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Parking Management System In a Mall- Project Report

Abstract

This project presents a cloud-based **Parking Management System** that leverages IoT technology to detect real-time parking spot availability and enables users to reserve parking spaces. The system integrates ultrasonic sensors for detecting parking space occupancy, AWS IoT Core for handling sensor data, and AWS Lambda for backend logic. The status of each parking spot is updated in DynamoDB, and users can interact with the system through a web-based frontend to view parking availability or reserve a spot. The project demonstrates the application of IoT and serverless computing for efficient parking management in urban environments, providing an automated and scalable solution for smart cities.

1. Introduction

With the increasing number of vehicles, parking space management has become a significant challenge, especially in urban areas. The **Parking Management System** project aims to simplify and automate the process of managing parking spaces using IoT technology and cloud services. This system provides real-time parking space availability, manages reservations, and integrates sensor data to ensure seamless parking operations.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the system, its architecture, functionality, implementation, and potential future enhancements.

2. Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to design and implement a scalable parking management system that:

- Detects parking space availability using IoT sensors.
- Provides real-time updates of parking spots through a web application.
- Allows users to reserve parking spaces.
- Manages reservation times and displays availability accordingly.
- Integrates AWS services such as DynamoDB, Lambda, and IoT Core for backend management.

3. System Architecture

The system architecture consists of the following components:

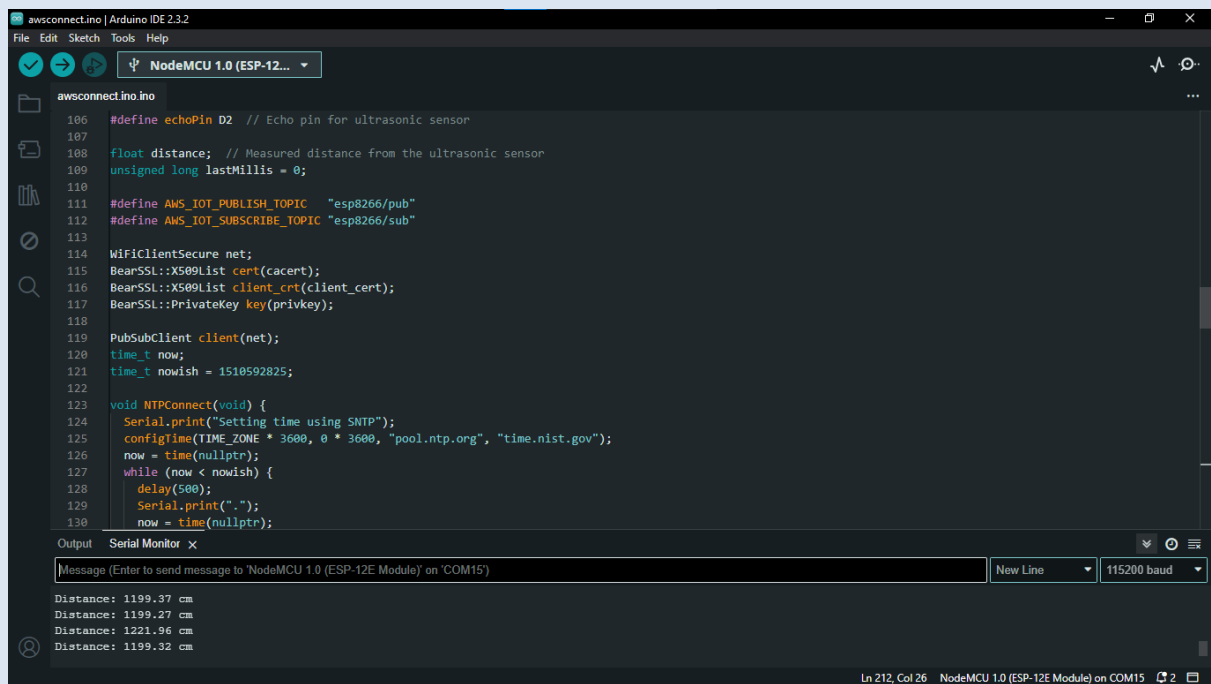
1. **IoT Devices (Ultrasonic Sensors):** These sensors detect whether a parking spot is occupied or available.
2. **AWS IoT Core:** Facilitates the communication between IoT devices and the cloud infrastructure.
3. **AWS Lambda:** Executes the serverless backend logic, including sensor data handling, database interactions, and API responses.
4. **DynamoDB:** A NoSQL database used to store parking space data, including real-time sensor status and reservation information.
5. **API Gateway:** Exposes API endpoints for the web application to interact with the backend.
6. **Web Application (Frontend):** Displays real-time parking information and allows users to reserve parking spots.

4. Implementation Details

4.1 Hardware Components

- **Ultrasonic Sensor:** This sensor is used to detect the occupancy of a parking space.

- **Microcontroller (ESP8266):** Communicates with AWS IoT Core to transmit the sensor data to the cloud.
- **Programming Implementation in Arduino IDE .**



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the file `awsconnect.ino` open. The code is for an ESP8266 module and includes the following key sections:

```

106 #define echoPin D2 // Echo pin for ultrasonic sensor
107
108 float distance; // Measured distance from the ultrasonic sensor
109 unsigned long lastMillis = 0;
110
111 #define AWS_IOT_PUBLISH_TOPIC "esp8266/pub"
112 #define AWS_IOT_SUBSCRIBE_TOPIC "esp8266/sub"
113
114 WiFiClientSecure net;
115 BearSSL::X509List cert(cacert);
116 BearSSL::X509List client_cert(client_cert);
117 BearSSL::PrivateKey key(privkey);
118
119 PubSubClient client(net);
120 time_t now;
121 time_t nowish = 1518592825;
122
123 void NTPConnect(void) {
124   Serial.print("Setting time using NTP");
125   configTime(TIME_ZONE * 3600, 0 * 3600, "pool.ntp.org", "time.nist.gov");
126   now = time(nullptr);
127   while (now < nowish) {
128     delay(500);
129     Serial.print(".");
130     now = time(nullptr);
131   }
132 }

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The Serial Monitor at the bottom shows the output of the program, displaying distance measurements in centimeters:

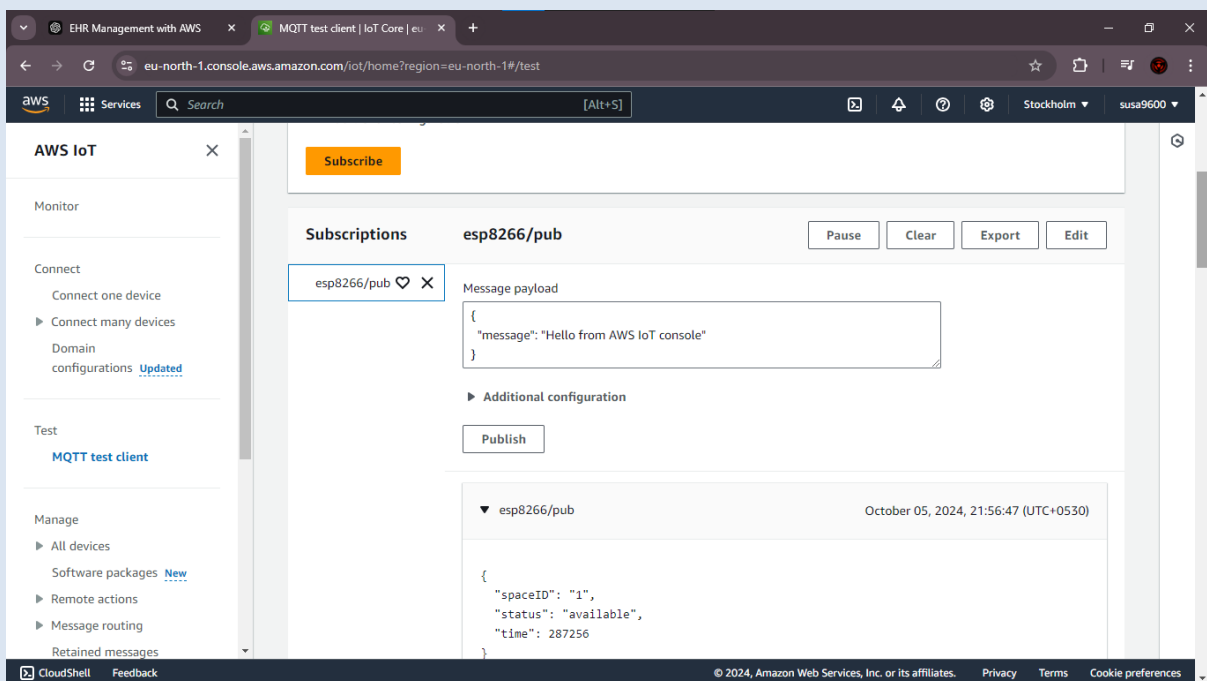
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Distance: 1199.37 cm
Distance: 1199.27 cm
Distance: 1221.96 cm
Distance: 1199.32 cm

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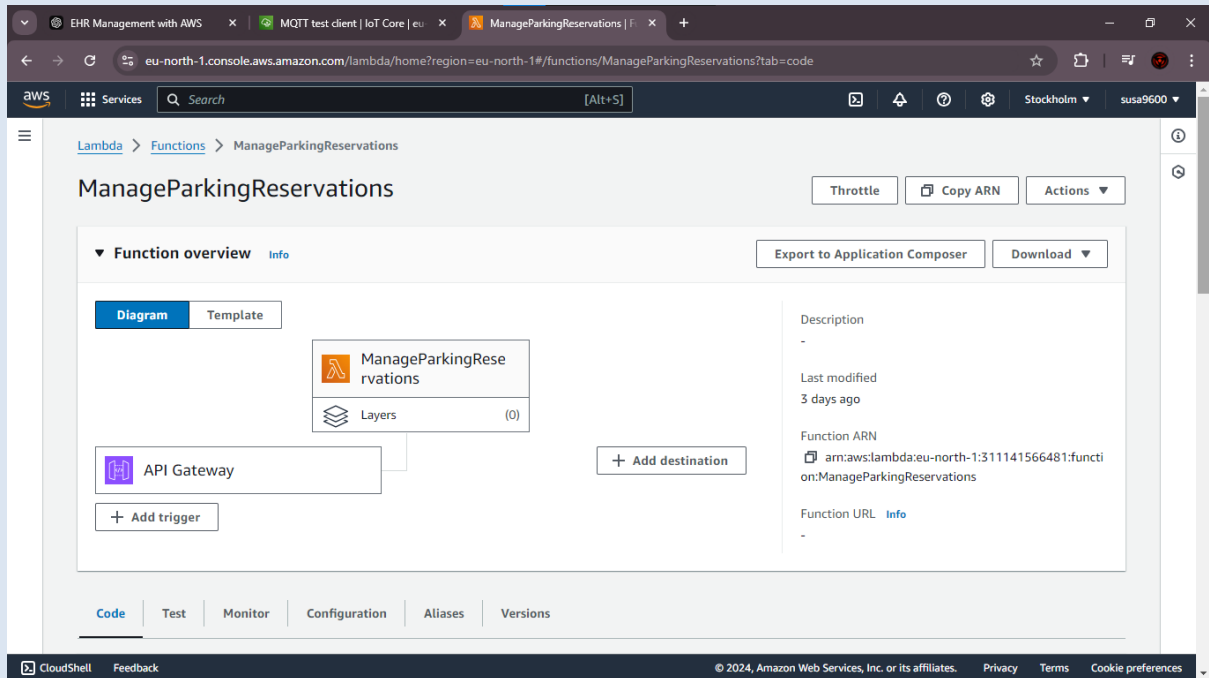
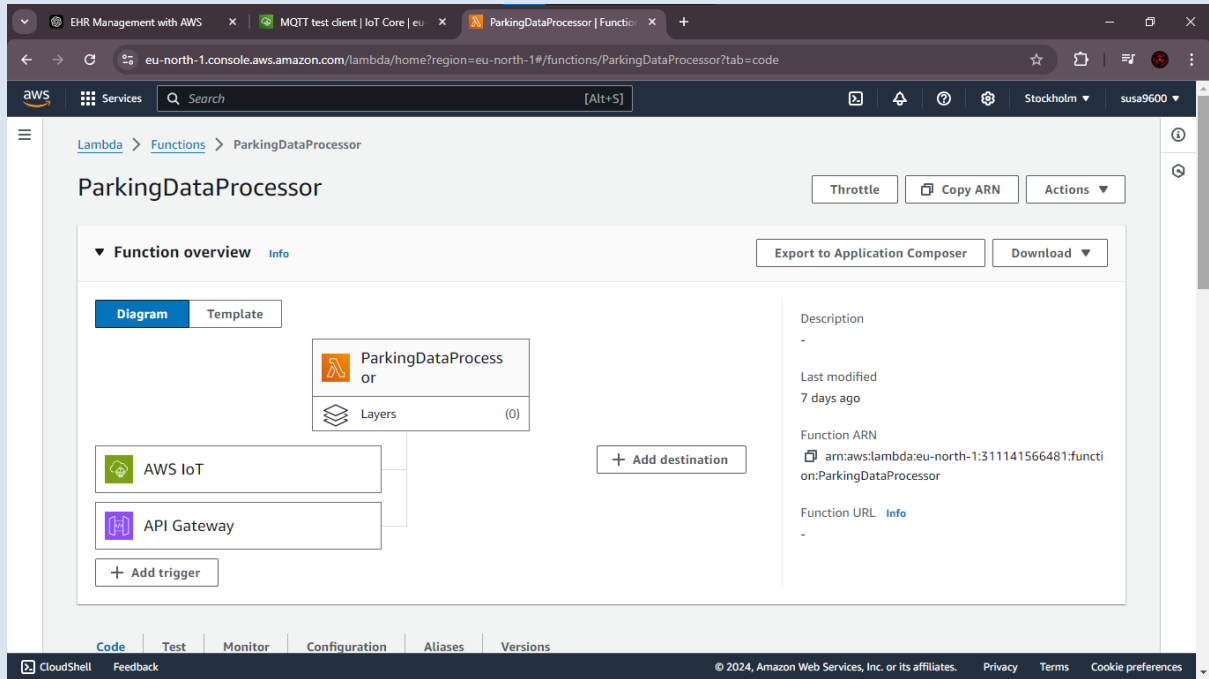
4.2 AWS Infrastructure

- **AWS IoT Core:** The sensor data is transmitted to AWS IoT Core. The data is then



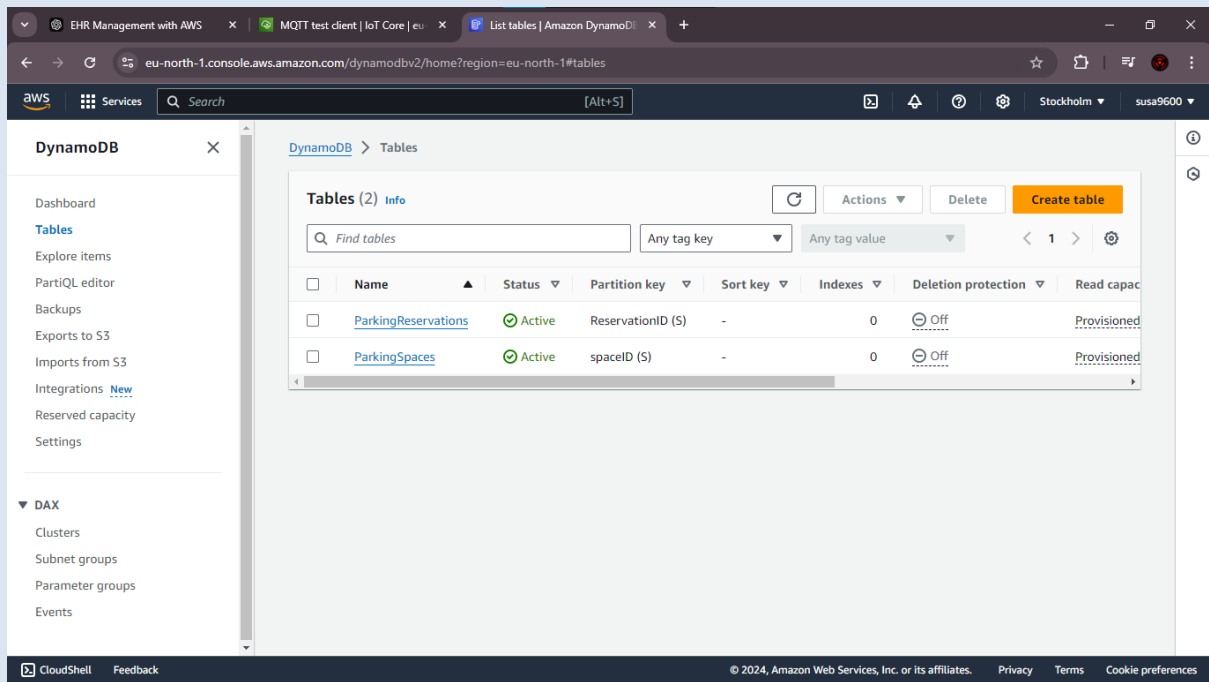
routed to a Lambda function that processes the information and stores it in DynamoDB.

- **AWS Lambda:** Two Lambda functions are implemented:
 1. **Sensor Data Processing:** This function stores parking spot availability in the DynamoDB table based on sensor data.
 2. **Reservation Management:** This function handles reservation creation and expiry logic, updating the availability status accordingly.

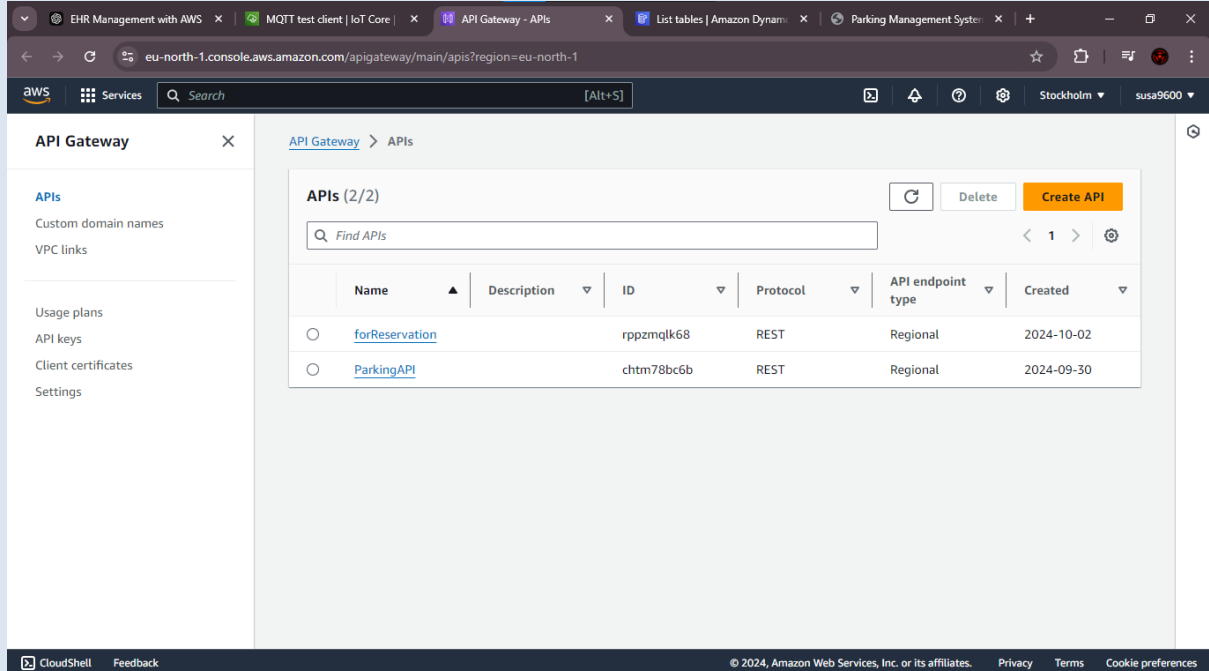


- **DynamoDB:** Two tables are created:

1. **ParkingSpaces Table:** Stores the real-time status of parking spaces (occupied/available).
2. **Reservations Table:** Stores reservation details, including start time and expiry time.



API Gateway :

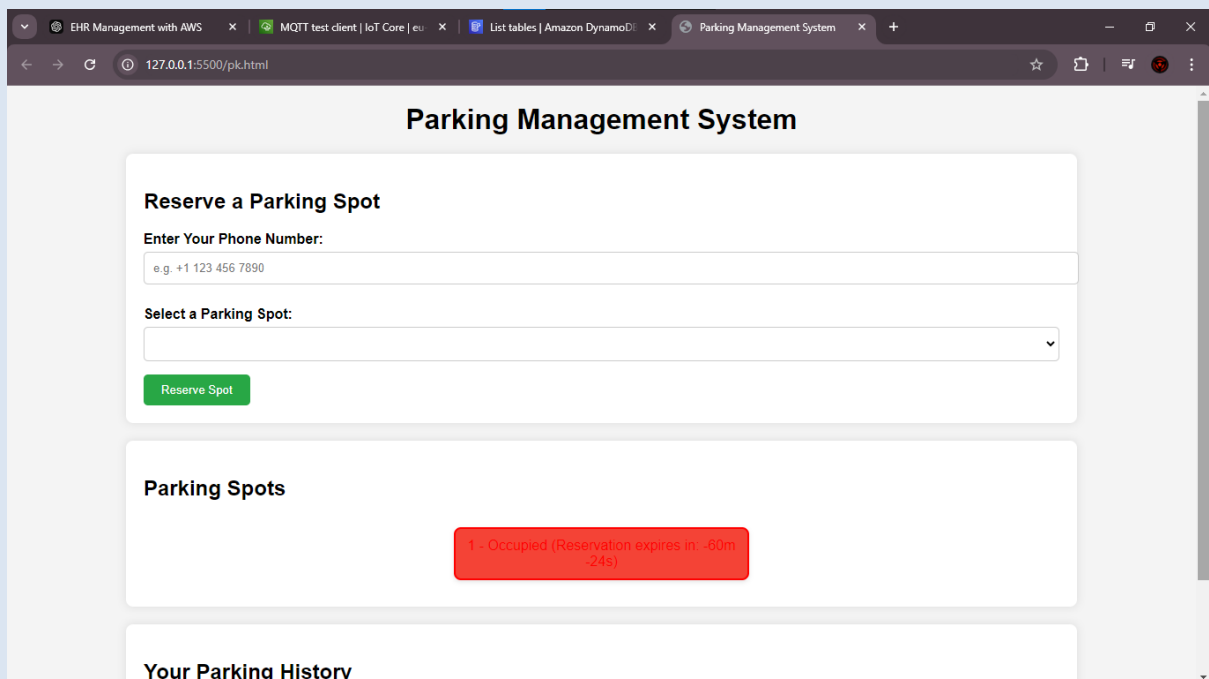
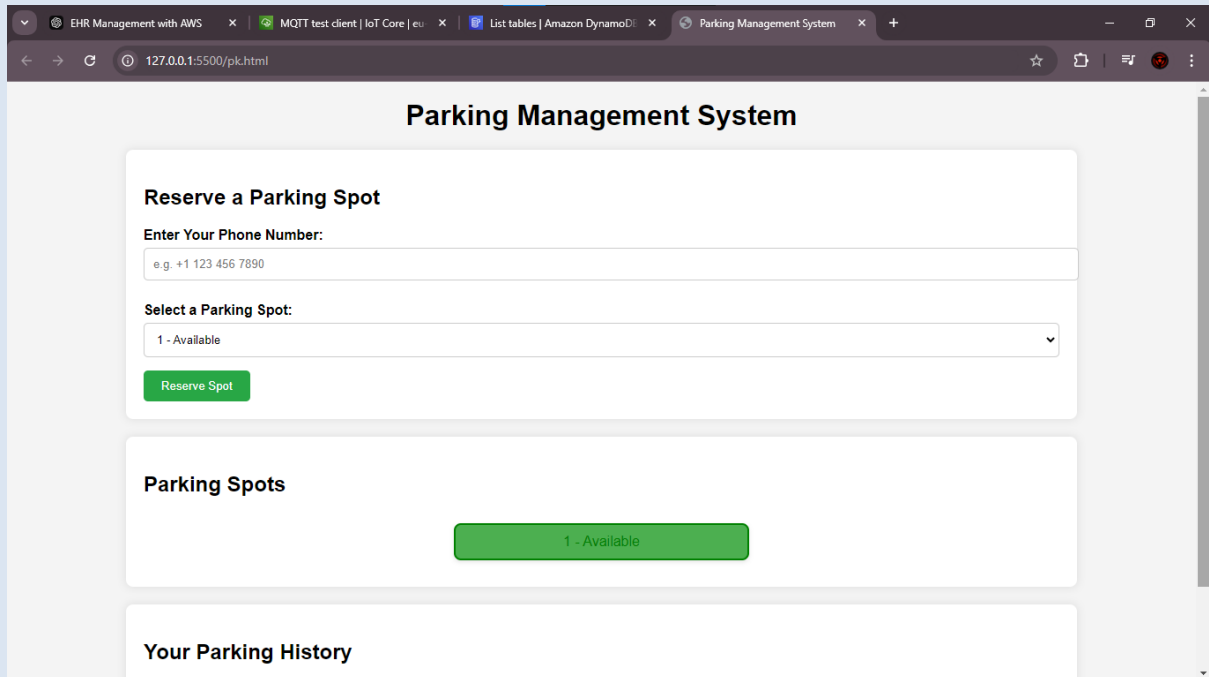


4.3 Web Application (Frontend)

The web application provides the following functionalities:

- Displays a list of parking spaces with real-time availability updates.

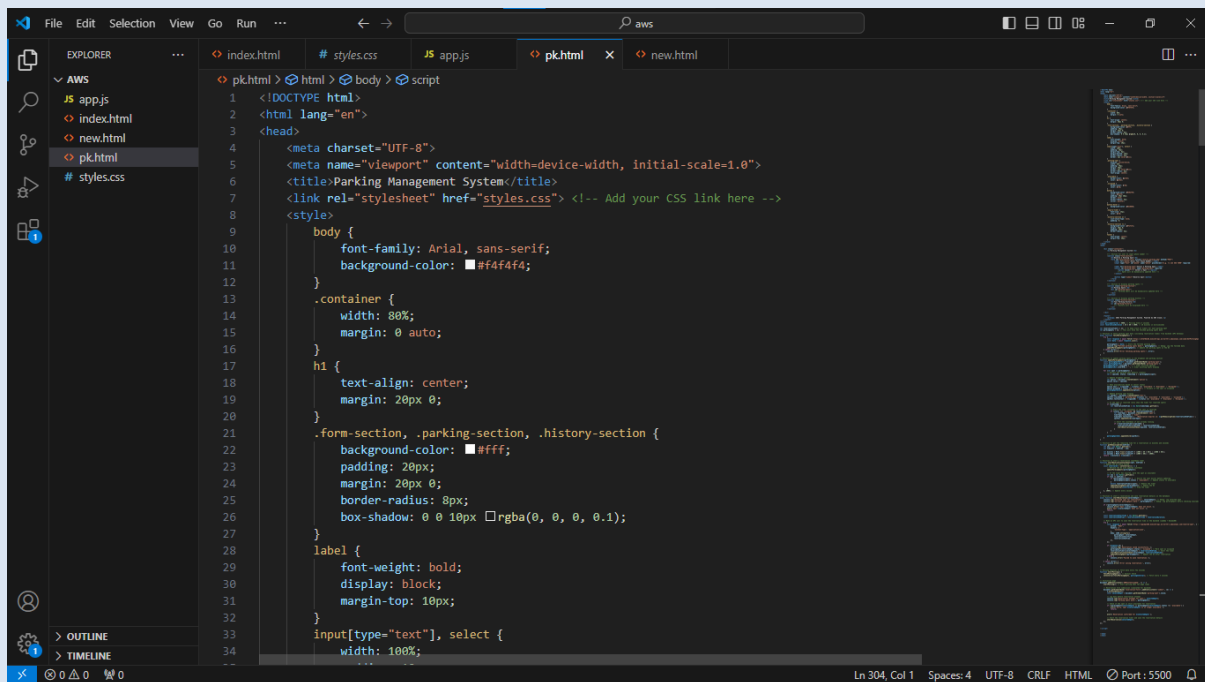
- Allows users to reserve available parking spots.
- Shows a reservation countdown timer, which is displayed until the reservation expires.
- Fetches parking spot data from the backend API every 5 seconds to ensure real-time updates.



Frontend Code Overview:

- **JavaScript/HTML:** Used to fetch data from AWS API Gateway and dynamically update the parking spots in the UI.
- **Reservation Logic:** Users can reserve parking spaces if they are available. If a parking space is occupied or reserved, the system prevents further reservations for that spot.

- **Reservation Timer:** Displays a countdown timer for reserved spots.



5. Key Functionalities

1. **Real-Time Parking Spot Detection:**
 - The ultrasonic sensor detects if a parking space is occupied or free.
 - The sensor data is sent to AWS IoT Core, where it is processed by the Lambda function and stored in DynamoDB.
2. **Reservation System:**
 - Users can reserve available parking spots through the web interface.
 - The reservation time is stored in DynamoDB, and the spot is marked as "occupied" for the duration of the reservation.
 - If a parking spot is reserved, the system shows a countdown timer indicating the time left before the reservation expires.
3. **Availability Management:**
 - If a parking spot is occupied based on sensor data, it is shown as unavailable, and the system blocks further reservations.
 - Once the sensor detects that a car has left the spot, the status is updated automatically.

6. AWS Lambda Code Snippets

Sensor Data Processing Lambda Function:

This Lambda function processes the data received from AWS IoT Core and updates the parking spot's status in the DynamoDB table.

```
python
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import json
import boto3
import logging

dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb')
table = dynamodb.Table('ParkingSpaces')

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    try:
        # Process incoming sensor data
        sensor_data = json.loads(event['body'])
        space_id = sensor_data['spaceID']
        status = sensor_data['status']

        # Update DynamoDB with the current status
        table.update_item(
            Key={'spaceID': space_id},
            UpdateExpression='SET #s = :val',
            ExpressionAttributeNames={'#s': 'status'},
            ExpressionAttributeValues={':val': status}
        )
        return {'statusCode': 200, 'body': json.dumps('Success')}
    except Exception as e:
        logging.error(f"Error: {str(e)}")
        return {'statusCode': 500, 'body': json.dumps('Error processing
data')}
```

Reservation Management Lambda Function:

This Lambda function handles reservation creation, updating the reservation time and status.

```
python
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import json
import boto3
from datetime import datetime, timedelta

dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb')
reservations_table = dynamodb.Table('Reservations')
spaces_table = dynamodb.Table('ParkingSpaces')

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    try:
        body = json.loads(event['body'])
        space_id = body['parkingSpot']
        reservation_end_time = body['reservationEndTime']

        # Store reservation in DynamoDB
        reservations_table.put_item(
            Item={
                'parkingSpot': space_id,
                'reservationEndTime': reservation_end_time
            }
        )
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    }
)

# Mark the parking spot as occupied
spaces_table.update_item(
    Key={'spaceID': space_id},
    UpdateExpression='SET #s = :val',
    ExpressionAttributeNames={'#s': 'status'},
    ExpressionAttributeValues={':val': 'occupied'})

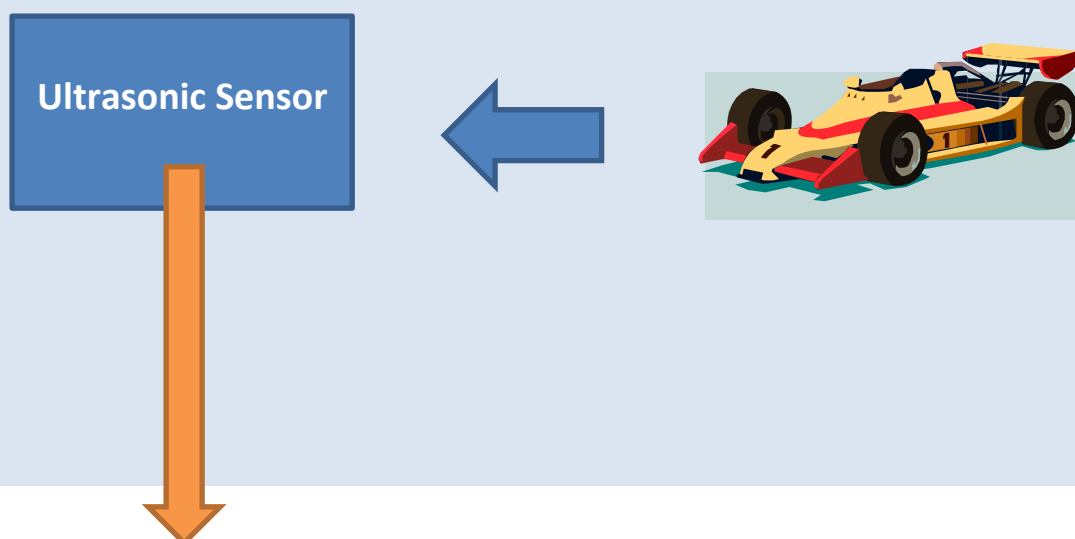
return {'statusCode': 200, 'body': json.dumps('Reservation
successful')}
except Exception as e:
    return {'statusCode': 500, 'body': json.dumps(f"Error: {str(e)}")}

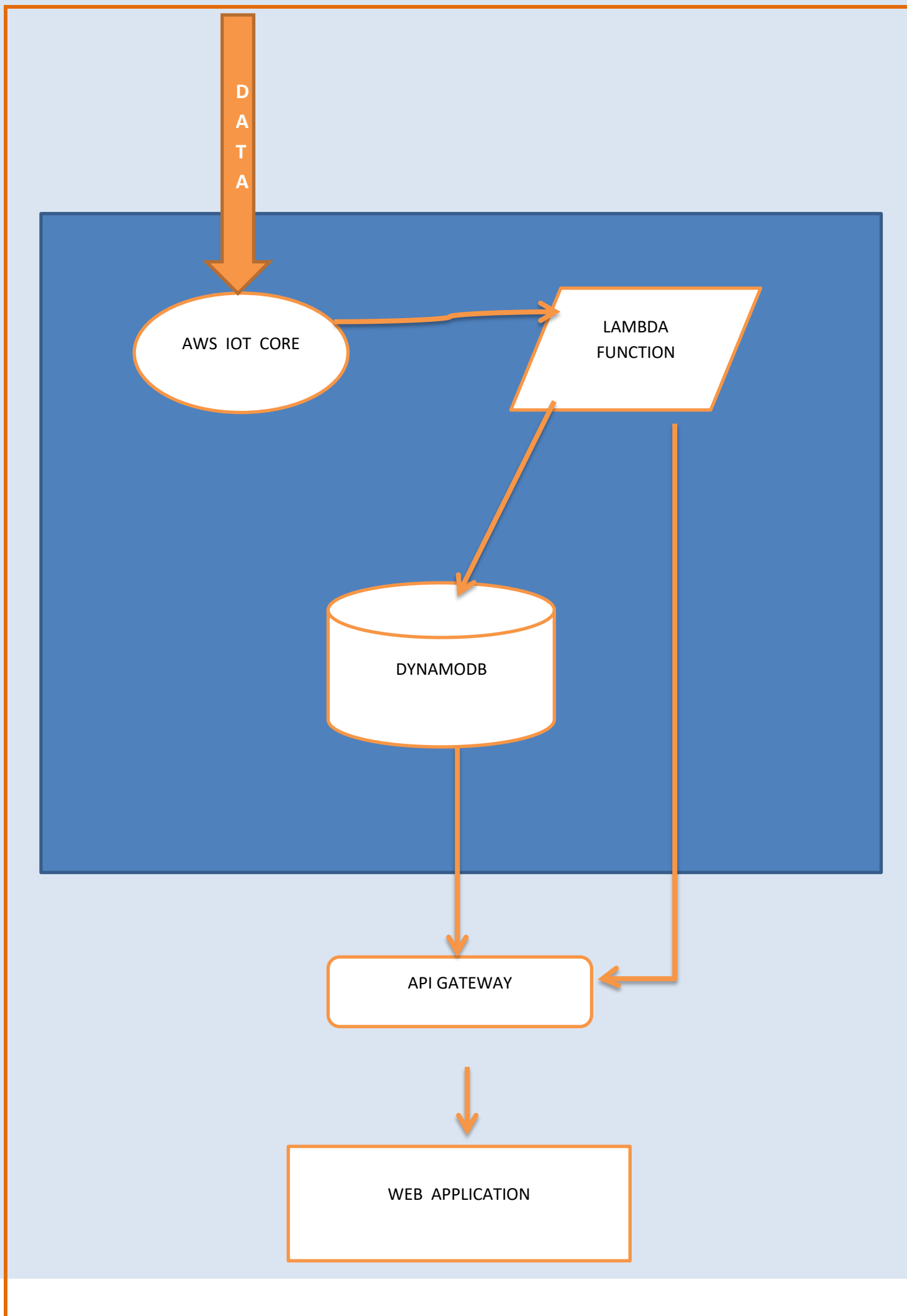
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7. Challenges Faced

- **Real-Time Synchronization:** Ensuring the real-time synchronization between the IoT devices, backend, and frontend required a careful design of data flow, especially when multiple users are interacting with the system.
 - **Reservation Timer:** Implementing an accurate countdown timer for reservations and handling scenarios where the sensor detects occupation was a challenge. This was addressed by managing separate states for sensor and reservation statuses.
 - **CORS Issues:** Initially, there were CORS header issues when the frontend attempted to communicate with the AWS backend. This was resolved by adjusting API Gateway settings.
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7. workflow :





9. Conclusion

The Parking Management System successfully demonstrates the use of IoT and cloud services to manage parking spaces efficiently. It provides real-time updates on parking space availability, offers a reservation system, and integrates AWS services to ensure scalability and reliability. The system has potential for future expansion, including mobile integration, payment processing, and enhanced security features.

Appendix: Technologies Used

- **Frontend:** HTML, JavaScript
- **Backend:** AWS Lambda, API Gateway
- **Database:** AWS DynamoDB
- **IoT:** ESP8266, Ultrasonic Sensor
- **Cloud Platform:** AWS (IoT Core, Lambda, DynamoDB, API Gateway)