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# AWS Lambda layers deep dive

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# Serverless applications

Event source



Function



Services



Changes in data state



Requests to endpoints



Changes in resource state



Node.js  
Python  
Java  
C#  
Go  
Ruby  
Runtime API



# Anatomy of an AWS Lambda function

## Handler() function

Function to be executed upon invocation

## Event object

Data sent during Lambda function invocation

## Context object

Methods available to interact with runtime information (request ID, log group, more)

```
import json

def lambda_handler(event, context):
    # TODO implement
    return {
        'statusCode': 200,
        'body': json.dumps('Hello world!')
    }
```

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    } else {  
        result = subfunctionB()  
    }  
  
    return result;  
}
```

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    ## logic here  
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**Functions will then grow in complexity with business**

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**logic sub-functions**

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Import http-lib
Import ham-sandwich

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**Dependencies, configuration information, common helper functions**

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**Common helper functions**

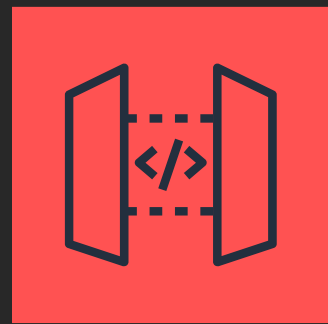
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**Business logic sub-functions**



# Anatomy of a serverless application



Amazon API  
Gateway

/orders  
/forums  
/search  
/lists  
/user  
/...

Now, assume  
that I have an  
API-based  
workload

# Anatomy of a serverless application

It needs to read/write  
to a database and get  
keys and configuration  
from external services

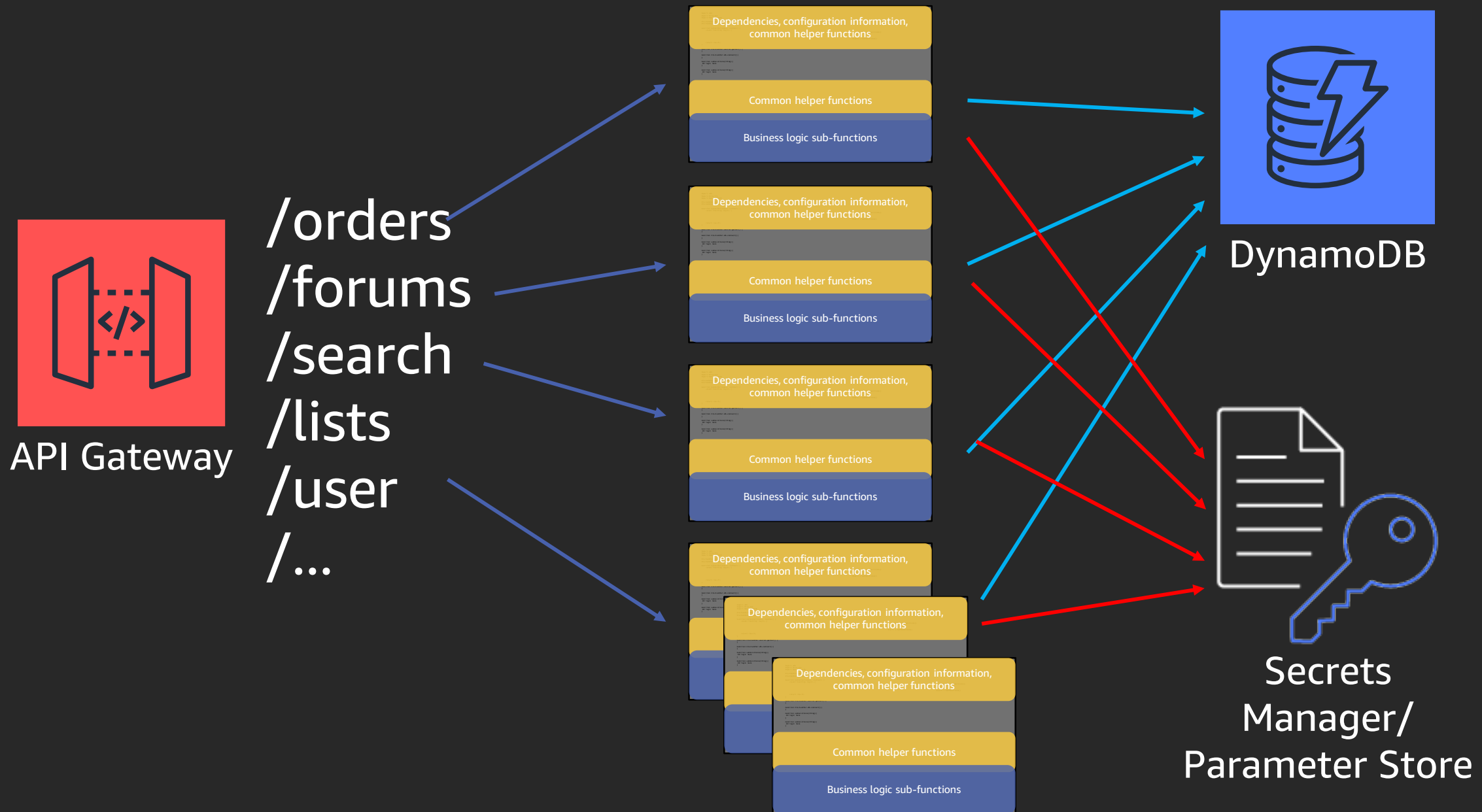


Amazon  
DynamoDB

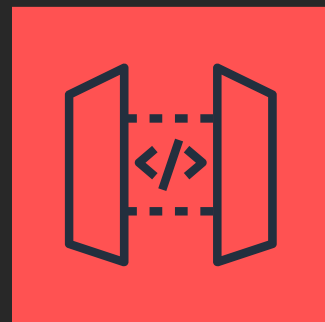


AWS Secrets  
Manager/  
Parameter Store

# Anatomy of a serverless application



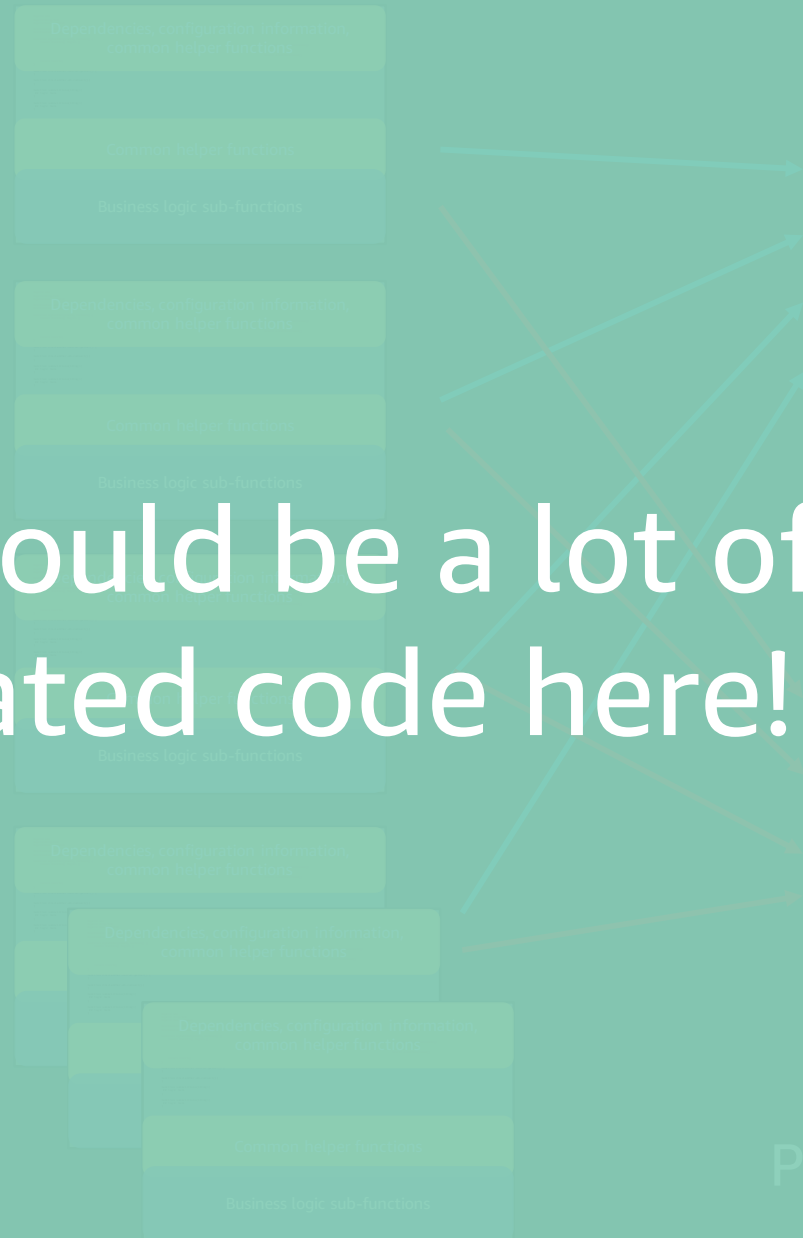
# Anatomy of a serverless application



API Gateway

/orders  
/forums  
/search  
/lists  
/user  
/...

There could be a lot of duplicated code here!



DynamoDB



Secrets Manager/  
Parameter Store

# Anatomy of a serverless application

We want something more like this

API Gateway  
/orders  
/forums  
/search  
/lists  
/user  
/...

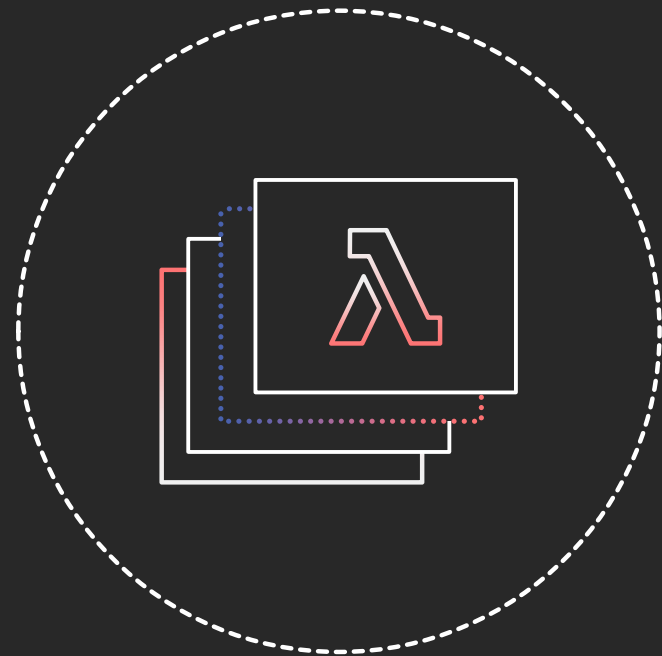


DynamoDB



Secrets  
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# Lambda layers



Let functions easily share code; upload layer once, reference within any function

Layer can be anything: Dependencies, training data, configuration files, etc.

Promote separation of responsibilities and let developers iterate faster on writing business logic

Built-in support for secure sharing by ecosystem

# Lambda Layers Use Cases

- Custom code, that is used by more than one function
- Libraries, modules, frameworks to simplify the implementation of your business logic

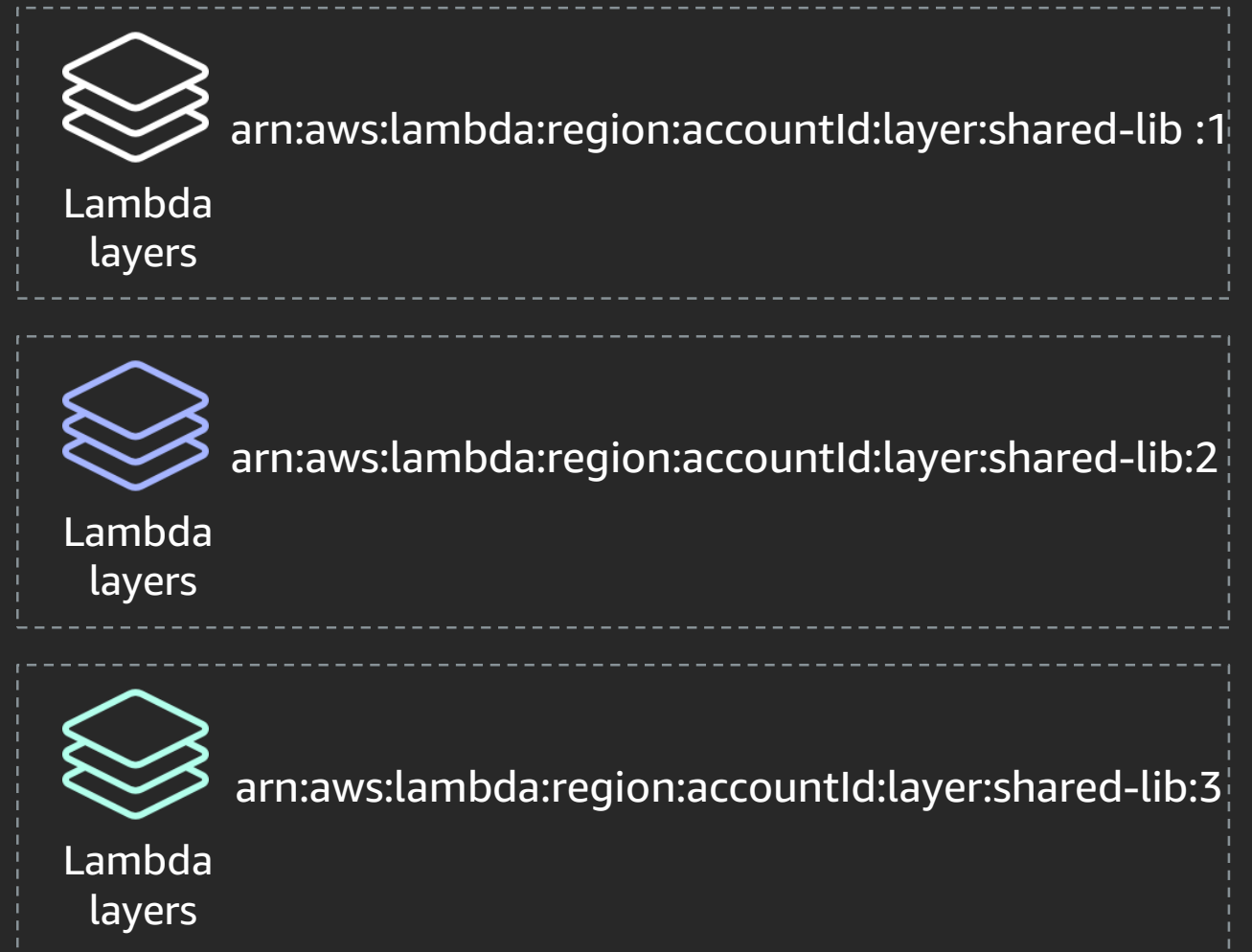
# Lambda Layers Benefits

- Enforce separation of concerns, between dependencies and your custom business logic
- Make your function code smaller and more focused on what you want to build
- Speed up deployments, because less code must be packaged and uploaded, and dependencies can be reused



# Using Lambda layers

- Put common components in a zip file and upload it as a Lambda layer
- Layers are immutable and can be versioned to manage updates
- When a version is deleted or permissions to use it are revoked, functions that used it previously will continue to work, but you won't be able to create new ones
- You can reference up to five layers, one of which can optionally be a custom runtime



# How Lambda layers work

Order is important because each layer is a zip file, and they are all extracted in the same path

- /opt
- Each layer can potentially overwrite the previous one

This approach can be used to customize the environment

For example, the first layer can be a custom runtime, and the second layer can add specific versions of the libraries that you need

The storage of your Lambda layers takes part in the Lambda function storage per region limit (75 GB)

# Including library dependencies in a layer

Runtime	Folders
Node.js	nodejs/node_modules nodejs/node8/node_modules (NODE_PATH)
Python	python python/lib/python3.7/site-packages (site directories)
Java	java/lib (CLASSPATH)
Ruby	ruby/gems/2.5.0 (GEM_PATH) ruby/lib (RUBY_LIB)
All	bin (PATH) lib (LD_LIBRARY_PATH)

# Lambda Layers Permissions

- Layers can be used within
  - An AWS account
  - Shared between accounts
  - Shared publicly with the broad developer community
- AWS is publishing a public layer which includes NumPy and SciPy, two popular scientific libraries for Python
  - This prebuilt and optimized layer can help you start very quickly with data processing and machine learning applications

# Lambda Layers API

- Updated
  - CreateFunction
  - UpdateFunctionConfiguration
- New
  - ListLayers
  - ListLayerVersions
  - PublishLayerVersion
  - DeleteLayerVersion
  - GetLayerVersion
  - GetLayerVersionPolicy
  - AddLayerVersionPermission
  - RemoveLayerVersionPermission

# Model function environments with AWS Serverless Application Model (SAM)



- Open-source framework for building serverless applications on AWS
- Shorthand syntax to express functions, APIs, databases, and event source mappings
- Transforms and expands SAM syntax into AWS CloudFormation syntax on deployment
- Supports all AWS CloudFormation resource types

<https://aws.amazon.com/serverless/sam/>

# SAM template

AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'

Transform: AWS::Serverless-2016-10-31

Resources:

    GetFunction:

        Type: AWS::Serverless::Function

        Properties:

            Handler: index.get

            Runtime: nodejs6.10

            CodeUri: src/

            Policies: AmazonDynamoDBReadOnlyAccess

        Events:

            GetResource:

                Type: Api

                Properties:

                    Path: /resource/{resourceId}

                    Method: get

Shorthand  
syntax to  
express  
functions,  
tables, and  
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Just 18 lines of SAM syntax creates many resources:

- Lambda function
- API Gateway
- Amazon DynamoDB table
- AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) roles



# AWS SAM template properties

AWS::Serverless::Function

AWS::Serverless::Api

AWS::Serverless::SimpleTable

**AWS::Serverless::LayerVersion**

AWS::Serverless::Application

**From AWS SAM version  
2016-10-31**

## Properties:

LayerName: MyLayer

Description: Layer description

ContentUri: 's3://my-bucket/my-layer.zip'

CompatibleRuntimes:

- nodejs6.10

- nodejs8.10

LicenseInfo: 'MIT-0 license.'

RetentionPolicy: Retain

# Layers in the AWS Serverless Application Model (SAM)

AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'  
Transform: AWS::Serverless-2016-10-31  
Description: Sample SAM Template using Layers

## Globals:

Function:  
Timeout: 600

## Resources:

OneLayerVersionServerlessFunction:  
Type: AWS::Serverless::Function  
Properties:  
Handler: app.one\_layer\_handler  
Runtime: python3.6  
CodeUri: hello\_world  
Layers:  
- <LayerOneVersionArn>  
- <LayerTwoVersionArn>

## Resources:

### MyLayer:

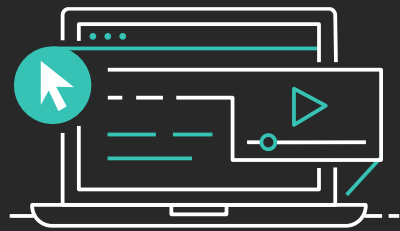
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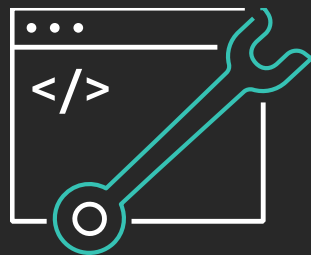
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code!



# Demo

# Q&A

# Appendix

# Lambda Runtime API



A simple interface to use  
any programming  
language, or a specific  
language version, for  
developing your  
functions



# Lambda Runtime API

- You can now select a **custom runtime** in the console (**provided in the API/SDKs/CLI**) as the runtime of a Lambda function
- With this selection, the function must include (in its code or in a layer) an executable file called **bootstrap**
  - The runtime bootstrap is responsible for the communication between your code and the Lambda environment
  - Your code can use any programming language

# Open Source Runtimes

- C++ (AWS)
- Rust (AWS)
  
- Erlang (AlertLogic)
- Elixir (AlertLogic)
- Cobol (Blu Age)
- Node.js (NodeSource N|Solid)
- PHP (Stackery)



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