

Track 4 | Session 3

# 利用 AWS Step Functions 建構穩健的 業務處理流程

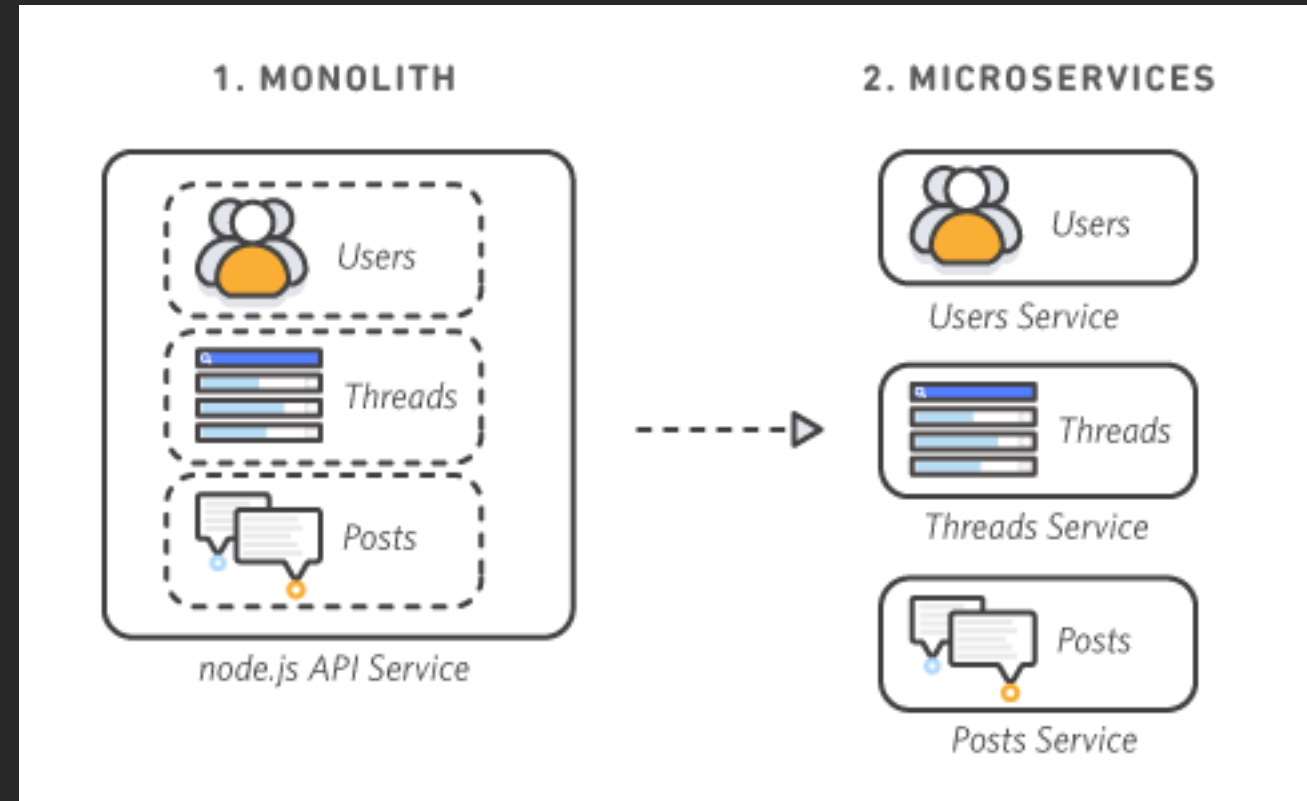
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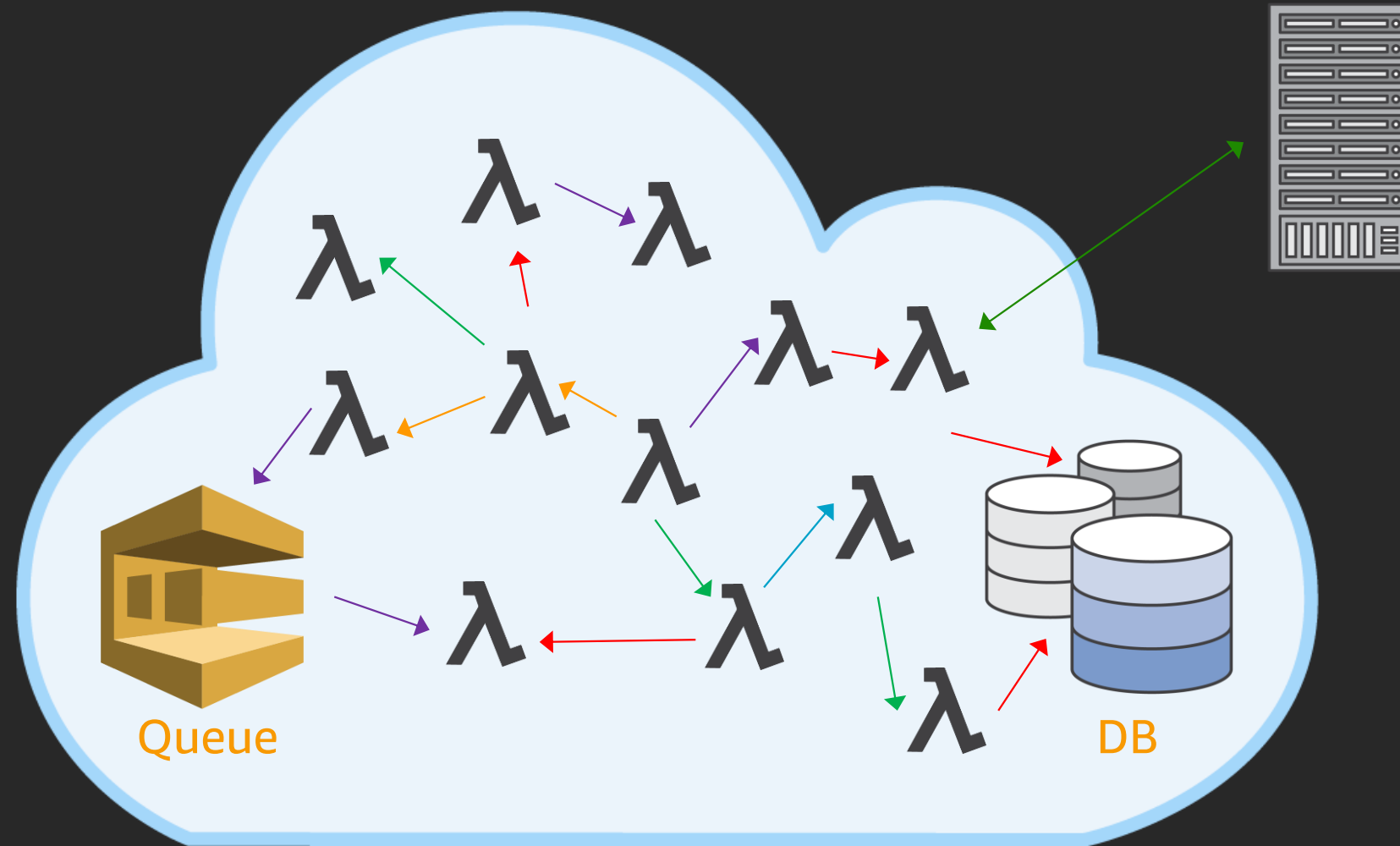
# Agenda

- Modern Application
- AWS Step Functions Features
- Workflow Examples
- Customer Use Cases
- Summary & Best Practices

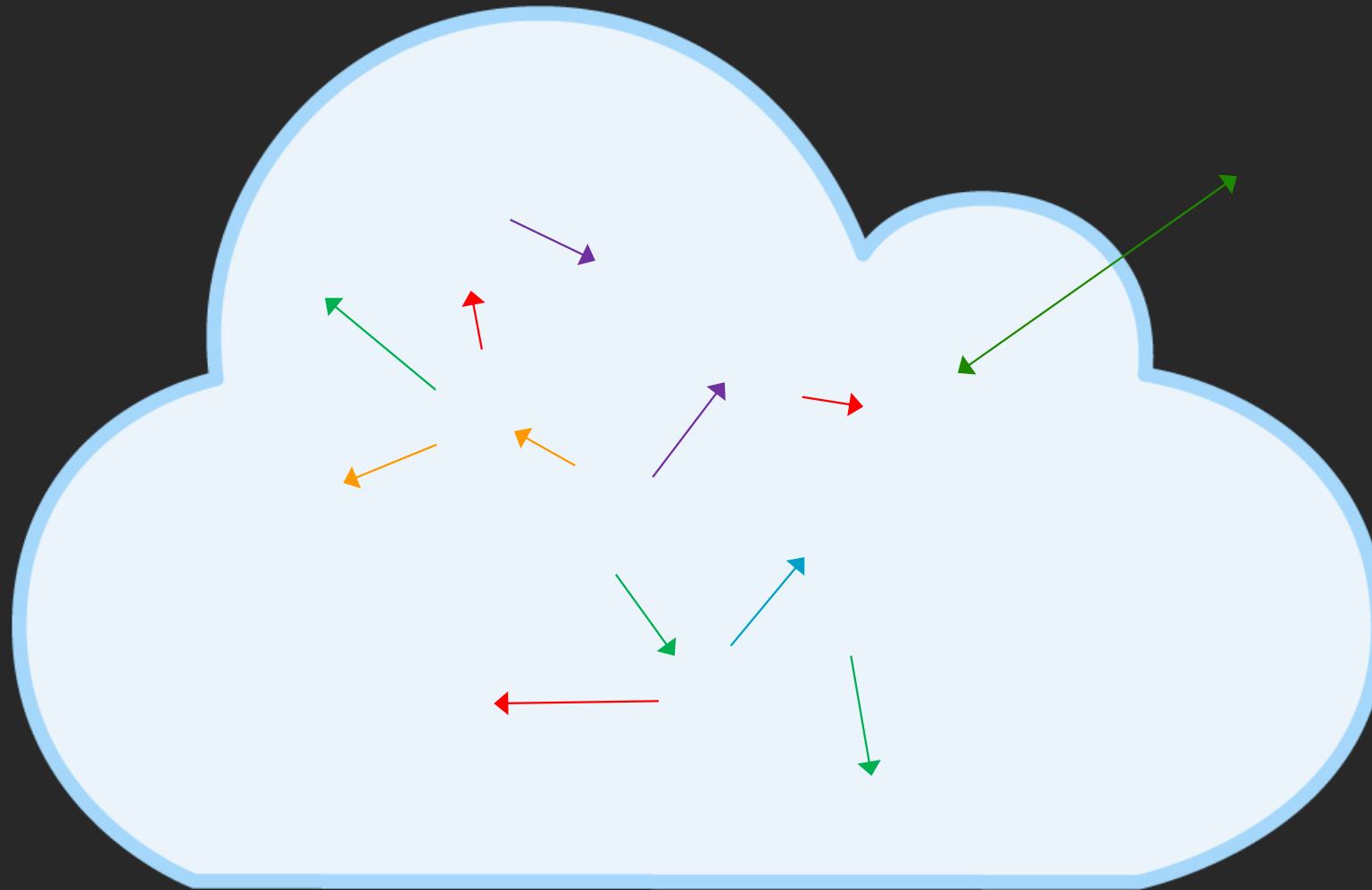
# Modern Applications



# Business Logic Orchestration

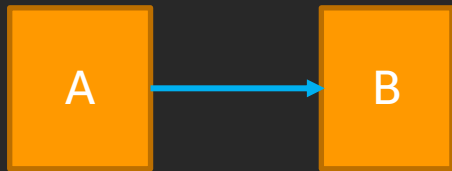


# Workflow Coordination

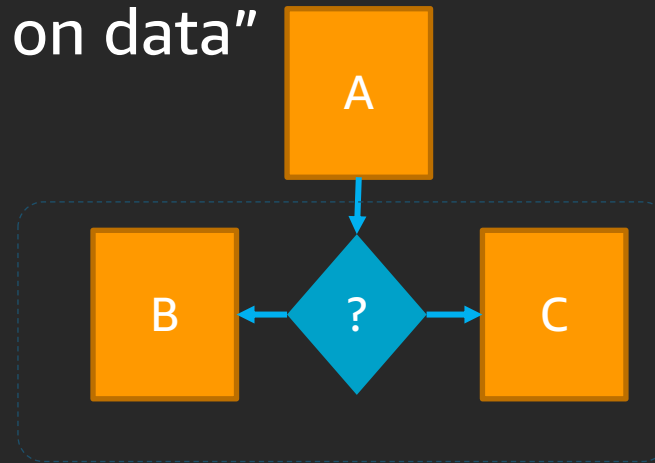


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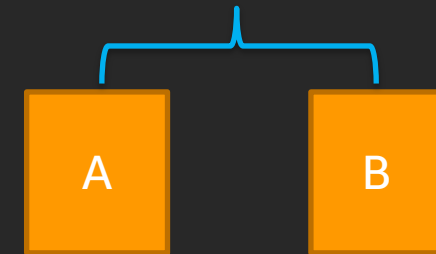
"I want to sequence tasks"



"I want to select tasks based on data"



"I want to run tasks in parallel"



"I want to retry failed tasks"



"I want try/catch/finally"



# Coordination must-haves

- Easy to build & operate
- Scales out
- Doesn't lose state
- Deals with errors/exceptions
- Auditable

# AWS Step Functions Features

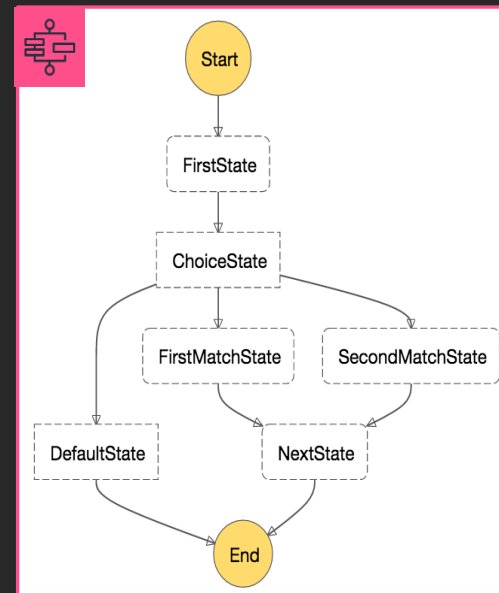


# AWS Step Functions Features

## Define in JSON

```
Code
1 {
2   "Comment": "An AWL example using a choice state.",
3   "StartAt": "FirstState",
4   "States": {
5     "FirstState": {
6       "Type": "Task",
7       "Resource": "arn:aws:lambda:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:function:FUNCTION_NAME",
8       "Next": "ChoiceState"
9     },
10    "ChoiceState": {
11      "Type": "Choice",
12      "Choices": [
13        {
14          "Variable": "$?.id",
15          "Match": "Equals",
16          "Next": "FirstMatchState"
17        },
18        {
19          "Variable": "$?.id",
20          "Match": "Equals",
21          "Next": "SecondMatchState"
22        },
23        {
24          "Default": "DefaultState"
25        }
26      ]
27    },
28    "FirstMatchState": {
29      "Type": "Task",
30      "Resource": "arn:aws:lambda:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:function:FUNCTION_NAME",
31      "Next": "NextState"
32    },
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42    },
43    "NextState": {
44      "Type": "Task",
45      "Resource": "arn:aws:lambda:REGION:ACCOUNT_ID:function:FUNCTION_NAME",
46      "Next": "End"
47    },
48    "End": {
49      "Type": "End"
50    }
51  }
52 }
```

## Visualize in the Console



## Monitor Executions

Dashboard > Orderer > New\_Order

Execution Arn: arn:aws:states:eu-central-1:492419596455:execution:Orderer-New\_Order

New\_Order ✓

Graph Code

Success Failed Needs retry In progress

Execution Details

Info Input Output

Execution Status: **Succeeded**

State Machine Arn: arn:aws:states:eu-central-1:492419596455:stateMachine:Orderer

Execution ID: arn:aws:states:eu-central-1:492419596455:execution:Orderer-New\_Order

Started: Nov 20, 2016 9:58:28 AM

Closed: Nov 20, 2016 9:58:32 AM

Step Details

ID	Type	Timestamp
1	ExecutionStarted	Nov 20, 2016 9:58:28 AM
2	TaskStateEntered	Nov 20, 2016 9:58:28 AM
3	LambdaFunctionScheduled	Nov 20, 2016 9:58:28 AM

# Workflow Type

*Flexibility to select the right workflow type for your needs, or integrate them together where needed*

## Standard Workflows

- Long-running, durable and auditable workflows
- 2000 per second (started rate)
- 4000 per second (state transition)
- Log events on console & CloudWatch Log
- Max execution time of 1 year
- \$0.025 per 1,000 state transitions

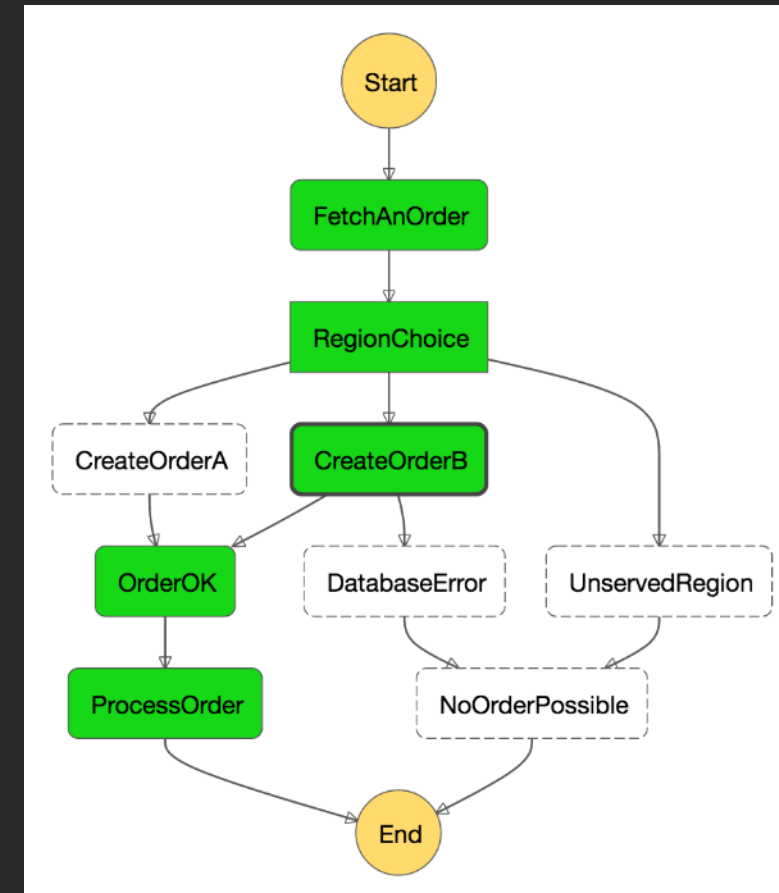
## Express Workflows

- Simplified capabilities, geared for speed and scale
- Supporting event rates up to 100,000 per second
- No logging events on console
- Max execution time of 5 mins
- Pay per use at \$1.00 per 1M requests and \$0.000001 per request

# Orchestrating Your Business Logic with Eight States

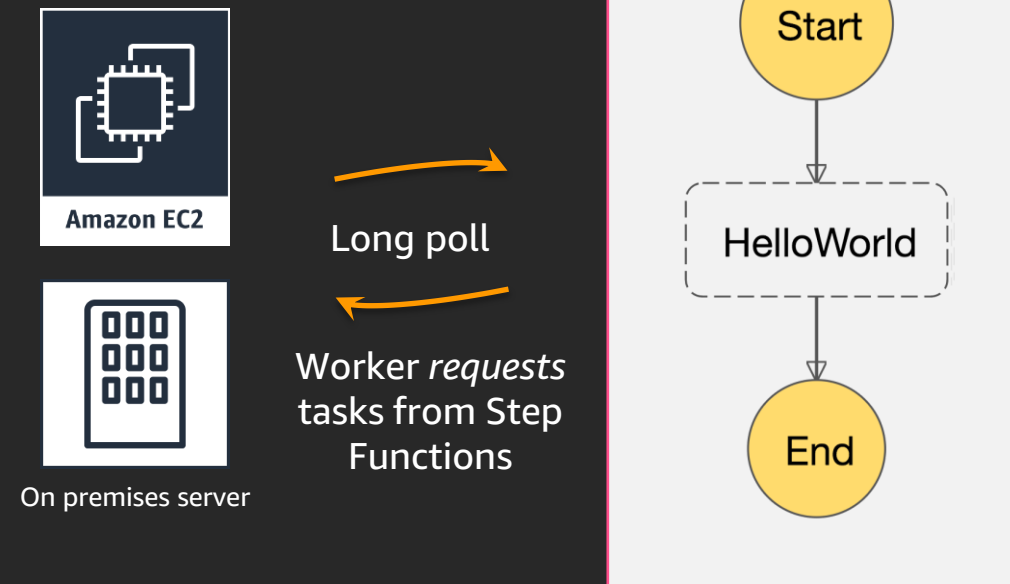
*The Amazon States Language is a JSON-based, structured language used to define your state machine*

- Task
  - Lambda Function
  - Activity
  - AWS Services
- Choice
- Parallel
- Map
- Pass
- Wait
- Succeed
- Fail

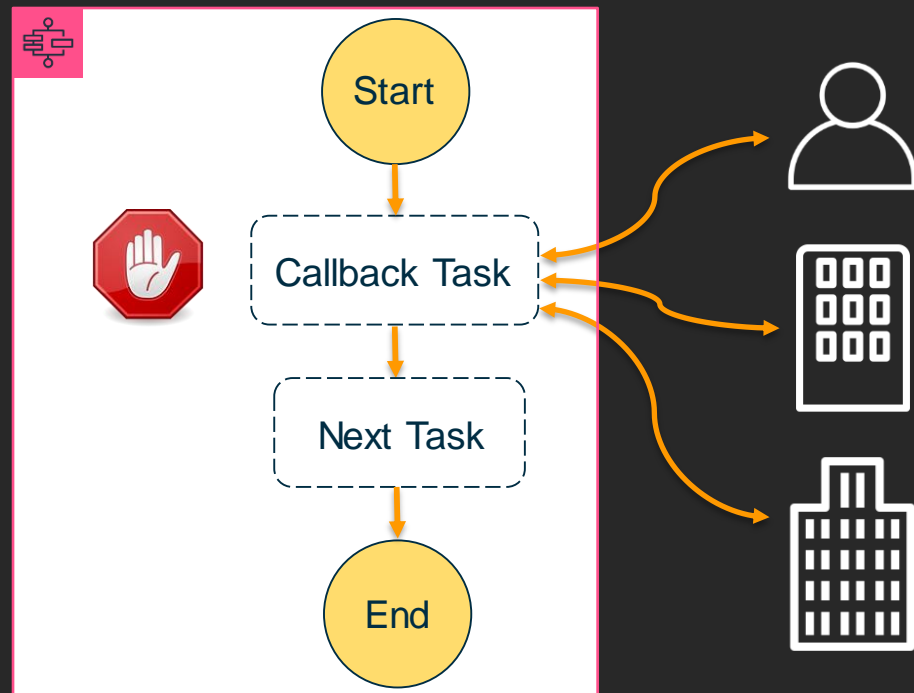


# Tasks: Activity

## Hybrid workflows with servers and instances



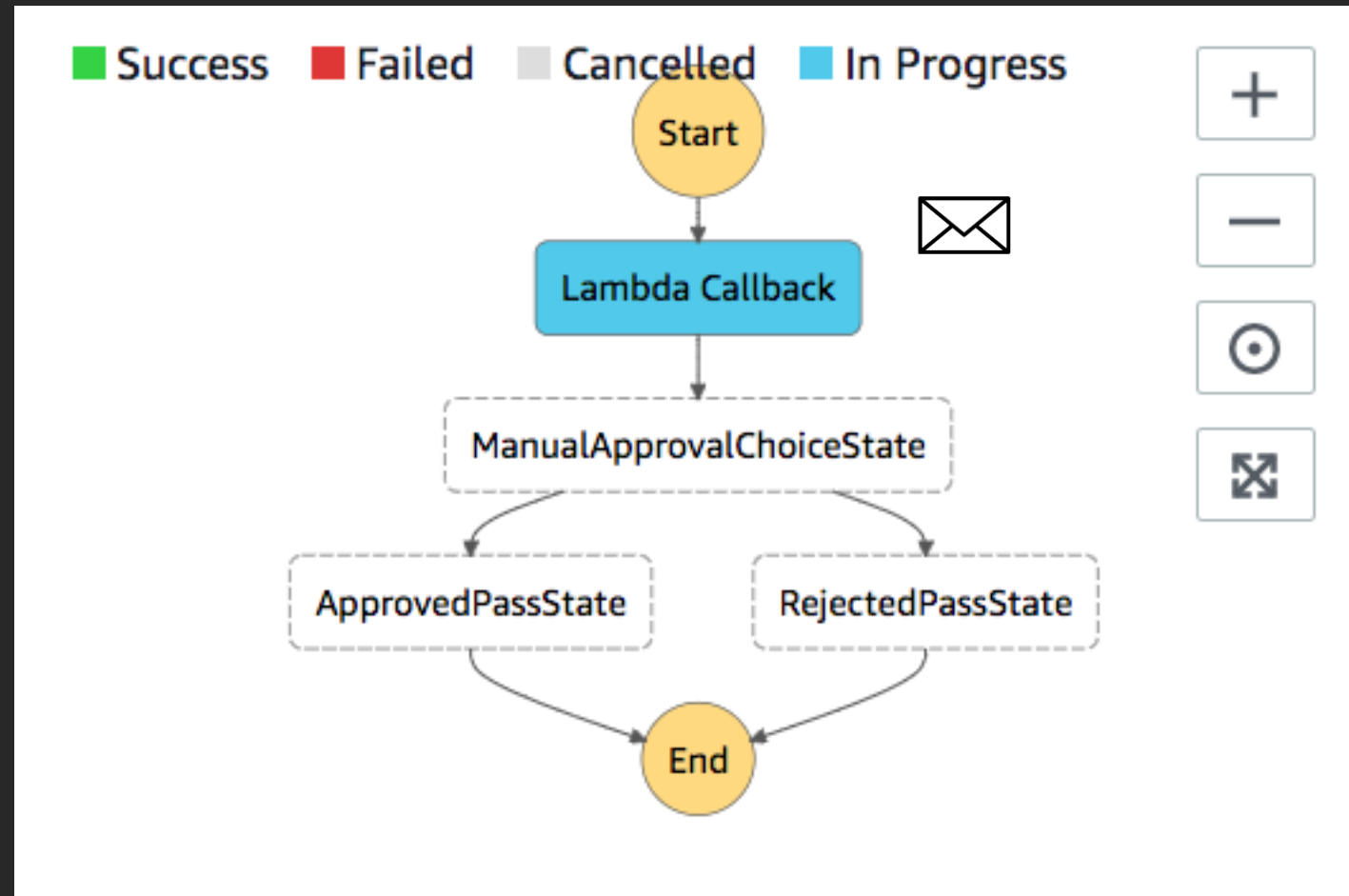
# Tasks: Callback



Call an external resource. Pause workflow for a callback event from the resource. Wait for as long as you need – minutes, days, weeks, or months:

- Human activity
- Third party API
- Legacy application

# Callback tasks : Human Activities

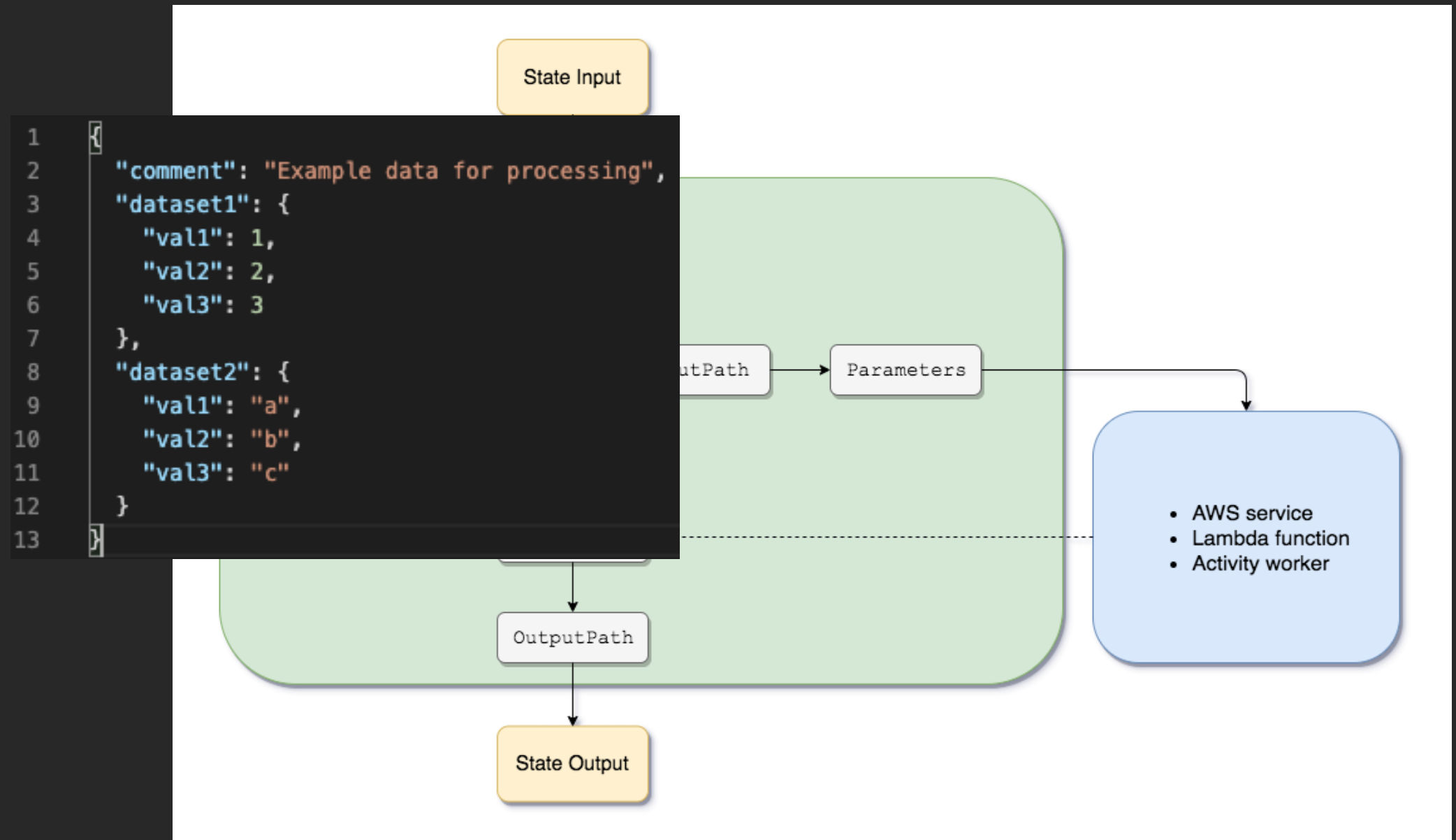


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# AWS Step Functions: Input and Output Processing

- InputPath
- Parameters
- ResultPath
- OutputPath
- ItemPath



# AWS Step Functions: Input and Output Processing

## InputPath

```
{  
  "comment": "Example for InputPath.",  
  "dataset1": {  
    "val1": 1,  
    "val2": 2,  
    "val3": 3  
  },  
  "dataset2": {  
    "val1": "a",  
    "val2": "b",  
    "val3": "c"  
  }  
}
```

## Syntax

```
"InputPath" : "$.dataset2"
```

## Output

```
{  
  "val1": "a",  
  "val2": "b",  
  "val3": "c"  
}
```



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    "val2": "b",
    "val3": "c"
  }
}
```

## Syntax

```
"Parameters": {
  "Comments": "selecting the value that I care about",
  "Entry01.$": "$.dataset1.val1",
  "Entry02.$": "$.dataset2.val3",
  "StaticValue": "Newly added"
}
```

## Output

```
{
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  "Entry01": 1,
  "Entry02": "c",
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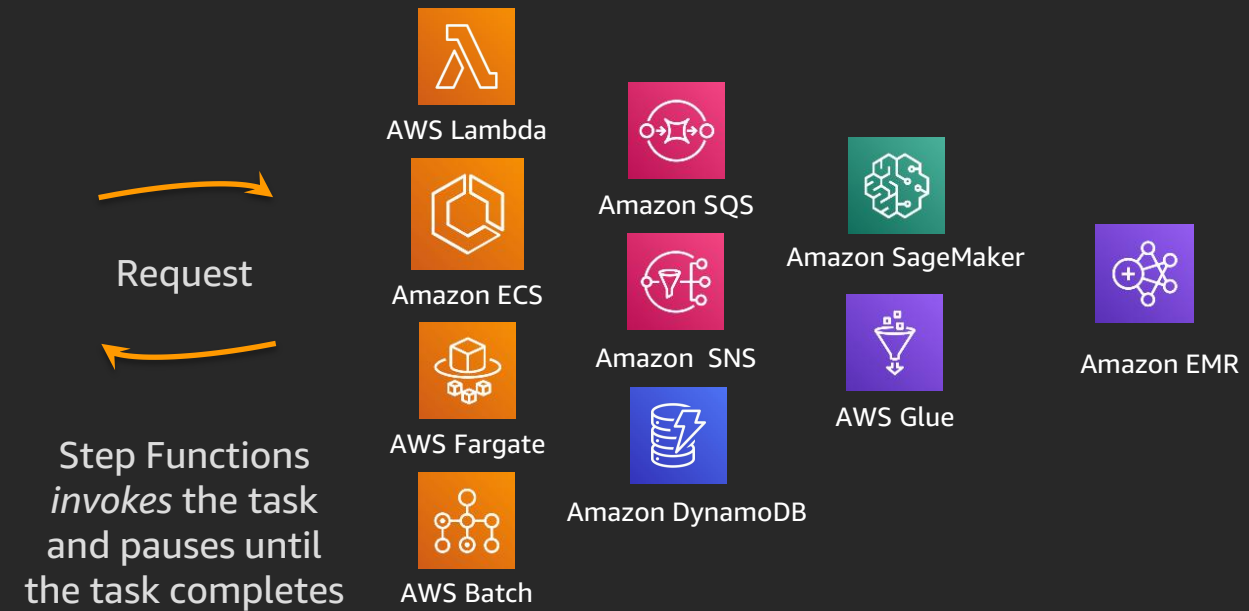
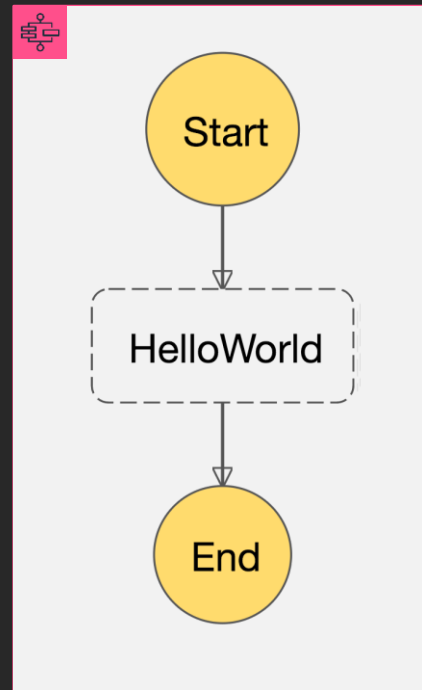
# AWS Step Functions: Input and Output Processing

## ItemPath

```
{
  "ThingsPiratesSay": [
    {
      "say": "Avast!"
    },
    {
      "say": "Yar!"
    },
    {
      "say": "Walk the Plank!"
    }
  ],
  "ThingsGiantsSay": [
    {
      "say": "Fee!"
    },
    {
      "say": "Fi!"
    },
    {
      "say": "Fo!"
    },
    {
      "say": "Fum!"
    }
  ]
}
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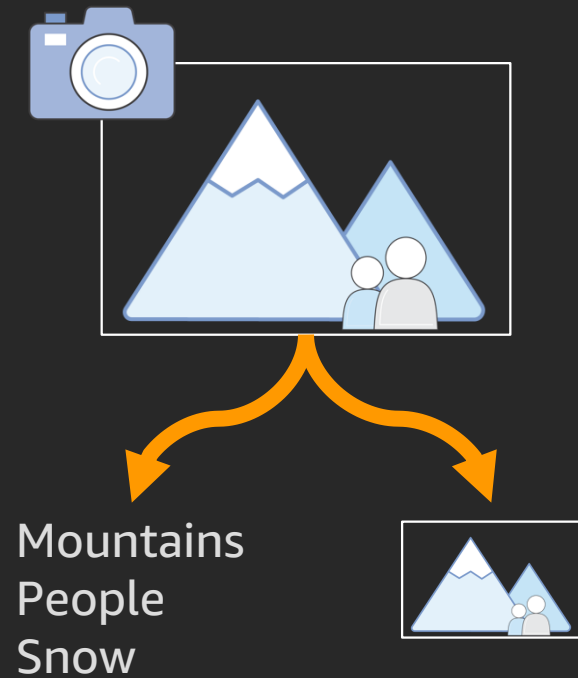


# Service Integrations



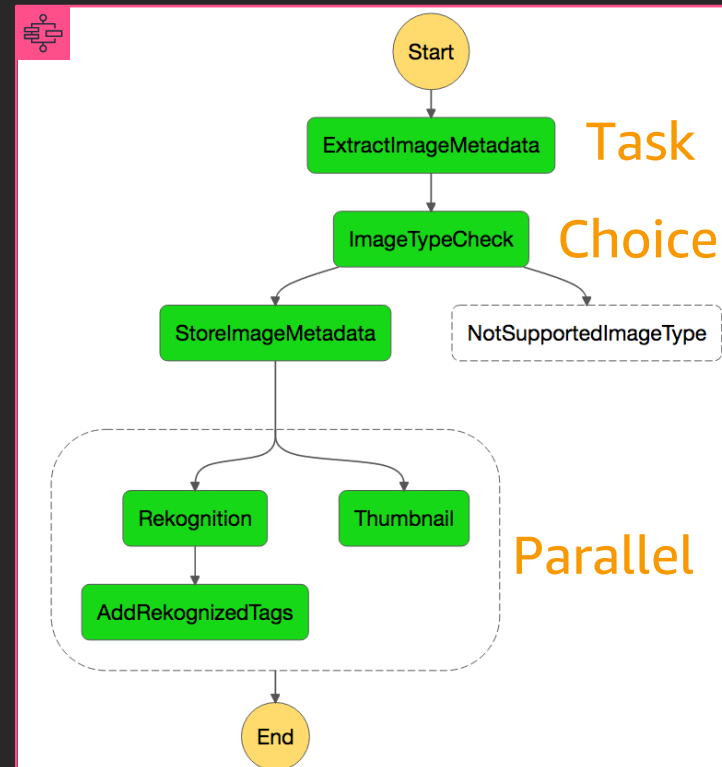
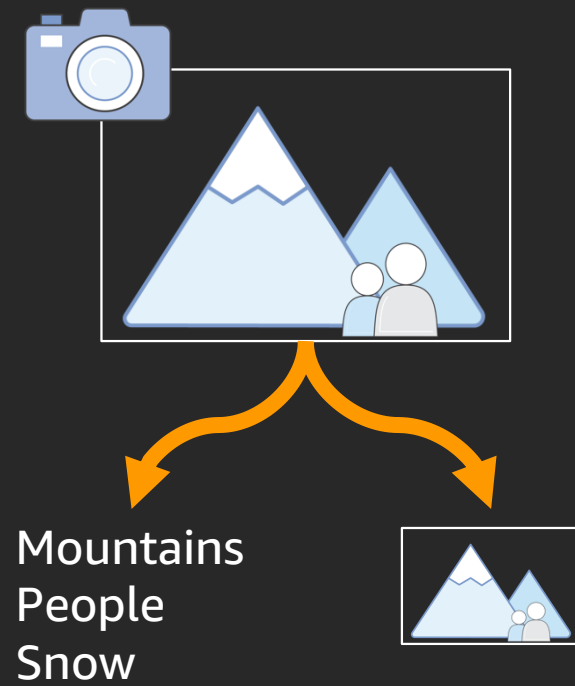
# Workflow Examples

# An Image Processing Workflow

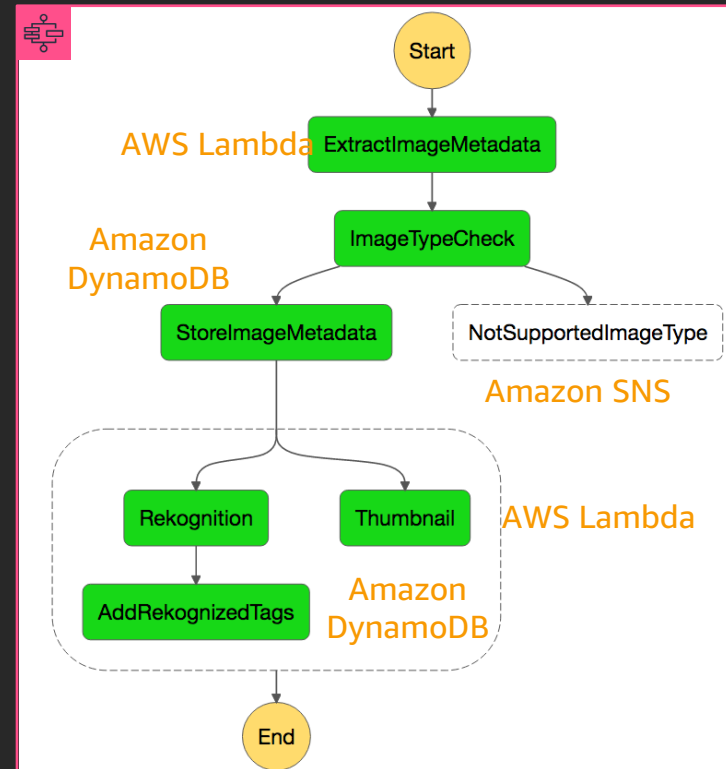
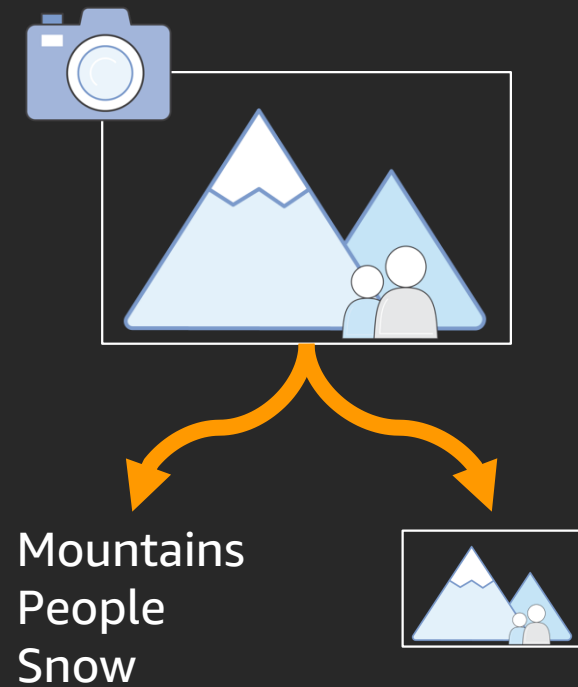


- Make a thumbnail
- Identify features
- Store image metadata

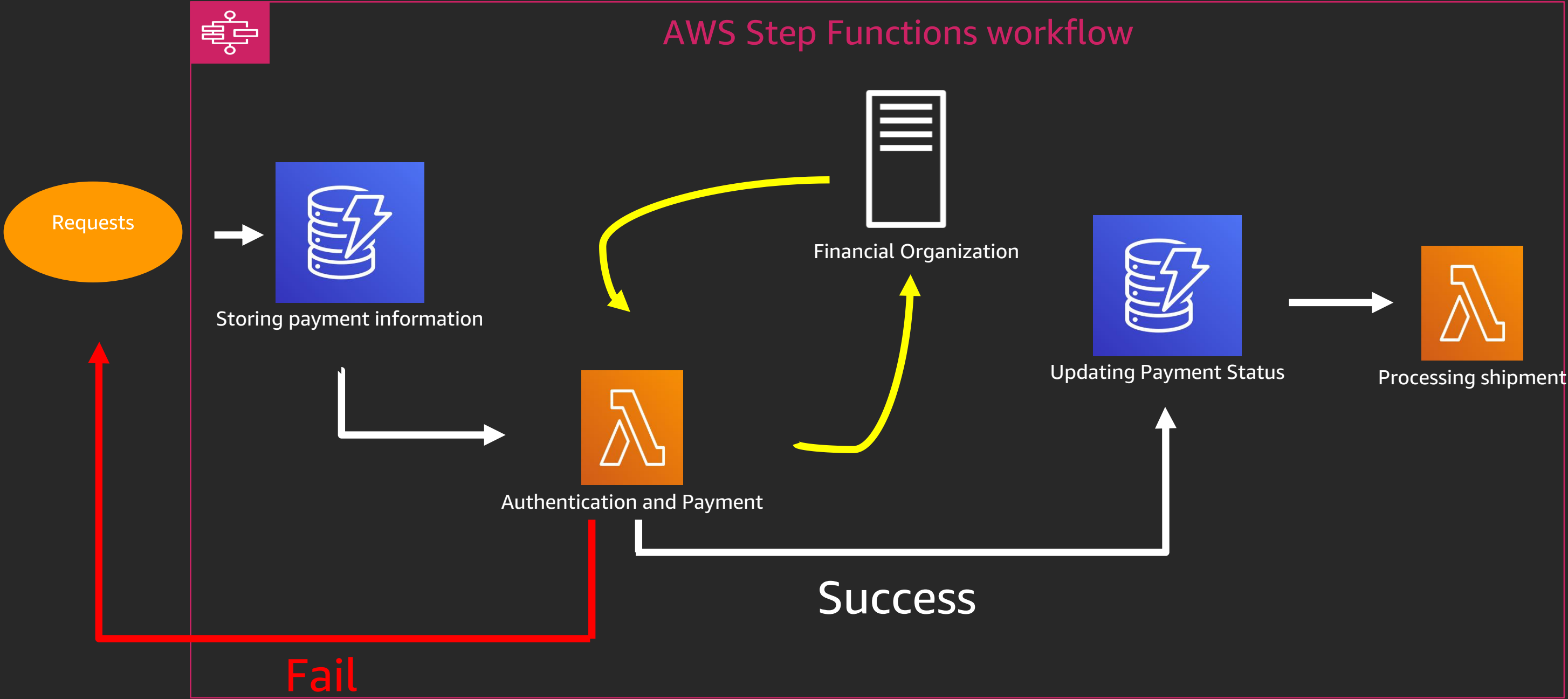
# Build Workflows



# Build Workflows Using Service Integrations

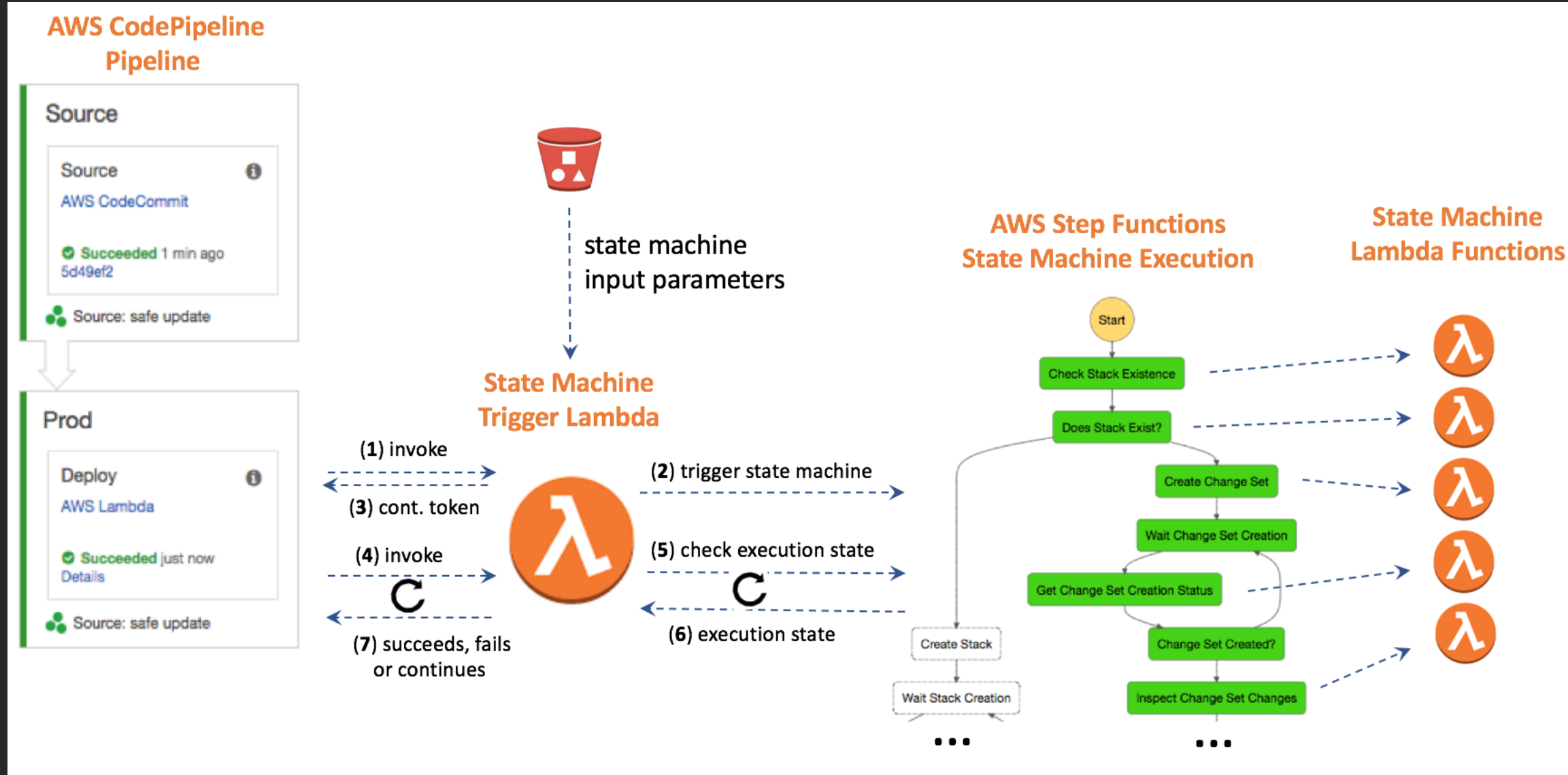


# Payment and Order Processing Flow

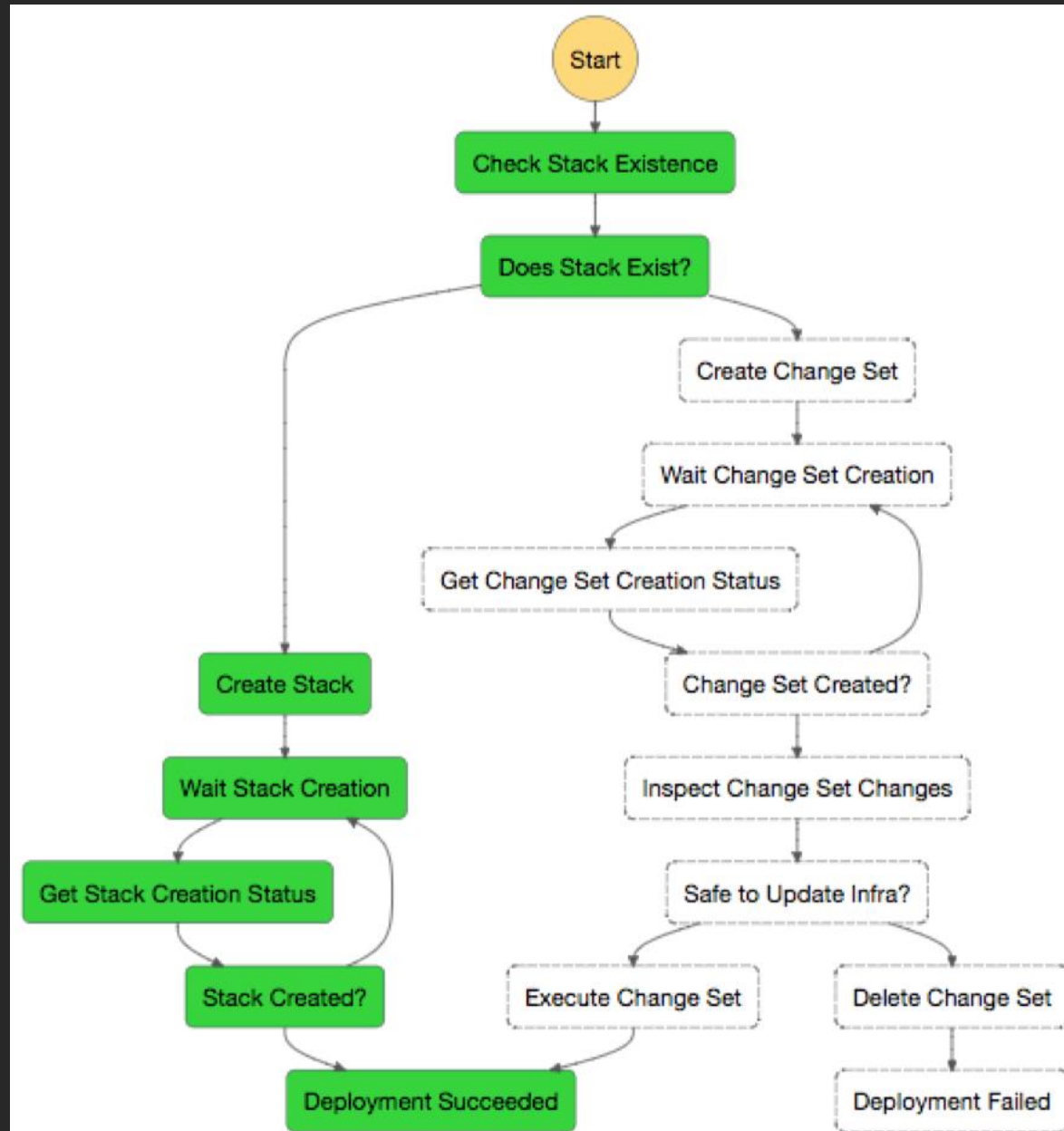




# Workflow-Driven AWS CodePipeline Actions



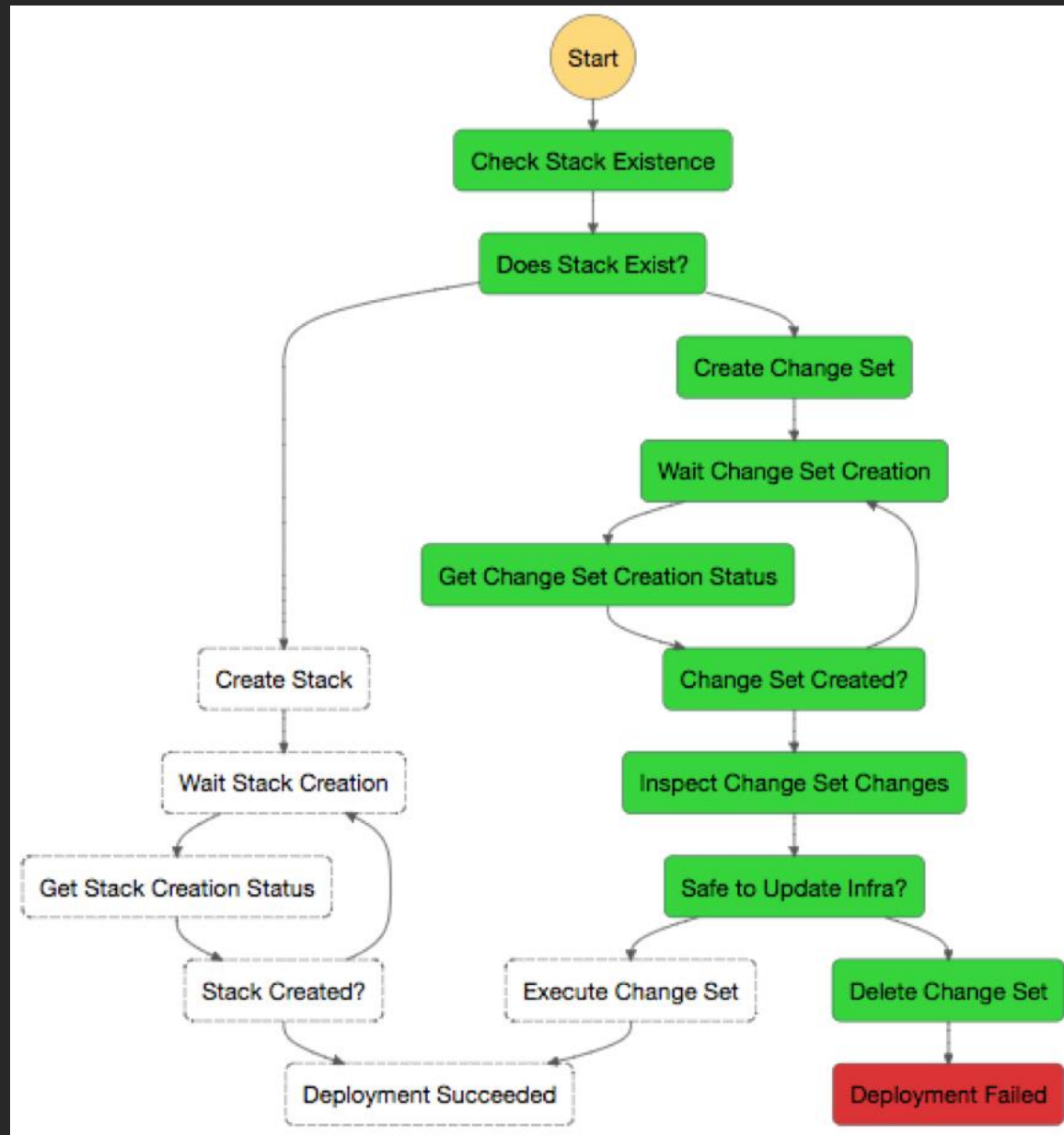
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# Customer Use Cases

# Use Cases for AWS Step Functions

Process  
data



Automate  
tasks



coinbase

Modernize  
monoliths



Orchestrate  
applications



Frame.io

# Thomson Reuters

Serverless split video transcoding



Industry: Media & Entertainment  
Solution: Big Data / Machine Learning  
Architecture: Serverless

## Challenge

- Transcode ~350 news video clips per day into 14 formats each – as quickly as possible

## Results

- Able to process video segments in parallel
- Reduced processing time from ~20 min to ~2 minutes
- The bigger the source video, the more segments, the bigger the savings





# coinbase

Buy and sell digital currency

coinbase

## Challenge

- Secure, reliable, immutable deployments with visibility by their engineers
- Scale to multiple AWS accounts easily and quickly

## Results

- Reduced new account deployment from days to seconds
- Increased the time a deployment can reliably run from 2 hours to 48 hours
- Mission critical services deployment rate rose 7%

Available on Coinbase

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#

NAME

1



Bitcoin BTC

2



Ethereum ETH

3



Bitcoin Cash BCH

4



Litecoin LTC

5



Ethereum Classic ETC



# Yelp

Transformed a decade-old monolith to microservices



Industry: Internet  
Solution: Application modernization  
Architecture: Serverless

## Challenge

- Make a very old, very critical monolithic billing application easier to modify & maintain
- Improve account billing process
- High refactoring risk

## Results

- Able to refactor gradually and safely
- Able to process multiple accounts at once (concurrency)
- Stable and improved performance (parallelism)
- Enhanced observability
- Simple evolution to Lambda



# Frame.io

Custom solution to optimize real-time transcoding



Industry: Media & Entertainment  
Solution: Digital Supply Chain  
Architecture: Microservices

## Challenge

- Workflow management platform for video teams has to be able to process high volumes of media, transcode to different formats, cost-effectively

## Results

- Improved performance and lower costs
- Code is easily managed and debugged
- Increased code releases 20x using CI/CD
- Better performance, expect to scale to running 1,000 state machines a minute



# Summary & Best Practice

# Business Processes on AWS Step Functions

## Build and update apps quickly

AWS Step Functions lets you build visual workflows that enable fast translation of business requirements into technical requirements. You can build applications in a matter of minutes, and when needs change, you can swap or reorganize components without customizing any code.

## Write less code

AWS Step Functions manages the logic of your application for you, and implements basic primitives such as branching, parallel execution, and timeouts. This removes extra code that may be repeated in your microservices and functions.

## Improve resiliency

AWS Step Functions manages state, checkpoints and restarts for you to make sure that your application executes in order and as expected. Built-in try/catch, retry and rollback capabilities deal with errors and exceptions automatically.

# Best Practice

- Use Timeouts to Avoid Stuck Executions
- Use ARNs Instead of Passing Large Payloads
- Avoid Reaching the History Quota
- Handle Lambda Service Exceptions
- Avoid Latency When Polling for Activity Tasks
- Choosing Standard or Express Workflows

# Thank you!