**Lambda service with example**

AWS Lambda is a serverless compute service that allows you to run code without provisioning or managing servers. With Lambda, you write functions, which AWS automatically scales and runs in response to events. You only pay for the compute time consumed by your functions.

**Key features of AWS Lambda:**

* **Serverless**: No need to manage infrastructure, AWS handles it.
* **Event-driven**: Lambda functions can be triggered by events such as S3 uploads, DynamoDB updates, API Gateway calls, etc.
* **Auto-scaling**: AWS automatically scales Lambda based on the number of events.
* **Pay-per-use**: You are charged only for the compute time used during the execution of the function.

**AWS Lambda Example**

Let’s walk through a simple example of an AWS Lambda function triggered by an HTTP request via **API Gateway**. The function will respond with a "Hello, World!" message.

**Steps to create an AWS Lambda function:**

**1. Create a Lambda Function**

1. Go to the **AWS Management Console**.
2. Navigate to the **Lambda** service.
3. Click on **Create function**.
   * **Name**: HelloWorldFunction
   * **Runtime**: Choose Python 3.x or any runtime you are comfortable with (Node.js, Java, Go, etc.).
   * **Role**: Choose an existing role or create a new one with basic Lambda permissions.
4. Click **Create function**.

**2. Add Lambda Code**

After creating the function, you will be directed to the function’s page. In the code editor, add the following Python code (you can choose Node.js or another language if preferred):

python

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import json

def lambda\_handler(event, context):

# Example: A simple "Hello, World!" response

return {

'statusCode': 200,

'body': json.dumps('Hello, World from AWS Lambda!')

}

This function will return a simple "Hello, World!" message when invoked.

**3. Set Up API Gateway as a Trigger**

To allow external HTTP requests to trigger this Lambda function, you’ll need to set up an API Gateway.

1. In the Lambda function, scroll down to the **Function Overview** section.
2. Click on **Add Trigger** and choose **API Gateway**.
3. Select **Create an API**.
4. Choose **HTTP API** or **REST API**.
5. Set the **Security** option to **Open** (for testing, no auth needed).
6. Click **Add** to create the API Gateway trigger.

**4. Deploy and Test**

Once the API Gateway is created, you’ll be given an **Endpoint URL** (something like https://your-api-id.execute-api.region.amazonaws.com/default/HelloWorldFunction).

1. Copy this URL.
2. Open a browser or use curl to send an HTTP request to this URL:

bash

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curl https://your-api-id.execute-api.region.amazonaws.com/default/HelloWorldFunction

You should get the following response:

json

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{

"statusCode": 200,

"body": "\"Hello, World from AWS Lambda!\""

}

**5. Monitor the Function**

You can monitor the Lambda function's execution using AWS CloudWatch Logs. Every time the function is invoked, logs are generated that can be viewed in the **Logs** section of the Lambda console.

**Common Use Cases for AWS Lambda:**

1. **S3 Event Processing**: Trigger Lambda when an object is uploaded to an S3 bucket.
2. **DynamoDB Stream Processing**: React to changes in DynamoDB tables.
3. **API Gateway Integration**: Serve HTTP requests via Lambda with API Gateway.
4. **Scheduled Tasks**: Run tasks at specified intervals using CloudWatch Events (like cron jobs).
5. **Real-time Data Processing**: Process streaming data from Kinesis or DynamoDB Streams.

**Example: Lambda triggered by S3 Event**

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import json

def lambda\_handler(event, context):

# Log the event received (S3 event data)

print("Event received:", json.dumps(event))

# Access the bucket name and file uploaded

bucket = event['Records'][0]['s3']['bucket']['name']

key = event['Records'][0]['s3']['object']['key']

return {

'statusCode': 200,

'body': json.dumps(f'File {key} uploaded to bucket {bucket}')

}

In this case, the Lambda function processes the event triggered when a file is uploaded to an S3 bucket. The function extracts details from the event, like the bucket name and file name.

This is a basic example of AWS Lambda and how to set up and trigger it using API Gateway. You can expand this by integrating with other AWS services, managing state, error handling, etc.