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Streamline AWS Lambda development with Lambda layers

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Introduction

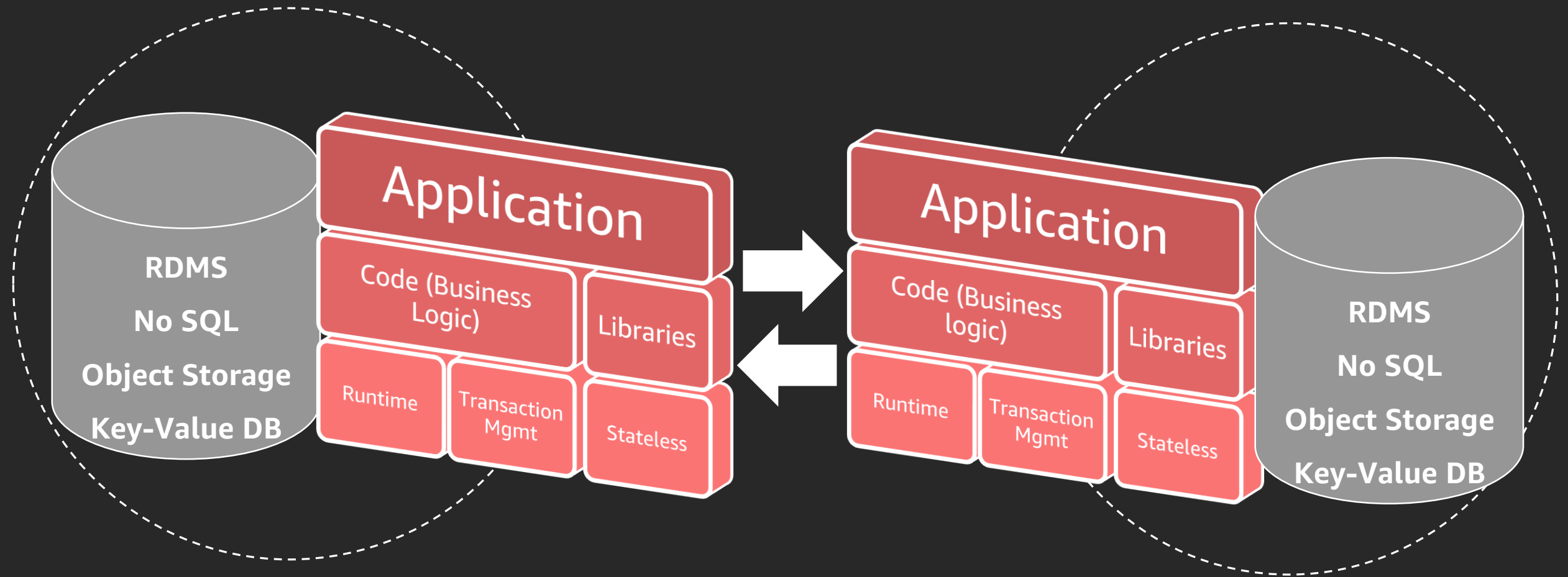
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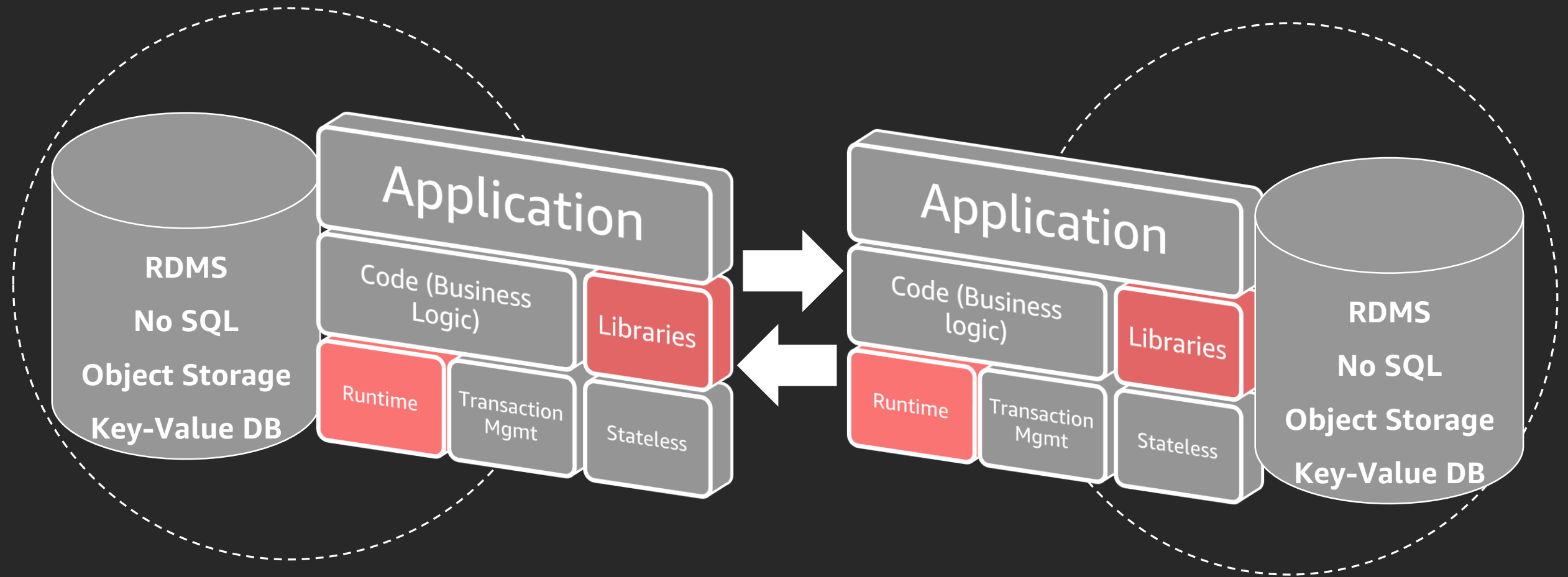
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AWS Lambda layers

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Packaged as **zip archived**

Can be used for **sharing dependencies, configurations** and **custom runtimes**

Reduces **deployment package size**

Resource-based policies for granting access



**AWS Lambda
layers**

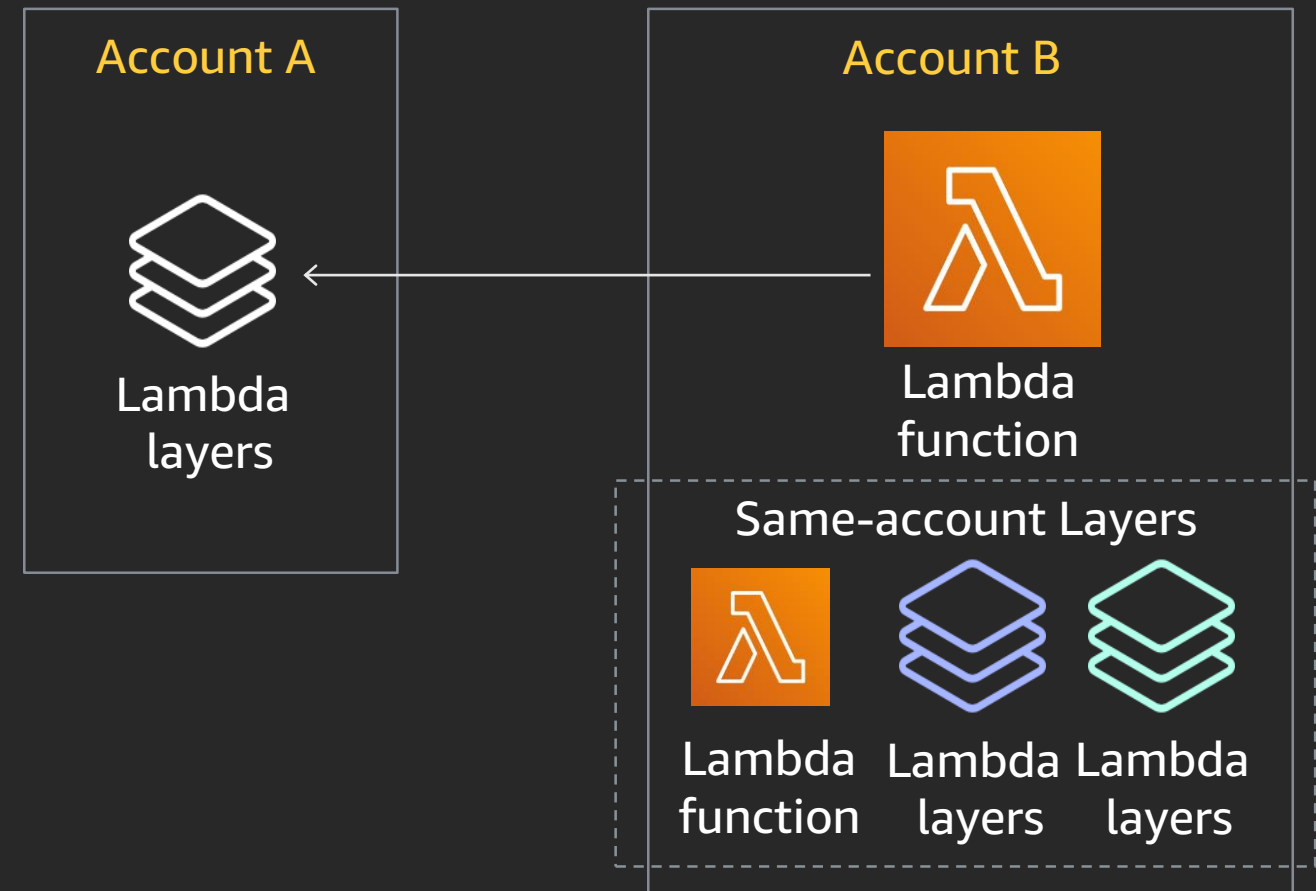
Use cases & deep dive

AWS Lambda layers use cases

Custom code that is used by multiple functions, partner libraries, etc.

Shared code that doesn't change frequently

Layers can be shared across accounts, publicly with any account and all accounts within an AWS Organizations



AWS Lambda layers deep dive

Immutable and can be versioned to manage updates



Layers are installed in the execution environment in the order you provided



arn:aws:lambda:region:accountId:layer:shared-lib:3

arn:aws:lambda:region:accountId:layer:shared-lib:2

arn:aws:lambda:region:accountId:layer:shared-lib



Lambda function



Lambda layers



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AWS Lambda layers pattern and antipatterns

Patterns

Operating System dependent libraries:
build once, use everywhere

Share Application Configuration

Share standard business logic across
microservices

Observability tool libraries provided by
New Relic, Datadog, etc.

Antipatterns

Frequently changing application
dependencies

Multiple runtime environments or
environment versions

AWS Lambda layers SAM support

New **AWS::Serverless::LayerVersion** resource creates new Lambda layer from local filesystem or Amazon S3 URI

Layers can also be restricted to certain runtimes (CompatibleRuntimes property)

SAM CLI 0.8.1+ supports layers locally and remotely (ARN)

HelloBashFunction:

Type: AWS::Serverless::Function

Properties:

CodeUri: bash_hello

Handler: hello.handler

Runtime: provided

Layers:

- !Ref BashRuntime

- <LayerTwoArn>

BashRuntime:

Type: AWS::Serverless::LayerVersion

Properties:

LayerName: bash-sam

Description: Bash Runtime FWIW

ContentUri: bash_runtime

LicenseInfo: 'MIT-0 license'

RetentionPolicy: Retain

CompatibleRuntimes: [List]

AWS Lambda layers custom runtime

Custom runtime layer must include **an executable file called bootstrap**

Bootstrap needs to manage response/error handling, context creation, and function execution

Information on the **interface endpoint and the function handler** are shared as environment variables



Custom Runtime
(Bring your own runtime)



Node.js

Java

Go

.NET

Ruby

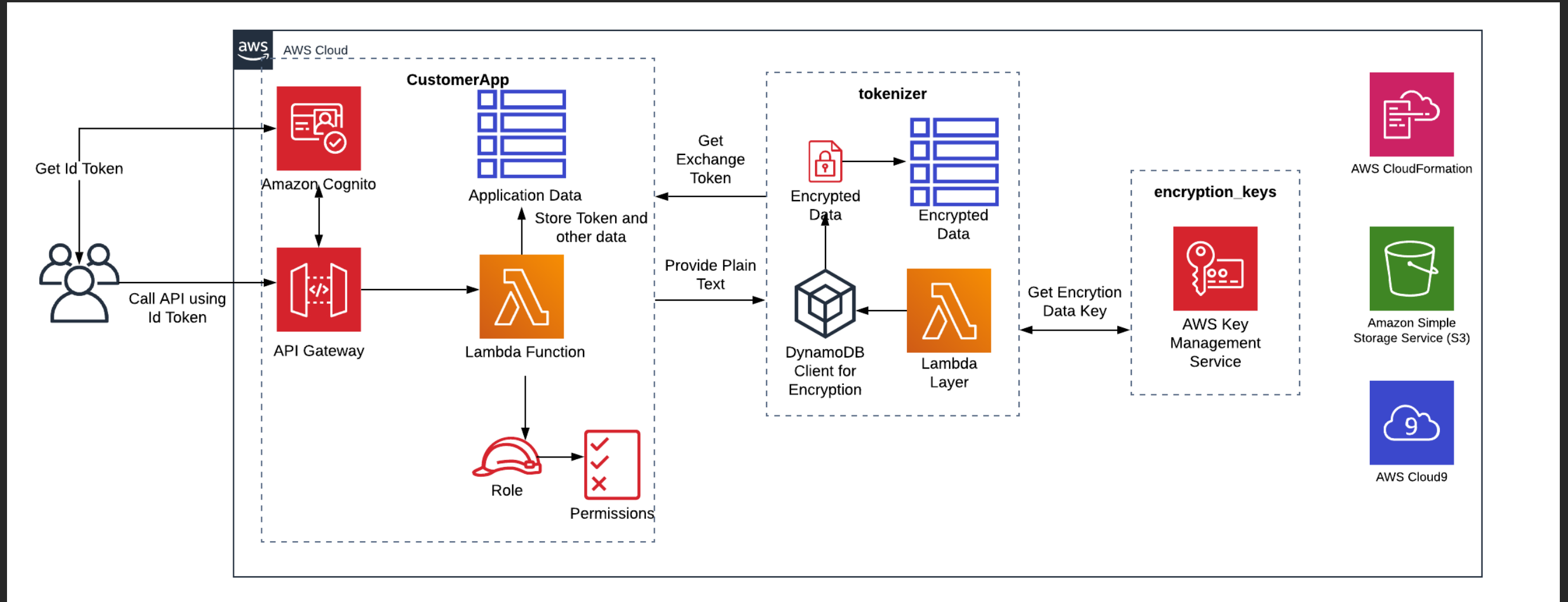
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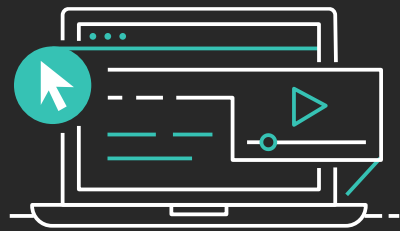
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Lab use case architecture



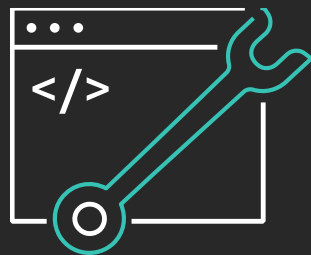
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Thank you!

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Appendix

AWS Lambda layers library dependency path

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)

AWS Lambda library loading



Lambda
function



Lambda
built-in
libraries



Lambda
layers

Environment Variables

You can change this order by overriding the runtime-specific path environment libraries

For instance you can load contents of layers before Lambda built-in libraries if you override `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`