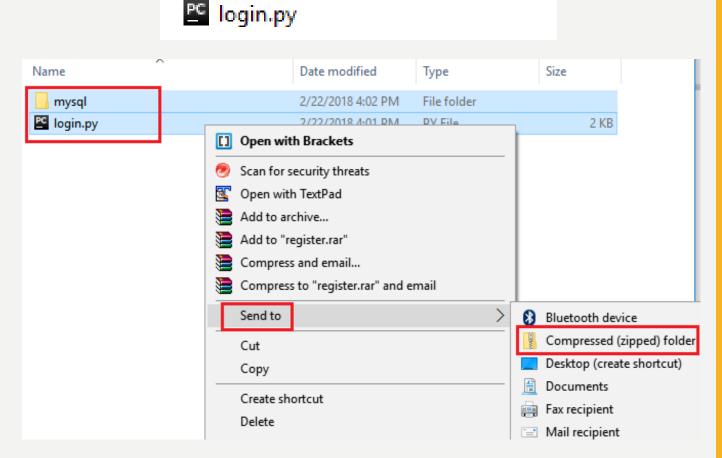
AWS Lambda with Python - Zip 'em up

• Under the login folder, you might see a folder mysql_connector-2.1.4.dist-info which

mysql

can be deleted if you want to

 Select the rest (login.py file and the mysql folder) and extract it to a zip file by rightclicking on it



mysql connector-2.1.4.dist-info

AWS Lambda with Python – Zip file details

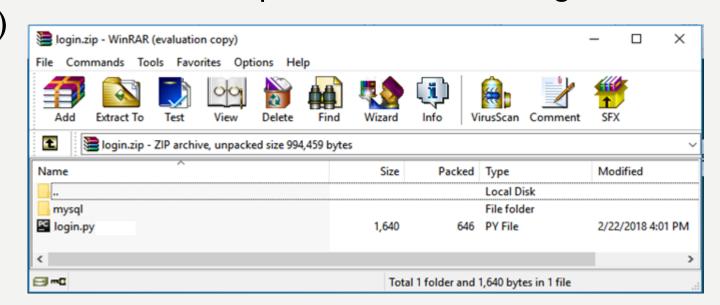
You should now have a login.zip file created



 Verify the contents of this zip file and ensure that the contents look identical to screenshot below

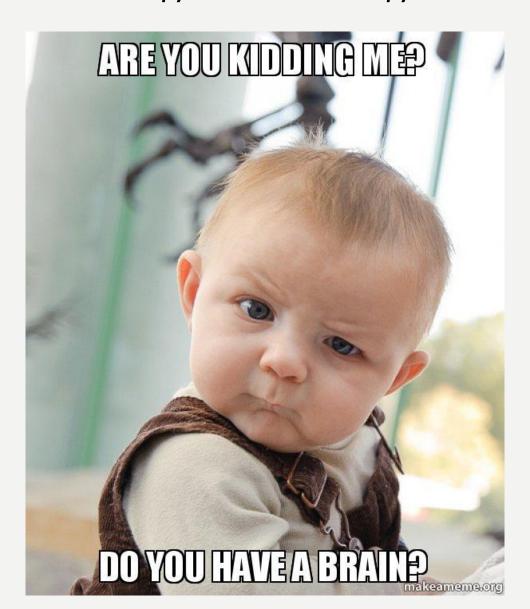
PS: The login.py file and mysql folder should be visible as is and not under another folder inside the zip file. Otherwise there will be problems while creating the

lambda functions (later steps)



Repeat this process for the remaining files:

1. loginregister.py 2. activeusers.py 3. blockedusers.py 4. allowuser.py 5. blockuser.py



Fret not, automation to the rescue!

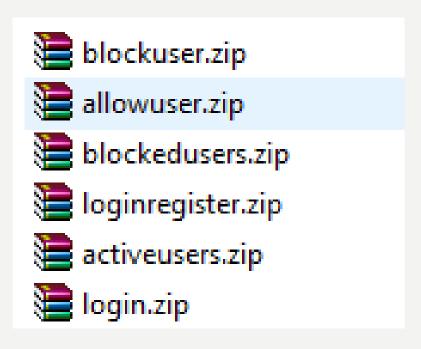
- Go to the cloned serverless 101 repository location
- Navigate to the "serverless" folder
- Edit the 'create_serverless.py' file with the required filenames

```
import os
files = ["login.py", "activeusers.py", "blockedusers.py", "loginregister.py",\
       "allowuser.py", "blockuser.py"]
try:
    # remove mysql unzipped folder if exist
    os.system("rm -rf mysql")
   -#-unzip-mysql
    os.system("unzip mysql")
    for file in files:
        temp = file.split(".")[0]
       os.system("rm -rf " + temp)
       os.system("rm -rf " + temp + "; rm -rf " + temp + ".zip")
       -# create root folder
       os.makedirs(temp)
       os.system('cp -a mysql ' + temp + '; cp ' + file + ' ' + temp)
    # move to root folder and zip contents
       os.system('cd'' + temp + '; zip -r ' + temp + '.zip *; mv ' + temp + '.zip ../'
       # remove root folder
       os.system("rm -rf " + temp)
    os.system("rm -rf mysql")
except Exception as e:
    print(e)
```

Run the create_serverless.py file

runcy@runcyoommen-PC:/mnt/f/serverless101/serverless\$ python3 create_serverless.py

• All the respective .zip files with all dependencies will now be created at one shot!



Let's create the Lambda functions

• Select "Lambda" from Compute category

Click "Create function"

Create function

Elastic Beanstalk

Compute

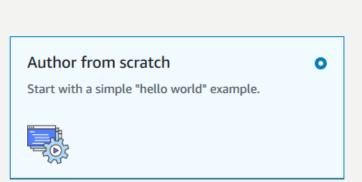
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Lambda Batch

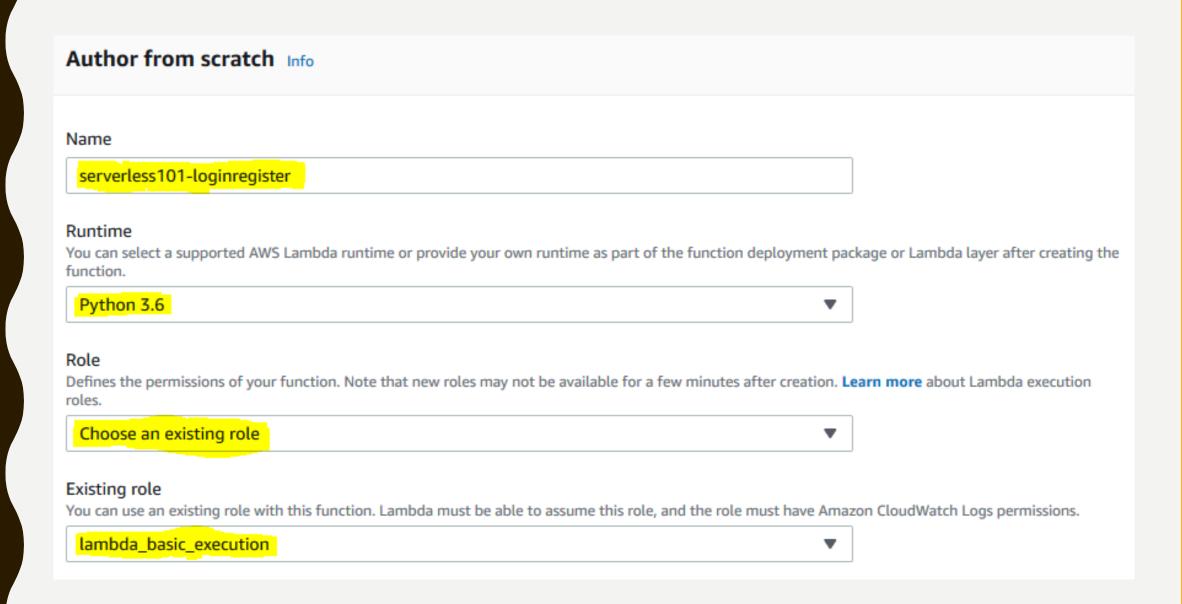
Elastic Container Service

EC2

Select "Author from scratch"

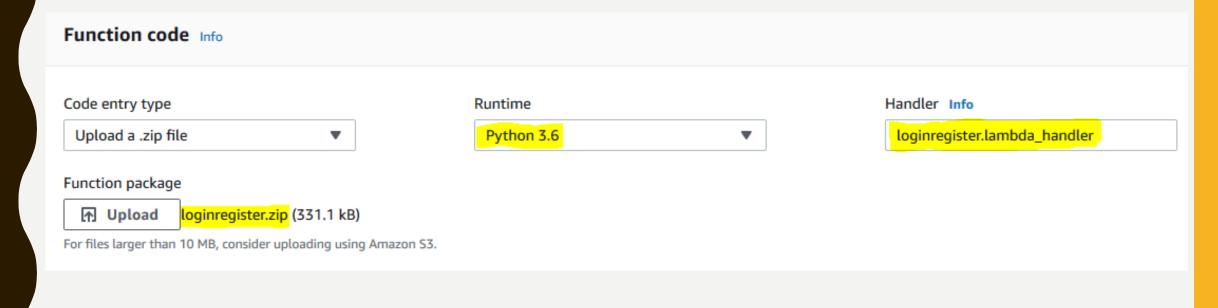


Login Registration - Lambda function creation



Login Registration - Lambda function code

- In the next screen, upload the zip file created earlier (loginregister.zip) and change the Handler info to loginregister.lambda_handler
- The format of the Handler should be <python_filename>.lambda_handler



Once done, click "Save"



Do this for each of the remaining zip files to create lambda functions for login, activeusers, blockedusers, allowuser and blockuser functionality

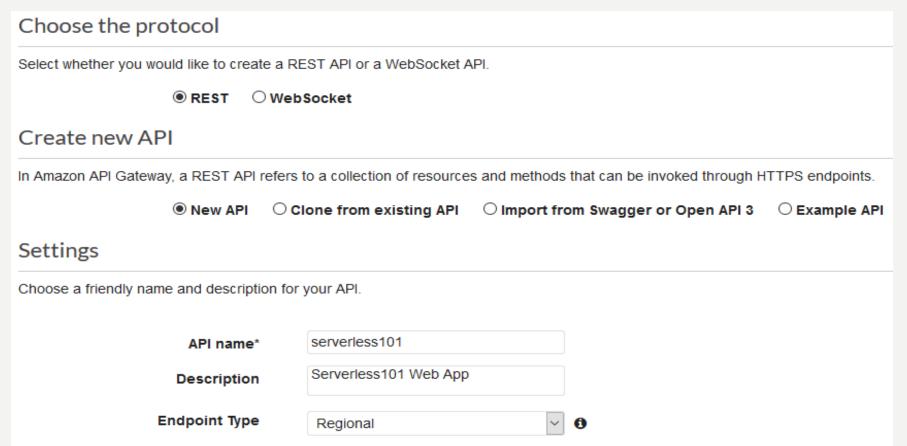
Lambda functions - Created

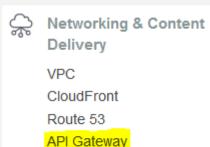
	Function name	•	Description	Runtime	•	Code size	•	Last modified
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0	serverless101-allowuser		Serverless 101 - Allow User	Python 3.6		330.9 kB		2 days ago
0	serverless101-login		Serverless 101 - Login	Python 3.6		326.7 kB		2 days ago
0	serverless101-loginregister		Serverless 101 - Login Register	Python 3.6		326.8 kB		2 days ago
0	serverless101-blockedusers		Serverless 101 - Blocked Users	Python 3.6		326.7 kB		4 days ago
0	serverless101-activeusers		Serverless 101 - Active Users	Python 3.6		326.7 kB		4 days ago

Once done, you should have six lambda functions created for the app

Integration with API Gateway

- Login to AWS Console
- Select "API Gateway" from Networking & Content Delivery
- Click "Create API"
- Choose "REST", "New API", API name and other details

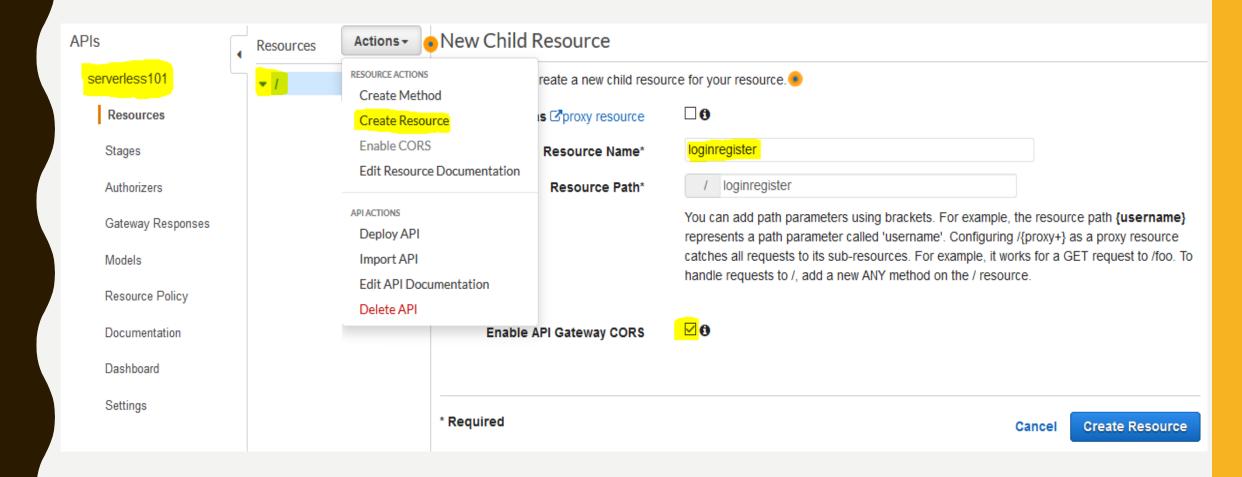




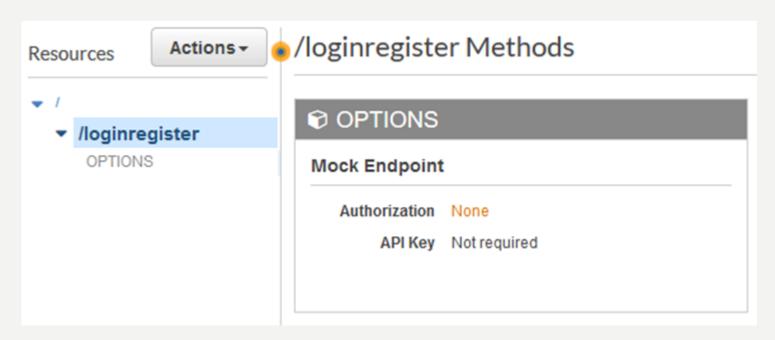
Direct Connect

API Gateway – Create Resource (loginregister)

• In the next screen, choose "Create Resource" from Actions and provide appropriate details

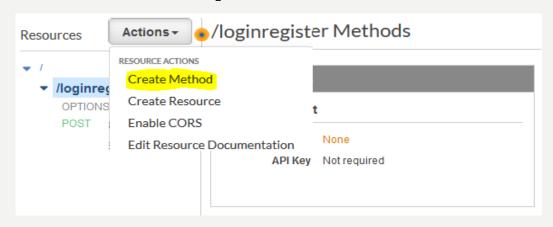


API Gateway – Resource created (loginregister)



You should see a screen similar to this after the resource is created

API Gateway – Create Method

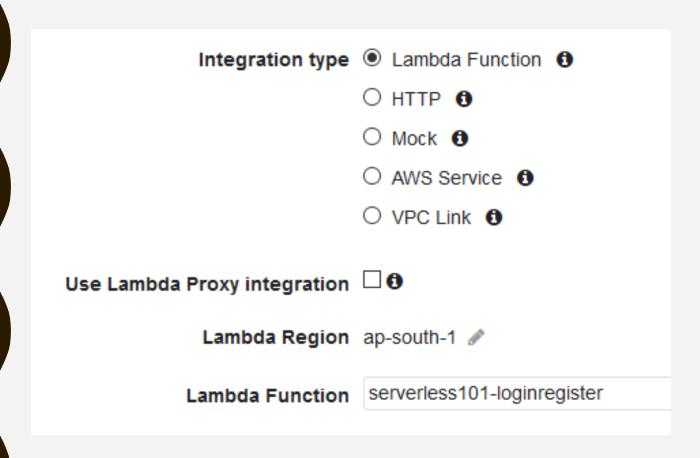




- Select the resource and now click "Create Method"
- Choose "POST"

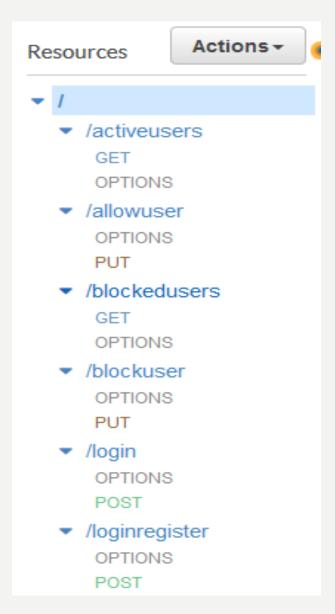
API Gateway – Configure POST (loginregister)

Click on the "POST" method and enter the configuration as below



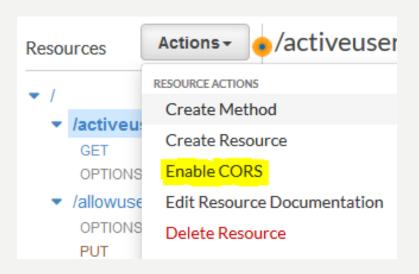
Select the appropriate region to choose the lambda function which we had created earlier

API Gateway – Create remaining resources & methods



- Create *login* resource; associate **POST** method
- Create activeusers and blockedusers resources; associate GET method
- Create allowuser and blockuser resources; associate PUT method
- Follow identical steps as the previous loginregister for lambda configuration and integration

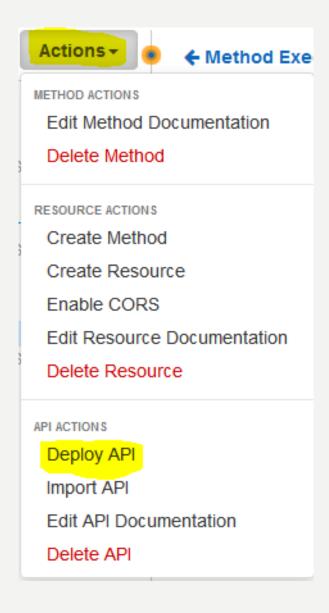
Enable CORS

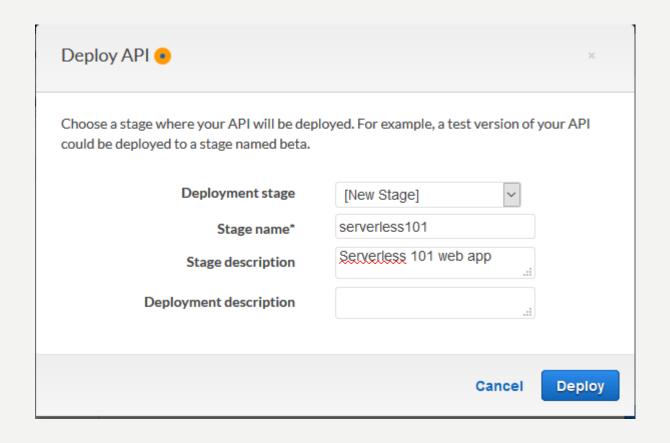


- Select a method and click "Enable CORS"
- On the next screen, leave everything as is and click "Enable CORS and replace existing headers"



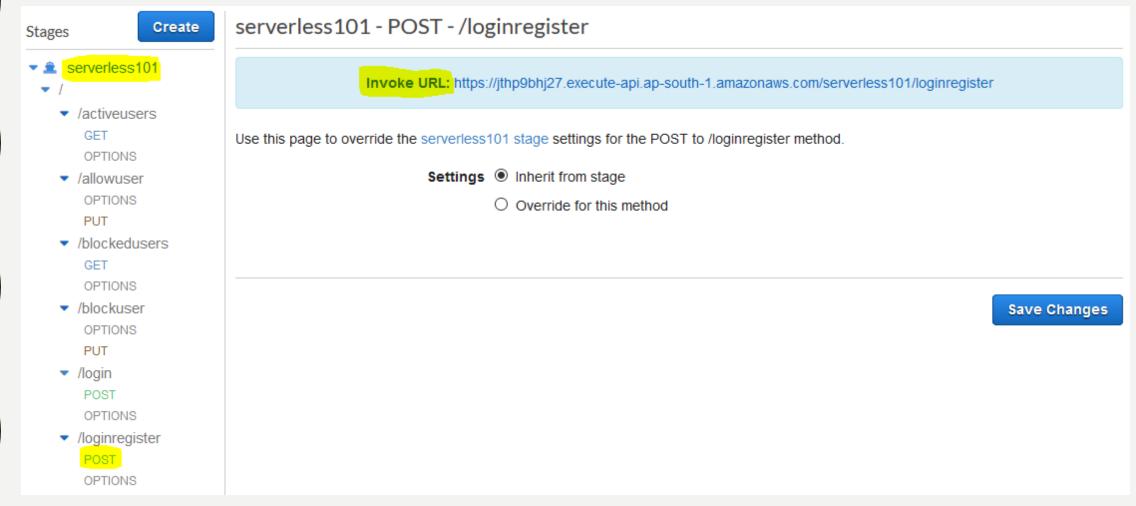
It's time to deploy!





Choose [New Stage] and provide appropriate values

Get the deployed API endpoints



- After deployment, the APIs would be available at Stages
- For example, click on **POST** method created for *login* and see the URL
- Similar ones would exist for the **POST** of /register-login and **GET** of /users

loginregister.html, loginregister() - serverless101.js, loginregister.py

loginregister.html

/* Login Register */

userid = cursor.fetchall()

return {"result" : False]

if userid:

loginregister.py

loginregister() – serverless [0].js

Enable the APIs – Edit the JS functions

```
/* Login Register */
function loginregister(loginregister) {
   if((loginregister.email) && (loginregister.password) && (loginregister.fullname) && (loginregister.comments) && (l
      passwordValue = sha256(loginregister.password)
      //API Endpoint - Replace this with endpoint you created
       loginregisterurl = 'https://jthp9bhj27.execute-api.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/serverless101/loginregister';
      var obj = new Object();
      obj.fullname = loginregister.fullname;
      obj.email = loginregister.email;
      obj.password = passwordValue;
      obj.location = loginregister.location;
      obj.comments = loginregister.comments;
var jsonObj = JSON.stringify(obj);
    -- $.ajax({
    url: loginregisterurl,
 headers: {"Content-Type": "application/json"},
type: 'POST',
    data: jsonObj,
    dataType: 'json',
    success: function(resp)
 loginregistersuccess = resp['result'];
             if(loginregistersuccess === true){
```

 Integrate each of these APIs with the relevant functions defined in serverless IOI.js to have them eventually invoked

Let's host the web files

Select "S3" from Storage category

Click "Create bucket"

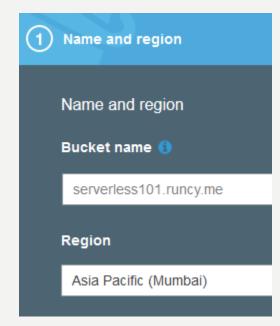
 Provide appropriate name (a subdomain or domain that you own for host hosting the site)

Click "Create"



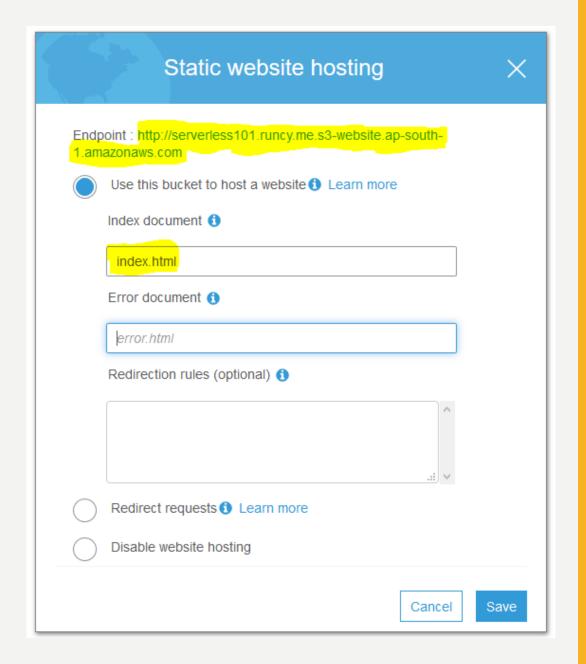






Enable Static Website Hosting

- Select the bucket that you created earlier
- From the "Properties" tab select Static website hosting
- Provide appropriate Index document and hit Save
- You will now see an endpoint available which will serve you the website contents



Enable appropriate Bucket Policy

- Click on the "Permissions" tab
- Select "Bucket Policy" sub-tab

Enter the below policy to make it

world readable

```
{
"Version": "2012-10-17", "Statement":
[

{
    "Sid": "PublicReadGetObject",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": "*",
    "Action": "s3:GetObject",
    "Resource":"arn:aws:s3:::serverless101.runcy.me/*"
}
```

Public access settings

Access Control List



CORS configuration

Bucket policy editor ARN: arn:aws:s3:::serverless101.runcy.me

Type to add a new policy or edit an existing policy in the text area below.

Let's setup DNS

Select "Route 53" from Networking category

Select your Hosted Zone for the website*

Networking & Content
Delivery

VPC

CloudFront

Route 53

API Gateway

Direct Connect

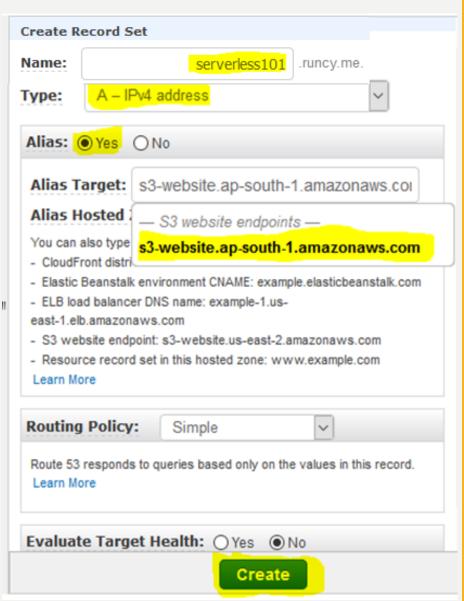
Click "Create Record Set"

Create Record Set

^{*} Assuming you have a website that is managed with Route 53. Settings will vary from provider to provider if using anything else like GoDaddy, Big Rock etc...

Create Record Set

- Provide the subdomain name on which you want the site to be available
- Select Type as "A" record which is an alias to the S3 bucket that was created earlier
- Click Create button
- Wait sometime for records to propagate (usually 3-4 mins)

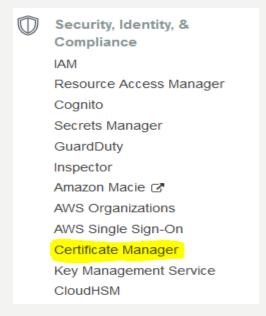


Let's make it secure

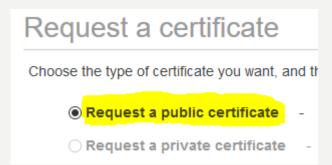
 Select "Certificate Manager" from Security, Identity & Compliance

Click "Request a certificate"

Select the option "Request a public certificate"



Request a certificate



Specify domain name

- Enter the domain/sub-domain name for generating the certificate
- Click "Next" button

Add domain names Type the fully qualified domain name of the site you want to secure with an SSL/TLS certificate (for example, www.example.com). Use an asterisk (*) to request a wildcard certificate to protect several sites in the same domain. For example: *.example.com protects www.example.com, site.example.com and images.example.com. Domain name* Remove serverless101.runcy.me Add another name to this certificate You can add additional names to this certificate. For example, if you're requesting a certificate for "www.example.com", you might want to add the name "example.com" so that customers can reach your site by either name. Learn more. *At least one domain name is required Cancel Next

- Select "DNS validation"
- Click "Review"

 Click "Create record in Route 53"

Select validation method

Choose how AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) validates your certificate request. Before we issue your certificate, we need to validate that you own or control the domains for which you are requesting the certificate. ACM can validate ownership by using DNS or by sending email to the contact addresses of the domain owner.

DNS validation

Choose this option if you have or can obtain permission to modify the DNS configuration for the domains in your certificate request. Learn more.

Email validation

Choose this option if you do not have permission or cannot obtain permission to modify the DNS configuration for the domains in your certificate request. Learn more.

Cancel

Previous

Review

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Validation

Create a CNAME record in the DNS configuration for each of the domains listed below. You must complete this step before AWS Certificate Manager (ACM) can issue your certificate, but you can skip this step for now by clicking **Continue**. To return to this step later, open the certificate request in the ACM Console.

Domain

Validation status

Pending validation

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Add the following CNAME record to the DNS configuration for your domain. The procedure for adding CNAME records depends on your DNS service Provider. Learn more.

Name	Туре	Value
_3c8a782a4c782b2bd61f00c698c9d4d2.serverless101	CNAME	_02525831052cab43e4a66ac7b02e592b.hkvuiqjoua.a
.runcy.me.	CIVAIVIL	cm-validations.aws.

Note: Changing the DNS configuration allows ACM to issue certificates for this domain name for as long as the DNS record exists. You can revoke permission at any time by removing the record. Learn more.

Create record in Route 53

Amazon Route 53 DNS Customers ACM can update your DNS configuration for you. Learn more.

• In the next screen, clicking "Create" will add the record in Route 53 hosted zone

Create record in Route 53

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Below is your DNS record for domain validation. Click **Create** below to create the records in your Route 53 hosted zone

Hosted zone runcy.me.

Name	Туре	Value			
_3c8a782a4c782b2bd61f00c698c9d4d2.serverless101.runcy.me.	CNAME	_02525831052cab43e4a66ac7b02e592b.hkvuiqjoua.acm- validations.aws.			



_3c8a782a4c782b2bd61f00c698c9d4d2.serverless101.runcy.me.

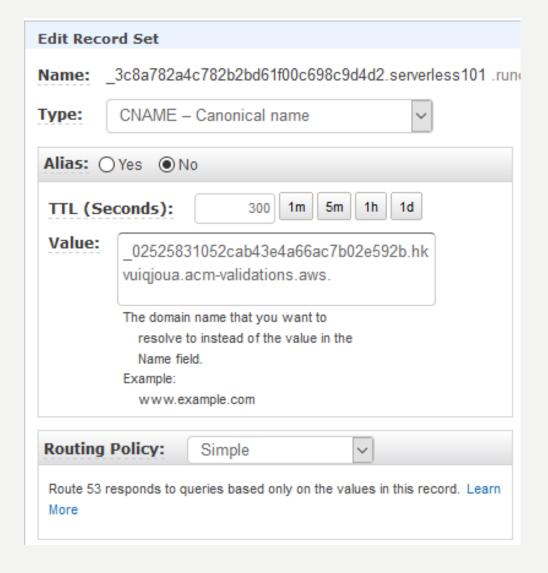
CNAME

_02525831052cab43e4a66ac7b0

Head back to Route 53

 A CNAME entry will be added automatically like this

Your site can now be accessed via https://



Your web app is *now* LIVE!

