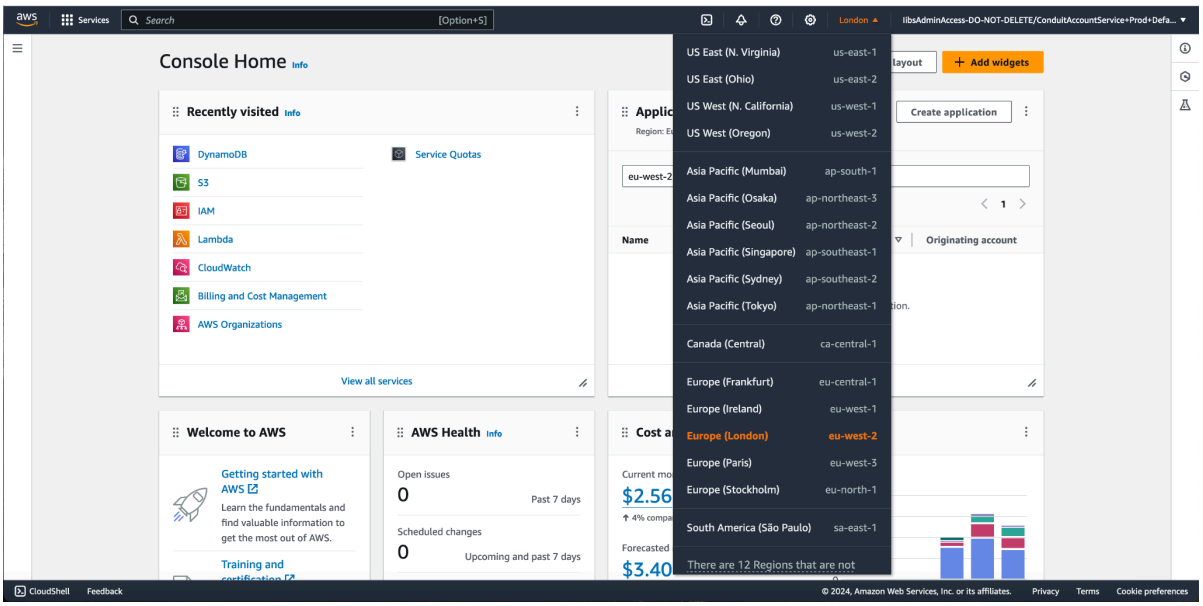
Pokemon Data Ingestion

This document explains the steps to ingest the Pokemon data that will be used by the Frontend and Backend workshops in the AWE-AUB context.

In this tutorial, you will learn how to:

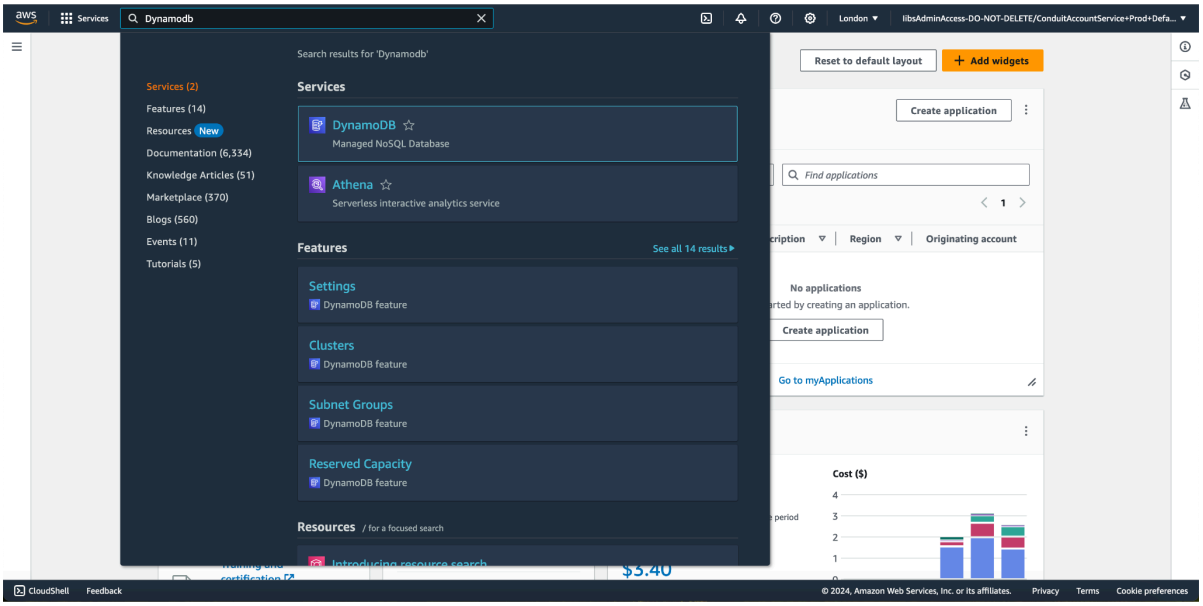
Step 1 - Select London (eu-west-2) as your region

This tutorial expects that the resources created are in the London (eu-west-2) AWS region. Before starting any actual development, select this region on the AWS console.

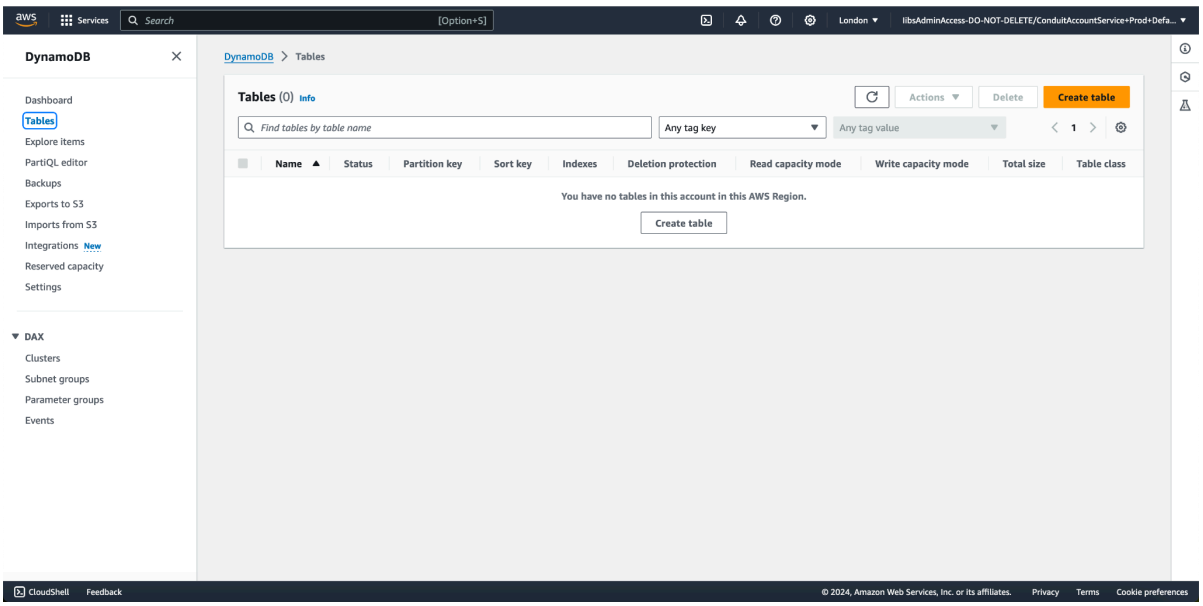


Step 2 - Create a DynamoDB table

Amazon DynamoDB is **a serverless, NoSQL database service that enables you to develop modern applications at any scale**. As a serverless database, you only pay for what you use and DynamoDB has no extra latency for read requests when these requests are made very sporadically, no version upgrades, no maintenance windows, no need to perform software updates, and no downtime maintenance. The reason why we chose DynamoDB is because the records you add to this table can have different formats, which will be very helpful in the early phases of your project as the data model can change very quickly. Imagine that to launch a new feature to your project you need to start storing a new field in your records, with DynamoDB it's very convenient to manipulate new records or to patch the old ones with new fields without having to perform migrations from one table to another. To start, on the AWS console, search for DynamoDB:



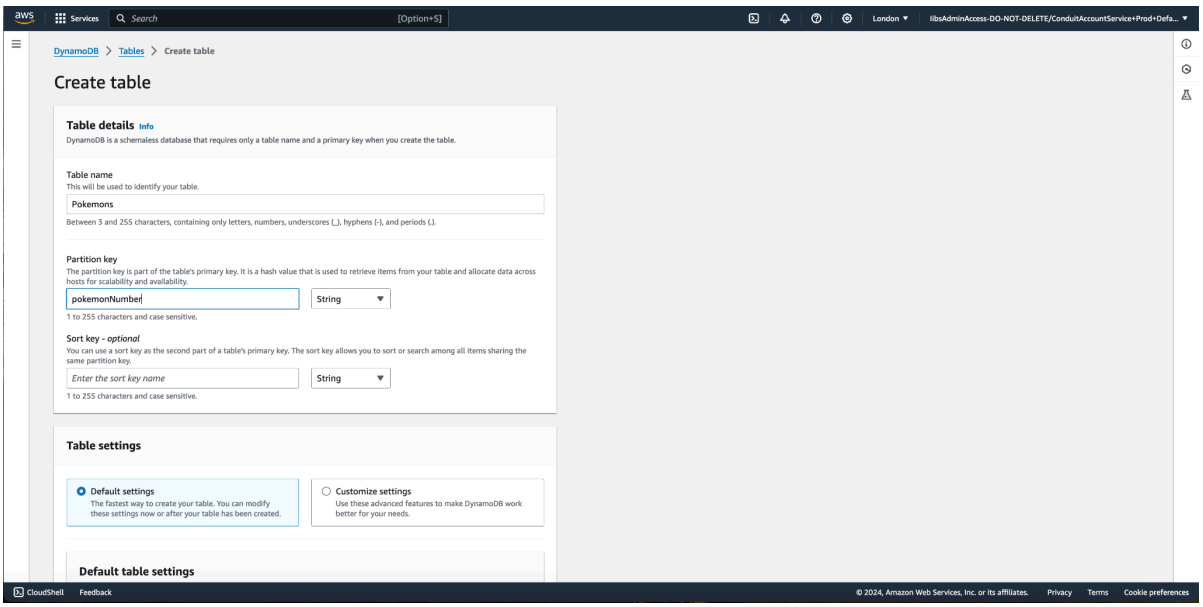
On the left side, select Tables. Then Create table on the right.



Make sure to create a table with the following inputs, **future steps of this series of workshops have a hard dependency on these names**:

- Table name: Pokemons
- Partition key: pokemonNumber and the type should be: Number
- Everything else can be as is by default

Click create table at the bottom of the page and wait for a couple of seconds for your table to be created:



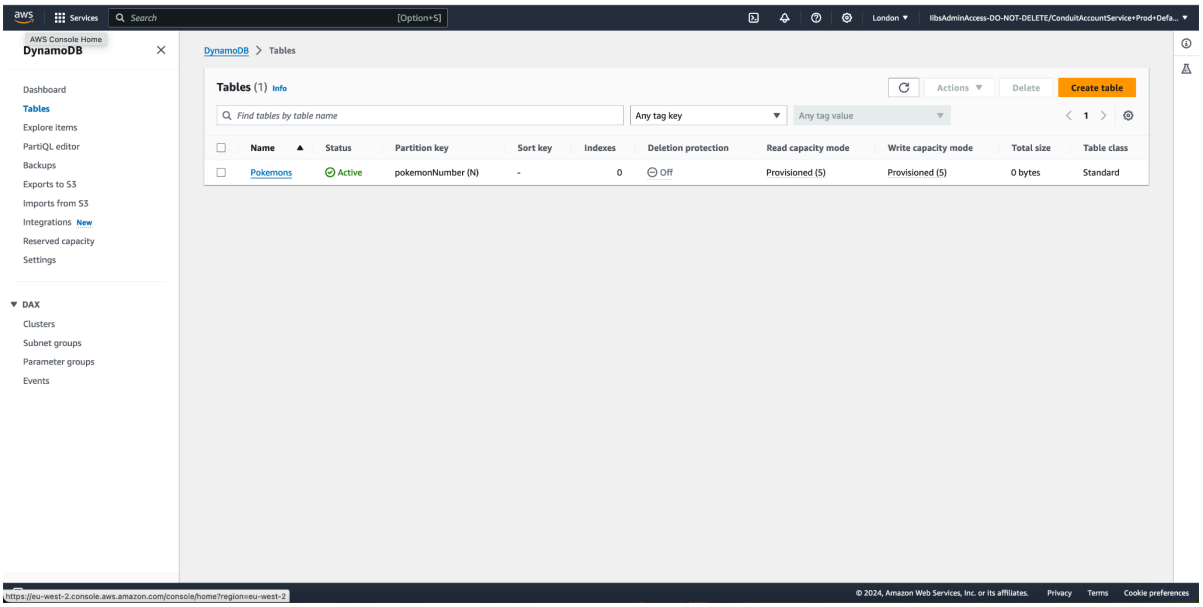
The table creation will take a while and you should see a spinning widget.

After a couple of seconds, you should see a successfully created table widget.

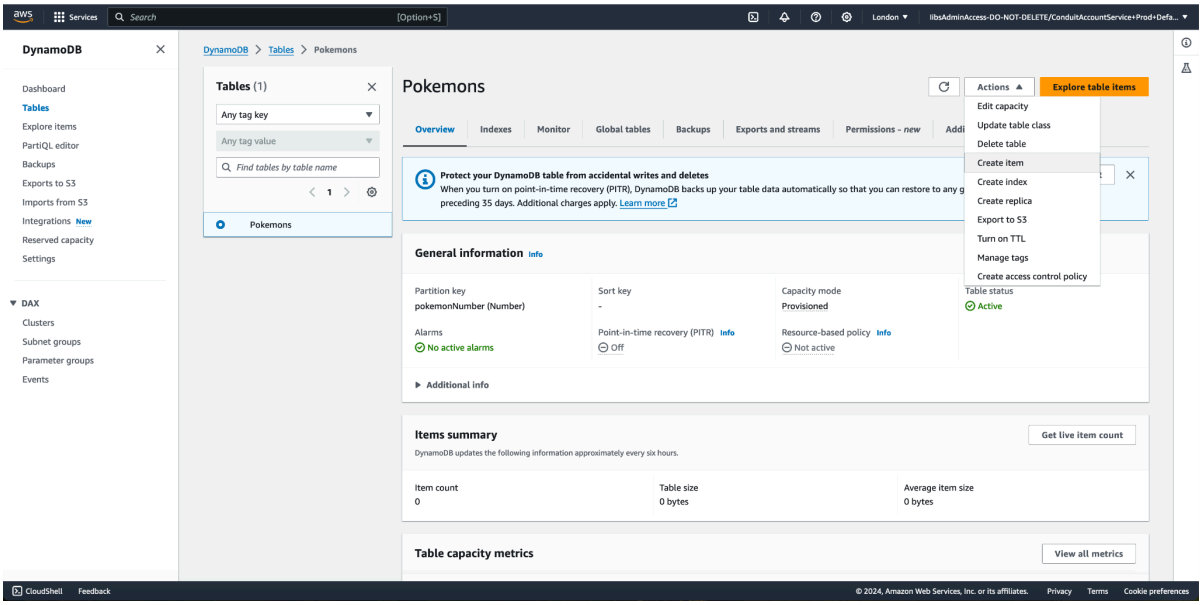
That table will contain all Pokemons that will later be used through the rest of this Pokemon workshop.

Step 3 - Ingest one Pokemon manually to a DynamoDB table

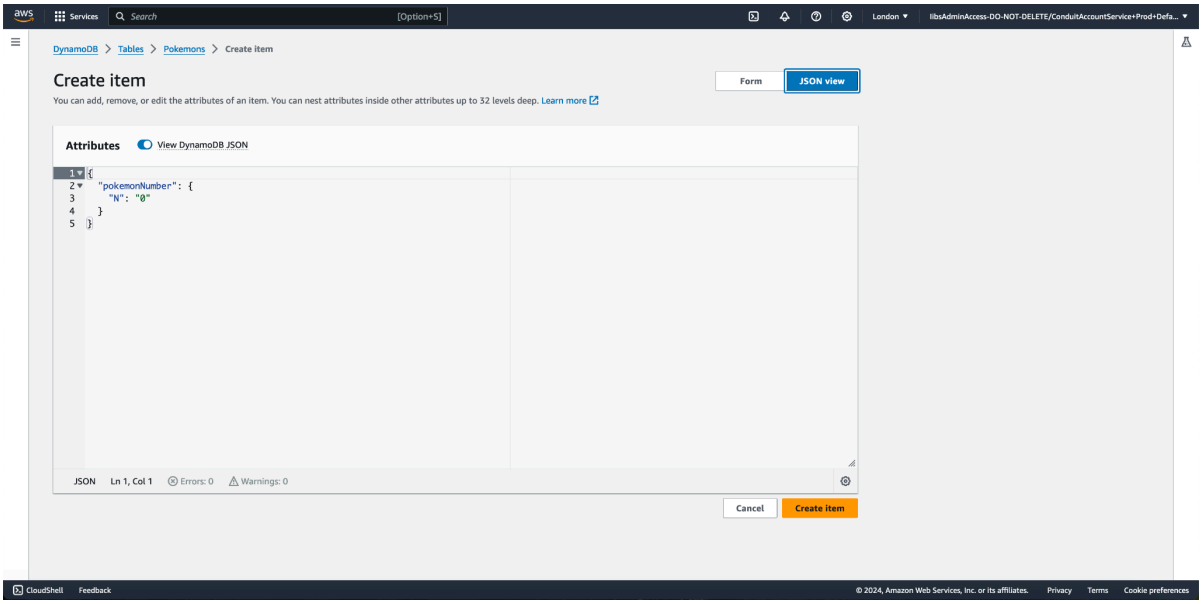
Open your table by clicking its name (you might need to refresh your screen to reload the dashboard with the created tables).



On the actions dropdown, select Create item:



Select the JSON view on the top right and paste the following content to manually ingest a Bulbassaur to your database:



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{
  "pokemonNumber": {
    "N": "1"
  },
  "attack": {
    "N": "49"
  },
  "defense": {
    "N": "49"
  },
  "devolution": {
    "S": ""
  },
  "evolution": {
    "S": "Ivysaur"
  },
  "evolutionFamily": {
    "L": [
      {
        "S": "Bulbasaur"
      },
      {
        "S": "Ivysaur"
      },
      {
        "S": "Venusaur"
      }
    ]
  },
  "healthPoints": {
    "N": "45"
  },
  "mainImage": {
    "S":
"https://pokemon-aub-awe-workshop.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/1/mainImage
.png"
  },
  "pokemonName": {
    "S": "Bulbasaur"
  },
  "speed": {
    "N": "45"
  },
  "pokemonType": {
    "L": [
      {
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        "S": "Grass"
      },
      {
        "S": "Poison"
      }
    ]
  }
}
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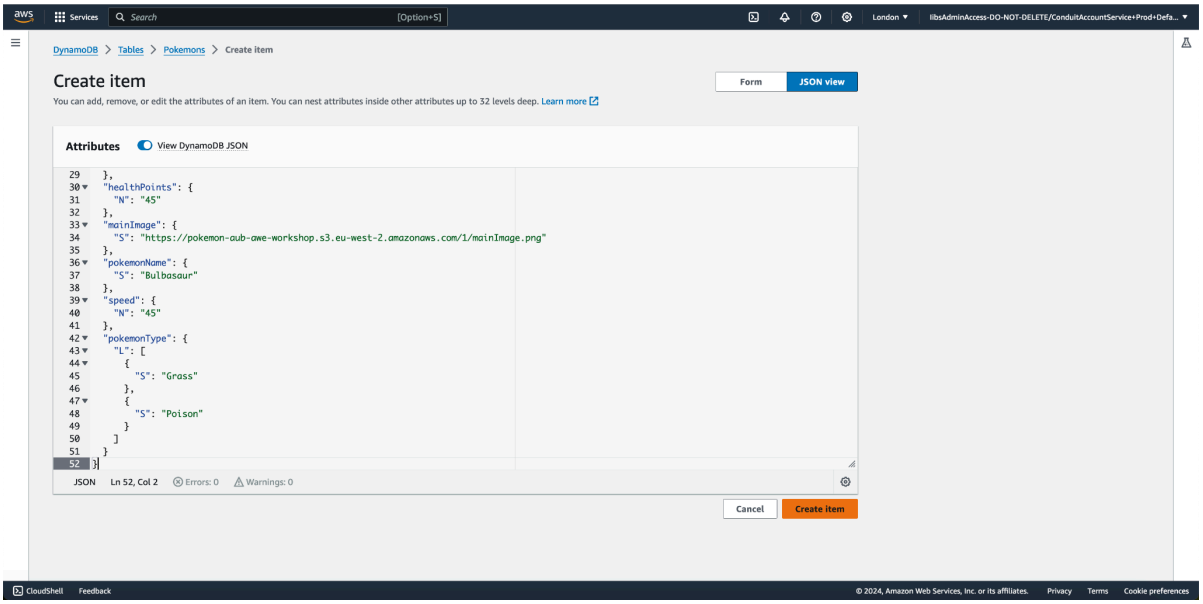
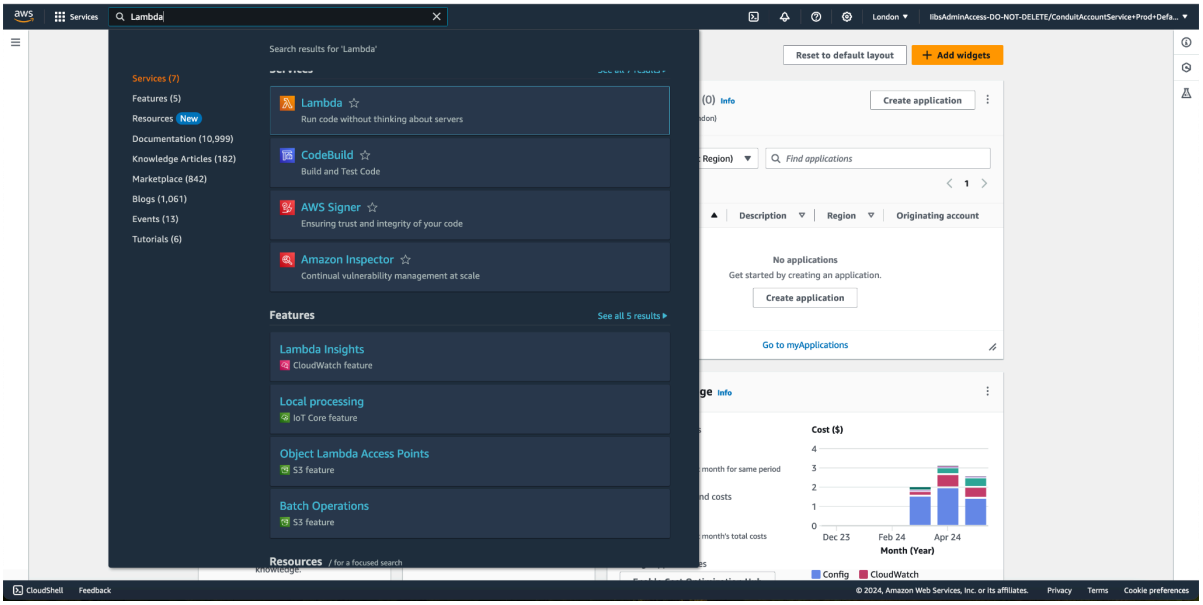


After pasting the content, click the Create item button. To verify that one item is added to the table click on Explore table items on the top right. Congratulations, you have added a Bulbassaur to your table.

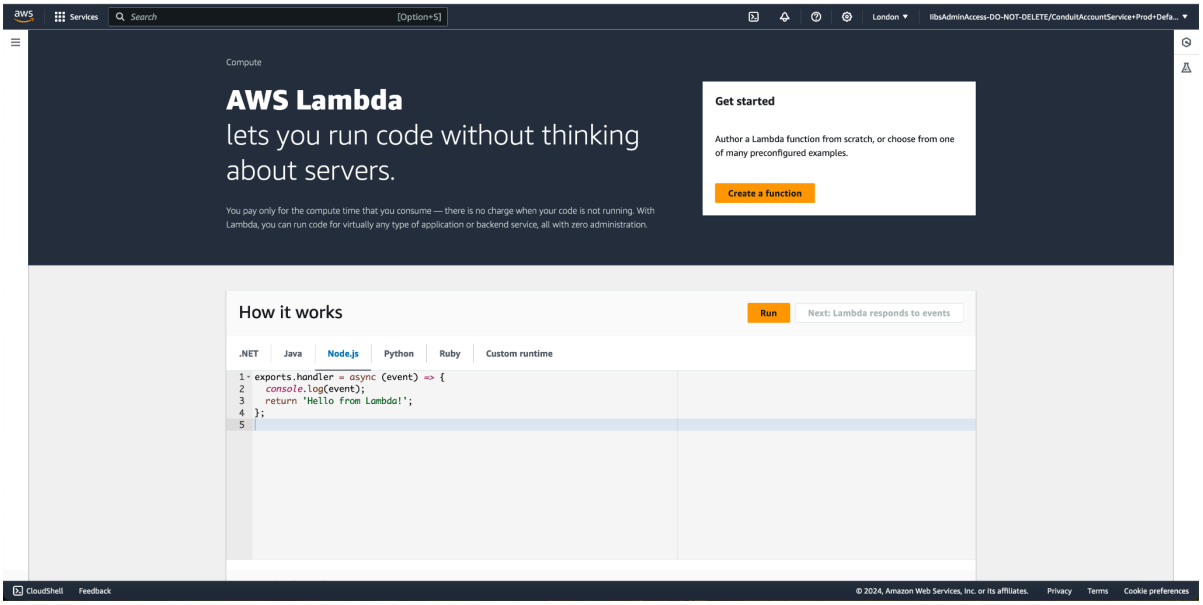
Step 4 - Create a DynamoDB data ingestion lambda

AWS Lambda is **a serverless, event-driven compute service that lets you run code for virtually any type of application or backend service without provisioning or managing servers**. Now that we have created a table and tested the manual ingestion process to get familiar with the AWS ecosystem and the DynamoDB table we created, let's create an AWS Lambda that will ingest the remaining 150 Pokemons to the DynamoDB table for us. Notice that we could have inserted manually the remaining 150 Pokemons, but that would be a tedious task, but also notice that if we had to insert 5 records to our table, creating a lambda to perform this task would take more time than just inserting the data manually ourselves. Always balance the time to automate a task vs doing it manually, and account for the number of times you will need to do it manually again in the future.

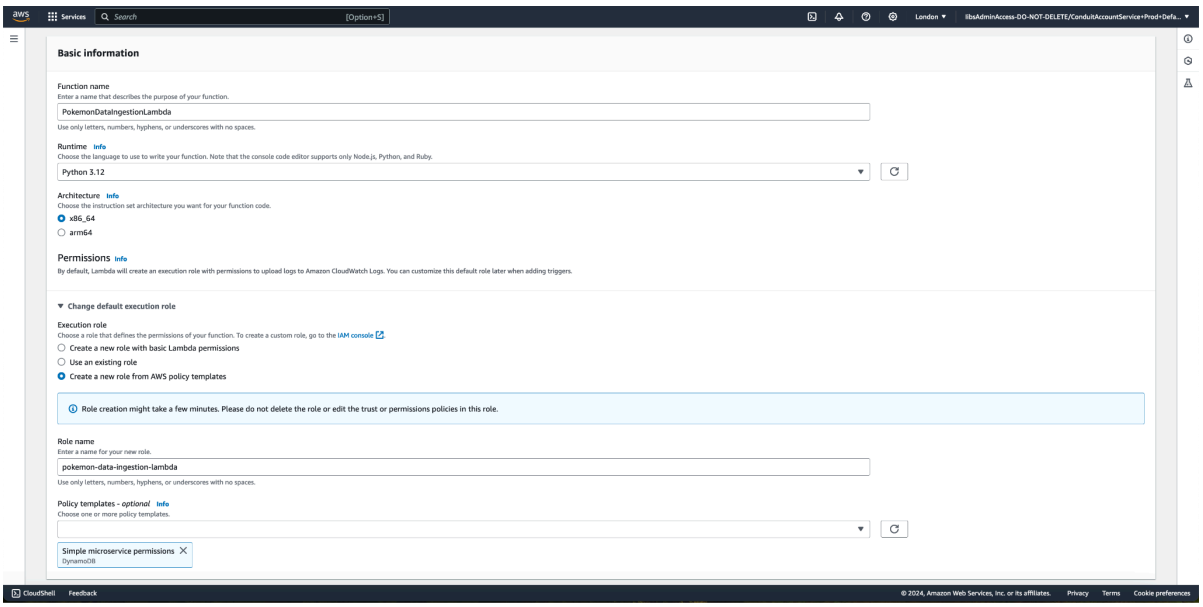
To get started with your lambda creation, on the AWS console, search for Lambda:



Select Create function on the top right:



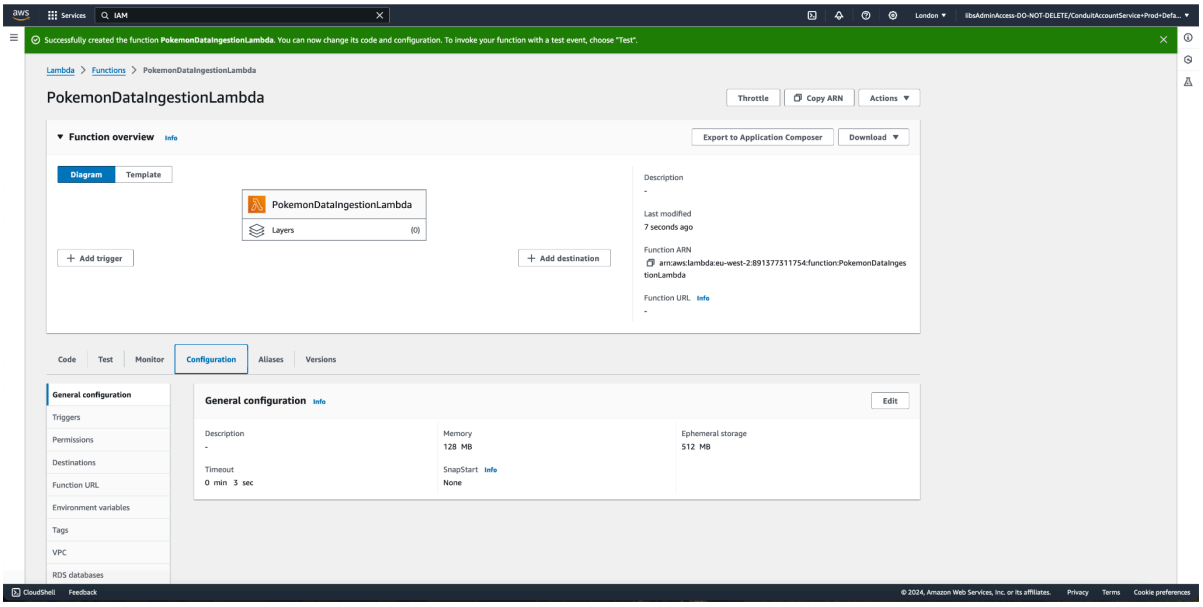
Select Author from scratch and make sure that the Runtime is Python 3.12 and the Architecture is x86_64. For the name, use something like PokemonDataIngestionLambda.



Expand the Change default execution role dropdown and select:

- Create a new role from AWS policy templates
- For role name, use pokemon-data-ingestion-lambda
- And select Simple microservice permissions and Amazon s3 object read-only permissions as policy template, notice that these are DynamoDB permissions.

Then proceed with Create function. After your function is created, select the Configuration tab.



By default, the timeout of lambdas is configured to 3 seconds. However, to ingest the pokemons to the database, it takes approximately 10 seconds. Click Edit and change the timeout to 1 minute and 0 seconds and then click Save.

Step 5 - Invoke the data ingestion lambda

From reading the python code below, you will notice that it's reading from an S3 bucket a csv file. **Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) is an object storage service** that offers industry-leading scalability, data availability, security, and performance. Customers of all sizes and industries can use Amazon S3 to store and protect any amount of data for a range of use cases, such as data lakes, websites, mobile applications, backup and restore, archive, enterprise applications, IoT devices, and big data analytics. Amazon S3 provides management features so that you can optimize, organize, and configure access to your data to meet your specific business, organizational, and compliance requirements.

Below are the two first lines of the .csv file we are reading. It's a simple csv file containing the Pokemon information we need to build our pokédex. Notice that we are converting the rows from this csv file to records in the DynamoDB table, we could have designed our application in a way where we wouldn't need the DynamoDB table and we could make reads to this csv file. Going with the DynamoDB allows us to have more flexibility on the data model and allows us for faster reads. Imagine that you want to read information from a pokemonNumber of 3, using DynamoDB that's an O(1) operation, as the pokemonNumber is a key of that table. If we were using the csv file directly, that would be an O(n) operation as to get the pokemon with pokemonNumber of 3 we would potentially need to read the whole csv file. In that case, the csv file is sorted by pokemonNumber so you could try to guess where it is, but that assumption of the csv file being sorted could break at any time.

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pokemonNumber,pokemonName,pokemonType,healthPoints,attack,defense,speed,evolutio
n,devolution,evolutionFamily,mainImage
1,Bulbasaur,"['Grass', 'Poison']",45,49,49,45,Ivysaur,,"['Bulbasaur', 'Ivysaur',
'Venusaur']",https://pokemon-aub-awe-workshop.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/1/mainI
mage.png
2,Ivysaur,"['Grass', 'Poison']",60,62,63,60,Venusaur,Bulbasaur,"['Bulbasaur',
'Ivysaur',
'Venusaur']",https://pokemon-aub-awe-workshop.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/2/mainI
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On the lambda you have created, move to the Code tab, and paste the following code in the lambda_function tab of the code editor:

```
import boto3
import ast
import io
import csv

region = 'eu-west-2'
# Initialize dynamodb resource
dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb',  region_name=region)
# Initialize the S3 client
s3 = boto3.client('s3')
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# Specify the S3 bucket and object key of the CSV file
bucket_name = 'pokemon-aub-awe-workshop'
file_key = 'final_pokemon.csv'

# DynamoDB table name
dynamodb_table = 'Pokemons'


def read_csv_from_s3_bucket(bucket_name: str, file_key: str):
    """
    Read a CSV file from S3 bucket

    Arguments:
    - bucket_name: name of the S3 bucket to read files from
    - file_key: file path where to read from
    """
    response = s3.get_object(Bucket=bucket_name, Key=file_key)
    csv_content = response['Body'].read().decode('utf-8')

    return csv_content


def insert_dynamoDB_items(tablename: str, items: list):
    """
    Insert items to a dynamodb table.

    Arguments:
    - tablename: name of the dynamodb table where items will be inserted
    - items: list of elements that will be added to the dynamodb table
    """
    ddb = dynamodb.Table(tablename)

    for record in items:
        ddb.put_item(Item=record)


def apply_literal_eval(items: list):
    """
    Iterate over a list of elements, where these elements have fields that are a
    string representation of a list, such as 'pokemonType' and 'evolutionFamily'.
And
    that are a string representation of a number such as 'pokemonNumber'.

    '["element_1", "element_2"]' -> ["element_1", "element_2"]
    '1' -> 1

    Arguments:
    - items: list of elements to apply literal_eval on
    """
    for record in items:
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        for key in ["pokemonNumber", "attack", "defense", "evolutionFamily",
        "healthPoints", "speed", "pokemonType"]:
            record[key] = ast.literal_eval(record[key])


def lambda_handler(event, context):
    # Read pokemon dataset
    pokemons_csv_content = read_csv_from_s3_bucket(bucket_name, file_key)
    csv_reader = csv.DictReader(io.StringIO(pokemons_csv_content))
    pokemons = []
    for pokemon in csv_reader:
        pokemons.append(pokemon)

    apply_literal_eval(pokemons)

    # Insert pokemons to DynamoDB, pokemons[1:] because Bulbassaur was manually
inserted
    insert_dynamoDB_items(dynamodb_table, pokemons[1:])
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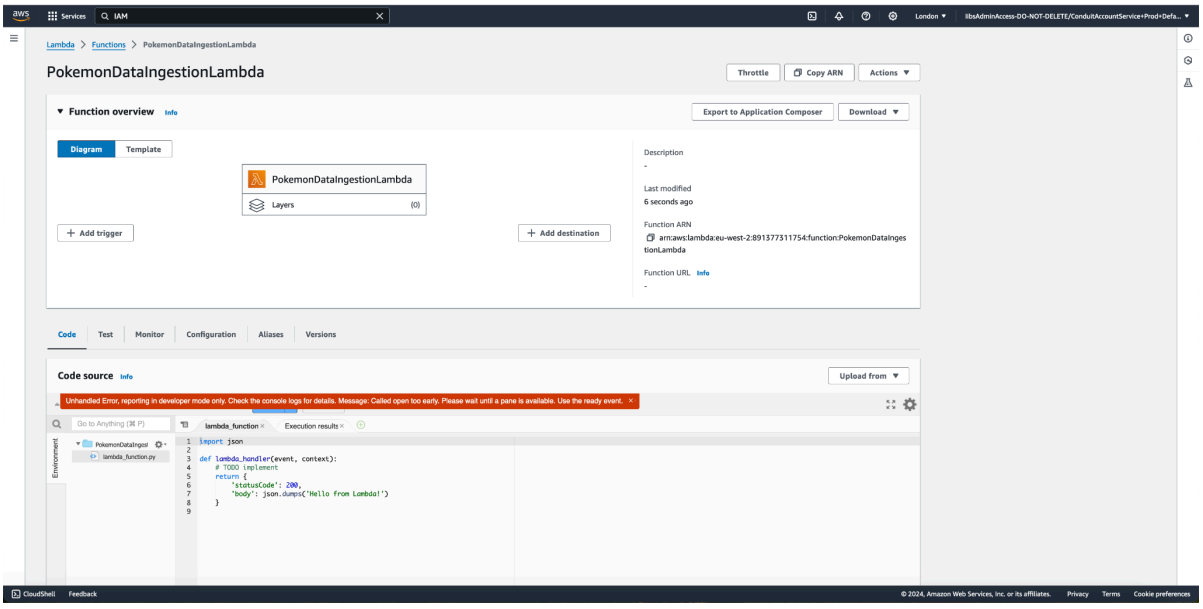
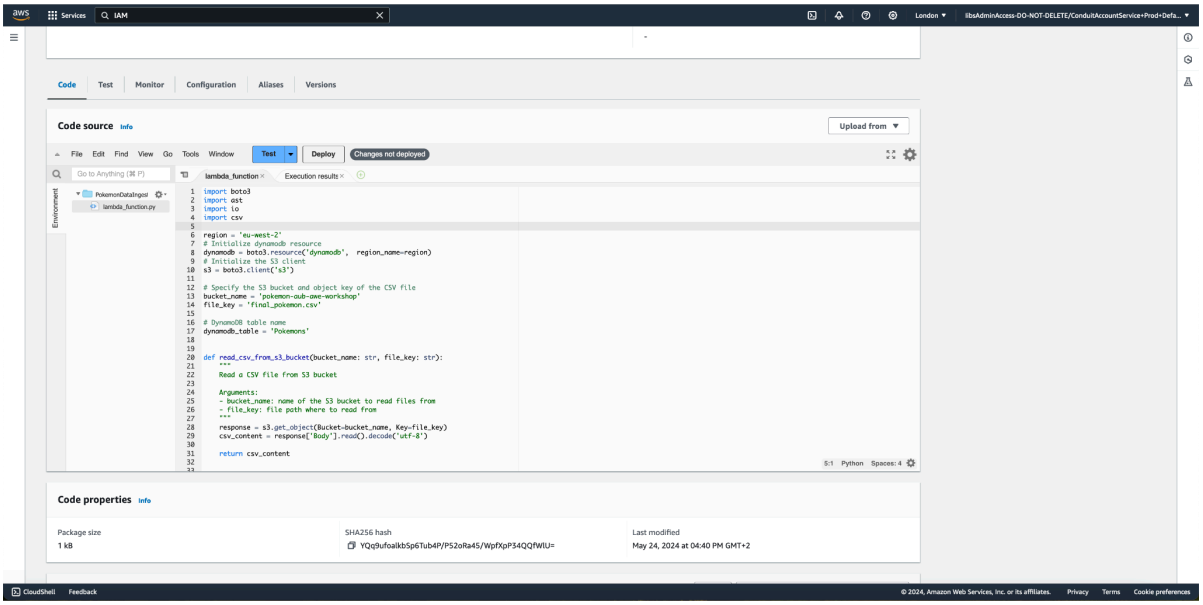
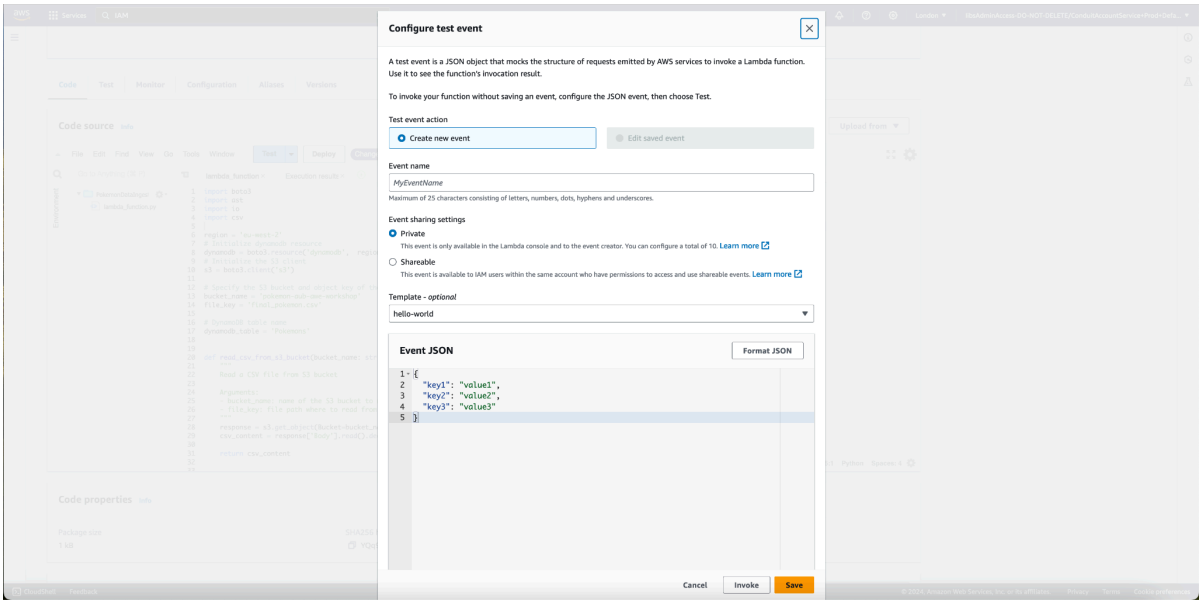


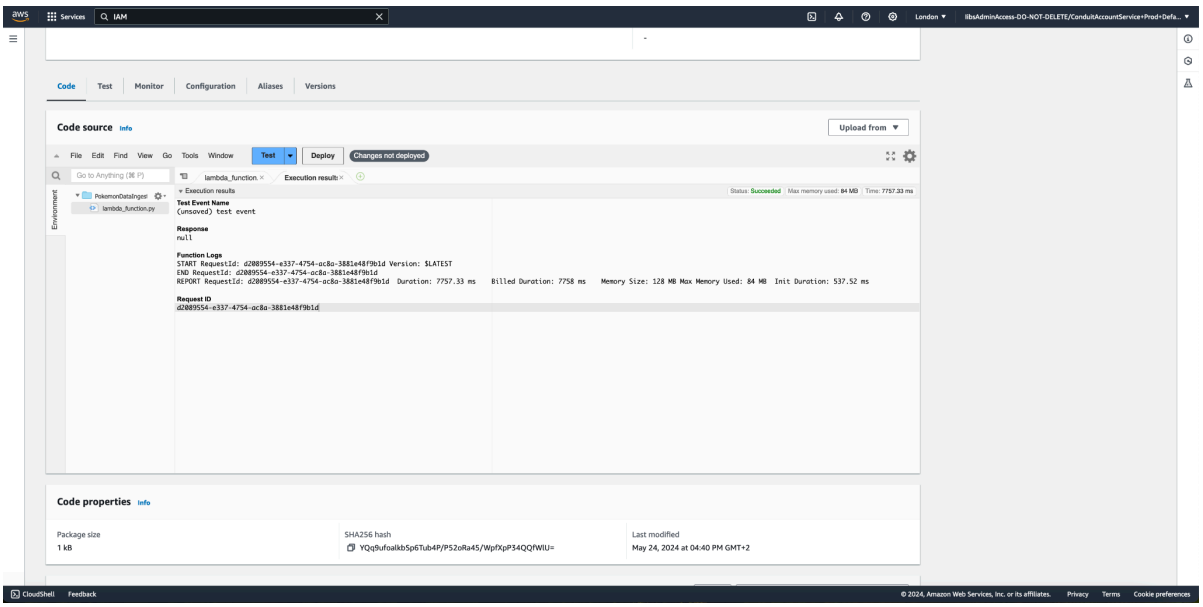
Make sure to Deploy your changes, and then Test them.



On the Configure test event page, click Invoke:

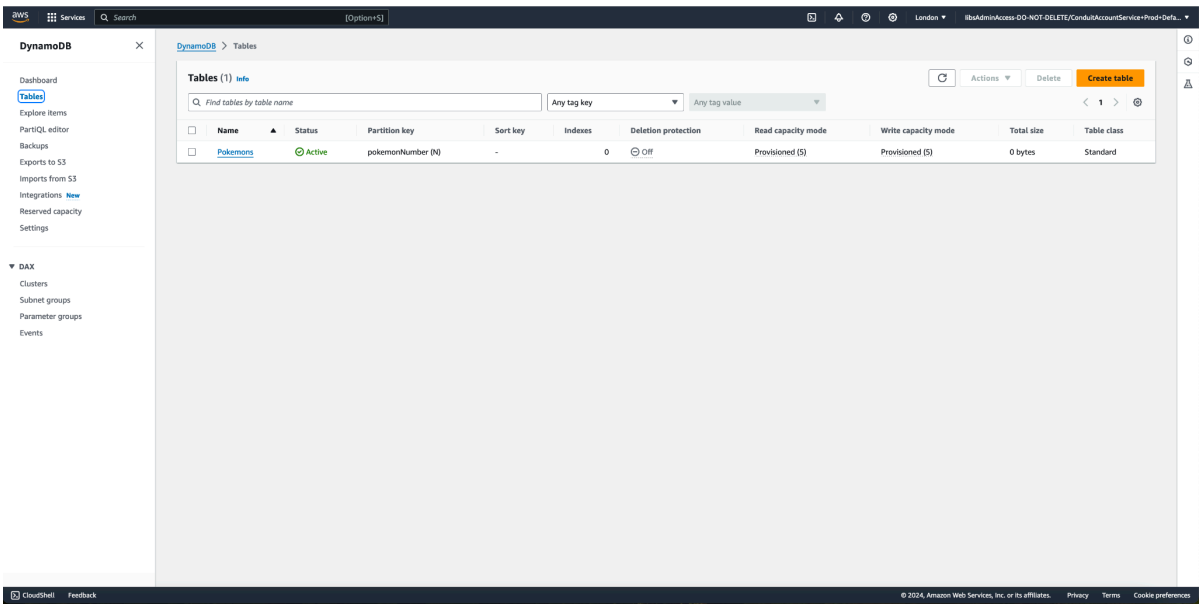


On the Execution results tab you should see something similar to the following, but notice that the requestId will change every time you execute your lambda.

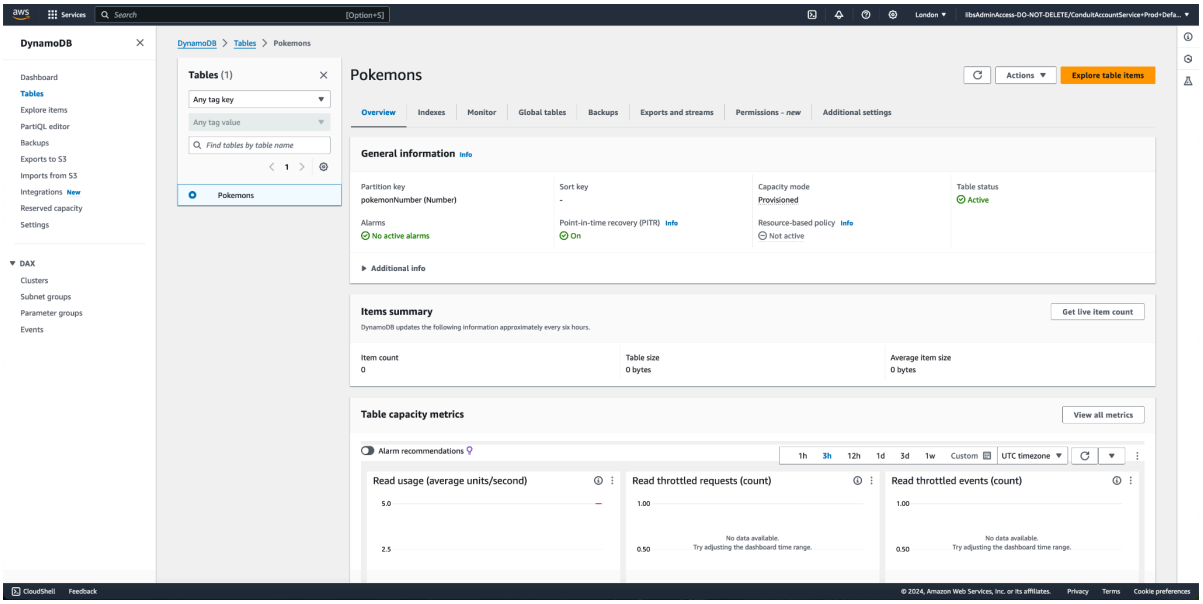


Step 6 - Verify that your Pokemons DynamoDB was correctly populated

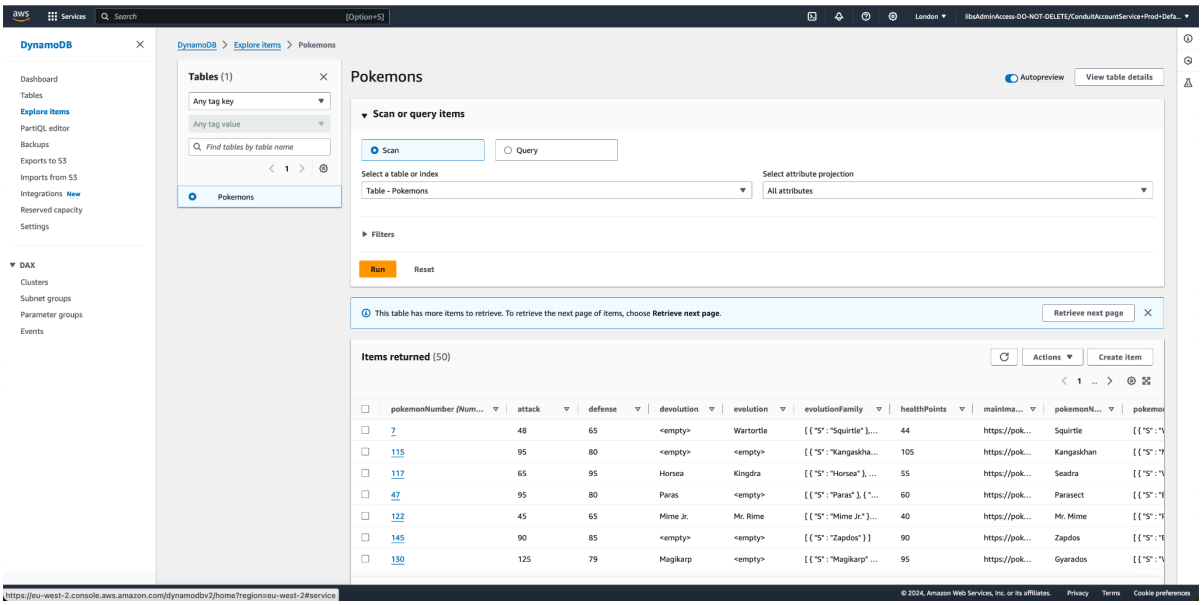
Now, if you go back to your DynamoDB table, you should see that there are 151 pokemons added. Search for DynamoDB again, and then open your Pokemons table:



And select Explore Table Items:

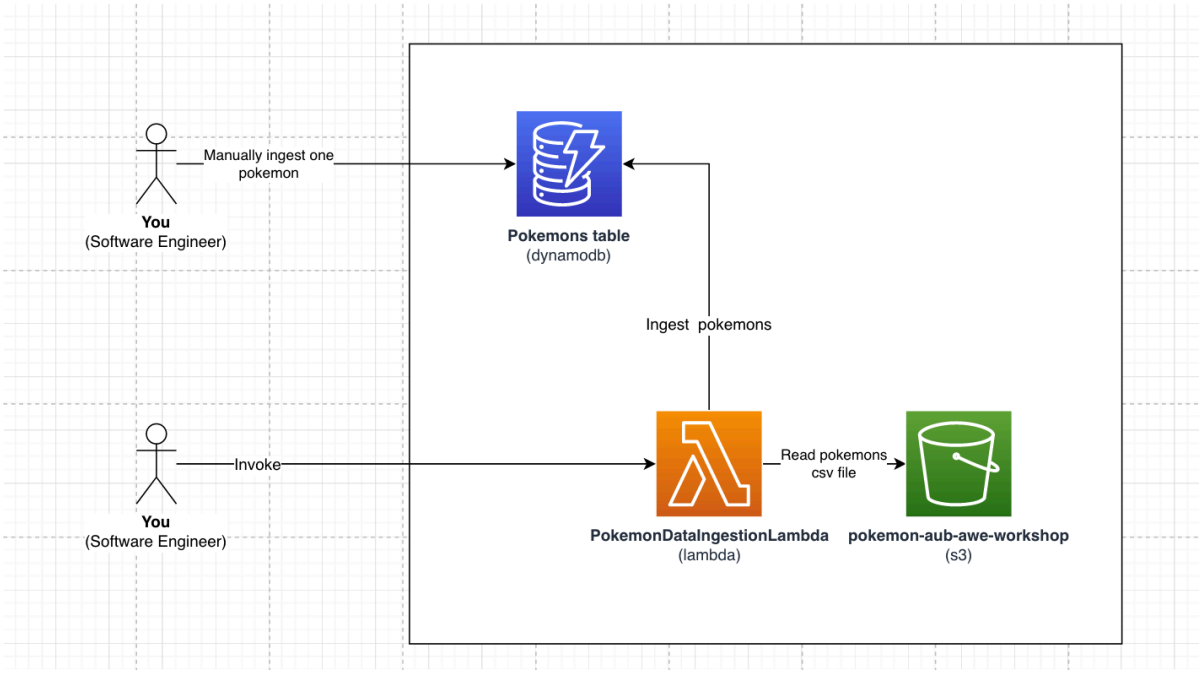


By default, DynamoDB loads the first 50 items from your table, but you can retrieve more using the Retrieve Next Page button:



Congratulations 🥳, you have successfully ingested data for all 151 pokemons from the 1st generation of Pokemons to a DynamoDB table. Let's do a quick recap of what we have achieved already:

- Created a DynamoDB table named Pokemons
- Ingested one pokemon manually using the AWS console to the Pokemons table
- Created a Lambda that ingests pokemons from data from a csv file stored in S3 to the DynamoDB table
- Invoked the Lambda



This DynamoDB table will be the data store used for the application we are building. In the next parts of this workshop, we will be creating an API that will make read requests to this data store; and also create a frontend that will call this API to display pokemons on a website.