

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The Real-Time Stock Price Alert System automatically monitors stock prices and notifies users when a specific stock reaches a predefined price threshold. This automation saves users the time of manually tracking prices. Upon reaching the target price, the system sends real-time alerts via SMS, email, or mobile notifications, enabling investors and traders to respond quickly to market fluctuations and seize opportunities.

CLOUD COMPUTING:

The system is hosted in a scalable, highly available cloud environment without relying on physical servers. Utilizing AWS's global infrastructure provides flexibility, scalability, and reliability. It automatically adjusts resources based on demand, managing usage fluctuations without downtime, simplifying deployment and maintenance, and reducing operational complexity.

SERVERLESS ARCHITECTURE:

Serverless architecture, primarily using AWS Lambda, is vital to the system. Functions execute only when triggered, minimizing the need for continuous server management and reducing costs by utilizing resources only as needed. AWS Lambda delivers high performance and low latency, providing immediate actions in response to real-time events.

The serverless model ensures that:

- The system can automatically scale with demand.
- There is no need to manage or update the underlying infrastructure.
- The system only incurs costs for actual usage, optimizing budget efficiency.
- Performance remains high, as resources are instantly allocated to handle alerts and notifications, ensuring users receive timely updates.

REAL-TIME DATA PROCESSING:

In the fast-moving stock market, real-time data processing is crucial. AWS serverless services manage stock data and trigger notifications based on preset conditions. Amazon EventBridge, integrated with CloudWatch, monitors data flow, ensuring instant reaction to stock price changes and timely alerts.

MESSAGING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS:

Amazon Simple Notification Service (SNS) is used to send alerts through various channels, such as SMS and email. This flexibility enhances user experience by providing timely updates, while SNS guarantees high availability and reliable message delivery, keeping users informed and able to respond swiftly to market changes.

SCALABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY:

Scalability is a significant advantage of cloud infrastructure, allowing the system to adjust resources automatically as stock data volumes grow without manual intervention. AWS Cloud9 serves as the development platform, enabling collaborative real-time coding and improving the development process, allowing for quick adaptation to changing requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The **Real-Time Stock Price Alert System** is an automated AWS-based solution that continuously monitors stock prices and sends alerts when predefined thresholds are reached. This eliminates manual tracking, helping investors make timely decisions in a fast-moving market. By using AWS Lambda, Amazon SNS, and CloudWatch, along with a third-party API like Alpha Vantage, the system provides real-time notifications via email or SMS. The cloud integration ensures high availability and reliability, simplifying stock monitoring for users.

Key Components:

➤ **Amazon SNS (Simple Notification Service):**

Amazon SNS (Simple Notification Service) is a managed messaging service that decouples microservices and serverless applications. In your Real-Time Stock Price Alert System, SNS serves as the communication hub, sending alerts based on stock price thresholds through channels like SMS, email, and custom endpoints, ensuring real-time updates without delay.

➤ **AWS Lambda:**

AWS Lambda is a serverless compute service that allows users to run code without managing servers. In your Real-Time Stock Price Alert System, Lambda analyzes stock prices and compares them against preset conditions, triggering notifications as needed. This ensures resources are used only when checking stock prices, leading to cost efficiency.

➤ **Amazon CloudWatch (with EventBridge):**

Amazon CloudWatch is a monitoring service that provides real-time insights into system performance. In your Real-Time Stock Price Alert System, it continuously tracks stock prices, ensuring effective monitoring. Paired with EventBridge, it triggers Lambda functions when predefined stock conditions are met, enabling event-driven automation.

➤ **IAM (Identity and Access Management):**

IAM (Identity and Access Management) is a service that controls access between different AWS services. In your Real-Time Stock Price Alert System, IAM ensures that only authorized services and users can access sensitive data or resources, such as those associated with Lambda, SNS, and CloudWatch.

➤ **AWS Cloud9:**

AWS Cloud9 is an integrated development environment (IDE) that enables real-time coding and testing. In your Real-Time Stock Price Alert System, Cloud9 is used as the development environment, facilitating easy deployment of updates or patches to the system.

Use Cases:

- **Investment Monitoring:** Sends alerts when stock prices hit user-defined thresholds, aiding in timely decision-making.
- **Risk Management:** Helps users manage portfolio risks by notifying them of price drops.
- **Day Trading:** Provides real-time stock alerts for day traders to act on short-term fluctuations.
- **Automated Trading:** Can trigger buy or sell orders based on stock price changes.
- **Watchlist Notifications:** Keeps users informed about stocks on their watchlist.
- **Educational Tool:** Useful for teaching real-world stock tracking and alert systems.

CHAPTER 3

STOCK PRICE MONITORING AND ALERT SYSTEM

Implementing a Stock Price Alert System that leverages the reliability and flexibility of AWS services, including Lambda for real-time price analysis, SNS for immediate notifications, and CloudWatch for system monitoring. By integrating these services, the system can effectively track stock prices, trigger alerts based on user-defined thresholds, and maintain optimal performance while ensuring robust security measures are in place. This comprehensive approach enables users to receive timely updates, empowering them to make informed investment decisions swiftly.

Steps Involved:

1. Access the Amazon SNS Console and Create a Topic

- Log in to your AWS Management Console and search for SNS to select Simple Notification Service.
- Click on Topics in the left navigation pane, then select Create Topic.
- Choose Standard as the Type, and enter StockPriceAlerts as the Name.
- Click “Create topic”.

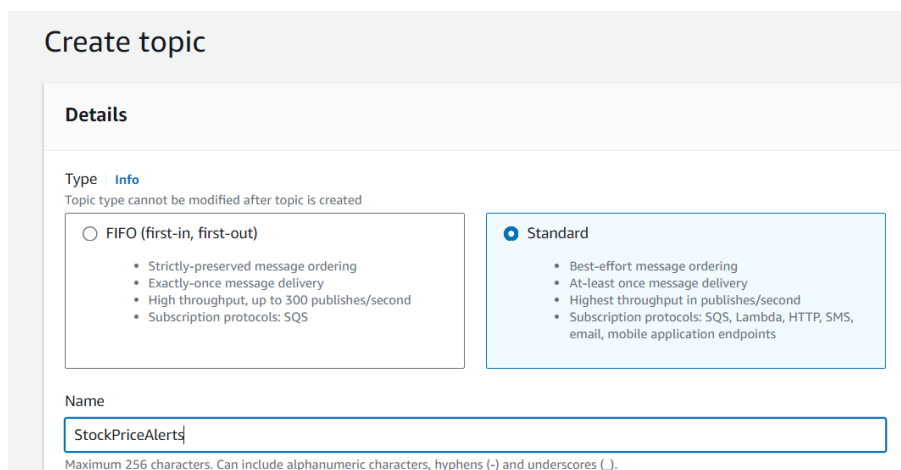


Figure 3.1 Create a Topic

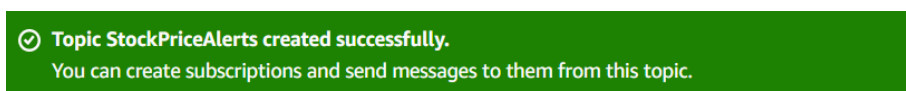


Figure 3.2 Topic Successfully Created

2. Set Up a Subscription

- Navigate to the Subscriptions section in the left navigation pane and click on Create Subscription.
- Select the StockPriceAlerts topic from the Topic ARN dropdown.
- Choose Email or SMS as the Protocol:
 - For Email: Enter your email address (e.g., youremail@example.com).
 - For SMS: Enter your phone number in the appropriate format (e.g., +11234567890).
- Click Create subscription.

Create subscription

Details

Topic ARN

Protocol
 The type of endpoint to subscribe

Endpoint
 An email address that can receive notifications from Amazon SNS.

Figure 3.3 Create Subscription

✔ **Subscription to StockPriceAlerts created successfully.**
 The ARN of the subscription is arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:266735809231:StockPriceAlerts:a48773f4-c16d-4054-b7a1-44d941e4ba2e.

Figure 3.4 Subscription Successfully Created

3. Confirm the Subscription (for Email Alerts):
 - If you chose Email, check your inbox for a confirmation email from Amazon SNS.
 - Open the email and click on the confirmation link to activate your subscription.

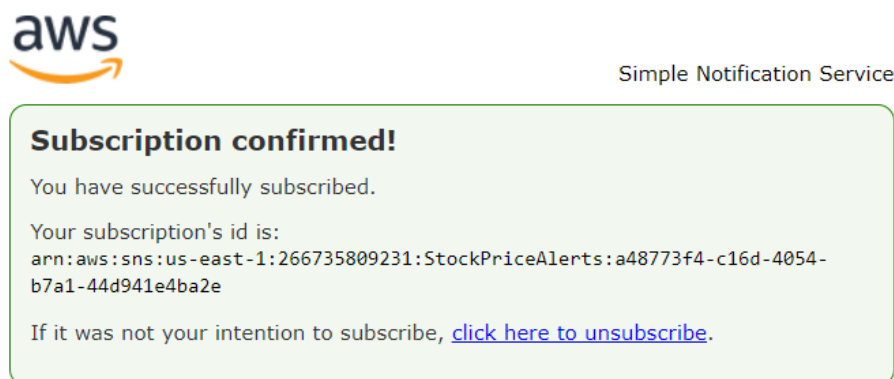


Figure 3.5 Subscribe through Endpoint

Subscriptions (1) Edit Delete Request confirmation Confirm subscription Create subscription

ID	Endpoint	Status	Protocol	Topic
a48773f4-c16d-4054-b7...	sanjanasingineedi0508@...	Confirmed	EMAIL	StockPriceAlerts

Figure 3.6 Subscription Confirmed

4. Set Up AWS Cloud9 Environment
 - Search for Cloud9.
 - Click on Create environment.
 - Provide a name (e.g., LambdaEnv) and configure the instance as needed (e.g., select t2.micro as a default instance size).
 - Click Next, then click Create environment.

AWS Cloud9 > Environments > Create environment

Create environment [Info](#)

Details

Name

Limit of 60 characters, alphanumeric, and unique per user.

Description - *optional*

Limit 200 characters.

Environment type [Info](#)
 Determines what the Cloud9 IDE will run on.

☒ **New EC2 instance**
Cloud9 creates an EC2 instance in your account. The configuration of your EC2 instance cannot be changed by Cloud9 after creation.

☐ **Existing compute**
You have an existing instance or server that you'd like to use.

Figure 3.7 Create Environment (Cloud9)

New EC2 instance

Instance type [Info](#)
 The memory and CPU of the EC2 instance that will be created for Cloud9 to run on.

☒ **t2.micro (1 GiB RAM + 1 vCPU)**
Free-tier eligible. Ideal for educational users and exploration.

☐ **t3.small (2 GiB RAM + 2 vCPU)**
Recommended for small web projects.

Figure 3.8 Select the Instance Type (EC2 Instance)

5. Create a Directory for Your Lambda Function

- Once your Cloud9 environment is set up, open a new terminal inside Cloud9.
- Create a directory for your Lambda function by running

Command:

```
mkdir lambda_requests_function
cd lambda_requests_function
```

```
voclabs:~/environment $ mkdir lambda_requests_function
voclabs:~/environment $ cd lambda_requests_function
voclabs:~/environment/lambda_requests_function $
```

Figure 3.9 Create a Directory

6. Install the Requests Library

- Install the requests library in the current directory by executing

Command:

```
pip install requests -t .
```

```

voclabs:~/environment/lambda_requests_function $ pip install requests -t .
Collecting requests
  Downloading requests-2.32.3-py3-none-any.whl (64 kB)
    |#####| 64 kB 2.7 MB/s
Collecting charset-normalizer<4,>=2
  Downloading charset_normalizer-3.4.0-cp39-cp39-manylinux_2_17_x86_64.manylinux2014_x86_64.whl (144 kB)
    |#####| 144 kB 17.6 MB/s
Collecting urllib3<3,>=1.21.1
  Downloading urllib3-2.2.3-py3-none-any.whl (126 kB)
    |#####| 126 kB 70.6 MB/s
Collecting certifi>=2017.4.17
  Downloading certifi-2024.8.30-py3-none-any.whl (167 kB)
    |#####| 167 kB 37.4 MB/s
Collecting idna<4,>=2.5
  Downloading idna-3.10-py3-none-any.whl (70 kB)
    |#####| 70 kB 11.9 MB/s
Installing collected packages: urllib3, idna, charset-normalizer, certifi, requests
ERROR: pip's dependency resolver does not currently take into account all the packages that are installed
        botocore 1.35.45 requires urllib3<1.27,>=1.25.4; python_version < "3.10", but you have urllib3 2.2.3 which
        awscli 2.15.30 requires urllib3<1.27,>=1.25.4, but you have urllib3 2.2.3 which is incompatible.
Successfully installed certifi-2024.8.30 charset-normalizer-3.4.0 idna-3.10 requests-2.32.3 urllib3-2.2.3

```

Figure 3.10 Install requests Package

- This command installs the requests module and its dependencies into the lambda_requests_function directory.

7. Add Your Lambda Function Code

- In the Cloud9 file explorer, create a new Python file named lambda_function.py in the lambda_requests_function directory.
- Add your Lambda function code to this file.

```

lambda_function.py x (+)
1 import json
2 import requests
3 import boto3
4 import os
5
6 # Set up SNS client
7 sns = boto3.client('sns')
8
9 # Set up stock API details
10 STOCK_API_KEY = os.getenv("STOCK_API_KEY", "demo") # Add your Alpha Vanta
11 STOCK_SYMBOL = os.getenv("STOCK_SYMBOL", "IBM") # You can change the stock
12
13 # SNS topic ARN (replace with your actual ARN)
14 SNS_TOPIC_ARN = os.getenv("SNS_TOPIC_ARN", "arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:59018408
15
16 # Threshold values
17 UPPER_THRESHOLD = float(os.getenv("UPPER_THRESHOLD", 150.00)) # Upper thr
18 LOWER_THRESHOLD = float(os.getenv("LOWER_THRESHOLD", 100.00)) # Lower thr

```

Figure 3.11 Create lambda_function.py file

Program:

```

import json
import requests
import boto3
import os

# Set up SNS client
sns = boto3.client('sns')

# Set up stock API details
STOCK_API_KEY = os.getenv("STOCK_API_KEY", "demo")

```

```

STOCK_SYMBOL = os.getenv("STOCK_SYMBOL", "IBM")

# SNS topic ARN (replace with your actual ARN)
SNS_TOPIC_ARN = os.getenv("SNS_TOPIC_ARN", "arn:aws:sns:us-
                        east-1:590184086939:StockPriceAlerts")

# Threshold values
UPPER_THRESHOLD = float(os.getenv("UPPER_THRESHOLD", 150.00))
LOWER_THRESHOLD = float(os.getenv("LOWER_THRESHOLD", 100.00))

def get_stock_price(symbol):
    # Alpha Vantage API URL
    url =
        f"https://www.alphavantage.co/query?function=TIME_SERIES_
        INTRADAY&symbol={STOCK_API_KEY}&interval=1min&apikey={STO
        CK_TOPIC_ARN}"
    response = requests.get(url)
    data = response.json()

    # Extract the latest stock price
    time_series = data.get("Time Series (1min)", {})
    if not time_series:
        return None

    latest_time = sorted(time_series.keys())[0]
    latest_price = float(time_series[latest_time]["1. open"])

    return latest_price

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    # Get the current stock price
    stock_price = get_stock_price(STOCK_SYMBOL)

    if stock_price is None:
        print("Could not fetch stock price")
        return {"statusCode": 500, "body": json.dumps("Stock
                                                    price fetch failed")}

    print(f"Current {STOCK_SYMBOL} price: {stock_price}")

    # Check if the stock price exceeds the upper threshold
    if stock_price > UPPER_THRESHOLD:
        message = f"The stock price of {STOCK_SYMBOL} is
                    ${stock_price}, which exceeds your upper
                    threshold of ${UPPER_THRESHOLD}!"

        # Send an SNS notification for upper threshold
        sns.publish(
            TopicArn=SNS_TOPIC_ARN,
            Message=message,
            Subject=f"{STOCK_SYMBOL} Stock Price Alert: Above
                                                    Threshold"
        )
    print("Upper threshold alert sent!")

```

```

# Check if the stock price falls below the lower threshold
elif stock_price < LOWER_THRESHOLD:
    message = f"The stock price of {STOCK_SYMBOL} is
               ${stock_price}, which is below your lower
               threshold of ${LOWER_THRESHOLD}!"

    # Send an SNS notification for lower threshold
    sns.publish(
        TopicArn=SNS_TOPIC_ARN,
        Message=message,
        Subject=f"{STOCK_SYMBOL} Stock Price Alert: Below
                  Threshold"
    )
    print("Lower threshold alert sent!")

else:
    print(f"The stock price of {STOCK_SYMBOL} is within the
          threshold range.")

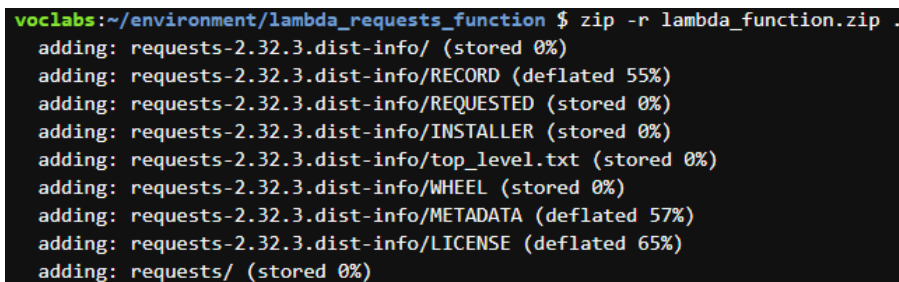
return {"statusCode": 200, "body": json.dumps(f"Checked
stock price: ${stock_price}")}

```

8. Zip the Directory

- After adding your code, zip the contents of the directory by running **Command:**

```
zip -r lambda_function.zip .
```



```

vocilabs:~/environment/lambda_requests_function $ zip -r lambda_function.zip .
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/ (stored 0%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/RECORD (deflated 55%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/REQUESTED (stored 0%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/INSTALLER (stored 0%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/top_level.txt (stored 0%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/WHEEL (stored 0%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/METADATA (deflated 57%)
adding: requests-2.32.3.dist-info/LICENSE (deflated 65%)
adding: requests/ (stored 0%)

```

Figure 3.12 Zip the directory files

- This creates a file named `lambda_function.zip`, containing both the requests library and your `lambda_function.py` code.
- download the project file into the local system, extract the downloaded file since it is in the format of zip.

9. Access the AWS Lambda Console and Create a Function

- In to your AWS Management Console and search for Lambda to select the AWS Lambda Console.
- Click on Create Function, then choose Author from scratch.
- Fill in the following details:
 - Function name: `StockPriceAlertFunction`
 - Runtime: `Python 3.x`
 - Execution role: Select Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions.
- Click “Create function”.

Create function [Info](#)

Choose one of the following options to create your function.

☒ **Author from scratch**
 Start with a simple Hello World example.

☐ **Use a blueprint**
 Build a Lambda application from sample code and configuration presets for common use cases.

☐ **Container in**
 Select a container for your function.

Basic information

Function name
 Enter a name that describes the purpose of your function.

Function name must be 1 to 64 characters, must be unique to the Region, and can't include spaces. Valid characters are hyphens (-), and underscores (_).

Runtime [Info](#)
 Choose the language to use to write your function. Note that the console code editor supports only Node.js, Python, and Go.

Figure 3.13 Create function

Permissions [Info](#)

By default, Lambda will create an execution role with permissions to upload logs to CloudWatch. You can change the default role later when adding triggers.

▼ **Change default execution role**

Execution role
 Choose a role that defines the permissions of your function. To create a custom role, click **Create a new role**.

☒ **Create a new role with basic Lambda permissions**

Figure 3.14 Select Execution role

✔ Successfully created the function **StockPriceAlertFunction**. You can now change its code and configuration. To invoke your function with a test event, choose "Test".

Figure 3.15 Successfully Created Function

10. Upload the ZIP File to AWS Lambda

- Open the AWS Lambda Console in your browser.
- Go to your existing Lambda function.
- In the Code section, click Upload and choose the lambda_function.zip file you created.
- Click Save to finalize the upload.

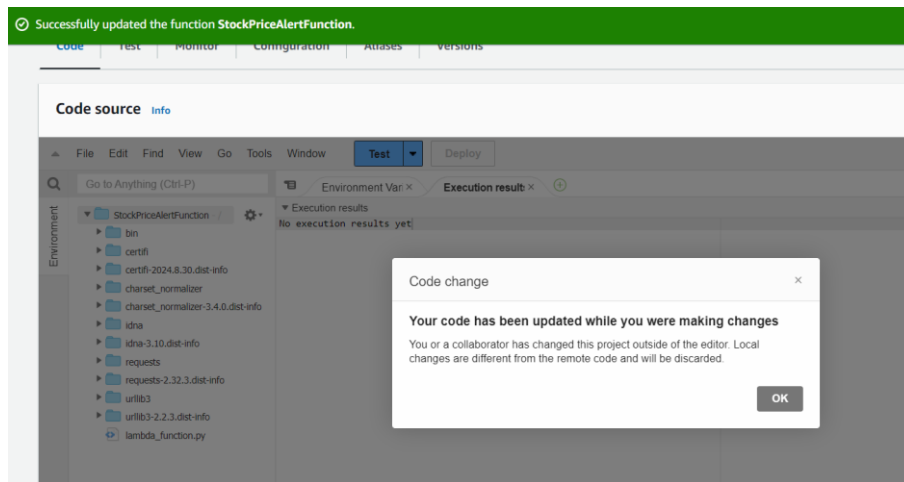


Figure 3.16 Upload the zip file to Lambda Console

11. Set Environment Variables in Lambda

- Scroll down to the **Environment Variables** section.
- Click **Edit** and add the following key-value pairs:
 - **STOCK_API_KEY:** Your Alpha Vantage API key.
 - **STOCK_SYMBOL:** The stock symbol you want to monitor (e.g., AAPL).
 - **SNS_TOPIC_ARN:** The ARN of the SNS topic created earlier for notifications.
 - **PRICE_THRESHOLD:** The stock price threshold that triggers alerts (both UPPER_THRESHOLD, LOWER_THRESHOLD)
- Click **Save** to apply the changes.

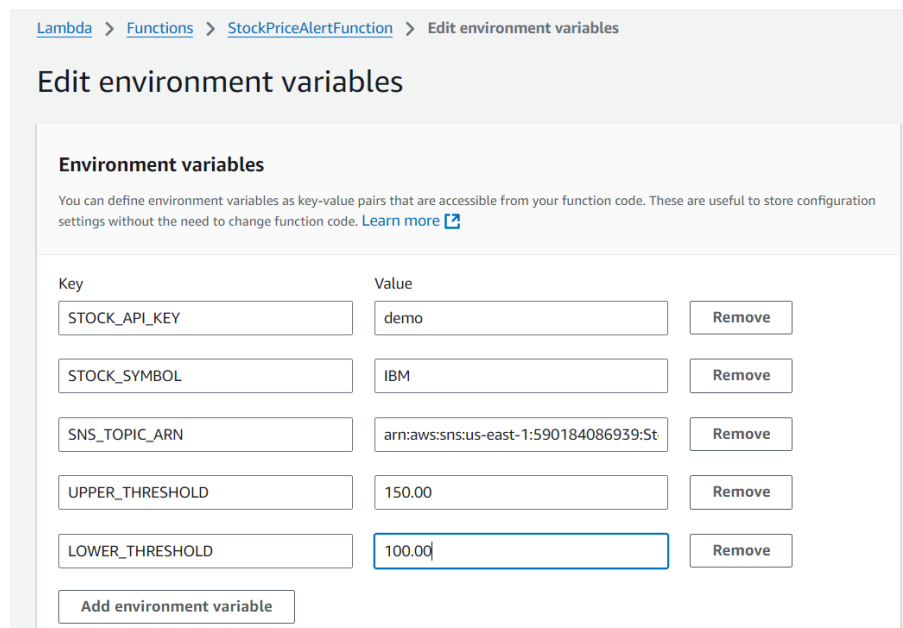


Figure 3.17 Edit Environment Variables



Figure 3.18 Successfully updated the function

12. Set Lambda Permissions for SNS

- In the AWS IAM Console, go to Roles.

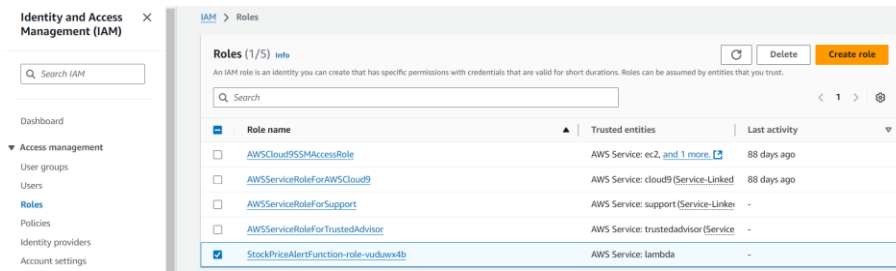


Figure 3.19 IAM roles

- Locate and select the execution role associated with your Lambda function.

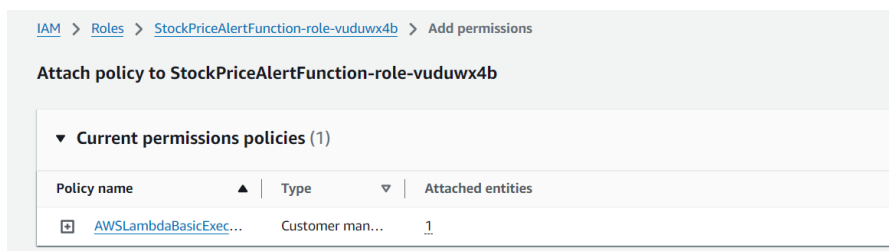


Figure 3.20 Lambda function Add Permissions

- Click Attach Policies and create a custom inline policy with the following permissions to allow Lambda to publish to SNS

Code:

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "logs:CreateLogGroup",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:logs:us-east-1:590184086939:*"
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogStream",
        "logs:PutLogEvents"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:logs:us-east-1:590184086939:log-group:/aws/lambda/StockPriceAlertFunction:*"
      ]
    },
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": "sns:Publish",
      "Resource": "arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:590184086939:StockPriceAlerts"
    }
  ]
}
```

}

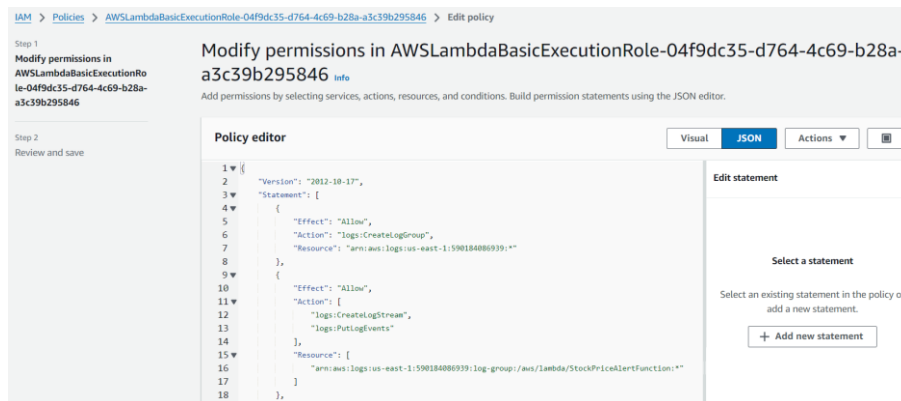


Figure 3.21 Modify Permissions of Lambda Function

- Review and save the IAM role Policy

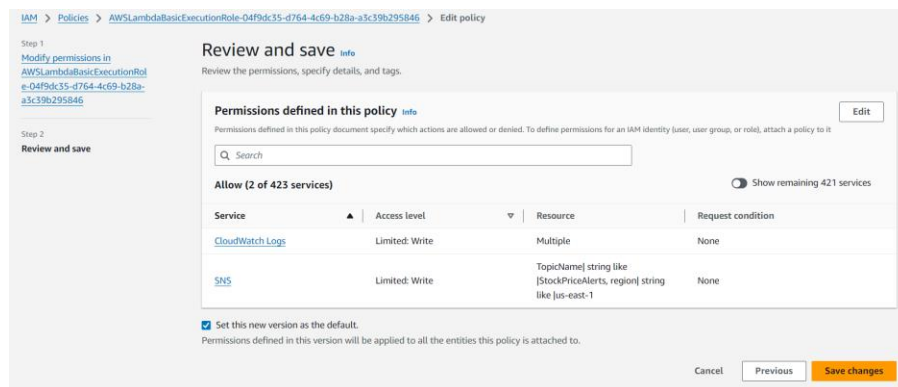


Figure 3.22 Review and Save



Figure 3.23 Policy Updated

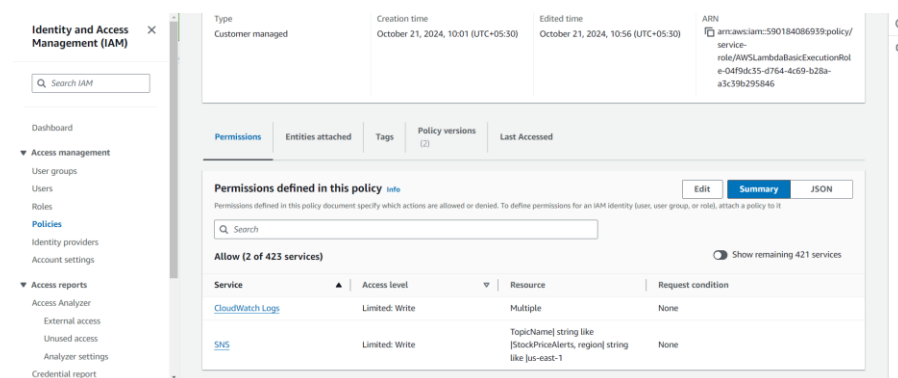


Figure 3.24 Permissions defined in the Policy

13. Schedule the Lambda Function with CloudWatch

- Go to the Amazon EventBridge console and select "Create Rule."
- Name the rule, optionally add a description, and choose the default event bus.
- Select "Schedule" as the rule type for setting a recurring or one-time event.
- Set the schedule and choose the Lambda function as the target.

- Review the rule details and create it to activate the schedule.

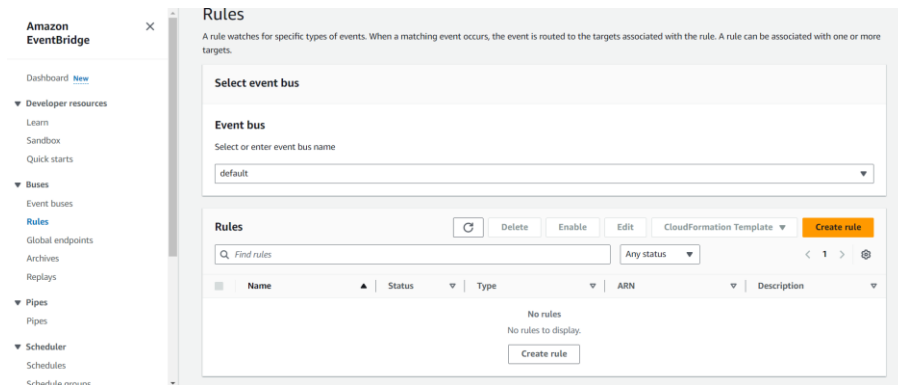


Figure 3.25 Create Rule

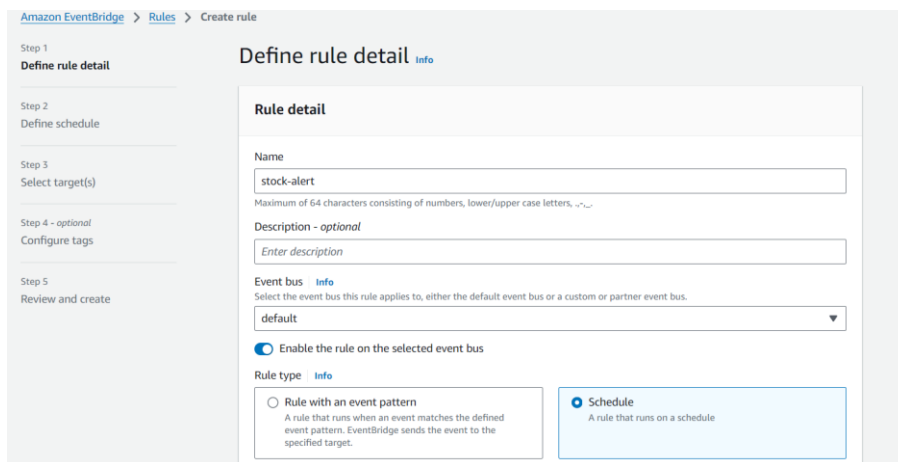


Figure 3.26 Define rule Detail

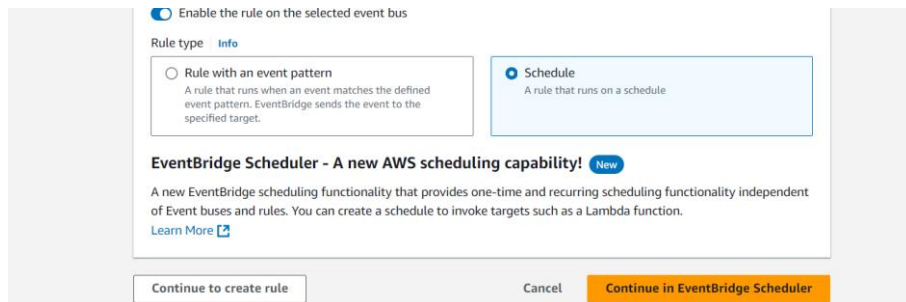


Figure 3.27 Create Schedule

- Set the event source:
 - Event Source: Choose EventBridge (CloudWatch Events).
 - Rule Type: Select Schedule expression.
 - Schedule Expression: Enter rate(15 minutes) to trigger the function every 15 minutes.

Amazon EventBridge > Schedules > Create schedule

Step 1
Specify schedule detail

Step 2
Select target

Step 3
Settings

Step 4
Review and create schedule

Specify schedule detail

Schedule name and description

Schedule name

Use only letters, numbers, dashes, dots or underscores. Max 64 characters.

Description - optional

Maximum of 512 characters.

Schedule group
Each schedule needs to be placed in a schedule group. By default, a schedule is placed in the 'Default' group. You can also [create your own schedule group](#). You can only add tags to a schedule group, not a schedule.

Figure 3.28 Specify Schedule detail

Schedule pattern

Occurrence [Info](#)
 You can define an one-time or recurrent schedule.

☐ One-time schedule
 ☒ Recurring schedule

Time zone
 The time zone for the schedule.

Schedule type
 Choose the schedule type that best meets your needs.

☒ **Cron-based schedule**
 A schedule set using a cron expression that runs at a specific time, such as 8:00 a.m. PST on the first Monday of every month.

☐ **Rate-based schedule**
 A schedule that runs at a regular rate, such as every 10 minutes.

Cron expression [Info](#)
 Define the cron expression for the schedule

cron ()
Minutes Hours Day of month Month Day of the week Year

Next 10 trigger dates
 Date and time are displayed in your current time zone in UTC format, e.g. "Wed, Nov 9, 2022 09:00 (UTC - 08:00)" for Pacific time

Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:25:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:30:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:35:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:40:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:45:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:50:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 11:55:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 12:00:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 12:05:00 (UTC+05:30)
 Mon, 21 Oct 2024 12:10:00 (UTC+05:30)

Flexible time window
 If you choose a flexible time window, Scheduler invokes your schedule within the time window you specify. For example, if you choose 15 minutes, your schedule runs within 15 minutes after the schedule start time.

Figure 3.30 Trigger Dates & Time window

- Add the Lambda function as the target:
 - Under Target, choose Lambda Function.
 - Select your StockPriceAlertFunction from the dropdown.

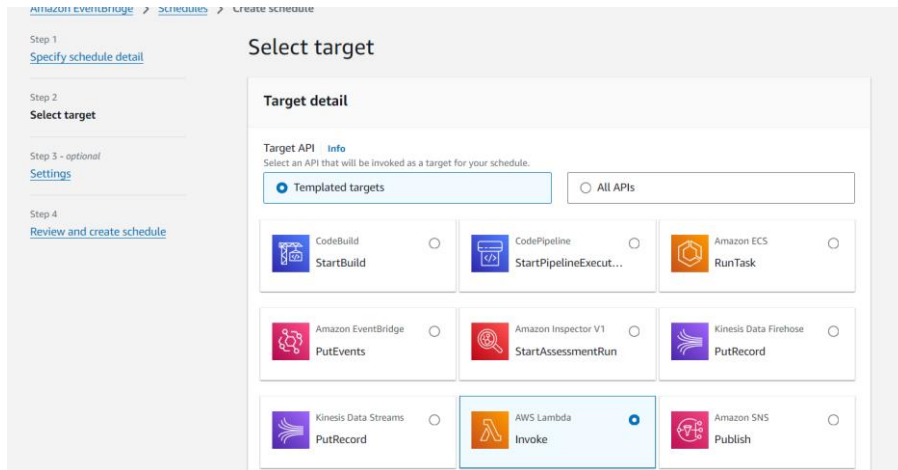


Figure 3.31 Select Target

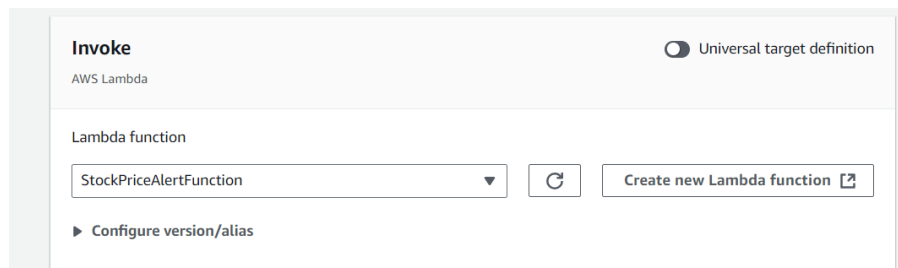


Figure 3.32 Invoke (Lambda function)

- Review and create the rule.

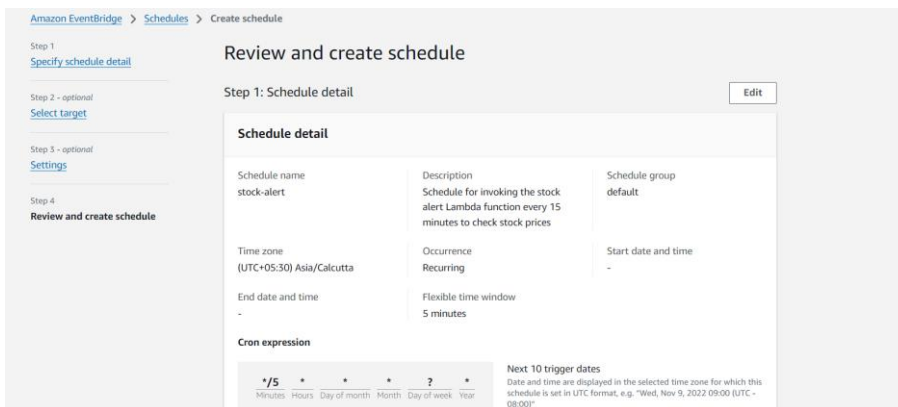


Figure 3.33 Review Schedule

Retry policy and dead-letter queue (DLQ)

Retry policy

Max age of event: 24 hours 0 minutes

Dead-letter queue ARN

None

Retry policy

Maximum retries: 185

Encryption

Customer master key (CMK)

aws/scheduler

Key ARN

-

Description

Default master key that protects my Amazon EventBridge Scheduler data when no other key is defined

Cancel

Previous

Create schedule

Figure 3.34 Create Schedule

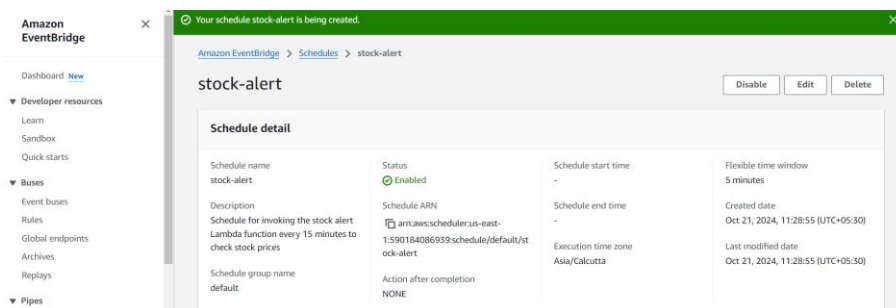


Figure 3.35 Schedule Successfully Created

14. Create a Test Event for Lambda Function

- In the AWS Lambda Console, navigate to your Lambda function and click on the Test button at the top right of the function's detail page.
- If this is your first test, you'll be prompted to Configure test events.
 - Select Create new test event.
 - Name your event, for example, TestEvent.
 - Use the following simple JSON structure for the test event

Code:

```
{
  "STOCK_API_KEY": "demo",
  "STOCK_SYMBOLS": "IBM",
  "SNS_TOPIC_ARN": "arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:590184086939:StockPriceAlerts",
  "UPPER_THRESHOLD": 150.00,
  "LOWER_THRESHOLD": 100.00,
  "message": "Check stock price for IBM Inc."
}
```


Code **Test** Monitor Configuration Aliases Versions

Test event info CloudWatch Logs Live Tail Save Test

To invoke your function without saving an event, configure the JSON event, then choose Test.

Test event action

☒ Create new event Edit saved event

Event name

Stock-test1

Maximum of 25 characters consisting of letters, numbers, dots, hyphens and underscores.

Event sharing settings

☒ Private
This event is only available in the Lambda console and to the event creator. You can configure a total of 10. [Learn more](#)

☐ Shareable
This event is available to IAM users within the same account who have permissions to access and use shareable events. [Learn more](#)

Template - optional

hello-world

Figure 3.36 Create Test Event

Event JSON

```

1 {
2   "STOCK_API_KEY": "demo",
3   "STOCK_SYMBOLS": "IBM",
4   "SNS_TOPIC_ARN": "arn:aws:sns:us-east-1:590184086939:StockPriceAlerts",
5   "UPPER_THRESHOLD": 150.00,
6   "LOWER_THRESHOLD": 100.00,
7   "message": "Check stock price for IBM Inc."
8 }
```

Figure 3.37 Event JSON

- Click Create and then Test to trigger the Lambda function using this event.

15. Test the System

- **Manual Test:** In the Lambda console, you can manually test your function by clicking the Test button after configuring a test event, as explained earlier.

Successfully updated the function StockPriceAlertFunction

Code source info Upload from

File Edit Find View Go Tools Window **Test** Deploy

Go to Anything (Ctrl P)

Environment

stockpricealertfunction

Environment Var

Execution result

Status: Succeeded Max memory used: 85 MB Time: 446.92 ms

Test Event Name

Test

Response

```
{
  "statusCode": 200,
  "body": "Checked stock price: $231.41"
}
```

Function Logs

```
START RequestId: 3ef2b8ff-6a86-491f-a45b-2908176d671a Version: $LATEST
Current IBM price: 231.41
Upper threshold alert sent!
END RequestId: 3ef2b8ff-6a86-491f-a45b-2908176d671a
REPORT RequestId: 3ef2b8ff-6a86-491f-a45b-2908176d671a Duration: 446.92 ms Billed Duration: 447 ms Memory Size: 128 MB Max Memory Used: 85 MB Init Duration: 570
```

Request ID

3ef2b8ff-6a86-491f-a45b-2908176d671a

Figure 3.38 Manual Test of Lambda Function

- **Monitor Logs:** To track the function's performance and troubleshoot any issues, you can access detailed logs in CloudWatch Logs. This will show each execution of the Lambda function, including any errors or successful triggers.

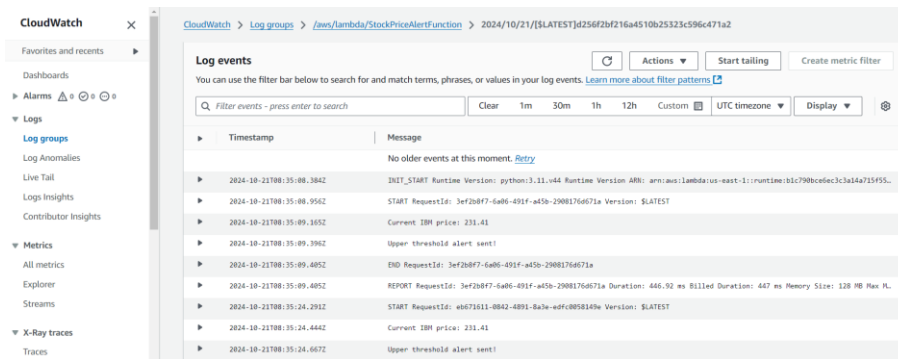


Figure 3.39 Monitor the Log Events (CloudWatch)

- **Scheduled Execution:** If the Lambda function is set to run on a schedule via CloudWatch, you can wait for the automatic trigger to execute it at the defined intervals (e.g., every 15 minutes).

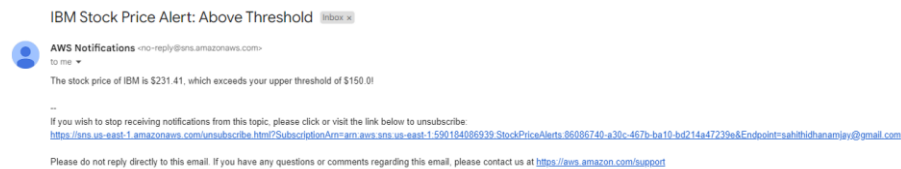


Figure 3.40 Alert Triggered to the Endpoint

CHAPTER 4

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- **Stock API Rate Limits:**
 - The Alpha Vantage API's rate limits restricted the number of requests, making it difficult to track multiple stocks simultaneously. Optimizing API calls and caching data helped manage these limits effectively.
- **Threshold Accuracy:**
 - Ensuring that alerts were triggered only for significant stock price changes required fine-tuning the price threshold logic, avoiding unnecessary or missed notifications.
- **Notification Latency:**
 - Ensuring real-time delivery of alerts was crucial, but occasional delays occurred. Monitoring Lambda execution and SNS delivery helped minimize these delays.
- **Scalability:**
 - As the system scaled, managing Lambda execution and API rate limits became critical. Lambda's serverless model helped handle increased load without manual intervention.
- **Cost Management:**
 - Balancing the costs of Lambda invocations and API requests required careful optimization of the function's scheduling and efficient API usage to avoid unnecessary expenses.
- **Security and Permissions:**
 - Configuring IAM roles to securely manage service interactions was essential. Implementing least-privilege permissions ensured that each service had only the necessary access.
- **API Failures and Timeouts:**
 - Occasional API failures or timeouts interrupted stock data fetching. Implementing retries and error handling mechanisms ensured that the system remained reliable.
- **Cloud9 Package Installation:**
 - Packaging the requests library for Lambda in Cloud9 required proper zipping of dependencies. Ensuring compatibility post-deployment resolved initial setup challenges.