Full-stack web and mobile development with cloud-based backends

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Agenda

Current challenges in building web and mobile applications

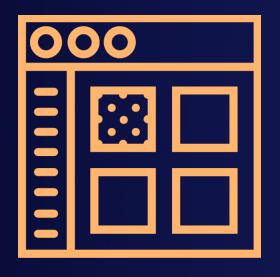
Accelerating development across the full stack

How to develop feature-rich full-stack applications on AWS

How to support critical workloads at scale



Front-end development

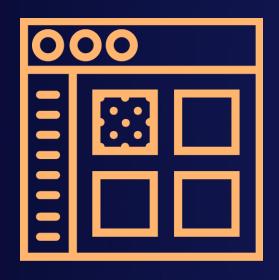




Front-end developers build what users see



Front-end development



14M web developers



10M mobile developers



Evolution of front end





Types of apps: The '90s

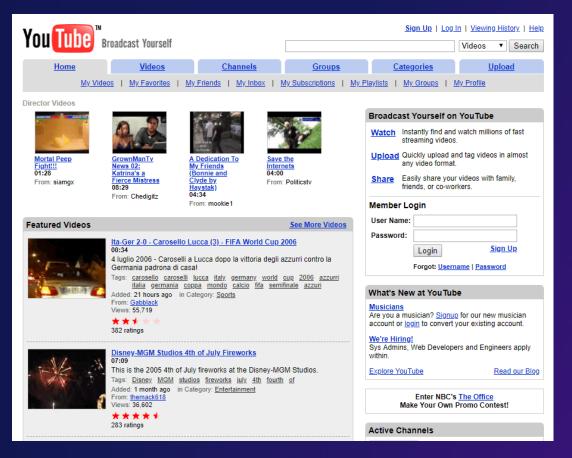




Static content with hyperlinks

Types of apps: The 2000s





Social media, feature-rich sites such as Facebook and YouTube

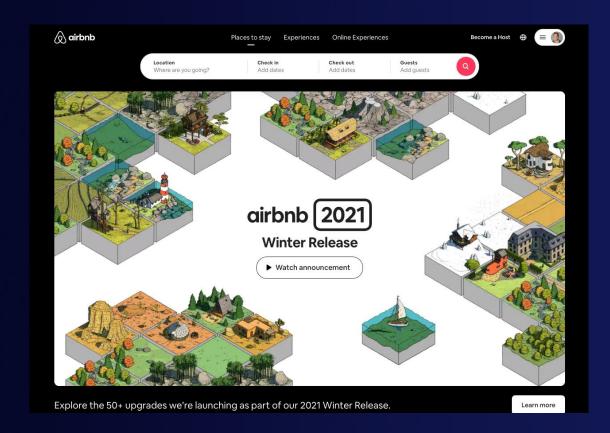
2007: The iPhone

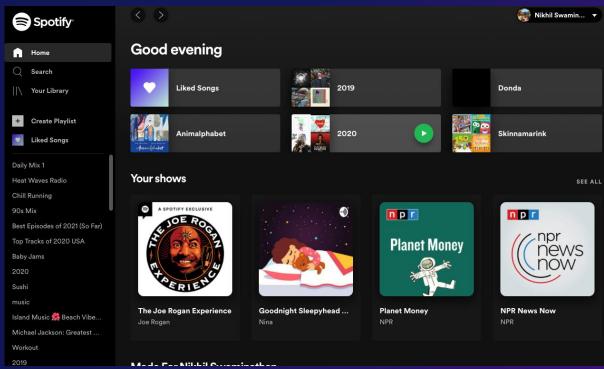


Apps were born – feature-rich and performant using device context



2010 to present



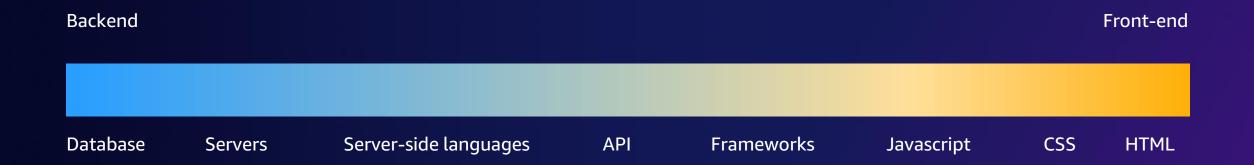


Web apps – responsive, performant, feature-rich

How have these changes impacted the responsibilities of a front-end developer?

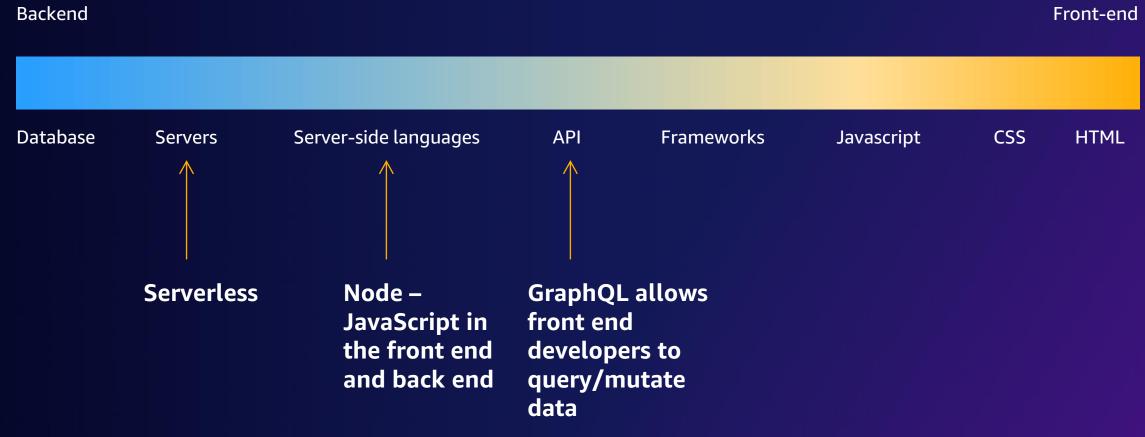


Full-stack app



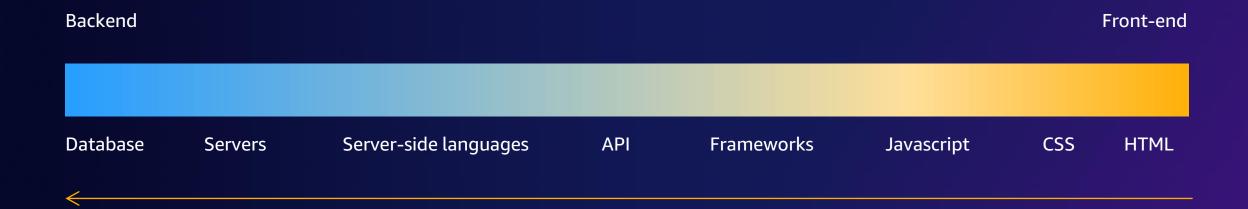


Full-stack app





Full-stack app



Front-end developers are increasingly responsible for building full-stack functionality



How to Simplify Increased Complexity?



Security

Online/Offline access

Cost

Development time

Frameworks

Quality

Device fragmentation

Scale

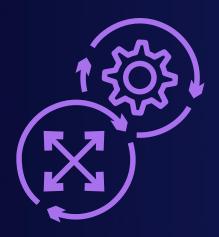
Locality

Performance



Front-end developers need solutions that integrate with current tools and workflows and draw on existing skillsets to accelerate development across the full stack





Modern application development

- Requires an integrated, seamless experience with tools that meet front-end developers where they are
- Enables developers to innovate faster with confidence



AWS can help you

- Accelerate extensible, feature-rich, full-stack application development
- Support critical, high-scale workloads



AWS can increase the productivity of front-end developers

enable individuals, small teams, and enterprises to build meaningful, well-architected applications

provide a broad range of services to support your business goals









You can accelerate application development, increase productivity, and innovate faster

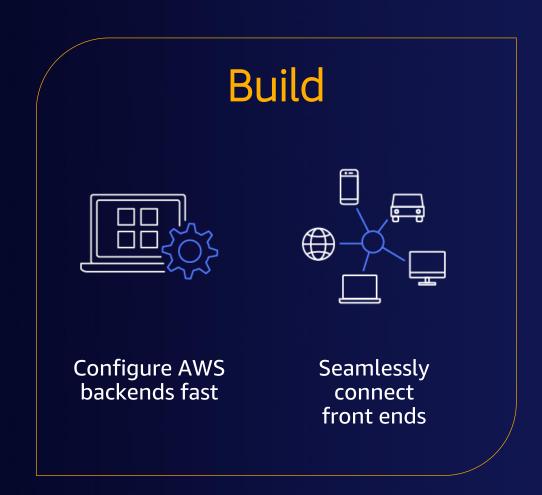




We built AWS Amplify to make it easy for front-end developers to build full-stack apps



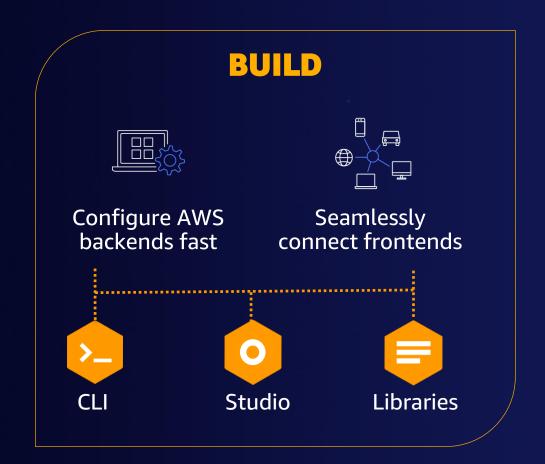
AWS Amplify provides tools for front-end developers to build, ship, and scale their app







Build and manage app backend



Feature categories













Predictions



API (GraphQL & REST)



Interactions



Functions



Notifications



Geo



Extensibility

Powered by AWS services such as AWS AppSync (GraphQL API), Amazon Location Service (Geo), and Amazon Cognito (Authentication)

Build and manage app backend

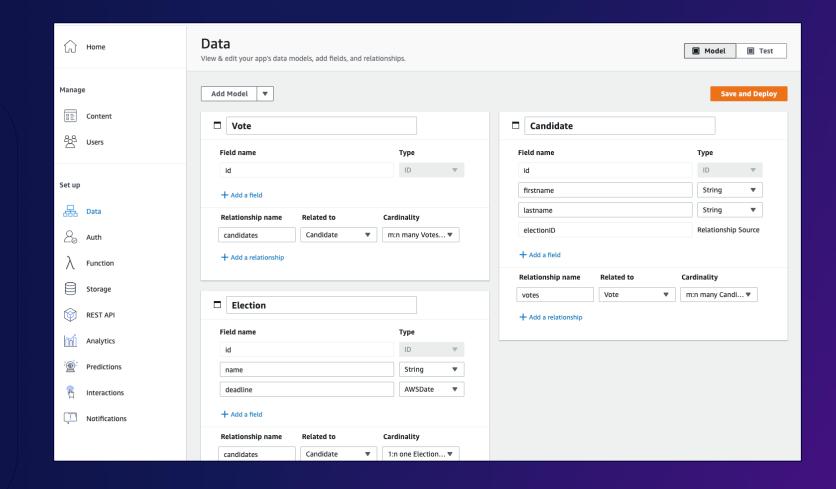
Model data and relationships to set up a GraphQL API powered by AWS AppSync

Set up authentication and authorization

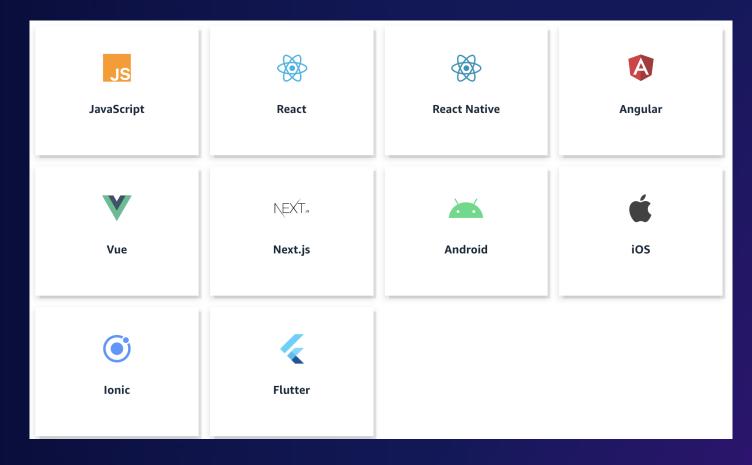
Set up file storage

Extend with the CLI toolchain to add functions

Manage app data, files, users, and groups



Connect app using Amplify libraries



Front-end libraries for web, iOS, Android, React Native, and Flutter



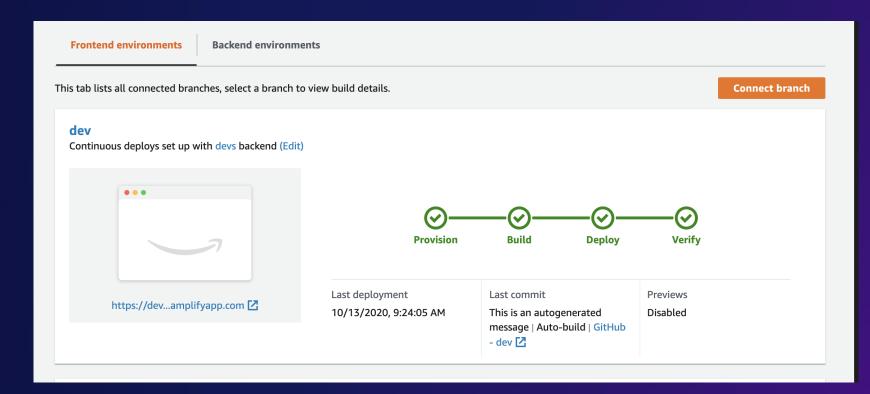
Ship faster with Amplify Hosting

Fully managed hosting service for modern web apps

Full-stack continuous deployments

Easy custom domain setup

PR previews



Scale with the Amplify CLI

Modify

amplify override ...

Override Amplify provisioned services with new features

Add

amplify add custom

Use CDK to add new functionality to Amplify backend

Export

amplify export

Export Amplify backend to your own DevOps pipeline



"Using AWS Amplify on a serverless architecture cost us 90 percent less than if we had built the app using a more traditional method. This is a huge win for us."

Hemanth Jayaraman

Senior Director of Cloud Engineering, Neiman Marcus



"Busby's results with Amplify, both in terms of speed to market and cost-savings, speak for themselves. A mere three months from the time I started using Amplify, we had a full-fledged MVP that was ready for use by cyclists and to be shown to investors. Our team estimated that choosing Amplify saved us six months of development time and well over \$100,000 in outside development costs. 11

Kirk RyanCo-founder - Busby



Until now, our focus has been to help front-end developers accelerate building and connecting to an app backend

Backend Front-end

Database Servers Server-side languages API Frameworks Javascript CSS HTML





Front-end developers also tell us that building UI is time-consuming and a manual process



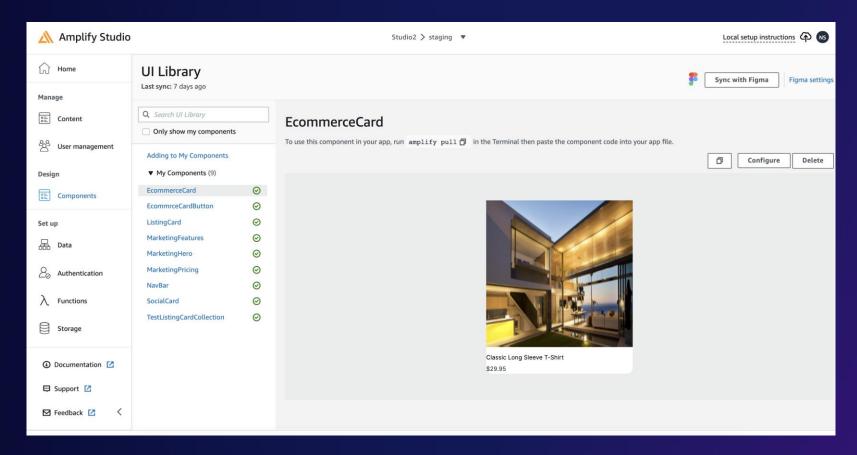
A solution to help facilitate the designer-developer handoff, ensuring that developers incorporate pixel-perfect UI designs



Amplify Studio Accelerate UI app development



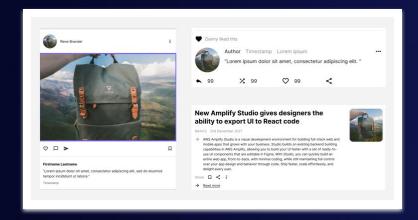
Amplify Studio

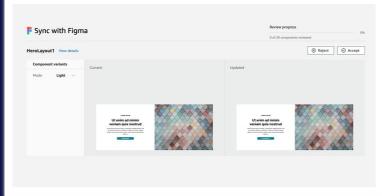


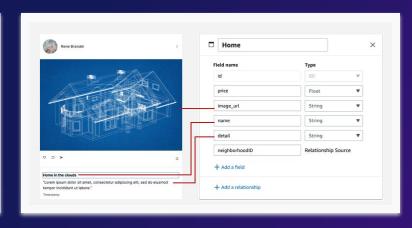
Visually build complete, feature-rich apps in hours instead of weeks, with full control over the application code



Accelerate UI app development







Pre-built UI component library

Select from dozens of popular React components, such as buttons, forms, and marketing templates, and customize them to fit your style guide

Figma design-to-code approach

Import Figma prototypes built by designers into Amplify Studio as clean React code for seamless collaboration

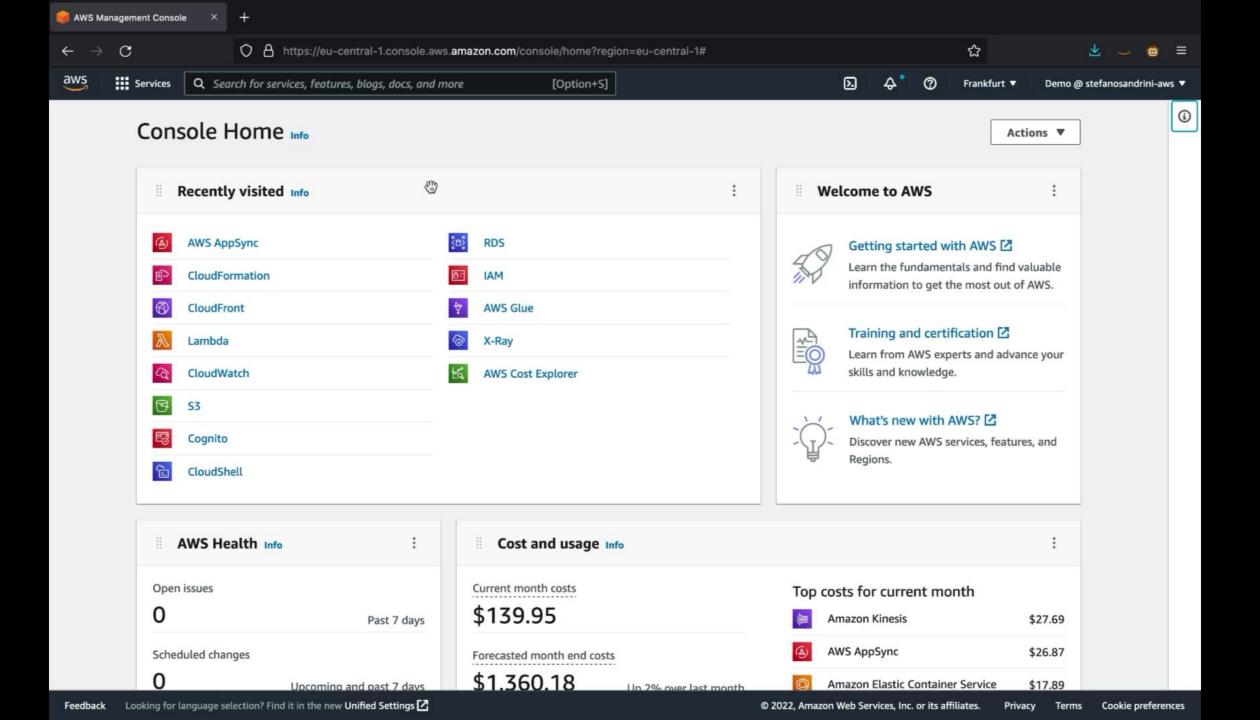
Front-to-back configuration

Visually bind your front-end UI components in your layout to data sources in your cloud-connected app backend in clicks



Demo





Amplify Studio UI app development

- Set up UI components within Figma
- Sync components to Studio as React code
- Build an app backend with a database and GraphQL API
- Extend app features by writing code
- Zero-configuration, Git-based workflow for full-stack CI/CD and hosting





Improve the quality of your web and mobile applications by testing across desktop browsers and real mobile devices hosted in the AWS Cloud





Build scalable applications on a range of data sources, including those requiring real-time updates and offline data access



AppSync Common Use Cases

- GraphQL Microservices
- Unified API for accessing data from data lake
- IoT real-time dashboard
- High throughput real-time fanout to millions of clients
- Real-time currency changes, stock prices, account balance
- Display live tv and video metadata
- Chat and second screen communication within live broadcast
- Field service apps where offline support is critical





Securely and easily add location functionality to applications Track assets and resources, Routing and delivery, Visualization, Customer engagement



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