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



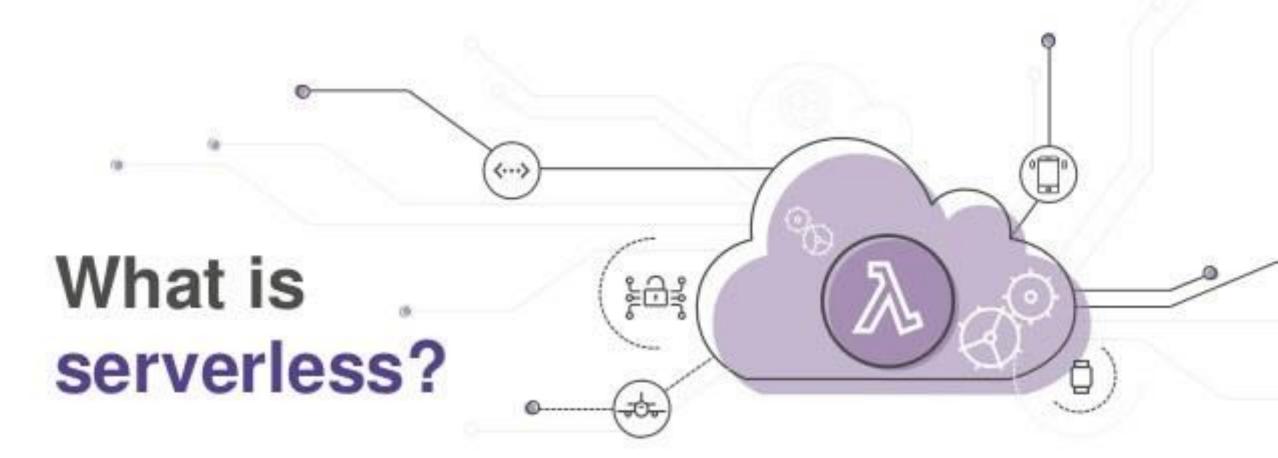






Let's run some serverless





Build and run applications without thinking about servers



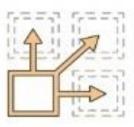




"Serverless computing is a cloud computing execution model in which the cloud provider dynamically manages the allocation of machine resources. Pricing is based on the actual amount of resources consumed by an application." (via Wikipedia)



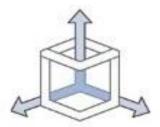
Removes the need for...



Provisioning and Utilization



Operations and Management



Scaling



Availability and Fault Tolerance

Provides these...



Abstraction of servers

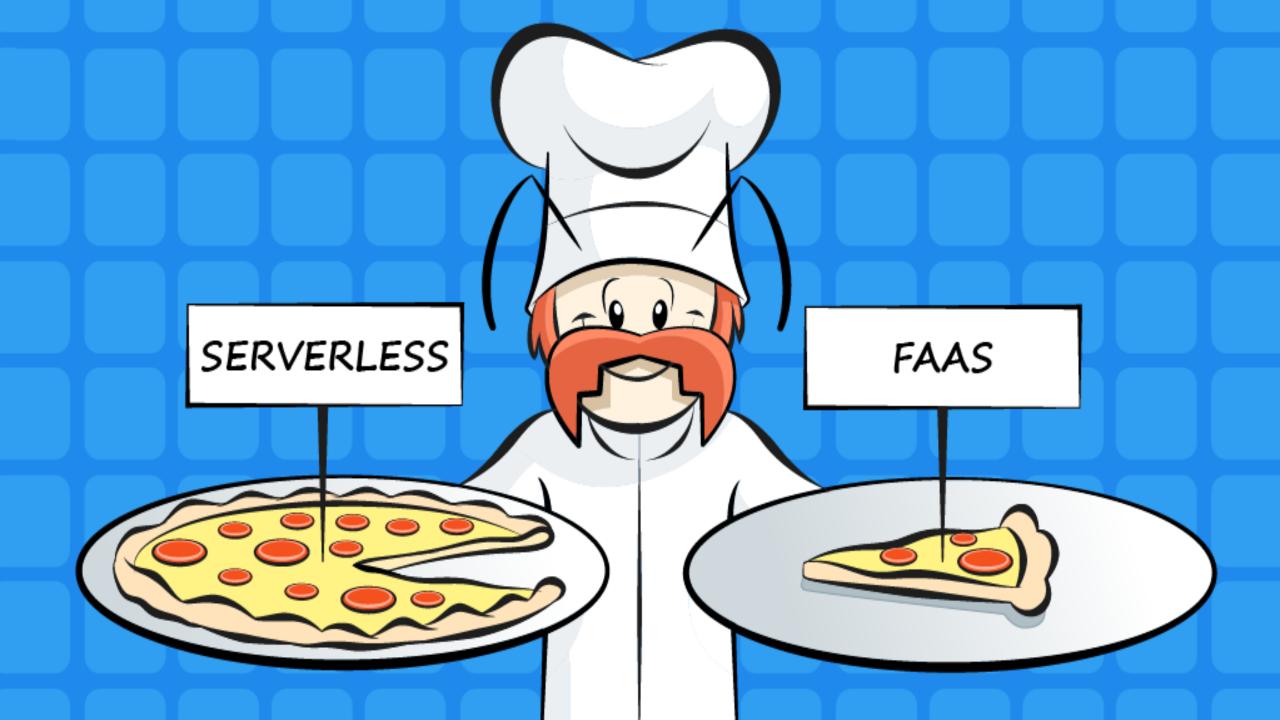


Eventdriven/ instant scale





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!





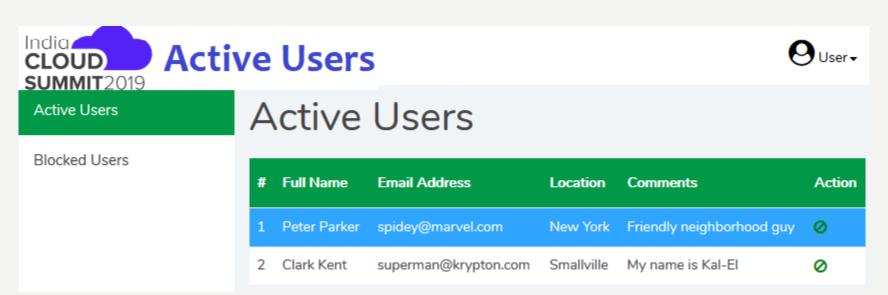
What are we building today?



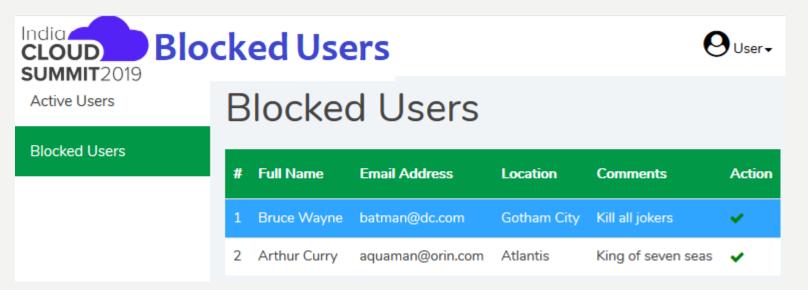
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Email:
Password:
Login
Not a registered user? Click here to register







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

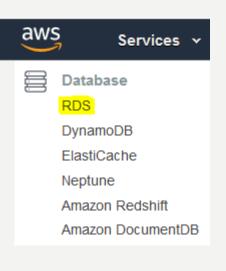
- Login to AWS Console
- Select "RDS" from Database category

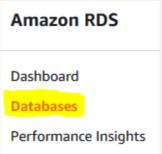
Click "Databases" from the left-menu

Click on "Create database"



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







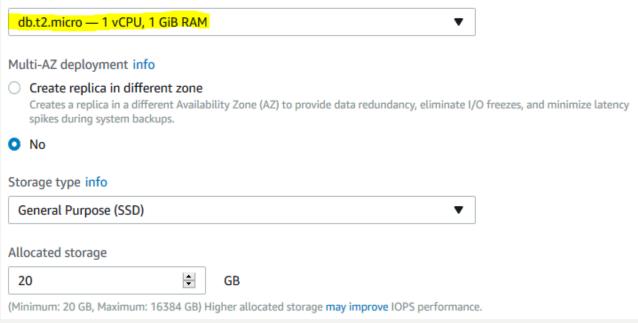
MySQL setup

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 "@".

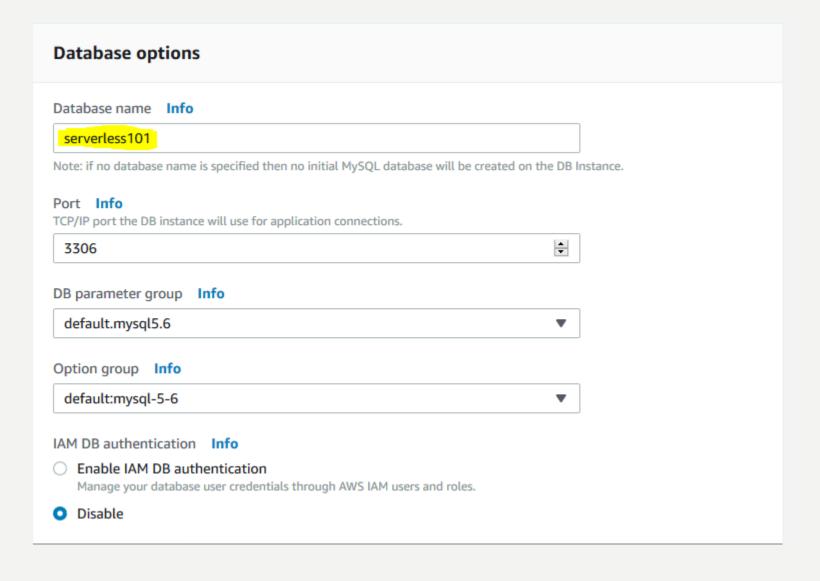
Provide DB instance name and credentials

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

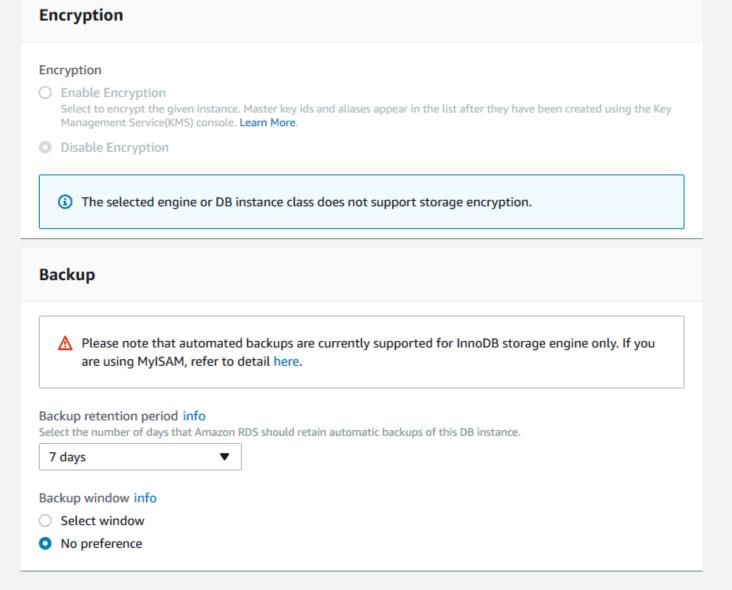
Keep everything as the default setting

MySQL advanced settings – Database options



Provide appropriate DB name

MySQL advanced settings – Encryption & Backup



Leave everything as default

MySQL advanced settings – Monitoring, Log, Maintenance

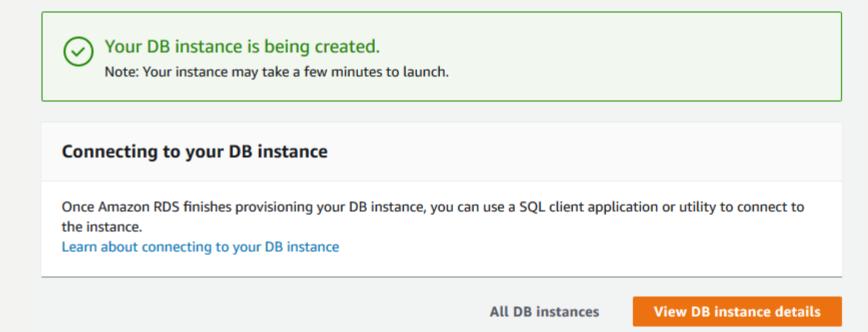
- Leave everything as default
- Click on "Create database"

Cancel

Previous

Create database

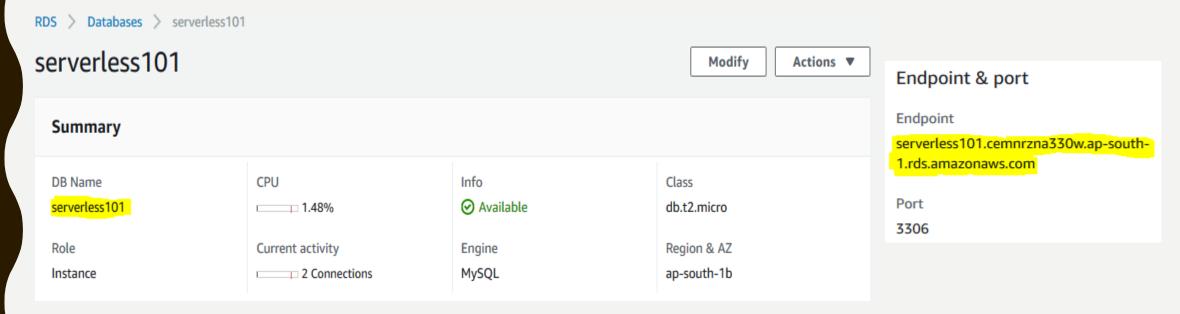
MySQL getting initialized

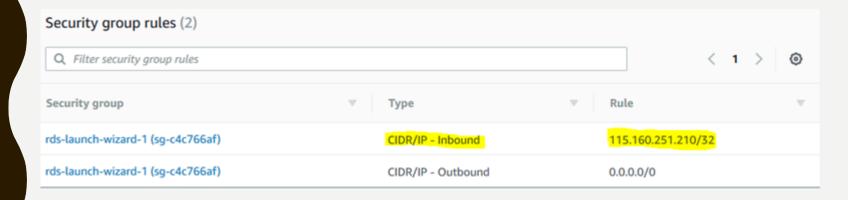


It may take sometime for DB to be initialized and available depending on region

MySQL Endpoint

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

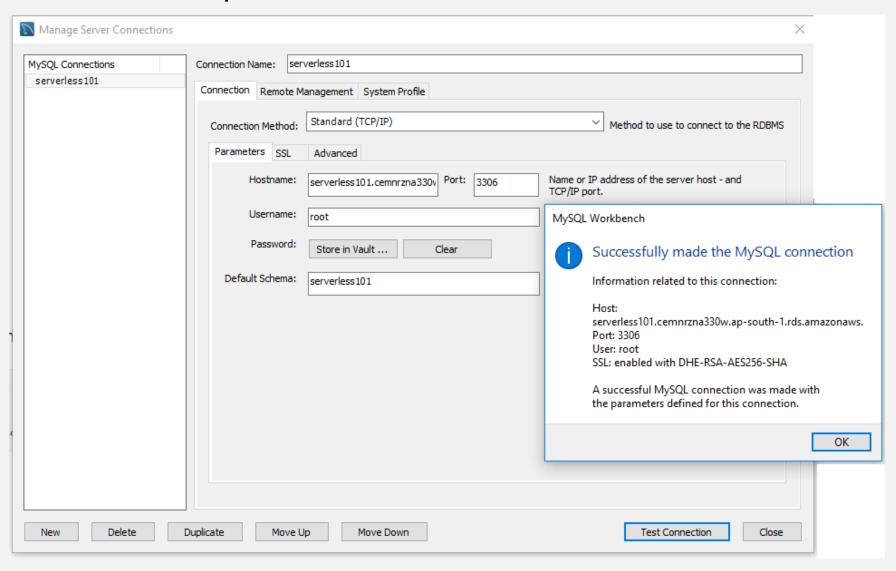




Make sure you've the right inbound and outbound rules associated with the security group

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

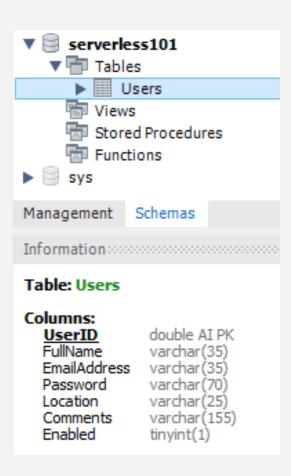
```
import mysql.connector
 def create users():
     connection, cursor = None, None
     try:
         # Database connection parameters - replace this with your DB endpoint
         serverless101cnxstr = {'host': 'serverless101.cemnrzna330w.ap-south-1.rds.amazonaws.com', 'user': 'root', \
          '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 serverless/loginregister.py
 - User Login handled by serverless/login.py
 - Active Users handled by serverless/activeusers.py
 - Blocked Users handled by serverless/blockedusers.py
 - Allow User handled by serverless/allowuser.py
 - Block User handled by serverless/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)

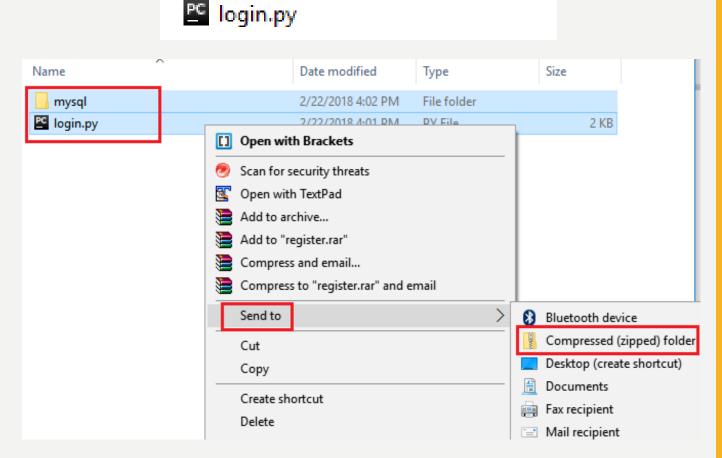
AWS Lambda with Python - Zip 'em up

• 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

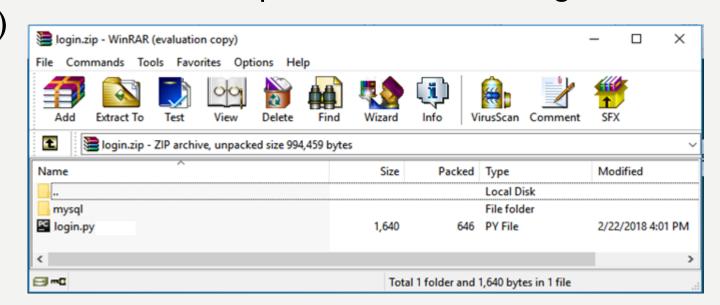
You should now have a login.zip file created



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

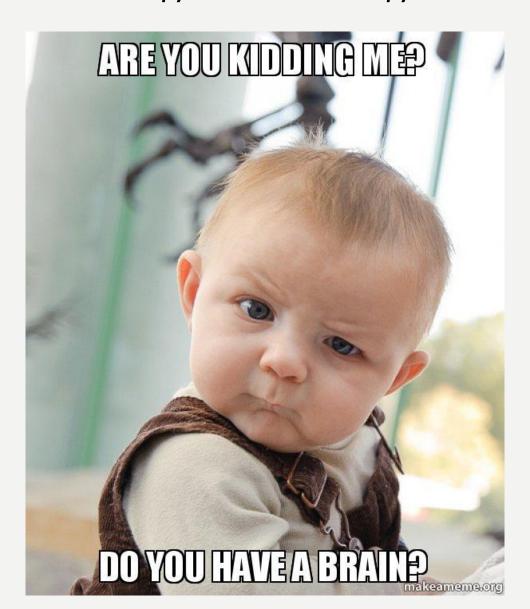
PS: The login.py file and mysql folder should be visible as is and not under another folder inside the zip file. Otherwise there will be problems while creating the

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!

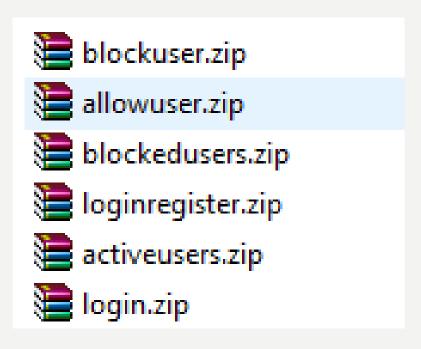
- Go to the cloned serverless 101 repository location
- Navigate to the "serverless" folder
- Edit the 'create_serverless.py' file with the required filenames

```
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

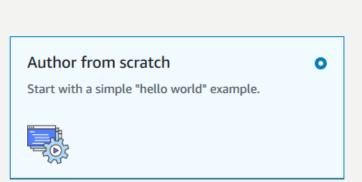
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Lambda Batch

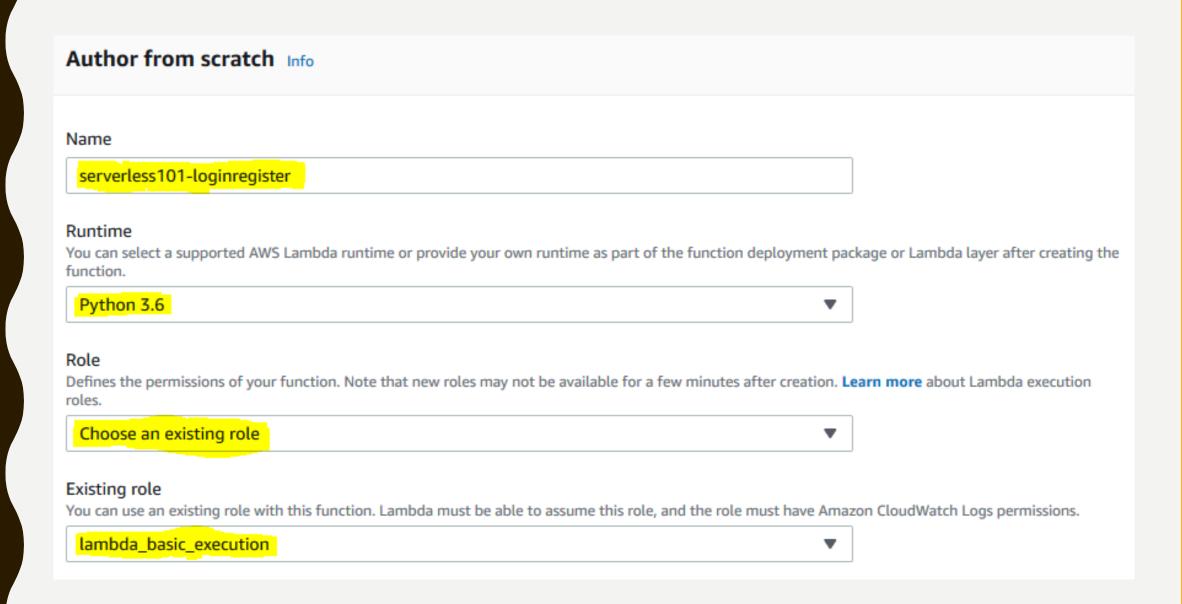
Elastic Container Service

EC2

Select "Author from scratch"

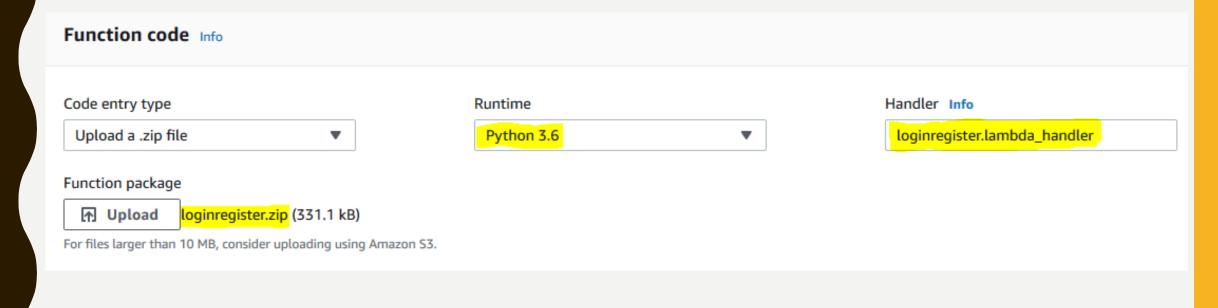


Login Registration - Lambda function creation



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

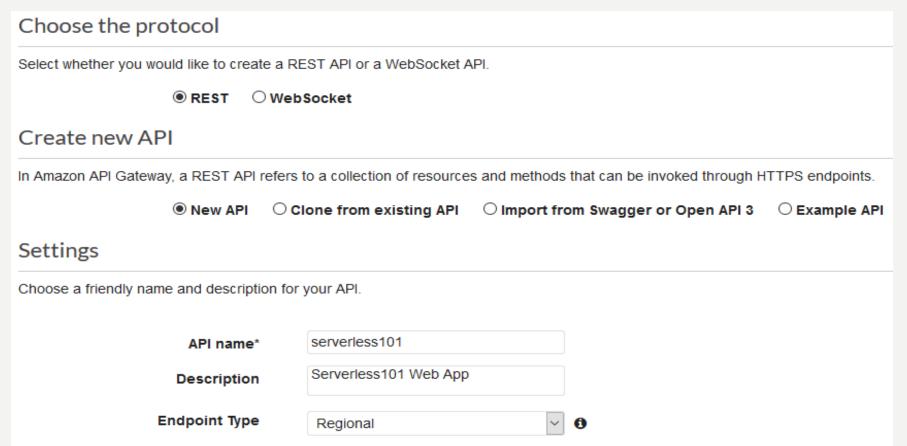
Lambda functions - Created

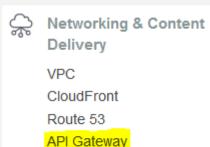
	Function name	•	Description	Runtime	•	Code size	•	Last modified
0	serverless101-blockuser		Serverless 101 - Block User	Python 3.6		330.9 kB		2 days ago
0	serverless101-allowuser		Serverless 101 - Allow User	Python 3.6		330.9 kB		2 days ago
0	serverless101-login		Serverless 101 - Login	Python 3.6		326.7 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

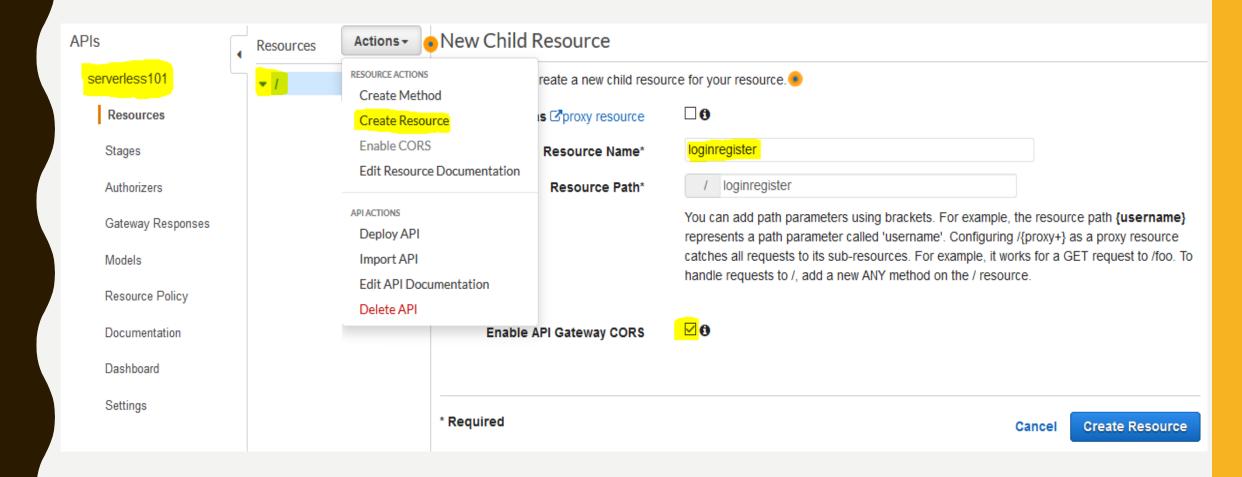




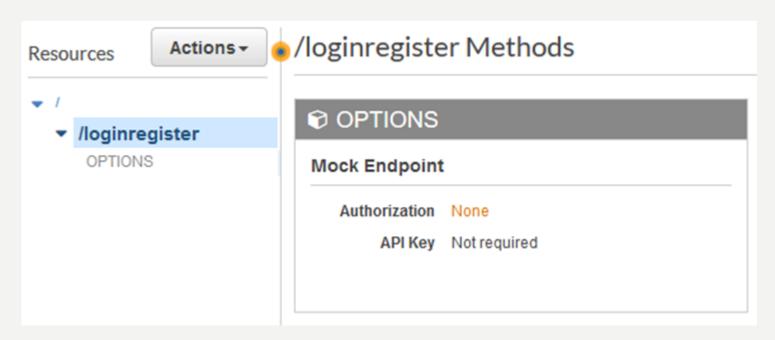
Direct Connect

API Gateway – Create Resource (loginregister)

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

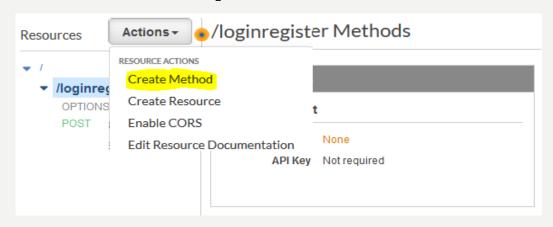


API Gateway – Resource created (loginregister)



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

API Gateway – Create Method

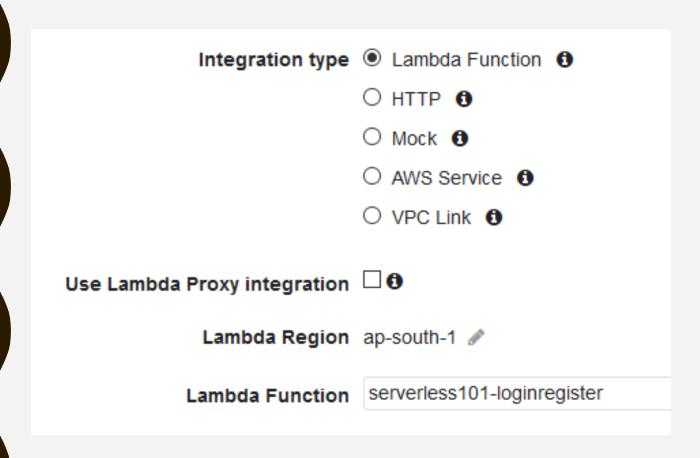




- Select the resource and now click "Create Method"
- Choose "POST"

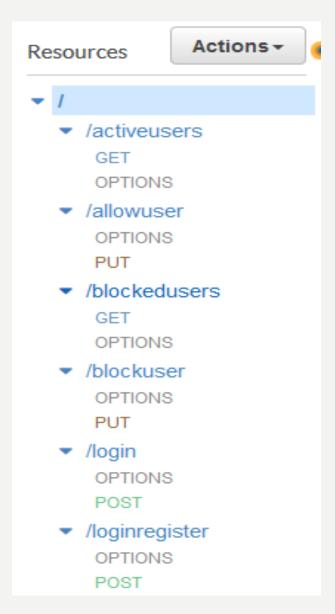
API Gateway – Configure POST (loginregister)

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



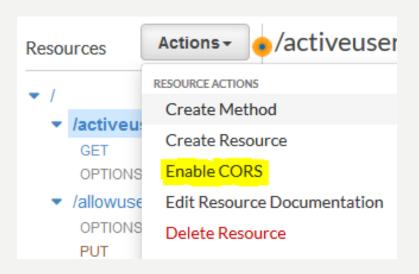
Select the appropriate region to choose the lambda function which we had created earlier

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

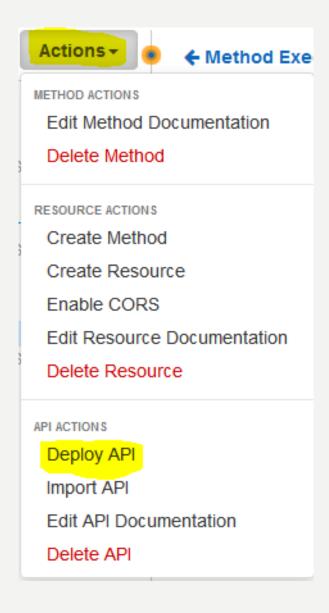
Enable CORS

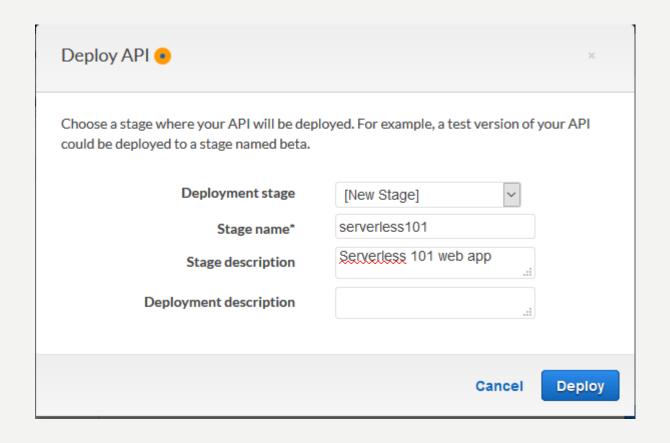


- Select a method and click "Enable CORS"
- On the next screen, leave everything as is and click "Enable CORS and replace existing headers"



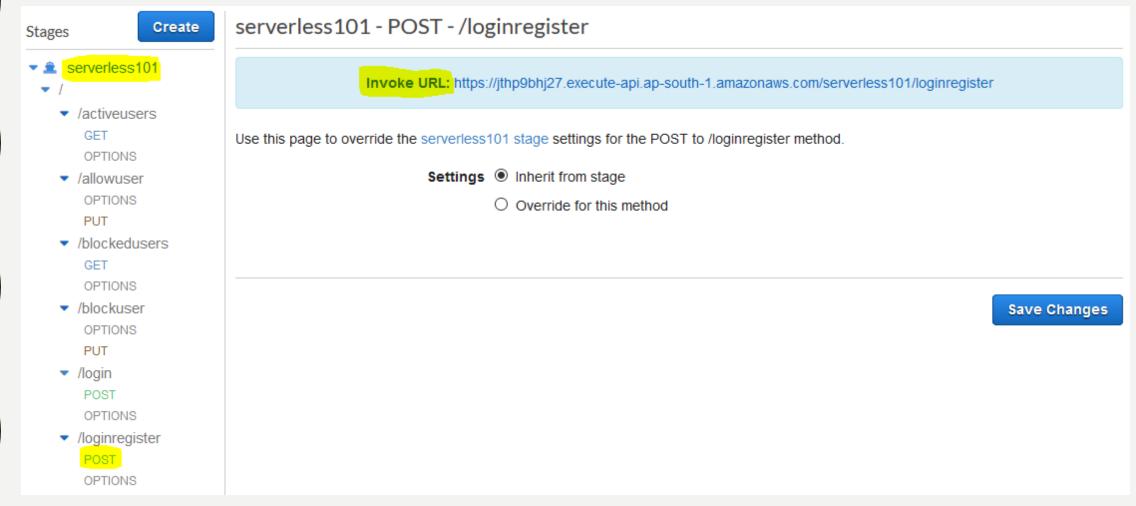
It's time to deploy!





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 IOI.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"

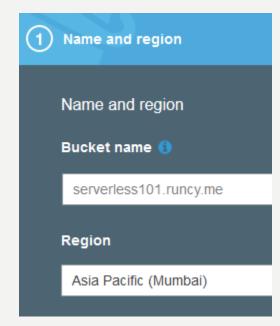
 Provide appropriate name (a subdomain or domain that you own for host hosting the site)

Click "Create"



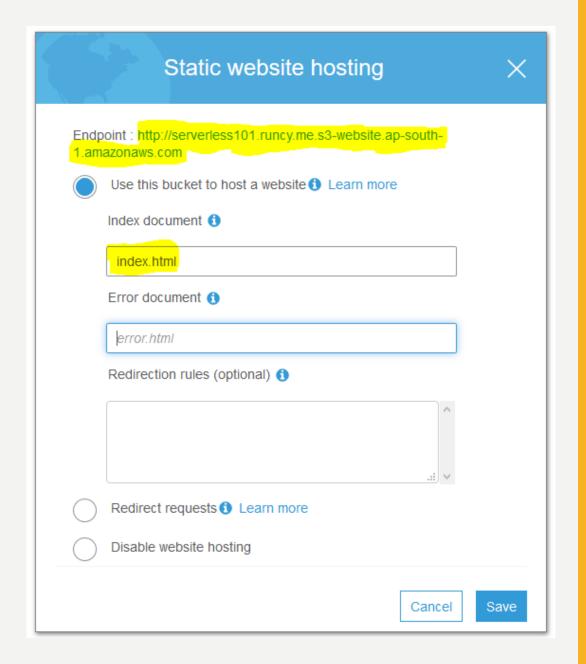






Enable Static Website Hosting

- 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

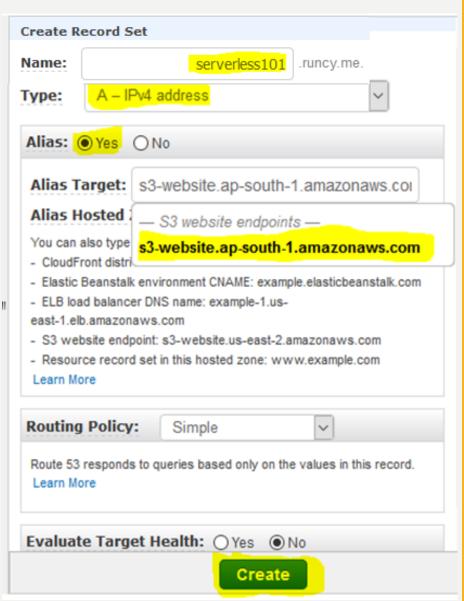
Click "Create Record Set"

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)



Your web app is *now* LIVE!

