

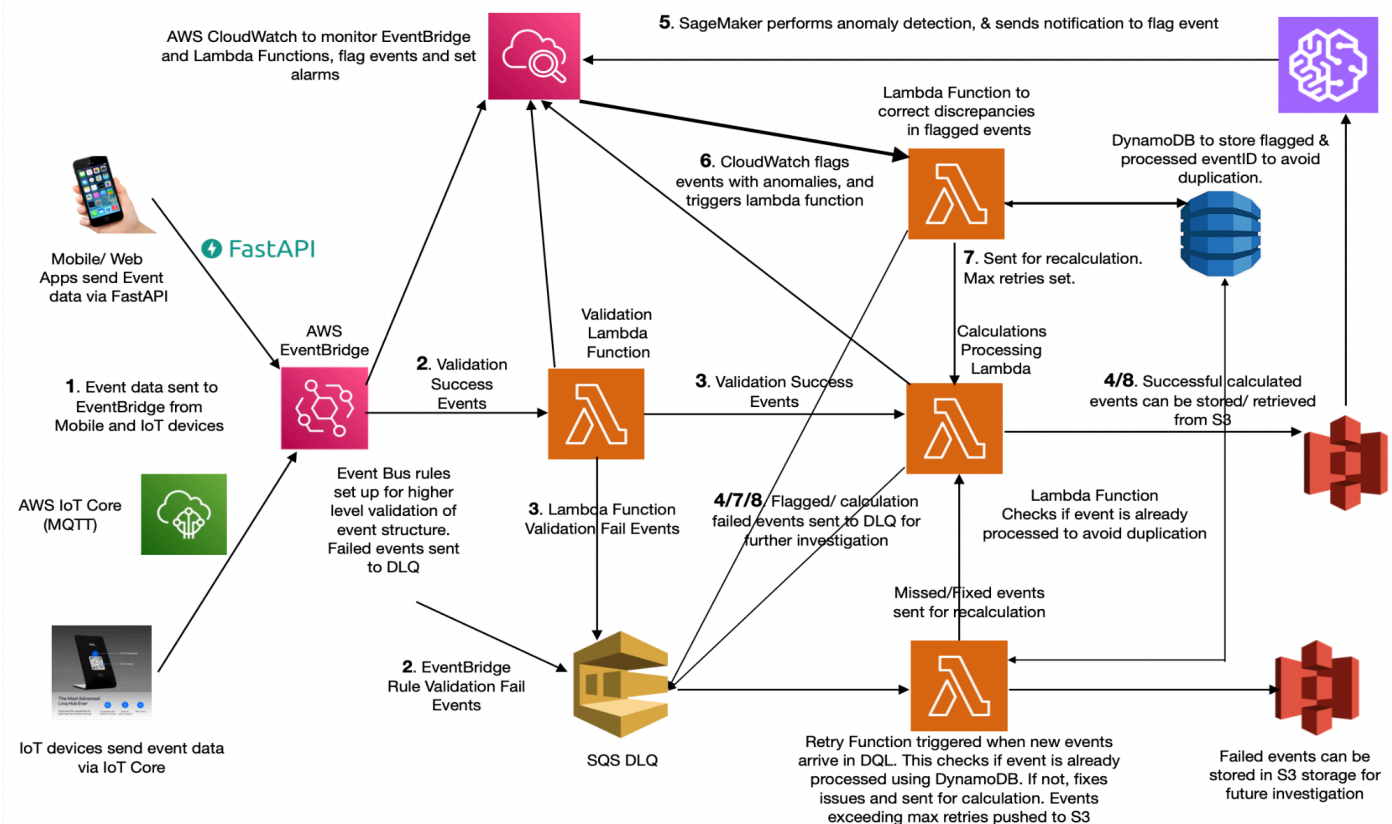
🌟 Event-Driven Architecture for Reliable Event Processing 🚀

🎯 Goal

Designing a **fault-tolerant, scalable, and automated** event-driven system that:

- ✓ Processes real-time events from **mobile & IoT devices** 📱 🔗
- ✓ Ensures **data accuracy** via multi-step validation 🔁
- ✓ Detects **missed, incorrectly processed and anomalies**, and **corrects automatically** 🔧
- ✓ Uses **AWS-native services** for efficiency and monitoring 📊

Event Processing Flow for Real-Time Applications Using AWS Services



◆ Step 1: Event Generation & Ingestion

📶 Mobile & IoT Devices → AWS EventBridge

- Events originate from **mobile/web apps & IoT devices**.
- **EventBridge** serves as the entry point for all events.

Why EventBridge?

- ✓ **Managed Event Bus** – Handles high throughput with low latency.
- ✓ **Structural Validation** – Ensures event format correctness before further processing.

▶▶ Flow:

- 1 Mobile & IoT devices send events to **EventBridge**.
 - 2 EventBridge applies **basic structural validation** (schema check).
 - 3 ✓ If valid → Forwarded to the **Lambda Verification Function**.
 - 4 ✗ If invalid → Sent to **Dead Letter Queue (DLQ)** for later review.
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◆ Step 2: Event Verification & Processing

🛡️ AWS Lambda (Verification Lambda) → AWS Lambda (Calculation Lambda)

Once an event passes structural validation, it undergoes **further verification** to check:

- ✓ Business logic compliance
- ✓ Required fields and data accuracy

Why Lambda for Verification?

- ✓ **Serverless & Auto-scaling** – Processes events in parallel.
- ✓ **Low-cost execution** – Runs only when needed.

▶▶ Flow:

- 1 **Verification Lambda** checks event details.
- 2 ✓ If valid → Sent to **Calculation Lambda** for processing.
- 3 ✗ If invalid → Sent to **DLQ for failure handling**.

AWS Lambda (Calculation Lambda) → Amazon S3

Once verified, the event is **processed and stored**.

Why Lambda for Calculation?

- ✓ **On-demand execution** – Auto-scales based on load.
- ✓ **Lightweight & efficient** – No need for dedicated servers.

Why S3 for Storage?

- ✓ **Cost-effective** – Stores large volumes of event data.
- ✓ **Durability** – 99.999999999% (11 9's) availability.

Flow:

- 1 **Calculation Lambda** performs key business logic.
 - 2 ✓ Successful results are stored in **S3 for long-term storage**.
 - 3 ✗ If processing fails → Event goes to **DLQ for later retries**.
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Step 3: Monitoring & Error Detection

AWS CloudWatch (Error Monitoring & Flagging)

All **EventBridge, Lambda, and S3** activities are monitored by **CloudWatch**.

Why CloudWatch?

- ✓ **Observability** – Monitors logs, metrics, and anomalies.
- ✓ **Automation** – Can trigger Lambda for corrections.

Flow:

- 1 CloudWatch **monitors logs and metrics** from EventBridge, Lambda, and S3.
 - 2 If errors/discrepancies are detected → **Triggers Correction Lambda**.
 - 3 **Correction Lambda** determines if recalculation is needed.
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◆ Step 4: Anomaly Detection & Reprocessing

Amazon SageMaker (Anomaly Detection)

- S3-stored event data is **retrieved by SageMaker**.
- SageMaker's **ML models** detect **anomalies or incorrect calculations**.
- If an anomaly is found → **Sends a notification to CloudWatch**.

Why SageMaker?

- ✓ **Scalable Machine Learning** – Learns from past incorrect events.
- ✓ **Automated Anomaly Detection** – No need for manual tracking.

Flow:

- 1 SageMaker retrieves processed event data from **S3**.
 - 2 **ML Model detects anomalies** in calculations.
 - 3 If anomaly is found → SageMaker sends an **alert to CloudWatch**.
 - 4 CloudWatch triggers **Correction Lambda** for reprocessing.
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◆ Step 5: Automated Event Correction & Reprocessing

AWS Lambda (Correction Lambda) → AWS Lambda (Recalculation Lambda)

Once an event is flagged, the **Correction Lambda** decides if recalculation is needed.

Flow:

- 1 **Correction Lambda** checks DynamoDB for previous corrections.
- 2 **If never corrected** → Sent to **Recalculation Lambda**.
- 3 **If already corrected once** → Sent to **SQS DLQ** for manual review.
- 4 **Successful recalculations** → Overwrite event data in **S3**.

Why DynamoDB?

- ✓ **Tracks correction history** → Prevents infinite loops of retrying.
- ✓ **Fast lookups** → Ensures correction is not repeated unnecessarily.

◆ Step 6: Dead Letter Queue (Final Retries & Investigation)

✗ SQS DLQ (Final Retry Mechanism & Investigation Storage)

- Events that **fail multiple times** are stored in **DLQ**.
- A **Lambda function periodically checks DLQ** and retries processing.

Why DLQ?

- ✓ **Prevents Event Loss** – Stores all failed events for later analysis.
- ✓ **Retry Handling** – Lambda function can **retry events before archiving**.

◆ Step 7: Dead Letter Queue (Final Retries & Investigation) ✗ SQS DLQ (Final Retry Mechanism & Investigation Storage)

All events that **fail validation, processing, or correction** multiple times are stored in **SQS Dead Letter Queue (DLQ)**.

A **DLQ Processing Lambda** is triggered when events land in the DLQ to attempt a final retry.

💡 Why DLQ?

- ✓ **Prevents Event Loss** – Captures all failed events for analysis.
- ✓ **Automatic Retries** – A Lambda function checks the DLQ and retries processing.
- ✓ **Separation of Concerns** – Ensures failed events do not clog the main processing pipeline.

🔗 Flow:

- 1 DLQ stores failed events for later review.
- 2 A **Lambda function** is triggered when events are added to DLQ.
- 3 Lambda **checks DynamoDB** if the event was already corrected:
 - ✓ If **not corrected before** → Sent to **Recalculation Lambda**.
 - ✗ If **already corrected once** → Pushed to **S3 Failure Storage** for manual investigation.
 - 4 If recalculation is **successful**, the event is **overwritten in S3**.
 - 5 If **failure persists even after retries**, event is stored permanently in **S3 for manual intervention**.


AWS Services Used & Why?

AWS Service	Purpose	Why Chosen?
AWS EventBridge	Event ingestion & initial validation	Handles high-throughput events & enables event routing .
AWS Lambda	Validation, Processing, Recalculation, Correction	Serverless , auto-scalable , and cost-effective.
AWS S3	Event data storage	Durable , cost-effective , and allows easy querying via Athena .
AWS CloudWatch	Monitoring & automated error detection	Provides logs , metrics , and automated alerts .
Amazon SageMaker	Anomaly detection	Uses machine learning to flag incorrect events.
AWS DynamoDB	Correction history tracking	Ensures no duplicate corrections and fast lookups .
AWS SQS DLQ	Failure handling & retries	Stores failed events , allows retry logic to be applied.

Trade-offs & Limitations

Trade-off	Explanation	Possible Solution
Processing Delay	Additional processing for anomaly detection and correction may increase latency .	Optimize SageMaker models & use batch inference for efficiency.
Cost of SageMaker	Running real-time anomaly detection in SageMaker can be costly for large-scale events.	Use Athena-based rule checks before sending events to SageMaker.
Storage Growth in S3	Storing both correct & incorrect events in S3 can lead to high storage costs .	Implement lifecycle policies in S3 to archive old data.
DLQ Growth	If too many events land in DLQ, it can cause a backlog in retries .	Use Lambda throttling to control retry rates.

Enhanced Approach with Additional Tools

If I had access to more tools like a **database** (e.g., Amazon RDS or DynamoDB) and **logs**, the approach would evolve to include **historical event storage** for faster recalculations and anomaly detection. By using a database, I could **retrieve past events** more efficiently instead of relying solely on S3, enabling quicker anomaly detection and comparison with historical data. Integrating **OpenSearch (Elasticsearch)** for **log analytics** would provide real-time insights, making error resolution faster and more proactive. Additionally, utilizing **Kinesis** for **real-time streaming** could enhance processing efficiency, enabling **immediate anomaly detection** without needing batch processing, further boosting scalability and responsiveness. 

How This Scales to Millions of Events per Hour

 **Scalability Considerations:** ✓ **AWS Lambda auto-scales** – Each Lambda execution is independent, so no bottleneck.

✓ **EventBridge can process millions of events per second** – Ensures smooth ingestion.

✓ **S3's infinite storage** – Can handle petabytes of event data with no impact on performance.

✓ **DynamoDB's low-latency lookups** – Ensures fast correction history checks.

✓ **SageMaker batch processing** – Enables anomaly detection at scale without high costs.

Key Takeaways

✓ **Highly scalable event-driven system** using AWS-native tools.


✓ **No single point of failure** – Everything is decoupled.

✓ **Fault-tolerant & self-healing** – DLQ, retries, and anomaly correction ensure events aren't lost.


✓ **Real-time observability** – CloudWatch provides monitoring, triggering corrections when needed.


✓ **Intelligent anomaly detection** – SageMaker improves system accuracy over time.

Summary of Workflow


 **Event Ingestion:** Mobile/IoT → **EventBridge** (Basic validation)

 **Event Processing:** EventBridge → **Lambda Validation** → **Lambda Calculation** → **S3 Storage**

 **Monitoring:** **CloudWatch** flags errors & **triggers correction Lambda**

 **Anomaly Detection:** **SageMaker** detects incorrect events → **Sends alert to CloudWatch**

 **Correction & Recalculation:** CloudWatch triggers correction Lambda → Event reprocessed if needed

 **Final Failure Handling:** If retry fails → Sent to **SQS DLQ** → Final retry or push to **S3** failure storage

Final Thoughts

 This architecture provides **reliability, scalability, and real-time monitoring** for event-driven workloads.

 **Using AWS-native services ensures a cost-effective, serverless, and scalable** solution.

 **Automated anomaly detection and corrections improve event integrity over time.**
