An Introduction to AWS CDK (and why you should be using it!)

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AWS CDK, or Cloud Development Kit, is a new offering from AWS that helps you manage your AWS infrastructure. In this video, I talk about what CDK is, its precursor technology, and why its such an incredible piece of technology. Finally, I walk you through how to get started by installing CDK and creating a DynamoDB table.
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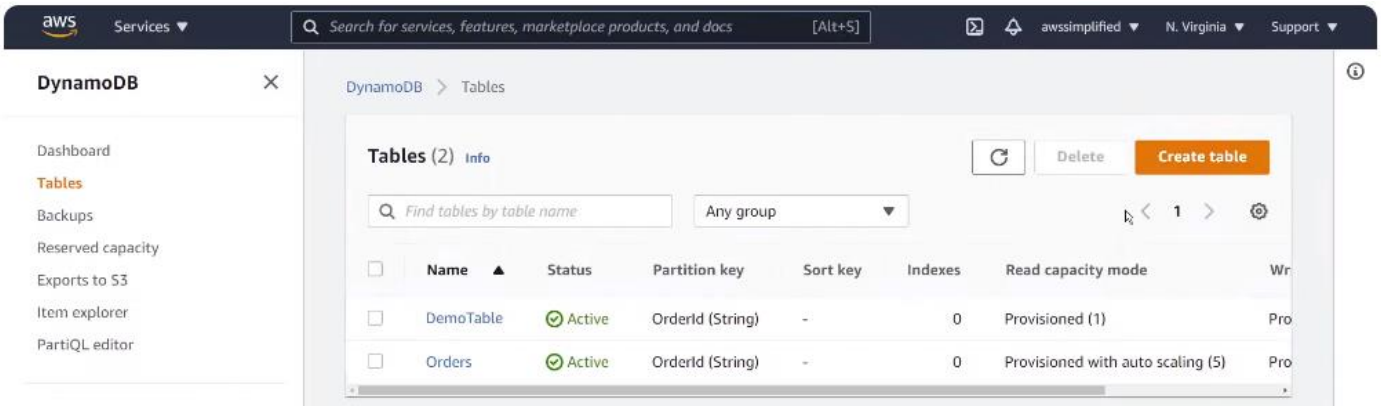

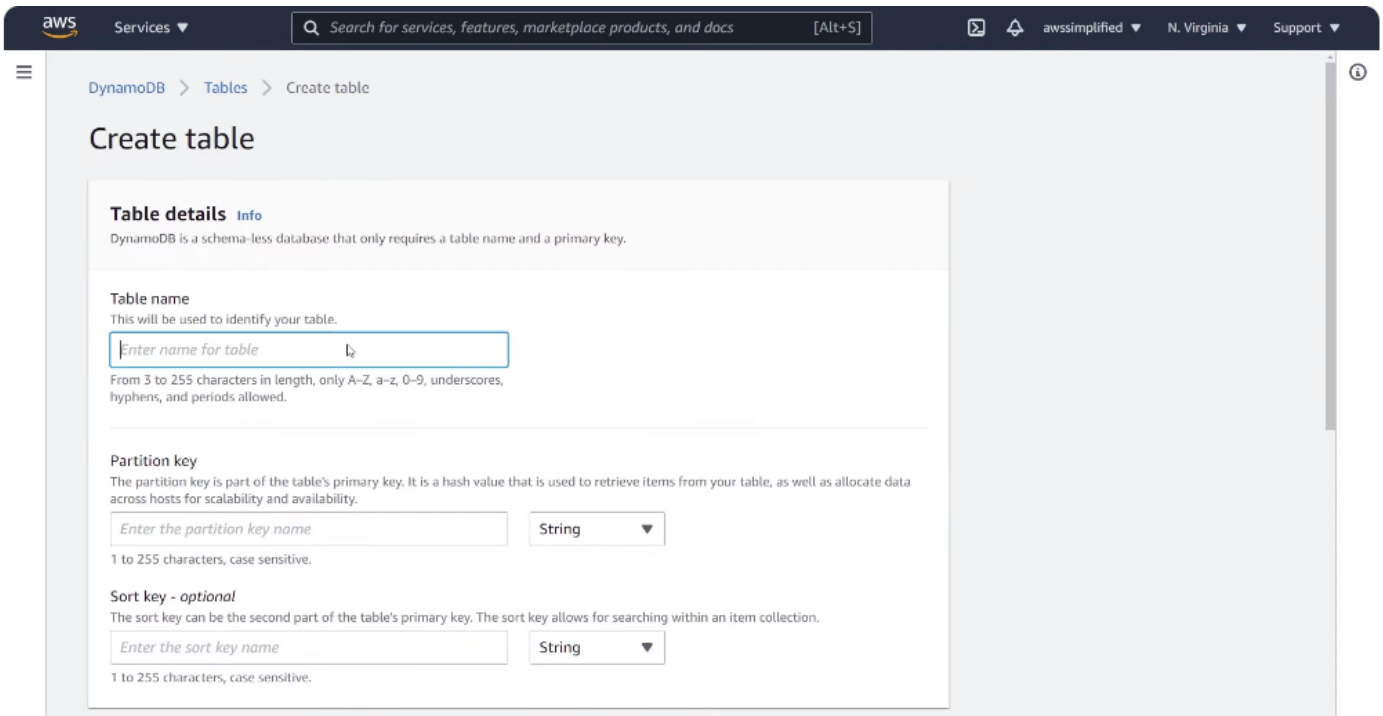

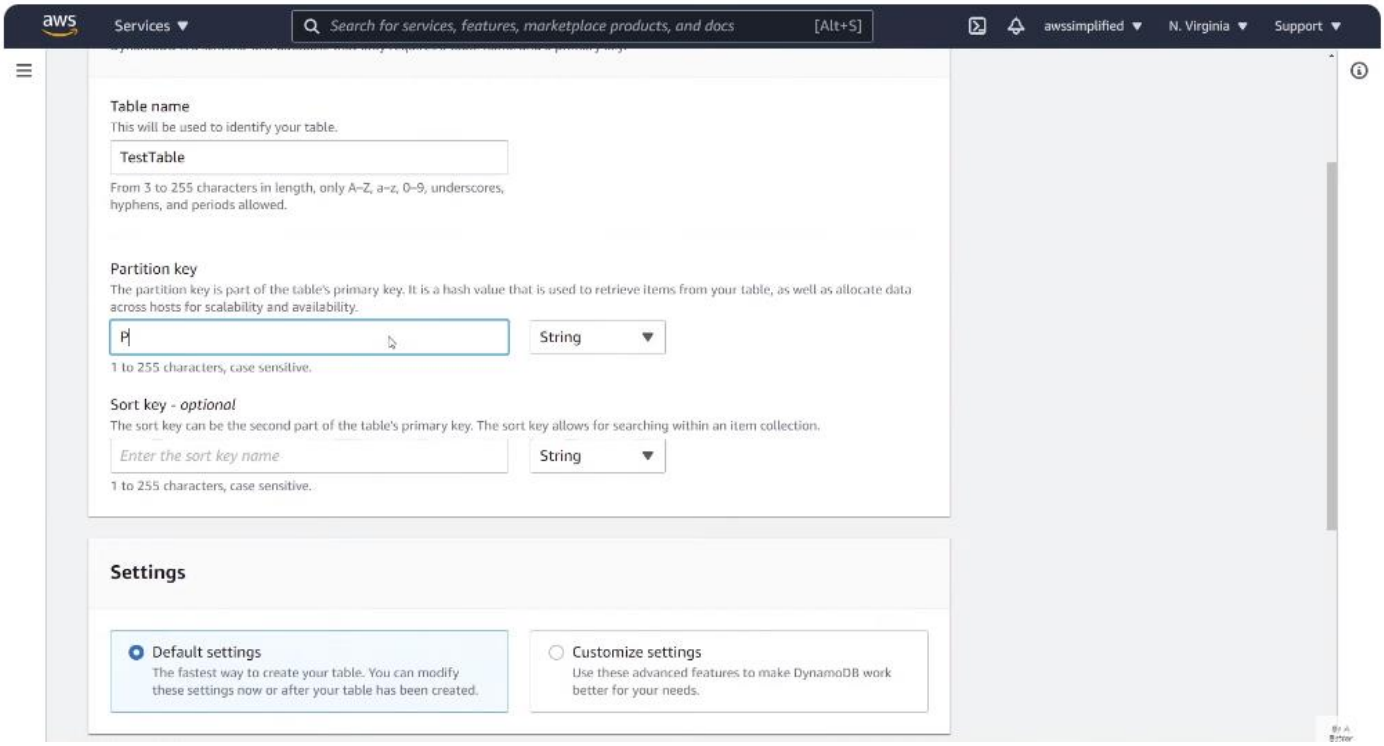
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Table name
This will be used to identify your table.
TestTable
From 3 to 255 characters in length, only A–Z, a–z, 0–9, underscores, hyphens, and periods allowed.
Partition key
The partition key is part of the table's primary key. It is a hash value that is used to retrieve items from your table, as well as allocate data across hosts for scalability and availability.
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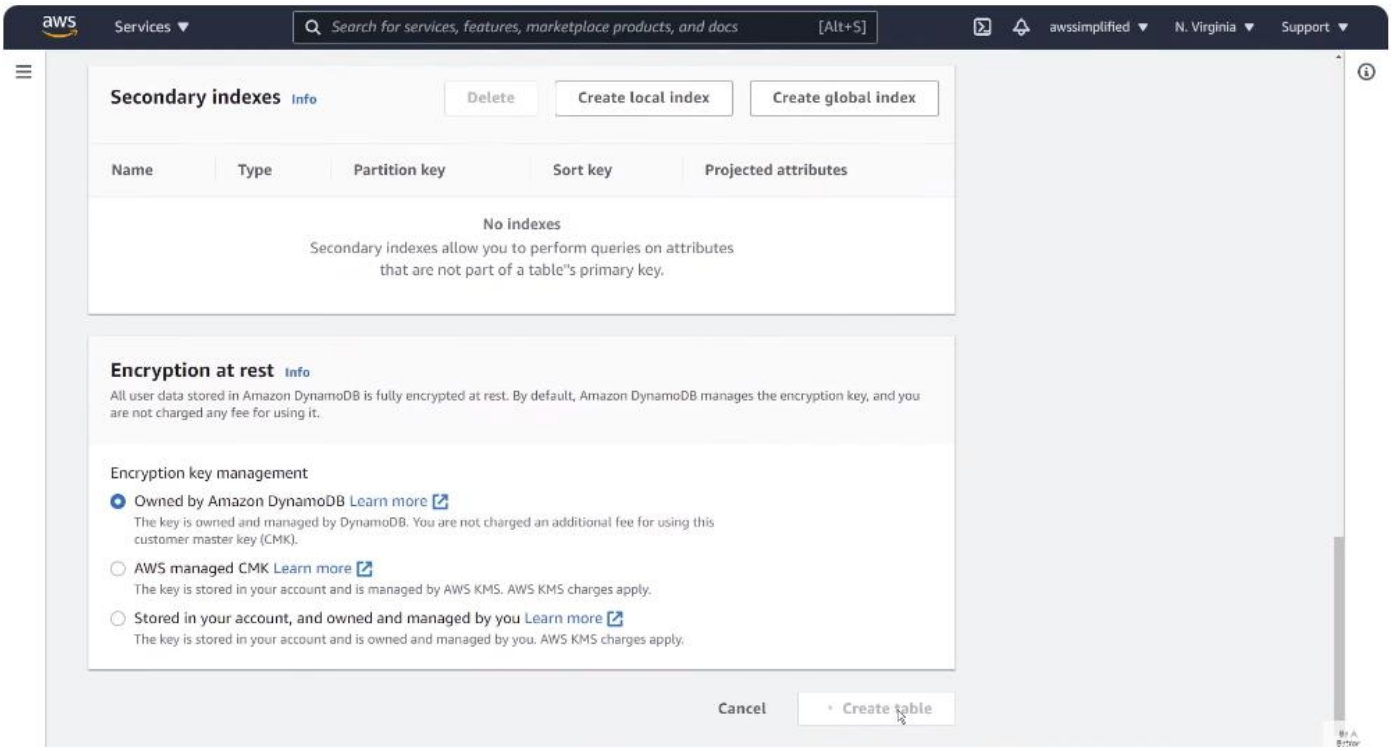
String
1 to 255 characters, case sensitive.
Sort key - optional
The sort key can be the second part of the table's primary key. The sort key allows for searching within an item collection.
Enter the sort key name
String
1 to 255 characters, case sensitive.
Settings
Default settings
The fastest way to create your table. You can modify these settings now or after your table has been created.
Customize settings
Use these advanced features to make DynamoDB work better for your needs.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Secondary indexes Info
Delete
Create local index
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Name
Type
Partition key
Sort key
Projected attributes
No indexes
Secondary indexes allow you to perform queries on attributes that are not part of a table"s primary key.
Encryption at rest Info
All user data stored in Amazon DynamoDB is fully encrypted at rest. By default, Amazon DynamoDB manages the encryption key, and you are not charged any fee for using it.
Encryption key management
Owned by Amazon DynamoDB Learn more
The key is owned and managed by DynamoDB. You are not charged an additional fee for using this customer master key (CMK).
AWS managed CMK Learn more
The key is stored in your account and is managed by AWS KMS. AWS KMS charges apply.
Stored in your account, and owned and managed by you Learn more
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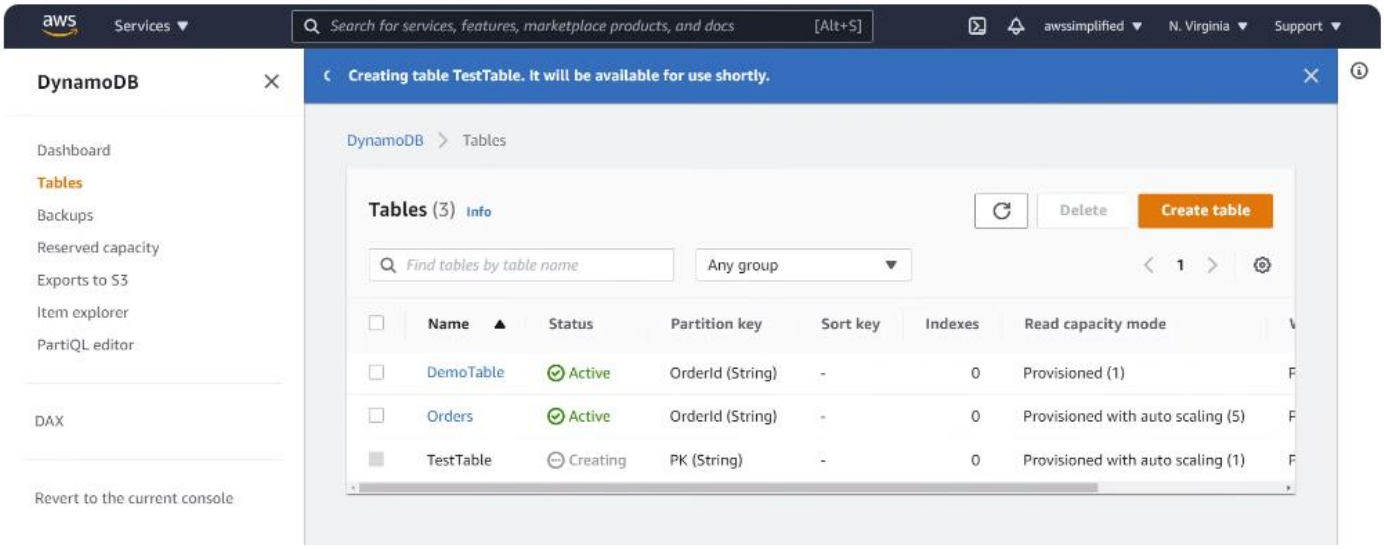
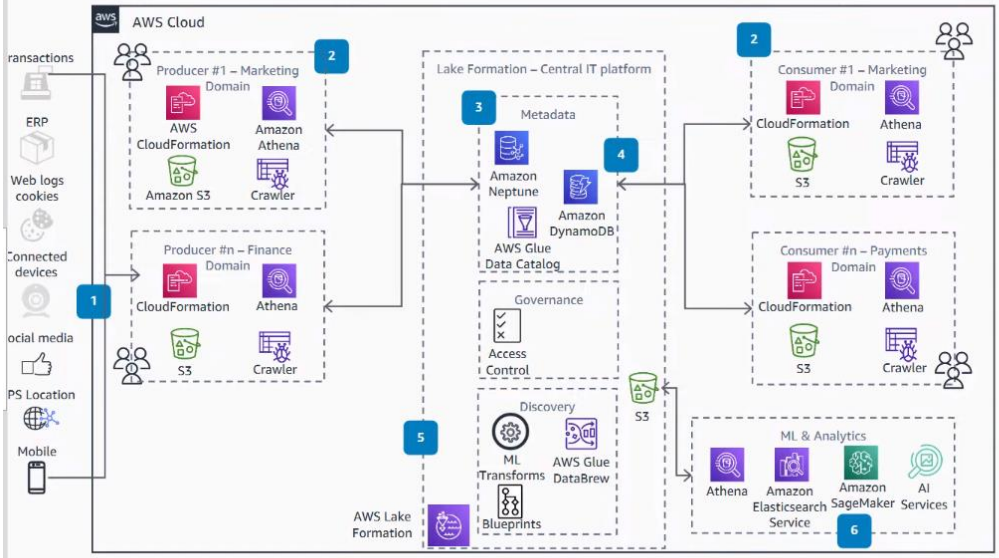
Create table



Consumer Packaged Goods Data Mesh

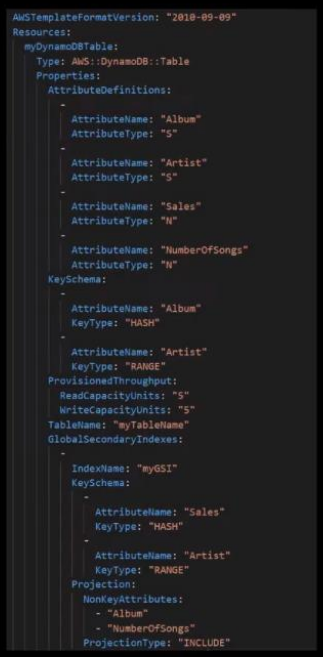
Transitioning to online selling accelerated the amount of data generated and maintained by business operations. This new need for generating, accessing, and analyzing data at scale presents new data management challenges. AWS proposes this new approach following the principles of flexibility, domain-owned design, maintaining data properties, and context throughout the data lifecycle.



1. Data is ingested into AWS using batch processing, near real time, streaming and SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).
2. Data sources are managed by the business domain. Consumers and producers use organization-level blueprints, providing core services like security, governance, IAM roles, and standards.
3. Metadata is managed via multiple services. **AWS Glue** is used for data cataloging. Data lineage is stored in **Amazon Neptune**. Data contracts are stored in **Amazon DynamoDB**.
4. Consumer search the data using the contract's properties
5. **AWS Lake Formation** provides centralized management of fine-grained permissions. It also enables automatic schema discovery and conversion to the required format
6. Machine learning (ML) and analytics can be performed thru **Lake Formation**. This new mesh node enables insights and strategy.

AWS Reference Architecture

Template File



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AWSTemplateFormatVersion: "2010-09-09"
Resources:
  myDynamoDBTable:
    Type: AWS::DynamoDB::Table
    Properties:
      AttributeDefinitions:
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          AttributeName: "Album"
          AttributeType: "S"
        -
          AttributeName: "Artist"
          AttributeType: "S"
        -
          AttributeName: "Sales"
          AttributeType: "N"
        -
          AttributeName: "NumberOfSongs"
          AttributeType: "N"
      KeySchema:
        -
          AttributeName: "Album"
          KeyType: "HASH"
        -
          AttributeName: "Artist"
          KeyType: "RANGE"
      ProvisionedThroughput:
        ReadCapacityUnits: "5"
        WriteCapacityUnits: "5"
      TableName: "myTableName"
      GlobalSecondaryIndexes:
        -
          IndexName: "myGSI"
          KeySchema:
            -
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              KeyType: "HASH"
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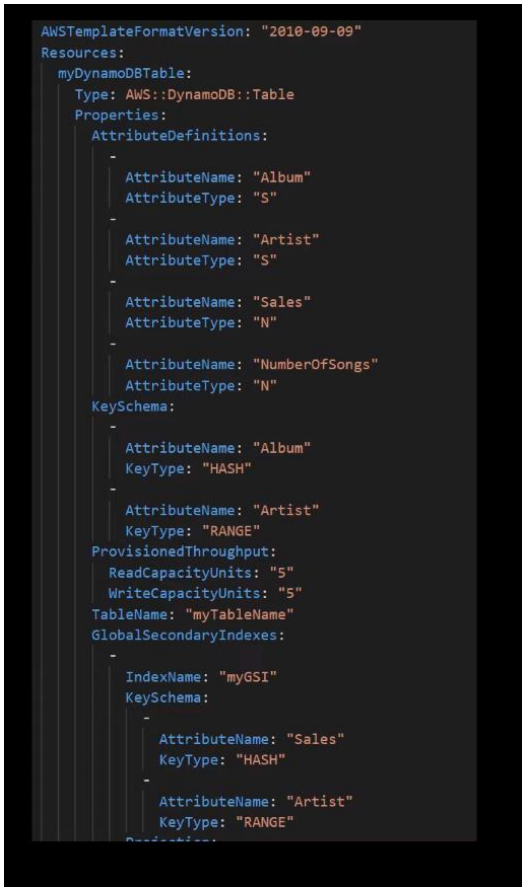

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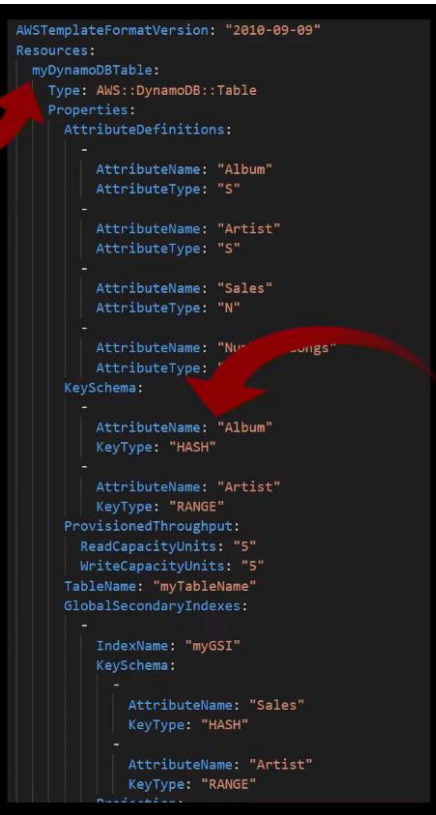
Table



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Hash Key + Range Key


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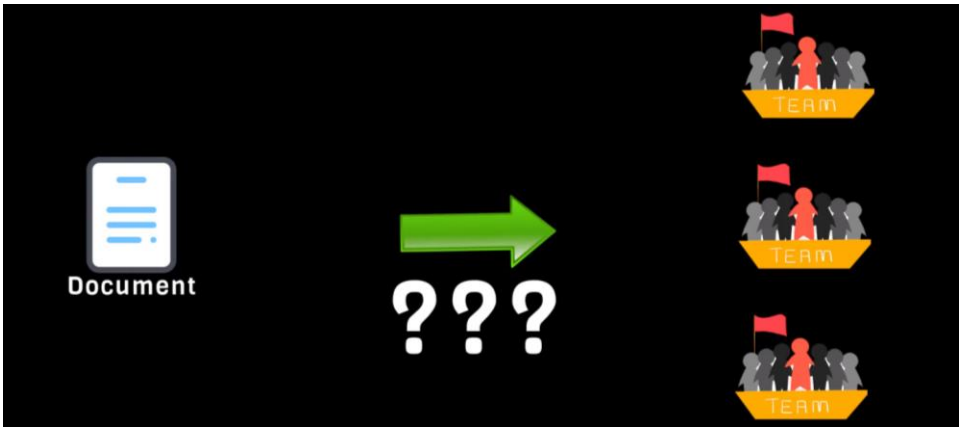
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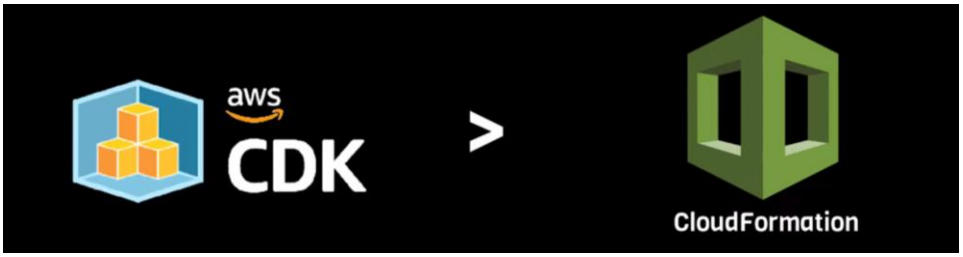
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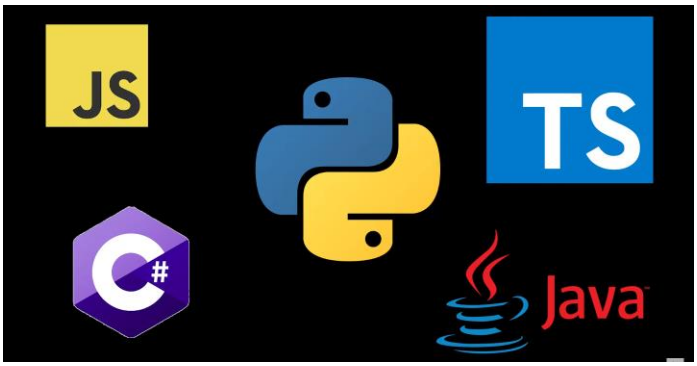
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autocomplete
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autoScaleGlobalSecondaryIndexReadCapacity
autoScaleGlobalSecondaryIndexWriteCapacity
compile-time warnings
table.addLocalSecondaryIndexx
control flow statements
if (isProduction) {
table.addGlobalSecondaryIndex({
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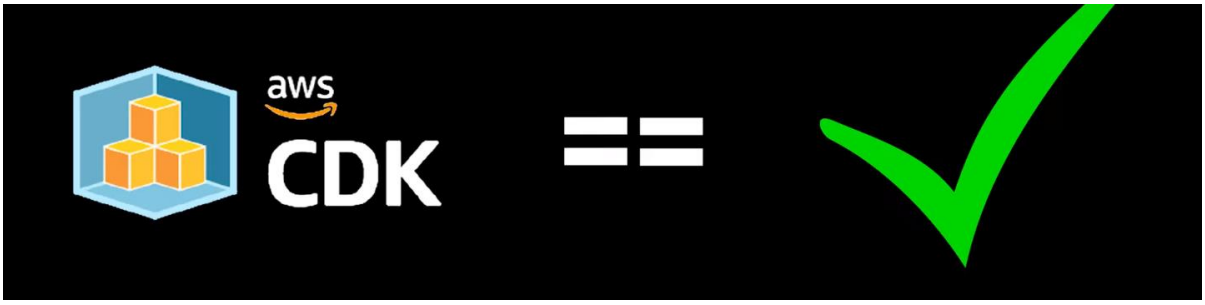
partitionKey: { name: 'noteId', type: dynamodb.AttributeType.STRING },
});
}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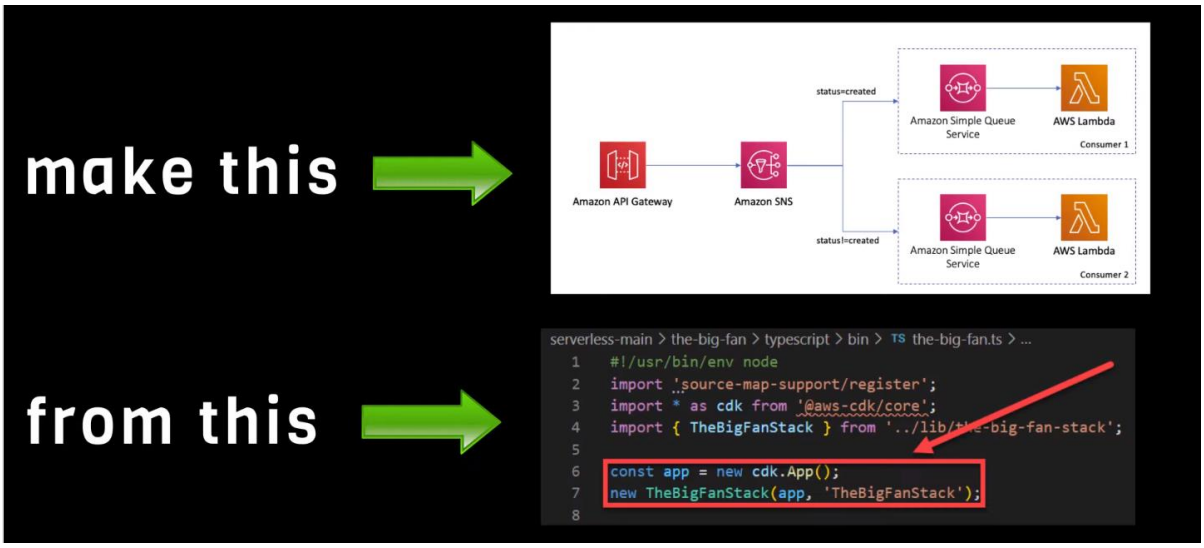
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Amazon API Gateway
Amazon SNS
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Amazon Simple Queue Service
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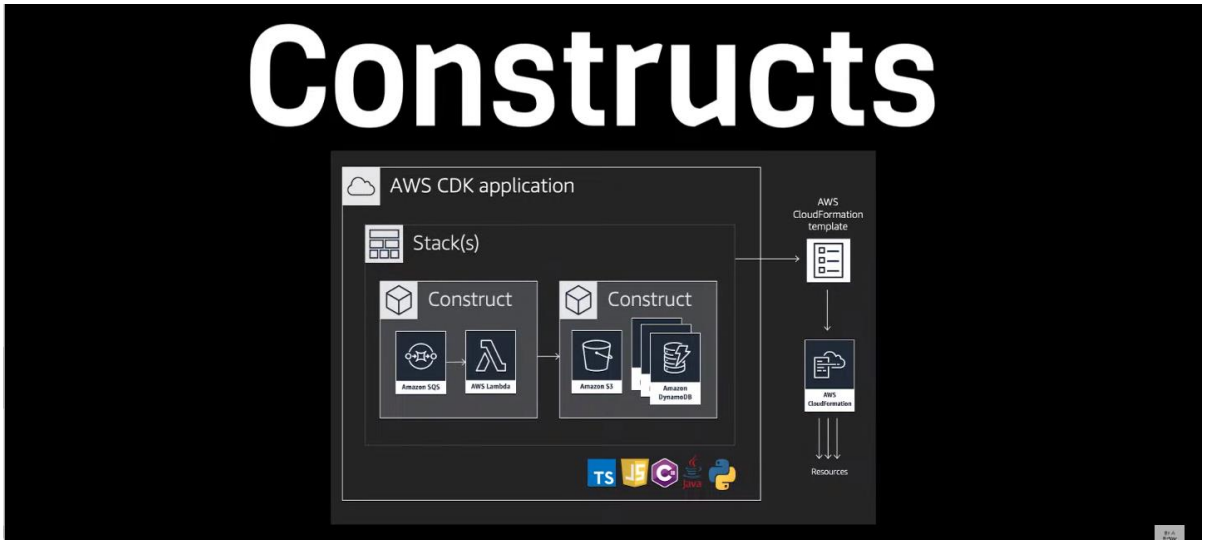
Amazon Simple Queue Service
AWS Lambda
Consumer 2
serverless-main > the-big-fan > typescript > bin > TS the-big-fan.ts > ...
#!/usr/bin/env node
import 'source-map-support/register';
import * as cdk from '@aws-cdk/core';
import { TheBigFanStack } from '../lib/the-big-fan-stack';
const app = new cdk.App();
new TheBigFanStack(app, 'TheBigFanStack');


Constructs
AWS CDK application
Stack(s)
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AWS CloudFormation template
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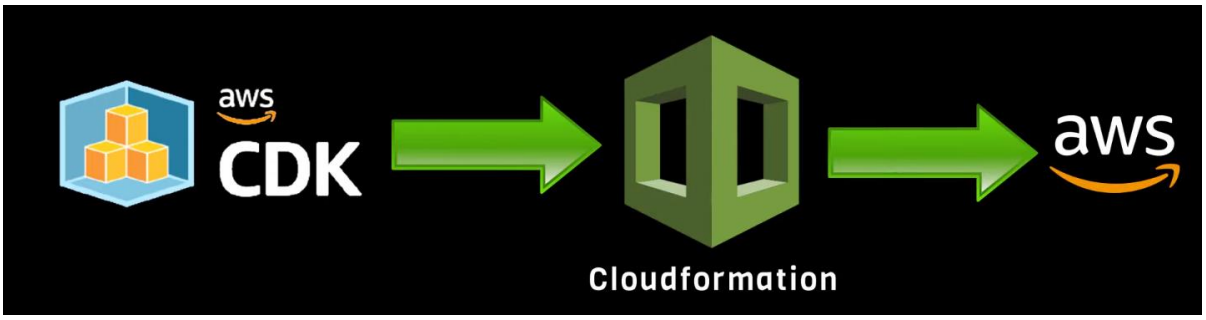

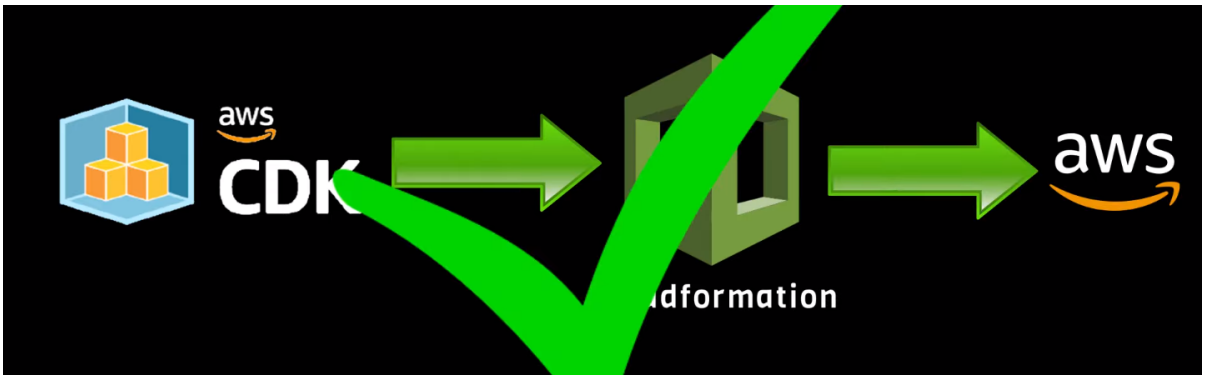

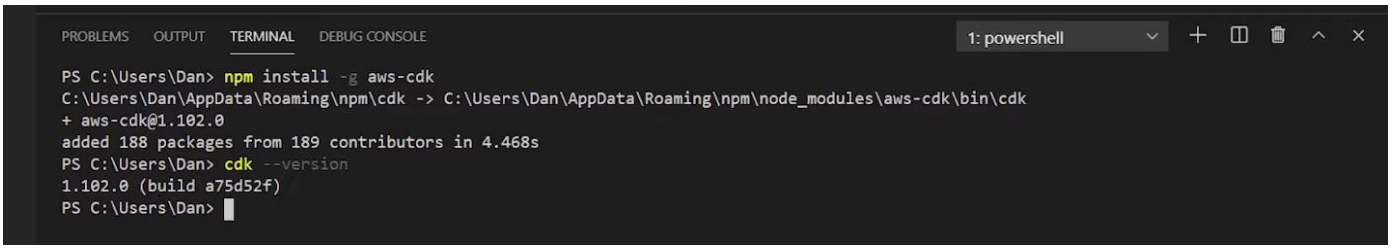

We can generate a sample initial project using the above command

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE                                  1: node

## Useful commands

 * `npm run build`   compile typescript to js
 * `npm run watch`   watch for changes and compile
 * `npm run test`    perform the jest unit tests
 * `cdk deploy`      deploy this stack to your default AWS account/region
 * `cdk diff`        compare deployed stack with current state
 * `cdk synth`       emits the synthesized CloudFormation template

Initializing a new git repository...
'git' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
Unable to initialize git repository for your project.
Executing npm install...
[#.................] - fetchMetadata: sill pacote range manifest for raw-body@^2.2.0 fetched in 70ms
```

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Executing npm install...
npm WARN deprecated request@2.88.2: request has been deprecated, see https://github.com/request/request/issues/3142
npm WARN deprecated request-promise-native@1.0.9: request-promise-native has been deprecated because it extends the now deprecated reque
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npm WARN deprecated har-validator@5.1.5: this library is no longer supported
npm WARN deprecated resolve-url@0.2.1: https://github.com/lydell/resolve-url#deprecated
npm WARN deprecated urix@0.1.0: Please see https://github.com/lydell/urix#deprecated
npm notice created a lockfile as package-lock.json. You should commit this file.
npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@^2.1.2 (node_modules\jest-haste-map\node_modules\fsevents):
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s":"win32","arch":"x64"})
npm WARN cdk@0.1.0 No repository field.
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✅ All done!
PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK>
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PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK> npm install @aws-cdk/aws-dynamodb
[...................] / rollbackFailedOptional: verb npm-session 15e4ab175bcf2aed
```

We then install an AWS construct that allows us to create a DynamoDB table.

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+ @aws-cdk/aws-dynamodb@1.102.0
added 27 packages from 4 contributors and audited 790 packages in 11.012s

39 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK>
```

Now we are ready to write some code.

```
lib > TS cdk-stack.ts > CdkStack > constructor
1  import * as cdk from '@aws-cdk/core';
2  import * as dynamodb from '@aws-cdk/aws-dynamodb'
3
4  export class CdkStack extends cdk.Stack {
5    constructor(scope: cdk.Construct, id: string, props?: cdk.StackProps) {
6      super(scope, id, props);
7
8      new dynamodb.Table(this, "MyCoolTable", {
9        partitionKey: {
10         name: "userId",
11         type: dynamodb.AttributeType.STRING
12       },
13       sortKey: {
14         name: "noteId",
15         type: dynamodb.AttributeType.STRING
16       },
17     });
18     // The code that defines your stack goes here
19   }
20 }
21
```

With the CDK, notice that we aren't specifying a lot of information like when using CloudFormation. Using the CDK provides us with sensible constructs that we can leverage.

```
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PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK> cdk synth
```

We are now ready for deployment; we will use the **cdk synth** command to synthesize the code into CloudFormation

```
PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE                    1: powershell

Resources:
  MyCoolTableCBB0734F:
    Type: AWS::DynamoDB::Table
    Properties:
      KeySchema:
        - AttributeName: userId
          KeyType: HASH
        - AttributeName: noteId
          KeyType: RANGE
      AttributeDefinitions:
        - AttributeName: userId
          AttributeType: S
        - AttributeName: noteId
          AttributeType: S
      ProvisionedThroughput:
        ReadCapacityUnits: 5
        WriteCapacityUnits: 5
    UpdateReplacePolicy: Retain
    DeletionPolicy: Retain
    Metadata:
      aws:cdk:path: CdkStack/MyCoolTable/Resource
  CDKMetadata:
    Type: AWS::CDK::Metadata
    Properties:
      Analytics: v2:deflate64:H4sIAAAAAAAACkWNwQ6DMAxDv2X3ECinHSfxB2w/UNIiFUYitSnTVPXfx9hhJ1t+lm3QdD12l5t9pYbc2
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              - Ref: AWS::Region
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              - Ref: AWS::Region
              - us-east-2
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              - Ref: AWS::Region
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              - Ref: AWS::Region
              - us-west-2

PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK>
```

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PROBLEMS  OUTPUT  TERMINAL  DEBUG CONSOLE                                1: powershell

PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK> cdk deploy
CdkStack: deploying...
CdkStack: creating CloudFormation changeset...
 0/3 | 8:07:32 PM | REVIEW_IN_PROGRESS   | AWS::CloudFormation::Stack | CdkStack User Initiated
 0/3 | 8:07:37 PM | CREATE_IN_PROGRESS   | AWS::CloudFormation::Stack | CdkStack User Initiated
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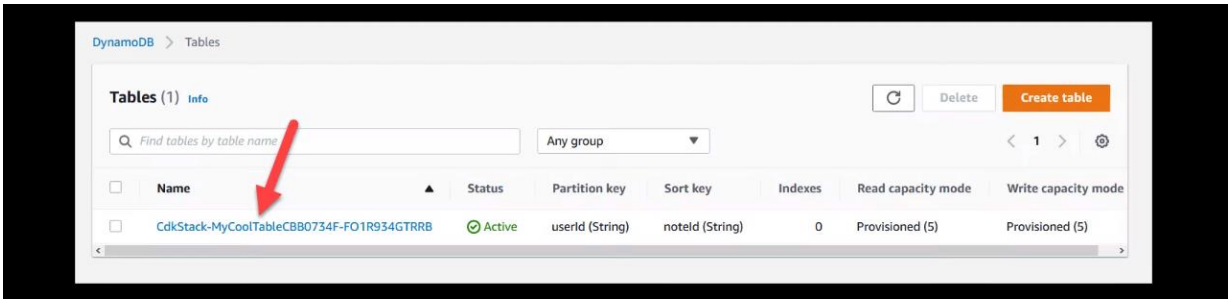
 3/3 | 8:08:15 PM | CREATE_COMPLETE      | AWS::CloudFormation::Stack | CdkStack

 ✅  CdkStack

Stack ARN:
arn:aws:cloudformation:us-east-1:755314965794:stack/CdkStack/e354ceb0-ad35-11eb-b04f-0a042094dbc5
PS C:\Users\Dan\CDK>
```

We can now deploy this to AWS, the CLI provides use with updates as the resources are created



We then see our table.